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FIRE THREATENS SOLONS

Flames Break Out in Gallery of National Representatives' Chamber.

LITTLEFIELD TILTS WITH SULZER

Claims New York Man Makes Misleading Statements and is Scored Severely in Accused Member's Reply.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Some little excitement was created in the house of representatives just before that body convened today by the discovery of a slight blaze in the floor of the east reserved gallery. The fire came from a defective flue in the democratic cloak room and when discovered about fifteen feet of the moulding was shined.

The flames were soon extinguished and the members suffered no inconvenience when the house met. Consideration of the naval appropriation bill was begun. The general debate was without special feature. The paragraph providing \$250,000 for a naval station on the great lakes went over on a point of order. Mr. Littlefield (Me.) and Mr. Sulzer (N. Y.) had an interesting clash before the naval bill was taken up, the former charging the latter with having perverted the record.

Record is Correct.

Mr. Cooper (Tex.) called attention to the fact that through an error in the record a bill passed yesterday relating to an appropriation in the river and harbor bill or Sabine Pass technically repealed the river and harbor bill. As the matter was somewhat complicated it was allowed to go over until tomorrow.

Mr. Littlefield (Me.) then arose to a question of privilege in connection with some remarks made by Mr. Sulzer (N. Y.) last Saturday. He charged that Mr. Sulzer had misrepresented him in various ways and had subsequently corrected his remarks to make it appear that he (Mr. Littlefield) was present.

He characterized the alleged misrepresentation as "deliberate, premeditated and intentional." He read a newspaper article describing the alleged genesis of the Littlefield bill, supposedly in Mr. Sulzer's words, and commented upon the statements made denying them. He declared that the anti-trust bill had been prepared by himself and the other members of the subcommittee of the judiciary committee after consultation with the attorney general. He also denied the report of an alleged conference between the president and himself at which the president was represented as being displeased with the Littlefield bill.

Mr. Sulzer replied in a semi-humorous vein. He spoke of Mr. Littlefield's speech as his "defense" for his failure to pass an anti-trust bill in fulfillment of his alleged promise to his constituents last summer.

Naval Bill is Debated.

Mr. Daisell (Pa.) of the committee on rules then presented a special rule putting the legislation reported in the naval bill for the increase of the personnel of the navy and for the increase of limit of cost of the naval academy in order.

The resolution was adopted without division and the house went into committee of the whole and took up the naval appropriation bill.

Mr. Foss (Ill.), chairman of the committee in charge of the bill, made a preliminary statement explaining its important features and dwelling especially upon the necessity for providing additional officers of the navy.

General debate closed and the bill was read for amendment.

The paragraph appropriating \$250,000 for a naval training station on the great lakes went out on a point of order, raised by Mr. Fitzgerald (N. Y.).

On completing thirty of the sixty-five pages the committee rose.

The senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill were disagreed to and the bill sent to conference. Messrs. Sherman

REPORT IS NOT UNANIMOUS

Senator Platt of Connecticut Opposes the Littlefield Anti-Trust Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Soon after the senate met today Mr. Hoar (Mass.), from the committee on judiciary, reported the Littlefield anti-trust bill as amended.

Mr. Platt (Conn.) of the committee stated that it was not a unanimous report, and that he was opposed to the measure. He said a large proportion of the bill has been more wisely and appropriately treated in legislation recently enacted.

Concerning the new features there were, he said, unconstitutional provisions in them. Even if they were within the constitutional authority of congress they were mischievous and would work great injury to the business interests of the United States.

The statehood bill being taken up, Mr. Depew (N. Y.) resumed his remarks in opposition.

He yielded to Mr. Proctor (Vt.), who presented the conference report on the army appropriation bill, which was agreed to, and then resumed his remarks.

After Mr. Depew had proceeded for some time Mr. Teller (Col.) took objection to some of his remarks regarding the unequal representation in the senate.

Advancing to the center aisle, and speaking with great fervor, Mr. Teller said it was not a small thing to talk about changing the form under which the government had grown so great and so strong.

"I have listened to a good deal of nonsense," said he, "I have listened to a good deal I consider beneath the dignity of the senate, but I cannot listen to Mr. Depew's remarks without saying here, as a senator and as a citizen of the United States, that I feel insulted and that I feel this insult from the senator from New York."

"Replying, Mr. Depew said he regretted that Mr. Teller felt insulted, but "when you add to the minority representation in this senate," said he, "and take it farther away from the people, you are calling attention to a condition where you cannot tell what the people may do in the discussions of the future."

Mr. Depew has not concluded, when at 4:05, the senate adjourned.

With the Bowlers.

The Council Bluffs Bowling team beat the Krug Park Juniors last night on the West ern alleys, winning three out of five contests, two played in Council Bluffs and three in Omaha.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Rutherford	141	24	24	Total
Dudley	149	304	185	638
Clay	162	146	146	454
Harvey	145	145	145	435
Norene	135	170	158	463
Totals	746	820	806	2,372

KRUG PARK JUNIORS.

Humbert	141	24	24	Total
Clay	136	128	145	409
Hughes	132	145	135	412
Griffith	129	135	129	403
French	128	124	169	421
Totals	567	576	607	1,750

ST. CHARLES.

Fritschner	141	24	24	Total
Forseuch	132	129	145	406
Hughes	129	145	135	409
Schneider	126	126	131	383
Keller	124	109	159	412
Totals	552	539	602	1,693

NATIONALS.

Gleibrist	141	24	24	Total
Ahmanson	132	129	145	406
Gjorde	128	126	131	385
A. C. Reed	126	126	131	383
Tracy	124	109	159	412
Totals	552	539	602	1,693

Stosson Again Defeated.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The interest in the international billiard tournament is increasing. Stosson, who has won the Grand hotel was crowded to its utmost capacity when Stosson and Sutton, the Americans, commenced play tonight. Stosson led off, scoring 11, but his bad form of yesterday prevented Sutton from winning. Sutton's average on the game was 18-24 and Stosson's 11-9. Light run, seven; Stosson, 11, 27, 27.

Iowa Bowlers Threaten Seclusion.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 17.—There is a possibility of a split in the American Bowling association. Unless the next tournament goes to Minneapolis it is probable that the bowlers of Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota will secede from the national association and form an interstate league. The eastern teams, it is believed, will give their support to Cleveland, Indianapolis and Chicago delegates hold the balance of power.

HAY AND BOWEN SIGN

American-Venezuelan Protocol is Approved by Nations' Representatives.

CASTRO INCREASES CUSTOM DUTIES

Adds Thirty Per Cent in Form of War Tax to All Goods Imported and Also Boosts Import Dues.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Secretary Hay, for the United States, and Mr. Bowen, for Venezuela, today signed a protocol providing for the adjustment of United States claims against Venezuela by a commission to meet at Caracas.

This commission will consist of two members, a Venezuelan and an American, to be appointed respectively by Presidents Castro and Roosevelt, and in the event of disagreement an umpire to be appointed by the queen of the Netherlands.

The three commissioners are to meet in Caracas on June 1 to make awards which are to be paid out of 30 per cent of the customs receipts at Puerto Cabello and La Guayra. The Hague tribunal is to decide what proportion of this 30 per cent comes to America and what proportion goes to other claimants nations.

It is expected that the minister for foreign affairs will be appointed as Venezuela's representative and that either Mr. Bowen or Mr. Russell, the United States chargé, will be named to represent the United States.

Beron Gevers, the minister for the Netherlands, called at the State department today and gave notice of the acceptance by Queen Wilhelmina of the task imposed upon her, her consent having been previously sought by both parties to the arbitration.

Unpleasant Incident.

Some light is thrown upon the unpleasant reference made by Mr. Haggard, the British minister at Caracas, to United States Charge Russell and published in the British blue book yesterday by a naval officer now stationed at Washington, who was in Venezuela waters and frequently at the American legation during the period referred to by Mr. Haggard. Without going into details it appears in this officer's statement that by trying to assist some British citizens in their distress without first losing the time necessary to hunt up and confer with the minister, the American legation incurred the ill will of Mr. Haggard, and the difficulty got to be rather personal, so that all the exchanges between the two ministers have since been of a most formal character.

The Navy department today received the following cablegram from Commander Diehl of Marietta, dated Willemstad, February 17:

Raised blockade. War vessels withdrawn all blockaded ports.

Castro Flashes Answer.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Associated Press has received the following cable from President Castro:

CARACAS, Monday, Feb. 16.—I charge the Associated Press to transmit, together with my gratitude, my sentiments of deference to the people of the United States.

Venezuela Increases Duties.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 17.—A presidential decree issued today establishes a war contribution in the form of an extra duty of 30 per cent to be levied on all imports.

The export duty on coffee is made 2 bolivars per bag's weight, on cocoa 16 bolivars and on hides 4 bolivars per 100 pounds.

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RACE HORSES DIE ON TRACK

One Falls and Another Tumbles Over Him, Throwing Jockey Heavily.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The racing at Ingleside today was marred by an accident which resulted in the death of two horses and the injury of a jockey. In the fifth race Candros was crowded into the rail after a quarter of a mile was run and fell, throwing jockey Waterbury heavily. El Karn fell over Candros and was instantly killed. Candros took his leg and it was found necessary to destroy him. Waterbury was bruised and shaken up, but there is no evidence of a fracture. Roseman, who rode El Karn, escaped injury.

Favorites did not fare well during the afternoon, not one passing the wire in front. In the last race Galanthus, a 19 to 1 shot, led the way. The weather was fine and the track fast.

First race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling: Diamine 119 (Burns), 5 to 2; Won Bell Road 12 (Waterbury), 5 to 1; second: Stunts, 119 (Jenkins), 5 to 1, third: Time: 1:28.

Second race, one mile and a sixteenth, selling: Lapidus 88 (J. Daly), 3 to 1; won; Maraschino 106 (W. Walden), 5 to 1; second: Baffled, 104 (C. Kelly), 12 to 1, third: Time: 1:32.

Third race, seven furlongs, selling: Light Ball 82 (Knapp), 19 to 1; won; Harry Thatcher 104 (Bonner), 15 to 1, second; PHOENIX 104 (Bonner), 15 to 1, third: Time: 1:28.

Fourth race, one mile and a sixteenth, selling: Hippocampus 114 (Burns), 5 to 1; won; Bonnie Jessak 109 (Hilgenrath), 5 to 1; second; Glissando 106 (Linton), 15 to 1, third: Time: 1:30.

Fifth race, Futurity course, selling: Bronze Wing 101 (Minder), 5 to 2; won; Puppi 102 (C. Kelly), 3 to 1, second; Dora 102 (Stuart), 5 to 1, third: Time: 1:33.

Sixth race, seven furlongs, selling: Galanthus 102 (Reed), 19 to 1; won; Mechanism 119 (Shaw), even, second; Jim Gore 117 (Donovan), 12 to 1, third: Time: 1:27 1/2.



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SEEK TO SAVE CANAL

Republican Senators Agree that Colombian Protocol Shall Be Considered.

STATEHOOD SUPPORTERS GIVE WAY

Treaty May Have All Requisite Time in Executive Session, as European Powers Are Reported After Isthmian Rights.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The republican senators held a caucus today, and decided to have the senate continue consideration of the Panama canal treaty tomorrow and on future days until disposed of. This decision was reached after an hour and a half's discussion of the legislative situation.

The understanding is that the statehood bill does not lose its advantageous position when the senate is in legislative session, but the republican supporters of statehood agree not to oppose a motion for an executive session to consider the canal treaty, or to make any objection to the prolongation of such sessions to any extent necessary to secure ratification.

Senator Forsaker (Ohio) stated an eminent engineer had assured him that no fewer than four great European powers were looking with jealous eyes on American movements on the isthmus, and would be glad to displace it there.

When adjournment was reached the announcement was made that after the close of routine business tomorrow, Senator Quay (Pa.) would move to go into executive session, and that none of the republicans would oppose the motion and that consideration of the treaty would continue until disposed of.

Accept Canal Company's Offer.

The government has formally accepted the offer of the Panama Canal company to sell to the United States the canal property and all of the company's rights for \$40,000,000, subject only to the ratification of the treaty with Colombia. The effect of this acceptance will be to extend the life of the option held by the government beyond March 4 and until the treaty has been ratified by both countries.

Another Fleet for Honduras.

Upon further report from United States Consul William E. Alger, at Puerto Cortes, that conditions in Honduras are threatening and that American interests are likely to be endangered owing to the international turmoil, Secretary Moody today decided to send Admiral Coghlan's fleet of cruisers and gunboats now cruising in the Caribbean to the gulf coast of Honduras.

Extends Free Delivery in Colorado.

The Postoffice department issued orders establishing free delivery service at Rocky-Cole, and Livingston, Mont., beginning June 1.

Garfield is Honored.

The president today sent to the senate the nomination of James Rudolph Garfield of Ohio to become commissioner of corporations in the department of commerce and labor.

Veterans Seek to Unite.

A joint committee from the association of Spanish war veterans and the Spanish-American war veterans will meet here tomorrow to try and amalgamate the two organizations.

sheep on Forest Reserves. The Interior department will continue to enforce its regulation prescribing penalties for the trespass of sheep on forest reserves, notwithstanding the decision of Judge Hanbury of Seattle, that such regulation is unconstitutional. The depart-

ment takes the position that nullification of its regulations regarding sheep trespassing would defeat the real water storage object of forest reserves.

The Seattle decision is in line with a decision of several years ago by a California court, but the attorney general has said the secretary of the interior, according to the department, that the right to make the regulations which the Seattle court holds to be unconstitutional is conferred by the act of congress on June 4, 1897, authorizing the department to regulate the occupancy and care of forest reserves.

For Inspection of Thoroughbreds.

The senate committee on finance today agreed to report favorably the bill providing for the free importation of thoroughbred live stock for breeding purposes. The bill extends the privilege to such live stock imported for sale.

On the Retired List.

An order was issued at the War department today by direction of the president placing on the retired list Colonel Richard H. Pratt, superintendent of the Indian school at Carlisle.

It is said the retirement of Colonel Pratt does not necessarily involve any change in the superintendency of the school.

Former Secretary Foster Selected.

Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster has been elected to take charge of the case of the Alaska boundary question to the special commission to be appointed in conformity with the terms of the recently confirmed Alaskan boundary treaty.

Secretary Root has concluded to accept his appointment as one of the commissioners to represent the United States on the boundary commission. The other two members of the commission are Senators Lodge and Turner. It has been urged that Secretary Root can do this work during the coming summer without interfering materially with his duties as secretary.

Important Matters Considered.

At the cabinet meeting today Secretary Hay presented the text of the protocol which has been signed on behalf of the United States and Venezuela for the reference of claims of this country against the South American republic to arbitration.

The status of the Panama canal treaty in the senate was again discussed. Some apprehension is expressed that the treaty may not be ratified at the present session owing to the opposition of Senator Morgan. The option of the United States holds on the Panama Canal company's property will expire on March 4.

It is impossible even if the treaty should be ratified, by the senate at this session, to effect an exchange of ratification until after the expiration of the option. It is proposed, however, to enter into a contract with the Panama Canal company, but the terms of which the amount agreed upon shall be paid the company by this government on the exchange of ratification between the United States and Colombia.

That arrangement, it is expected, will tide over the present emergency and keep alive the option.

Ship Subsidy Bill.

At a meeting of the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries today Chairman Grosvenor called up the ship subsidy bill, and gave notice that the bill would be taken up at a meeting of the committee next Monday for final disposition.

Miles Back in Washington. Lieutenant General Miles, with Mrs. Miles and Colonel Mans of his staff, and Mrs. Mauss, have returned to Washington after their tour of the world. The trip was planned as a military inspection of the United States army in the insular possessions and also with the design to ascertain the latest developments in European military practice. The results will be embodied by General Miles in a special report.

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New Orleans Backers Thrice Pick Victorious Horses and Three Outsiders Win.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—Sheriff Bell, Saint Tammany and O'Brien were the winning favorites today. Doctor Guernsey was run up after his race to \$50 and sold to T. Lander, who sold him to Lamsday Bros., the original owners, at the purse price.

With the clear and cold; track slow and lumpy. Results: First race, one mile and an eighth, selling: Acropolis 104 (Haack), 5 to 1; second: John Bull 100 (O'Neill), 25 to 1; third: Exapo (Tomman), 7 to 1, third: Time: 2:30.

Second race, seven furlongs, selling: Doctor Guernsey 90 (Fuller), 9 to 1; won; Carlton 101 (Robinson), 3 to 1; second; Anon (O'Brien), 25 (Treasure), 7 to 1; third: If You Dare 109 (Lindsay), 5 to 1, third: Time: 1:31 1/2.

Third race, one mile and seventy yards: Sheriff Bell 115 (Odum), 4 to 5; won; Brush By 105 (Lindsay), 2 to 1; second; War Cry 90 (Fuller), 5 to 1, third: Time: 1:43 1/2.

Fourth race, six furlongs, handicap: Saint Tammany 102 (Davison), 5 to 1; won; J. B. Miller 82 (Fuller), 7 to 1; second; If You Dare 109 (Lindsay), 5 to 1, third: Time: 1:16 1/2.

Fifth race, one mile, selling: O'Hagan (Fuller) 4 to 5; won; Benmore 89 (Haack), 19 to 1; second; Chanterell 96 (Phillips), 12 to 1; third: Time: 1:41 1/2.

Sixth race, one mile: Imp. Albulia 100 (Odum), 3 to 1; won; Nitrate 112 (Fuller), 5 to 1; second; Aurie B. 30 (Davison), 11 to 1, third: Time: 1:44 1/2.

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