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RATE BILL IS PASSED

Heppburn Measure Goes Through House with Flying Colors.

ONLY SEVEN VOTES AGAINST IT

These Are Cast by Republican Members from Eastern States.

GALLERIES OF THE HOUSE CROWDED

Large Attendance in Anticipation of Final Vote on Bill.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF MEASURE

According to Man Who Introduces It All but Two Points Have Been Covered by Previous Laws.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Just enough morning business was allowed in the house preceding the vote on the Heppburn rate bill today to permit delayed members to reach their seats before the roll call ordered the night before.

Three hundred and forty members voted for the bill, seven republicans voted against it. Applause greeted the announcement of the result by the speaker of the house, which had given its undivided attention to rate-making for several days, giving its attention to other matters.

The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$20,000 for veterans and \$1,425,000 for pension administration, was taken up, debated and passed without amendment.

The feature of the bill aside from the appropriation made is a provision making state law of the famous order of the president declaring age conclusive evidence of disability.

A number of bills were passed at the close of the day, one providing a penalty of \$500 and ten years' imprisonment for the premature revelation of government information which might have a bearing on the market price of securities.

Vote on Heppburn Bill. The house today passed the Heppburn rate bill by a vote of 246 to 7. Those voting against the bill were: Littlefield, McCall, Perkins, Sibley, Southwick, Vreeland and Weeks.

Anticipating the roll call on the rate bill there was a large attendance of members and the galleries were crowded.

After the roll call the announcement of the passage of the bill was received with a ripple of applause.

Speaker Cannon stated the vote to be 246 yeas and 7 nays. Those voting against the bill were all republicans. They were Littlefield (Mo.), McCall and Weeks (Mass.), Perkins, Southwick and Vreeland (N. Y.) and Sibley (Pa.).

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TAIGNY SEES JUSSERAND

French Charge to Venezuela Reports on Condition in the South American Republic.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—M. Taigny, the charge d'affaires of France who was expelled from Venezuela by President Castro, had a conference with the French ambassador here which the ambassador says was the first since his expulsion from Venezuela.

When seen today M. Taigny declared that he had received a cablegram from his government, but had not yet been able to decipher it, as the French code for Venezuela and the United States are not the same.

As to the reason for his expulsion he reported to the ambassador in New York and continued: "It is impossible to maintain satisfactory relations with a man like Castro. His chief object is to get money, no matter from where or in what way. This is at the base of everything."

When asked what he thought of an investigation of the situation in New York, Taigny shrugged his shoulders and professed not to have much knowledge of the chance of success of such an undertaking.

"It is an extremely difficult country to fight in," he said. "The country is very mountainous and though Caracas is from the point of view of the road to the capital is not an easily defensible place."

"The people love nothing better than a fight and would welcome such a beautiful chance. Besides, although sure of the ultimate result, there is always the danger of coming to the United States with any other foreign nation, and France is not likely to embark on such an expedition as long as it can use other remedies."

PREACHER WOULD KILL SELF

Waukegan Man Under Arrest Throws Himself Under a Northwestern Train.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Rev. Justin G. Wade, pastor of the First Congregational church at Waukegan, Ill., who was yesterday arrested by postoffice inspectors for sending obscene letters through the mails, attempted to commit suicide today by throwing himself in front of a train on the Chicago Northwestern railway.

His injuries did not prove immediately fatal.

The train was a fast passenger from Green Bay, which had slowed down slightly preparatory to the stop at the Waukegan depot. The minister rushed upon the track and when the engine was about twenty feet distant threw himself flat upon his face.

He was struck by the pilot of the engine and hurled many feet to one side of the track. A large crowd of people was on the depot in front of the train and the attempt at suicide was made in plain view of all.

Mr. Wade was at once conveyed to the hospital, where it was announced that he had a chance for recovery, although the probability of his recovery could not be predicted with any degree of accuracy until a more extended examination had been made.

At noon it was announced that the injuries received by Mr. Wade will probably cause his death in a short time.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—Rev. Justin Goodson Wade, who today attempted suicide by leaping in front of a moving train in Chicago, was a year ago the business manager and one of the proprietors of a weekly paper in St. Louis. During the world's fair he was employed as a writer in the restaurant connected with the "fighters" exhibition on the Pike. After the exposition he purchased an interest in a weekly newspaper, but finally sold his interests and left St. Louis. For two years he was pastor of the Second Congregational church at Sedalia, Mo.

CHURCH MERGER SETTLED

Congregationalists, United Brethren and Methodist Protestants Agree on Union.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 8.—In the morning session of the tri-state council the general committee was increased by six delegates from each denomination, making a committee of sixty-three.

At the afternoon session of the conference which is seeking the union of the United Brethren, Congregational and Protestant Methodist denominations the reports of committees were received and tonight these were being put through a special inquiry. It may be considered as settled that the union will be effected and the only hitch late tonight was as to the name of the united denomination.

Several names were proposed, but the United Church of America seems to be the most generally accepted.

The subcommittee in its report on vested interests reported that it saw no insuperable obstacle in these interests to ultimate union. The committee on polity presented an amended constitution which was adopted. Local churches shall be left free to conduct their business as present custom provides, that there be annual conferences of ministers and laymen and a national conference, the last to be made up of delegates chosen by the annual conference from a list selected in the district conference on the basis of one to every 10,000 and one for every major fraction thereof. The national conference is to have the power to change the ratio of representation at any time.

GREENE AND GYNOR CASE

Further Evidence of Financial Transactions of O. M. Carter and R. F. Westcott.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 8.—Further testimony relative to dealings of O. M. Carter and R. F. Westcott, his father-in-law, with Reed & Plagg, brokers of New York, was offered during the trial of Greene and Gynor in the federal court today. Franklin Ford, who was cashier of the broken firm during the period of these operations, which extended from 1888 to 1897, occupied the stand the entire session. Objections were offered by the defense to the introduction of much of Mr. Ford's testimony. The court held, however, that the time for the defense's objections to have been made was yesterday.

Almost without exception, the objections offered by the defense have been overruled by the court. Careful note has been made throughout the trial of exceptions taken by the defense and there can be no question that it is counsel's purpose should the verdict be against them, to appeal.

CASH FOR MEAT INSPECTORS

Senate Inserts Provision Turned Down by the House.

GIVES THE FULL AMOUNT ASKED FOR

Congressman Pollard Settles Hot Postoffice Fight at Tecumseh by Recommending the Present Incumbent.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The senate committee on appropriations today, appreciating the necessity of taking care of meat inspection growing out of increased demand for our products previous to the date in March when the new German tariff goes into effect, inserted a provision in the urgency deficiency bill carrying \$125,000 for meat inspection purposes.

Both Representatives Kennedy and Pollard made a fight in the house for this appropriation, but were voted down by the majority of the house. The agricultural committee stated that Secretary Wilson had enough funds at his disposal to take care of the inspection service pending the passage of the general agricultural appropriation bill. The senate evidently realized the situation and the bill was passed by unanimous vote to give Mr. Wilson the amount which he originally asked for, namely, \$125,000, instead of the amount given by the house, \$20,000.

BRUNDAGE GETS ANOTHER TERM

Representative Pollard today settled, so far as he is concerned, the postoffice fight which has been waging between several contestants for the postmastership at Tecumseh, Neb., from May 2 last, by recommending Brundage for reappointment.

Postmaster Brundage, if nominated, will enter upon his third term as postmaster at Tecumseh. There were two other candidates for the office, Mr. Coffey, an old soldier, and Mr. Ferguson, a young man, who has recently come to the front in local political affairs of Johnson county. Mr. Pollard, however, found a majority of the patrons of the Tecumseh postoffice, through the good offices of the committee, desired the reappointment of Brundage. Not only was he the candidate of the majority of the patrons of the office, but he had the recommendation of the state central committee and all the county officials.

Land Restored to Settlement.

The secretary of the interior today directed the following lands under the North Dakota project in Nebraska, which were withdrawn from entry on May 2 last, be restored to settlement under the public land laws, as they are no longer required in connection with the work of the reclamation service on this project: Township 24 north, range 6 west, sections 3 and 10, township 25 north, range 7 west, sections 31 and 32.

NEBRASKANS WANT EXPERIMENTS

Representative Pollard is in receipt of a number of petitions from Nebraska urging him to support the Adams bill, which provides for an increase of power and scope of investigation of the government agricultural experiment stations.

Today Mr. Pollard filed memoranda from Nebraska farmers desiring the reorganization of the Nebraska State Horticultural society and a number of letters from members of the Nebraska legislature urging the passage of the measure.

Capital City Notes.

Petitions are being received by members of the Nebraska legislature urging their support of a bill providing for holding a census of United States court at Grand Island.

Representative McCarthy today introduced a bill providing for the restoration of annuities of the Medawakaton and Wappokota (Santee) Sioux, declared forfeited by act of congress, February 16, 1862.

Senator Warren's bill appropriating \$109,000 for a public building at Rawlins, Wyo., passed the senate today.

Representative Kinkaid has recommended Miss Gertrude Irwin for postmaster at Edgelyville.

Dr. J. A. Harper has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Greenfield, Ia. Vice Dr. M. K. Keth, resigned.

Hobart E. Swan and A. C. Everson have been designated members of the civil service board for the postoffice at Kearney, Neb.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Ladd of Lincoln are in Washington.

Nebraska Appointments Confirmed.

The senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations: Registers of Land Offices—Luke H. Bates, at Valentine, Neb.; Stephen J. Wencke, at O'Neill, Neb.

Receivers of Land Offices—Sanford Parker, at O'Neill; Olof Olson, at Valentine.

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL

Senate Committee Increases Amount Called for by Measure Over Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The house bill making appropriations to support the urgent deficiency bill was today reported to the senate by the committee on appropriations. It was amended so that it now carries \$17,582,962, an increase of \$1,775,121 over the amount appropriated by the house. The principal items of increase are as follows: Advance to the Panama railroad to pay for the re-equipment of that company, \$450,000; contingent expenses of foreign missions, \$20,000; contingent expenses of the consular service, \$20,000; full settlement of the German claims for losses in connection with the disturbances in Samoa, \$1,000,000; for the bureau of animal industry, Department of Agriculture, \$110,000; and Spanish treaty claims commission awards, \$29,000.

The bill is amended to limit the cost of the hearing, lights and plant power for the house and senate office buildings, the capitol, congressional library and such other buildings as may be erected adjacent to the capitol grounds, to \$1,330,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The city council in a special meeting today passed the ordinance directing the gas companies of the city to furnish gas to consumers at 85 cents per 100 feet. At present consumers pay 91 per cent.

The ordinance will not become operative at once for the reason that Mayor Dunne has declared in favor of 75-cent gas and has declared he will not sign the 85-cent ordinance at this time.

TWO-CENT FARES IN OHIO

State Senate Passes the Measure and Governor Petition Signs It.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 8.—Governor Petition this afternoon signed the Freiner 2-cent fare bill, which was accepted by the senate today and it is now a law. It will not go into effect, however, until thirty days have elapsed. The law provides that 2 cents shall be the maximum rate charged in transporting passengers on the railroads of Ohio for all distances in excess of five miles.

Valencia Investigation Delayed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Assistant Secretary Murray of the Department of Commerce and Labor, who is investigating the Valencia disaster, announced today that neither he nor his colleague on the commission, Herbert Knox Smith, would be able to leave here for Seattle until tomorrow.

ECLIPSE A BRILLIANT SHOW

Sky Devoid of Clouds and Atmospheric Conditions Perfect for Observation.

An almanac of general prevalence in Omaha today will be soreness of the neck and there will be thousands of sufferers. The cause of the peculiar trouble, to use a common and expressive term, can be said to be due to "rubbering." As the only moonlight in a blue sky "stunt" that entitles her to a place with a minstrel troupe, in ordinary English there was an eclipse of the moon last night. It came off just as scheduled. The stage was all ready for the show and the scenery in place, all painted in deepest, studded with brightest stars. A better setting for such an exhibition could not have been desired. The only fault that could have been found was with the temperature—but that had nothing to do with the performance. The thermometer stood at about 75 degrees above zero and in the neck, in order to look up at the sky, the exercise was unusual and hence left a soreness. For Luna was on the boards during the night with a performance of great merit. 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