

SENATE TALKS ON IRRIGATION

Bill to Issue Thirty Millions Worth of Certificates is Discussed for Two Hours.

WESTERNERS CHAMPION IT

Money Badly Needed to Finish Projects Now Well Under Way.

WILL NOT AFFECT REASURY

Funds to Liquidate Certificates Will Be Paid by Treasury

LAND WITHDRAWN FROM ENTRY

Large Tracts in Wyoming and Montana, Supposed to Contain Coal, Will Be Examined—Other Tracts Restored.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—For more than two hours today the senate listened to a discussion of the senate bill authorizing the issuance of \$30,000,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness for the completion of irrigation projects already begun.

The measure was championed by a number of senators, especially Messrs. Arter and Borah. Mr. Carter said in a number of cases dams had been completed, while the ditches had not been constructed, thus providing for the storage but not for the distribution of water.

The fear was voiced by Senators Flint and Crawford that the department might be tempted to enter upon new schemes before the completion of present enterprises and thus soon involve the government in further obligations.

An extensive temporary withdrawal of lands from the public domain was made by Secretary Ballinger today involving 2,048,492 acres reserved from coal entry.

Twenty-one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-eight acres located along the Red Rock lakes in Montana have been temporarily withdrawn from all entry in aid of proposed legislation affecting the disposition of water power sites on the public domain.

In aid of proposed legislation affecting the use and disposition of petroleum on the public domain, 9,109 acres of land in Wyoming have been withdrawn from all forms of disposition.

The Indian appropriation bill being placed before the house today, Representative Burks (S. D.), chairman of the committee reporting the measure, spoke at length upon the condition of the Indians in the United States.

Sensation in Paxton Answer

Administrator Says Evidence Tends to Show Dr. Hyde Was Double Murderer.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—John G. Paxton, in a sensational answer to the circuit court at Independence today, accuses Dr. Hyde of bad faith in trying to secure evidence in his (Paxton's) possession "tending" to the answer reads, "to prove that the plaintiff has murdered by the administration of Swope, Thomas H. Swope and Christian Swope, has also attempted to poison Margaret Swope and by the same kind of treatment had communicated to the members of the Swope family 'syphoid fever'."

Knapp Approves Taft Measure in Committee

Statement by Chairman of Commerce Commission Draws Fire from Senator Cummins.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Unqualified approval of the administration railroad bill in all its essential features was given today by Chairman Martin A. Knapp and Judson C. Clements of the Interstate Commerce commission at a hearing before the senate committee. Some minor amendments were suggested, however.

At the conclusion of the statement by Chairman Knapp he was asked by Mr. Elkins whether the commission endorsed the administration measure in preference to the Cummins bill. Mr. Knapp replied that such an inference could be drawn.

Armour Says His Meat Prices Are All Competitive

President of Kansas City Corporation Denies Representatives of Packers Fix Selling Price.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 17.—Charles W. Armour, president of the Armour Packing company of Kansas City, contended before Special Examiner Daniel Dillon in an investigation of the meat packers here today that competition fixed the price at which meats were sold. He denied that representatives of his firm met with other packers to fix prices.

Mr. Armour told of the holdings of the Armour family in the Armour Packing company of New Jersey, Armour & Co. of Illinois and Armour Co. of West Virginia. The latter company sells for the Illinois company of the same name and reports its earnings to the Illinois state.

Three Injured by Copper Converter

Oscar Meyers, Smelter Foreman, and Two Others Seriously Hurt by Explosion.

Oscar Meyers, 144 Chicago street, and two Austrian laborers were severely burned last night at the smelter by the explosion of a copper converter. The two men were in a serious condition and were taken to the Clark hospital.

Brown Proposes River Amendment

Nebraska Senator Will Seek to Get Funds for Missouri Above Kansas City.

From a Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Brown today introduced an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill providing an appropriation of \$200,000 for further improvement of the Missouri river above Kansas City.

POWDER MILLS ARE WRECKED

Several Reported Dead in Explosion of Trogent Works in California.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 17.—Word has been received from San Lorenzo that the Trogent Powder works has been wrecked by an explosion. Several persons are reported dead.

COLDEST DAY OF THE WINTER

Record for Many Years Broken by Low Temperatures in Southwest and West.

SLEET OVER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Thermometer is Below Freezing at Brownsville, Texas.

DEEP SNOW ALONG THE OHIO

Traffic Demoralized by Gale of Sixty Miles an Hour.

TRAINS LATE EVERYWHERE

Disturbance Will Be Central at Points Along the Atlantic Coast This Morning.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Gentle spring, which ventured abroad in the Atlantic states yesterday and today was running for cover by tonight, ahead of a snow and sleet storm which has taken a flying start over the eastern gulf states and is moving northeast rapidly.

Gale in Northern Ohio

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 17.—A gale ranging in velocity from forty to sixty miles an hour and bearing with it a heavy snow has demoralized traffic in northern Ohio.

Coldest of Winter

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—The coldest weather of the winter prevailed in western Kansas, Colorado and parts of Wyoming today. The cold also was very severe in Oklahoma, Texas and other portions of the southwest.

Colorado Springs had the coldest weather in ten years—10 below zero. At Coronado, a little hamlet on the summit of the divide, it was 30 below, with the wind howling through the hills at the rate of fifty-two miles an hour.

Sleet and Snow in South

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 17.—A combination of sleet, snow and high winds during last night shut off wire communication to the south today. The sleet throughout southern Indiana, lower Illinois and parts of Kentucky and Tennessee practically put telegraph companies out of commission except to the east and north.

In Louisville an inch or more of sleet was covered during the night by four inches of snow and it is still snowing.

Death in Ohio Storm

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 17.—One death and numerous minor accidents were charged to the blizzard which descended upon this section yesterday and continued today. Heavy drifts of snow packed hard by a stinging north wind, blocked suburban trolley lines and steam roads and impeded the operation of street cars in this and surrounding cities.

Herman Havrkamp, 1325 Clay street, was found unconscious in a snowdrift at Twelfth and Vine streets and died later.

Mad Mullah on War Path

ADEN, Arabia, Feb. 17.—Mohammed Abdullah of Somalia, the "Mad Mullah," is again on the warpath. A big force of dervishes has raided the sultanate of the Mijertins, killing and burning. The slaughter of the tribesmen was very heavy. One whole town was gutted by fire and 14,000 camels taken by the dervishes.



From the Washington Star.

TAFT STIRS UP SENATORS

Leaders Getting Ready to Push Administration Measures.

FIGHT THE INCORPORATION BILL

This and Alaska Legislative Act Are in Greatest Danger of Defeat in the Upper House of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Arrangements having been made by republican leaders of the senate to smooth out the creases in the administration plan for the enactment of postal savings bank legislation, stock is now being taken of other bills numbered among the Taft policies to ascertain what may be their chances for passage.

Laborites at War with Ministry

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ADMITS HE KILLED IOWAN

Joseph Hainor Hanged for Murder of Alex. Hamilton Wing Shot.

REGINA, Saskatchewan, Feb. 17.—Joseph Hainor was hanged in the jail yard here today. Last night he confessed to Captain Lanlan of the Salvation army that he had killed his employer, Alexander Fraser, because he owed him two years' wages as a farm laborer. Fraser was from Iowa, where he was known as a champion wing shot.

Rest of People Left on Lima Are Rescued

Eighty-Eight Passengers Who Remained on Wreck Saved by Chilean Cruiser.

QUELON, Chile, Feb. 17.—The Chilean tugboat Pisagua arriving here reports that the Chilean cruiser Ministro Zenteno has rescued the eighty-eight persons who had been left on the wreck of the British steamer Lima, in the Huablin passage, Strait of Magellan.

JEFF DAVIS FLAYS OWEN

Arkansas Charges Oklahoma with Being Rockefeller Tool.

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ROOSEVELT PARTY REACHES GONDOKORO; ALL ARE WELL

GONDOKORO, On the Upper Nile, Feb. 17.—Colonel Roosevelt, Kermit Roosevelt and the other members of the Smithsonian African scientific expedition arrived here today. All are well.

WISHES JOHN D. IN HADES

Makes Characteristic Speech in Senate and Bill He Opposes Passes with Only His Descending Vote.

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GUARANTY LAW IN SUPREME COURT

Nebraska Case Involving Its Constitutionality Taken on Appeal to Washington Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The question of the constitutionality of the Nebraska statute passed March 25, 1908, limiting banking in that state to corporations and providing for a guarantee fund for depositors in the courts of the United States. The case in which the question arises was that begun in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Nebraska by the First State bank of Holstein against Governor Shallenberger and other state officials. The court enjoined the officials from enforcing the law on the ground that it is unconstitutional. From this decision the state of Nebraska appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

NO CHANGE IN CONGO METHODS

Belgian Chamber of Deputies Passes Budget with Old Form of Raising Revenue.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 17.—The Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 19 to 4 today passed the Congo budget. It provides for no change in the system of raising revenue by compulsory labor.

MORE LANDS IN RESERVE

Secretary Ballinger Withdraws Two Million Acres from Entry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—An extensive temporary withdrawal of lands from the public domain was made by Secretary Ballinger today involving 2,048,492 acres reserved from coal entry, and 118,055 acres withdrawn from all forms of disposition. Forty-six thousand four hundred and thirty-one acres were restored to settlement.

This week a man sold a sewing machine,

that he hadn't been able to give away, by advertising it once in The Bee For Sale Column. The machine was allright, but none of his friends or their friends could find use for it. The Bee Want Ads will sell anything under the Sun—And they will do it quickly. If you pay rent on a phone it will be all right to call Doug. 238—Want Ad Department.

Marry in Omaha with Cheap Old Iowa License

A peculiar case has come to the surface through the investigation of the pension department relative to the status of certain marriages performed in Omaha, where the licenses were procured in Council Bluffs. It appears that in this particular case the colored couple was married by a colored minister in South Omaha on a license bought in Council Bluffs. The marriage took place in 1904 and now the question is up to the validity of the marriage. The man being dead, his wife is an applicant for a pension as his widow. It has been the general policy of the pension department to recognize the validity of common law marriages and it will doubtless do so in this particular case. It was developed during the hearing in the pension investigation that numerous marriages of this character are performed by colored ministers in Omaha, and that at least twenty of such marriages are known in South Omaha, with a larger number in Omaha.