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CONGRESS MEETS

Order of Business Laid out for the Session.

DARING ROBBERY AT SILVERTON.

The Friends of the Ship Subsidy Bill are Active While the Canal Bill has its Enemies on the Ground.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Republican Senatorial committee on order of business this afternoon decided that the ship-subsidy bill should displace the Spooner Philippine bill as the unfinished business. It also considered at the same time the disposition of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and decided that that question should receive alternate attention with the shipping bill. The arrangement provides that the shipping bill shall have preference, but that when no one is prepared to make a speech on it the senate shall go into executive session for the consideration of the treaty. In accordance with this understanding, Senator Frye, at the first opportunity tomorrow, will move to take up the bill, and if this motion prevails, as there is little doubt it will, the effect will be to displace the Spooner bill, which there is no disposition at this time to press. Senator Frye probably will make a speech. It is not expected that any one other senators will be prepared to proceed on the subsidy measure, and in that event Senator Lodge, of the committee on foreign relations, who will have charge of the treaty, will move an executive session in order to consider the treaty. The arrangement further provides that if the army bill reaches the senate prior to the disposal of the shipping bill or the treaty, or either, both of these may be displaced temporarily in order to permit the prompt consideration of that measure, which is considered to be of more pressing importance than either of the other questions. The same understanding prevails regarding the appropriation bills.

Senator Morgan's Nicaragua canal bill received some consideration at the hands of the committee on order of business. While no definite agreement was reached concerning it, the opinion was generally expressed that it should wait upon the senate's action on the treaty. The members of the committee apparently consider that the ratification of the treaty is a necessary preliminary to the passage of the canal bill, and the present disposition is to contend for that order of precedence.

The committee also discussed the possibility of democratic opposition to the subsidy bill. Some of the members who had talked with democratic senators expressed the opinion that there would be no effort to prevent this legislation by factional opposition, though they expect a number of speeches against it. Senator Lodge was called into the conference for the purpose of consultation concerning the treaty. He stated that he would be prepared to proceed with it at any time, and that he was anxious to have it disposed of as early a day as possible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The report of the Isthmian Canal Commission, submitted by the president to congress today, gives as the unanimous conclusion of that body that "the most practicable and feasible route for an isthmian canal under the control, management and ownership of the United States is that known as the Nicaragua Route."

The commission estimates the cost of this canal at \$200,540,000. This estimate is much in excess of any heretofore made and is due to increased dimensions and other features not heretofore considered. The commission also estimates the cost of a canal by the Panama route at \$142,342,579, according to one route, or \$156,378,258 according to another route.

As between the Nicaragua and Panama routes, the commission sums up a number of advantages favorable to the former. It states also that under the concessions given by the government of Columbia to the Panama Canal Company that government is not free to grant the necessary rights to the United States except upon conditions made by the company.

The report is a document of about 17,000 words, almost as long as the president's message. Although the work of the commission is not yet completed, many of the field parties still being out, yet it has been sufficiently advised to make it practicable to present this preliminary report giving the essential findings.

HOW THE WORK WAS DONE.

Robbers Counted on Having Plenty of Time for Their Job.

SILVERTON, Or., Dec. 3.—Dynamite used by robbers to open a burglar-proof safe wrecked the Silvertown bank, at an early hour this morning, and aroused the inhabitants. The cashier, who heard the report, rushed to the bank in time to

be shot at by one of the fleeing robbers. Because of the interruption, the robbers did not have time to secure any booty. They were tracked outside of the town to a point on the railroad.

The bank is a complete wreck, the damage probably reaching \$2700. The force of the shock blew the outer door of the safe off its hinges, rained the bank furniture, smashed two large plate-glass windows, valued at \$250, and blew fragments of the safe clear across the street. Among the first of the citizens to reach the bank was the cashier. He saw the two men, and got near enough to one to order him to halt. For reply the robber sent a bullet in the direction of the cashier. The cashier ran back to his room to get his revolver, but the men had made good their escape, so far as immediate capture was concerned. Owing to the darkness, a description of the man who shot at the cashier was not obtained. From the appearance of the tracks, however, it is known that one of the men wore rubber boots, and the other ordinary shoes.

The men gained entrance to the bank by picking the lock of the door leading into the side entrance. Their plans were laid very carefully, but they evidently did not count upon the dynamite raising such a racket as to arouse the whole town, or upon the fact that the inside door of the safe would withstand the shock. The ropes attached to the fire bell had been cut and the pieces hid, so that no one could arouse the town by a general alarm. The dynamite, however, answered the same purpose.

There is no doubt that the robbers figured upon using enough dynamite to blow the safe to pieces, and grabbing whatever money they could get their hands upon and getting away before the report of the shock should arouse the people. The safe is a burglar-proof steel with a time lock. No holes were drilled in order to insert the charges of dynamite, which were placed in the crack about the door. The outer door was badly smashed, and the inside one so badly wrenched that the combination will not work, and the services of an expert will be needed before it can be opened.

CITY ELECTION.

G. B. Dimick Receives Plurality vote of 111—Wards Elect Councilmen.

Business was somewhat suspended on Monday in consequence of the annual election of city officials. Considerable interest was taken by both candidates for mayor and an open fight was finally inaugurated between E. E. Charman and C. G. Huntley, opposition candidates on independent citizen and non-partisan tickets respectively. The total number of votes cast for mayor aggregated 635, of which Grant B. Dimick, independent citizens' nominee received 373 and G. A. Harding, non-partisan nominee, 262.

Ward No. 1 gave Mr. Dimick 150 and Mr. Harding 88. Ward No. 2 cast 152 for Mr. Dimick and 130 for Mr. Harding and in ward No. 3 Mr. Dimick stood at 71 against Mr. Harding's 44.

Linn E. Jones, independent citizens' and non-partisan nominee for city treasurer received 561, with no opposition. Ward No. 1 gave Bruce Zumwalt 194 with no contest, for councilman one year term and Dr. J. W. Powell, independent citizens' nominee for councilman, three-years term, 146 against Duane C. Ely with 71.

In Ward No. 2 Wm. Sheahan, independent citizens' nominee endorsed by non-partisans for councilman one year received 210 with no opposition.

For councilman, three-year term, C. G. Huntley, independent citizen's nominee, drew 183, against E. E. Charman, non-partisan, with 88.

In ward No 3 there was no contest—E. W. Scott, independent citizens' nominee received 91 for councilman for term of three years and S. D. Francis, two-year councilman and non-partisan nominee receiving 86. Mr. Francis fills the unexpired term of G. W. Grace, who removed from ward 3, in consequence of which the council appointed Eimer Dixon to fill the vacancy until January 1, 1900 when all the new officers will be installed.

After January 1st the city affairs will be intrusted to Grant B. Dimick, mayor, Linn E. Jones, treasurer, with councilmen as follows: Ward No. 1—Dr. J. W. Powell, three-year term, R. Koerner, two-years, holdover term and Bruce Zumwalt elect, one-year term. Ward No. 2—C. G. Huntley, elect, three-year term, Charles Albright, holdover two years, Wm. Sheahan elect, one-year term. Ward No 3—E. W. Scott, elect, three-year term, S. D. Francis elect, two year unexpired, E. D. Story, holdover, one year, unexpired.

City recorder, street commissioner, police, night-watch and city attorney are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council and will be chosen at the first meeting of the new council next year, together with committees.

The above-named officials comprise a list of well qualified business men with every indication in favor of a prosperous, economical and successful administration of city affairs the following year.

JACKSONVILLE TRAGEDY.

Miss Sarah L. Bee-on Makes a Statement That Jealousy Was Not the Cause.

Wm. Beeson, of Shubel, in company with his daughter Miss Sarah L. Beeson, arrived Monday from the recent Jacksonville tragedy. Miss Beeson states that she and L. J. Hardenbrook, now deceased, had arranged to be married the Saturday before the tragedy occurred but that owing to Hardenbrook's failure to procure a license the marriage was put off till Monday following, and that Traylor the assassin and suicidal had not been informed of the postponement. She states further that on Saturday night, she and Hardenbrook were sitting in a room of the house with her sister and Traylor, her sister's husband, sitting in a room adjoining from which a door opened on to a porch outside and that Hardenbrook had just consulted his watch, and found it to be 10:50 p. m. at which time, without warning to his wife or any one, Traylor stepped out on to the porch and through a window fired his rifle with the intention, Miss Beeson thinks, of shooting both Hardenbrook and herself, with the one shot; and at the sound of the rifle Hardenbrook fell forward toward Miss Beeson grasping her hand but was unable to utter a word the ball entering his face near the eye causing death in a brief time, that within a few minutes afterwards, two more shots were heard in outbuildings and the members of the family who had retired being aroused by the disturbance ran out to find Traylor with two shots in his face done by himself, from effect of which he died within an hour. Miss Beeson knows of no dispute or personal trouble of any kind leading up to the tragedy and states that Hardenbrook though warned by friends, of Traylor's threats to take his life, still felt himself in no danger. Miss Beeson believes Traylor was impelled to take Hardenbrook's life solely by an insane overpowering imagination that Hardenbrook was insincere in his addresses to her and was making improper proposals of marriage and that Traylor was not in any manner jealous of her as has been heretofore published. She knew there was no reasonable foundation for Traylor's objection to the marriage and is satisfied that the shooting was correct in deciding that the shooting was the result of homicidal insanity.

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