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IS SIMON'S CHARTER

The Senate Passed It Almost Unanimously Yesterday.

THE POPULISTS VOTED AGAINST IT

The Question of Bridges and Tolls on Them Under Consideration by the Multnomah Delegation.

SALEM, Feb. 12.—The Simon charter bill went through the senate this morning by a vote of 20 yeas and 12 nays. Immediately after the bill was read the third time and placed on passage, Senator Vanderburg arose and delivered a speech against it, claiming that the people of Portland are against the proposed charter and saying that he had been importuned to vote against it. This charter, he said, was a political measure and was about to be foisted upon an unwilling people. Holt followed in the same strain, saying that a great mass meeting had been held in Portland in which the people of Portland had such an idea that they should have expressed it last June; instead of that, they sent to the legislature a charter which they had not approved. The agreement the Multnomah delegation came to, Bancroft said he had made an effort yesterday to have the charter bill amended in ways he thought right and just. He had failed, and was much disappointed at the failure. Now, however, the bill as it stood meets his approval, and that he should have to support it, believing that it was the best charter the city ever had and that the people of Portland are satisfied with it. Woodard spoke briefly in favor of the bill. The only question about its approval in Portland was with reference to the board of public works. The committee of One Hundred had at one time declared in favor of such a board, and opinion was divided on the matter. There was no other issue involved, as the salary reductions and other features were not considered. The idea of a board of public works had originated in the Committee of One Hundred, and the statement that it was something Mr. Simon desired to foist upon the people was unjust. After the committee of One Hundred had approved the bill, Mr. Simon intended to adopt the suggestion as to a board of public works, and proposed to favor it. If Mr. Simon would allow the committee to name the members of the board, Mr. Simon then asked the committee to do so, but the committee declined. The only objection urged was that the mayor should appoint the board; but it was very doubtful whether a board appointed by the mayor would be any better than the one named in the bill. Brownell said to him the question was very simple. The people of Multnomah county had sent these senators here to represent them, they had elected a charter, and it was the duty of the senate to help them carry out the wishes of the people as interpreted by the Multnomah senators. Upon the passage of the bill the vote was as follows: Ayes—Alley, Bancroft, Brownell, Butler, Calbreath, Cogswell, Dawson, Gesner, Gowen, Holt, Johnson, Maxwell, McClure, McGinnis, Patterson, Price, Raley, Stelwer, Woodard, Simon—20. Noes—Beckley, Holt, McAllister, Vanderburg—12.

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THE COMMON GROUND

Partisan Differences Dropped by Ways and Means Committee.

CONSIDERING THE BOND ISSUE

Secretary Carlisle Was in Conference With the Committee and Presented the Syndicate's Contract.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The house committee on ways and means consumed the day with the 19 cent gold bonds which the treasury has an opportunity to make the new bonds payable in gold, and made decided progress toward an agreement on a plan to be reported to the house. Secretary Carlisle came before the committee shortly after 1 o'clock. He presented a copy of the contract which had been called for. It was drawn in legal form, and bore the signatures of John C. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury; J. Pierpont Morgan, of J. S. Morgan, of London; August Belmont, of N. M. Rothschild, and was witnessed by Francis Lynde Stetson, of New York, formerly President Cleveland's law partner. The principal feature of the contract was made known in the president's message. One point the secretary particularly enjoined the committee to maintain secrecy, and that was regarding dates for making the payments for the bonds. He asked for secrecy, he said, at the request of the financiers who have agreed to take the bonds, because they feared the bankers would corner the gold of the world against them if the time it would be needed was known, and the method by which it was to be obtained. Accordingly he presented a resolution pledging its members not to reveal the terms of the document so far as it concerned the payment. Many questions were asked of Secretary Carlisle, and he answered in order. In answer to their questions, he assured the committee of his belief that a plan could be devised to stop the outflow of gold from the treasury, and that the forthcoming bond issue would maintain the gold reserve at its high-water mark for several months. After the secretary had departed, Mr. Coker announced that he could not support Chairman Wilson's resolution, because it was simply a makeshift to meet a present emergency, and offered no help to the treasury in the event of similar emergencies before the next session of congress. Thereupon Mr. Tarsney offered a resolution to empower the secretary to issue 2 per cent gold bonds whenever the needs of the treasury should require them, with the proviso that the proceeds were not to be used to pay current expenses. Then a subcommittee was appointed to draft a plan with Messrs. Wilson, Turner, and McClure, and the committee took a recess to enable the subcommittee to meet. Late in the afternoon, the committee learned that its subcommittee had dropped partisan differences and found a common ground. The resolution reported by the quintet at the last meeting was one authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue \$50,000,000 in 3 per cent bonds payable in gold with the proviso that none of the proceeds be used for current expenses, and a further provision repealing the law which requires the government to redeem national bank notes, and requiring banks to redeem their notes in the same manner. It was made it clear that there was a minority report, and Mr. Reed said there was none. Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, offered a resolution recommending that the secretary of the treasury should pay all obligations of the government in either gold or silver, whichever it was most convenient to use. After a brief discussion, the committee adjourned until 1 o'clock tomorrow.

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THE PACIFIC ROADS

The Reilly Bill Will Be Reported Back to the House

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

The Committee Decides That There Should Be Another Opportunity to Vote for the Bill.

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