

KILLING THE BILL

Senate Will Do Nothing for the Canal.

SCHEME TO DELAY CONSIDERATION

McBride Says He is in Favor of the Measure—An Alleged Poil of the Committee.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—It is clear from the way the committee on the Nicaragua Canal is proceeding that a report on the Hepburn bill is to be delayed until it is too late to have even a shadow of passing in the Senate at this session. It is unfortunate that the most earnest advocate of the bill, Senator Morgan, is a member of that committee. He has talked the death of the bill so many times that his opponents just how to go to work to have him talk it to death now. A little opposition thrown in here and there and a few questions asked set this garrulous old man going, and he usually talks out the session of the committee. This has happened several times. The latest dodge is to get the members of the Walker Commission before the committee, which will delay consideration for some weeks. If the friends of the canal on the committee would take the matter in hand, providing there is a majority in favor of reporting the bill, it could be done without any further effort. The Washington Post publishes an account of the committee this morning, saying that Morgan, Turner and Harris favor immediate action, and also stating that Platt of New York, Sewell, Hiram, McBride and Hawley favor delay. With McBride and Hawley favoring delay, with McBride absent, Senator McBride was seen, however, and said:

"I don't think any poll has been made of the committee. I am in favor of the bill, but the committee is in favor of a bill substantially in the form passed by the House. I am in favor of a Nicaragua Canal bill at this session, and think a bill along the lines of the Hepburn bill will be reported from the committee and passed by the Senate at this session. Any poll setting me down in opposition to the bill is not only incorrect, but an intentional misstatement of my position."

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NEW YORK, May 10.—James J. Jeffries and James J. Corbett will fight 25 rounds tomorrow night in the arena of the Seaside Athletic Club for the heavy-weight championship of the world, now held by Jeffries. They will wear five-ounce gloves, and Queensberry rules will govern, except that there shall be no hitting in the clinch. Charley White will be the referee.

It is expected that between 10,000 and 15,000 persons will see the fight, which will be for 60 per cent of the gate receipts, or about \$40,000. Of the sum, the winner is to receive 75 per cent, or \$30,000, while the loser will get 25 per cent.

Absence of a pronounced betting interest is a conspicuous feature of the contest. Several reasons have been advanced for the lack of big wagers. One is that the leading sportsmen are afraid to bet because of the improved condition. While the friends of the ex-champion hope for the best, they believe that the alleged improvement in Corbett's soundness is not as marvelous as his trainers say it is. There is plenty of Jeffries money in sight, but Corbett currency is hard to find. Jeffries' admirers have entire confidence in the champion's improved condition. The men have agreed that there will be no hugging or holding. Each principal tomorrow night will have at least three seconds. Gus Ruhlin, George Considine and Leo P. Sullivan are the corner boys. Corbett and Jack Jeffries, Tommy Ryan and Ed Dunkhorst will second Jeffries.