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AGAINST THE BILL

Senator Clay Opposed to a Ship Subsidy.

MADE A STRONG ARGUMENT

Principal Object of the Proposed Measure is to Draw Nine Million Dollars Yearly From the National Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The first speech in opposition to the ship subsidy bill in the Senate was delivered today by Clay (Dem. Ga.), one of the minority members of the committee on commerce.

In the early part of the session a lively colloquy was precipitated over the reference to the committee of the oleomargarine bill, just passed by the House.

An order presented by Cockrell (Dem. Mo.) was ratified by the Senate, directing the vacant offices in the District of Columbia, Geological Survey, Indian affairs, mines and mining, Pacific islands, territories and railroads be filled by the appointment of Townes (Pop. Minn.).

The question was discussed briefly by Kyle (Rep. S. D.), Stewart (Rep. Nev.), Spooner (Sen. Wis.), Allison (Rep. Ia.) and Money (Dem. Miss.), the last named declaring that the Groat bill was a measure the primary object of which was to tax one industry at the expense of another.

Chandler (Rep. N. H.), chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, asked that the resolution on the calendar that declared William A. Clark was not duly and legally elected to a seat in the Senate of the United States by the Legislature of Montana, be recommitted to the committee.

Bacon (Dem. Ga.) inquired what the object of the request was. Chandler replied that before the Senate had an opportunity to act upon the resolution the Senator from Montana, Mr. Clark, had gone through the form of resignation.

To be entirely frank with Bacon, he said, another reason why he desired a recommittal of the resolution was that the committee might desire to take some positive action upon the matter with which the resolution dealt.

Clay then was recognized to deliver a speech upon the pending subsidy bill. Clay contended that the promotion of commerce and the increase of foreign trade of the United States, two of the most important objects of the pending measure, would not follow its enactment.

The inequality of the measure in this respect, presenting a comparison of cargoes carried by the St. Paul, a swift steamer of the American line, and by the Manhattan, one of the great freighters of the Atlantic Transportation Company. The comparison showed that the Manhattan, a 14-knot ship, carried immense quantities of agricultural and manufactured products, while the St. Paul carried practically no manufactures or agricultural products, yet the Manhattan will receive little more than one-third of the subsidy given the St. Paul.

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MUST USE THE LIMIT

Legislative Redistricting of Washington.

EFFECT ON LARGER COUNTIES

Even Under the Constitutional Limitation of 99 in Lower House and 40 in Senate, Some Counties Must Join Their Neighbors.

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—The constitution of this state makes it the duty of the Legislature to redistrict and reapportion the various counties of the state into legislative districts after each enumeration of the state's census by the National Govern-

owing to her increase in population, King County, in any event, owing to her larger population, is entitled to practically double the representation of either Spokane or Pierce and to more than one-fifth of the total membership of the Legislature.

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HIS LAST HOPE GONE

Kruger Gets No Consolation From the Netherlands.

HOLLAND WILL NOT INTERVENE

The Dutch Foreign Minister Tells the ex-President That the Role of His Government Must Be Passive.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 11.—The Dutch Government today finally and definitely refused to take the initiative in behalf of arbitration between the Transvaal and Great Britain. The decision was communicated in an interview between Mr. Kruger and the Dutch Foreign Minister.

No Soub Yet From Caesar. THE HAGUE, Dec. 11.—The Transvaal Legation says it is authorized to contradict the report that Emperor Nicholas has telegraphed to Mr. Kruger an intimation that he will not receive him.

THE TROUBLE OVER POTT

Explanation by the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 11.—Replying in the Second Chamber today to the interpellation of Count van Bylandt, on the subject of the tension between the Netherlands and Portugal, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. W. H. De Beaufort, sketched the history of the misunderstanding, which he declared had been exaggerated.

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MASSACHUSETTS ELECTIONS

TEMPERANCE VICTORIES IN MUNICIPAL CONTESTS. BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The temperance people of Massachusetts have won a great victory in their crusade against liquor in the city elections of last Tuesday, and today, out of 300 and more cities choosing municipal officers and expressing an opinion, scarcely one shows a gain in the license vote, while the additions to the non-license column are many.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Location Will Be Decided at a Meeting in St. Louis. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 11.—Captain W. H. Armstrong, of this city, senior member of the National executive committee of the Grand Army, today received from Commander-in-Chief Rastetter a call to come to St. Louis Monday to attend an important meeting of the National executive committee.

Home for Aged Elks.

OMAHA, Dec. 11.—Jerome B. Fisher, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, J. T. Fanning and J. D. Oshes, grand trustees, and George P. Cronk, past exalted ruler, will leave for Colorado Springs tomorrow to select a site for the contemplated home for aged and stricken members of the order.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$36,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance.....\$17,965,962 Gold.....\$5,931,058