

NO LIMIT TO DEBATE

River and Harbor Bill Considered by the House.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The House considered the river and harbor appropriation bill today. Little progress was made. In a bill carrying such a vast sum for local improvements, many localities are bound to be disappointed, and there is generally considerable soreness among the members who fail to get what they want. This feeling outcropped in several places today, the disappointed members refusing to allow any limit to be placed on the general debate. It extended throughout the day, being seemingly no nearer conclusion at adjournment than when it started.

The joint resolution for the appointment of ex-Senator George Gray, of Delaware, as a member of the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institution, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late W. L. Wilson, was adopted.

Burton (Rep. O.), chairman of the river and harbor committee, called up the river and harbor bill. He suggested that general debate upon the bill be limited to three hours, but all attempts to secure an agreement failed. Burton took the floor to make his preliminary statement in support of the measure.

In reply to a question by Hepburn (Rep. Ia.), Burton said the sundry civil bill would carry about \$2,000,000 on contracts previously authorized. The total appropriations for the fiscal year would, therefore, aggregate about \$2,000,000. He devoted an hour to giving the committee's reasons for abolishing the Missouri River Commission.

Clark (Dem. Mo.), chairman of the committee, would oppose an amendment to allow the riparian owners along the Missouri River to build dikes or windmills. Burton replied that for himself he would not oppose such an amendment, but that the owners could best determine what should be done.

In order that the Missouri should not be entirely neglected, he added that the bill carries \$300,000 for that portion of the river below Sioux City, and \$50,000 for that portion above the city.

"Would the gentleman oppose an amendment to confer upon the Secretary of War authority to use the appropriation to confine the Missouri River within its present limits?" asked Hepburn.

"I should hesitate to accept such an amendment," replied Burton. "I would regard that as an amendment to the length of the river. The appropriation would be entirely inadequate to accomplish any general result."

Wilson (Ill. Ind.) asked who, as the engineer in charge of the project for a boat railway from the Dallas rapids to Cello falls, it had not provided for the alternative proposition of the engineers for a system of locks and dams.

"Because a system of locks and dams would cost \$4,000,000," replied Burton. "We provide for an expenditure of about \$2,000,000 at the mouth of the Columbia river. The bill, if passed, would add, to the title of the bill would have to be changed to 'A bill for the development of the Columbia River.'"

Mondell (Rep. Wyo.) produced figures to show that the \$4,000,000 expended upon the Missouri and Mississippi had been used to reclaim the arid lands of the West. It would have been sufficient to build comprehensive reservoirs at the head of the Missouri, which would have prevented floods and insured navigation throughout the year.

Bell (Pop. Colo.) argued along the same lines, and gave notice of an amendment he would offer to appropriate \$300,000 for reservoirs at the waters of the Platte and Arkansas Rivers.

Newlands (Ill. Colo.) spoke in favor of a provision in the bill for reservoirs at the headwaters of rivers from which arid lands could be irrigated, and that it was the duty of the Government to promote the use of water for irrigation as much as for navigation.

The House then, at 5:06 P. M., adjourned.

IN THE PRUSSIAN DIET

VON BLOW SPEAKS FOR THE PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURE.

Object of the Government's Canal Bill—Chancellor's Desire is to Be Conciliatory.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—The Imperial Chancellor, Count von Blow, in the Lower House of the Diet today, strongly supported the claims for the protection of agriculture.

"I consider it the foremost duty of the government to effect a reconciliation in the existing economic difficulties and the adjustment of the varying interests, supporting those who are unable to stand themselves through their own strength. I shall abide by the opinion that when one member of a social body suffers, all the members suffer, and especially that, as long as such an important vocation as agriculture is unhealed, the entire organization must be undermined. I am convinced that the Prussian Government must afford trade, industry and agriculture an equal measure of protection, but that one of them, agriculture, absolutely needs strong protection. It is in pursuance of this principle of even-handed justice that the bill for the completion and improvement of the canal has been drawn up. If the measure favored industry at the expense of agriculture, it would not have supported it."

The papers generally make no comment upon the Chancellor's speech. Such comment as appears emphasizes the Imperial Chancellor's evident intention to be conciliatory and to avoid all extreme courses. The Conservatives are jubilant over the reference to protection and agriculture, understanding these to be a pledge of higher grain duties. Nevertheless, it was clear at today's sitting that Count von Blow sought to fulfill the duty of his charge. In any case, the reference to temporal power was unnecessary, for it is certain to wound the susceptibilities of the Italian press, and will not be liked in any other country. The Duke was a member of the government until last year, when he resigned the office of Postmaster-General to serve as a volunteer with the British Army in South Africa.

AN AGRARIAN TRIUMPH.

Vote in Handicraft for Higher Grain Duties.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—The vote in the Handicraft or Commercial Congress, yesterday for the restoration of the papal tariff increase in the duties on food products, showing a majority of only four, is discussed today by the Agrarian press as a triumph for the Agrarians.

Today the Handicraft discussed the establishment of a bureau of commercial information, as an Imperial institution. Dr. Haase advocated such an organization for promoting exports. Dr. Brandt, of Danneberg, is in favor of a bureau of information declaring the organization of an Imperial bureau desirable, but restricting its functions. This was carried by a large majority and the Handicraft adjourned.

LONDON & GLOBE.

Marquis of Dufferin Explains His Connection With the Company.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Amid cries of "Furn him out," the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, chairman of the suspended London & Globe Finance Corporation, Limited, at the extraordinary meeting of the company called for the purpose of explaining his connection with the company.

As a result of the explanations of the directors, the shareholders voted an adjournment until Monday, when a scheme for the reconstruction of the company was submitted. Lord Dufferin spoke with evident emotion as he explained his personal relations with the corporation, and the result of the meeting was largely a tribute to him.

During the course of his remarks he explained that he was induced to accept the chairmanship at the solicitation of the late Lord Loch and Sir William Robinson. Lord Dufferin added that he felt that two such men would be connected with the concern he could legitimately join. He soon discovered he had bitter opposition who desired his resignation.

Regarding the matter of his resignation, he would not follow, he stuck to his position and investments, and though a greater sufferer than most of the shareholders, he had no regret if he had helped to convince the shareholders that he found the duties to be a physical strain beyond his advancing years, and he wanted to withdraw, but was haunted by the fear of the detriment to the company if he were to do so.

He received news of the serious condition of his young son, when he yielded to the mother's prayer to take her at once to South Africa, where he died. He felt with a clear conscience, believing that the surrender of his position under such circumstances was natural, and that none would dream of placing a sinister interpretation on the resignation.

Mr. Wright added that he had advanced £25,000 to the corporation over his struggles. Mr. Wright's further remarks were listened to with considerable impatience, and he concluded by saying that he cheerfully for Lord and Lady Dufferin.

THE JAPANESE DIET. Emperor's Speech at the Opening of the Session. YOKOHAMA, Dec. 23.—Via Victoria, B. C., Jan. 9.—The trouble in the Japanese Cabinet has ended for the present by the resignation of Mr. Hoshi, the Minister of Communications, who, finding it impossible to carry the burden of abuse, withdrew. The event is significant, as it shows the Japanese are not quite ready to favor the peculiarly American political methods of which Hoshi was the representative.

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Bad Weather is Also Reported From Other Parts of the Middle West.—High Wind at Chicago.

DENVER, Jan. 9.—A great snow storm has been raging at many points on the mountains. The Silverton branch of the Rio Grande Southern road is blocked. Two snowslides of large dimensions completely stopped all movements of trains on the branch, and gangs of laborers are now clearing the track.

The storm has been heavy in the region of Tennessee Pass, on the main line of the Colorado & Southern, below Cripple Creek, and at Aspen, on one of the branches of the main line. The reports of the Colorado & Southern show the storm at the heaviest at Alpine Pass, where a mountain of snow has accumulated.

The Colorado & Southern officials in this city said this afternoon that the train which was caught at Alpine tunnel in a snowslide, had been relieved, and that there are 12 passengers on the train who have been unable to reach any station, although several of them have made attempts to fight their way through the drifts. At 2 o'clock this afternoon, the snow was four feet deep on the level in the neighborhood of Mount Princeton and the Alpine tunnel, and it was still snowing. Except on the northern branch of the Colorado & Southern, the storm in the mountains did not interfere seriously with the operation of trains.

Impoverished Train Released. BUENA VISTA, Colo., Jan. 9.—Word has been received at many points on the train which has been imprisoned by a snow slide near the Alpine tunnel for the past 48 hours was relieved tonight. No information as to the number of passengers, nor their experience during the blockade, is obtainable. The train contained several loads of coal, so there was no lack of fuel, but it is not believed there was any food.

IN OTHER STATES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—One of the worst storms of the year struck Chicago this afternoon and raged until midnight, causing much damage to the telegraph and telephone wires and crippling the street-car service. The storm began with a light fall of snow, which increased in volume throughout the afternoon, while the wind rose with it, blowing at times over 40 miles an hour.

CRUSADE IN PHILADELPHIA

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