

KILL RAILROAD BILL

Plan of Senators Is to Postpone Action.

THEIR HOPE IS IN DELAY

President Will Fool Them by Calling Extra Session in Spring, and Is Winning Railroad Men to His Views.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 13.—The revival of the talk of an extra session of Congress in March or April, in case there is no legislation relating to railroads and the government of rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been caused by the fact that men who believe that some legislation should be passed have informed the President that a scheme is on foot to thwart his measures. It has been pointed out that, if nothing is done this Congress, and there is a delay in calling the next Congress until October, it will be comparatively easy for Congress to take up any number of subjects in October and November, and during the regular session that begins in December, and thus prevent any conclusion on railroad legislation until after the conventions have nominated nearly all the candidates for the elections in 1906.

After that, and especially after the election in 1906, it is pointed out, the President will have little or no power. The Congress that is elected in 1906 will expire with his term, and he is not to be a candidate for re-election. Meanwhile, nearly all of the patronage will be distributed and most of the appointments of importance will be made, and there will be no inducements to Congressmen to conform to the wishes of the President and the people. Several men in the House and one or two in the Senate have pointed out to the President that this is a part of the scheme of those who would prevent anything being done to regulate freight rates.

May Call Congress in Spring.

The President has met this by saying quietly that, if these gentlemen, meaning the Senate and House, prefer to stay in session in the Spring and in the hot-weather months, they can do so. The President knows that nothing but talk can defeat railroad rate legislation, and consequently he is not disposed to be defeated in that way, and the intimation that "these gentlemen" can sit this Spring has had the effect of starting anew the talk about a session in March or April. The President is being very careful not to use any threats of an extra session to induce action at the present session. He has simply talked very frankly with a number of men, indicating that legislation is necessary, in his judgment, and that if there is not time to pass it now there will be in the Spring and Summer months. Of course, it is well known that if the President should call an extra session in the Spring, basing it upon the fact that railroad legislation is necessary, it would be very hard for Senators and Representatives who would like to defeat such legislation to get around it.

Railroad Men Talked Over.

Another idea has gained some ground to the effect that the President has been quietly talking with some of the big railroad men of the country, and that they have been convinced that he is right and that safe legislation for the control of rates is the best thing that could happen for their interests and for the interests of the public as well; that legislation of this kind enacted by conservative men who do not wish to destroy or bankrupt the roads would result in general good, and would be much better than to arouse a radical spirit and a determination which might result in passing bills that would be detrimental to the whole country as well as the railroads themselves. This much cannot be gainsaid: Everything indicates that the people are with the President, and not even the very best managers of corporate interests who have seats in the United States Senate can continually hold up bills intended for the relief of the people.

NEW EXCUSE FOR INACTION

Bogey of Tariff Revision Raised Against Philippine Free Trade.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 13.—The excuse which is now given for not passing a bill reducing the rates on Philippine goods, meaning practically sugar and tobacco coming into this country, is that to bring in a bill of that kind would result in opening up the whole tariff question, and that is not practicable at this time. There is fear on the part of the so-called stand-patters that amendments will be offered to the bill reducing rates on Philippine goods which would cut into the tariff on many other commodities and make it very difficult for Republicans to defeat them. For instance, it is known that somebody would offer an amendment for free wood-pulp and another amendment for the reduction of the duty on steel manufactures; possibly there would be an amendment for the reduction of duty on refined sugar, all of which would mean radical revision, if they should be adopted. This is a very good excuse, and will probably have sufficient weight to prevent anything being done.

But aside from that, there are men who do not care for public opinion, and who are willing to take the responsibility of defeating any measure for the reduction of duty on sugar. These men are in the Senate, and would make no bones about their position. They would stand out until March 4 before they allow the bill to come to a vote. This is generally recognized by those who are advocating a reduction on Philippine products.

COUNTRY GROWING WARMER

Force of Cold Wave Spent Everywhere Except in South.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Weather Bureau reports show that the cold wave which has swept the entire country east of the Rocky Mountains reached its culminating point in the Atlantic Coast states last night, and the temperature is now moderating all along the line, except in the Southern states. There it is very cold generally, but it is expected to be warmer tomorrow. Through the South

the mercury ranged from 2 degrees above at Atlanta to 14 above at Mobile. In Florida, the temperature fell to 25 above at Jacksonville.

According to the weather officials, the weather during the past 24 hours has been the coldest of the season in most sections of the country. In this vicinity 4 degrees above zero was reached at 7 o'clock this morning, but the mercury is now going up. Temperatures close to zero was experienced during the last 24 hours from Virginia northward to Western New York, where the mercury sank to 3 below zero.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.—The intense cold continues today, the official temperature in this city reaching 5 below zero during the night. Henry Mastroo was found frozen to death in a quarry. Danville, Ky., reported the coldest weather in its history. The Government thermometer there registered 17 below.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Western cold wave reached here today, lowering the temperature to 5 degrees above zero. Reports from up state say last night was the coldest of the season. Nineteen degrees below zero were reported in sections near New York.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 14.—Thermometers registered from 7 to 10 degrees below zero.

WHERE HUNGARIANS BANQUET THE PRESIDENT



"LITTLE HUNGARY," IN THE HUNGARIAN QUARTER OF NEW YORK.

In this city today, while in the suburbs the lowest record was 15 degrees below. This is the coldest weather since February, 1899, when 29 degrees below was reached. A shortage of natural gas caused much suffering and inconvenience in certain portions of the city.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 14.—The temperature early today in Western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma and Indian Territory had risen 35 degrees in 24 hours and was above zero at all points. Railroad schedules gradually resumed a normal condition.

OMAHA, Feb. 14.—Weather conditions are greatly improved today. Reports from Norfolk say a blizzard is raging in Northern Nebraska, extending to the western part of the state. Passenger trains are being delayed and freight trains have been abandoned.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 14.—The coldest weather of the winter and the coldest of several years was reported today in many places south of the Ohio. The low figure of 3 below was held by Fort Smith, Ark.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—A snow storm, which at times assumed the nature of a blizzard, succeeded the cold wave here today. From 19 below zero yesterday, the mercury today rose to 5 above zero. Railroad traffic, however, is yet considerably interfered with.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.—The Government thermometer here today registered 6 degrees below zero. It was the coldest since February 13, 1898, when the mercury dropped to 11 degrees below and the Cumberland was frozen over.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 14.—While as low as 46 degrees below zero was reached last night from the north, still a "whinook" or warm wind is now sweeping over the state from the west, and temperatures ranging from zero to 20 above are general. The stock loss as a result of the recent cold snap is comparatively insignificant.

LOU GEORGE IN THE KENTUCKY RIVER has reached the danger stage and families in the lowlands have been compelled to move out. Ice is piled 20 feet high, with a dam of logs behind it extending 30 miles up the river. Losses to mills already exceed \$100,000, and it is estimated 200,000 logs are in the river and more coming.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—With the temperature at 15 above, New Orleans experienced today the coldest weather of the present winter. The mercury dropped 51 degrees in less than 48 hours. Gutters are filled with ice.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 14.—The Pasagoula River has flooded the town of Merrill. Heavy timber losses have been reported.

CEGAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 14.—A serious coal famine is imminent in this city. Dealers have no hard coal and very little soft. The starch works has closed for lack of coal, and many other industries may shut down.

Steamer Nellie Jensen Burned. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—The Merchants' Exchange has received word from Seattle to the effect that the steamer Nellie Jensen has been burned to the water's edge at Port Angeles. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000.

MAY ALTER HARBOR

Port of Portland Willing for Change in Lines.

DRISCOLL ALONE AGAINST IT

Oregon Water Power Company Will Lease Dredge to Make a Big Fill Near Sellwood—Investigation of Payroll.

The Port of Portland Commission yesterday placed itself on record as favoring an extension of the harbor line between the Burnside and Steel bridges.

ICE PILES UP FOR A DISTANCE OF FIVE MILES NEAR THE DALLES.

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Secretary Taft, in reply, said: "I think you are correct in assuming that a great majority of the officers in the Army regard the anti-canteen amendment as ill-advised, and as likely to increase rather than decrease drunkenness in the ranks. Indeed, I must admit to you that, as at present stated, I have the gravest doubts as to whether the Secretary then says he recognizes that it was the intention of those who favored the amendment to substitute for the canteen a post exchange, and that the substitution of the present system is to be maintained or the canteen restored, with the privilege of drinking beer and light wines only, will be settled by Congress after a careful investigation."

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LAYS BLAME ON THE WEATHER

Captains of Grace Dollar and St. Helena Not Responsible for Collision.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—United States Inspectors Boies and Bulger today rendered a decision in the matter of the collision between the steam schooner Grace Dollar and the steamer St. Helena, acquitting from blame the masters of both vessels and practically placing the blame upon the weather. The two vessels collided off Lombard-street wharf on the morning of December 15 last, and the St. Helena was run upon the mud flat at the foot of Second street for temporary repairs, the damage to her being slight.

Lightships Sail for Coast.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Two small lightships built at this port for service off the California coast sailed today on their voyage of more than 14,000 miles around Cape Horn, to their station on the Pacific Coast. They are lightship No. 83, intended to be placed off Hunt's Reef, off Mendocino, Cal., and relief boat No. 84, designed for general duty on the California coast. Each is about 115 feet long and they cost about \$22,000 apiece.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Feb. 14.—Arrived down at 2:13 and sailed at 3:35 P. M.—Steamer Ansonia, for San Francisco. Arrived at 5:10 and left up at 5:45 P. M.—Steamer Redondo, from San Francisco and coast ports. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., smooth; wind north; weather clear.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Sailed—Schooner Virginia, for Portland. Arrived—Steamer Santa Barbara, from Olympia and Seattle; steamer Norwood, from Seattle. Sailed—Steamer Umatilla, for Victoria; schooner Lewis, for Coos Bay; schooner Louise, for Umpqua; schooner Delier Buhe, for Coos Bay; schooner Hugh Hogan, for Coquille River; schooner Henry Wilson, for Gray Harbor; schooner Tiamia, for Nanaimo; British ship Ormsary, for Newcastle, Australia; bark St. Katherine, for Honolulu. Cleared—French bark General Desauls, for Sydney.

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NEW-DESIGN DINING TABLES. Our new Spring stock has commenced to arrive and our first car was filled with new designs in dining tables—the best we've ever offered you for the money. They're ready for you to look at now—round and square-topped tables with pedestal or five-leg base, built of selected golden oak. We stand behind the quality in these tables—every one is full of satisfaction. The prices are as pleasing as the quality. \$7.50 to \$75.00. SPECIAL SALE OF MUSIC CABINETS TODAY. YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD. COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHING & GIBBS. MAKE YOUR OWN TERMS.

WILL FAVOR RUSSIA. Decision to Be Given by North Sea Commission. TORPEDO-BOATS WERE REAL. Policy Will Be to Smooth Plumage of Both Nations, but Russians Will Be Held Wrong in Bombarding Boats. BRITAIN THREATENED WAR. Correspondence Shows How Baltic Fleet Was Stopped at Vigo.

Hydrozone Cures Sore Throat. A Harmless Antiseptic. Endorsed by the medical profession. Send ten cents to pay postage on free trial bottle. Sold by Leading Druggists. Not genuine unless label bears my signature: Prof. Charles H. Bouchard, 62M Prince St., N. Y.

Do not undervalue the services of a skilful physician. Even the best medicine cannot take the place of the family doctor. Therefore we say: Consult your physician freely about your case and ask him what he thinks about your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for your cough. If he says take it, then take it. If he says do not take it, then follow his advice. AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL. THE DOSE: Adult Male... 40 to 70 drops; Adult Female... 20 to 50 drops; 10 years old... 25 to 30 drops; 5 years old... 10 to 25 drops; 2 years old... 12 to 15 drops; 1 year old... 5 to 10 drops; 6 months old... 4 to 6 drops; 1 year old... 4 to 5 drops.