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, Washngton, Feb. 13.-The revival of the talk of an extra session of Congress in March a April, in case there is no legislation relating to railroads and the government of rates by the Interstate Commerce emmission, 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 1996, 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 hotweather 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 defented 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 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 juletly 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 railroads would be 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 er 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

Bogy of Tariff Revision Raised Against Philippine Free Trade.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 12.-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 woodpulo 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 Every-

where Except in South. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.- The Weather reau reports show that the cold wave swept the entire country east of the Rocky Mountains reached its cul-minating point in the Atlantic Coast 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. Tarough the South is estimated at about \$7000. states last night, and the temperature is

the mercury ranged from 2 degrees above at Atlanta to 14 above at Mobile, In Florids, the temperature fell to 26

above at Jacksonville.

According to the weather officials, th weather during the past 24 hours has been the coidest of the season in most sections of the country. In this vicinsections of the country. In this lift of 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 zero was experienced during the Westhours from Virginia northward to West-ern New York, where the mercury sank to 8 below zero,

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

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.-The Western colwave reached here today, lowering the temperature to 5 degrees above zero. Re-ports from up state say last night was the coldest of the season. Ninetsen degrees below zero were reported in sec-

PITTSBURG, Feb. 14.-Thermometers

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 yes terday placed itself on record as favor-ing an extension of the harbor line beregistered from 7 to 10 degrees below zero | tween the Burnside and Steel bridges

WHERE HUNGARIANS BANQUET THE PRESIDENT



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

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 tem perature 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. Ratiroad schedules gradually resumed a normal

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

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 14.-The coldest weather of the Winter and the coldest for several years was reported today in many places south of the Ohio. The low figure of 5 below was held by Fort Smith.

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 road traffic, however, is yet considerably Interfered with.

NASHVILLE Tenn., Feb. 14-The Government thermometer here today regis-tered 6 degrees below zero. It was the coldest since February II, 1828, when the ercury dropped to 13 degrees below and the Cumberland was frezen over.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 14.—While as low as 46 degrees below zero was reached last night from the north, still a "chinook" or warm wind is now sweeping over the state from the west, and temperatures ranging from zero to 30 above are general. The stock loss as a result of the recent cold snap is omparatively insignificant.

MOUNT STERLING, Ky., Feb. 14.-The reached the danger stage and families in the lowiands have been compelled to move out. Ice is piled 20 feet high, with a dam of logs behind it extending 10 miles up the river. Losses to milla already exceed \$100,000, and it is estimated 200,000

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.-With the temperature at 18 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.

logs are in the river and more coming.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. H.-The Pasagoula River has flooded the town of Merrill, Heavy timber losses have been

CEDAR RAPIDS, In., 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

communication from Major W. C. Langfitt, laid before the board at the previous meeting. The matter was discussed at great length by the Commissioners, and the desire of the property-owners was explained by J. Couch Flanders who came to the meeting armed with charts and numerous copies of letters. All the Commissioners, except Mr. Driscoll, favored the proposed change. He thought it unwise further to restrict the harbo

Major Langfitt's letter, after describing onditions as they exist in that portion

owners of property, so far as possible, without actually injuring navigation, are entitled to relief; yet, looking to the fu-ture general interests of the port, would prefer to see some plan adopted with a view of preserving the present water area, and it has been suggested by the department that the matter be submitted to the existing clvic bodies to ascertain if they would not voluntarily assume the

widest place between the two bridges. At the property of the Portland Gas Comand south of this point the area en-

Steel bridge being only 600 feet across. Mr. Driscoll took the ground that the extension of the harbor line would only afford temporary relief, and that after the docks had been built further into the river the shoaling process would be re peated and again the cry would be raised for another restriction of the water area. The other Commissioners differed from his views, believing it was the bridge piers and not the dock fronts that were responsible for the shallow water.

On motion of Captain Pease, seconded by Mr. Willis, it was formally resolved that no objection be offered to changing the line. All the Commior the resolution except Mr. Driscoll. Superintendent of Dredges Groves filed a report concerning the men employed on the two dredges, in which it was stated they are lying idle, and also named the wages they received. This led to some controversy, after which a committee was appointed to investigate the matter,

with a view to reducing expenses.

A bill for extras on the steamer Wenona, submitted by the St. Johns Shipbuilding Company, was referred to the super-intendent for explanation. The Willam-ette Boller Works, which has the contract for supplying the boiler for the steamer, asked that the penalty clause be eliminated, to which there was no ob-

Authority was given to lease the dredge Portland to the Oregon Water Power & Portland to the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, which desires to make a fill of 30,900 yards at the new amusement park, near Sellwood. The terms specified are \$225 per day for five days and \$200 per day for additional time, with a minimum charge for one day of \$500.

R. W. Leyland, of Liverpool, through Taylor, Young & Co., asked to be appointed agents for the drydock at Liverpool. ed agents for the drydock at Liverpool. and the clerk was instructed to ascertain their charges.

On suggestion of Captain Pease, heads of departments were notified to file com- | feared he will

plete casualty reports in the future, when occasion required.

The commission's biennial report to the Legislature was approved and will be sent to Salem before the session adjourns. That was the only reference to the Leg-islature that was heard at the meeting.

LAYS BLAME ON THE WEATHER

Captains of Grace Dollar and St. Helena Not Responsible for Collision. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.-United States Inspectors Bolles 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 th 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 lightilps built at this port for service off the California coast salled today on their voyage of more than 14,600 miles around Cape Horn, to their station on the Pacific Coast. They are lightship No. 81, intend-ed to be placed off Blunt's feet, off Mendocino, Cal., and relief boat No. 86, designed for general duty on the California coast. Each is about 115 feet long and they cost about \$82,000 apiece.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Feb. 14.—Arrived down at 2:15 and salled at 3:35 P. M.—Steamer Asuncion, for San Francisco. Arived at 3:10 and left up at 5:45 P. M.—Steamer Redondo, from San Prancisco and coast ports. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., smooth; wind north; weather

San Francisco, Feb. 14,-Salled-Schoone Virginia, for Portland. Salled last gight-Steamer Inqua, for Portland. Arrived-Steamr Santa Barbara, from Olympia and Scattle; steamer Norwood, from Seattle, Smiled-Steam-er Umatilia, for Victoria; steamer Breakwater, for Coos Bay, schoner Louise, for Umpqua; schooner Esther Huhne, for Coos Bay; schooner Hugh Rogan, for Coquille River; schooner Henry Wilson, for Gray's Harbor; steamer Titania, for Nanaimo: British ship Ormsary, for Newcastle, Australia: bark St. Katherine, for Honolulu. Cleared-Fronch' bark General Desonia, for Sydney.

GORGE IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER ice Piles Up for a Distance of Five Miles Near The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 14.-(Special.)-Sparkling, clear, cold weather has con-tinued here today, tonight being several degrees warmer than last night. Throughout Wase County extremely cold weather has been experienced since Friday last, except at this point, where the zero mark has not been reached. Reports from Dufur say that on Sunday the mer-

cury fell to 8 degrees below zero. Floating ice closed the Columbia River last night, the gorge extending from Crato's Point, five miles west of The Dalles, to a quarter of a mile east of the city. Skating is excellent, the ponds and sloughs in the neighborhood of the city being filled with skaters.

FIRE DAMAGES THE LUCKY BOY Blaze From Unknown Cause Will

Mean Two Months' Delay. EUGENE, Or., Feb. 14.-A serious fire occurred at the Lucky Boy mine Sunday, which caused a loss of several thousand dollars, and at least two months' delay in working the mine. It is not known how the fire started, but it was first discovered about noon in the engine-room, from which it some did to the boller-room. from which it spread to the boiler-room and transforming plant, but was finally checked and put out by the miners. As soon as Mr. Zinmerman saw the amount of the damage, he started direct for Portland to purchase machinery to replace the damaged machinery and buildings, but it is estimated the mill can not resume work for at least two months.

Town of Pine Is Afire.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 14.-(Special.) A message from the town of Pine, in Pine ey, 60 miles northeast of this city, the entire city was threatened by flames this evening. At last accounts the hotel and several business houses were

Taft Tells, Littlefield Its Abolition Has Increased Drunkenness.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-A circular issued by the War Department to the Army today gives the text of a letter received by the Secretary of War from Representative Littlefield of Maine rolative to the anti-canteen act and the Secretary's reply. In his letter Mr. Littlefield states that he is the author of "It appears that while in equity the the anti-canteen amendment and adds: I regret to say that an impression prevails adverse to this legislation, but are preju-diced against it. If this is true, it has created an unfriendly atmosphere that not only will impair the efficiency of the recreate and amusement feature, but will of itself practically defeat the object of the legisla-

Secretary Taft, in reply, said: restricted as proposed."

According to Mr. Flanders' statement, the proposed change in the line would narrow the channel to feet at what is the widest place between the two bridges. As the property of the p

nizes that it was the intention of those who favored the amendment to subpany the harbor line would be that muck stitute for the canteen a post exchange, nearer the center of the river, leaving a and that the question whether the navigable space of nearly 500 feet. North present system is to be maintained or the canteen restored, with the privilege of drinking beer and light wines only, croached upon would be narrower, as the of drinking beer and light wines only, river has less width elsewhere, at the will be settled by Congress after a careful investigation.

> MADE MONEY OUT OF STRIKE Hearst's Lawyers Make New Charge Against Anthracite Trust.

WASHINGTON. Peb. 14.—Before the Interstate Commerce Commission today Clarence G. Shearn, counsel for William R. Hearst, of New York, in the latter's case against the anthracite coal-carrying railroads, charged that the coal strikes of 1909 and 1902 had been transformed by the railroads into sources of profits and that a wage reduction would not be justified by the lowering of coal rates and prices, as contended by one of the opposing coun-sel. Mr. Shearn said that it had been argued that this proceeding was brought to further the political ambitions of Mr. Hearst, and he ridiculed that assertion as one made recently in other reform movements.

Musician Killed by Bartender.

Sh. CTLE, Wash., Feb. 14.-John Gleason, a musician, was shot twice and instantly killed by William Kirkland, a bartender in the Liberty saloon, at 5:20 bartender in the Liberty saloon, at 5:30 o'clock this morning. Kirkland says Gleason tried to stab him with a knife, and that he shot in self-defense. Both bullets took effect, one going through his heart and the other in his abdomen. Kirkland was arrested immediately afterward. The police allege there was no quarrel, and that Kirkland fired the fatal shots without justification. He will be charged at once with first-degree murder. charged at once with first-degree murder.

Ex-Governor Boies Seriously III. DES MOINES, Ia., Peb. H.-Ex-Gov-ernor Horace Boles is lying critically ill at a botel in Hot Springs, Ark. It is feared he will not recover.



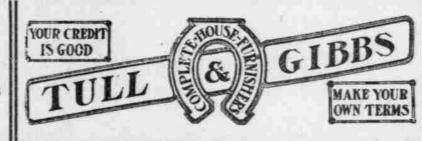


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Our new Spring stock has commenced to arrive and our first car was filled with new designs in dining tables—the best we've ever offered you for the money. They're ready for you to look at now-round and square-topped tables with pedestal or five-leg 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.

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SPECIAL SALE MUSIC CABINETS



SPECIAL SALE OF MUSIC CABINETS TODAY

WILL FAVOR RUSSIA

Decision to Be Given by North Sea Commission.

TORPEDO-BOATS WERE REAL

ARMY OFFICERS FAVOR CANTEEN | Policy Will Be to Smooth Plumes of Both Nations, but Russians Will Be Held Wrong in Bombarding Boats.

> SPECIAL CABLE. PARIS, Feb. 14.—Russian confidence that the Czar's counsel will obtain a faworable decision from the North Sea tri-bunal seems justified, though technically the tribunal only delivers an "opinion" following the line of the testimony given by both sides. Yet the narrowest conssion regarding the possibility of torpedoboats having been on the Dogger Bank is quite sufficient to satisfy the Czar's representatives. This concession ined in the tribunal's pronounce ment the last clauses of which are being added today. The whole judgment will at the latest be completed tomorrow. Speaking to your correspondent today. an official who is closely attached to the person of one of the members of the

to the proved impossible to with-hold admission of the possibility and probability of the presence of torpedoboats without implying perjury on the part of one or two Russian witnesses whose evidence was of a character excluding the hypothesis of mere error of | make a hurried departure. Three fire-

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evesight or of calculation of the positions of their own boats. If the tribunal were a police board, a different course might have been pursued, but, being an international arbitration council, it can do no more than softly smooth down the ruffled forthers of soul different council. feathers of each side."

According to this informant, the con-cession to Russia's feelings will be an ex-pression of the belief that the Russians were wrong in thinking that torpedo boats showed a disposition to attack, but sympathizers with the British side of the controversy do not disguise a feeling of disappointment over their defeat.

BRITAIN THREATENED WAR.

Correspondence Shows How Baltic Fleet Was Stopped at Vigo.

LONDON, Feb. 14.-The diplomatic correspondence regarding the North Sea incident and leading up to the appointment of the Paris International Commission has been issued. It adds nothing to the actual knowledge of events, but shows that the affair severely strained Anglo-Russian relations. Foreign Minister Lansdowne in-sisted that it was a question that admitted of no delay, as public feeling in Great Britain might become uncontrol-

The correspondence gives a significant conversation between Lord Lans-downe and Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador, when the British Government was apprehensive tha Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky would continue his voyage to the Far East with-out calling at Vigo. Lord Lansdowne told Count Benckendorff that "in that case we might find ourselves at war before the week is over," and pointed out the news of the concentration of the British fleets at Gibraltar and elsewhere.

Building Half Destroyed. CHICAGO, Feb. 14.-Fire partly destroyed the Brevoort House, 1435 Madison street, early today, causing a loss of \$100,000 to the building and hotel furnishings, and forcing 150 guests to

men were injured, one severely, before the flames, which burned for nearly at hour, burst through the roof of the building, after it was thought they had been extinguished. None of the guests were hurt.

The fire, which started from cros electric light wires, about 2:30 o'clock, was discovered by a bell boy, who was almost overcome by smoke in arousing guests and employes of the hotel. When the firemen reached the scene the flames had eaten their way through the third floor and had made considerable progress upwards through the walls. The smoke, which was dense, hampered the firemen in their work, while the guests were scampering by every avenue of escupe to reach a place of safety, and the hotel employes were husy in arousing them by telephones in

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