

## SWEEPING CHANGE IN NAVY METHODS

Hale Takes Up Cause of Line  
Against Staff in Reor-  
ganization Bill.

TOO MANY MIDSHIPMEN

Brownson-Rixey Jangle Aired in the  
Senate and Tillman Calls for In-  
quiry—Hale Admits the Com-  
mittee Will Investigate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The introduction by Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, today of his naval personnel bill proved the occasion for a general discussion of naval affairs and recent occurrences in connection with that branch of the public service. The Maine Senator entered upon a full explanation of the provisions of the measure together with his reason for its adoption.

He was soon called upon by Tillman, a member of the naval committee, to say whether the consideration of the bill will probably bring out the facts relating to the controversy in the Navy Department. Tillman added that he had considered the advisability of offering a resolution for such an investigation. Hale replied:

I have been asked a great many times, in view of recent transactions in the Navy Department, whether I did not propose introducing a resolution of investigation. The subject is doubtless worthy of the consideration of Congress, but after looking the matter over as carefully as I have been able to do, I have selected this method of action, which involves the consideration by the Senate of the bill instead of submitting the department to an investigation.

**Defends Bureau Chiefs.**

Hale then proceeded with his explanation of the bill. The first proposition, he said, was to see that the business of the department shall be conducted, as it had been in former times of great emergency and great peril to the country, by the bureau and officers of the department. He said:

Every accomplishment of the Navy has been by the action of these bureaus. It is only in late years that boards have been organized. Many of them are composed of officers whom we can respect, but I have thought that those boards have created dissension in the bureaus where the real work is done.

I have provided in this bill that unless boards are to carry out a specific duty, they shall not be continued or appointed in the future. That I believe is a wise thing to do, in order that jealousies, and at times, unjust insinuations and aspersions on bureau officers of the Navy should at least have no rallying point in the department itself.

He spoke of the provision concerning the line and staff officers and their duties, saying he inserted the provision that the rank of staff officers should not carry with it the command of any vessel in the Navy.

**Too Many Midshipmen.**

"There are two sides to this question," the Senator added, "and I have simply incorporated that provision in the bill in order that it may be considered by the committee and perhaps by the Senate."

Hale spoke of the Naval Academy and its magnificent equipment, saying there are now 164 midshipmen at the academy and on practice cruise, and that it would, in his judgment, soon be necessary to receive in the higher ranks of the Navy only a small portion of these midshipmen, who in number are greater than the officers of the Navy itself, and to permit the others to go into civil life.

Gallinger objected to the practice of appropriating \$10,000 or \$15,000 for a naval academy, and then merely giving education to the men who are to enter private life.

**Tillman Wants Inquiry.**

Tillman again entered the discussion and again referred to the Brownson incident. He referred to magazine articles criticizing the Navy and charging that naval ships are being built in a way "to fit them only for the scrap heap." That assertion, he said, should either be contradicted or the construction of such vessels should be stopped.

"Will the committee find," he asked, "why Brownson resigned?" and, continuing, said: "The President has given his version of this controversy, but I think he is a great admirer for a square deal, he does not give Admiral Brownson's version of it. I want to know whether the minority members of the committee on naval affairs will be given an opportunity to have the facts brought out."

Hale said in reply that he hoped there would be no question of minority or majority in the committee, as it had always acted as one body.

**Hale Expects Airing of Quarrel.**

"I simply wanted to know," said Tillman, "whether we would be stopped from getting witnesses."

"I should certainly hate to be in the way of the Senator when he wants to call in witnesses," responded Hale, smiling.

Without definitely admitting that the whole naval controversy should be opened up in the naval committee's consideration of the bill, Hale gave as his belief the probability that the committee would go to a certain extent into the subject.

"I realize," he said, "that we cannot go through this session without a pretty general airing of these subjects. However, the question how far the investigation shall proceed should be left to the committee."

**Bill Makes Many Changes.**

Hale's bill is expected to work many important changes in the personnel of the Navy. It proposes a settlement of the vexatious questions as to whether the members of the staff corps shall have rank with the line officers, puts an end to the creation of bureaus by the Secretary of the Navy and gives a substantial raise in pay to every commissioned officer and enlisted man of the Navy and Marine Corps.

There is an important section relating to the appointment of midshipmen to the line and staff corps, and also a provision calling for the retirement of officers of certain age.

The first section of the bill deals with the bureau question by granting authority to bureaus now existing to continue to transact the business assigned them and requiring that all reports and recommendations shall be made directly to the Secretary of the Navy. There is then added the provision that "no permanent board of officers shall be hereafter appointed by the Navy Department or continued in operation unless expressly provided for by law, but, from time to time, the Secretary of the Navy may convene boards for temporary service connected with the pending business of the Department."

That part of the bill which relates to the assignment of line rank to officers of the various divisions of the staff corps contends that they shall in no instance assume command of any vessel. It is as follows:

"The officers in the various staff corps

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of the Navy shall hereafter have actual rank and title as now established for the corps of the Navy, shall at all times have the title and designation of their rank and new commissions in accordance therewith shall be forthwith issued to them; provided, that this provision shall in no case carry with it command over any vessel of the Navy Department, but such command shall be exercised only by line officers."

A large section of the bill deals with the appointment of midshipmen to positions in the line and staff and reads as follows:

**Limits Commissions to Midships.**

"That from the midshipmen who successfully complete the six year's course at the Naval Academy, appointments shall be made as may be necessary and in the order of merit at graduation, to fill vacancies in the lowest commissioned grade of the line and other corps of the Navy to which such graduates are eligible for appointment under existing law, and that the number of said appointments which shall be made to the various corps of the naval service in any one year shall not exceed 75; provided, that the foregoing provision limiting the number of said appointments shall not apply to midshipmen who may have entered the Naval Academy prior to January 1, 1901, and have completed their four year's course at the academy."

"That the order of merit of graduates of the Naval Academy upon final graduation and the eligibility to appointment in the Navy shall be determined as now provided by existing law and regulation and the assignment of graduates to the various corps shall be made by the Secretary of the Navy."

The bill makes provision for honorable discharge and one year's sea pay for those who do not receive such appointments. Midshipmen may, upon application, be honorably discharged at the end of the four years' course at the Naval Academy, with proper certificate of graduation.

July 1 of each year will be regarded as the beginning of the year for reckoning vacancies for the purposes of this act.

**Retirement of Officers.**

The bill provides that when an officer has been 30 years in the service, he may, upon his application, in the discretion of the President, be placed upon the retired list. Also that when an officer has served 40 consecutive years as a commissioned officer, he shall, if he so desires, be retired from active service and placed upon the retired list.

The bill requires that any naval officer now or hereafter serving as a Chief of a Bureau of the Navy Department shall upon retirement have the rank, pay and allowances of such bureau chief.

Under the bill the pay of all commissioned officers, warrant officers, midshipmen and pay clerks in the Navy and Marine Corps, is increased 25 per cent; non-commissioned officers, mates and other petty officers, musicians and other enlisted persons in the Navy and Marine Corps, increased 40 per cent, this "pay" being exclusive of allowance and commutations.

**TWO SUBMIT CURRENCY BILLS**

Senators Introduce Measures to Relieve Financial Stringency.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Senator Clay today introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue \$200,000,000 of non-interest bearing United States notes in circulation, in such form as he might deem expedient.

Senator Buckley today introduced a bill providing for emergency currency issued by banks in amounts equal to the par value of bonds to be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States. It provides that United States bonds, Panama Canal bonds, bonds of any state, county or municipality of not less than \$5,000 denomination, may be accepted for such purposes.

**FORGIVE CHINA BIG DEBT**

Lodge Proposes to Reduce Boxer Indemnity to \$11,655,492.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Senator Lodge today introduced a joint resolution reducing China's indemnity bond, incurred as a result of the Boxer trouble of 1900, from \$24,460,778 to \$11,655,492, with interest at 4 per cent, payment of the amount being remitted as an act of friendship to China.

**No Money to Outfit the Relief.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Navy Department today ordered the hospital ship Relief into service as a naval auxiliary. Just where the money is to be found to defray the expenses is not disclosed, though it is known that more than \$25,000 will be needed, a sum not easy to find in view of the practical exhaustion of the allotment for the current month on account of naval repairs to auxiliaries. It is contemplated that the Relief shall be ready for service by February 1.

**Appointments in Philippines.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The following nominations have been made: James F. Tracey, of New York, to be a member of the Philippine Committee and Secretary of Finance and Justice; Gregorio Araneta, of the Philippine Islands, to be an assistant Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

**Merrill Added to Joint Board.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Rear-Admiral John P. Merrill, now president of the War College at Newport, has been assigned to additional duty as a member of the Army and Navy Joint Board made vacant by the detachment of Rear-Admiral Brownson.

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Woolen Gloves—Black, Oxford, brown and white, 75c values, this sale **50c**

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## HOLD UP A SALOON

Two Masked Robbers Take  
Contents of Cash Register.

## BISMARCK CAFE IS SCENE

Bartender and Two Patrons of Resort at Twenty-first and Thurman Streets Stand By With Uplifted Hands.

Two masked men held up the Bismarck Cafe, on the corner of Twenty-first and Thurman streets, last night shortly before 10 o'clock. At the time the bartender and two young men were the only persons in the place. One of the robbers entered the saloon and leveling his revolver, ordered the men to throw up their hands, which was promptly done. The robbers then walked behind the bar and coolly emptied the cash register. It is believed that it did not contain more than \$15. The second man stood guard on the outside to give the alarm in case of interference.

The thieves made no attempt to rob the men in the place, and after securing the money in the cash register walked off down the street. One of the young men, P. L. Hart, who had witnessed the hold-up started after the men and followed them several blocks in the hope that he might meet a policeman, but the robbers saw that they were followed and gave Hart the slip at the corner of Twenty-first and Raleigh streets. The police were notified, but the robbers were not apprehended.

The description of the robbers is that both of them were young and fairly well dressed. One of them was about 27 years old and the other about 18. The elder entered the saloon. He wore a dark suit with a small black soft hat. The younger man wore a dark overcoat with light trousers and a black stiff hat. Both were clean shaven and both wore short black masks that reached the tips of their noses.

## WARD OFF NIGHT RIDERS

State Troops Guard Tobacco Supply at Lebanon.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 9.—A detail of 12 men from the First Regiment, Kentucky Militia, left Louisville today for Lebanon, in response to orders issued by Governor Wilson, in order to protect the property of the American Tobacco people at that place. Lebanon has been threatened by night riders.

Store Tobacco at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 9.—Tobacco from all parts of the state is being hurried to Louisville for storage, to escape the cancellation of policies or the refusal of new risks by insurance companies, owing to apprehension of further raids by night riders.

## MARTINETTE FOR HANNA

But Riordan's Method of Getting Indorsement Criticized.

ROME, Jan. 9.—Cardinal Martini, chamberlain of the sacred college, has been entrusted with the task of presenting before the congregation of the propaganda which will meet next week the matter of the appointment of a coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco. Cardinal Martini declares that he is ready to support the nomination of Rev. Edward J. Hanna, of Rochester, as he is con-

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## DOSCH - SPERRY WEDDING

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Miss Elsie Sperry, of San Francisco, and Arno Dosch, of Portland, were married quietly at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, in Larkin street. The simple ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father, who accepted the immediate family and was not followed by a breakfast. Everything was done with the least possible formality and to many of Mrs. Dosch's friends the news was not known for some time after the wedding.

The date originally set for the wedding is still a day or two ahead, but the young people decided today to have it at once. Mr. and Mrs. Dosch left for a wedding trip in Southern California and will return to San Francisco in about a week.

**Thomas Heads Sugar Trust.**

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