RAILROAD BILL IS ENGAGING SENATE

Elkins' Amendments Allowing Appeal and Five Days' Notice Are Adopted.

NELSON'S SPEECH BITTER

Passage, He Says, Will Permit Control of Lines by Few Men—Repeal of Sherman Law Opposed—Discussion Long.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The Senate today entered the voting stage of its consideration of the Administration railroad bill. In accordance with the previous agreement, Senator Elkins was prompt in moving the consideration of the bill soon after the Senate met, and it received continuous attention until the close of the session.

While the opposition will not concede the Elkins amendments to be the amendments of the majority of the committee on interstate commerce, they consented to allow them to be treated as such, thus consenting to their completion in advance of the presentation of other amendments. Senator Cummins in turn succeeded in procuring the concession that his and Senator Clapp's amendments should be next taken up.

The only amendments acted upon during the day were those regulating the jurisdiction of the proposed Court of Commerce, granting appeals from interlocutory orders of the Court of Commerce and permitting five days' notice of hearing in injunction proceedings.

Elkins' Amendments Win.

The last two amendments were accepted without opposition, but there was sharp debate on the first series and several votes were taken on substitutes offered by opponents of the bill. The substitutes were voted down.

The Elkins' abendments granting appeals to the Supreme Court from the temporary injunctions and requiring five days' notice in injunction proceedings, were adopted without division. He was not so fortunate with his amendment allowing complainants to be represented by counsel before the commerce court.

Pending the decision on the various amendments suggested by Mr. Elkins, Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, declared his position toward the bill as a whole. He especially opposed the repeal of the Sherman Anti-Trust law, as applicable to railroads.

Sherman Law Uuheld.

"I regard that law, next to the Constitution, as the most important law on our statute books," he said. "To my mind it is the only protection we have against the inroads of the trusts."

Asserting that from the first the Sherman law was applicable to the railroads, he said the roads had resisted the statute from the beginning.

"I am talking about the bill as it came here," he said, "and I am impelled to talk in view of a speech made out West the other day."

He referred to the speech made in Chicago Saturday night by Attorney-General Wickersham and later he said it did not "lie in that official's mouth to go out to Chicago and make a speech criticising members of Congress after framing such a bill."

"Charming," Says Nelson.

He sarcastically characterized section 12, relating to railroad combinations, as "the most charming provision of the bill." He was especially severe on the provision allowing the Court of Commerce to approve railroad mergers in advance of consummation, declaring that this "blessing once obtained, the combination afterward would do anything it might desire to do."

He said he could not vote for the bill so long as it proposed to repeal the anti-trust law. He asserted that the bill was almost wholly in the interest of the railroads and predicted that if it should become a law all the roads of the country would soon be controlled by two or three men.

MURDER MYSTERY SHIFTS

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said Clyde yesterday when asked about the matter," and he came. This was on April 2, and he hired out to us to work on a special Rose Festival edition we are preparing. I gave him his outfit and assigned him to work in the stockyard district.

"Monday morning he telephoned our stenographer, Miss Grace Vandemarr, concerning his work, inferring that he was feeling discouraged. She asked him to report to the office in person and he replied that he would do so. The next day one of our clerks told me in the afternoon that a man answering the description of Wezler had been in the office anu wanted to see me, and when he found I was not in he said he would return again, but he has failed to come."

Witness Is Confident.

Miss Vandemarr stated yesterday that she was sure it was Wezler who had called her up on Monday morning, April 4, the day of the murder in Tacoma. She said it was between 8:30 and 9:30 o'clock in the morning, about an hour after a man supposed to have been Wezler hired a boy to take the note to Mrs. Schulz.

Among the other incidents that tend to show that Wezler was in Portland on the day of the murder is a letter in the hands of the police which was returned from the postoffice to the Kamm building. It was mailed in the Portland postoffice on April 4 and returned for want of sufficient postage.

This letter was open, and contains a card addressed to Wezler by the postoffice authorities in San Francisco, informing him that a letter had been mailed there addressed to him, but that it did not bear the necessary postage.

The strong feature of this, and which is in Wezler's favor, is Portland postoffice mark on the card showing it had been received in Portland on April 4, and if Wezler himself addressed the envelope to send it back to San Francisco with the necessary postage of the delinquent letter, he did it on the day of the murder, for his envelope as well as the receiving stamp on the card were for that date.

Landlady Talks to Him.

Added to this is the declaration of Mrs. B. P. Ray, who has charge of the rooms in the Kamm building. She is certain that it was either Monday night, April 4, or the next day, that Wezler came to her door and knocked, and although she did not go out and see him, she conversed with him, she says, through the closed door, and the next morning she found that he had slept in his bed that night.

G. H. Seaton, the Postoffice night watchman, with whom Wezler had become quite friendly, also stated last night that Wezler was at the Portland Postoffice either Monday night, April 4, or the following night, inquiring if a certain other man had been seen there.

According to Seaton, Wezler introduced himself to the watchman some time ago when he was in the postoffice lobby one evening. Wezler had been writing a letter at a stand, and turning to the watchman, he asked Seaton if he had ever been married, and of so if he had been divorced. Wezler seemed at the time to be worring over his domestic troubles, and without getting much encouragement from Seaton, he related how his wife had become infatuated with a saloon man and had left him.

"He came in here another night," explained Seaton last night, "and while another man was standing near he retold his domestic troubles. Then he said he believed he should kill her, and the stranger told him he would do right if he did it.

Wesler Talked of Crime.

"I told the stranger that he should not have told the man to comit a crime, but he did not seem much effected by my advice.

"Wezler kept coming in here after that and talking to me. Some times he would read letters that I believe he had written himself, and pretended they had been

Charles J. Wezler, Sought for Alleged Murder of Mother-in-Law Through Decoy Letter.

written by others to him blaming his wife for her leaving him.

"One night he said he thought he would kill his wife. He said:

"'You know, I could slip up there to Tacoma and kill her and get away and they would never catch me.'

"Tried to explain to him that he would certainly get caught and killed if he tried it, but he said that a certain man in the East had killed his wife and had not been captured for two years afterward. He said the man was a friend of his, and he thought he could do as well.

"I told him that the other man was caught in the end, and he would certainly be caught, too, if he tried to kill anyone.

"'They'll never catch me, though,' Wezler said, 'for I'll commit suicide first. No, they'll never take me alive.'

Trip to Tacoma Planned.

"It was a little more than two weeks ago that Wezler came in here one night and said he was going to Tacoma on a trip, and he showed his purse, containing considerable money. The purse is one of a kind he was distributing in his work, and he told me that when he should come back from Tacoma he would make me a present of one of them.

"Well, he went up there and when he came back he came here in the evening and told me about his trip. That was perhaps 10 days ago, and explained that he had lost his purse while away and could not recover it. He said he was broke.

"He showed me an item in a Tacoma paper, in which it was stated that Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. Wesley were visiting i nthe city. I wanted to know why he had done that, and he said it was to make his former wife jealous, as she would think he was going around with another woman. He had given the paper the item.

"What impressed me the most about him was his action just before he made that trip to Tacoma. He was in here and he said that he wanted me to look in the papers for news of him. He said that something would be published about him, and he gave me his card that I might know wha I was reading about.

"It was about Monday or Tuesday evening, of last week, I don't remember which it was, that Wesley came in here the last time. I was standing in there talking to one o fthe clerks, when I looked up and there I saw Wesley motioning to me. The clerk asked me what the man wanted, and I said I would go to see. I told the clerk that the man was a pest.

Visit Made to Postoffice.

"Well, I went out in the lobby, and Wesley asked me if a man had been in there answering to a certain description. I told him that he had and that he had just left. Then he said good-bye, and turning around walked out, and I have not seen him since."

Kansas City Girl Writes.

The Kansas City woman who is figuring in the case is Florence Carmen, who conducts the Arcade Manicure Parlors in Kansas City. In letters found by the police from her she says she is coming to Wezler as soon as soon as she can sell her manicuring parlors, and she asks him for information regarding the railway route she should take to get to Portland. In one of her letters this woman was planning to get to Portland by Easter time, and later she explains that this had been impossible. A letter addressed to Wezler at the Kamm building, in her handwriting, has arrived since he has been missing, and thus it is not believed that she has gone to meet him by appointment at another place.

On the dresser in Wezler's room in the Kamm building is a picture of his little girl, who died when two years old, in Vancouver, B. C. The picture was taken after death and it is believed that Wezler's mind must have been of a morbid nature to cause him to keep the picture displayed as it is.

Wool Crop to Break Record.

ASOTIN, Wash., April 11.—The sheepmen say this year's wool crop will be the largest known, and that in general the sheep were never in better condition.

INSURGENTS JOIN TO SNUB CANNON

Automobile for Vice-President and Speaker Voted Down, "Uncle Joe" Defies.

G. O. P. VICTORY PREDICTED

Patriarch Lawmaker Says Republicans Will Win Coming Election, Dares Colleagues Who "Oppose His Personality."

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Almost the entire "insurgent" strength of the House was joined with the Democrats today in what was generally acknowledged to be an additional rebuke to Speaker Cannon.

A conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill contained an agreement to appropriate for the expenses of automobiles previously provided for Speaker Cannon and Vice-President Sherman. The House reiterated its disapproval of these expenditures and by a vote of 111 to 132 refused to agree to the resolution, sending it back to conference for further consideration.

After this action had been taken, Mr. Cannon, leaving the chair, went to the Republican side of the House and there delivered a speech that contained much of sarcasm and invective. He again defied the "insurgents" and intimated they lacked courage to join with the solid minority to depose him.

Encouraging his Republican colleagues and admonishing the Democrats, he declared he believed a Republican majority would be returned in the coming elections.

Minority Leader Champ Clark made a spech in which he insisted if given an opportunity the Democrats would endeavor to realize the suggestion of Senator Aldrich that the expenses of the Government might be curtailed $300,000,000 annually.

With intense interest the call of the roll was listened to in order to determine how the insurgents were voting, as it was realized their attitude on that subject would determine the result. It was not long before the result was foreseen, and its announcement provoked a scene on the Democratic side. Then Mann sarcastically declared this was mere child's play.

"If this is Democratic leadership," added Mr. Mann, "I hope to be delivered from it in the future."

"You will," came from a score of Democratic members. Replying to Mr. Mann's remarks, Minority Leader Champ Clark gave the House a statement of his purpose to work for economy, whether that was denominated "child's play," or anything else. He was in favor of taking away all automobiles from officials in Washington, he said.

With the eye of every member upon him, Speaker Cannon asked Mr. Mann to take the chair. He descended to the floor and made his way to the midst of the Republican side.

"Mr. Speaker," he began, "this whole controversy touching the automobile in connection with the offices of Speaker of the House and Vice-President of the United States, has not been inspired from beginning to end or encouraged or approved of by the present occupant of the Speaker's chair."

Mr. Cannon explained that the proposition for automobiles had originated in the Senate. Then the Speaker recalled to the attention of the members the difference that has always existed in the salary of the Speaker and other members.

"It is true," he added, looking straight into the eyes of Champ Clark, who occupied a seat just across the aisle, "that a desire to preside over this House when a different party may be in the majority"—(applause and Democratic shouts interrupted)—"looking into the eyes of the gentleman from Missouri," said Uncle Joe, when he was allowed to continue, "I know that if he becomes Speaker he will be the same Mr. Champ Clark he is now."

Cannon reminded the minority leader of the situation that would face him and, again turning to the subject of automobiles, he said he believed the Speakership should be accorded the same dignity as the office of Vice-President. Then, declaring he would be glad to abide by the action of the House, he added:

"I am content, but I want to notify you that unless the Republicans on this side who do not approve of the personality of their Speaker have the courage to join a solid majority in deposing him, I remain Speaker until March 4."

For the first time smiling upon his colleagues, Mr. Cannon said while he had not asked for the automobile, he would use the appropriation for its maintenance if voted to him.

Mr. Cannon then entered into a defense of the new tariff law, declaring, to the apparent delight of the Republicans, that the Government had enjoyed greatly increased revenue since the passage of the Uayne-Aldrich law.

TOWNSITE FIGHT SETTLED

Nonpayment of Note Loses Property Worth $100,000.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—The litigation involving practically all of the townsite of Outlook in the lower valley was settled by a decision of the Superior Court today.

William F. Stewart owned all this property a few years ago. Failing to pay a note to O. A. Fechter, of this city, the latter secured a judgment and settled the property at execution. The lots have been since sold to many different people. Stewart tried to recover the lots on the assertion that he was insane at the time the note was given, the judgment secured and sale made. The trial of the case took up more time than any other case in the history of the county, over sixty witnesses being examined.

Almost every title in Outlook was questioned. The court today held that Stewart was sufficiently sane to transact ordinary business, that the original judgment was valid and that Stewart had no standing in court. The value of the property now is over $100,000.

Congregational Society to Meet.

FOREST GROVE, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—The 14th annual meeting of the West Willamette Association of Congregational Churches will meet in Hillsboro, April 12 and 13. The associational sermon Tuesday evening will be delivered by Rev. D. T. Thomas, of this city. Wednesday the topic "A Forward Movement," will be discussed under a number of subdivisions. W. N. Ferrin, president of Pacific University, will speak on "The Place of the American Board in the Progress of the Century," Wednesday afternoon. Rev. C. F. Clapp, of Washougal, Wash.; Rev. Arthur J. Folsom, of Portland, and Rev. J. M. Barber, of Forest Grove, are among the speakers.

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$14.00 Hair Mattress	$8.45
$18.00 Silk Floss Mattress	$11.75
$6.50 Cotton Mattress	$3.95
$7.50 Steel Springs	$4.75
$3.00 Stand Springs	$2.25
$1.75 Bathroom Rugs	$1.23
$2.50 Bathroom Rugs	$1.95
$4.00 Bathroom Rugs	$2.85
$1.25 Cotton Blankets	95¢
$2.50 Cotton Blankets	$1.79
$4.50 Wool Blankets	$3.19
$6.50 Wool Blankets	$4.75
$12.00 Wool Blankets	$8.45
$3.00 Comforters	$2.25
$2.00 Feather Pillows	$1.39
$3.00 Feather Pillows	$2.19
$4.00 Feather Pillows	$2.95
$5.00 Feather Pillows	$3.75
$6.00 Feather Pillows	$4.50
$8.00 Feather Pillows	$5.95
$4.50 Lace Curtains	$2.85
$5.50 Lace Curtains	$3.75
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50c Art Cretonnes	28¢
25c Figured Scrims	17¢
75c Madrases	47¢
$1.25 Curtain Nets	79¢
75c Monks' Cloth	59¢
$4.00 Utility Boxes	$2.65
$2.50 Couch Covers	$1.95
$4.00 Couch Covers	$2.95
$5.00 Couch Covers	$3.95
$6.50 Couch Covers	$4.95
$7.50 Couch Covers	$5.95
$10.00 Couch Covers	$7.45
$6.50 Portieres	$4.95
$7.50 Portieres	$5.95
$1.50 Bolster Rollers	98¢
50c Window Shades	28¢
5c Extension Rods	3¢
10c Extension Rods	7¢
15c Extension Rods	9¢
20c Extension Rods	12½c
25c Extension Rods	19¢
40c Extension Rods	29¢
$4.50 Card Tables	$3.19

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$1.50 Stretchers	98¢
$3.50 Stretchers	$1.95

Rug Specials

$35.00 Body Brussels	$24.95
$35.00 Axminster	$21.95

WRECK VICTIMS ARRIVE LATE

Injured and Uninjured on Train That Makes Snail's Pace.

Injured and uninjured persons who were on the North Bank train, wrecked near Spokane, Saturday night, arrived in Portland on delayed train No. 3, running as No. 1, at 4 A. M. yesterday.

Other Portlanders in the wreck were L. A. Shaw, express messenger, of 580 East Davis street, and H. C. Webster, news agent, 544 Glisan street. Neither was seriously injured, Shaw being the victim of a severe shaking up, while Webster's legs were badly bruised. Both were treated at Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane.

The passengers of the westbound train criticised the railroad company for the treatment given them after the wreck. It was said over an hour and a half was occupied removing the injured and that the train lay in Spokane ready to depart, but with no one to give the information when the line would be clear. Those who had purchased transportation were warned not to leave the train, as it might start at any time.

W. A. Thompson, of Eugene, Or., who with his wife and eight children was a passenger on the train, said there were over a dozen babies on the train needing milk and, as the mothers were unable to purchase any, the tots were in a starving condition. Unless passengers were able to obtain food in the dining car by purchase, he said, they had to be satisfied with the lunch baskets one or two in the train had not thoroughly depleted.

R. Henrichsen, of Portland, and Alan Arbor, also of Portland, corroborate Mr. Thompson. All the passengers said they had repeatedly asked the trainmen when the train would leave Spokane, following the wreck, but no information was available.

That the engine pulling the delayed No. 3 in was a "lame duck" was also asserted. First reported as due at Vancouver at 8 P. M., the train lost time steadily until midnight, 1:40 A. M. was scheduled. At every telegraph station following a still later report emanated, until finally the train drew into Vancouver after 3 o'clock.

Passengers declared the engine was unable to reverse, and that despite the clear track many miles were traversed at a walking pace. The train was the usual one. The locomotive was changed at Vancouver.

Saved From the Grave.

"I had about given up hope, after nearly four years of suffering from a severe lung trouble," writes Mrs. M. L. Dix, of Clarksville, Tenn. "Often the pain in my chest would be amost unbearable and I could not do any work, but Dr. King's New Discovery has made me feel like a new person. Its the best medicine made for the throat and lungs." Obstinate coughs, stubborn colds, hay fever, la grippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis and hemorrhages, hoarseness and whooping cough, yield quickly to this wonderful medicine. Try it, 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free. Guaranteed by all druggists. **

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