

CANAL AND SUBSIDY BILLS

Both Will Be Sidetracked at This Session.

LACK OF TIME TO CONSIDER

The Army Bill Must Pass or the President Will Call an Extra Session—Chairman Cannon's Warning.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Chairman Cannon, of the appropriations committee of the house, in the course of a general debate on the sundry civil bill today, sounded a note of warning against extravagant appropriations, and particularly served notice that neither ship-subsidy bill nor the Nicaragua canal bill could be passed at this session. Although he specifically disclaimed speaking for any one but himself, the statements he made, coming from the chairman of the appropriations committee, caused great interest. Cannon made a statement of the expenditures and revenue for the present fiscal year, increasing Secretary Gage's estimate of the deficiency in the revenues from \$112,000,000 to \$159,000,000, exclusive of the \$20,000,000 to be paid to Spain under the provisions of the treaty of Paris.

At the opening of the session of the house today, a bill to amend the war revenue act was passed, providing that when a bond or note was secured by mortgage but one stamp should be affixed, of a higher rate due on either instrument. Among other bills passed was one granting railways the right of way through the Nez Perces reservation, in Idaho; to grant Boulder, Colo., 1,800 acres of land in the mountains for a park; to remove the existing disability of Confederates, preventing them from sitting on federal, petit and grand juries (this was the last of the political disabilities of ex Confederates to be removed), and for the relief of the heirs of the late Edward De Leon, late consul-general to Egypt.

The house then went into committee of the whole and took up the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. Cannon (Rep. Ill.), in charge of the measure, made a general analysis of what it contained. It carries \$62,928,101, but \$20,000,000 is for payment to Spain to carry out the provisions of the Paris treaty. Exclusive of that, the bill carries \$8,095,758 less than the estimates, and \$5,929,311 less than the current law.

Cannon's statement of the condition of the revenues brought on a general discussion, which lasted until adjournment.

In the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Several bills of minor importance were passed by the senate this morning. One of them was to restore to their original status as to promotion officers of the navy and marine corps who lost numbers by reason of advancement of other officers for exceptional and meritorious service during the war with Spain.

Another bill passed authorized the purchase or construction of a launch for the customs service at Astoria, Or., to cost not more than \$2,500.

Consideration of the executive, legislative and judicial bill was then resumed. The paragraph relating to the deposit of copyright works in the national library was stricken out with the intention of revising it in conference.

A brief but lively civil service debate was precipitated by an inquiry of Cockrell, concerning the expenditure of money for the office of supervising architect. He maintained that the work of the supervising architect's office was done slowly, if not badly. The construction of public buildings dragged through year after year. Were those buildings being erected by private individuals they would be completed in one season.

Following a general discussion, the pending bill was laid aside, after 51 pages had been disposed of, and at 5:15, on motion of Hoar, the senate went into executive session and soon adjourned.

Army Bill Must Pass.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Post says: "The army reorganization bill must pass or the president will call an extra session of congress. The opposition to the bill in the senate has already been frequently referred to in the Post, and the prediction made that some compromise would be agreed upon whereby legislation of a temporary character would be placed in the army appropriation bill. This will not satisfy the administration. No make-shift expedient will be accepted. The president has determined that the passage of the army bill shall be made an issue, and there is no doubt in administration circles that he will be successful. If, however, an obstacle should prevent action, an extra session will surely be held."

An Independent Line.

Portland, Or., Feb. 11.—Millionaire William G. Tiffany, of New York, the largest holder in the proposed Portland and Seattle road, vehemently denies that the Union Pacific or any other road will have any interest in the new line. He states it will be entirely independent. More to the point, work on the road is to begin at once.

ATTACK ON CALOCAN.

Town Reduced by Combined Assault of American Forces.

Manila, Feb. 13.—The American forces at 3:20 this afternoon made a combined attack upon Calocan and reduced it in short order. At a signal from the tower of the de la Loma church (United States signal station), the double-turreted monitor Monadnock opened fire from the bay with the big guns of her fore turret on the earthworks, with great effect. Soon afterward the battery bombarded the place from another position.

The rebels reserved their fire until the bombardment ceased, when they fired volleys of musketry as the Montana regiment advanced on the jungle.

The Kansas regiment, on the extreme left, with the artillery deploying to the right, charged across the open and carried the earthworks, cheering under a heavy fire. Supported by the artillery at the church, the troops further advanced, driving the enemy, fighting every foot, right into the town line, and penetrated to the presidency and lowered the Filipino flag at 5:30 P. M.

The enemy's sharpshooters in the jungle on the right fired at long range on the Pennsylvania regiment, but the rebels were soon silenced by sharpshooters and the Pennsylvania remained in the trenches. As the Americans advanced they burned the native houses. The rebels were mowed down like grass, but the American losses were slight.

Frightened Filipino Envoys.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—On the steamer from Yokohama today came "General" E. Riego de Dios and Senor M. Rivera, who are Aguinaldo's special commissioners to Washington. They were very much disturbed when told of the latest developments in the Philippines.

England Wants Warships.

Lima, Peru, via Galveston, Tex., Feb. 13.—Great Britain, it is reported here today, has offered to purchase the Chilean and Argentine warships. Senor Carlos Walker Martinez, minister of the interior, has demanded of the Bolivian minister, Dr. Emeterio Cano, a guarantee of the immunity of the lives and property of the Chileans in Bolivia during the hostilities between President Alonzo of Bolivia and the federalists, or insurgents.

MUST HAVE A CABLE.

President McKinley's Message to Congress Urges Action at This Session.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The president's message on the Pacific cable, transmitted to congress today, is as follows:

"As a consequence of the ratification of the treaty of Paris by the senate of the United States, and its expected ratification by the Spanish government, the United States will come into possession of the Philippine islands, on the farther shores of the Pacific, the Hawaiian islands and Guam being United States territory, and forming convenient stopping places on the way across the sea, and the necessity for speedy cable communication between the United States and all the Philippine islands has become imperative. Such communication should be established in such a way as to be wholly under the control of the United States, whether in time of peace or war. At present, the Philippines can be reached only by cables which pass through many foreign countries, and the Hawaiian island and Guam can only be communicated with by steamers, involving delays in each instance of at least a week. The present conditions should not be allowed to continue for a moment longer than is absolutely necessary. The time has arrived when a cable in the Pacific must extend as far as Manila, touching at the Hawaiian islands and Guam on the way."

"Under those circumstances, it becomes a paramount necessity that measures should be taken before the close of the present congress to provide such means as may seem suitable for the establishment of a cable system. I recommend the whole subject to the careful consideration of congress, and to such prompt action as may seem advisable."

IN BLEAK SIBERIA.

Bodies of Andree and Party Probably Found—Discovered by Natives.

Krasnovarsk, Siberia, Feb. 13.—A gold mine owner named Monastyrchkin has received a letter saying that a tribe of Turgos, inhabiting the Timir peninsula, North Siberia, recently informed the Russian police chief of the district that on January 7 last, between Komo and Pit, in the province of Yeniseisk, they found a cabin constructed of cloth and cordage, apparently belonging to a balloon. Close by were the bodies of three men, the head of one badly crushed. Around them were a number of instruments, the uses of which were not understood by the Turgos.

The police chief has started for the spot to investigate, and it is believed that the bodies are those of the aeronaut Herr Andree and his companions.

Missouri Fruit Crops Killed.

Nevada, Mo., Feb. 13.—The peach and apricot crops of Vernon and Cedar counties are reported killed today. The loss is estimated at more than \$100,000. The weather is the coldest known here in 30 years.

A STORM-SWEPT COAST.

Snow, Gales and High Tides Prevailing on the Atlantic.

Boston, Feb. 11.—A howling northeast snow storm has prevailed in the bay and along Massachusetts coast during the past 24 hours. A three-masted schooner, name unknown, is reported wrecked off Nantasket beach. The Hull lifesaving crew has sent out a boat. At present writing it is not known whether or not the vessel's crew are still alive.

Boston harbor was a fury of driven snow and scattered spray. The ferryboat slips were under water, and passengers had to wade for it.

The storm played havoc with property along the Lynn and Swampscott shores. The exceptionally high tides swept away all buildings and demolished yachts and other small craft lying upon the shore at Kings Beach in Swampscott.

At Lynn, at high tide, the water went a considerable distance up New Washington street, flooding the cellars of several residences and making car and foot traffic difficult. The sea demolished \$5,000 worth of stone breakwater on the front. Down on Cape Cod a howling northeast blizzard, such as prevailed last November on the awful night when the steamer Portland went down with all on board, raged all day.

None of the highships could be seen and it was impossible to learn whether the Pollock Rip lightship was holding its moorings or not.

BY TREMENDOUS SEAS.

Six Men Lost Overboard From the Kinshui Maru.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 11.—The steamer Empress of Japan arrived yesterday from Hong Kong and Yokohama. Mail advices say that the steamer Kinshui Maru, which sailed from Seattle December 28, lost six men overboard on her trip across. When two days out the wind blew a gale from the northeast with mountainous seas. Some of the crew, led by Mr. Laprack, chief officer, were securing hatch covers and all movable fittings on the after deck, when a very heavy sea broke on board, completely filling the after deck and washing overboard the apprentice, officer and four sailors. Captain Brady at once put about in search of the men, but could not find them. Several companion-ways of the Kinshui were carried away, besides large pieces of bulwarks.

INVESTIGATE MILES' CHARGES.

President McKinley Appoints a Court of Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The president has appointed a court of inquiry to examine into the charges touching the meat furnished during the war with Spain and other matters involved in the charges made by General Miles against the administration of war affairs. The court will consist of Major-General Wade, Colonel George W. Davis, Ninth infantry, and Colonel Gillespie, corps of engineers.

The court will meet in this city February 15, to investigate the allegations of Miles as to the meat furnished the army. The court will also submit an opinion upon the merits of the case, and Miles' charges, together with such recommendations of further proceedings as may be warranted by the facts developed in the course of the inquiry. Miles declined to discuss the appointment of the court.

TO SUCCEED EAGAN.

Colonel John F. Weston to Be Commissary-General.

New York, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: General Eagan is to be placed on the retired list of the army in a few days on his own application, after 30 years' service, and Colonel John F. Weston, the senior officer of the subsistence department is to be nominated by the president as commissary-general of subsistence.

The arrangement for General Eagan's retirement was made before the president commuted the sentence of dismissal imposed upon him by the court-martial.

By his retirement General Eagan will forfeit \$1,375 from the annual pay to which he would have been entitled for the next six years under the sentence of suspension.

To Bury Its Dead.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 11.—Governor Rogers has received a letter from the father of a young man killed in the recent engagement at Manila, asking the governor what, if any, provision would be made by the state for burial, in the event that the bodies were brought home by the United States. The governor referred the matter to the legislature in a special message, giving his opinion that the state would honor itself by providing suitable burial for its soldiers killed in a foreign engagement.

The Ice King's Grasp.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—This city is in the grip of the coldest weather since 1872. Twenty-two below is last night's record. About 20 persons were so severely frostbitten during the early morning that they had to be taken from the streets to hospitals. Several portions of the city are suffering from lack of water, due to frozen pipes. One man was frozen to death on the street last night while intoxicated.

AFTER A TOWNSITE.

A Portion of the City of Roslyn Claimed by Swan Nelson—Other Coast News.

Ira M. Krantz and Bogle & Rigg have begun an action in the superior court of Kittitas county for the recovery of 160 acres upon which the townsites of Roslyn, Wash., is located, and the improvements of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, amounting to about \$150,000. This suit is brought against the coal company and railway company in behalf of Swan Nelson, who claims under title of an application for a homestead filing, made in June, 1884, but which was rejected by the local land office. The main question involved in the contest for possession of this valuable property hinges upon the validity of the railroad company's withdrawals of 1873 and 1879, and re-filing of maps of definite location.

Fishing Suspended.

Fishing has been practically suspended on the Columbia and the steelhead buyers have gone out of business for the winter. The steelheads are now running up the creeks tributary to the Columbia. Farmers on the Lewis and Clark, John Day, and other rivers are using setnets and catch enough to supply their tables with fresh fish. Occasionally a chinook salmon is taken, but these fish, with a few steelheads, are chiefly caught in the sloughs in the vicinity of Clifton. Chinooks sell at 6 cents and steelheads at 5½ cents, but scarcely enough are taken to supply local demands.

An Old Offender.

A. B. Trilwud, who was found guilty in Klamath county in November, for attempting to kill J. F. Adams, has been identified by the superintendent of the insane asylum at Kankakee, Ill., as Newton Ritchie, who escaped from that institution in 1881. Trilwud, or Ritchie, is serving a 10 years' sentence in the penitentiary.

Profit From Cows.

W. M. Allingham, of Shedd, Or., has 14 cows which he milked during December and shipped the milk to Albany creamery. He received a check for \$93.60 for the milk during that month, besides selling \$1.50 worth of milk to local parties and using plenty for his family. It is nearly an average of \$7 per cow a month.

Gov. Rogers as an Author.

Governor Rogers, of Washington, has received the advance sheets of a work of fiction he is about to issue. The title of the work is, "Looking Forward; or, the Story of an American Farm." The work is in a sense autobiographical in character, and is out of the usual line of the executive's literary efforts.

Price of Hay on the Rise.

Hay was reported a month ago to be worth \$10 per ton in the region south of Pendleton. It sold for less when the warm weather came on; but, now that the cold has come again, hay commands a high figure. A large quantity will be needed to feed livestock through the remainder of the winter.

Artesian Well Irrigation.

The Wilson artesian well, in Wide Hollow, Yakima county, Wash., is now down 1080 feet, and water has been secured sufficient to irrigate about 10 acres. Operations have been temporarily suspended to await the receipt of casing, the drill having struck a stratum of gravel.

An Old Pioneer Dead.

Thomas Finlayson, aged 78, a Scotch pioneer, who came to Oregon in 1862, and made the first or second land entry in the present Baker county, died at Baker City last week. The sturdy pioneer's farm is now a part of the thriving Pacific addition to this city.

Found His Brother Dead.

A young man named Piper died near Ellensburg last week. A sad circumstance was the arrival of a brother from the East to visit him after a separation of eight years. The first he knew of his brother's death was when he met the party with the body.

Frozen Heating Apparatus.

The steam heating apparatus in the public school at Independence was frozen during the recent cold snap, and school had to be adjourned for a week, or until the heating apparatus could again be gotten into working order.

Warrants Now at Par.

Umatilla county warrants are quoted at par at Pendleton. Orders for scrip to be issued at the March term of the county court sell for 100 cents on the dollar. Pendleton city warrants sell at 90 and 92.

La Grande on Her Muscle.

An athletic club, with 63 members, has been organized at La Grande. The officers are: Dr. E. D. Steincamp, president; Dr. R. Lincoln, vice-president; F. L. Meyers, secretary and treasurer.

Killed While Skating.

While out skating with a number of other boys, at Independence, Or., recently, George W. Phillips fell on the ice. His head struck forcibly, and he died in the evening.

Native Sons at Ashland.

A cabin of Native Sons will be organized at Ashland February 21.

New Railroad in China.

A. W. Bash, who was formerly collector of customs on Puget sound, was the original promoter in China, of what gives promise of being a very important enterprise. The moving spirit now behind the scheme is Stewart M. Brice. The matter includes valuable concessions for the American-China Development Company in the name of the China Railroad Company. The survey of the road is already in progress. The office of the new company is at Tacoma.

New Portland-Sound Line.

W. H. Llewellyn and George Tiffany two New York capitalists are at San Francisco. They are said to have come west on an important railroad deal. They have in view the building of a railroad from Portland to Tacoma and Seattle, a distance of 140 miles. Bonds have already been placed in New York to raise the necessary money for the construction of this road. It is common gossip that Llewellyn and Tiffany are agents for the Vanderbilts.

Cutting the Time.

The time between Chicago and Omaha has been reduced to 12 hours on the Chicago & Northwestern railway. This is part of the overland limited, which is to reduce the time between Chicago and Portland to three days. The fastest time previously made between Chicago and Omaha on the Chicago & Northwestern was 13 hours and 25 minutes.

A Curious Accident.

A curious accident occurred in an Albina, Or., home recently by which a little girl was dangerously wounded by a revolver. The mother found the revolver which she imagined was unloaded. For some reason or other she placed it in an old slipper. The little girl came in and gave this a kick causing the discharge of the revolver.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, 85¢@90¢ per 100 pounds.
Potatoes, \$15@20.
Beets, per sack, 75¢.
Turnips, per sack, 50¢@75¢.
Carrots, per sack, 45¢@60¢.
Parsnips, per sack, \$1.
Cauliflower, 50¢@90¢ per doz.
Celery, 35¢@40¢.
Cabbage, native and California \$1.25 per 100 pounds.
Apples, 35¢@50¢ per box.
Pears, 50¢@1.50 per box.
Prunes, 50¢ per box.
Butter—Creamery, 26¢ per pound; dairy and ranch, 17¢@20¢ per pound.
Eggs, 30¢.
Cheese—Native, 12¢@12½¢.
Poultry—Old hens, 14¢ per pound; spring chickens, 14¢; turkeys, 18¢.
Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 8¢; cows, prime, 7¢; mutton, 8¢; pork, 8½¢; veal, 6¢@8¢.
Wheat—Feed wheat, \$23.
Oats—Choice, per ton, \$25.
Hay—Puget Sound mixed, \$9.00@11; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$15.
Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$23.50.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$25@26; whole, \$22.
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.50; straights, \$3.25; California brands, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.50; graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; rye flour, \$4.50.
Milletstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$14; shorts, per ton, \$16.
Feed—Chopped feed, \$20@22 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 58¢; Valley, 60¢; Bluestem, 61¢ per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, \$3.20; graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.
Oats—Choice white, 41¢@42¢; choice gray, 39¢@40¢ per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, \$22@23; brewing, \$23.50 per ton.
Milletstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16.00 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7@8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 50¢@55¢; seconds, 45¢@50¢; dairy, 40¢@45¢ store, 25¢@30¢.
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12½¢; Young America, 15¢; new cheese, 10¢ per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@4 per dozen; hens, \$4.00@5.00; springs, \$1.25@3; geese, \$6.00@7.00 for old, \$4.50@5 for young; ducks, \$5.00@5.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15¢@16¢ per pound.
Potatoes—80¢@90¢ per sack; sweets, 2¢ per pound.
Vegetables—Beets, 90¢; turnips, 75¢ per sack; garlic, 7¢ per pound; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75¢ per dozen; parsnips, 75¢ per sack; beans, 8¢ per pound; celery 70¢@75¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 50¢ per box; peas, 3¢@3½¢ per pound.
Onions—Oregon, 75¢@1 per sack.
Hops—15¢@18¢; 1897 crop, 4¢@6¢.
Wool—Valley, 10¢@12¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@12¢; mohair, 26¢ per pound.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4¢; dressed mutton, 7½¢; spring lambs, 7½¢ per lb.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.25; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, 3.50@3.75; cows, \$2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5¢@6½¢ per pound.
Veal—Large, 6½¢@7¢; small, 7¢@8¢ per pound.