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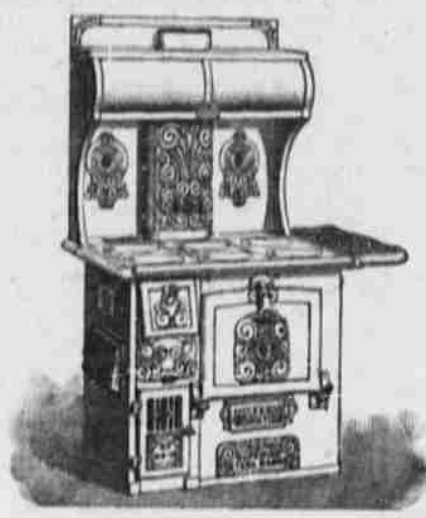
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NO VOTE ON SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

Minority Declare They Will Prevent It.

NO BUSINESS IN HOUSE

Yesterday Devoted to Obstructionist Tactics—Delegate Wilcox Secures Unanimous Vote of Committee Entitling Him to Seat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—That the opposition to the shipping bill in the senate will not permit a vote to be taken on the measure at the present session was made clear during the closing hours of today's session. For several days it has been evident that it would be difficult to gain unanimous consent to take a vote upon the measure but not until late today was the frank assertion made that a vote could not be had.

At the conclusion of several hours' consideration of bill, Teller announced his purpose to prevent a vote at this session. In an impassioned speech he declared that he would not consent to any agreement to vote and that it must be evident to the advocates of the bill that no vote could be had. This statement elicited a sharp response from Aldrich, who insisted that despite the declaration of Teller the business of the senate would proceed in accordance with the wishes of the majority.

Chandler asserted that the position of the opposition was preposterous and Hanna, replying to Teller, became impassioned in his denunciation of the methods of the opposition to defeat the measure.

FILIBUSTERING IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Under the leadership of Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, a long filibuster consumed the time of the house today. Cannon desired the house to proceed with the sundry civil appropriation bill, while the Democrats desired to devote the day to the consideration of private claims. It was the last day under the rules which could be voted to claims at this congress and notices had been sent out yesterday asking the Democrats to be in their seats today. As a result Cannon was outwitted but he kept up the fight all day, forcing all calls for three hours and later filibustering in the committee of the whole. The net result was that the whole day was wasted.

OLEOMARGARINE BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—As the result of deliberations of the senate Republican steering committee today, the oleomargarine bill will probably be pulled up in the senate tomorrow to the temporary displacement of the ship subsidy bill. There is every reason to believe it will fall of action. Indeed, there is quite a general understanding that after tomorrow there will be very little consideration given to any measure except the appropriation bills and conference reports.

ARID LANDS BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Representative Wilson, of Idaho, of the house committee on arid lands, today filed a favorable report upon the bill to extend the provisions of the Carey act indefinitely. This act, passed in 1895, gave to each of the arid land states one million acres of land upon consideration that the state would reclaim them within ten years. Since the passage of the bill, Idaho, Utah, Montana and Wyoming have made applications for the segregation of 350,000 acres for reclamation. It was found, however, that the lands could not be reclaimed within the period fixed in the Carey act and this bill extends the time indefinitely.

SCHLEY-SAMPSON CONTROVERSY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator McComas is making an effort to secure a compromise which will permit the confirmation of the president's nominations advancing the various officers of Admiral Sampson's fleet for meritorious conduct during the Spanish

war. He suggests that all but Sampson and Schley be confirmed and that congress pass a resolution creating the grade of vice-admiral with the understanding that these two officers be given that position.

VICTORY FOR WILCOX

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii, today scored a distinct triumph in securing a unanimous vote of the house committee on elections, confirming his right to a seat in the house of representatives and holding that the charges filed against him were not sufficient to warrant his removal.

OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT

President of National W. C. T. U. Rejoice at Work of Mrs. Nation.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The Record today says:

Mrs. I. M. N. Stevens, president of the W. C. T. U., has sent the following message from her home in Maine to the editors of the Union Signal, the official organ:

"Print as many good things as you can of Mrs. Carrie Nation; she certainly has accomplished much."

It was the first endorsement given Mrs. Nation by the W. C. T. U. officers.

THREE JOINTS WRECKED

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—A special to the Times from Perry, Kansas, says: Fifteen women, followers of Mrs. Nation's allied forces, at 6 o'clock this evening, armed with axes and hatchets, wrecked three joints. The sum total of the raid was twenty barrels of whiskey, sixty-two kegs and twenty cases of beer turned into the street and \$300 worth of fixtures destroyed.

RAILROAD DEPOT SMASHED

TOPEKA, Feb. 15.—Temperance people broke open the depot at Goffs, Kansas, early this morning and destroyed a large quantity of liquor. Missouri Pacific officials say the crusaders will be prosecuted.

JOINTISTS WARNED TO CLOSE

TOPEKA, Feb. 15.—Today at Antelope, Kansas, a large company of women, headed by the ministers of the town, stated to the jointists and gave them just fifteen minutes to close. The women were armed with hatchets. The jointists closed immediately. The same process was repeated at Cottonwood Falls.

TWO JOINTS RAIDED

WICHITA, Kas., Feb. 15.—A Beacon special says: About 100 Prohibitionists, men, women and children, living mostly outside of Peck, raided two joints in that town last night. The citizens looked on in indifference, little excitement prevailing.

SUICIDE OF TWO FARMERS

Both Hung Themselves in Barns of Neighbors.

GENESEE, Ida., Feb. 15.—Two farmers living north of town committed suicide last night. Ivor Larson, aged 30, and Ole Ottness, aged 78, hanged themselves without any apparent reason.

Larson stopped on the way from town last evening at the home of a neighbor named Twees. The latter was astonished this morning to find Larson's body hanging in his barn. The suicide of Ottness was equally queer. He hanged himself in Larson's barn. Larson came here from Oregon two years ago and leaves a wife and six children. He served for eight years as a sheriff in North Dakota.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE

House Will Visit Everett Next Week on Saturday.

OLYMPIA, Wn., Feb. 15.—In the house this afternoon the Jones reapportionment bill was reported back favorably by the committee and sent to the state printer.

The house decided to visit Everett next Saturday instead of tomorrow, as originally planned.

The senate passed a bill appropriating \$40,000 for a bounty on beet sugar.

BOERS OCCUPY MURRAYSBURG

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 15.—The Boers occupied Murrayburg, Cape Colony, February 7.

ALLEN BILL HAS RIGHT OF WAY

Hume Bill Superseded by Skillful Maneuver of Hahn.

SENATE'S COURSE DOUBTFUL

Evident Gleaners Will Win Great Victory in House—Democrats Said to Be Planning Compromise With McBride Forces.

(Special to The Astorian.)

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—Representative Hume succeeded in getting his fish bill out of the committee today. It was reported favorably by the unanimous committee and has been made a special order for Monday, at 2:30 p. m. Bill fifty, introduced by Representative Allen, prohibiting all fishing except by gill nets above tidewater on the Columbia, was reported by a minority of the committee and, through a skillful parliamentary maneuver by Representative Hahn, the minority report of the bill was adopted, leaving it thus standing ahead of the Hume bill for third reading and final passage.

The Hume bill prohibits fishing with fixed appliances in any of the coast streams and bays, but omits any reference to such appliances in the Columbia river.

While the Allen bill has the right of way it is the purpose of Representative Hume to move a suspension of the rules on Monday and place his bill on its final passage.

This action will precipitate a bitter fight in the committee of the whole, before which it must go on account of carrying an appropriation of general funds for payment of salaries of fish wardens. If the rules are suspended and precedence given to the Hume bill, it is the intention of Representative Hahn, backed by the Fishermen's Union of Astoria, to make an effort to amend the bill by inserting in the section prohibiting fixed appliances in coast streams the same restriction as to the Columbia river. It is predicted by many in a position to judge that this amendment will carry and the great battle, carried on for many years by the gill netters against the fixed appliances men, will be won so far, at least, as the house is concerned.

What the fate of the Hume bill may be in the senate, however, is another matter, since the upper river wheel owners are here in strong force, determined to prevent any legislation whatever, unless their wheels are respected.

Among other important changes, which will be effected by the Hume bill, if it becomes a law, is the abolishment of the office of Fish Commissioner Reed, and the substitution for the present organization of a board consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, who are charged with the sole responsibility for the maintenance of hatcheries, control of the license fund and enforcement of the fish law generally.

A local warden and deputy, with local officers known as water bailiffs, are to form the executive force of the new board, through whom the provisions of the bill will be administered.

There are many objections to this change and that section may be stricken out before the final vote Monday.

The salary of the master warden is fixed at the same amount, \$2500, now received by Fish Commissioner Reed. The deputy warden is to have one thousand dollars and expenses and the water bailiffs six dollars a day while actually employed. Hume's bill in many other respects is the most drastic and voluminous bill offered on the fish question for many years.

Other important events in the house were the defeat of the Edson bill to make inalterable insanity ground for divorce, an accusation against the committee on commerce, by Miller, of holding up the bill abolishing nickel-the-slot machines and the passage of a resolution relieving the committee of further consideration, which returns the bill to the house; defeat of Watson's bill prohibiting free lunch in saloons; passage of bill by Simonson making it a crime to remove oysters, lobsters, food producing fish or animals placed in charge of the state biologist by the federal government for propagation.

Orton's bill to compel pay days to employees at least once a month and prescribing that payment be made in lawful money, and prohibiting the use of time checks, due bills or script under penalty was defeated by a decisive vote.

The only change on the senatorial vote was McQueen, who voted for Hermann, after having supported Hon. Richard Williams, of Portland, for one day. The Corbett strength is still unimpaired. The Democrats will continue to vote for Inman and are trying to convince themselves that the Hermann men will vote for their candidate rather than let an adjournment take place without an election of senator. If impossible to elect a Demo-

cratic senator, the plan is to run Inman for governor and in return for the passive support of the Mitchell-McBride faction, McBride will be returned to the senate to succeed Simon, and Mitchell will be his colleague. This is contingent upon no election resulting at the present session.

FIGHT DECLARED OFF

About \$5,000 Taken in for Tickets Will Be Refunded.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—The Jeffries-Rubin contest scheduled for tonight was declared off judicially yesterday and officially today.

The significant feature of Judge Hollister's decision is that the Saengerfest Athletic Club is enjoined against accepting hereafter from the mayor any permit for sparring matches, glove contests or prize fights. The entry is made so sweeping as to apply to all such events in Hamilton county and other places.

About \$5,000 taken in for tickets will be refunded on the presentation of tickets.

Manager Brady offered to conduct an enterprise at any time during the coming week for the benefit of the Saengerfest Athletic Association and on behalf of himself and Jeffries. The association formally accepted the proposition and announced that there would be an auction of seats for a performance early next week.

LAWYERS MUST BE OBEYED

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 15.—Governor Nash is determined that there shall be no more prizefights in Ohio. He declares that within a few days he will advise the sheriff of every county and the mayor of every city and town that the laws of the state forbid prizefights within her limits, and that they must be obeyed.

MAY FIGHT IN COLORADO

DENVER, Feb. 15.—Otto C. Florio, manager of the Colorado Athletic Association, hopes to secure the Jeffries-Rubin fight for this city. He has telegraphed Manager Brady an offer to post a guarantee of \$10,000 to bring off the event here on any date in March that may be agreed upon. Should the offer be accepted a roofless arena in which 5,000 spectators can be accommodated will be constructed especially for this occasion.

WRESTLING MATCH INSTEAD

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—A special to the Tribune from Cincinnati says: Jim Jeffries and Gus Rublin may meet in a Graeco-Roman wrestling match within the next ten days. An offer has been made the two pugilists to meet on the mat and while the proposition has not yet been accepted, Managers Brady and Madden have taken it into consideration.

It is said a purse of \$5000 has been guaranteed for the match and that it may be conducted in Saengerfest hall.

MORE INCENDIARY FIRES

Organized Attempts Being Made to Create Panics in Chicago for Purpose of Robbery.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Four small fires, all of which are believed to have been of incendiary origin, were discovered today at different times on as many different floors of the Hotel Majestic.

Following evident attempts at incendiarism last night in the Palmer House, Great Northern and Hotel Grace, today's fires have created considerable excitement. The police department believes that organized attempts are being made to create panics in the big hotels for the purpose of robbery.

MILWAUKEE SENTINEL SOLD

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 15.—The Milwaukee Sentinel has been sold to Chas. F. Pfister and another Republican of this city. The Sentinel is the oldest newspaper in Wisconsin, having been established in 1837.

EXPLOSION KILLED SIXTY MINERS

Frightful Disaster in British Columbia Coal Mine.

FUTILE ATTEMPT AT RESCUE

Every Possible Means of Reaching Entombed Miners Tried in Vain—Accident Was in No. 6 Shaft, Union Coal Mines.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 15.—A frightful explosion occurred today in the Union Coal Mines owned by the Wellington Colliery Company of which James Dunsuir, premier of the province, is the principal shareholder, and it is believed that sixty miners perished.

The explosion took place about 11 o'clock this forenoon in No. 6 shaft, one of the workings of a big coal mine there. There were sixty men in it when the explosion took place and it is feared that not one of them escaped.

The explosion ignited the mine, wrecking the shaft from midway down to the bottom and filling it with a solid mass of rocks, earth and timber. The first explosion was followed by several more, while dense volumes of smoke issuing from vent holes indicated that fire as well as gas was doing its destructive work below.

As soon as practicable after the accident, men of the morning shift in No. 5 organized a rescue party. No. 5 is situated about a mile from No. 6 but the two workings are connected by a tunnel and through this channel an attempt was made to reach the unfortunate fellows in the wrecked shaft.

They had not cut their way many yards through the debris when they encountered a fire which rendered the place untenable and obliged the party to desert. A hopeless message came back by telephone to the surface conveying the heartbreaking news to anxious relatives of the imprisoned men, whose urging was not necessary to induce the relief party to return to their apparently hopeless task.

Overcome at last by gas and smoke, they withdrew from No. 5 and commenced work on a long cut from No. 4 the only other means of rescuing the men.

A second explosion occurred in No. 5 shaft tonight, but it had been expected and all the men had left the workings. There were no casualties. This explosion prevents any further efforts being made to rescue the entombed miners through No. 5 shaft. The only way in which any of them could escape would be by reaching some remote portion of the workings to which the fatal gases and smoke could not penetrate. The gas of a coal mine does its work in a few minutes, hence the hopelessness of the task of saving men who had been in it for hours.

The last report of the inspector of mines pronounces the shaft as complying with the regulations governing coal mines.

CARTER DENIED BAIL

Ex-Army Officer Remanded to Penitentiary to Await Action of Supreme Court.

LEAVENWORTH, Feb. 15.—Ex-Captain Oberlin M. Carter, U. S. A., serving sentence in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth for defaulting the government on harbor contracts, today suffered another defeat, in his attempt to secure a release. Judge Hook, in the United States district court, refused to release the prisoner on bail and ordered that he be remanded to the penitentiary to await the action of the United States supreme court on an appeal in his habeas corpus case.

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