

COMMITTEE CONFERS

House Committee Agrees On Hepburn Rate Bill.

NO ESPECIAL CHANGE MADE

After Committee Confers All Afternoon It Agrees Upon Bill to be Known as Hepburn Rate Bill—All Members Recommend It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—After a conference lasting all afternoon the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce today agreed upon a rate bill to be known as the Hepburn bill and to be reported to the House with unanimous recommendation of eighteen members on the committee.

In the main the bill is the original Hepburn bill but a number of concessions made to the Democrats and their idea as set forth in the Davis bill were freely incorporated in the perfected measure.

Eight-hour law cannot be abrogated for work on the Panama Canal and the Canal Commissioners cannot receive additional compensation beside their salaries as commissioners. These two changes in the urgent deficiency bill now under consideration by the House were the net result of today's session. Innumerable amendments seeking to perfect the bill consumed the time in discussion, but met defeat when a vote was taken. When the session ended about half of the bill had been considered.

NAME BOARD FOUND.

Sealing Schooner Fawn Is Reported to Be Lost.

VICTORIA, Jan. 23.—Captain Gaudin, agent of marine, received a telegram to night from Carmania stating the name board of the sealing schooner Fawn had been found in the surf near there.

TOBACCO AND CANCERS.

Opinions of Surgeons on the Subject Differ.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The warning given by several famous American surgeons regarding cancer being caused by smoking has attracted widespread attention throughout Great Britain. The case of General Grant, whose cancer was undoubtedly caused by smoking, has been widely quoted. Here is what a famous London surgeon had to say upon the subject during the course of a recently interview:

"A man may come to me with a malignant disease of the throat and mouth. He has never been seen without a pipe, and his friends immediately say, 'I told you so.' But people forget that many nonsmokers develop cancer. 'I saw a patient this morning who is 40 years old, and who has carefully avoided tobacco all of his life, believing that it was injurious to the health. He had cancer of the tongue, and I could give him only a few months in which to live.

"There is no doubt," he added, "that those whose families show a long record of this disease should live by rule and smoke very little. A small wound in the mouth may have malignant tendencies, which, if the pipe or the cigarette had been forewarned for a couple of weeks, might have healed normally instead of developing into a cancerous growth."

On the other hand, a clever dentist who stands at the top of his profession has added fuel to the flames of this discussion by stating that while he regards smoking as very bad for the teeth he nevertheless does believe that the use of tobacco is often a safeguard against disease in general and cancer in particular.

"I believe the supposed injurious effect of tobacco is greatly exaggerated," he added. "A case came under my notice a day or two ago of a lady whose teeth were in a terribly septic condition. She also suffered from ulceration of the gums. When I marvelled at her immunity from internal disease she said that she owed it to smoking twenty cigarettes a day, thus disinfecting her entire system."

So the entire discussion runs. But as a general thing the drift of the medical statements appears to be against the use of tobacco.

TARS THRASH THE BOATMAN.

He Tried to Hold Them Up For An Extra Fare.

NAPLES, Jan. 24.—Two midshipmen and a sailor of H. M. S. Formidable, gave a salutary lesson to a Neapolitan boatman the other evening. They had hired him at a fare of 1 franc each to take them to their ship from Santa Lucia. Thinking from their youthful appearance that he could intimidate them the boatman rowed cut to sea and refused to take them back to their ship unless they gave him 5 francs.

Their remonstrances being of no avail they knocked the man down, held him fast in the bottom of the boat and rowed themselves to the Formidable.

LOSES HIS HOME.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life Insurance Company has parted with what he had often spoken of as his most prized possession, the summer palace he erected and furnished at Long Branch, at an expense of \$500,000. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of \$350,000—little more than half the sum expended by Mr. McCall upon the place. Of this amount Mr. McCall receives only about \$100,000 as the property is encumbered with mortgages amounting to \$250,000, given. The principal encumbrance on the place is a mortgage for \$150,000 given by Mr. McCall on January 2 last to the New York Life Insurance Company as security for notes to that amount which he turned over to the trustees on the Andrew Hamilton account.

The Chestnut Forests of Corsica.

The chestnut forests of the island of Corsica have for ages been the crowning glory of its mountains and valleys. Just as at least once in its history they were its salvation by offering to its army of defense a secure fastness and a means of sustenance against invaders. Now disafforestation is in active progress on every hand, and over wide tracts the woods are disappearing, leaving the hills and dales nothing but bleak wastes. Strong protests are being made by many of the older inhabitants against this shortsighted devastation, which, besides destroying the attractions of the island as a resort for tourists, removes the most effective protection against ruinous landslides on the mountain slopes under the action of winter torrents.

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