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Of Texas Legislature Asks Pertinent Questions in His Morning Prayer.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 2.—Chaplain Joyce, of the House of Representatives yesterday morning in his regular morning prayer at the opening of the session said:

"Hundreds of men in the state are today cursing the laws recently enacted. Why do they not come and curse the lawmakers. Hundreds of thousands are blessing those laws; why not bless the men that passed them.

The recent enactment of certain reform legislation has caused the members of the Legislature to be the subject of much criticism, which it is said prompted the chaplain's remarks.

DROUGHT BROKEN.

Great Loss to Crops in Spain, Farmers Now Rejoicing.

MADRID, April 2.—The long drought which has caused so much loss, in damage to the wheat and corn crops, was broken yesterday by a torrential rain which fell throughout Spain and all the farmers are rejoicing.

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GOVERNMENT ARBITRATION.

Time Coming When Controversies of Men And Employers Is Submitted.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Federal authorities express the opinion that the time is coming when the railroads and their employes will submit all controversies relative to wages, hours of service and conditions of employment to government boards rather than undergo the distressing experiences that usually follow strikes and partisan tie-ups. Congress has provided the machinery whereby mediation and arbitration shall be applied to labor disputes in the railroad world. This machinery is found in the "mediation and arbitration" act of 1898, which for a long time was not invoked owing to the distrust of railway employers and railway employes.

A fair test of the efficacy of the law is now being made in the differences between the Southern Pacific Railroad company and its employes growing out of the strike of the latter because of dissatisfaction over wages and other matters. Both sides to the controversy having signified a willingness to submit their troubles to a board of arbitration, steps were taken by the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor to bring them together. The indications are that an award will be made satisfactory alike to the railroad and its employes.

The mediation and arbitration act of 1898 applies to common carriers, their officers, agents and employes. It provides that whenever a controversy shall arise between a carrier and its employes, "seriously interrupting or threatening to interrupt the business of the said carrier," the Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Commissioner shall, upon the request of either party, use their best efforts by "conciliation and mediation" to amicably settle the differences between employers and employes. If mediation fails then the law offers the alternative of arbitration. Mediation was tried in the case of the Southern Pacific, without results. Arbitration was then proposed, and it was adopted.

Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission is of the opinion that before long arbitration will become fashionable in the transportation world. "I regard this law as well conceived and sound in principle," he said. "It goes about as far as useful legislation of this kind



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could go. We hear more or less about compulsory arbitration. That, to my mind, is a contraction of terms. The tribunal to which a party to a controversy can be brought against his will is not in any true sense arbitration, because the very idea of arbitration is a voluntary submission by both sides. The practical difficulty in the way of voluntary arbitration must come, in the nature of the case, in the selection of the third arbitrator. Under the law of 1898 the two parties each selects its representative on the board, and the government through the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor names the third. Each party to a difference selects as a matter of course, one in sympathy with his cause. The method of selecting the third arbitrator provided in this act is about as good as any that could be devised."

CHASE JOINS HIGHLANDERS.

Salary Question Settled to the Satisfaction of Managers.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Word has been received in this city that Hal Chase, the noted first baseman of the New York American Baseball club will join the team in a few days.

Chase, who lives in San Jose, Cal., has hitherto refrained from reporting to Manager Griffiths because of salary disagreement. It is believed the matter will be amicably settled.

WHITE ART TREASURES.

To Be Sold This Week. New York Art Museum to Make Purchases.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Eight hundred persons including artists, connoisseurs and dealers visited the Stanford White house and viewed the art objects which are to be sold at auction on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Admission was by ticket. Another public exhibition will be given today.

Sir Caspar Purdon Clark, director of the Metropolitan museum of art has made several visits of inspection. His interest indicated that the museum would be an interested bidder at the sale.

THAW COMMISSION

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will have to be committed to an asylum.

Probably the first step which Mr. Jerome will take this morning will be to call Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton to the stand to ask him about Thaw's actual condition of mind. This is likely to bring the hearing to its crucial stage. There is some conjecture as to Mr. Jerome's motive in having Mrs. Evelyn Thaw subpoenaed for appearance at the sessions. She was much perturbed over this movement. She was afraid that she would have to testify against her husband. Mr. Jerome would not explain why she was summoned but the probability is that she will only be asked a few technical questions.

It was announced today after a session which lasted from 10:30 this morning until 6:30 this evening that the Thaw lunacy commission will conclude its labors tomorrow and report conclusions to Judge Fitzgerald before the hour set for the Thaw jury to report in court Thursday morning. There will be a brief session tomorrow to hear the testimony of alienists offered by Jerome, then will follow private mental and physical examination of defendant.

Only members of the commission and the official stenographer will be present at Thaw's ordeal, attorneys for the defense and the District Attorney being barred. Announcement was made that the Committee desired to renew its private examination of Thaw came at the end of the day as many witnesses and it was in the nature of a surprise. The decision was probably due to the conflicting character of the testimony heard today. It was but another battle of the alienists. Those engaged by the District Attorney declared Thaw absolutely incapable of understanding his condition, of realizing the nature of the charge against him or of rationally conferring with his counsel; while those engaged by defense declared Thaw throughout the trial had acted rationally, and had rationally advised his counsel and fully understood and appreciated everything connected with his trial.

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