

Fair and cooler tonight; Thursday generally fair; winds mostly westerly.

SENATOR MITCHELL OUT OF PALMATIC COMMITTEE

Senator Resigns the Chairmanship as He Cannot Serve on the Committee

Administration Rate Bill Introduced in the House by Townsend—Changes Are Made From the Old Measure

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 6.—Vice-President Fairbanks received a telegram from Senator Mitchell of Oregon yesterday resigning the chairmanship of the senate committee on interoceanic canals. He will probably be succeeded by Millard of Nebraska.

Senator Mitchell's resignation of the chairmanship of the isthmian committee was sent by telegram yesterday. "I came to the conclusion that as I couldn't take any part in the work of the committee I would better resign. That's all there is to it," said Senator Mitchell today, when asked for the reasons for his action.

PUBLICITY FOR RAILROADS; CANAL BILL IS CONSIDERED

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Both houses met at the usual time this morning. The galleries were crowded and there was a large attendance of both senators and representatives.

Representative Townsend of Michigan introduced into the house today, in an amended form, the Esch-Townsend bill, regulating railroad freight rates, which passed the house last session. The bill still has the support of the administration. The new measure follows the lines of last year's bill, making it clearer that it is intended to include private and refrigerator-car lines under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

The bill increases the interstate commerce commission to seven members, with salaries of \$10,000 a year each, and gives the commission power to declare and order a maximum rate. The railroads can appeal from the decision of the commission to the supreme court. The measure provides for the inspection of all books and accounts of railroads, and is designed to give publicity to all the affairs of the corporation.

Power of Commission. The bill provides that when a complaint is found to be well founded the commission has the power to fix maximum rates. When a low rate has been given favored shippers the commission is cloaked with power to make the rate the maximum for all shippers. Private car lines, industrial roads and refrigerator charges are put under supervision of the commission. The railroad accounts are to be examined along the lines that national bank accounts are at present examined and the commission is given the power to compel trunk lines to give fair treatment to lateral and branch lines.

The bill provides that the commission may determine what the maximum rate is reasonable and just, and after a full investigation the board can prescribe the maximum reasonable rate. This decision to go into effect within a reasonable time, subject only to review by the courts. The general intention is to make the interstate commerce commission a regulatory board, rather than one to originate rates.

The first sign of a split between the president and the leaders of the party in the senate upon the railroad rate question is manifest by the sudden and determined opposition to the confirmation of Franklin K. Lane, as a member of the interstate commerce commission. Lane's nomination was held by the senate and referred to the committee on interstate commerce. Lane is a Bryan Democrat. When this became known there was instantly vigorous objection on the part of Senators popularity regarded as antagonistic to the plan to enlarge the powers of the commission.

Four or five senators among them Aldrich, Foraker, Gallinger and Fulton, were aroused by the appointment.

Walk Over Democrats. The Republicans in the senate declare that railroad rate legislation is the political question before the administration and that the Republican party is responsible to the country for the enactment of legislation and the execution of laws. To place the control of the interstate commerce commission in the hands of the Democrats would be a fatal blunder from a political standpoint.

Some of the senators are inclined to regard the appointment of Lane as a bid for Democratic support in congress. The nomination is certain to be held up and efforts made to induce the president to withdraw it and if that fails the committee will report against Lane's confirmation.

Publicity Feature. In addition to last year's bill, the new measure has the publicity feature, and gives the commission jurisdiction over terminal charges and directly prohibits the carrier from granting any shipper the privilege of collecting product and then getting a special rate under the absent term provision for changing rates.

Townsend says the bill will fully accomplish the things to which the president particularly calls attention to in his message as being necessary to bring about the proposed reforms.

Considers Canal Bill. The house resolves into a committee of the whole and began the consideration of the Hepburn canal bill, which appropriates \$15,000,000 for the immediate service of the isthmian commission.

Senator Hepburn of Idaho introduced a joint resolution in the senate today requesting the president to enter upon negotiations with the governments of

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FAVORS MANY TROOPS LEVY REDUCING BLACKMAIL

Mayor Recommends Cutting Down Estimates of Fire Department, Police Department and Others.

Mayor Lane late this afternoon presented to the city council the estimate of expenses of the different departments of the municipal government for 1906. This was referred to the ways and means committee, where the figures will be scrutinized and the tax levy fixed for next year. The mayor recommended that the estimate of the fire department be reduced \$50,000, the police department \$12,700, the street lighting department \$12,000 and the park board \$7,000. His recommendations are as follows: The reorganization of the health department and the combining of the offices of plumbing inspector, building inspector and health officers. He is of the opinion that a tax levy of 4 mills upon an estimated valuation of \$135,000,000 taxable property in the city, together with the receipts from the different sources, will be sufficient to maintain the city government during 1906. His recommendations follow in detail:

The Mayor's Message. "To the Honorable City Council, Portland, Oregon:

Gentlemen: After having carefully gone over the estimates of the different departments, I submit to you herewith a compiled statement of the entire financial affairs of the city as they have been presented to me.

In view of the fact that the assessed valuations of all properties have been increased to about two and one-half times what it was last year, the levy for the taxes for 1906 must be kept as nearly as possible to its proportionate ratio. The city is growing rapidly, and in my opinion is entering upon a new era in its history, pointing to a greater increase in its business and population than it has ever known before, and it should be properly provided with sufficient funds to keep up with the advance in its needs. At the same time all items of expenditure should be carefully scrutinized, that the people's money may not be wasted.

Four Mill Levy Proposed. "I find it a difficult proposition to strike a balance between the actual needs and the necessary outlay required to meet them. At any rate as near as I can ascertain a levy of 4 mills upon an estimated valuation of \$135,000,000 of property will see the city safely through the coming year. To do this the estimate for the fire department must be reduced to \$12,700 or \$10,000, the estimate submitted in the report from that department. We need increased apparatus for fighting fires, but by making careful selections of sites in outlying districts and using half pay system for all men in some instances, an increased expenditure of say \$15,000 or \$20,000 above last year will materially improve the present condition of affairs.

In the police department a saving of \$1,000 a year can be made if the city will board and keep its own horses at its own stables. By substituting a patrol wagon station on the east side in place of a station, some \$9,000 more can be saved. The present car is a improvement in the patrol system \$2,500 more can be taken off, making a total of say \$12,700.

Can Save in Lighting. "In street lighting, allowing an increase of 100 lights for the year, we can save \$12,000 from the estimate.

"The park board expended, say \$28,000 this year, with much new sidewalk to be built, with none to build next year.

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Russian Soldiers Parade Streets Intimidating Populace—New Governor-General is Named for Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—(Bulletin.)—Three battalions of infantry at Moscow are reported to have revolted and killed their officers. A general strike is progressing in every city in the empire. Conflicts between the people and troops are reported from many places. During the rioting at Kiev more than 1000 were killed or wounded. Mutineers fired the officers' quarters and kept the firemen back until the buildings were destroyed. All the higher officials of the postal and telegraphers' unions have been arrested. It is reported from Sevastopol that Admiral Choukma is openly inciting the populace to massacre the Jews.

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Dec. 5.—Dispatches by courier to the frontier from St. Petersburg say that the chief of the press censorship office has resigned. Soldiers are parading the streets at Voronezh, levying blackmail and intimidating the populace. An official note says that the government is anxious to institute the reforms promised in the manifesto, but that it is impossible to do so until the laws required by the reforms are passed. Under the old laws must be enforced.

"Podolowzyska, a town on the Russo-Galician frontier, is crowded with fugitives from Kiev, Odessa, Kharoff, Voronezh and other south Russian towns. They relate terrible stories of anarchy and atrocious cruelty. Families were murdered by the wholesale in Odessa Sunday last and much property destroyed by the Russians. Jewish children were tortured in the presence of their parents and then killed, the parents themselves being afterward massacred. Hundreds of corpses are lying in the streets, no one daring to remove them, not even the nuns offering to help the wounded or murdered."

A dispatch says that the Baron Medem, prefect of police at Moscow, has resigned. General Duranov, a general of Moscow, is replaced by Admiral Dubasov.

MAY BE REGENT.

Grand Duke Nicholas Will Command in Case Czar Goes Abroad.

London, Dec. 5.—The Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaich, according to dispatches from St. Petersburg, is spoken of as possible regent in view of the reported intention of the czar to go abroad. He is the soldier par excellence of the Russian imperial family. Fifty years of age, he is the elder of the two sons of the late Grand Duke Nicholas, the disreputable brother of the murdered czar, Alexander II, and has been engaged in active service in the army ever since his fifteenth year. He was but 20 when the war of 1876 with Turkey broke out, but so distinguished himself during that campaign, in the course of which he received a severe wound, that he was promoted to the command of the Grand Hussar regiment and subsequently to the rank of major-general. He is said by those who know him to be a very conscientious man, a firm disciplinarian in all matters relating to the army, but at the same time very genial and kindly to all of those with whom he comes in contact. The present czar is known to esteem him highly and in view of this fact the report that the Grand Duke Nicholas might be named regent is regarded in some quarters as not altogether improbable.



Lady Willoughby d'Eresby, Who Was Miss Eloise Lawrence Brees of New York. She Is Worth \$1,000,000 in Her Own Right.

AMERICAN GIRL WEDS ENGLISH PEER MID GREAT POMP AND SPLENDOR

Miss Eloise Lawrence Brees of New York Married to Lord Willoughby d'Eresby at St. Margaret's, Westminster — Groom Is Heir to Earl of Ancaster.

(Journal Special Service.) London, Dec. 5.—The marriage of Miss Eloise Lawrence Brees of New York and Lord Willoughby d'Eresby at St. Margaret's, Westminster, today, was one of the brightest ever seen. The church was crowded with a fashionable throng that included nearly all the prominent members of the American colony in London. Seldom has been seen a more beautiful dress than that worn by the bride. It was made of ivory satin, with full court train of Brussels lace chiffon. The bridesmaids, among them Miss Annie Brees and Lady Dorothy Onslow, daughter of the earl of Onslow, looked remarkably pretty in lavender gowns trimmed with sable, and picture hats. Miss Cavendish, a granddaughter of the duke of Devonshire, acted as flower-girl. Lord Willoughby d'Eresby is 28 years old and is the son and heir of the earl of Ancaster. Several years ago he was engaged for one week to Miss Muriel Wilson, but the engagement was broken off because the Ancesters are strict Protestants and disapproved of Miss Wilson's liberal views about Sabbath observance. The earl of Ancaster is 75 years old and though he comes of a long-lived family in the natural course of things, it cannot be long before Lord Willoughby succeeds to the title and the magnificent country seats that go with it. Of the latter there are three—Grimthorpe castle, in Lincolnshire; Normanton park, near Stamford, and Drummond castle, in Perthshire, Scotland.

SIX MEN AND A JAR OF AMMONIA DRIVE MRS. BARRY FROM HER CAR

(Journal Special Service.) Girard, Kan., Dec. 6.—Half suffocated by ammonia fumes and struggling against six men, Mrs. Sallie Barry was captured about noon in the car which she has held the fort in since Sunday, when she drove all passengers out as the revolver's point and the car was sidetracked here. She calmed down after her arrest and told her name, and told also of her daughter at Northport, Washington. She fired one shot, but no one was hurt. She will not be arraigned on an insanity warrant unless her friends fail to come to her aid. The capture was effected through a jar filled with ammonia and thrown into the lavatory through the glass. Blankets were stuffed into the hole and the door broken open with an ax. A Lexington (Kentucky) dispatch states that the woman who has been defying Kansas authorities is Mrs. James P. Barry of Montgomery county, Kentucky. James P. Barry, her former husband, is a resident of Lexington. This morning Barry visited a lawyer—W. C. G. Hobbs—who has received a number of letters, showing evidences of insanity on the part of the writer, from Mrs. Barry, urging him to find her husband to aid his divorced wife. The Barrys have a daughter, Mrs. Stella Phillips, living at Northport, Washington.

SWISH OF COW'S TAIL MAKES FARMER BLIND

(Journal Special Service.) Fresno, Cal., Dec. 5.—Six weeks ago Wherry Curtis was a healthy, robust farmer residing near Visalia. Today he is totally blind and helpless as the result of a swish of a refractory cow's tail. While milking one morning Curtis was struck in the eyes by the switching tail of a cow. Though the pain was intense the farmer did not think seriously of the occurrence until blood poisoning set in. He lost the sight of one eye, which was followed by the other.

Murdered by Pirates. (Journal Special Service.) Victoria, B. C., Dec. 4.—The steamer Empress of India, just arrived from the Orient, brings the news that the British steamer Cloverdale has been found stranded on a shoal in the China sea. No trace of the crew was found, and it is supposed that the men were murdered by Chinese pirates.

BOY PREVENTS BAD WRECK

Eleven-Year-Old Vincent McKennon Saves Trains From Being Hurled Off Bridge Into Kalama River.

FINDS TWO HORSES CAUGHT ON TRACK

Then Runs Back, Stumbling Through Darkness, to Kalama, and Tells Engineer of Freight, Who Leaves Man to Warn Passenger Train and Hurries to Remove Obstacle.

At Carroll's Point, on the Northern Pacific railroad, five miles north of Kalama, lives Vincent McKennon, an 11-year-old country lad, whose presence of mind and prompt, brave action prevented a serious disaster Sunday night. Trainmen along the line are telling how the boy saved trains from smashing into an obstruction on a bridge and possibly from being hurled into the Kalama river.

It was dark as the boy walked along the railroad tracks toward his home, but he could plainly see the obstructions on the bridge and realized at once the impending danger. An eastbound and westbound train were due to pass within a short time. A freight train he had just seen at Kalama.

He thought quickly. The westbound train was sometimes late, he remembered; the eastbound train was always on time. He decided accordingly. Through the darkness he sped, stumbling along the ties toward the nearest station to tell the operator to stop the eastbound train. He reached Kalama in time to warn the freight train to leave, and stopped the train, which waited and held the passenger. Then the lad started immediately back to warn the westbound train on the other side of the bridge.

Kerosene Caught on Track. The boy walked from his home to Kalama Sunday afternoon. It was 5:30 o'clock when he started to return. Midway between Carroll's Point and Kalama is a bridge crossing the Kalama river. When the boy crossed the bridge on leaving home there was no obstruction. When he returned, however, he saw through the darkness that there were two large objects on the bridge.

He went closer and found two horses across the tracks. The animals had attempted to cross during the afternoon, had fallen partly through the ties and were imprisoned there, struggling violently.

Carroll's Point is directly on the railroad and offers few diversions to youngsters except the trains. Daily the boy had watched the great engines puffing and shrieking as they passed his home, and he knew the time of every one. He knew that Nos. 3 and 15, two of the Northern Pacific crack passenger trains, would pass each other at Goble, on the other side of the river, within a short time.

While at Kalama that afternoon he saw a freight train lying idly on a sidetrack while the engine huffed busily about the station. He heard the trainmen talking and learned that the westbound passenger was late and that the freight was preparing to reach the next station before it arrived.

Had to Choose Quickly. Things passed quickly through the boy's head as he stood there in the darkness watching the horses struggling vainly to extricate themselves. He knew danger was impending, that such an obstruction must surely hurl a train from the tracks. Terror seized him; it was not a childish fear of darkness or fear of harm to himself, but a great fear of what might happen if a rapidly-running train struck the obstruction on the bridge.

He paused only for a moment. Deciding to risk the chance of the westbound train's being late, he turned and retraced his steps as rapidly as he could toward Kalama to warn the eastbound train. It was pitch dark and running was slow. He stumbled frequently over the rails, but did not falter. He thought only of the approaching trains that must crash into the obstructions unless they were warned by him.

Finally he reached Kalama. Engineer Jacobus, of the freight train, had mounted his cab and was preparing for the run to beat the passenger to the next station. He was peering down the tracks, waiting for the signal from Conductor Hector. Suddenly he heard a plying voice in the darkness beside the engine. He listened intently.

"I've Got Something to Tell You." "Please, mister, don't start your train till I tell you something," gasped the plying voice in the darkness. "I've got something to tell you."

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