

POSTAL SAVINGS TALK ALL BLUFF

No Such Bill Intended to Pass, and Bill Offered Is Self-Nullifying.

By John E. Lathrop.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Your guess that no postal savings bank bill will be passed or other material alteration of the fiscal system effected prior to the report of the Aldrich monetary commission, I think is a good prophecy, was the answer today by a prominent administration western senator to my question as to the probability of Senator Carter's bill being adopted.

It is apparent that no well informed senators really expect the Carter bill to pass. It is no prejudiced statement to say that Carter himself knows his bill is doomed to remain temporarily the object of apparent solicitude and then drop into "innocuous desuetude," awaiting the Aldrich commission's report and recommendation, which committee has hinted that it does not purpose including the postal savings bank in its scheme for financial reorganization.

I am sure the current discussion in the senate is well understood here as merely to keep campaign promises, which were, at Chicago, that postal savings bank legislation would be adopted after a short time. These proposals will then be permitted to die by neglect, or, if brought to vote, will be beaten. The present discussion is also to "try out" the sentiment of the people throughout the country, which was made apparent yesterday in the discussion, when Heyburn of Idaho asked questions which brought from Carter the assertion that the postal savings banks were not desirable, or depositors who desired to check against their funds day by day; that such would be expected to continue to patronize the ordinary bank.

When Carter, who is not far from the confidence of the governing powers of the senate, made this declaration it caused the comment that such a conception was utterly at variance with campaign promises, which were for the safeguarding of all who desired it for currently used bank deposits.

RELATES STORY OF AEON'S WRECK

Child Born on Christmas Island Was With Difficulty Saved.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Miss Sadie Campbell, a trained nurse who accompanied Mrs. Patrick, wife of Captain B. R. Patrick, United States navy, on the ill-fated Aeon on its voyage which ended in a wreck and 70 days of privation on Christmas Island last July, is in this city today, having just returned from her memorable journey, with her once brown hair turned snowy white as a result of the terrors and hardships of that disaster.

Miss Campbell tells a remarkable story of the birth of a little baby girl on the barren island, where the castaways existed miserably for over two months. Mrs. Patrick, the mother, was Miss Campbell's patient, and she was in an extremely delicate condition when the ship struck the reef on Christmas Island, which brought their voyage to an end. The passengers in the vessel were cared for as well as the limited conveniences saved from the wreck would permit. The chief anxiety was for Mrs. Patrick, and through the faithfulness of her nurse she braved the ordeal and gave birth to little Jane Patrick just two days before the survivors of the wreck were rescued from their island home.

Miss Campbell told a thrilling story of the efforts of the crew of the Aeon to attract assistance. Bonfires of carefully gathered wood were lit as beacons to possible passing ships, and several unucky expeditions were sent out to reach Fanning Island and bring help. When succor finally came in the arrival of the British ship Maudslowi, the only way in which the people on shore could reach the vessel was to go through shark-infested water, shoulder deep, to the boats. This perilous journey was made by Miss Campbell clasping the

little two day old baby, whose advent into the world she had so heroically assisted in bringing about.

BIG PRIZE FOR AN AMERICAN OPERA

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 16.—A \$10,000 prize competition for an American opera, written by an American born composer, is the novelty announced today by the Metropolitan Opera company. The contest opens next Sunday, December 20, and closes on September 15 of next year. The award of the big prize will be made by a jury of recognized authorities and the successful opera will be staged at the Metropolitan, the exclusive rights of the production belonging to

the opera company for five years.

The principal conditions of the contest are that the opera shall not exceed a time limit of three and one quarter hours, and the libretto must be in English. Adaptations from existing literary works will be allowed, but they must be new adaptations.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE WITH RAT POISON

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Waldport, Or., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Will Lonsdale of this place yesterday afternoon attempted to commit suicide by taking rat poison. She has been in ill health for some time. On returning home, her son, Fred, found her in an apparently dying condition. He at once

summoned aid and she would be suicide was gotten out of danger. She is on the road to recovery.

Notaries Commissioned.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 16.—Commissions as notaries have been issued to Stella D. Myers, Laidlaw; William A. Mack, Astoria, and W. S. Gregory, C. T. Saling, R. M. Gatewood, William G. Beck and George H. Dufur, Portland.

Chris Demler, by His Card.

Niles, Cal., Dec. 16.—That murder has been committed near here is the belief of officers who have been investigating the death of a man supposed to be Chris Demler. About 6:30 Monday evening the body of a man was found near the Southern Pacific track, between

here and Sunol, the discovery being made by the engineer of train No. 17, westbound. The body was taken on board the train and brought to this city. In one of the pockets was a card bearing the name "Chris Demler." The man was apparently 35 years of age.

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