

BOND BILL SUBSTITUTE

Long Contest in the Senate Brought to a Close.

SEVEN MAJORITY FOR FREE COINAGE

A Vote Was Reached After Three Hours of Caustic Debate and Sharp Parliamentary Fencing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The long contest over the silver bond bill is at an end in the senate, that body having passed the free-silver coinage substitute for the house bond bill by the decisive vote of 42 to 25—a majority of seven for free silver. This result was reached at 3 o'clock today, after three hours of caustic debate and sharp parliamentary fencing.

The public interest in the culmination of the protracted struggle was shown by crowded galleries, and a full attendance on the floor, 77 senators being present, and the others paired. Baron von Theilmann, the German ambassador, who occupied a front seat in the diplomatic gallery, showing keen interests in the final vote. Members of the house crowded the chamber, filling available seats and standing room in the rear and side areas.

The result was such a foregone conclusion that little excitement or surprise was occasioned by the announcement of the passage of the substitute.

The early hours of the session, beginning at 11 o'clock, were given to the closing speeches, including that of Morrill, the octogenarian of congress, who is still vigorous in speech and thought. The other speeches were under the five-minute rule, being brief and snappy. Lindsay took occasion to say that in his judgment the president had fulfilled the full measure of his duty in financial affairs and should do no more. If calamity came as a result of the congressional inaction, the president should leave the responsibility where it belonged, on the shoulders of congress.

Another interesting incident occurred when Gorman was urging that the legislation was fruitless, as it could not receive executive approval. Morgan called attention to the fact that the duty of congress was to act without executive influence or direction, to which Gorman, with much earnestness replied.

"I fully agree to that proposition, and only regret that there has not been a closer adherence to it in the past. The senator from Alabama cannot go farther than I to resist encroachments of the executive in giving any suggestions beyond those he is bound to make by the constitution of the United States, and due weight should be given to whatever recommendations he makes, without fear of political power and patronage from the president."

Mills, who had voted with the silver men on all test motions, changed his vote at the last and recorded himself as against the passage of the free-silver bill.

CONFIRMATIONS.
After several hours' contest in executive session today, the senate confirmed the nominations of General J. J. Coppinger, colonel in the army, to be brigadier-general, by the decisive vote of 44 to 17.

The nomination was sent to the senate very soon after the conveying of congress, but had scarcely been made public when protests against confirmation began to pour in from the A. P. A. societies in all parts of the country. After a delay of six weeks, the senate committee on military affairs made a unanimously favorable report to the senate. The opposition was led today by Burrows, Gear, Perkins, Teller, Pettigrew, Squire and Wilson, all of whom made speeches during the course of the day's session. Hawley, Bate and Palmer, all members of the committee, championed the general's cause, detailing the results of the investigation of the committee, which they said were entirely favorable to General Coppinger.

The opponents of confirmation based their course of action almost entirely upon the fact that General Coppinger had been promoted over the heads of 13 colonels who were his seniors in rank, which was dwelt upon as an unjust proceeding. When they were met with the statement that Coppinger was selected because of his superior military record, they asserted that there were others of equally meritorious records. They also made the point that, in case of war, the probabilities were altogether favorable to younger men coming to the front.

The vote favorable to confirmation includes all the members of the committee on military affairs, who were supported by the more conservative senators, who generally follow committee recommendations. It was also noticed that all ex-Confederates in the senate voted for confirmation, as did all except one or two of the Union soldiers.

A ROOSTER IN EVIDENCE.
Brought Into Court and Placed on the Witness Stand.
In a stealing case which was tried in the county court at Sylvania, Ga., a very extraordinary witness was introduced—the first of his kind that has ever appeared in our courthouse, says the Savannah News. This was a dominick rooster. Two negro boys were prosecuted for stealing chickens from another negro. The prosecutor proved that his chickens were missing, and he claimed to have identified them in the yard of the accused. It then developed on the latter to prove their ownership. One of our brightest young lawyers was conducting the defense, and he very ingeniously introduced in evidence the above mentioned dominick rooster, which belonged to the defendants, in order to show the similarity in appearance between his rooster-ship and the suspected chickens. This rooster was lord of the barnyard on the place where the two boys lived, and the disputed chickens were so very much like him in color and other ways that no one doubted they were his lineal descendants. The rooster, when put on the stand, began at once to crow lustily, as if desiring to proclaim the innocence of the accused, and furnished much amusement to the court. After hearing all the evidence in the case and inspecting the rooster the judge discharged the prisoners and told the prosecutor that, while it was perhaps true he had lost his chickens, yet he was convinced they had become the prey of owls or 'possums.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN IN CHINA
He Would Have Been Likely to Get Himself Into Trouble.

One dark evening I was returning home from a call on one of our English neighbors in Taiyuenfu, writes Prof. C. M. Cady in Century. When not far from our compound the road crossed an open space of several acres in extent. As I was finding my way along by the dim light of a Chinese lantern, I nearly stumbled over the body of a man who had fallen by the way. My first impulse was to take hold of the person and ascertain if help was needed; but for some reason I did not, but hurried home to get aid. Mr. X was still with us, and on hearing my statement said:
"Yes, I know; the man is dead, and it is fortunate that you did not attempt to touch the body. Should we now try to remove it, or even go to it, we should no doubt be seen, and at once suspicion would attach itself to us, and none could tell the consequences. We might cause a riot before morning."
It should be said that this suspicion would not have been because we were foreigners, for a native under similar circumstances would likewise have run the risk of being charged with the murder. The Good Samaritan would have fared hardly in China—or most likely would have been suspected of doing the kind deed for some ultimate gain—while the priest and the Levite would have been accounted not hard-hearted, but prudent.

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