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### SCRYMSER CABLE BILL

**Argued Before Foreign Commerce Committee.**

#### THE NEED OF A LINE TO HONOLULU

**Scrymser Says Telegraphic Communication With the Islands Will Soon Be a Necessity.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—James A. Scrymser and Edmund L. Baylish were before the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today in the interest of the Pacific Cable Company of New York. They both argued upon the merits of the Scrymser bill over the Spalding bill, of the New Jersey company. Scrymser stated that his company would want 18 months after the passage of the bill to complete the cable to Hawaii and 18 more to complete it to Japan.

Batterson of Tennessee said it had been argued that the Scrymser company was in sympathy with or had connection with England and English interests. Scrymser said that of course his company would expect to do English business. Patterson said there should be inserted in the bill a provision that the cable company should not come under British influence.

Scrymser referred to Swayne's statement that Japan wanted no cable connection as ridiculous. He said that Japanese and Chinese telegraph lines were dependent upon and controlled by the Russian lines. The Spalding company, he said, would build to Hawaii and stop. His line to Japan would save the people of that country more than a million dollars in tolls.

"The Japanese," he said, "are flocking to Hawaii now. This country is going to have a contest with the Japanese or some other power to control Hawaii. It is necessary to have a cable line there as soon as possible."

Scrymser did not like the idea of leaving the matter of the contract with the master-general.

The present postmaster-general will have time to act, and we don't know what the next postmaster-general is, or what he will do," said Scrymser.

The discussion among the members of the committee developed a wide difference of opinion.

#### DAVIS WAS SHUT OUT.

**Benson Men Seized the Speaker's Rostrum Today.**

SALEM, Jan. 22.—Serious trouble was threatened this morning when the Davis organization met, but it was averted. A number of assistant sergeant-at-arms born in by the Benson organization remained in the house all night and on Davis, at 9:30, started to ascend the rostrum to call the house to order,

he was stopped by three of them, who forbade him in the name of the state of Oregon to ascend. Davis asked by what authority they refused to permit him to take his chair. He was told that they had been authorized by Speaker Benson to allow no one to take the chair. Davis repeated his question, and after it had again been answered, called on the bystanders to witness what had passed. He then went to the other side of the rostrum, where the same proceedings were had.

At this juncture a compromise was effected by permitting Davis to take his seat on condition that his house adjourn before the Benson house was called to order. The rollcall showed only seven members present, namely: Davis, of Umatilla; Davis, of Multnomah; Hill, Lee, Riddle, Smith, of Linn; U'Ren. The house then adjourned until 2 p. m. tomorrow.

#### Adjourned Till Monday.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—The Benson house held a short session, transacting only business of a preliminary nature. Contrary to expectation no formal notice was sent to the senate asking for recognition. The entire session seemed to lack ginger. An adjournment was taken till Monday forenoon, instead of tomorrow, as was done by the Davis house.

When the hour of 10 o'clock arrived, all the members of the Davis house who were present withdrew, and Speaker Benson called his organization to order. The rollcall showed thirty-one members present, as follows: Benson, Bridges, Brown, Buckman, Chapman, Conn, Crawford, David, Gratke, Gardane, Hope, Hudson, Huntington, Jennings, Lake, Langell, Marsh, Merrill, Misener, Mitchell, Noeler, Palm, Rigby, Smith of Marion, Somers, Stanley, Thomas, Thompson, Vaughan, Veness, Wagner.

After yesterday's journal had been read and approved, it occurred to Rigby that the proceedings ought to be opened with prayer. He therefore moved that Rev. G. W. Grannis be invited to invoke divine blessing.

Thomas introduced a resolution that

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the chief clerk and each member of the house be furnished with a code and house and senate journals and session laws of the last legislature. The resolution further provided that all these copies remain the property of the state and be returned at the end of the session. The resolution was adopted by a vote of twenty-four to six.

Those voting against the resolution were Bridges, Chapman, Gratke, Hudson, Misener, Rigby.

Hope then introduced a resolution that when the house should reach the order of business of the introduction of bills the following procedure be had: The speaker to introduce the first bill, then the roll to be called, each member to introduce one bill only. The resolution was adopted.

The speaker appointed Lake, Huntington and Bridges a committee of three to prepare a schedule of wages for the officers and employees of the house. The house then adjourned till 11:30 a. m. Monday.

#### KITES AT GOVERNOR'S ISLAND.

**Lieutenant Hugh Wise Made a Kite Ascension.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Lieutenant Hugh G. Wise, of the Ninth infantry on Governor's island, has just made the first kite ascension ever successfully attempted in America. For six months the lieutenant, entirely on his own responsibility, has been studying and experimenting with kites as a means of assisting armies in warfare. The tandem system of specially constructed kites is intended to supplant the use of balloons, which cannot live in gales.

The lieutenant's kites are cellular. They consist of rectangular frames of spruce. Cotton string and cotton cloth in strips are stretched around the ends of the frames, leaving both ends of the rectangular framework open, and also an open strip in the center. Thus four lifting surfaces and four guiding surfaces are presented to the wind.

When the breeze freshened to a five-mile-an-hour, the lieutenant was hoisted fifty-two feet so that he could see over the eaves of the officers' quarters and down the bay. The force represented by the pulling of the four kites is estimated at 400 pounds.

"I have studied the system of Professor Langley, of the Smithsonian institution; Professor Markham, of the weather bureau, and Civil Engineer Chanute, of Chicago, who are making special experiments in aerial locomotion with aeroplanes," said Lieutenant Wise. "The experiment shows that kites are serviceable in a gale which would tear a balloon to pieces where it is desired to observe the surrounding country and inspect the maneuvers of an enemy. I attribute my success to a close view of the methods of those who have studied the subject, rather than to my own effort."

Captain Baden-Powell ascended nearly 100 feet in England, but he took a parachute with him. Lawrence Hargrave was hoisted by kites of 40 feet in Australia. There are only three instances of aeroplane ascension on record.

#### TRIAL OF THE CRUISER TERRIBLE

**Navy Department Receives a Report Regarding It.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The report received by the navy department of the recent trial of the British armored cruiser *Terrible*, the most formidable ship of her class in the world, shows that this vessel has made a remarkable record and placed herself in the lead of all great vessels of heavy armor and great displacement constructed for any navy. The *Terrible* is regarded as the greatest ship, both for speed and fighting combined, that has been undertaken, and, with her sister ship, the *Powerful*, will make a pair unequalled by any of the great naval powers abroad.

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