

PROGRESS IN LEGISLATION

Legislative Committees Down to Work and Include Many Subjects.

AT MANY BILLS KILLED BY COMMITTEES

Bill in the Senatorial Situation Bills Before the House—Bill Making it a Penalty for Employers to Work Against Labor

Ore., Feb. 3.—The legislative committee has made considerable progress during the week in disposing of legislation. Not many bills have been introduced, but the committees have settled on many bills and have concluded consideration of several subjects. It is expected to give considerable attention to the corporation license and inheritance tax bill. The committee will be expected to give considerable attention to the corporation license and inheritance tax bill. The committee will be expected to give considerable attention to the corporation license and inheritance tax bill.

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The secretary of state earnestly recommended legislation for the control of fraternal insurance companies, which are becoming so numerous. The purpose of the legislation he suggested was to require such reports and such methods of business as would protect members of such societies. The secretary of state also recommended the apportionment of a joint standing committee to investigate the subject of insurance law and make a comprehensive report to the next legislature.

No Change in the Vote.

Salem, Feb. 3.—There is no change in the senatorial vote. Paulson, who has been voting for Fulton, voted for Geer, but before the results was announced, changed back to Fulton. It is thought it may possibly indicate a possible defection from Fulton.

Salem, Feb. 3.—A bill passed the house today providing that employers seeking to force employees not to join a union will be subject to a heavy fine.

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Salem, Ore., Feb. 3.—The Salem Socialist Club at a regular meeting last evening, passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, Inasmuch as the Socialist party is in favor of a democratic form of government, a government by the people and for the people, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we are in favor of direct nomination of United States Senator and we consider these legislators who have disregarded the will of the people, as expressed at the last June election, as declaring themselves as not the people's servants, but as being the people's dictators, and that they are deserving of the condemnation of all persons who believe in a democratic form of government."

GAS ASPHYXIATIONS IN CHICAGO

TWENTY-FIVE DEATHS HAVE OCCURRED IN JANUARY.

Defective Fixtures and Penurious Landlords Cause Many Deaths in Chicago—Landlords Turn Gas Off and On.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Twenty-four deaths by gas asphyxiation have occurred since January 1, principally caused by defective fixtures and penurious landlords cutting the gas off from the lodging houses late at night, the roomers burning gas at the time. The landlords turned the gas on the buildings early in the morning and it immediately flows through the open stop-cocks, killing the occupants of the rooms.

THREE NEWSBOYS SCALDED.

Somebody Threw Boiling Water Upon Them as They Slept.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—Three newsboys, Fred White, 14; Fred D. Reck, 12, and Harry Hess, 12, were so seriously scalded shortly after midnight that White and Reck will die. They were sleeping in an arcaway belonging to the First National Bank when some unknown person threw two buckets of scalding water upon them. Hess is the only one who can talk, but he is unable to give the name of the person who threw the water.

Fire in Reform School.

Salt Lake, Feb. 3.—An unsuccessful attempt was made Sunday night to burn the State Reform School at Ogden, which contains about 150 inmates. Shortly after 7 o'clock fire was discovered in both the boys' and girls' dormitories, and for a time the flames threatened to envelope the entire building. The fire was got under control before serious damage was done to the building. It is charged that there was collusion between the boy and girl inmates in a plan to destroy the institution. The officials have already begun an investigation.

Ohio Police Chiefs Meet.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 3.—A convention of the Ohio State Police Association composed of all the chiefs of police and sheriffs of the state, commenced in Cleveland today and will continue through tomorrow. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss police methods and the various systems adopted by the cities of the state, so that all the chiefs and sheriffs can profit from the mistakes and points of excellence of other systems.

Snow in San Francisco.

IN THE INTEREST OF THE RAILROADS

Senators Bates and Morgan Endeavor to Assist the Railway Corporations.

WOULD ALLOW THEM TO CONSOLIDATE GOVERNMENT GRANT.

Quay Askes That February be Set for a Vote on the Statehood Bill—Panama Canal Treaty Reported Favorable—Railroads Opposed it.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Panama canal treaty was today reported favorably to the senate for ratification without amendment, by the committee on foreign relations. Morgan is the only opponent and the only member who voted against the report. He gave notice that he would continue his opposition on the floor of the senate in an endeavor to defeat it in the interest of the railroads.

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The reason given was to allow the railways to consolidate their government grants.

Lacey of Iowa, and Flynn of Oklahoma, favored it but Jones of Washington opposed the bill and said it was simply a big steal, allowing the corporations decided advantages. The democrats opposed it and it was defeated.

A bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for a new agricultural building passed. Morgan again occupied the entire fourth day of the session of foreign relations committee, offering amendments, all of which were voted down. They agreed to amendments organizing the Porto Rican provisional regiment and increasing the Philippine barracks appropriation, \$250,000. Also appropriating and making immediately available \$2,000,000 for the equipment of the organized militia. The bill was put aside for final passage tomorrow.

Bard of California, continued his remarks in opposition to the statehood bill.

The house passed a resolution directing the president to open negotiations with Great Britain for the purpose of securing uniform action for the preservation of the Behring Sea seal herd.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The president has appointed Arthur Beupre of Illinois, minister to Bogata to succeed Hart who has resigned. The latter wishes to return to his home at Wheeling and resume his occupation of newspaper work.

Fire at Middlebury.

Middlebury, Vt., Feb. 3.—The business section of this town was burned this afternoon. The loss will amount to \$150,000.

THE VENEZUELAN SITUATION

Jim Hill and Mark Hanna Said to Be Very Anxious--Call on Minister Bowen.

REGARDS THE SITUATION AS EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL.

Bowen Does Not Think the Affair Will be Referred to The Hague Tribunal—Many Complications Have Arisen During the Past Week.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Minister Bowen this morning received Mark Hanna and James J. Hill, of the Great Northern. The latter was very anxious to ascertain the exact Venezuelan situation. He asked Bowen directly whether the affair was liable to be referred to The Hague. Bowen said in his personal opinion it was not probable. But he regarded the situation extremely doubtful owing to the many complications that have arisen during the past week. Herbert and Sternberg followed among other visitors and remained in consultation some time.

Bowen's Ultimatum.

Washington, Feb. 3.—It develops that Minister Bowen this morning gave the allies their choice between sending the Venezuelan dispute to The Hague and accepting his offer of preferential treatment for the period of one month.

After a two-hour consultation, Herbert and Sternberg went to the British embassy where they were joined by the Italian ambassador, Desplanches. The diplomats have been in conference over Bowen's stand, which is regarded as an ultimatum, since noon. Bowen this morning made further representations to his callers on the proposition of the allied powers, showing the impossibility for Venezuela to accept any arrangement whereby the allies could get two-thirds of the 30 per cent of the customs. He said Venezuela's agreements to other creditors prohibited such a plan.

CUT UP HIS SWEETHEART.

Reason Why the Negro Ghoul of Indianapolis Confessed to Grand Jury.

Indianapolis, Feb. 3.—It was learned today that the reason Rufus Cantrell made a confession of his body snatching was because he found the body of his sweetheart in the medical college dissecting room when he returned from a few days' absence. He did not know she was dead and was so wrought up over the discovery that he made a confession to the grand jury.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

To Fix Responsibility for the Jersey Central Railroad Wreck.

Plainfield, Feb. 3.—A coroner's jury composed of prominent men met today to fix the responsibility for the Jersey Central railway disaster. Charles Fisk, head of the Fisk Banking House in New York, the foreman and general manager, the railway train dispatcher and several operators were summoned. Fifty witnesses in all were called. It is expected that the inquest will take a week.

TRAIN COLLISION.

A Wrecking Train Wrecked in Ohio—Conductor Killed.

Akron, O., Feb. 3.—A wrecking train collided with the rear end of a freight on the Baltimore & Ohio near East Ohio today. The conductor was pinned and burned to death. The engineer and fireman were slightly injured.

DYNAMITED BANK.

Burglars Escaped With \$15,000 at Cambridge, Ill.

Davenport, Feb. 3.—Burglars at Cambridge, Ill., this morning dynamited the bank safe, took \$15,000 in currency and escaped.

California Club Women.

Fresno, Cal., Feb. 3.—The California Federation of Women's Clubs opened its second annual convention here today. The delegates commenced arriving last evening, and all were promptly escorted to the quarters assigned them. The arrangements for the meeting are of the most perfect and elaborate character. The big Armory hall, where the sessions are held, has been handsomely decorated with flags and flowers. Today's proceedings were largely of a routine nature. A big reception is scheduled for this evening and the real business of the convention will commence tomorrow forenoon. The attendance is very large.

WITNESSES DISAPPEAR.

Mormons Intimidate Those Who Would Appear Against Hooper Young.

New York, Feb. 3.—It begins to appear that when Hooper Young is brought on trial tomorrow there will be no witnesses against him. Subpoena services the past three days have failed to locate any of the principal witnesses and almost all have mysteriously disappeared. It is supposed they have been frightened away by continued threats from those claiming to be Mormons.

EXCITED BY CUBAN FLAG.

Its Removal Requested on the Ground That it Was Not Customary to Display Foreign Flags From Private Houses.

Madrid, Feb. 3.—A Cuban flag displayed today from the hotel where the new Cuban minister resides, created such discontent that a riot nearly resulted. Foreign Minister Abrera requested its removal on the ground that it was not customary to display foreign flags from private houses.

BRITISH NAVY.

Is Much Greater Than That of Germany, as Shown by New Naval Plans.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The president of the reichstag today exhibited in the lobby the new great naval plan presented to the reichstag by the kaiser, showing the line of the British and German ships prepared in battle front. The plan demonstrated the preponderance of the British navy.

Redmond Released.

Dublin, Feb. 3.—Redmond, member of parliament, was released this afternoon. He had been in jail for creating a disturbance in parliament over the Irish question.

Dole Divorced.

Honolulu, Feb. 3.—Attorney-General Dole was today granted a divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Wheat—78 1/2 @ 79 cents per bushel.

REPORT ON LESSER CASE

NACVY DECIDES TO BUY NO MORE OF THE BOATS.

Recommends Further Proceedings Against Doblin for Perjury—Finds That Lessler Was Approached by Doblin to Sell His Vote Without Knowledge of the Boat Company.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The house committee on naval affairs today agreed on a report in the Lessler case. It vindicates Lessler, Quigg and the Holland Boat Company, and recommends further proceedings against Doblin, the self-confessed perjurer.

The report finds that Lessler was approached with the corruption proposition, that for a specified sum of \$5000 he should vote for an appropriation for the Holland boats. That the said proposition was made by Doblin acting on his own responsibility and initiative. That neither Quigg nor the Holland company knew or authorized such a proposition. The report cites that Doblin testified one way one day and contradicted it the next day. It instructs the attorney-general to proceed against Doblin in such manner as the law and facts would warrant.

After disposing of the Lessler report the committee again took up the naval appropriation bill. The first point considered was the proposition for 10 more Holland submarine boats, which gave rise to the entire controversy. It was lost by a vote of nine to six.

IS FRUIT INJURED?

Warm Weather of Past Month Has Advanced Orchards Greatly.

Were the orchards of Umatilla county injured by the severe freeze of Monday night?

This question is now agitating the minds of old settlers who remember that the orchards of this section have been greatly advanced by the warm weather of the past month.

Shrubbery and small fruit were on the point of budding in many localities, and the prospects are that some of the older and stronger orchards may be slightly, if not seriously injured by the severe freeze. On previous years the weather has been much colder, later in the season than it has been for the past two nights, but such a sudden change from the balmy air of spring to the zero point, has not been experienced in this locality for many years.

Old orchardists who have expressed an opinion, say that all kinds of fruit trees were fully three weeks earlier in signs of budding than is usual at this time of the year and that the sudden change unquestionably injured many orchards. It is impossible to say to what extent, yet, or how wide a territory the freezing weather visited, but it is the consensus of opinion that much damage has been done in Umatilla county within the past two days.

WILLING TO OBEY LAWS

Final Evidence Presented by Union Miners Before the Strike Commission.

A JUSTICE OF PEACE THE CHIEF WITNESS.

General Trend of All the Testimony Offered in Rebuttal of That of the Operators Show That the United Mine Workers Are Law Abiding at all Times.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—Rebutting evidence is being presented today before the anthracite commission by the miners.

Justice of the Peace McKelvey was the chief witness. He proved but a poor one for the miners, showing that he was biased in office in the strikers' behalf. He was rigidly cross-examined by Judge Gray. The general trend of the other testimony shows that the strikers are always willing to obey the laws.

Georgia's Sons Celebrate.

New York, Feb. 3.—Governor Terrell, Senator Clay, Clark Howell and other prominent citizens of Georgia are in the city to attend the second annual banquet of the Georgia Society of New York, which takes place tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria. The affair promises to be one of great brilliance. Governor Odell, of New York, will respond to the toast "The Empire State of the South;" Governor Terrell will respond to "The Empire State of the North," and Mayor Low will respond to "The Empire City of the World." A departure from the usual custom will be the presence of women at the banquet.

Memphis Merchants Take a Trip.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 3.—One hundred wholesale merchants of Memphis will leave tomorrow on a special train for New Orleans. Stops will be made en route at all the cities and towns of importance. The trip is to be made under the auspices of the Business Men's Club, and its object is the cultivation of the acquaintance of the retail trade in the territory to be covered. The trip will last a week or 10 days.

Troops Running Cars.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 3.—The street cars started this morning with the troops out in force. There was no serious trouble, although a few cases of stoning occurred.

Attack Militiamen.

The militiamen were stoned this afternoon but succeeded in driving the crowd back with their bayonets. Four cars were stoned.

PUT OFF THE TRAIN.

Lewis and Clark Fair Commissioner Has Thrilling Experience.

Being put off a train is one of the experiences which C. H. McIsaac, special commissioner of the Lewis and Clark fair, had while on his recent trip in behalf of the fair. In speaking with the Oregon Daily Journal Mr. McIsaac also told of the delightful sensation.

"When I got on the train at Garrison, Mont., on my way to Olympia, Wash., I proceeded to make myself at home in the smoking car. I got acquainted with several traveling men and pretty soon we were in the buffet and having a jolly good time. We had probably ridden past a few stations when the conductor came to me and asked me whether he had seen my ticket yet. I said no and handed it to him. He returned it, saying that it was no good. I took it for a joke and went on talking with my fellow travelers, when the conductor repeated his previous statement and added that I should read the line printed on the top of my pass. I did so, and read 'Not good on North Coast Limited.' I had been traveling on the North Coast Limited all this time without a right to, so I asked the conductor what I was to do. He answered that I should get off at the next station. I finally prevailed upon him to let me off at Missoula, where I could at least stop at a hotel. This he kindly agreed to. Before we got to Missoula, the only thing I heard was the singing of the traveling men: 'Put me off at Missoula.' I received a letter from one of them this morning enclosing a card on which was printed 'Put me off at Buffalo,' with Buffalo scratched out and Missoula substituted."

Jay Cooke, the financier of the civil war, is at 50 hale and hearty, ruddy, unaged save in the whiteness of his hair and beard, and with a fund of anecdotes regarding the great American past.