

DOINGS OF OUR NATIONAL BODY OF LAWMAKERS

Saturday, January 27.
 Washington, Jan. 27. — In a session of two hours today the house passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, carrying \$15,216,103, incorporated in which is a provision that the eight-hour law shall not apply to alien laborers on the Panama canal. In addition it passed 262 private pension bills and read the Mann general bridge bill, making it the unfinished business for Monday.

Friday, Jan. 26.
 Washington, Jan. 26. — The first attempt at filibustering during this session occurred in the house today on a Democratic endeavor to defeat the provision of the urgent deficiency bill waiving the eight-hour law for foreign laborers on the Panama canal. The amendment was placed in the bill in committee of the whole after the house had divided many times on every pretext which Williams could make the cause for a vote. When the bill was finally finished, late in the day, a demand for a separate vote and roll-call on that amendment was made and ordered, at which time the house adjourned. The vote will occur tomorrow. The amendment was ruled out of the bill on a point of order on Tuesday, and its insertion today was effected under the provisions of a special rule brought in from the rules committee for the purpose.

The only other controversy of the day resulted from an attempt to increase by \$115,000 the amount for meat inspection by the department of Agriculture. This increase was refused after an animated debate.

Thursday, January 25
 Washington, Jan. 25. — The house passed the statehood bill according to schedule today. The Republican opposition spent its entire force yesterday and no effort was made to defeat the bill on its final passage, only 33 of the "insurgents" voting against it. The bill passed by the vote of 194 to 150. The debate which preceded this vote began at 11 o'clock and was practically featureless so far as any hope was entertained of changing the measure in the slightest degree.

The bill as passed provides that Oklahoma and the Indian Territory shall constitute one state under the name of Oklahoma, and that Arizona and New Mexico shall constitute a state under the name Arizona. Should the terms of admission be ratified by the residents of the two former territories, their respective state constitutions must contain clauses prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and plural marriages. The constitution of Arizona must prohibit the sale of liquor to Indians forever and that of Oklahoma for 21 years. There are many other stipulations concerning schools, courts and political subdivisions of the proposed new states.

Washington, Jan. 25. — The foreign affairs of the United States continued to hold the attention of the senate today, the Moroccan and Dominican matters being immediately at issue. Money was the principal speaker and he talked for over two hours in opposition to the course of the administration with reference to both Santo Domingo and Morocco. He contended that there was danger of becoming involved unnecessarily in the affairs of other countries by participation in the Algeiras conference and that this country was not sufficiently concerned with the conduct of affairs in Santo Domingo to justify our course in that island. He also took the position that the president had transcended his authority there. Heyburn spoke in support of the annexation of Santo Domingo.

Wednesday, January 24.
 Washington, Jan. 24. — When the smoke of the liveliest legislative battle of the session had cleared up in the house today, Speaker Cannon and his organization were in complete control and the joint statehood program of the administration had been adopted.

Previous to the vote the debate on the rules had proceeded under high tension. The speeches were short but the word uttered were hot and full of sting. The rule adopted provides that the bill granting statehood to Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as "Oklahoma

Hague Delegates Chosen.
 Washington, Jan. 22. — Secretary Root today announced that the American representatives to the approaching conference to be held at The Hague will be Joseph H. Choate, formerly ambassador to England; Horace Porter, former ambassador to France, and Judge Rose, of Little Rock, Ark., ex-president of the American Bar association. Besides these delegates there may be others, the number being conditional upon the Russian representation, and there will also be a number of secretaries, stenographers and interpreters.

Newlands' Plea Against Bill.
 Washington, Jan. 23. — Senator Newlands today concluded his statement in opposition to the Philippine tariff bill, in the hearings now proceeding before the senate committee having in charge this measure. He took the position that it would be cruel to the Filipinos to accustom them to a subsidized price for their sugar and return them to the world's price, about \$35 a ton less, when the Philippines are separated from this government.

ma," and Arizona and New Mexico as "Arizona," should be debated until 3 o'clock tomorrow and then voted on without opportunity for debate. The house adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, after agreeing to meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Washington, Jan. 24. — Mr. Lodge today presented in the senate the policy of the administration in the matter of the Algeiras conference over the Morocco and also with reference to Santo Domingo. He defended the course of the president in both instances, contending that our representation at the Moroccan conference was essential to the protection of American commercial interests and that only by the course pursued in Santo Domingo could foreign nations be prevented from seizing the custom houses of that country and securing a position there which might threaten the approaches to the Panama canal.

Tuesday, January 23.
 Washington, Jan. 23. — For more than three hours today Spooner occupied the time of the senate in explanation and defense of the course of the administration relative to the Moroccan conference at Algeiras, Spain, and in connection with Santo Domingo. The speech was delivered to crowded galleries and to a well filled senate, and received careful attention throughout.

Washington, Jan. 23. — The eight-hour law cannot be abrogated for work on the Panama canal and canal commissioners cannot receive additional compensation beside their salaries as commissioners. These two changes in the urgent deficiency appropriation bill now under consideration by the house was the net result of today's session. Innumerable amendments seeking to perfect the bill as to canal ground purchases, purchases of coal for the navy, etc., consumed time in discussion, but met defeat when a vote was taken. When the session ended, about half of the bill had been considered. It will be laid aside tomorrow, when the statehood bill is to be brought in and to have the right of way until disposed of.

Monday, January 22.
 Washington, Jan. 22. — The question of regulating railroad rates took practically all of the time of the senate today, notwithstanding that no bill with that not in view has been reported from the interstate commerce committee. The discussion of the subject was in connection with Clay's speech, Aldrich, Foraker, Bailey and Newlands being the principal participants in addition to Clay himself.

Clay advocated the passage of a bill which would give the Interstate Commerce commission power to regulate rates, when complained of, and said that, if there was no legislation along that line, the country might count upon agitation of the question of government ownership. In that connection, he referred to the large vote given Mr. Hearst in the late New York municipal election as an indication of the popularity of municipal ownership of public utilities.

Washington, Jan. 22. — With a point of order pending, the eight-hour clause of the Panama canal item in the urgent deficiency bill was buffeted about in debate during the greater part of today's session of the house. The debate was general and the point of order which will be made by Hogg of Colorado, or by Williams, the minority leader, can only be made when the section is considered for amendment.

While the eight-hour provision of the Panama part of the bill is what is objected to most strenuously, speeches were made for and against the administration's canal policy. Williams, the minority leader, declared the work of digging ought to be done by contract. De Armond, of Missouri, immediately contended that this could not be done successfully, and Burton, of Ohio, urged that congress should scrutinize appropriations. Heyburn, of Iowa, urged the necessity of centralization in responsibility, and wanted the president held responsible for the work.

Unite on Rate Bill.
 Washington, Jan. 23. — After a conference lasting all the afternoon, the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today agreed upon a rate bill to be known as the Heyburn bill, and to be reported to the house with the unanimous recommendation of the 18 members of the committee.

Wants Philippine Secretary.
 Manila, Jan. 23. — T. H. Fardo de Tavera has resigned his position as a member of the United States Philippine commission, assigning as a reason his belief that the Filipinos should have a portfolio. His resignation has offered an opportunity for one of his colleagues to express a desire that in the future there be a Filipino delegate in congress. Commissioner Ide is receiving thousands of congratulations on his appointment as governor, which is universally approved, though many regret the transfer of ex-Governor Wright.

Irrigation Engineers Confer.
 Washington, Jan. 23. — Irrigation engineers of the department of Agriculture, under the direction of Elwood Mead, are in conference in Washington to outline the work for the coming season. A. P. Stover, of Oregon, and H. O. Raschbacher, of Idaho, are attending the meeting. These engineers are not connected with the Reclamation service, but make a special study of water resources, the use of water and drainage problems.

SEARCH FOR LIFE.

Steamers Patrol Scene of Disaster to Valencia.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 25. — The wrecked steamer Valencia now lies submerged and broken, but a portion of a mast stands above water and the fleet of steamers and tugs have today been turning their attention to patrolling the vicinity with the hope of finding boats, rafts or wreckage still afloat with survivors, though the chances are small.

Ashore, several parties have been toiling over most arduous trails, some carrying succor to those who were washed ashore, others scouring the rugged rocks of the shore line seeking for any survivors that may have reached shore and be lying hungry and helpless, and others are engaged in the melancholy duty of recovering bodies. Of the total company of 154, but 33 have been definitely accounted for, and three men, believed to be other survivors, were seen on shore from the whaling vessel Orion, near the wreck, huddled about a fire. Six survivors have been taken up on the Salvor; nine, most of them so badly cut up and bruised, without food, and so overcome that they could not stand, much less walk, are still camped at Darling Creek, a telegraph hut, and 18 others were picked up by the City of Topeka.

With the three seen from the Orion, a mile and a half from the wreck, added, the survivors total 36, leaving a death list of 119 persons. Not a woman or child is among the saved. Scant hope is entertained by those on board the patrolling steamers that any others will be recovered, for the doctors on rescuing tugs say the limit of human endurance will have been passed before that time.

WRECKAGE COMING ASHORE.

Undertow Snatches Nude Body From Party of Searchers.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 25. — A dispatch from Cape Beale says that Lightkeeper Paterson has returned from the wreck over the trail and reports that the steamer Valencia is no more. Pieces of the steamer and her cargo were scattered along the beach when he left. The first thing seen by the party from Cape Beale was a trunk, evidently that of a foreigner named Frank Novak, and papers and clothing were found with that name.

A nude body was seen in the surf, but before it could be reached the undertow took it out and it sank in deep water. Two bodies were recovered from the wreck, but neither could be identified.

The beaches near where the ship went ashore are covered with broken cases of canned fruit, butter, lemons, oranges and pineapples.

HEYBURN STRIKES SNAGS.

Arouses Antagonism That May Kill Pure Food Bill.

Washington, Jan. 26. — The pure food bill, that had a fair prospect of passing the senate a week or ten days ago, may find rough sledding before it gets through. Senator Heyburn, who has the bill in charge, made an able presentation of his case when first he called it up for consideration; he met all objections and did it in a friendly way. But several times since, when the senator has brought the bill before the senate, he has made unfortunate replies to criticisms, and has aroused antagonism. The senate cannot be driven; no senator can compel the senate to act in accordance with his wishes. It is a case where more votes are caught by sugar than by vinegar. This fact has apparently escaped the attention of Mr. Heyburn.

Indeed, the junior Idaho senator, in talking with his colleagues, has stated boastfully that he does not propose to bend to the managers of the Republican party in the senate; he will not obliterate his individuality, but will assert himself, and by sheer force put his pure food bill through. This is an unfortunate attitude, for once the senate becomes satisfied that Mr. Heyburn proposes to ride over it rough-shod, and drive his colleagues into line, just that soon the senate will demonstrate that the power of a single senator in legislation is very small, particularly if he be a comparatively new senator. Unless Mr. Heyburn changes his attitude and "stands in" with the leaders he will not get his bill through.

McCall Sells Palace.

New York, Jan. 26. — John A. McCall, ex-president of the New York Life Insurance company, has parted with what he had often spoken of as his most prized possession, the summer palace he erected and furnished at Long Branch at an expense of \$500,000. The purchase price was about \$350,000. Of this amount Mr. McCall receives only about \$100,000, as the property is mortgaged for \$250,000. The principal encumbrance is a mortgage for \$150,000, given to the New York Life Insurance company.

Battle in New York Streets.

New York, Jan. 26. — A score of Chinese engaged in a revolver battle in the streets of Chinatown today, which resulted in the death of two Chinese, Ching Yong and Lee Soon; the mortal wounding of a third, and the serious injury of a fourth combatant. The battle was between members of the two rival societies, the Hip Sings and the On Leongs. Chinatown was full of visitors at the time, witnessing the celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Give Isle of Pines to Cuba.

Washington, Jan. 26. — The senate committee on foreign relations today voted to report the treaty with Cuba ceding the Isle of Pines to that republic. The treaty was not amended.

ESCAPE ALIVE FROM VALENCIA

Eighteen, Half Dead, Found on Life Raft by Steamer Topeka.

Another Raft Out at Sea — Rescued Say Ninety People Were Left Still Clinging to the Rigging, But Cannot Long Survive—Vessel Said to Have Broken Up.

Seattle, Jan. 25. — A special representative of the Post-Intelligencer wires from Port Angeles at 3:30 a. m. that the rescue ship City of Topeka picked up a life raft at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon six miles off Cape Beale with 18 survivors of the Valencia on board. The men were in a pitiable condition and almost dead from exposure. The work of rescuing them was dangerous. The men were too exhausted to even tie a rope around themselves.

The raft put out from the wreck when the Queen was sighted and attempted to reach her, but before it could get within sighting distance that vessel put about and headed to the straits, where she spoke the Topeka and told of seeing the Valencia. When the Topeka hove in sight the raft was once more manned and put forth, with the result that it was rescued. The survivors told terrible tales of the wreck of the vessel. They said that she will break up before morning and every soul on board will be lost. When they left the ship, there were about 90 people still on board, most of them clinging to the rigging.

After picking up the raft, the steamer went in search of another raft which the rescued men said had left the ship earlier in the day. The vessel ran fully 20 miles to the other side of the wreck looking for the craft, but no sign of it was to be seen. It is the general impression that the raft foundered. It was utterly unable for human beings to live long on a raft in the terrible sea during the rain and bitter cold wind.

Vessel Reported Broken Up.

Victoria, Jan. 24. — A dispatch received by W. F. Bullen, of Esquimalt, one of the owners of the steamer Salvor, from his brother, H. F. Bullen, on board at Bamfield, says the Valencia broke up this afternoon. Since about noon yesterday assistance was impossible because of the heavy seas.

BURTON GOT MILEAGE.

Senators Stand in with Evasion of Rules to Help Him.

Washington, Jan. 23. — One of the most remarkable precedents in the history of the senate occurred today in order to avoid a technicality which prevented Senator Burton, of Kansas, from drawing his mileage for the present session. In order to have his requisition honored, it is necessary for some official of the senate to take oath that he had seen the senator in the chamber, but since the indictment and conviction of the Kansas senator, he has not appeared in the chamber.

There is no disposition on the part of any one to withhold the mileage, and the senator, therefore, was asked to step from the cloakroom into the chamber for a moment in order that he might be seen by some official. He declined, but an employe engaged him in conversation in the cloakroom near the entrance to the chamber. The employe suddenly turned the senator so that he faced the chamber and, the attention of the officials previously having been directed toward this door, he was seen from the chamber. It was then certified that Senator Burton was in attendance and his mileage was paid him.

Flood Sweeps Valleys.

Weston, W. Va., Jan. 25. — A heavy rain storm resembling a cloudburst passed over the southeastern portion of this state yesterday, flooding Cherry, Holly, and Elk rivers and carrying away bridges, houses and many million feet of valuable timber. In Richwood the water rose five feet in the houses. The water came up so suddenly that men, women and children had to wade waist-deep out of their homes to the mountains. Over 12 miles of the Holly river and Addison railroad was washed away near Hurley Junction.

Amend Exclusion Law.

Washington, Jan. 25. — Representative Foster, of Vermont, introduced a bill today modifying the provisions of the Chinese exclusion act so that merchants, students and other classes entitled to enter the United States may do so without being subjected to the alleged indignities complained of by the Chinese government. The bill provides that after Chinese have been admitted to the United States they are entitled to trial before they can be expelled.

General Wheeler Ill.

New York, Jan. 23. — Brigadier General Joseph Wheeler, United States army, retired, is seriously ill at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, in Brooklyn. He has been confined to his bed for three days with a bronchial affection. There is fear that his illness may develop into pneumonia.

Entombed in Coal Mine.

Poteau, I. T., Jan. 25. — News has been received here of an explosion in mine No. 6 at Witteville, a mining village three miles from here, and it is said that 36 miners are entombed.



Elder Brown's Big Hit.

Pa and ma are Methodists, and all us children, too. And pa's a pillar in the church, and owns a whole front pew. And pa and Mr. Watkins, who's a big, bald-headed man, Go 'round with little baskets getting all the cash they can. The preacher always talks with pa when meeting is dismissed, and when there's extra doings pa's invited to assist. And our Presiding Elder, Reverend Ebenezer Brown, 'Most always stays at our house every time he comes to town.

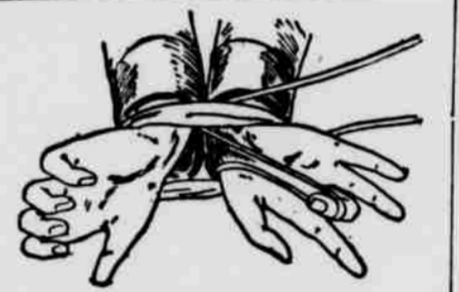
I used to be afraid of him. He seemed so big and tall. And kind of sad and solemn-like, I couldn't smile at all. We children hardly dared to speak when he was in the house; But every one just slipped about as quiet as a mouse. Ma said we needn't feel afraid; that he was just the same as pa or any other man, except a bigger name; But we all feared that he could see just every thought we had, and so we kept a-tryin' not to think of something bad.

But one time in the morning when the family was at prayers, and Elder Brown and all of us kneeling by our chairs, We heard old Rover—his our dog—begin to whine and growl, and then old Tabby—she's our cat—well, she began to yowl. 'Twas 'way out in the kitchen that the two commenced to spat; But in a minute here they came a-tearing, and the cat Ran right up pa's bent back until she reached his shoulders, where She stopped, and said to Rover, "You just touch me, if you dare!"

We knew that there'd be trouble. Rover is so very proud. And sort of overbearing that he never has allowed. A cat to dare to boss him; so he made a great big leap, and he and pa and Tabby, they all tumbled in a heap. Oh, say, but it was awful! I saw brother Henry grin, and sister Lucy snickered; but it seemed a dreadful sin. Till Elder Brown laughed right out loud to see the funny fuss— And since that time we've liked him, 'cause we know he's just like us. —Nixon Waterman.

The Liberated Rope.

Take a stout rope about twenty feet long, and hand it to your audience for inspection. After they have examined it, let one of them bind your wrists together with a handkerchief. This being done, have one end of the rope passed over the handkerchief, and let the cords then be held up by one of the company. Now request



HOW THE TRICK IS DONE.

the person holding the ends to pull one way, while you pull the other, to show that the handkerchief is tightly tied. There is apparently no way of getting the rope off, except when the ends are released or the handkerchief untied. You soon explode this idea, however, for after making one or two rapid movements of your hands and arms, you throw the rope off and exhibit your wrists still tied.

Wonderful as this all seems it is very simple, and requires but little practice, as shown clearly by the accompanying illustration. A part of the rope is rolled between the wrists, until it works up through the handkerchief and forms a loop, through which you pass one hand, and then by giving the rope a smart jerk it comes off easily.

How Jessie Managed.

On Jessie's birthday her sister Anna invited her to go to the matinee. Jessie was happy, and ran to tell her mother. "O mother, only think! Anna's going to take me to see the 'Forty Thieves'!" And then a shade came over her bright face. "I do wish, mother — Oh, I do wonder if—"

"What is it, Jessie?"

"I would so much like to take Arabella."

"But I think I wouldn't, dear. It would be rather a troublesome thing to do. You couldn't carry her in your hand."

"No," said Jessie, regretfully, "but maybe—"

"I don't think of any way you could take Arabella," said her mother. "You had better leave her at home, but you can make her a new dress to wear on your birthday."

Mothers think of such nice, interesting things to do, and Jessie was soon busy over a fine new suit for Arabella. The dress she made for her was white, covered with little pink dots, and had a platted ruffle on the skirt. She tried to make the sleeves like those of Anna's new dress. The hat was white, with pink trimming on it. It was very hard to make, especially the bow on the front, but it was

becoming to Arabella, and at last it was sewed firmly in place.

Just as Jessie was finishing the hat she thought of such a good way to carry Arabella to the matinee that she laughed out with delight, and ran to tell her mother.

"O mother, I know, I know what I can do! Arabella won't get lost and she won't get crushed or crumpled, and she won't make anybody any trouble. I'll fasten her in the crown of my hat." So Arabella went to the matinee, and next summer she is going in Anna's trunk to Europe, for as Jessie says, "if you're a paper doll you can find a way to go to places." — Youth's Companion.

A Rich Boy.

"Oh, my," said Ben. "I wish I was rich and could have things like some of the boys that go to our school."

"I say, Ben," said his father, turning round quickly, "how much will you take for your legs?"

"For my legs?" said Ben, in surprise.

"Yes! What do you use them for?"

"Why, I run and jump and play ball, and, oh, everything."

"That's so," said the father. "You wouldn't take \$10,000 for them, would you?"

"No, indeed!" answered Ben, smiling.

"And your arms. I guess you wouldn't take \$10,000 for them, would you?"

"No, sir."

"And your voice. They tell me you sing quite well, and I know you talk a little bit. You wouldn't part with that for \$10,000, would you?"

"No, sir."

"Your hearing and your sense of taste are better than \$5,000 apiece at the very least; don't you think so?"

"Yes, sir."

"Your eyes, now. How would you like to have \$50,000 and be blind the rest of your life?"

"I wouldn't like it at all."

"Think a moment, Ben; \$50,000 is a lot of money. Are you very sure you wouldn't sell them for so much?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then you are worth that amount, at least. Let's see now," and father went on, figuring on a sheet of paper; "legs \$10,000, arms ten, voice ten, hearing five, taste five, good health ten, and eyes fifty; that makes a hundred. You are worth \$100,000 at the very lowest figures, my boy. Now run and play, jump, throw your ball, laugh and hear your schoolmates laugh, too; look with those \$50,000 eyes of yours at the beautiful things about you, and come home with your usual appetite for dinner, and think how rich you really are." — Churchman.

How Bees Embalm.

Bees, says Horbis, can embalm as successfully as could the ancient Egyptians. It often happens in damp weather that a slug or snail will enter a beehive. This is, of course, to the unprotected slug a case of sudden death. The bees fall upon him and sting him to death at once. But what to do with the carcass becomes a vital question. If left where it is, it will breed a regular pestilence. Now comes in the cleverness of the insects. They set to work and cover it with wax, and there you may see it lying embalmed just as the nations of old embalmed their dead. When it is a small that is the intruder, he is, of course, impenetrable to their sting; so they calmly cement his shell with wax to the bottom of the hive. Imprisonment for life, with no hope of pardon!

Gypsies of the Sea.

In the archipelago of Mergul, off the coast of lower Burma, lives the "sea gypsies." Instead of carts, they own covered boats, in which, with their families, dogs, cats, chickens and pigs, they float about on the sea and wander from island to island. By day they fish or harpoon turtle or dive for oysters. But every night they put back at sea, they land with their dogs and then perch, catching porcupines, squirrels, armadillos, hog deer, and the like, of which they make savory stews, as American gypsies do. — Washington Post.

A Great Suit of Clothes.

George Howlett of Beacon's Bottom, England, has published in a local newspaper the following handsome testimonial: "I beg to say that William Stevens of Town End, Radnage, measured me for a suit of clothes, which was made by his son, Vernon, then a lad. I have worn the same on Sundays and at other times for forty-seven years, and they are good now, and not a stitch has given way."

An Entirely New Reading.

'Tis better to have loved and lost than to have married and bought furniture on the installment plan. — Kansas City Times.

If a man only had nine lives, like a cat, he could insure them all and collect on one occasionally when he got hard up.

Every man gets more than he thinks he is entitled to—in the matter of misfortunes.

With the exception of humorists, nearly all men are funny.