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THE ARBITRATION TREATY WILL PASS

Considered in the Senate Yesterday Behind Closed Doors.

SENATE CUSTOMS MAINTAINED

Strength Enough Developed to Insure the Passage of the Bill if Brought to a Vote.

Washington, February 8.—The Anglo-American arbitration treaty was under consideration by the senate from 1 o'clock to 5:30 today.

The entire proceeding was in executive session and consequently behind closed doors. The first half of the session was spent in debating the motion introduced by Hill to consider the treaty in open session and the most animated part of the day's proceeding was based upon this matter. The debate was characterized by several sharp passages at arms between the author of the motion and Morgan, Lodge and Sherman, the three last named contending strenuously for the observance of the senatorial custom of secrecy in dealing with a treaty. It was stated it was the wish of the administration that the public should be excluded from the debates. The only vote of the day was cast by two Gold Democrats, Hill and Lindsay; two silver Democrats, Roach and Tillman; two independent silver Republicans, Teller and Pettigrew; two Populists, Peffer and Stewart; and one straight Republican, Brown.

This was not considered in any respect as a test vote, as there are known to be many senators opposed to the treaty who did not favor the departure from the ordinary practice of the senate. Still, the friends of the treaty believe sufficient strength was developed as to the attitude of the senators to justify the conclusion that the treaty is certain of ratification, if it can be brought to a vote. It is claimed the straight Republican vote is solidly favorable to ratification, and that a fraction at least of all the other elements will be found on that column when the vote is announced.

GOOD DONE BY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Annual Report of the President Contains Many Interesting Facts.

At the last meeting of the library association, in pursuance of the requirements of the constitution, the president, Mrs. Narcissa W. Kinney, submitted her annual report, as follows: According to the requirements of the constitution I submit to you a general summary up of the library year just closed. For it is certainly a wise provision, that every twelve months we shall not only through our treasurer, strike a balance sheet, but also through our president take a retrospective view of the whole affairs of this institution with which some of us have been more or less connected since its inception and which all of us consider a sacred trust.

No great epoch marks this year's history, yet I believe it has been, in almost every respect, one of the most successful years of our library's existence. Year by year this institution has been steadily growing in popular favor, and more and more demonstrating that it is supplying a felt want. The great and primary object of its establishment was to provide a place where not only the best books on various subjects could be obtained at small cost, for home reading, but more important—to provide a reading room, supplied with the best and cleanest papers and magazines which would not only make more intelligent the reader, but prove a counter-attraction to the street, with its manifold temptations. How well this reading room is filling its mission is demonstrated by its constantly increasing patronage. Last year's record of readers was higher than any previous year; yet the year just ended—the year 1896, shows a still higher record. Let us compare a few months in these two years that we may see how great has been the actual increase. Our library year, as you are aware, begins in February:

February, 1896, number of readers during month, 814; February, 1896, 1283, May, 1896, number of readers during month, 873; May, 1896, 1897, September, 1896, number of readers during month, 1073; September, 1896, 1323.

January, 1896, number of readers during month, 1141; January, 1896, 1497. Total readers for 1896, 11,140; total readers for 1896, 17,453.

There has also been a gain in the number of books taken from the circulating library during the year. In 1895, number of books taken, 1444; in 1896, number of books taken, 1533.

But as the circulating library is our only source of regular income—outside of the small allowance granted us from the city—it is to be regretted that it is not better patronized. No doubt the explanation is that paper bound volumes of popular novels can now be purchased so cheap. But surely if every one understood that the ten cents they are about to expend for one of these would not only secure the reading of the same story in better print, but would also avoid the income of the public reading room, I think it would more often find its way to our till. And this year has seen an unusual number—not only of new magazines and papers added to our reading room, but of new volumes of the choicest authors, on various subjects—added to the circulating library.

"MAN OVERBOARD" WAS THE CRY

That Thrilled All Hands on the Battleship Maine in Friday's Gale.

THE SQUADRON BADLY USED

By the Raging Waves—Several Vessels Damaged and Many Brave Men Meet a Sailor's Fate.

Charleston, S. C., February 8.—Admiral Bane's blockading squadron made this port today after a stormy voyage from Hampton Roads, losing three men from the Maine during the gale Friday. The fleet is now anchored at the jetty and shows no sign of the terrible weather experienced.

The squadron weighed anchor in the Roads Thursday morning and put to sea. Friday evening the weather thickened and by night was blowing a gale. The Indiana returned to the Roads, owing to the condition of her turret. The rest of the fleet, however, poked their noses into the storm and headed south. When about fifty miles off Hatteras the fleet felt the full force of the blow. Open squadron formation was maintained, and the vessels were put in order for a siege of weather.

The battleship Maine washed her decks at every plunge. It was late Friday afternoon when the accident occurred which cost three seamen their lives. Three others were rescued only by prompt and heroic work. A gang of men were ordered forward to make more secure the lashings of the big guns. The deck was deluged and the wind was freshening every moment.

The men were at work with the lashings when an unusually heavy sea came over her bows and swept aft. Six of the gang were picked up and carried overboard before they could escape the wave. When the cry "man overboard" was carried back there was a scene of momentary confusion, but in an instant the splendid discipline of the crew was apparent. Life buoys were cut loose and the order given to get a boat overboard. The high seas made this work one of peril and difficulty, but a boat's crew, under Naval Cadet Walter R. Ghirardi, son of Rear Admiral Ghirardi, retired, was finally lowered.

Meantime the drowning men fought bravely and three of them managed to keep afloat until their mates hauled them out of the water. The remaining three men were not to be seen. The life boat cruised back and forth over the sea, but the brave fellows had given up the struggle and met a sailor's fate.

The Marblehead also met with a serious accident. One man was crushed to death, another was fatally injured and six others were so badly hurt that several may lose their limbs. The details of the accident on the Marblehead are not obtainable. Tonight as she lies off the jetty, she presents a dismaying appearance. Her forecastle is stove in and a portion of her superstructure and two hatches are carried away. The heavy seas that swept over her decks also carried away her search-light, lower port boom, smashed the rails and swept overboard the life boats. Carpenter Shawberle was crushed to death; in the forecastle when it was wrecked by a monster wave, and Plumber Hickey had his skull smashed by the wreckage and will probably die.

Other vessels of the fleet show marks of their rough voyage, their upper works and deck hamper being damaged. Friday night the fleet had heavy weather of it, but managed to keep within hailing distance of one another. Towards morning the squadron was hoisted. The officers say it was one of the worst gales the fleet ever experienced.

WARNER EXONERATED.

Investigating Committee Finds Nothing Against Him.

Olympia, Wn., February 8.—Both houses of the legislature reconvened this afternoon, after a recess since Friday, and immediately got down to work to clear the calendars.

The most important feature of the day's proceedings was the report of the house senatorial investigating committee, which submitted a report in the Warner case and asked for further time to investigate other matters under consideration. The house, however, accepted the report and discharged the committee, which puts an end to the bribery investigations. The report, while making no recommendations, submitted its findings on the evidence. It reported that Warner had approached Squire with a list of members who had formed to prevent a deadlock, and that a proposition to get control of the combination in Squire's interest was discussed; that Squire entertained the proposition but demurred on account of not having the one thousand dollars which was wanted for the purpose of dining and winning the members of the combination; that the men on the list had come together to prevent a deadlock and that there was nothing dishonorable intended at any time by such organization. Further than re-

NEVADA AGAIN.

Now Going to Have a Lottery Bill Passed.

San Francisco, February 8.—A plan is said to be on foot to engineer a lottery bill through the Nevada legislature. Local capitalists who are reputed to be behind the undertaking, were, it is said, so impressed by the ease with which the bill was passed by the Nevada legislature enabling the Corbett-Fitstimmons fight to be held within the state that it is reported a sum of \$100,000 has been subscribed for the expenses for lobbying the bill through the legislature.

WILL GO TO NEW YORK.

Louisville, Ky., February 8.—The Times' Washington correspondent telegraphs that Secretary Carlisle has definitely decided to locate in New York March 4 for the practice of law.

The party at Chas. Wirkkala's house last night was largely attended and a most successful affair.

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