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SUNDRY CIVIL BILL FINISHED

Sent by the House to the Conference After Considering Amendments. FOREST RESERVATION ORDER Not Concurred in by House, but Amendment Agreed to—Appropriation for the Mississippi River.

Washington, May 11.—The consideration of the senate amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill was finished by the house today, and the bill sent to conference.

President Cleveland's forest reservation order was subject to much debate and the house voted not to concur in the senate amendment to annul the order, with the understanding that the conferees should arrange an amendment which would have the same effect.

Cannon offered an amendment to make available \$2,563,223 for the improvement of the Mississippi river for the fiscal year 1897-8, of which \$500,000 should be deducted from the appropriation for 1898-9. The effect of the amendment was to expend half a million dollars a year before it could be otherwise available, and it was agreed to.

Lewis, of Washington, made a plea for the senate amendment for \$10,000 for a survey of the improvements proposed from Salmon bay to Smith's Cove, explaining that war ships might be anchored in Lakes Union and Washington when the project was completed.

The most interesting debate was on the appropriation of \$50,000 to improve Pearl harbor, in the Hawaiian islands, which was rejected by a vote of 52 to 33.

SHERMAN'S BIRTHDAY. A Brilliant Event in Washington Society Yesterday. Washington, May 11.—John Sherman, the secretary of state, celebrated his 74th birthday last night. The white marble mansion which faces Franklin square was ablaze with lights and filled with the perfume of choice flowers. The reception was notable for the distinguished assemblage of guests, which included dignitaries of all the foreign countries, as well as the prominent officials of the United States.

The reception hall was decorated with palms and potted plants, while the fragrance of Easter lilies pervaded the atmosphere. The host and hostess were assisted in receiving by their daughter, Mrs. James Ives McCullum, Miss Miles and Miss Lizzie Sherman. Mrs. Sherman wore a gray silk gown, a collar of point lace outlining the bodice. There were about 200 guests including the cabinet officers, the diplomatic corps, the senators and representatives in congress.

DENNY FOR CHINA. Washington, May 11.—As this was cabinet day at the White House, there were comparatively few callers. Senator Hammon introduced to the president O. N. Denny, of Oregon, who has the backing of the Oregon delegation and other prominent men of the Pacific coast for the Chinese mission.

Mr. Denny was consul-general at Shanghai and at one time adviser of the king of Korea. He is said to have a very wide acquaintance with the affairs of the Orient.

MRS. SOL HIRSCH'S QUESTION. Another Sensation at a California Female Philosopher's Meeting.

San Francisco, May 11.—Another sisterhood of advanced women is "all wrought up" and this time it is not a Hindu who has raised the disturbance, but a Berkeley professor—no other than Prof. Howison, the theologian. He informed the ladies of the Philomath club, who had secured as the woman's congress did the Brahmacharis—as a star attraction—that if they were not christians they were heathens. In order to make assurance doubly sure, one of the ladies present asked the professor whether he considered her a heathen. Mr. Howison replied "According to my belief, yes."

The Philomath club is a local literary club composed of prominent Hebrew ladies who hold regular meetings at which literary subjects are discussed and before whom well known men and women are invited to lecture on topics, with which they are particularly familiar. In this way it happened that

TEXT OF NOTE OF THE POWERS

Terms on Which They Will Intervene Between Greece and Turkey. GREECE ACCEPTS THE TERMS

Autonomy for Crete—Royal Troops Recalled and Have Already Commenced to Evacuate the Island. Athens, May 11.—The following is the text of the note of the powers: "The representatives of France, Italy, Great Britain, and Austria charge Onou, representative of Russia, and dean of the diplomatic corps, to declare in the name of their respective governments that the powers are ready to offer mediation, with a view of obtaining an armistice and to smooth the difficulties actually existing between Greece and Turkey, on condition that the Hellenic government declares that it will proceed to recall its troops from Crete, adhere formally to autonomy for Crete and accept unreservedly the counsels which the powers give in the interests of peace."

OTHER TARIFF MOCKERS. The Tea Importers Now Preparing for the Wrath Hereafter.

New York, May 11.—The tea importers have not waited the passage of the tariff bill with its proposed duty of ten cents a pound upon the commodity, but have advanced all grades of tea from three to five cents a pound. The market, which was in a very sluggish condition a week ago, has been changed into one of great activity. Speculators have not been slow to take advantage of the situation and at the rate prices are being pushed up wholesale merchants will find themselves compelled to pay the full amount of the proposed duty in the new tariff bill, before the measure becomes a law.

The orders received at Yokohama and other Japanese ports has caused an immediate advance there. This time of the year, importers say, happens to be between seasons, and the quantity of tea that can be bought abroad is said to be small. Had the proposed action of congress been taken a month or two later, when the bulk of the crop comes forward, it would have been possible for importers to bring in sufficient to last until 1900, when, under the bill, tea will be free. Should the bill be delayed by long debate in the senate, this scheme may yet be carried out to some extent, and thus defuse the object which the tariff-makers had in view—the obtaining of \$10,000,000 additional revenue.

DEATH OF A NOTED PRIEST. Rev. Father Congiato Well Known in Oregon Passes Away.

San Jose, Cal., May 11.—Rev. Father Congiato, of the Society of Jesus, died at the Sacred Heart novitiate at Los Gatos last night, at the age of nearly 81 years. Father Congiato was born in Sardinia in 1816 and was educated as a Jesuit. He entered the order in May, 1835, and went to the college of Turin, Italy, to be fitted for the provision of letters. He was made president of the college of nobles and later was sent to the college at Freiburg, Germany. The revolution of 1848 forced him to leave Italy, and he came to America with Father Carredda, now of Santa Clara college.

Arriving at New York orders awaited him commanding him to go to the Jesuit college at Bardonia, Ky., where he was installed as president. He remained his term and then came to California where he found the fathers laying the foundation of St. Ignatius and Santa Clara colleges. He was made president of St. Ignatius college but soon afterwards was sent to Oregon to organize the institutions that had been started there by Father de Smet. He later returned to California, and three times filled the highest posts in the order of the Society of Jesus.

NEW BIKE RECORD. Baltimore, May 11.—Henry Smith, of the Maryland Century Cycling Club, finished a 24-hour road race against time this morning in which he claims to have established a new set of American road records. At the end of 12 hours he covered 170 miles, at the end of the 24th hour 344. The records will be submitted to the Century Cycling Club.

NEW GRADE ON WHEAT. Chicago, May 11.—By a vote of 488 to 426 the Chicago board of trade has voted to discontinue No. 2 spring wheat as a contract grade, thus placing this market on an equal footing with the other big grain centers of the country. This leaves only two contract grades of wheat for future delivery—No. 1 Northern spring and No. 2 red winter.

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RAILROAD CONDUCTORS

Los Angeles, May 11.—This afternoon the 34th session of the Order of Railway Conductors was commenced at Music Hall, Grand Chief Conductor Clarke occupying the chair. The report of the grand secretary and treasurer, Martin Clancy, shows that in 1895, \$327,000 was paid out for insurance on 161 policies; in 1896 there was paid out \$229,000 on 195 policies. Most of this went to the widows and children of conductors. Several thousand dollars of it, however, had been paid on accident policies. The membership of the order now numbers about 21,000 members. The finances are in good condition.

THE MARKETS. San Francisco, May 11.—Wheat—Crop of 1896, 8 and 12c. Liverpool, May 11.—Wheat—Firm; No. 1 red California, 61s 6d; cargoes off coast, firm, but little doing; cargoes on passage, firm, but little doing; English country markets quiet; French country markets, firm; Liverpool, wheat, No. 1 California, 6s 5d. Portland, May 11.—Wheat—Valley, 75 and 76c; Kalla Walla, 73 and 74c. New York, May 11.—Hope—Quiet; state common to choice 1895 crop, 3 and 6; 1896 crop, 5 and 10; Pacific coast crop, 1895, 3 and 6; 1896 crop, 6 and 11.

FLORIDA STILL AT IT. Tallahassee, Fla., May 11.—The ballot for United States senator today was. Stockton 28, Chiple 27, Raney 13, Brokner 4, scattering 3, total 95.

SEASIDE NOTES. A new butcher shop will be opened in the Bruce building next week. Cottages are fitting up rapidly and a great many new ones will be built this spring.

HUNGRY SOLDIERS. Athens, May 11.—The Greek commissariat has collapsed. The only rations now received by the soldiers are bread and cheese. Not even coffee is procurable.

TROOPS LEAVE CRETE. Crete, May 11.—The Greek troops are already leaving Crete on board three Greek steamers.

FATE OF THE SIGLIN. Seen Floating in the Pacific With a Dead Man at Her Stern. Seattle, May 11.—A dead body is fished to the iron davits in the stern of the schooner General Siglin, which is being driven aimlessly about in the north Pacific ocean, 110 miles west of the Queen Charlotte islands, and directly in the storm track, as shown in the pilot chart of the hydrographic office for May.

The limp form hanging on the davits is the only thing aboat indicating a past occupancy of human beings. This was the news brought by the sealing schooner Willard Almsworth, which arrived here today from a cruise to the north and it places beyond doubt the fate of the General Siglin and those on board.

The Siglin was sighted on Wednesday morning, May 5. She was lying on her right side with her masts out and one lying alongside. The Almsworth passed very close, but could not lower a boat because of the heavy sea. "There did not seem to be much the matter," said Capt. E. E. Crockett, of the Almsworth, in recounting his experience, "save that the bulwarks were stove in and there was no sign of a man aboard. The body of a man dressed in oil skins was washed to the iron davits in the stern. He was in a standing position, with his left hand dangling outside and his head and right arm hanging inside the iron."

The absence of the boats on the Siglin would indicate that those aboard had made an attempt to get away and hopes are still entertained that some boat managed to survive the storm and was picked up by a passing vessel.

YOUNG MEN ARRESTED. For Refusing to Obey the Orders of the Oregon National Guard.

Pendleton, May 11.—Considerable excitement was caused by the arrest of four young men, members of Company "C," Oregon National Guard, of this city, Captain James E. Krause commanding. The men were absent from a regularly ordered drill and were fined by the court of discipline under orders of the captain. The men refused to pay the fines. The captain referred the matter to battalion headquarters at the Dalles, and received telegraphic orders to proceed according to law. Captain Krause obeyed the superior officers, and ordered the men proceeded against in the justice court of the district in which they reside. They are now in the custody of the sheriff. The minimum fine calls for five days' imprisonment in default of payment, and an

LARGE SALMON SHIPPERS FAIL

Williams, Brown & Co. Go to the Wall Because of Low Prices. THEY WILL TRY TO RESUME

Handled Alaskan and Columbia River Salmon and Wheat to Australia—Failure of Consignees. Special to the Astorian. San Francisco, May 11.—The well established firm of Williams, Brown & Co., wholesale shipping and commission merchants, is in financial difficulties. Its liabilities are said to be about \$600,000. Its assets are believed to be sufficient to meet most of its obligations. If creditors will grant an extension of time, the firm hopes to resume business.

For the past eight years the firm has been recognized as one of the most active houses in the Australian export trade. In the salmon canning business Williams, Brown & Co. were the backers of enterprises of immense proportions. In handling the Alaskan fish output they conducted operations that annually represented from 150,000 to 200,000 cases of salmon, and in their export grain trade to Australia their shipments in a season often amounted to from 30 to 40 cargoes. Since December 10 the concern has loaded seven vessels for the antipodes, whose joint cargoes are valued at half a million dollars.

The direct cause of the failure is said to have been the failure of Australian consignees to meet bills drawn against them for shipments of grain. A great deal of money was lost by the firm in its fruit operations in the Fresno market, and in Columbia river canneries in which they were interested. Last year they were large packers of salmon, which cost from \$1.30 to \$1.25 per dozen tins. Much of this pack was carried over for this year's sales, and at the beginning of the season the market opened at a price of \$1.05 per dozen.

INVESTIGATION BOARD. Commences Its Inquiry as to the Cause of Damage to the Oregon.

Seattle, May 11.—The government board of inquiry appointed to investigate the nature of and responsibility for the obstruction on which the battleship Oregon settled, while lying at the entrance of the Puget Sound naval station, began its session at Port Orchard today. The hearing is behind closed doors. Rear Admiral W. A. Kirkland is acting as judge and Lieut. J. P. Hetherington, of the station, as advocate. Capt. Barker and Lieut. Commander Drake of the Oregon testified.

The inquiry has nothing to do with the dock itself. It is simply to fix the blame for the accident to the Oregon, caused by the obstruction outside the dock.

RECEIVER FOR FRUIT CO. Chicago, May 11.—Two bills, each asking for a receiver for the California Fruit Transportation Company, were filed in the superior court today. There is a quarrel between the stockholders of the corporation, one party accusing the other of mismanagement. The company has been engaged since 1889 in the transportation of fruits and vegetables from California to Chicago, and other markets further east.

HUNTINGTON NOT ARRIVED. Portland, May 11.—Col. R. P. Huntington is not here yet.

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