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CAPITOL IN COMMOTION

Someone Spirited Away Senator Daly's School Bill Yesterday.

NEW COPIES ARE ORDERED

Measure Had Not Yet Gone to the House, Which Furnishes a Motive for the Act.

SEVEN BILLS INTRODUCED

Wilson's Measure Fixes the Maximum Rates to be Charged by Railroads—Special Bicycle Tax.

SALEM, Jan. 17.—Quite a commotion was raised in the house this afternoon by the discovery that there was not a copy of Senator Daly's school bill to be had, notwithstanding the fact that 60 copies had been printed by the state printer. Roberts said that after ransacking the office of the state printer, he found but one copy of the bill, and that not a single copy was to be found in the senate. As none had been distributed in the house, he intimated that possibly there might have been some motive in spiriting the bill away. In view of this exposure and the suspicion of the possible malicious destruction of the bills printed, resolution was passed directing the state printer to print 60 extra copies of the bill for the exclusive use of the house.

Thirty bills were read during the afternoon of this number 23 having been introduced during the morning session, and seven being new bills. The new bills read as follows:

By Wilson—Fixing the maximum freight rates in the state on wheat, barley, floor, mill stuffs, potatoes, prunes and melons at not more than 90 per cent of what they were on July 1, 1898, providing that no greater rate than 25 per cent shall be charged for the transportation of these articles for a haul of 90 miles or less; the maximum rates on all other articles shall be the rates in effect July 1, 1898. By Marsh—to amend the code relating to the crime of rape by raising the age of consent of females to 18 years and giving immunity to males under the age of 18. By Myers—to provide a special bicycle tax of \$1.25 for each wheel not in the possession of a dealer, to create a path fund, and providing for the building of paths. By Curtis—to fix the salaries of the district attorney as follows:

Table with 2 columns: District, Salary. First district \$2000, Second district \$2000, Third district \$2000, Fourth district \$2000, Fifth district \$2000, Sixth district \$2000, Seventh district \$2000, Eighth district \$2000, Ninth district \$2000.

COLLECTION OF TAXES BRINGS OUT A PROTEST.

The Cubans Object to Spanish Bank Collecting Any Money—Cuban Assembly Reconvened Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Havana says: The Cuban assembly is preparing to protest against the Bank of Spain collecting any taxes. The impression still prevails among them that the bank is to collect the taxes to January 1, which were levied under Spanish sovereignty. In the absence of an official statement to the contrary, both Spaniards and Cubans believe that the bank will attempt to make these collections and secure its percentage. The agitation is pronounced.

The Cuban assembly of the insurgent army will reconvene today at Mariana. Its sessions were adjourned in December to await the result of the work of the commission which went to Washington, headed by Calisto Garcia. The purpose of that commission was to urge that the United States make an advance to pay the insurgents and compensate itself out of the prospective customs receipts. Word has come from Washington that some such arrangement will be made but on what authority is not known. The Cuban assembly professes ability to disband the insurgent army and secure the return of the insurgents to their homes in the country if a portion of their pay is advanced. Public sentiment favors the proposition as a means of early tranquility. The Spanish merchants want it in order to end uncertainty. The assembly also intends to ask the presence of General Maximo Gomez to advise with regard to these and other matters.

A boycott war is raging among the Havana newspapers. The Cuban journals are trying to out the former organ of Spanish opinion. For this purpose they get meetings called to denounce their rivals. The affair is not of much consequence except to the newspapers concerned in it.

Not much has been done toward the establishment of the Havana naval station and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Allen will have a chance to look into the details. The proposition of establishing a smaller station at Nipe, on the north coast in the eastern part of the island, is also under consideration.

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breaking out of the war with Spain were met here by 2000 people and a brass band. General Shafter was escorted to the city park, where he made a ten minute talk descriptive of the Santiago campaign and eulogistic of the volunteers of whom the territory supplied a large number of the rough riders. When the general had finished his speech a number of pretty girls insisted on taking snap shots at him with a camera and greatly to his embarrassment several of them kissed him in the presence of the audience. General Shafter is well known here. He fought the Indians along the Pecos river fifteen years ago and then obtained the sobriquet of "Pecos Bill," by which he is still called. The party remained in El Paso only an hour.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE FINANCES OF HAVANA.

A Thorough Accounting of All Branches of the City Government Will Be Made—Railroad Work Progressing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: A commission to inquire into the finances of the city has been appointed by General Ludlow. It includes these members: E. W. Conant, president; Leopold Chausso, secretary; S. M. Jarvis, M. Vinnanova, J. N. Casanova and George W. Hyatt. The commission is charged with making an exhaustive investigation of the city's finances in detail, ascertaining first the present condition of the city treasury in its several branches, the collections and deposits; second, the source of revenue—how organized, collected and accounted for; where deposited and subject to whose order; third, the disposition made of the revenue and upon whose authority those expenditures were made; fourth, particulars as to the bonded and registered debt of the city, and for what purposes the indebtedness was incurred.

The committee is authorized to summon witnesses and take testimony. It is expected that some startling details will be uncovered, and several concessions will probably be revoked on evidence of fraud. The commission will hold daily sessions and will report each day to General Ludlow, who expects to take personal grasp upon the finances, as he has upon other branches of the city government.

The American government is now building and equipping a railroad in Cuba, seventeen hundred men being at work. At least thirteen hundred men will be given employment as soon as possible.

The road is from Tricornia, around Guanabacoa, giving connection with all railroads entering Havana. It will be about six miles in length and is being constructed by the American Indies Company, in connection with the contracting firm of Drake, Stratton & Company, of New York, and Pittsburg. The road is being built on an elastic contract—so much per cubic yard of dirt handled.

The original plan contemplated the construction of seven warehouses at Tricornia.

The Van Alken Construction Company has been given a contract for the buildings.

AMENDMENT NECESSARY TO THE NEXT CENSUS BILL.

Census of Only Principal Cuban Cities Will Be Taken, but Exact Figures From All Other Territory.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—In addition to its added duties, it now seems probable that the war department will have to supervise the taking of the next census of the recently acquired possessions of the United States.

The census bill, as reported to the house, makes no special provisions for this branch of the work, but if the general terms of the measure are not considered sufficient to cover the work an amendment will probably be drafted. It is contemplated that in the island of Cuba only the census of the principal cities will be taken, and the population of the island estimated upon these returns. With Porto Rico, Guam, Hawaii and the Philippines, which are considered American territory, an effort will be made to get exact figures on population, home-steads, mortgages, etc.

It is expected that this work can be accomplished with a great degree of accuracy, and the enumerators who are assigned to it by the Sulu group will doubtless find lively and interesting work ahead of them.

SPAIN NEGOTIATING TO RELEASE PRISONERS.

Said to Be Negotiating With Aguinaldo Through the Agency of the Philippines in Madrid.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: News has been received here that the Spanish government has begun negotiations with Aguinaldo, through the agency of certain Filipino in Madrid, for the release of the Spanish prisoners. Having begun to treat directly with the insurgents, Spain is likely to go a step further and accord them the recognition hitherto refused by any government.

The idea is to call upon President McKinley to redeem his promise and obtain the release of the prisoners. The difficulties confronting the American government are all understood in Madrid, and as soon as official recognition of them is obtained, the government will consider itself free to treat with the Filipino government, if necessary, as power to power, in order to secure the release of its subjects. That Spain should take such revenge upon us would surprise nobody.

WAR SCARE AT TAHITI.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The barkentine, City of Papeete, 21 days from Tahiti, reports that just before she sailed much alarm was caused by a report that war had been declared between France and England. Governor Galliard prepared to resist attack by disembarking the guns of the gunboat Aste, then in the harbor and placing them on shore. He also arranged to have the vessel sunk across the entrance to the port.

DRIED PRUNE COMBINE.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 17.—A movement has been begun by the Farmers club here having for its object the creation of a great association of interests to control the dried prune output on this coast. The enterprise is to be along the lines of the Wine Growers Association and the great raisin combine at Fresno.

BOSS QUAY'S HARD FIGHT

Sixteen Short of the Number Necessary to Elect on Joint Ballot.

THE OPPOSITION IS FIRM

Democrats Solid for Jenks and Bolting Republicans Hold Out for Their Favorites.

NO CHANGE IN WASHINGTON

First Ballot Will Be Taken at Olympia Today—Senator Lodge Re-elected in Other States.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 17.—The end of the first day's fight in the battle for United States senator leaves the result very much in doubt. It is Senator Quay against the field, and the indications are that there will be a deadlock lasting some days, at least. The republicans are divided between Quay and eight "favorite sons" and the democrats are united on George A. Jenks.

The senate and house voted separately this afternoon and will take a ballot tomorrow in joint session. There was no election today. Quay's total strength in both houses was 112 votes, 16 less than the number necessary to elect on joint ballot, assuming that the full membership of 24 is present, a condition that does not seem possible, as there are several on the sick list now.

The result of the vote today was no surprise to those familiar with the situation. The first ballot shows that there is practically no break in the line of either of the republican factions.

NO CHANGE IN WASHINGTON.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 17.—The Wilson forces were disappointed today on Jan. 17th being able to lead on the first ballot. They particularly counted on Fry, of Whatcom, who gave way as speaker to Gule, of Seattle. Out of the four votes in Whatcom county, Wilson secured only one. Foster took two and Humes one from Whatcom. Humes expected one from Kitsap county that went to Foster. Wilson has always counted on Lincoln county, one of whose members voted for Humes, and the other for John B. Allen. Humes counted on both of Lincoln county's votes.

Of the 25 votes cast by the Foster men all were arranged for in advance and there were no disappointments. One Foster man was sick and did not vote. He also took Sinclair, of Adams county, and this leads to the opinion that Ankeny has several men staked out on Wilson's territory. It is stated several of the Wilson men will leave him should ballotting continue for four or five days, and both Foster and Ankeny look for increases should Humes and Wilson slump. Wilson and Humes, like all candidates, look for increases. The eight votes cast for Ankeny are not his full strength, and his managers took a low line, hoping to work upward.

Tomorrow the legislature meets in joint session for the first time to ballot for senator, when the opening totals of Foster, 26; Wilson, 25; Humes, 22; and Ankeny, 8, will probably be changed. Probably Humes will lose one to Foster and Foster one to Wilson. Ankeny will probably take one from Wilson. The Humes men are working hard for one new vote for tomorrow. The Wilson men sprang a caucus call again today, and while some of the Foster men are signing it, there will be no caucus until agreeable to the anti-Wilson men.

SENATOR LODGE RE-ELECTED.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—Each branch of the legislature balloted for United States senator today, and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, the republican nominee, carried heavy majorities in both houses.

INDIANA'S NEW SENATOR.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 17.—Albert J. Beveridge (republican) was today elected United States senator by the general assembly in separate sessions. The formal joint ballot will take place tomorrow.

DEADLOCK IN NEVADA.

CARSON, Jan. 17.—The principal event of the day in the senatorial contest was the mass meeting tonight, at which Frank G. Newlands discussed his candidacy, the audience including the entire legislative force of both houses. Many predict a deadlock as a result of the candidacy of Mason and Clark, each of whom claims the democratic vote.

DEPEW ELECTED IN NEW YORK.

ALBANY, Jan. 17.—The senate and assembly in their respective chambers today voted for United States senator. In the assembly Chauncey M. Depew (rep.) received 84 votes and Edward Murphy (dem.) 60. In the senate Depew received 27 and Murphy 22.

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NO CHOICE IN UTAH.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 17.—The first vote for United States senator was taken in the legislature this afternoon. It resulted as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Votes. King 11, Sutherland 11, McInnis 11, Powers 11, Callahan 11, Abbott 11.

IN NORTH DAKOTA.

BISMARCK, Jan. 17.—The result of the ballot for United States senator today was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Votes. Marshall 11, Latta 11, Lamora 11, Joseph (democratic) 11, McCumber 11, Cooper 11.

IN DELAWARE.

DOVER, Jan. 17.—The result of the ballot for United States senator today follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Votes. George Gray (dem.) 11, Addicks (rep.) 11, Colonel Henry Lupton (rep.) 11, Judge Gray (dem.) 11, Congressman Handy (dem.) 11, Wm. S. Hills 11.

THE SENATE TAKES UP NICARAGUAN CANAL BILL.

An Amendment Giving the United States Absolute Control of the Waterway During War Voted Down.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Almost the entire session of the senate today was devoted to consideration of the pending Nicaraguan canal bill. At 2 o'clock consideration of the bill, in its present form, was begun and was continued to the close of the session. The first vote reached was on the amendment offered by Rawlins, of Utah, which in brief, provides that the United States should have absolute control of the canal for military or naval purposes, with power to dictate the use of the waterway during the existence of war. The friends of the pending bill rallied against the amendment and it was defeated by the decisive vote of 28 to 9.

A provision was inserted in the bill providing that no more than \$2,000,000 should be paid the Maritime Canal Company for its concession and the work already done on the canal. When the adjournment was taken the substitute measure offered by Caffery, of Louisiana, was before the senate.

OPponents OF PEACE TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The democratic opponents of the peace treaty were in conference several hours today devising ways and means for conducting their contest. They resolved to insist upon the amendment placing the Philippines on the same footing as relation to the United States as Cuba, and to make a persistent fight if this concession was not granted.

FUNERAL OBSEQUIES OF ROMERO.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 17.—Thousands of people witnessed with respectful silence the arrival of the funeral car bearing the remains of Ambassador Matias Romero. President Diaz, Ambassador Clayton, the Mexican cabinet, congressmen, officials and friends crowded the Mexican Central station to greet and attend the darkened Pullman car containing the casket. The remains were identified by President Diaz and his suite and transferred to a magnificent black hearse. The hearse was buried amid flowers, wreaths and tokens from Washington, St. Louis, New Orleans and San Antonio and from all the Mexican cities. Escorted by unmounted cavalry it was borne to the hall of congress, followed by the president and people. It was a most touching and democratic demonstration. The hall was decorated in black, yellow and silver. The rear of the train entered, trailing the darkened Pullman car, lighted by powerful electric lights. The casket rested on the steps of the platform. Senator Romero's body will lie in state until the funeral ceremonies this afternoon, upon which occasion an address will be made by Minister Mascac. Then the body will be taken to Dolores cemetery and, with the honors to which Romero is entitled, will be placed at rest in a temporary vault, where the remains of Mme. Romero were placed last August. The Romero vault is now under construction. A spotless monument of Italian marble will crown their final resting place.

HIGHWAYMAN'S CRIME.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17.—Frederick Milliken, employed at the National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, was knocked insensible by a highwayman last night and robbed of money, watch and valuables and his body dragged across the railroad track in front of the fast approaching passenger train. He was struck by the engine and hurled into the ditch. His left arm was torn into shreds and he was internally injured. His chances of recovery are slight. The highwayman escaped.

STOCKS BEING DEPOSITED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—It is officially stated that a large majority of the different steel and wire companies stocks have already been deposited with J. & W. Seligman & Co., under the agreement entered into for the organization of a corporation under the laws of the state of New Jersey to be known as the American Steel & Wire Company, although the time for deposit will not expire until today at 3 p. m.

DIXON BESTED PLUTO.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Dixon knocked out Pluto in the tenth round before the Lenox Athletic Club tonight.

China's accessory plots of universal disarmament is a good deal as if the Venus of Milo would ask the other statues to drop their arms.

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