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FISH BILL IS ILLEGAL

Omission by Senate Committee Renders It Null and Void.

A DISCLOSURE AT SALEM

Enacting Clause Was Left Out by the Fisheries Committee, and It Is Worthless.

THE SLOT MACHINE BILL

Also Worthless, Having Been Carried Off by the Chairman of the Committee Having It in Charge.

SALEM, March 1.

The revising journal committee today discovered that the enacting clause of the Curtis bill providing for the protection of salmon, and making provision for the maintenance of state salmon hatcheries, had been omitted by the senate committee on fisheries, thereby rendering it null and void.

SLOT MACHINE BILL ALSO VOID

It may be of interest to the good people of Astoria to know that the bill recently passed by the legislature, and later signed by Governor Geer, abolishing nickel-in-the-slot machines is also null and void, although this has not as yet been legally determined.

THE PINCH OF POVERTY UNBALANCED HER MIND.

Montavilla Mother Administered Poison to Her Children and Then Blew Out Her Brains.

PORTLAND, March 1.

Mrs. Lura Browning, mother of four children, blew her brains out at Montavilla today after taking laudanum herself and forcing three of her children to drink the drug.

SPAIN MAKES OVERTURES FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

Her Prices Considered Too Low by Insurgents and Indignantly Refused—English Subjects Unheard From.

NEW YORK, March 1.

A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says: It is reported here that Spain authorized General Rios to offer the Philippine republic \$500,000 for the release of the Spanish prisoners. The offer was indignantly declined and the insurgents asked \$7,000,000.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 1.

The long looked for advance in the wages of the coal miners of the Birmingham district has been announced, and will go into effect today. The advance will be 2 1/2 cents for every ton of coal mined, and it is thought within the next month or two that it will be made effective for every coal miner in the district.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

Just before the final vote was taken on the sundry civil appropriation bill, the amendment was voted on at the instance of Allison, chairman of the committee on appropriations, appropriating money for next year on all the public buildings which have been authorized by the present congress, the appropriation for the year generally being one-half the total limit of the cost.

THE SPANISH MINISTRY TENDERS RESIGNATION.

Effect of the Crisis on the Peace Treaty—Believed in Washington It Will Be Refined.

MADRID, March 1.

Senior Sagasta has tendered the resignation of the ministry to the queen regent. The cabinet crisis is expected to last for two or three days, as it will be necessary for the queen regent to consult the political leaders. In the meantime the chambers will adjourn until a new ministry is formed.

THE NEWS AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—It is a question whether our government would not actually profit by the loss of the treaty, provided this bill could be carried into effect. The Spanish government, as would be the case if the cortes refused to ratify it. The United States, it can be stated on the highest authority, would refuse to surrender the Philippines, and on the other hand, would be relieved from the treaty obligation to pay the Spanish government \$20,000,000 on account of the cession of the islands.

LORD HERSHELL DEAD

Passed Away at Washington From Heart Failure—His Death a Great Surprise.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

Lord Hershell, one of the high joint commissioners from Great Britain, died here this morning. Hershell was lord chancellor of Great Britain, and was sent to the United States because of his eminent attainments, to take the leading part in the negotiations designed to settle all existing differences between the United States and Canada.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

The senate amendments to the river and harbor bill were nonconcurrent in and was sent to the conference, the friends of the Nicaraguan canal amendment having decided to postpone their fight until the conference report.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

The senate bill making Dewey a full admiral was passed. The bill now goes to the president for his signature.

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Joseph Choate, United States ambassador to the court of St. James, arrived here this afternoon on the steamer St. Paul from New York. Several thousand persons awaited the arrival of the United States ambassador, the stars and stripes were displayed on many buildings and immediately after the arrival of the St. Paul she was boarded by a delegation of 20 prominent citizens of Southampton, headed by the mayor and other officers in their official robes. A warm welcome extended Choate was most cordial.

AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS

Board to Consider Construction of a Drydock on the Columbia River.

THE ARMY BILL PASSED

House Did Away With the Possibility of an Extra Session by Its Action.

SENATE PASSES NAVAL BILL

Provides for Reduction in Price of Armor Plate, and Establishment of a Factory if Necessary.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

The naval appropriation bill was passed by the senate today. The bill authorizes the secretary of the navy to appoint a board to consider the advisability of constructing a drydock on the Columbia river.

HOUSE PASSED THE ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL YESTERDAY.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The lingering possibility of an extra session of congress disappeared today when the house passed the senate army reorganization bill. Very considerable and vigorous opposition to the acceptance of the senate bill was voiced on both sides of the hall, and for a time it appeared possible that the bill would not secure the necessary two-thirds to pass it under suspension of the rules, but the republican leaders, Henderson, Grosvonor and Cannon, came to its support on the republican side, and Bailey, the democratic leader, threw the weight of his influence in favor of it on the democratic side, arguing that it provided for only a temporary increase of the army, which would be made permanent if congress were convened in extra session. Another big element in the vote was Hull's recital of a statement made by the president to him that he would not construe section 12 as authority to conscript the minority in volunteer organizations which elect to remain in service. The vote passed by a vote of 262 to 52. It now goes to the president.

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Provides for a Government Armor Plate Factory, if Necessary.
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ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SHIPPING BILL.

Contracts for Building American Ships Must Have Been Made Prior to January 1.

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of the treasury, as provided in this section, shall in no fiscal year exceed the sum of \$10,000,000 and the secretary of the treasury shall make such regulations for the payment of such compensation earned under this section for any one year over and above \$9,000,000 to be deducted pro rata from the total compensation due each individual or corporation entitled to such compensation here during said fiscal year.

The bill as originally reported, extended its proposed benefits to foreign built vessels under contract for American citizens on January 1 last. Advantage, it is asserted, already had been taken of this provision, and a number of contracts are said to have sprung into existence for the construction of ships abroad.

As now reported that language is changed so as to require that ships coming under this provision shall have been in actual course of construction January 1. The bounty to be paid to foreign built vessels is also reduced to 50 per cent under the new addition to the bill.

GERMANY SOUGHT TO UPSET THE BERLIN TREATY.

Being Jealous of Growing British Influence She Sought the Opportunity to Break Faith.

LONDON, March 1.

The Daily Graphic, in publishing this morning from a Samoan correspondent a story of recent events there, attributing the whole of the recent trouble to the attempts of Germany to upset the Berlin treaty and secure supremacy in the islands. The correspondent says: "The Germans, long jealous of growing British influence, seized the opportunity to break faith."

ACCESS TO THE COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—It is rumored that the Santa Fe has secured control of the California & Nevada road in order to establish a terminal that it will afford more easy means of access to San Francisco than could be secured if the transcontinental line ended at Point Richmond.
The Santa Fe, by acquiring the right of way of the California & Nevada line to Emeryville, would practically have a right of way to Oakland. At present the little line which it rumored has passed into the control of the Santa Fe has tracks laid to a point 20 miles from Oakland. Expensive repairs are now being made and there is talk of extending the road to Mount Diablo.
This road is now in the hands of a receiver, having been taken there by C. H. Smith, of Denver, the owner of nearly all of the bonds of the line.

THE POPE ILL.

LONDON, March 1.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says: It is feared the pope has pneumonia and will not recover. Cardinal Oreglia, Doyen of the sacred college, has been in the apartment of his holiness the entire evening.

THE POPE IS RESTING EASY.

ROME, 7 p. m., March 1.—Dr. Mazzoni and Laponni, who left the pope's apartments at 5 o'clock, expressed satisfaction at the condition of his holiness.

PARTITION OF SAMOA.

LONDON, March 1.—The Daily News, in an editorial on the Samoa question, says: If Baron Von Buelow would be a little more explicit there might be a better chance of doing business. Certainly the present arrangement is a failure.
The Times, commenting editorially upon the speech of Baron Von Buelow in the Reichstag is inclined to think that a partition of Samoa will prove the final solution of the problem.

COUNTIES TO PRINT BILLS.

OLYMPIA, March 1.—At the afternoon session the senate passed a number of bills, the most important being one repealing the law of 1897 for a uniform system of county blanks, and taking this class of work from the state printer and allowing each county to print its own blanks.
A bill to remit the unpaid penalties and interest on certain charitable institutions for and including 1896 and subsequent years was also passed.

POWDER COMPANIES SELL OUT.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The Tribune says: It is reported on good authority that the interests of the Royal Baking Powder Company, the New York Baking Powder Company, and the Cleveland Baking Powder Company have been sold to William Zeigler for between \$1,000,000 and \$12,000,000.

MOLINEUX INDICTED FOR MURDER.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Roland B. Molineux has been indicted for murder in the first degree.