

IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Friday, March 16.

Washington, March 16.—For an instant in the house today there was a lapse in the vigilance of those who have been on guard to prevent legislation which would take away the rank of lieutenant general in the army, and the chances of Generals Corbin and MacArthur for promotion.

The net result was that the previous question is ordered on the bill and an amendment is pending, having been offered by Grosvenor, of Ohio, which extends the time of the operation of the bill so as to allow the promotion of the two officers named.

Previous to this, the first real filibuster of the session, there had been four hours of debate on the legislative bill. Shackelford opened the program with a severe criticism of Speaker Cannon, which he was not allowed to finish.

Thursday, March 15.

Washington, March 15.—Williams occupied the last few minutes of today's session of the house, which was shortened on account of the Republican statehood caucus, in a sarcastic speech on the division among his opponents on the statehood bill.

Washington, March 15.—The senate today continued consideration of the railroad rate question by listening to the reading of a report on that measure by Tillman.

Wednesday, March 14.

Washington, March 14.—The railroad rate bill today reached the controversial stage in the senate. The question came up in the regular order of business shortly before 2 o'clock.

Warren addressed the senate on the bill extending from 28 to 36 hours the time during which livestock in transit on railroad trains may be confined without change.

Washington, March 14.—The second Smoot Case Next Month.

Washington, March 13.—The Smoot case is apt to be brought before the senate early in April, and will continue to be the foremost topic of discussion in that body for the better part of a month.

Allot Colville Reserve.

Washington, March 12.—There is every reason to believe that congress will pass the bill now pending before both houses authorizing the opening of settlement of the unallotted lands of the south half of the Colville Indian reservation.

day of general debate on the legislative bill developed limited discussion of the retirement of aged clerks interspersed with a speech on statehood by Babcock, of Wisconsin, one on the restriction of immigration by Gardner, of Massachusetts, and a presentation of reasons why the jurisdiction of Federal courts should be restricted in certain cases where it was acquired because of the citizenship of the litigants being in different states.

Babcock said the house bill was one of the greatest legislative outrages ever enacted; that the senate had properly amended the bill, and he favored the senate amendments.

Tuesday, March 13.

Washington, March 13.—Before taking up the railroad question today, the senate passed a number of bills, some of which were of considerable importance.

Washington, March 13.—The house devoted itself to general debate on the legislative appropriation bill. Litterer, of New York, and Livingston, of Georgia, representing the Republican and Democratic views, concurred on the question that something must be done in the way of reorganizing the government service.

Monday, March 12.

Washington, March 12.—There was a sharp division of opinion in the senate today over the question whether the Tillman-Gillespie resolution instructing the Interstate Commerce commission to inquire into the railroad holdings of coal and oil lands justified the president's message regarding it.

The debate was interrupted at 2 o'clock, when Culberson was recognized to speak on the railroad rate bill.

Washington, March 12.—Carrying out the recommendation of the commission that investigated the wreck of the Valencia, Senator Piles and Representative Humphrey today introduced a bill authorizing the construction of an ocean-going tug for use on the North Pacific coast from the entrance of Puget sound southward along the coast of Oregon.

No specific appropriation is made by the bill, the size of the appropriation to be determined by a committee, but it is stipulated that the vessel shall be built under the direction of the secretary of the treasury, and shall be controlled by the revenue cutter service.

Senator Piles also introduced a bill authorizing the establishment of three life-saving stations on the Washington coast between Gray's Harbor and Cape Flatery.

Report on Employers' Liability Bill.

Washington, March 12.—The house committee on judiciary decided today to make a favorable report on the Bates Employers' Liability bill, in amended form.

Washington, March 13.—The senate this evening passed the bill which passed the house February 15, providing for an increased annual appropriation for agricultural experiment stations of \$5,000 for the present year, and by an additional sum of \$2,000 per year for five years.

MAY FORCE FIGHT.

Senate Committee Will Report Bill Repealing Timber Law.

Washington, March 14.—The senate committee on public lands is putting the finishing touches on a bill to repeal the timber and stone act and substitute therefor a new law authorizing the sale of mature timber on the public domain at no less than its appraised value, provision also being made for the sale of stone valuable for building purposes on an equitable basis.

The future of this bill is somewhat in doubt. It seems quite likely that it will pass the senate, for there is a general sentiment in its favor. With few exceptions, the entire senate is convinced that the timber and stone act is injurious in many respects.

WIN BY SUBTERFUGE.

Germany Wants a Neutral Power to Name Inspector General.

Algieras, March 14.—Success or failure of the Moroccan conference still depends upon Germany. When Germany in consequence of the almost universal disapproval which her position excited, appeared to concede the principle of the Franco-Spanish police, the delegates supposed an agreement was at hand and all menace of war vanished.

It is expected that France's opposition to such a scheme will finally lead Germany to abandon it, but in the meantime the state of tension and uncertainty has been resumed.

Sea Rushes Over Land.

Brussels, March 14.—Terrible havoc has resulted in North Belgium from the overflowing of the Scheldt river. Many farmhouses were completely demolished by the rush of waters and at Melsole ten children were drowned before the eyes of their parents.

Funds for Trust Inquiry.

Washington, March 14.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today decided to make a favorable report on the Townsend joint resolution providing for an appropriation of \$50,000 to enable the interstate commerce committee to investigate railways and monopolies under the Tillman-Gillespie joint resolution.

Watch for Fitzgerald.

New York, March 14.—The New York American this morning says that General Louis Fitzgerald, ex-chairman of the Equitable Life Assurance society, who was desired as a witness by the Armstrong investigating committee, has returned to New York.

High License Passes Ohio House.

Columbus, O., March 14.—The house tonight by a vote of 66 to 46, passed the Aiken bill increasing the tax imposed upon saloons from \$350 to \$1,000.

CAN NEVER AGREE

Germany Gives Up Hope of Moroccan Settlement.

LAYS ALL BLAME ON FRANCE

Kaiser's Spokesman Says He Will Yield No More—Hands of Delegates Are Tied.

Berlin, March 15.—German faith in an amicable settlement of the Moroccan tangle has given way to hopelessness. A spokesman for the government today admitted that the situation has reverted to a critical point, with diminishing prospects of agreement.

When your correspondent on March 5 cabled that harmony was in sight, he reflected the firm confidence of the Kaiser and Prince von Buelow that a settlement was only a matter of hours. France's refusal to regard the German concessions as adequate surprised the Berlin authorities.

Cannot Move Step Forward. Algieras, March 15.—The Moroccan conference has reached a peculiar stage. It is completely helpless to solve the deadlock which has arisen over the remaining details of the police and bank questions.

The sessions are temporarily suspended without knowing when they will be resumed. The French and German delegates are bound by their instructions, and therefore are unable to make any further concessions, and the conference, not having judicial or executive powers, cannot settle the differences by a majority.

TO CHANGE EXCLUSION LAW.

Representatives of Commerce Give Opinion to House Committee.

Washington, March 15.—John Foord, secretary of the American Asiatic association, and representatives of commercial interests in prominent cities of the United States, appeared before the house committee on foreign affairs today in support of the Foster bill to amend the Chinese exclusion act.

"There is nothing radical about the changes the president proposes," said Mr. Foord. "The president's simple remedy is to define the excluded class of Chinamen and let all others enter after due consideration by the consular officers of the United States at the port of departure in China, and bearing certificates duly issued by the officers."

Utah Roads Demoralized.

Salt Lake City, March 15.—Railway traffic both north and south from Salt Lake has been badly demoralized. Trains from the north on the Oregon Short Line are 10 to 20 hours late.

Relieve Settlers on Railroad Land.

Washington, March 15.—The house committee on public lands today favorably reported a bill permitting settlers along the Northern Pacific railroad to retain their land wherever they come within the conflicting grant to the railroad.

Vote to Seat Hawaiian Delegate.

Washington, March 15.—By unanimous vote, the house committee on elections No. 3 decided today to recommend the seating of Delegate Kalaniana'ole, of Hawaii, whose seat was contested on the ground of fraudulent election methods.

TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.



KEEP the gates of the eyes and there will be fewer insurrections in the appetites.

If you have a god who can be packed away in a definition you had better get another.

New laws do not make new lives. Real gratitude is a fruit of grace.

The prizes gained by trickery carry their own punishment. Prudence is like treating disease by feeding men medical books.

After, "What must I do to be saved?" comes the great question, "What can I do to serve?"

Many a man thinks he has done his duty for the world because he has taken a course in sociology.

The feast of the sermon always produces spiritual indigestion unless followed by religious exercise.

After the Master was as particular about the people He would wish with as we are this world would soon go to pieces.

Troubles come through the things we let slip through our lips rather than by those that slip through our fingers.

There are too many preachers who seem to think that the way to get the people to glory is to consign them to perdition.

"LIE-GERY" EQUALS FORGERY.

New Word Coined for False Impersonation at the Telephone.

"There ought to be a new word coined to serve as a running mate to the word forgery," said a Kansas City business man.

"Now it turns out that the person who pretended to be the Tater and Onion Grocery Company was instead a collection attorney who wished to find out for sure where John Smith worked and when he got his pay so he could garnish his wages to collect."

"I am doing John Smith a favor, I answer: 'That is true. Smith works for me. He will not receive his pay until Wednesday.'"

Nailing His Coffin.

Seeing that the original of Sherlock Holmes is a Scotsman, the police of the candle country ought to be inspired with ability to solve the mystery surrounding the dreadful crime recently committed in their midst.

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THE OLD WATER MILL.



On the slope of the hill stands the old water mill. With its rafters decadent and rotten. Now an idle old shed.

Here the choicest songs As they merrily sung With the swish and the sway of the breeze;

When the death wind blows On the red flaming rose, Waving here with its petals of gladness,

The Family Doctor. A good cure of indigestion is a full teaspoonful of glycerine in a little water, to be taken after food.

To cure bronchitis cut up two or three large raw onions. Mince them very finely. Place in muslin, and lay this cold onion poultice on the chest and throat.

The Wise Tramp. Tramp—"Please, ma'am, couldn't you spare me a little?"

That flat he owns is so old-fashioned that he can't rent it or make any money out of it.

A dimple helps in having a cheerful disposition. Dimples do not show when their owners are moody or cross.