

IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Saturday, January 27.
 Washington, Jan. 27. — In a session of two hours today the house passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, carrying \$15,216,103, incorporated in which is a provision that the eight-hour law shall not apply to ten laborers on the Panama canal. In addition it passed 262 private pension bills and read the Mann general bridge bill, making it the unfinished business for Monday.

Friday, Jan. 26.
 Washington, Jan. 26. — The first attempt at filibustering during this session occurred in the house today on a Democratic endeavor to defeat the provision of the urgent deficiency bill waiving the eight-hour law for foreign laborers on the Panama canal. The amendment was placed in the bill in committee of the whole after the house had divided many times on every pretext which Williams could make the cause for a vote. When the bill was finally finished, late in the day, a demand for a separate vote and roll-call on that amendment was made and ordered, at which time the house adjourned. The vote will occur tomorrow. The amendment was ruled out of the bill on a point of order on Tuesday, and its insertion today was effected under the provisions of a special rule brought in from the rules committee for the purpose.

Thursday, January 25
 Washington, Jan. 25. — The house passed the statehood bill according to schedule today. The Republican opposition spent its entire force yesterday and no effort was made to defeat the bill on its final passage, only 33 of the "insurgents" voting against it. The bill passed by the vote of 194 to 150. The debate which preceded this vote began at 11 o'clock and was practically featureless so far as any hope was entertained of changing the measure in the slightest degree.

The bill as passed provides that Oklahoma and the Indian Territory shall constitute one state under the name of Oklahoma, and that Arizona and New Mexico shall constitute a state under the name Arizona. Should the terms of admission be ratified by the residents of the two former territories, their respective state constitutions must contain clauses prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and plural marriages. The constitution of Arizona must prohibit the sale of liquor to Indians forever and that of Oklahoma for 21 years. There are many other stipulations concerning schools, courts and political subdivisions of the proposed new states.

Washington, Jan. 25. — The foreign affairs of the United States continued to hold the attention of the senate today, the Moroccan and Dominican matters being immediately at issue. Money was the principal speaker and he talked for over two hours in opposition to the course of the administration with reference to both Santo Domingo and Morocco. He contended that there was danger of becoming involved unnecessarily in the affairs of other countries by participation in the Algerias conference and that this country was not sufficiently concerned with the conduct of affairs in Santo Domingo to justify our course in that island. He also took the position that the president had transcended his authority there. Heyburn spoke in support of the annexation of Santo Domingo.

Wednesday, January 24.
 Washington, Jan. 24. — When the smoke of the liveliest legislative battle of the session had cleared up in the house today, Speaker Cannon and his organization were in complete control and the joint statehood program of the administration had been adopted.

Previous to the vote the debate on the rule had proceeded under high tension. The speeches were short but the word uttered were hot and full of sting. The rule adopted provides that the bill granting statehood to Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as "Oklahoma," and Arizona and New Mexico as "Arizona," should be debated until 3 o'clock tomorrow and then voted on without opportunity for debate. The house adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, after agreeing to meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Hague Delegates Chosen.
 Washington, Jan. 22. — Secretary Root today announced that the American representatives to the approaching conference to be held at The Hague will be Joseph H. Choate, formerly ambassador to England; Horace Porter, former ambassador to France, and Judge Rose, of Little Rock, Ark., ex-president of the American Bar association. Besides these delegates there may be others, the number being conditional upon the Russian representation, and there will also be a number of secretaries, stenographers and interpreters.

Newlands' Plea Against Bill.
 Washington, Jan. 23. — Senator Newlands today concluded his statement in opposition to the Philippine tariff bill, in the hearings now proceeding before the senate committee having in charge this measure. He took the position that it would be cruel to the Filipinos to accustom them to a subsidized price for their sugar and return them to the world's price, about \$35 a ton less, when the Philippines are separated from this government.

Wants Philippine Secretary.
 Manila, Jan. 23. — T. H. Pardo de Tavera has resigned his position as a member of the United States Philippine commission, assigning as a reason his belief that the Filipinos should have a portfolio. His resignation has offered an opportunity for one of his colleagues to express a desire that in the future there be a Filipino delegate in congress. Commissioner Ide is receiving thousands of congratulations on his appointment as governor, which is universally approved, though many regret the transfer of ex-Governor Wright.

Irrigation Engineers Confer.
 Washington, Jan. 22. — Irrigation engineers of the department of Agriculture, under the direction of Elwood Mead, are in conference in Washington to outline the work for the coming season. A. P. Stover, of Oregon, and H. O. Raschbacher, of Idaho, are attending the meeting. These engineers are not connected with the Reclamation service, but make a special study of water resources, the use of water and drainage problems.

Unite on Rate Bill.
 Washington, Jan. 23. — After a conference lasting all the afternoon, the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today agreed upon a rate bill to be known as the Heyburn bill, and to be reported to the house with the unanimous recommendation of the 18 members of the committee.

Monday, January 22.
 Washington, Jan. 22. — The question of regulating railroad rates took practically all of the time of the senate today, notwithstanding that no bill with that end in view has been reported from the interstate commerce committee. The discussion of the subject was in connection with Clary's speech, Aldrich, Foraker, Bailey and Newlands being the principal participants in addition to Clay himself.

Clay advocated the passage of a bill which would give the Interstate Commerce commission power to regulate rates, when complained of, and said that, if there was no legislation along that line, the country might count upon agitation of the question of government ownership. In that connection, he referred to the large vote given Mr. Hearst in the late New York municipal election as an indication of the popularity of municipal ownership of public utilities.

Washington, Jan. 22. — With a point of order pending, the eight-hour clause of the Panama canal item in the urgent deficiency bill was buffeted about in debate during the greater part of today's session of the house. The debate was general and the point of order which will be made by Hogg of Colorado, or by Williams, the minority leader, can only be made when the section is considered for amendment.

While the eight-hour provision of the Panama part of the bill is what is objected to most strenuously, speeches were made for and against the administration's canal policy. Williams, the minority leader, declared the work of digging ought to be done by contract, De Armond, of Missouri, immediately contended that this could not be done successfully, and Burton, of Ohio, urged that congress should scrutinize appropriations. Heyburn, of Iowa, urged the necessity of centralization in responsibility, and wanted the president held responsible for the work.

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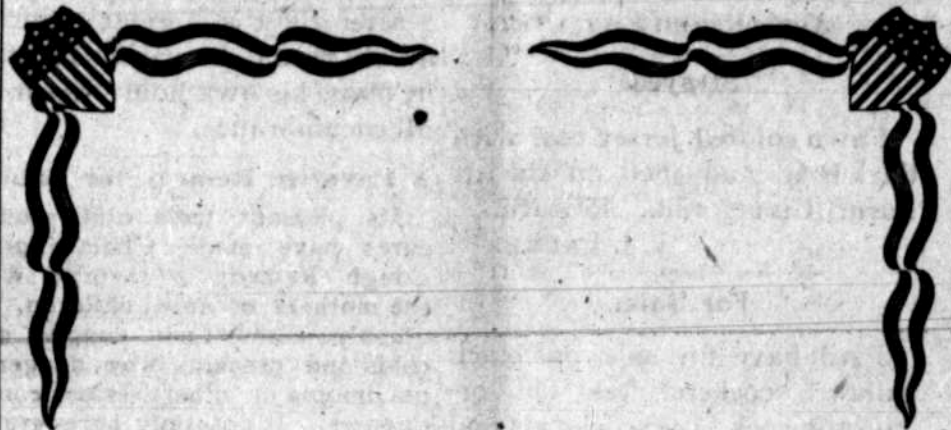
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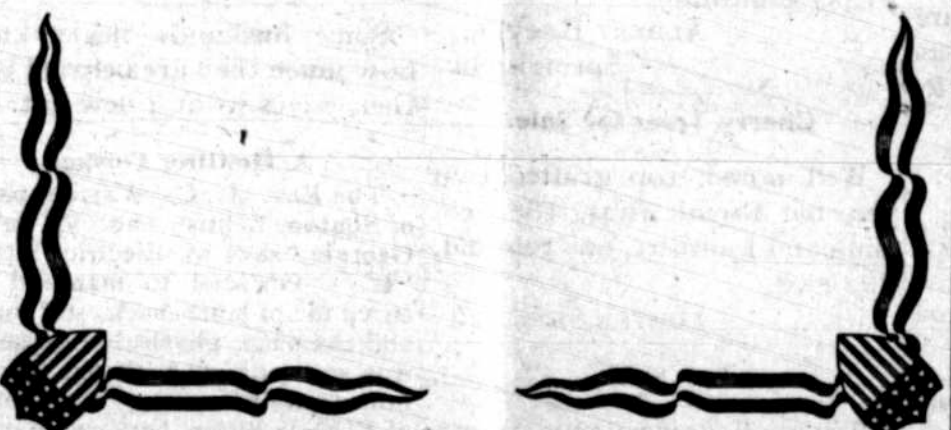
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