

## IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Friday, March 9.  
Washington, March 9.—A resolution and a bill designed to cure the defects President Roosevelt pointed out in the Tillman-Gillespie resolution for the investigation by the Interstate Commerce commission of railroad discrimination and monopolies were introduced today in the house. The resolution was introduced by Representative Townsend, of Michigan, and the bill by Representative Gillespie, of Texas. Townsend's resolution provides an appropriation of \$50,000 to carry on the investigation, and the Gillespie bill makes an appropriation of \$100,000 for the same purpose.

Washington, March 9.—Today at 5:45 p. m. the senate passed a bill for the admission of a new state to be called Oklahoma and to be composed of the Territory of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. It was the house joint statehood bill with all the provisions relating to Arizona and New Mexico stricken out. The motion to strike out was made by Burrows, and it was carried by the close vote of 37 to 35, after having been lost by the still closer vote of 35 to 36.

Immediately after the disposal of the statehood bill the house railroad rate bill was made the unfinished business, but, as the senate adjourned over Saturday and Sunday, the actual formal consideration of the measure will not begin until Monday.

Thursday, March 8.  
Washington, March 8.—Today afforded the last opportunity for general debate on the statehood bill, and the session was devoted to that order of business. Starting with a speech by McCumber, which began a few minutes after 11 o'clock, there was no cessation in the speaking until adjournment. The whole time was occupied by three senators, Beveridge, McCumber and Patterson, the former supporting and the latter two opposing it. Beveridge contended, that, while Arizona and New Mexico were unprepared for separate statehood, it was unjust to keep them out of the Union as one state. He took the ground against the Foraker amendment, which allows each territory to vote separately on the question of jointure. McCumber opposed even the joining of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and Patterson held that Arizona and New Mexico should be admitted as separate states.

The senate will begin voting on the amendments to the bill at 4 p. m. tomorrow, and the final vote will be taken before adjournment for the day. Beveridge will have the hour between 11 and 12 o'clock in which to conclude his speech.

Washington, March 8.—The house today passed the Indian appropriation bill and then proceeded to tangle itself up over the bill to abolish the grade of lieutenant general in the army. The result was an adjournment for lack of a quorum after members had been locked in the hall for half an hour and the sergeant-at-arms had been scurrying to the various hotels in search of members. The vote to consider the bill showed an overwhelming sentiment in its favor, and, as it is the pending business under call of committee, it will probably be reached and passed in due course.

Washington, March 7.—President Roosevelt today sent a message to congress announcing his signature to the joint resolution recently passed instructing the Interstate Commerce commission to make examination into the subject of railroad discriminations and monopolies in coal and oil. He says frankly that he has signed it with hesitation, because it may achieve little or nothing.

Washington, March 7.—With six set speeches and permission to print two others in the Record, none of which were on the same subject, the house today closed general debate on the Indian appropriation bill, and tomorrow will take that measure up for amendment.

Before the house took up the Indian bill, Capron (Rep., R. I.) secured the passage of a joint resolution permitting the sale of government coal at Fort Davis, Alaska, to the citizens of Nome. The situation in Alaska prompting the legislation was indicated by Secretary Taft recently that there is an absolute coal famine in Nome. The cold weather closed navigation before the coal ships arrived, and the government's Hermann as a Plagiarist.

Washington, March 7.—Representative Hermann, probably in a fit of absentmindedness, today introduced an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. This is the second time this session he has introduced this resolution, and in each instance he offered resolutions that had previously been introduced by other members, running his pen through the name of the original author and writing his own.

Justice to Seized Sealers.

Washington, March 7.—The senate today passed senator Fulton's bill permitting owners of American sealing vessels seized in Behring sea by American revenue cutters to bring suit to recover on losses sustained. This bill, if passed by the house, will put American sealers on the same basis as foreigners who suffered from like seizures or as American sealers whose ships were seized by the Russian government.

supply at Fort Davis is the only available supply.

Washington, March 7.—The issues involved in the controversy over the pending railroad rate bill were squarely presented to the senate today in the speech of Clapp, one of the Republicans supporting the measure without amendment, and by resultant remarks from Bailey and Tillman, who are supposed to represent the views of the Democrats.

Aldrich, Foraker, Crane and other Republicans, who are seeking to amend the bill so as to provide for judicial review of orders of the Interstate Commerce commission, took the position that the discussion of the situation demonstrated that the friends of the measure are divided and that the bill should not be accepted in its present form.

Washington, March 6.—The house began its session today by passing without discussion or opposition a bill for the relief of tobacco growers by permitting them to sell leaf tobacco without paying the tax of 6 cents a pound heretofore charged. The rest of the day was devoted to tariff discussion, the Indian appropriation bill being the vehicle to carry the debate.

Washington, March 6.—The question of the enlargement of the medical department of the army occupied the major portion of the time of the senate today. The question arose in connection with the consideration of a bill for the displacement of contract surgeons by physicians who shall be given the rank of army officers in the reorganization of the medical corps. Hale criticized the bill as an entering wedge for an increase of the army, and as a part of a general plan of the general staff, which he charged with a purpose to increase the army's importance. In his remarks the senator said the general staff was disposed to encourage an invasion of China. Carter and Gallinger spoke in somewhat the same vein of objection, while the bill was defended by Warren, Blackburn and other senators. The bill was not disposed of.

Monday, March 5.  
Washington, March 5.—President Roosevelt sent a message to congress today, accompanying plans for coast defense prepared by a joint board of army and navy officers, in which he emphasizes the necessity for further defenses and reviews the history of the defensive works in this country. The president calls special attention to the recommendation of the board that the entrance to Chesapeake bay be added to the list of places in the United States to be defended. He says the insular possessions cannot be longer neglected if the United States desires to hold them. Defenses are recommended for Manila bay, Pearl harbor, Guantanamo, Guam, San Juan and Honolulu, because of their strategic situation. Defenses are recommended for the entrances to the Panama canal.

Washington, March 5.—In the senate today, Nelson continued the discussion of the statehood bill, urging the passage of the measure as reported from the committee on territories. The remainder of the session was devoted to the passage of the bills on the calendar, among them being one providing for compulsory education in the District of Columbia and another regarding the selection of officers in the revenue cutter service. Two others of importance to the West were:

Providing for the issuance of patents for lands to Indians on the Colville reservation, state of Washington, under the Moses agreement of July 7, 1883.

To confer jurisdiction upon the Circuit court for the Ninth circuit to determine in equity the rights of American citizens under the award of the Behring sea arbitration at Paris, and to render judgment thereon.

Washington, March 5.—Legislation by unanimous consent and under suspension of the rules occupied the attention of the house and resulted in the passage of several bills, some of considerable importance. The adoption of a resolution of inquiry as to whether any criminal prosecutions have been begun against individuals in the Northern Securities company furnished the text for a speech of criticism by Williams, the Democratic leader, directed against the administration. Brief answers were made by Jenkins, of Wisconsin, and Grosvenor, of Ohio.

Test Vote on Philippines.  
Washington, March 6.—Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee on Philippines, has decided to make a motion that the senate discharge the committee from further consideration of the tariff bill and it be taken up for consideration. Under the rules a motion of this character is debatable. The senator proposes to make an argument in favor of the bill and ask that action be taken by the senate concerning it. He does not intend, however, to precipitate a continuation until after the statehood bill has been disposed of.

Prospects Are Not Bright.  
Washington, March 6.—A conference regarding the statehood bill, now pending in the senate, was held at the white house this afternoon, the parties to it being, besides the president, Senators Long of Kansas, Burkett of Nebraska and Warren of Wyoming, all supporters of the measure. It is conceded that the prospects for the enactment of the measure into law are not bright, and the conference was held for the purpose of considering means to save the bill.

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