IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Friday, May 4.

Washington, May 4.—In accordance with the agreement of last Monday, the senate today entered upon the consideration of amendments to the rate bill under the 15-minute rule, but made little progress. The greater part of the day was devoted to Lodge's provision bringing pipe lines within the terms of the bill, and it was ultimately unanimously agreed to, after being so amended as to make it exclude gas and water lines from its operation, thus practically confining it to oil lines. There were two roll-calls, but neither was of importance, as on the one accepting the amendment there was no division whatever, while the action taken on the other, on the question of confining the provision to oil lines, was practically nullified by the subsequent elimination of gas and water from the amendment.

Washington, May 4.—The house spent another day in consideration of the naval appropriation bill, the speeches in large measure being in support of the bill and the naval program therein outlined. Burton, of Ohio, delivered a scholarly address against what seemed the needless enlargement of the navy, contending that the American nation could well afford to serve notice upon the other nations that it stood for international arbitration and the peace of the world.

Butler of Pennsylvania, and Calder of New York, supported the bill, both agreeing that the measure had less to criticize in it than any bill reported from the naval affairs committee of the house in years.

Thursday, May 3.

Washington, May 3.—The naval appropriation bill, which carries nearly a hundred million dollars for the naval establishment, was taken up by the House today. Beyond the explanation of the bill by Foss of Illinois, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, and the running fire of questions which his presentation called forth, little interest was shown in the early part of the debate that ensued. Toward the close of the day, however, a lively colloquy occurred among Bates of Pennsylvania, Williams of Mississippi, Clark of Missouri, and Payne of New York, over certain statements made by Bates in relation to the price of steel rails. The discussion took on a wide tariff range, a forerunner of still further tariff discussion as the session nears its close.

Washington, May 3.—This was the last day for general debate in the Senate on the railroad rate bill, and it was fully occupied. Following a brief speech by Nelson, Tillman spoke at length in favor of the bill, by criticism of individual judges that the power of granting temporary injunctions by inferior United States courts should be taken from them by Interstate Commerce Commission cases, and he was followed by Bacon, Bailey, Teller and Foraker in speeches at some length.

Bailey opposed Bacon's contention that the judiciary should not be criticised on the floor of the Senate. Consideration of the army appropriation bill was resumed, and after further amendment it was passed.

Wednesday, May 2.

Washington, May 2.—Daniel continued his speech on the railroad rate bill in the senate today, reporting briefly his objections to Bailey's proviso for the non-suspension by the courts of the orders of the interstate commerce commission. In cases where the courts have suspended the rates of the commission, Mr. Daniel suggested that a substantial bond be required of the railroads.

The rate bill was then temporarily laid aside, and the army appropriation bill taken up. An important amendment authorizes the establishment of a general depot for supplies at Fort Mason, San Francisco, and appropriates $1,500,000 for the purpose. Of the amount appropriated, $750,000 is made immediately available.

Another amendment appropriating $500,000 for a cable from Key West to Panama via Guantanamo, Cuba, was made.

Consideration of the bill was not concluded when, at 5:45 p. m., the senate went into executive session.

Washington, May 2.—The house devoted almost the entire day to discussion of the agricultural appropriation bill, which is now almost completed.

Tuesday, May 1.

Washington, May 1.—By a vote of 153 to 58 the House today decided to continue the free distribution of garden and flower seeds. Many of the items in the agricultural bill broadening the scope of the Bureau of Chemistry and Dr. Wiley's department were eliminated on points of order, particularly those relating to the adulteration of foods, condiments, drugs and beverages. Considerable progress was made on the bill after the free-seed proposition was out of the way, and the bill will be completed tomorrow.

Washington, May 1.—The proceedings in the Senate today included an extended discussion of the railroad rate bill by Daniel, an explanation of the status of the appropriation for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in California by Allison, and a controversy among several Senators as to the propriety of adopting without referring to a committee a resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to General Horace Porter for his services in recovering the body of John Paul Jones from its long lost resting place in Paris. In the last mentioned proceeding Aldrich opposed action by the Senate in advance of committee consideration, and succeeded in having the measure referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Monday, April 30.

Washington, April 30.—The senate will begin voting on the amendments to the railroad rate bill on Friday, May 4. An agreement to that effect was reported today, but it proved impossible to so extend the understanding as to have it include the fixing of a date for taking a final vote on the bill as a whole. Tillman first proposed a final vote on May 9, and Morgan was the only senator to make objection. His opposition was sufficient, however, to frustrate the design, and the next most feasible course, the disposition of amendments, was decided upon. The general impression among senators is that the final vote will be reported within a week from the time of the beginning of the consideration of amendments. Most of the time of the senate was devoted to listening to a speech by Clarke of Arkansas, in which he criticised the Hepburn bill as injudicious to remedy existing conditions.

The house [illegible] $70,000 for the [illegible] navy department [illegible] and for the postal service [illegible] Francisco, made necessary by the earthquake, was passed by the senate when it convened today.

Washington, April 30.—This was both a field day and a "feed" day in the house, the major portion of the legislative session being given over to the consideration of the agricultural bill and, incident [illegible] the free distribution of se[illegible] the bill does not provide [illegible] which it is agreed will be rest[illegible] to the bill.

Eighteen [illegible] of the agricultural bill were com[illegible] and perfected. The debate on the [illegible] of free seeds will be re[illegible] a vote is expected [illegible] be insert an appropriation of $200,000 for the purchase and distribution of "rare and unusual seeds."

The debate on seeds might have continued indefinitely under the "animal industry" item if Wadsworth had not [illegible] putting a stop to the debate, which was carried by a vote of 97 to 63. On motion of Wadsworth the committee arose, the vote being 87 against 73.

Statehood Compromise.

Washington, May 5.—All of the minor amendments to the statehood bill are either disposed of or in shape to be made the foundation of argument at a moment's notice.

At today's session of the conferees on that measure the climax of the situation was reached for the first time. The question of the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as one state was discussed at length.

No proposition for a compromise was offered, and the meeting adjourned until Tuesday.

In a general way it is known that the compromise will be the Foraker amendment, allowing the people of the two territories to vote upon the question of being joined in statehood.

Whether this vote is to be coupled with the election of state officers or is to be held prior to such elections is one of the questions yet to be decided.

Were Cruel to Insane.

Washington, May 5.—Inquiry into the conditions at St. Elizabeth's asylum for the insane was begun today by the special committee of the house of representatives appointed by Speaker Cannon. Nearly a dozen witnesses were heard. Evidence was adduced showing that some of the patients who worked in the hospital laundry had been cruelly treated, and some of the witnesses testified that Foreman E. L. Maench, of the laundry, frequently was intoxicated while on duty.

The testimony showed that Henry Setterfield, one of the employes in the laundry, teased the patients and then choked them for becoming angry and excited. None of the patients, according to the testimony, was severely hurt. The inquiry will be continued next week.

No Cash to Clear Streets.

San Francisco, May 1.—Money for clearing the streets of debris was cut off this morning, and the work consequently ceased, but a great deal of progress has been made upon the principal thoroughfares within the last fortnight. Probably one-tenth of the streets in the burned district are now passable. Lack of funds and ignorance of the amount of the appropriation to be given by the finance committee have, according to Commissioner Thomas Egan, retarded the operations of the Board of Public Works in clearing the streets of debris and garbage and repairing the sewers.

Hermann Still Fights Delay.

Washington, May 1.—Representative Hermann has abandoned hope of being brought to trial in this city on the letter-book indictment before Fall. District Attorney Baker insists upon postponement on account of the enforced absence of Special Prosecutor Heney from this city. Tomorrow Judge Gould will give Hermann's attorneys an opportunity to show cause why the trial should not be postponed; but there is little expectation that he will disregard the wishes of the Government prosecutors.

Protests Against Barnes.

Washington, May 1.—The nomination of B. F. Barnes, assistant secretary to President Roosevelt, to be postmaster at Washington was before the Senate in executive session today. No action was taken. Senator Culbertson stated that a general protest had been filed by citizens against the confirmation of Mr. Barnes, and the postoffice committee had failed to give the protests the consideration of an investigation. The charges relate to the action of Mr. Barnes in having Mrs. Minor Morris ejected from the White House, and that the office should be given to a citizen.

Vote on Rates Soon.

Washington, April 30.—The generally expressed opinion about the senate today is that an agreement to vote on the railroad rate bill will be secured early next week and by common consent the vote is fixed for some time during the week beginning May 7. The request for the naming of a day will be repeated early next week, and it was said that those who had been opposing a vote would no longer seek delay. The final vote on the bill itself will be preceded by debate on the amendments.

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