

IRELAND HOME RULE BILL IS NOW A LAW

House of Commons Decides Long Fight by a Majority of 77 Votes.

London.—Home rule for Ireland became assured when the house of commons, by a majority of 77, passed the Irish home rule bill for its third and last reading. The vote was 351 to 274, and the measure becomes law in a month whether it is sanctioned by the house of lords or not.

The struggle, dating back to 1870, came to an end suddenly, the Unionists refusing to debate the bill without further information as to the attitude of the government toward the proposed amendment to the measure. The principal provisions in the Irish home rule bill are:

A senate of 40 members, a house of commons of 144 members.

Irish parliament cannot legislate on peace or war, navy, army, foreign relations, coinage or legal tender.

The Irish parliament takes over the constabulary at the end of six years and may demand the control of old age pensions and national insurance, giving one year's notice.

The imperial government is to collect the taxes and pay these to the Irish government with certain additional sums. The Irish parliament may, under certain conditions, add to the taxes.

Ireland runs her postoffice.

The number of Irish members in the imperial parliament is reduced to 42. Religion is strictly safeguarded.

The imperial government retains an absolute veto power.

CONFIRM BALKAN CRUELITIES

Atrocities Called Unparalleled by Carnegie Peace Commission.

New York.—Results of an exhaustive investigation into the conditions in the Balkans during and following the wars of 1912 and 1913 were made public by the Balkan commission of inquiry of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

In this indictment brought by the commission against all the contending forces, no one of the Balkan nations is spared. Atrocities committed upon the non-combatant Moslems in Macedonia surpassed in many instances the crimes committed by the race from which the Christian nations were supposed to have received their education in the refinements of cruelty.

The barbarous acts and inhuman reprisals performed by Bulgarians, Servians and Greeks against each other would be incredible if they were not supported by unquestionable evidence.

Roosevelt Visits Washington.

Washington.—Colonel Roosevelt returned to Washington Tuesday on one of the few visits he has made since he left the white house.

The primary object of the colonel's trip is to deliver a lecture before the National Geographical society on his South American explorations, but Washingtonians who mix in politics were interested in the conference held with the progressive leaders in congress.

IDAHO GUARD HALTS ATTEMPTED OUTBREAK

Boise, Idaho.—One prisoner is dead and two wounded as a result of an attempted wholesale delivery at the Idaho state penitentiary Saturday. U. G. Bereup, serving a life sentence for murder, committed at Pocatello, died two hours after the attempt was made. C. A. Allers, a prisoner from Shoshone county, serving an indeterminate sentence for forgery, will lose an arm, which was shattered by a bullet from one of the guns of the prison guards. Lyman Jones, serving a sentence of from 10 to 40 years for murder in Fremont county, was slightly wounded.

The break for liberty was made while half of the guards on the prison wall were at lunch. The prisoners put up a bench to the wall where No. 2 guard usually stood, but which was unprotected. The men were able to make the top of the wall.

Mediators Leave Much to Mexico. Niagara Falls, Ont.—Smooth progress toward a common agreement on all phases of the Mexican problem is being made by the mediators and the American and Mexican delegates. The mediators have taken the position that they are essentially counselors and not dictators. They will not suggest names for the provisional presidency, nor recommend any form of government. From the Mexican delegates themselves must originate proposals concerning the internal affairs of their country.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

President Insists on Passing Anti-Trust Legislation at Present Session.

Washington.—President Wilson will be satisfied with nothing less than the passage through both houses of congress, at the present session, of the anti-trust legislation recently agreed on. This was made clear by officials close to the administration. His attitude was made known in answer to suggestions that some leaders at the capital believed it would be sufficient to pass the anti-trust bills in the house and only agree on a time for a vote next session in the senate.

The house of representatives, in an effort to rush through the second of the administration's anti-trust measures, began night sessions this week and the senate is also endeavoring to speed up legislation to insure an adjournment in July.

Congress leaders admitted however, that if the senate undertook to put through anti-trust legislation of a comprehensive nature adjournment could hardly be taken until late in the fall.

Took Indictment to Save Morgan.

A dramatic climax marked the close of the sensational testimony of Charles S. Mellen, ex-president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, before the interstate commerce commission.

With evidence of deep emotion Mr. Mellen asserted the late J. Pierpont Morgan was cognizant of the Grand Trunk negotiations for which Mr. Mellen himself was criminally indicted for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and that he took the indictment that belonged to Morgan, as he believed it would have killed the aged financier to be indicted.

Absolute monopoly of transportation under government regulation and control was suggested by Mr. Mellen as the solution of the American railroad problem.

Majority of 10 for Repeal Predicted.

Democratic leaders in the senate are confident the Panama canal tolls exemption repeal bill and the arbitration amendments will be disposed of this week. Senator Kern, leader of the majority, said a vote would be taken May 28 or shortly afterward; and added that the repeal bill would be passed by a majority of at least 10.

Opponents of repeal are not inclined to doubt that the bill will pass, but the vote on the many amendments offered to modify its meaning will be watched with interest by senators on both sides. The administration is said to center its support on the amendment proposed by Senator Simmons, declaring that the United States waives no right over the Panama canal.

Parcel Post for Selling Truck.

Postmaster Otto Praeger, of Washington, has sent out to the patrons of the Washington office an advertising poster, containing the names of 150 truck farmers, fruit and poultry growers, home fruit and vegetable canners, and producers of smoked hams and bacon, who desire to serve Washington consumers direct by the parcel post.

On the reverse of the poster are illustrations of a parcel post delivery truck and of a basket, in which a Washington consumer has received a sausage from a Pennsylvania farmer during the past winter, together with testimonials from 14 patrons of the Washington office recommending the parcel post for efficiency and economy in the shipment of produce.

Producers from 12 states, including New Jersey and Mississippi, offer to sell their product direct to Washington consumers.

National Capital Brevities. The senate adopted an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill proposed by Senator Johnson, appropriating \$100,000 for potato quarantine inspection.

Creation of an aviation section of the army as part of the signal corps, is planned by a bill that has passed the house. The measure has the approval of the war department.

Copy of the proposed peace treaty between the United States and Norway has been received at Washington. Secretary Bryan and the minister of Norway will sign it when the draft has been made.

A bill putting telephone and telegraph companies and pipelines under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission was introduced in the house by Representative Reilly, of Wisconsin.

President Wilson appointed a committee to arrange for the formal opening of the Panama canal June 1. Its members are Colonel Goethals, chairman; Richard Metcalf, vice chairman; Colonel Harry Hodges, Surgeon General Gorgas, Colonel Rousseau and Colonel William Sibert.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Free Books Asked For Schools.

Klamath Falls.—A petition is being circulated to place a measure on the ballot at the school election in June, proposing to furnish text books free in the graded public schools. It is thought that the books can be purchased by the district more cheaply than by the individuals, that there will be no discrimination in those furnished and that the district will always have an ample supply.

For Orchard Protection.

Hood River.—An insectary has been established in Hood River county by Professor V. I. Saffro, of the Oregon agricultural college, for the purpose of studying the insects that infest Hood River valley orchards. Specimens of each breed of insects will be gathered and their entire life course will be studied under powerful microscopes. Hood River orchards are badly infested with insects this season.

Mines in River Removed.

Astoria.—Three of the four submarine mines that were planted along the channel edge of Peacock spit and have been a great menace to fishing operations have been removed.

Two of the mines, one the marker and the other floating near the surface, were picked up by the steamer Fornance.

Has His Ear Sewed On.

Marshfield.—Floyd Boyles, an employe on the logging train on the local railroad, caught between cars, had his ear pinched off between two logs. He was brought to this city, where the ear was sewed on. The surgeons say the operation will be successful.

La Grande to Stage Motorcycle Meet.

La Grande.—La Grande motorcycle men are to stage the second annual motorcycle race meet centering about a road event from La Grande to Baker and return. The date has been set for June 21, and is sanctioned by the national federation.

SMITH'S LEAD OVER 1600

Official Count of Votes Cast for Governor Not Finished Yet.

Portland.—Although the official count of votes cast for governor at the recent primary election has not been completed yet in all the counties of the state, approximately correct totals show the relative positions for the republican nomination with Dr. James Withycombe leading by over 4700 votes, Gus C. Moser second and Attorney General A. M. Crawford third.

With a complete vote from all but one of the 1467 precincts of the state, the vote received by these three candidates was:

Withycombe 19,313
Moser 14,561
Crawford 13,665

Dr. Withycombe carried 30 of Oregon's 34 counties showing his greatest strength in the west coast counties.

Due to the fact that county officials have almost invariably canvassed the republican vote first, the democratic totals are not as complete as those of the rival party. With Lane and Clackamas counties incomplete, one precinct missing from Marion county and eight from Yamhill Dr. C. J. Smith leads the democratic field by over 1500 votes.

Dr. Smith carried 16 counties to Judge Bennett's 18, none of the other three candidates coming anywhere near carrying a county. Smith carried Benton, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Multnomah, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wallowa and Yamhill counties.

Judge McBride received the highest vote at the primaries for re-election to the supreme bench of Oregon.

Governor Foe of Senate.

Salem.—Governor West has endorsed resolutions, adopted by the state senate, which favor the initiation of a bill at the next general election to abolish the state senate.

"You can say for me," said the governor, "that I favor them. Such a law would abolish 30 offices at one time and would be a good thing."

Boy Kills His Brother.

Grants Pass.—Richard Sauer, 19 years old, son of George Sauer, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother, Cremon Sauer, 12 years old, while the latter was loading a revolver. The bullet struck Richard in the eye.

Fair Exhibits to Be Planned.

Salem.—The Willamette Valley exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition will be planned at a meeting of the executive committee of the Willamette Valley association here.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

George C. Jones of Portland has been appointed deck officer in the coast geodetic survey.

The proposed new city charter of Monroe is to be adopted or rejected at a special election to be held on Monday, June 15.

The abolition of the state senate, recommended in a report of the legislation committee at the state grange at Monmouth, was adopted in resolution form later.

Five fatal industrial accidents were reported to State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff last week, along with 67 other accidents of more or less serious nature.

La Grande commercial club offers prizes for the best mile of road built within a radius of eight miles of that city. The club undertakes to keep up a mile of the road known as Gekler Lane.

The Wrangell chamber of commerce has asked Senator Chamberlain's aid in securing a survey of Dry strait, with a view to getting more adequate accommodation for steamers running to southeastern and western Alaska.

About 100 apple growers met to nominate candidates to serve on the board of directors of the Apple Growers' association to be organized by the amalgamation of all fruit shipping interests in Hood River.

Dean I. Piper of Corvallis, principal, and Roy M. Poole of Hillsboro and John G. Manning of McMinnville, alternates, have been nominated for the West Point examination at Vancouver barracks by Representative Hawley.

There were 24 tie votes in the primary nominating election in Linn county last week. One of the ties is between Berry Cummings, of Halsey, and his son, Arlie Cummings, of the same city, for the republican nomination for constable of district No. 3.

Representative Hawley has been informed that his principal for Annapolis, Stanley M. Haight of Medford, and his first alternate, R. W. Metcalf, of Salem, have passed the examinations with credit and now will take the physical tests.

In a race with death half way round the globe, Ensign Herbert Roesech, U. S. N., is rushing across the Pacific in hope of arriving in Pendleton before his father, William Roesech, pioneer brewer of that city, expires. He is expected there by June 1.

With evidence that points to foul play, the body of R. L. Townsend, 28 years old, who disappeared from his home in Hillsboro May 15, was found in the river at Portland with the pockets of his trousers turned inside out and his head bearing bruises that may have been the result of an attack by highwaymen.

P. E. Lewis of Bida, Lane county, who had difficulty in proving up on a claim because there was some timber on it, has had his claim for patent approved. Lewis served three years in the Spanish-American war, which reduced the time of residence on his homestead.

Only twice in 25 years has Umatilla county wool sold for prices equal to those secured by Pilot Rock growers at the public sale held there. This was the first public sealed bid sale held in Oregon this year. More than 500,000 pounds changed hands, every clip offered being sold. The prices received ranged as much as 5 1/2 cents in advance of those paid for the same clips last year.

All Oregon was interested to learn of the restoration to entry of over 400,000 acres of land in the Deschutes and Paulina forest reserves, but on analyzing the figures the satisfaction felt over the announcement was greatly tempered by the discovery that most of the land was still held up by reclamation service and other withdrawals.

Extensive preparations are being made for the entertainment of delegates who will attend the eighth annual convention of the Staatsverbund von Oregon, the confederation of German-speaking societies of the state, which will be held in Eugene Saturday and Sunday.

One of the largest gatherings ever held by any representative body was that at Independence, when practically every hop grower and buyer in the Willamette valley was present. The meeting was called to order by C. A. McLaughlin, vice president of the Hop Growers' association, who announced that the object of the meeting was to promote protection to themselves against the sentiment in the cause of prohibition.

L. J. Biron, secretary of the sandstone cutters' union of Portland, has issued an appeal that Oregon stone rather than concrete and terra cotta brought from outside the state be used in the construction of the new administration building at the university of Oregon. His plea is based not only upon the desirability of developing an Oregon resource and of giving Oregon workmen employment, but also on the increased dignity and beauty of structure that would result. The statement is in connection with a general campaign to secure the use of Oregon stone.

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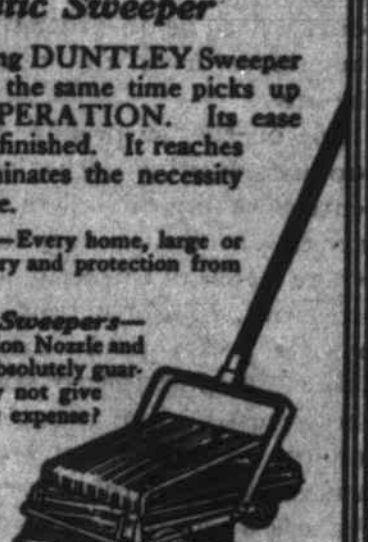
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