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Monday, February 12.

Washington, Feb. 12. — The senate today adopted a joint resolution reported by Tillman from the senate committee on interstate commerce, which directs the Interstate Commerce commission to investigate the charge of discrimination and combination in restraint of trade made against the railroads. It was a joint resolution, and must be passed by the house and signed by the president before it becomes effective. The adoption of the resolution was preceded by a speech by Tillman, in which he practically charged that the administration was not proceeding in good faith to secure railroad legislation, because he was not satisfied with the president's advisers. Among these he mentioned Secretary Root and Senator Knox.

Lodge also spoke at length on the railroad question. He delivered a carefully prepared speech, in which he took a position for governmental regulation of rates, but advised the utmost caution against too radical action. He expressed the opinion that the giving of rebates was practically the only evil existing in connection with the railroad systems of the country.

Washington, Feb. 12. — The house today had report with the bill providing for the whipping-post for wifebeaters in the District of Columbia, and then laid it on the table, effectively disposing of it, by a vote of 153 to 60.

A new gavel was dedicated to the memory of Lincoln, by Speaker Cannon in opening the house, and the birthday of the martyred president was remembered in the prayer of the chaplain.

Friday, February 9.

Washington, Feb. 9. — Almost the entire session of the senate today was devoted to the consideration of the urgent deficiency bill, which was passed practically as it was reported from the committee on appropriations. The only discussion was over an amendment suggested by Patterson to strike out the provision relieving alien workmen on the canal from the operation of the eight-hour day law. Patterson contended that to require men to labor more than eight hours a day in the tropics was inhuman, and argued that the requirement would do injustice to American labor. Several senators on both sides of the chamber controverted the position. The amendment was voted down without resort to a roll call. The senate adjourned until Monday.

Washington, Feb. 9. — The house today ground out its usual semi-monthly grist of private pensions, passing in 72 minutes 429 bills for the benefit of veterans who are barred for one reason or another from coming in under the general statute, and thus made a new speed record for such bills. Seventy-five per cent of the beneficiaries are either blind or bed-ridden. This order, with a number of minor bills and the passage of two amendments to the Philippine tariff act of 1905, constituted the transactions of the day. The tariff amendments place American cotton goods on an equality, so far as the cost of production is concerned, with European goods. Low grades of shoes were admitted at a lower tariff. The house adjourned until Monday.

Thursday, February 8.

Washington, Feb. 8. — Just enough morning business was allowed in the house preceding the vote on the Hepburn railroad rate bill today to permit delayed members to reach their seats before the rollcall ordered the night before began. Three hundred and forty-six members voted for the bill. Seven, all Republicans, voted against it. Applause greeted the announcement of the result by the speaker to the house, which had given its undivided attention to the question of government rate-making for seven days.

Those voting against the bill were: Littlefield, of Maine; McCall and Weeks, of Massachusetts; Perkins, Southwick and Vreeland, of New York; and Sibley, of Pennsylvania.

Sullivan, of Massachusetts, voted "present," and was not paired. There were 28 members paired, but these pairs were generally political ones. None of them was made upon the bill, and consequently did not indicate opposition.

Washington, Feb. 8.—There was a general expectation that today would witness a revival of yesterday's exciting

Wallace Before Committee.

Washington, Feb. 6.—John F. Wallace was before the senate inter-oceanic canal committee today and made a statement regarding the severance of his relations with the Canal commission. In it he spoke of the violent attack of Secretary Taft and Mr. Cromwell, the only basis of which was, he said, a difference of opinion between himself and Taft and Cromwell as to his right to decide when he thought the welfare of the enterprise and his own justified his resignation. He was liable to be dismissed at any time.

occurrences in the senate over Patterson's caucus resolutions, but it was not realized and the large crowd attracted to the galleries was compelled to leave in disappointment when at 3 p. m. the senate went into executive session, after a day devoted largely to ordinary bills on the calendar.

Wednesday, February 7.

Washington, Feb. 7.—By continuing its session practically to 7 o'clock the house concluded all preliminary steps to the passage of the railroad rate bill, ordered a roll call on the measure and put off the final action until tomorrow. The time for amendment came at 4 o'clock, and for three hours following one amendment after another came up, was read, debated in some instances and went down to defeat. So fierce was the struggle to amend that often when a paragraph of the bill was concluded in the reading, a dozen members waved their amendments and shouted for recognition. Not one of these was adopted. They contained all manner of propositions, such as regulating preferentials, the long and short haul, free passes, court procedure, whole rate bills and parts of bills, but all "went by the board."

Washington, Feb. 7.—Today for the first time in many years the senate was made the scene of an effort to administer party discipline to a member of that body, and the occurrence was one of so many dramatic details that the many witnesses will not soon forget it. Patterson was the subject of the effort, and Bailey, to whom, in the absence of Gorman, the Democratic leadership is conceded, was the instrument of his party in the incident.

Tuesday, February 6.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The senate did not have an opportunity today to hear the discussion of Patterson's resolution on the action of the Democratic caucus, which was partially promised, but gave the entire day to a review of the prerogatives of the senate in the matter of framing treaties. The question was raised by Bacon in a speech on his resolution requesting information concerning the Algieras conference. Lodge gave notice of a speech Monday on the railroad rate bill.

Washington, Feb. 6. — Having fixed the end of the general debate on the rate bill at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow, the recognition of the chair was passed around at a lively rate in the house today. Seventeen speeches were made, all of them for the measure. The railroads came in for an unusual amount of criticism.

Wants Land Sold.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Fulton is preparing to vigorously oppose the bill soon to be reported by the public lands committee providing for the repeal of the timber and stone act, unless he can secure an amendment stipulating that 25 per cent of the money derived from the sale of public timber shall be turned over to the county in which the timber is situated. The bill in contemplation absolutely repeals the present law and proposes that the government shall retain title to all timber land, selling only mature timber at public auction or otherwise at not less than the appraised value.

This in effect places all public timber land in permanent reservations. Under this proposed law, public timber land will never become subject to taxation, and in consequence the counties in which this land is located will be forever deprived of the benefit of the taxes which would eventually accrue, were this land taken up under the timber and stone act.

Germany Hopes for Agreement.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—It was reported in commercial circles today that a tariff arrangement between Germany and the United States, to last one year, had been agreed upon, but inquiry at the American embassy and at the foreign office established the falsity of the report. The foreign office, however, apparently is more hopeful now. The officials expect that some sort of an agreement will be reached before the end of the month.

New Naturalization Bill.

Washington, Feb. 6. — The house committee on immigration and naturalization practically agreed today on the Howell naturalization bill in a slightly amended form.

Spanish Trade Growing.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Trade of the United States with Spain and Portugal amounted in the fiscal year 1905 to over \$54,000,000, according to a report issued by the department of Commerce and Labor. Of this, \$15,000,000 was imports and \$19,000,000 exports. Of the imports, \$6,500,000 was from Portugal and \$8,500,000 from Spain. Of the exports, \$2,000,000 went to Portugal and \$17,000,000 to Spain. Imports from Portugal have greatly increased during the last few years, while the exports to that country have declined.

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