

DOINGS OF OUR NATIONAL BODY OF LAWMAKERS

Saturday, June 30.

Washington, June 30.— Promptly at 10 o'clock tonight, Vice President Fairbanks in the senate and Speaker Cannon in the house declared the final adjournment of the first session of the Fifty-ninth congress.

For the first time congress adjourned on the day which closed the fiscal year. Other sessions had adjourned before and some after June 30, but the Fifty-ninth congress ended its first session on the day when the government strikes its balances and closes its books.

The work of the first session of the Fifty-ninth congress is summed up as follows:

Railroad rate bill passed.
Pure food bill passed and meat inspection agreed upon.

Stricter naturalization laws passed.
Law providing immunity for witnesses in government inquiries passed.

Denaturalized alcohol bill removing internal revenue tax passed.
Lock type settled upon for Panama canal.

Consular service remodeled and reformed.

Total of nearly \$900,000,000 appropriated for various purposes.

"Largest battleship afloat" authorized, but naval increases receive setback.

Annual appropriation for state militia decided; to be \$2,000,000 hereafter.

Bill to preserve Niagara Falls passed.
Philippine tariff revised.

Employers' liability law passed.
Appropriation of \$1,325,000 for Jamestown exposition granted.

Appropriations of \$2,500,000 for relief of San Francisco fire sufferers granted.

Private pension bills in usual number passed.

Friday, June 29.

Washington, June 29.—"We're going home; we're going home tomorrow," was on the minds of the members of the house today when they assembled for the last day's work previous to adjournment. Conference reports were considered throughout the day. The final report on the agricultural appropriation bill, containing the meat inspection provision, was adopted, the senate eventually agreeing that the government should pay the cost of inspection.

Other matters of vital moment were the agreement to the conference report on the pure food bill, the Ohio and Lake Erie ship canal and naturalization bills.

Both houses of congress tonight adopted the conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill and that measure now goes to the president for signature. Hale presented the report in the senate. The total amount carried in the bill as agreed to is \$98,257,184.

The senate receded on the amendment providing for a steel light vessel at Switzer bank, at the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca, Washington.

The Jamestown exposition appropriation stays in the bill as arranged by the conferees.

The appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the building for the department of State, Justice and Commerce and Labor was stricken out, that being provided for in the public building bill.

Thursday, June 28.

Washington, June 28.—The senate consumed the greater part of the day discussing the public building bill. Efforts by several senators to secure increases for public buildings in cities and towns of their respective states were in no instance successful. For San Juan Porto Rico, Senator Foraker secured an advance from \$200,000 to \$300,000. In reporting the bill, Senator Scott, chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds, referred to it as "the pork barrel."

The agricultural bill reappeared in a partial conference report. The report was complete, except with reference to the meat inspection provision, and on that another conference was ordered.

There was some desultory discussion of the conference report on the pure food bill, but its disposition was postponed until tomorrow.

Washington, June 28.—The house worked under forced draft today and accomplished an immense amount of business preparatory to adjournment at the week's end. Conference reports on a number of measures were adopted without debate, but it required special rules in other properties to effect consideration and adoption of some im-

Log Rafts for Honolulu.

Honolulu, June 28.—The Slade Lumber company, of Washington, has purchased the business of the Oahu Lumber company here, and in connection with the purchase there are reports that the Washington concern intends to enter the local field and will send lumber here in log rafts to be sawed at a mill which may be established here. The announcement that such plans were being considered has led to objections by some shipping interests to the plan, it being alleged that the log rafts constitute a menace to navigation.

portant conference agreements.

Interests centered about the conference reports on the railroad rate bill and the agricultural appropriation bill. Both were considered and adopted under a blanket rule permitting the consideration of conference reports without being printed in the Record.

Wednesday, June 27.

Washington, June 27.—The senate was in open session for about five hours and a half today, and, notwithstanding the session began with a roll call in order to assure a quorum, the day was crowded with business of importance, including the announcement by Senator Proctor, chairman of the senate committee on agriculture, of a deadlock in conference on the meat inspection provision of the agricultural appropriation bill; a reply by Senator Bailey to the recent attack upon him in the Cosmopolitan magazine; the passage of the naturalization bill; the continuance of Senator La Follette's effort to pass his bill limiting the hours of service on railroad trains; the acceptance of an almost complete report on the sundry civil appropriation bill, and a speech by Senator Warren in support of his resolution relative to the livestock industry.

Washington, June 27.—The general deficiency bill, the last of the big money measures, passed the house at 6 o'clock today, with few changes in the bill. Several items were inserted, due to late information of deficiencies in the departments, the net increase being about \$600,000 over the bill as reported from the committee on appropriations.

Among the important actions of the house today were the passage of the senate bill providing for a lock type of canal and the adoption of the item in the general deficiency bill ratifying and legalizing the duties collected during President McKinley's term from imports from the Philippine islands.

Tuesday, June 26.

Washington, June 26.—After two or three more speeches on the conference report on the railroad rate bill, the senate today sent the bill back to conference, again designating Senators Tillman, Elkins and Cullom as conferees.

During the day the naval appropriation bill, which has been in conference for several weeks, was finally passed, the senate receding from its amendment concerning the naval training station at Port Royal, S. C., which was the only item remaining in controversy. The most interesting incident was a conflict over a motion by Senator La Follette to enter upon the consideration of the bill limiting to 16 years the time railroad employees engaged in the movement of trains may be employed consecutively.

Washington, June 26.—A bill recently passed by congress providing for the opening to settlement of the Blackfoot Indian reservation in Montana probably will be recalled by resolution of the house. President Roosevelt hesitates to veto the measure, but he has been informed by the bureau of Indian affairs that the bill does not sufficiently protect the water rights on the land subject to allotment to the Indians. It is likely the measure will go over until the next session of congress.

The house passed the senate bill which allows live stock to be carried 36 hours instead of 28 without stop. The omnibus public building bill was also passed.

Will Not Go to Panama.

Washington, June 28.—By a vote of six to four, the senate committee on interoceanic canals today decided not to go to the isthmus of Panama and take testimony in the canal investigation. By agreement no testimony will be taken in Washington until next session, and therefore the disposition of William Nelson Cromwell's refusal to testify concerning canal matters prior to government ownership of the property will be postponed until next December, which will postpone action on the nominations of canal commissioners. It is expected the commissioners will be re-appointed during the recess of congress.

Nominations Sent to Senate.

Washington, June 28.—The president yesterday sent the following nominations to the senate: Marshal, district of Idaho, Ruel Rounds; chief of bureau of insular affairs, Colonel Clarence O. Edwards; to be placed on the retired list, Colonel John Pitman, Ordnance department, with rank of brigadier.

Henry Coming North.

San Francisco, June 30.—The untied Oregon land fraud cases will begin July 9 at Portland. This statement is made by Francis J. Heney, who also said he expected to leave for Portland next week. "I shall not be able to say what the order will be until I reach Portland," he continued. "There are 50 or 60 cases, but they are divided into groups, many being for conspiracy, and in all there will really be about 12 trials. I am anxious to get them out of the way. Trying cases all over the country is not an easy matter."

TOO BUSY FOR REVISION

Senator Warren Says Country Is Too Prosperous to Think of Tariff.

Washington, June 29.—Senator Warren made a speech in the senate today on his resolution calling on the director of the census for a statement covering the extent of the livestock industry of the United States and of the foreign business in this country in leather and raw material. He cited the recent agitation concerning this industry as his reason for seeking this information. He confidently asserted that the statement would show an astonishing increase and that the product of not less than \$2,000,000,000 annually, more than the value of all the gold produced by the United States in the entire history of the country.

Warren pronounced as unjust and selfish the demand made by the manufacturers for free hides. He said that while the livestock men do not envy Massachusetts its prosperity they do not desire to add to it by taking off the duty of hides and wool, and closed an appeal for the continuance of the tariff.

"We are," he said, "too busy, too well employed, too well paid for our labor, too prosperous to think seriously of tariff revision in the year of our Lord, 1906."

FAITH IN THE BAY CITY.

Claus Spreckles Says It Will Be the Greatest Port on Hemisphere.

Chicago, June 29.—"San Francisco will soon be Greater San Francisco in deed as we are in name. Things have settled themselves since our terrible disaster, capitalists are putting their money into rebuilding and enlarging and in beautifying, and the people generally are exercising a great degree of confidence in the city's future prosperity."

Claus Spreckles, of San Francisco, who with his wife was in San Francisco yesterday, thus expressed himself in discussing the future of his home city. All financial interests, he said, although he spoke especially for the sugar interests, were firm in the belief that San Francisco would become the largest and most important port of entry in the western hemisphere.

"When our Oriental trade, already large, has become still larger, and when new modern buildings have sprung up out of the ruins, as they surely will, San Francisco will be a greater city in all ways," he said.

ATTORNEYS ARE CALLED.

Instructions Given for Action Against Standard Oil.

Washington, June 29.—Attorney General Moody had conferences today with Frank B. Kellogg and Charles B. Morrison, who have been engaged as special counsel in the investigation which is being made into the affairs of the Standard Oil company, with a view to ascertaining whether there have been any violations of the anti-trust law. With reference to this it was stated today that further investigation is to be made.

The attorney general also held conferences with some of the district attorneys he had summoned to Washington, and it was stated that they were being instructed as to how they should proceed against the Standard Oil company. It was also said to be most likely that special grand juries will be called to determine whether the Standard Oil company has been granted rebates or concessions.

Earthquake In Wales.

Cardiff, Wales, June 29.—Violent earthquake shocks were felt throughout South Wales at 9:45 this morning. Houses rocked and many of the cheaper ones were damaged. Hundreds of chimneys fell, occupants of dwellings were brown to the ground and people fled from their houses, shrieking in panic, with visions of the San Francisco disaster before them. Though there were many narrow escapes from falling chimneys and copings, there were no casualties so far as known. Earthquake shocks were also felt at Bristol, Ilfracombe and elsewhere. They were accompanied by loud rumblings.

Earthquake in Ohio.

Cleveland, O., June 29.—A shock of felt here at 4:10 o'clock this afternoon is pronounced by Cleveland scientists to have been an earthquake. It is reported to have shaken the southern shore of Lake Erie for a distance of 100 miles, the eastern limit being Painesville and the western limit Marblehead. No damage has been reported, though in some places the shock was sufficient to slam doors and rattle windows. Local scientists believe the seat of the seismic disturbance was probably beneath Lake Erie.

France Faces Big Deficit.

Paris, June 29.—Finance Minister Poincaré introduced the budget in the chamber of deputies yesterday showing a considerable deficit in consequence of the extraordinary expenditure for the military preparations during the Moroccan crisis, amounting to \$50,000,000, and also \$30,000,000, owing to increased expenditure resulting from internal reforms.

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