

BRIEF REPORT OF THE DAILY WORK OF NATION'S LAWMAKERS

Washington, May 26. — After four hours' caucus today, the Democratic senators voted, 24 to 1, to support the resolutions offered by Martin, of Virginia, on behalf of the Democratic steering committee, providing for a re-investigation of the bribery charges in connection with the election of Lorimer, of Illinois.

The Martin resolution proposes an inquiry by the committee on privileges and elections.

A verbal encounter between Bailey and Martine, of New Jersey, originated in Bailey's demand for general support of the Martin resolution. Bailey said that any senator who refused to be bound by the caucus had no rightful place in the party councils. This aroused the senators who favor the La Follette resolution providing for an inquiry by a special committee of new senators.

Bailey contended that more than two-thirds of the caucus favored the Martin resolution and it was thus the desire of all Democrats.

Martine said he understood the meeting was a conference and not a caucus and that he had no understanding that any binding action was to be taken.

Saying he would not bandy words regarding the character of his own Democracy as compared with that of another senator, Bailey insisted that all senators were in duty bound to abide by the two-thirds decision.

Martine replied as pointedly, and the colloquy continued until Martine withdrew from the caucus, reiterating that he would not be bound by it on any except a political question.

Almost every other Democratic senator present participated in the debate.

It developed that the regulars had practically agreed to abandon the Dillingham resolution in favor of the Martine measure as a matter of party discipline.

Hitchcock suggested as a compromise that a sub-committee of the committee on privileges and elections, to be approved by the senate, be designated to conduct the inquiry. He said he might present such an amendment in the senate. This evoked favorable mention.

It was expected that the Lorimer case would come up in the open session today, but it was crowded out by other matters. La Follette expects to conclude his speech tomorrow and after one or two brief speeches in reply it is expected a vote will be taken. The prospect now is that the Martine resolution will be adopted without material amendment.

Washington, May 27. — Instead of \$100,000, alleged to have been used to secure the election of William Lorimer of Illinois to the United States senate, more than twice that sum will be disclosed, Senator La Follette told his colleagues today, if the senate reopens its investigation into Lorimer's right to hold his seat.

La Follette declared that President Taft's name had been used in Lorimer's behalf and reiterated that Lorimer had personal cognizance of the use of the money.

La Follette quoted from the testimony given by Edward Hines, a Chicago lumberman, before the Lorimer investigating committee of the Illinois legislature regarding Mr. Hines' interviews with United States Senators Aldrich and Penrose, in which Hines said Aldrich repeatedly had impressed upon him the importance of Lorimer's election and had told him that Mr. Taft was especially concerned in Lorimer's behalf.

Washington, May 27. — The administration of the present system of government in Alaska is deplorable, according to Delegate Wickersham, of that district, who today before the house committee on territories urged a favorable report on his bill creating an elective legislature for the territory.

"Alaska," he said, "under the present system of long distance administration, has not been given a single legislative measure for five years. There can be no question that an attempt to govern such a big territory from the national capital thousands of miles distant is a failure."

Washington, May 27. — John Norris, representing the American Newspaper Publishers' association, was again before the senate finance committee in advocacy of the Canadian reciprocity bill today.

Mr. Norris declared that the Root amendment to the bill, providing that the paper clause of the measure should not be in force until the president proclaims that wood, wood pulp and paper are admitted from all parts of Canada free of duty, would postpone indefinitely the date of application of the treaty.

Senate to Vote June 12.

Washington, May 27. — The senate today selected June 12 as the date for a vote on the joint resolution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. The resolution also has passed the house.

Washington, May 23. — The Lorimer case was again to the fore in the senate today. A resolution of inquiry offered by Martin, the Democratic leader, intended as a substitute for the LaFollette and Dillingham resolutions and a continuation of the speech by LaFollette furnished the features.

LaFollette was still speaking when the senate adjourned. He reviewed the recent proceedings of the Illinois legislature, and said he was convinced there was still more testimony to be adduced.

"The people of the country," said he, "rejected our former verdict as if by one voice. Nothing ever is settled until it is settled right; it is God's eternal justice pulling to make things plumb."

Martin's resolution was offered on behalf of the Democratic minority. It provides specifically for an inquiry into the "jackpot" fund in the Illinois legislature and its connection with Lorimer.

The Martin resolution would leave with the committee on privileges and elections the prosecution of the inquiry, and delegates to it all the powers of a court. The committee is authorized to hold its sessions at whatever place it deems most convenient.

Washington, May 23. — The joint resolution admitting Arizona and New Mexico to immediate statehood, but withholding approval of the constitutions of both until the people have voted on proposed amendments, passed the house of representatives this afternoon by a viva voce vote. No roll call was demanded on the final vote.

The resolution requires Arizona to vote on an amendment removing the recall provision as it applies to judges; and requires New Mexico to vote on amendments making its constitution more easily amendable. Neither state is required to adopt the proposed amendments by congress. Whether they are approved or rejected by the proposed referendums, the constitutions of the new states will stand finally approved when the respective votes have been taken.

Washington, May 22. — Testifying before the house committee on expenditures in the Treasury department today, J. B. Stuart, ex-collector of customs at Newport News, said Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh had told him the department reversed a ruling for collection of a 20 per cent duty on creosote because the railroads could not afford to pay the duty.

Another witness testified that Mr. MacVeagh's brother had interested himself in the matter. Mr. Stuart, who secured an investigation into creosote imports at New Orleans last fall, charging the government was losing millions in revenue because creosote, dutiable at 20 per cent, was being admitted as creosote oil free of duty, was summoned before the committee as the result of testimony given previously in executive session by Allan L. Benson.

Stuart related how he found that no duty was being collected from foreign ships whose manifests showed their cargoes to be creosote, the cargoes being received as creosote oil, which is on the free list.

Washington, May 22. — An immediate investigation, of sweeping scope, of the charges that Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, is not entitled to his seat is provided for in two resolutions called up by Dillingham and LaFollette in the senate today.

La Follette called up his resolution and made a speech arraigning the Illinois senator, whom he charged with personal knowledge of the spending of money in behalf of his election.

Both the Democratic steering committee and the Republican members of the committee on privileges and elections, discussed the charges, and Dillingham, chairman of the election committee, presented his resolution of inquiry as a substitute for the LaFollette resolution.

Many Move to Drop Islands.

Washington, D. C. — Members of the house are leading the committee on foreign affairs with resolutions providing for the neutrality and ultimate independence of the Philippine islands. While no action by congress is expected at this session, a determined effort will be made in the regular session to sever the islands from United States possession.

Carnegie is to Testify.

Washington, D. C. — Andrew Carnegie has notified the house "steel trust" investigating committee that he is willing to appear before it, and that no subpoena or legal document is necessary to insure his presence in Washington when desired. The committee has not yet fixed a date for the hearing.

Makes Offer to Germany.

Washington, D. C. — The German government has been made aware by the United States that the same general arbitral proposition submitted to Great Britain and France is open to Germany if that country is interested.

REBELS STILL ACTIVE.

Unaware of Armistice, Troops Move On Mexican Capital.

Mexico City, May 24. — Notwithstanding the official signing of the peace agreement, the capital is more nearly isolated tonight than since the inauguration of hostilities.

Ignorant, apparently, that the war is ended officially, one small band of rebels under Candido Navarro last night cut the national railroad near San Felipe, south of San Luis Potosi, and another band stopped all traffic over the Mexican railroad by ripping out the rails and burning a bridge near Huamantla. Believing that the rebels in Morelos would interfere with traffic over the Cuernavaca branch of the national railroad, the management sent a train south today with guards.

Rebel activity was not regarded as meaning that the insurgents will refuse to abide by the terms of the peace treaty. Yesterday the armistice agreed upon terminated and there are probably scattered bands of rebels uninformed that their country is officially at peace. However, Navarro is reported to have said he would not consent to peace at present.

The motive for the cutting of the Mexican railway may be that a troop train was being brought towards the capital.

Unconfirmed reports are that the delayed soldiers have detained at Huamantla and engaged a body of rebels in battle.

In the last seven days the Federal garrison has been greatly strengthened and the capture of the capital will now be difficult.

It is reported that Figueroa and his chief lieutenant, Azunsolo, are at outs and that Azunsolo has angered Zapata, the captor of Suatila, by branding him a bandit.

NEW LAW INJURES WOMEN.

100 Matchmakers Discharged Because of 8-Hour Limit.

Chico, Cal. — The Diamond Match company, operating big factories at Barber, a suburb of this city, will replace practically all its women employees with men, on account of the new eight-hour law. In the match-making department alone more than 100 women and girls will be let out. Many are experts brought from the Eastern states and are receiving good salaries.

For some time it has been impossible for the company to get a sufficient number of competent women to do the work, and with the enforcement of the new eight-hour law, conditions are made worse, as the work of practically 100 men depends on the work of these women, and their hours would of necessity have been shortened with the shortening of the women's hours from nine to eight.

It had been rumored the company contemplated employment of Japanese to replace the women, but General Superintendent Fairburn denied this.

Hillman Barely Escapes.

San Diego, Cal. — C. D. Hillman, the Seattle millionaire, whose appeal from a sentence for real estate frauds is pending, had a narrow escape from having to sell for \$150,000 a ranch near Encinitas, which is proved by the discovery of oil to be worth \$500,000.

After having accepted an offer of \$150,000 from Oakland men, Hillman visited the ranch and found three oil outfits at work and ascertained that oil in paying quantities had been struck and that prospects were good for a better flow. When Hillman learned this he attempted to call off the deal with the Oakland people, and finally compromised by giving his personal check for \$5,000 to sever negotiations.

Rebel Against Rebel.

El Paso, Texas. — With the accession of Madero to power in Mexico independent revolutions will be handled with an iron hand, according to an announcement at Madero's headquarters. The revolt in Lower California, fostered by the Mexican Liberal party, which is opposed to Madero, will be the first attended to. General Orozco will be sent against the Lower California rebels. Reports that General Figueroa, who heads 12,000 men, was aligned with the Liberals, were branded as false by Orozco.

Lifeboat Tells of Wreck.

London. — The British armored cruiser Cumberland reported by wireless to the admiralty that she had picked up at the mouth of the English Channel an empty lifeboat belonging to the overdue British steamer Cayo Largo. The vessel left Swansea April 16 for Tampico, and it is feared that she foundered in the storms that followed her departure.

Aviator Drops 200 Feet.

Strassburg, Germany. — During an aeroplane competition here Wednesday afternoon Aviator Laemmlin fell 200 feet and was instantly killed.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

REGION GROWS FAST.

Southern Oregon is Rapidly Developing Varied Industries.

Grants Pass—That Southern Oregon, with its varied resources, is making greater strides than any other section of the state, is the belief of H. L. Herzinger, a member of the city council of Grants Pass. Fruit-raising, alfalfa growing and mining are some of the chief resources, which are being developed rapidly. With a large amount of foreign capital being attracted to the district, the City of Grants Pass is feeling the effect of the development of the surrounding country and a large municipal improvement programme is being contemplated, declared Mr. Herzinger.

Mr. Herzinger has been in Grants Pass more than four years and in that time has seen Josephine county grow from a sparsely settled district into a prosperous community.

"The Rogue River Valley, in which Grants Pass is the center, has become famous for its pears, grapes and apples," said Mr. Herzinger. "Development along this line is just in its infancy. The people of Grants Pass and vicinity have raised funds for the construction of a concrete dam across the Rogue River three miles above the city. Water will be stored by this dam to supply water to irrigate 50,000 acres of fertile fruit land on either side of the river above and below Grants Pass. This large area will be utilized for the growing of fruits."

"The people of the community demonstrated that they were wide-awake when they subscribed in two hours \$70,000 for the construction of the railroad from Grants Pass to the famous marble caves. This group of caves forms one of the natural wonders of Oregon. The railroad will tap one of the finest timber belts in the state and will supply transportation to the alfalfa districts along the Applegate and Williams rivers.

"In addition to the horticultural resources of Josephine county, mining development is going ahead on a large scale. The Higgins and Anderson strikes in the old Kirby districts on the Illinois river are causing much excitement. These properties seem to be alive with precious metal. I believe if they were remote from transportation and difficult of access, we would have a stampede to the camp. But, it seems, they are too near home to cause a rush. Mining experts believe that some of the newly discovered claims bear tin ore in paying quantities."

LEAGUE TO DEVELOP LAKE.

Local Clubs to Be Organized; Land Still Open to Entry.

Lakeview—The Lake county development league is the name of the new organization that succeeds the Lakeview board of trade and which will bend its energies toward development of the entire county and peopling the large areas of government lands open to homestead and other entry. The new organization is composed of representative citizens of Lakeview and it will be their endeavor to interest citizens of the other portions of the county. It is believed that with the coming of the Nevada-California-Oregon railway, which will be at Lakeview this year, and the contemplated completion of lines into the north end of the county, Lake will receive a great impetus.

Goose Lake valley has 100,000 acres of fertile land awaiting the plow, some of which can be homesteaded. Warner Valley has 200,000 acres of tillable lands and some homesteads. Chewaucan valley has 75,000 acres and some homestead lands. Summer Lake valley has 50,000 acres of land that may be irrigated from artesian wells struck at depths of from 122 to 250 feet, and nearly all of which can be homesteaded. Christmas Lake valley has 350,000 acres, some of which can be homesteaded. Horse Mountain valley has 75,000 acres, nearly all open to entry. Edith valley has 75,000 acres, half of it under the 320-acre homestead act. Silver Lake valley has 50,000 acres, 30,000 acres of which is open to entry. Many other smaller valleys present homes for the homeless.

The members of the new organization will visit every precinct in the county and organize local development clubs to co-operate with the parent organization and work to the development of their sections. This undertaking is not a small matter in a county of this size.

Water Turned Into Canal.

West Stayton—Water was put into the first mile of the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company's canal Monday. Everything was satisfactory and while work has been stopped temporarily on account of the inclemency of the weather, only a few more weeks' work will complete the canal to West Stayton.

HUGHES FOR COMMISSIONER.

W. L. Finley, Expert in His Line, Becomes State Game Warden.

Salem — J. Frank Hughes of Gold Hill was appointed by Governor West as a member of the State board of fish and game commissioners to succeed W. L. Finley, who resigned as a member of the board to become state game warden, succeeding R. O. Stevenson, of Forest Grove. J. N. Wisner, of Oregon City, has been appointed superintendent of state fish hatcheries.

Finley, who has become widely known as a student of birds and one of the foremost members of the Audubon society, was serving as the four-year term member of the new board. The other four members requested that he resign to take the position as state game warden, which carries a salary of \$2,500 annually. There were 12 applications for the position, but these were all carefully considered by the members and all of them were found to be not adapted to the position.

Members stated that they considered Mr. Finley would be of more value in the position of state game warden where he could devote all of his time to the work, and Mr. Finley accepted after a conference with Governor West.

The board also reached the conclusion to establish a new office of superintendent of state hatcheries at a salary of \$2,000 annually. This superintendent will work under the game warden and the fish warden as well. He will have charge of trout and salmon hatcheries, the trout hatcheries being maintained largely from the game fund and the salmon hatcheries from the hatchery fund of the state.

Notification was sent out by the board to all of the mills of the state and others who own dams, fish ladders, irrigation works or other obstructions to streams that an investigation will be made in the near future of all such devices or ditches and the board will determine to what extent the law in this respect is being observed.

BUILD ELECTRIC LINE.

Eugene to Have Direct Connections to Tidewater.

Eugene—Stockholders of the Lane County Asset company have taken action directing immediate steps to begin construction of an electric railway from Eugene to tidewater at Florence. The directors of the company will frame instructions to H. D. Fournier, chief engineer, looking to the construction this summer of the first link of the road from Eugene to Elmira, approximately 14 miles.

The Lane County Asset company is a local corporation that has been engaged for the past two years in the promotion of a railway to the coast at Florence. A permanent survey has been completed and right of way has been acquired over practically the entire route. Officials of the company say that sufficient capital is available to warrant the beginning of actual construction work on the 14 miles of level valley to Elmira.

The company has been promised large quantities of ties by sawmills along the proposed route, and some of the rails for the first 14 miles are already in sight. The tentative plan is to construct an electric line, deriving power from the surplus current for sale by Eugene's power plant at Wailterville. Three of the five members of the city water board, which has complete control of the electric plant, are members of the Asset company.

Stockholders of the company also ordered condemnation proceedings to obtain two small sections of right of way for which private negotiations have not been successful.

These places are between Eugene and Elmira. Beyond Elmira, right of way has been obtained as far as Glensada, on the south side of the Siuslaw harbor, at which point the company controls 800 feet of waterfront.

Railroad Surveyors Espied.

Baker—News has just leaked out here that for some time a surveying corps of the O. W. R. & N. company has been at work on the survey of an extension of the line from Brogan into the Lower Powder valley. To extend the Willow Creek line from Brogan it will be necessary to tunnel the divide separating the lower Powder valley from the Willow Creek valley.

Bonds May Draw Low Rate.

Salem—In an opinion by Deputy Attorney General Van Winkle it is held that the school board or electors of a school district may authorize the issuance of bonds or interest-bearing warrants, bearing interest at a rate less or more than 6 per cent.

Mill Runs Day and Night.

La Grande — The George Palmer Lumber company's mill has resumed night and day runs and gives employment to about 100 additional skilled workmen. The management of the mill will continue the night and day runs indefinitely.