PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS

Amendments to the Irrigation Bill

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

Amendment to Admit Chinese Laborers to Hawaii Laid on Table

LONDON DOCK CHARGES BILL DIES AT HANDS OF THE HOUSE—LOST STRONGEST SUPPORT—JAPANESE OPPOSED TO JOHN BARRETT AS MINISTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Senate devoted most of the day to immigration bill and adopted a number of amendments. There was much discussion of the amendment offered by Burton (Kansas) to admit Chinese laborers to Hawaii. It was met with much opposition and was finally laid on the table. The provisions in the bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in the Capitol building caused some criticism of the House for putting it in the bill, but the provision was not stricken out.

The Bill Dies.

Washington, Dec. 9.—After debating the London dock charges bill for almost four hours, the House today chopped its head off by striking out the enacting clause. This killed the bill. The withdrawal of the support of the lumber and meat packing interests, which originally had joined with the flour milling interests in pressing the measure, brought about its defeat. The final vote was 138 to 129 in favor of the motion to strike out the enacting clause.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The appearance at the State Department today of Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, taken in connection with the rumors that there was to be opposition in the United States Senate to the nomination of John Barrett to be Minister to Japan, gave rise to the surmise that perhaps Minister Barrett was to be declared persona non grata to the Japanese Government. It is believed, however, that the Minister's representations to Secretary Hay went no further than the intimation that his Government would be glad to see another choice, and that he lodged no formal objection.

Idaho Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: Receiver of Public Moneys, Edward T. Garrett, Boise, Idaho; Wm. A. Hodgeman, Hailey, Idaho.

INTO BOILING WATER

HORRIBLE DEATH OF CHILD WHO WAS ANGERED BY MOTHER'S REBUKE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—In a fit of rage because his mother rebuked him and petted his younger brother, says a World special from Derby, Conn., little James McSheehy, 3 years old, threw himself into a tub of boiling water and was so terribly scalded that he died.

The two children were playing while their mother worked in the kitchen in her home at Shelton, Conn. They quarreled and the mother laid a footbath full of scalding water she was carrying, on the floor and took the younger boy in her arms. She wiped the tears from his eyes, while she scolded James. James is a nervous, weak child, who burst into a passion of sobs. Then he threw himself, shrieking, into the boiling water. The mother dragged him out, writhing in pain. The upper part of his body was parboiled. He died a few hours later in agony.

IS NOT A SUCCESS

AFTER LONG TEST, NEW YORK PHYSICIANS HAVE RETURNED TO X-RAYS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The actinolite, an apparatus for the treatment of cancer, tuberculosis and similar diseases by means of powerfully concentrated violet rays, which was installed in one of the apartments of Flower Hospital, last May, does not give encouraging results, according to Dr. Forbes. The actinolite apparatus resembles a powerful searchlight in appearance, and is used to produce a light which it was hoped would possess all the curative properties of the X-rays without their objectionable features. But while it does not, as the X-rays do, burn the cuticle and cause loss of hair from the face and scalp, it appears also to lack their power of combatting the germs of parasites, which are supposed to be the cause of cancer and tuberculosis.

Dr. Forbes said that although the actinolite had been somewhat beneficial in a few cases of skin tuberculosis, it had been proved totally ineffective against cancer, and he gave it as his opinion that it was practically a failure. He said that the hospital had returned to the use of the X-rays in the treatment of all such diseases.

JAMES SCOTT DEAD

FORMER FOREMAN OF CANNING FACTORY VICTIM OF TYPHOID FEVER.

James Scott passed away at the Salem Hospital in this city, at 1 o'clock Monday morning, December 8th, after an illness of two weeks, of typhoid fever, aged 46 years.

Mr. Scott has been a resident of this vicinity for the past six years, having come here with his family from Grant county, Indiana, of which county and state he was a native. Mr. Scott purchased a tract of land about two miles south of this city soon after his arrival in this county, and was for about three years foreman of the Salem Cannery when that institution was under the management of O. V. Allen.

About two weeks ago he was stricken with typhoid fever, and a week later was taken to the Salem Hospital, where nothing was left undone which would add to his comfort or assist in his recovery. He did not improve as rapidly as anticipated, and shortly before his death the physicians found that it would be necessary to perform an operation, as it was thought one of the bowels had become perforated. The patient did not rally after the operation, and death came as above stated.

Mr. Scott leaves a widow and one child, a girl, three and one-half years of age, and an adopted daughter, aged 16, who reside at the corner of Mission and Fifteenth streets. He was a member of no lodge or order excepting the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he stood high as a member, and carried an insurance of $2,000.

The funeral will be held at the home, tomorrow, at 1:30 o'clock, services being conducted by Reverend John Parsons, of the First M. E. church. The remains will be laid at rest in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery until spring, when they will be removed by the grief-stricken wife to the childhood home of the deceased in Indiana.

PIRATES IN PHILIPPINES

Desperadoes, Led by an American Rob a Brig

VESSEL WAS BECALMED

When Sea Rovers Came Alongside and Secured Big Booty

ROBBERY OCCURRED OFF CAVITE BAY AND CHINESE MERCHANTS ON THEIR WAY TO MANILA WERE THE SUFFERERS—LARGE SUMS TAKEN.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 9—The steamer Shawmut, from Manila, brought the news of piracy on the Philippine Island coast, the desperadoes being led by an American. The brig Maricia, bound from Catanauan, Payabas, for Manila was becalmed off Cavite Bay. She had as passengers five Chinese merchants who were on their way to Manila to purhase goods. During the night a sloop came alongside, and six men climbed over the rail, overpowered the captain and crew, binding all hands with ropes. The pirates then took $17,000 from the merchants.

Murder In Alaska.

Seattle, Wn., Dec. 9.—Frederick Morrison was shot and killed at Valdez, November 24th, by Isaac Banta, his foster father. The men were living together. Banta had been on a protracted spree and Morrison was trying to sober him up. He had to use force to prevent him from procuring liquor. This angered Banta, and he shot the young man.

Banta's brain was affected by an accident some years ago, so that he not regarded as altogether responsible. Both lived in Oregon before going to Alaska. Banta is in jail at Valdez. The news was brought here on the steamer Bertha, which arrived today.

The Bertha had the stormiest trip of her career. No sign was seen of the schooner General Siglin or of the steamer Dawson City, both long overdue from the North.

Thirty lives are at stake on the two vessels, and there now seems little doubt that all have gone to the bottom.

WORST STORM IN YEARS

PEOPLE NOT PREPARED FOR THE COLD AND THE SUFFERING IS INTENSIFIED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—New York and New England have experienced, during the past 24 hours, the coldest weather for many years. In this city it was the coldest December 9 in twenty-six years, the thermometer registering, as it did in that year, eight degrees above zero. The severity of the cold was intensified by the fact that the people are not prepared for it, the cold wave having descended upon the country suddenly and without warning. Then, too, the scarcity of coal, caused much suffering among the poorer classes.

Every effort is being put forth to alleviate the suffering, the charitable organizations having taken steps to supply the poor and the board of aldermen have devoted $100,000 to help along the good cause. The cold in the city was mild compared with that prevailing in the northern sections of the state and in New England.

At Albany the mercury fell to ten degrees below zero and in some nearby districts it went down to twenty. The river is frozen over at Albany, putting an end to navigation. At Ballston, it is reported thirty-two degrees below, the lowest registration since 1861. Throughout Maine and Connecticut the thermometer registered from eight to twenty below. There was a fall in some places of forty degrees in twelve hours. Norfolk, Conn., reported the thermometer twenty-three degrees below zero, the coldest in years.

Affecting the Schools.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Boards of Education today ordered the temporary closing of four school houses on account of the coal supply becoming exhausted.

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THE WARSHIPS ARE SEIZED

Four Vessels Taken by the Combined Forces

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The Ultimatum Will Be Delivered to the Venezuelan Govt. Today

PRESIDENT CASTRO DOES NOT REGARD DOCUMENTS PRESENTED AS ULTIMATUMS, BUT AS DEMANDS TO BE CONSIDERED—ENGLAND NOT JUSTIFIED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says: "The combined British and German fleet today seized the Venezuelan fleet, composed of four warships, in the harbor of La Guayra.

"It is reported also that the ultimatum will be delivered tomorrow asking for an answer and the compliance with the demand of the British and German Ministers."

Unaware of English Claims.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 9.—President Castro received the correspondent of the Associated Press at the Mira Flores Palace today. In reply to questions, the President of Venezuela said:

"The Venezuelan Government has not received any ultimatum, properly speaking, but rather simultaneous requests from Great Britain and Germany.

"The claims of Great Britain which she asks this Government to settle are small, and up to the present time we have not been made aware of them. Never having been presented, Venezuela has consequently never refused to settle them. Great Britain's action, therefore, is without justification.

"The Venezulean Government can not decide on the foreign claims before the revolution has been entirely crushed."

"What do you intend to do in view of the present attitude of the powers?" was asked.

"Enforce our rights," replied President Castro, "and explain to the world that Venezuela has laws and prove that we have never denied our engagements."

America Will Not Interfere.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Minister Bowen at Caracas has cabled confirming the report that the British and German Ministers have left their posts there. They requested Minister Bowen to take charge of the interests of their countries in Venezuela, which he will do. The State Department is perfectly aware of the intentions of the British and German Governments and has seen no reason to interfere.

A New Revolution.

Willemstad, (I. of C.) Dec. 9.—A new revolution in Venezuela seems probable as General Nicolas Rondo, first lieutenant of General Matos, has proclaimed himself chief of the new venture, and has rallied 2,000 men. He is now at Lesama.

VICTORY FOR SUMNER

WHITE SQUADRON ENTERED HARBOR AND MINED WITHOUT RESISTANCE.

MAYAGUEZ, P. R., Dec. 9.—A notable victory was achieved this morning by Admiral Sumner, in command of the "White Squadron," with the Iowa, Illinois, Albany and Chicago. He captured Mayaguez without restraint this morning and immediately mined the harbor.

Under the rules the "White Squadron" would win if it entered the port selected and worked for one hour laying mines before the arrival of the "Blue Squadron" to double its stronghold. The "White Squadron" would lose if it were intercepted by a superior force at seat or within one hour after having anchored in the port selected.

It is remarkable that the "Blue Squadron" scouts failed to sight the "Whitt Squadron," especially as the night was clear. All the preparations for mining the harbor had been made when the four vessels of the "White Squadron" dropped their anchors in Mayaguez harbor and the mining of the channel was finished in thirty-four minutes.

REJECT STEAMER SUBSIDY

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMITTEE REPORTS AGAINST GRANTING THE SUBSIDIES.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The report of the select committee of the House of Commons on the Steam Subsidy was issued tonight. Its general tenor is distinctly against the principle of granting the subsidies.

The committee finds that the subsidies restrict the free completion and fair establishment of federations and shipping rings.

CHARLIE FRANCIS FREE

INSUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE TO WARRANT COURT IN BINDNG HIM OVER.

Chas. Francis, who was arrested and arraigned in Justice Horgan's court, Monday, upon complaint of Mark Milosh, charged with threatening to commit murder upon the person of that individual, was given a hearing yesterday at 2 p. m.

The testimony brought out the fact that at the opening of the August Schrieber saloon Saturday night, Milosh, who is an employe in the Capital Oyster House, and Francis had somt difficulty. That Francis was considerably under the influence of liquor and that Milosh beat and bruised him quite badly. Milosh then went across the street to the Senate saloon and was followed by Francis, who, while still intoxicated threatened to kill Milosh. Several witnesses were examined, and one for the prosecution, when cross-examined by L. H. McMahan, attorney for the defendant, admitted that he occupied the position as cook in a disreputable house.

The case aroused a good deal of interest during its progress, and the court room and corridors were crowded with curious spectators.

In dismissing the case Justice Horgan held that there was not, in his judgment, sufficient evidence to warrant him in believing that there is any danger of Francis attempting to kill Milosh, and that he would not be warranted, under the law and evidence, in binding the defendant over.

The State was represented by Deputy District Attorney C. L. McNary and Webster Holmes, while L. H. McMahan appeared for the defense.

POISONED BY CANDY.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Charles Garber, of North Kittitas avenue, was poisoned this morning by eating candy. She procured the article commonly sold as "bon bons" from a local dealer, and on Sunday night ate considerable of it. By this morning she was so very sick that a physician had to be called to give her relief. He pronounced it a genuine case of poisoning from candy. The children ate some of the candy, but did not become sick.

TESTIMONY OF SUFFERERS

Victims of Rapacity of Pennsylvania Coal Barons

TELL THEIR SAD STORIES

Pathetic Recital of Woman's Hardships and Struggles

THE MINEWORKERS HAVE THEIR DAY BEFORE THE STATE COMMISSION AND WIN SYMPATHY OF THE COURT—NO REFUTATION BY THE COMPANIES.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 9.—Tales of eviction from houses owned by C. B. Markle & Co., the narration of the death of a wife as the result of an enforced removal from her home, and the story of a mother whose husband was killedin the Markle mine and of how she and her two boys struggled for years to pay the Markle's back rent and coal bill she owed them, were the principal features of today's session of the Coal Strike Commission. The testimony as presented by some of the witnesses whose lives are given up to the coal mining industry was at the same time pathetic and surprising to the commissioners. Much surprise has been expressed that the company has not made great efforts to refute some of the seemingly damaging testimony that has been presented. It is expected, however, that the company will do so later.

MRS. SECHTEM DEAD

SUCCUMBED TO APPENDICITIS IN PORTLAND HOSPITAL YESTERDAY—THIRD DEATH.

Special to Statesman.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 9.—Barbarah Sechtem, wife of F. Sechtem, of Portland, daughter of E. Schott, of Sublimity, also the sister of Mrs. J. L. Mitchell and Mrs. John Schlenk, of Portland, died at St. Vincent Hospital today, as a result of appendicitis. This is the third death in this family within a few months, first the mother, next the younger brother, by accident, and the sister today. The funeral will be held from the Catholic Cathedral, of Portland, on Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Sechtem is well known in this city, her parents having been old and esteemed residents of the Sublimity neighborhood, and the news of her death will be received with much regret and sorrow by all who knew her. Her sister, Mrs. J. L. Mitchell, is also well known in this city, where she resided for a number of years.

A FIERCE CONFLAGRATION

BRITISH COLUMBIA CITY SUFFERS SEVERE LOSS THROUGH FIRE FIEND.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 9.—The worst conflagration experienced in New Westminster since the great fire of September 10, 1898, destroyed one of the best business blocks in the city today and did damage to the extent of $90,000. The fire was discovered in the basement of the Standard Furniture Company. Finally the flames broke out in several parts of the block at once, and it was seen that the whole building was doomed. The efforts of the firemen were then turned towards saving the adjoining business premises. The flames were confined to the one block. Two explosions occurred during the fire, and several persons were slightly injured. The fire is supposed to be from spontaneous combustion.

TO STAMP OUT DISEASE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPEALS TO HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR APPROPRIATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Department of Agriculture has appealed to the House Committee on Agriculture to aid the department in stamping out the foot and mouth disease among the cattle in New England, asking that an emergency appropriation of $500,000 to $1,000,000 be made.

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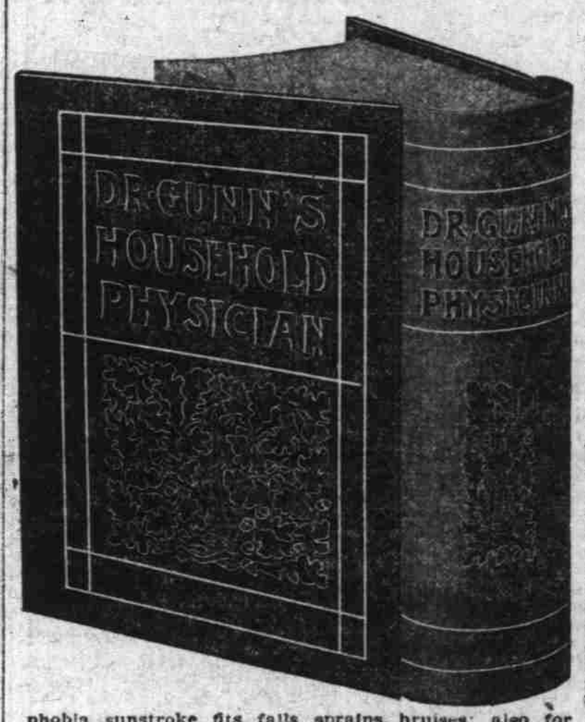

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