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WORK OF CONGRESS.

House Passes Many Private Pension Bills.

A TRIBUTE TO BOUTELLE OF MAINE.

Senate Discusses Hay-Pannecote Treaty in Executive Session and Agrees to Vote on the Measure on Thursday Next.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Under suspension of the rules the house yesterday passed bills to divide Kentucky and West Virginia into two judicial districts, to create another district judge in the northern district of Ohio and to refer to the secretary of the interior for investigation the claim of the state of Texas for moneys expended on public improvements in Greer county before the decision of the supreme court placed it within the jurisdiction of Oklahoma. An attempt was made to pass a bill to give soldiers and sailors of the civil war, the Spanish war and the war in the Philippines preference in the matter of appointment to and retention in positions in the executive departments of the government, but it aroused opposition on the ground that it would practically shut out of the government employ for years to come all civilians and was overwhelmingly defeated. One hundred and two private pension bills were passed.

Just before the house adjourned a fine tribute was paid to Representative Charles A. Boutelle of Maine, who served 18 years in congress and who has been re-elected to the Fifty-seventh congress. Mr. Littlefield of Maine asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill to place him on the retired list as a captain in the navy. Mr. Boutelle having been a captain in the navy during the civil war, Mr. Littlefield stated that Mr. Boutelle's condition was such that he undoubtedly would resign.

The condition of the Maine representative was well known to representatives, and although some of them were inclined to protest against the proposed legislation as establishing a dangerous precedent no objection was made, and the bill was passed.

The senate was in open session only an hour, the remainder of the legislative day being spent in executive session upon the Hay-Pannecote treaty. Mr. Chandler of New Hampshire created a little flurry by endeavoring again to get up the resolution relating to the Montana senatorial case. The effort was futile. No legislative business aside from the purest routine was transacted.

Just before adjournment late in the afternoon the senate gave its consent to the fixing of a time to vote upon the Hay-Pannecote treaty. Senators Money and Mason had occupied the time of the executive session in making speeches upon the treaty, and when Mr. Mason, who was the last speaker, concluded Senator Lodge renewed his request to take a vote next Thursday. No voice was raised in opposition, and the unanimous agreement was recorded. The understanding is that the voting shall be on the amendments at 3 o'clock and that the senate shall continue in session until the first vote on the treaty itself is reached.

Revenue Reduction Bill Passed.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The house passed the war revenue reduction bill on Saturday. The opposition sought to recommit the bill with instructions to report back a measure reducing the revenue at least \$70,000,000 and including a provision for an income tax so drawn as to escape an adverse decision of the supreme court. The motion failed by a vote of 131 to 155. Thereupon the bill was passed without the concurrence of the minority, who refrained from voting. The amendment placed in the bill to tax express receipts was defeated on a yeas and nays vote in the house of 125 to 139. The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$145,145,230, was passed in exactly 13 minutes.

Norfolk Navy Yard Crippled.
NORFOLK, Dec. 17.—The building occupied by the construction department at the Norfolk navy yard was completely destroyed by fire last evening. Shortly before 6 o'clock a watchman discovered the office of Constructor Stahl to be on fire and promptly turned in an alarm. The navy yard and Portsmouth fire departments responded, but found the blaze gaining headway rapidly, and in a short time the whole building was a mass of flames. The firemen then devoted their time to saving surrounding buildings. The building destroyed contained all the important papers, models and plans of the construction department. Over 7,000 drawings and \$100,000 worth of live oak timber were destroyed. Loss to building and contents over \$200,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A New Flag For Speaker's Desk.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A new silk American flag was placed on the speaker's rostrum in the house yesterday. The old flag, which has been there since 1882, had only 38 stars in it. The new one has a star for each state.

Boers Enter Cape Colony.
CAPE TOWN, Dec. 18.—Seven hundred Boers have crossed from Orange River Colony into Cape Colony near Alwal North and have reached Kaandaal.

THE TREATY AMENDED.

Senate Insists on the Right to Fortify the Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—For nearly three hours yesterday Mr. Hanna of Ohio addressed the senate upon the pending ship subsidy bill. While he has spoken heretofore on the floor of the senate, this effort really was his first formal speech to the body since he became a member of it.

In accordance with previous agreement the senate in executive session took a vote at 3 o'clock on the amendment to the Hay-Pannecote treaty authorizing the United States to defend its interests in the canal. The senate did not close its doors until 2 o'clock, and there was then left only one hour's time for discussion of the provisions of the amendment. The vote was taken by yeas and nays, 65 yeas being cast in favor of the amendment and 17 against it. The negative votes were as follows: Baird, Beveridge, Frye, Foster, Hansbrough, Lindsay, Mason, McCumber, McEnery, McBride, Morgan, Money, Stewart, Tillman, Wellington, Wolcott and Gallinger.

The committee amendment which was adopted is a provision to be inserted after section 5 of article 2 of the treaty and is as follows:

"It is agreed, however, that none of the immediately foregoing conditions and stipulations in sections numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the article shall apply to measures which the United States may find it necessary to take for securing by its own forces the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public order."

SIX STUDENTS PERISHED.
Burning of Normal School at Fredonia, N. Y., Saddens Many Homes.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 15.—From the smoldering ruins of the Fredonia State Normal and Training school, which was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, one charred body has been recovered and a revision of the list of missing makes it certain that seven persons perished in the fire which licked up the structure, entailing the appalling sacrifice of life and a property loss of \$200,000.

There were 75 young women students in the building, of which six perished. The other victims were the aged janitor, Phineas J. Morris, janitor; Irene Jones of Busti, N. Y.; Bessie Hathaway of Canonsville, N. Y.; Ruth Thomas of Pike, N. Y.; Cora Storms of Boston; Mae Williams of Lake Como, Pa., and Maud F. Fizzell of Bradford, Pa.

The young women were students and occupied rooms on the third floor of the building in company with a matron and 50 other young women who succeeded in escaping by descending the fire escapes.

To account for the origin of the fire puzzles the local board of managers, as there was no fire in the building, the heat being piped from a boiler two blocks away.

DAODY AHEAD.
Sewerage and Paving Contract For Havana Going His Way.

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—The municipal council last evening accepted the report of the committee appointed to submit a proposition regarding the conditions of advertising for bids in connection with the sewerage and paving contracts. The report, which recognizes Mr. Michael J. Daody's right of "tanteo," virtually shuts out other bidders.

The next matter to be disposed of is the report of the committee of appraisers giving Mr. Daody more than \$500,000. This will undoubtedly pass the council, but General Wood's approval will have to be secured before the advertisements appear.

A City Train Robbery.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—The Chicago limited on the Illinois Central, due to arrive here at 7:15 o'clock last night, was robbed at Carrollton avenue, on the outskirts of the city, by masked men. The mail and express cars were blown open with dynamite, and the former was rifled of its contents. Conductor Kennebrew was badly wounded. He was shot in the back because he did not obey orders to uncouple the train. None of the passengers was disturbed, and they knew nothing of the robbery until the heavy charge of dynamite was fired. Then they pulled down the blinds and kept quiet.

New Statehouse For Mississippi.
JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 14.—The Mississippi capitol commission yesterday afternoon let the contract for the new statehouse to Messrs. Wells & Wells of Chicago for \$831,000. The next lowest bid was that of George Dugan of Kansas City, who bid \$833,000. The successful contractors agree to commence work on Jan. 1 and complete the work within 28 months.

The Plague in Argentine Republic.
BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 18.—Five cases of what is believed to be bubonic plague have developed in Tucuman, Tucuman, which has a population of about 110,000, is the chief city of the province of the same name, which is one of the richest sections of the Argentine Republic.

Earthquake in Missouri.
JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 15.—An earthquake shock lasting nearly a minute was experienced in this city yesterday. The motion was from north to south and of a quivering nature. No damage is reported.

LABOR CONFERENCE.

Arbitration and Conciliation Under Discussion.

COMPULSORY MEASURES OPPOSED.

Representatives of Capital and Labor Striking to Find a Cure For the Strike Evil—Believe It Is a Voluntary Arbitration.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Men who in the past have bitterly opposed each other in industrial contests filled Steinway hall at last night's session of the conference on conciliation and arbitration which has begun here. Both the day and night sessions were taken up with papers read by representatives of capital and labor looking to the same end—a cure for strikes. From the tone of the addresses it seemed plainly evident that both sides were vigorously opposed to compulsory arbitration, and if a recommendation on the subject of a national board results from the present gathering the recommendation will in all probability specify that all the board's work shall be along the line of voluntary arbitration.

The night session was called to order at 8 o'clock. After a few introductory remarks by Franklin McVeigh, the presiding officer, Henry W. Hoyt, president of the National Founders' association, was introduced. Mr. Hoyt spoke in part as follows:

"The industrial problems, so called, must be adjusted along the lines of least resistance, and the line of least resistance, in my opinion, is voluntary arbitration. "As long as the wage earner believes or is taught to assume that society is in league to rob him as a dividend of some of the product of his services so long will he look with him in his collar. The employer who does not see this fact is often as much an enemy to the industrial peace as the most ardent agitator who plays upon the prejudices and inflames the passions of the men he falsely serves. But the conditions are improving on both sides. The progressive manufacturer has learned that a union is not an altogether reprehensible evil in social economics and readily admits that when organized wage earners are dominated by strong conservative men they will meet the employer half way in arbitration.

"Unions must remember that there never was an attempt made to unite manufacturing employers in the common cause of treating collectively with the relations of labor until the unions themselves had asserted their power. Both the employer and the employee must be honest enough to concede that their interests are mutual and that the deep problems of economics cannot be solved in a decade. It is a slow evolution that cannot be hastened by violence or intolerance.

The next speaker after Mr. Hoyt was Samuel Gompers. At the outset Mr. Gompers stated that he desired to take positive exception to statements that had been made before the conference during the afternoon. He had already, he said, advised the gentleman whose remarks he intended to criticize of his intention. Mr. Gompers added: "One of the things to which I took exception was that as an officer of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad he should undertake in this conference to present his side, the side of the railroad, in a strike which is still in progress without a representative of the strikers being here to present their side of the controversy. It seemed to me that if the opportunity of this conference is to be taken advantage of for the presentation of the railroad's side of this controversy due notice might have been given to the representative of the Order of Railway Telegraphers in order that he might be here to listen to what was said and refute it if necessary. I am not prepared to say that what the gentleman said was untrue, but one story is very good until the other side is told."

Though admitting that strikes ought to be avoided in the interests of both capital and labor, Mr. Gompers declared that there were some evils more dreadful than strikes. He added: "We strike. People in China do not strike. I wonder whether those who would try to prevent the strikers from striking or those who would punish the workers for striking would like to change the condition from that which obtains in our country to that which obtains in China. If the absence of strikes was the measure of civilization, then China ought to stand at the head of the world."

In conclusion he said: "We shall insist upon the right to quit work whenever the work becomes irksome to us, and we shall always insist on our right to strike for any reason or for no reason at all."

Big Sugar Plant For Porto Rico.
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 18.—In the house of delegates yesterday Senator Descartes introduced a bill granting unrestricted suffrage to women on the same terms as men. Governor Allen will shortly perform the ceremony of starting the new sugar mill of the De Ford company near Guayama. It is the most complete plant in the island, with a capacity of 12,000 tons. The estate, with an area of 6,000 acres, is capable of producing 10,000 tons of sugar a season.

Coal Companies Consolidated.
SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 18.—All the collieries which have been recently secured as feeders to the Ontario and Western Railroad company's coal department have been consolidated into one company under the title of one of the consolidated companies, the Elkhill Coal and Iron company. Seven companies are by this consolidation merged into the Elkhill company.

The New York city board of education asked for a bond issue of \$14,031,325 for the purchase of sites and erection of new schools.

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