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SUBSIDY BILL SURE.

Senators Confident of Its Early Passage.

ARMY APPROPRIATION \$118,000,000.

A Reduction of \$12,000,000 From Department Estimates—The Sundry Civil Bill Nearly Completed—It Calls For Nearly \$69,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The ship subsidy bill was laid aside indefinitely by the senate yesterday to permit the consideration of the appropriation bills. This action was taken late in the day by Mr. Allison's request that the District of Columbia appropriation bill be taken up. Mr. Frye, in charge of the shipping bill, who had said he would not give way to appropriation bills without a vote of the senate, was not in the chamber at the time, but Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Hanna and others interested in the measure were present and joined in the general assent given to Mr. Allison's request. The shipping bill holds its place and as the unfinished business can be taken up when the appropriation bills are not occupying attention. The District of Columbia bill will occupy the attention of the senate to day.

The subsidy bill did not receive attention, the greater part of the time of the senate being given to listening to a speech by Mr. Bacon of Georgia on the right of the senate to demand information on file in the executive departments. Senators in charge of the ship subsidy bill gave notice that beginning tomorrow they would seek to have the senate sit regularly at night to consider the measure. The postponement until tomorrow is due to the absence from the city of some of the friends of the bill and to the fact that others had social engagements for last night and tonight.

The present plan is to have the senate take a recess each evening at 6 o'clock until 8 and then to sit until 11 o'clock the night sessions to be devoted to the shipping bill. When asked how long this programme is to be followed, they reply, "Until the bill is passed."

Their perfect confidence in their ability to get the bill through, and the leaders have been engaged in rallying their forces and in making sure of the attendance of a quorum.

"The bill will go through," said Senator Aldrich. "I have never known a filibuster to prevail against a bill which was supported by a majority of the senate."

He expressed the opinion that it would not be difficult to maintain a quorum for the night sessions. The army appropriation bill making provision for the army under the plan of reorganization recently enacted was completed yesterday by the house committee on military affairs and reported by Chairman Hull. It carries approximately \$118,000,000 as against estimates of about \$130,000,000 made by war department officials. The total of army appropriations, general and deficiency, last year aggregated \$119,000,000. Chairman Hull says the present bill will be ample and will not entail a deficiency measure later.

The sundry civil appropriation bill, one of the most important and most general supply bills of the government, was completed by the house committee on appropriations. The bill appropriates \$30,703,084, which is \$10,889,197 less than the estimates and \$5,748,221 less than the bill for the current fiscal year. The items for river and harbor work now in progress under contract aggregate \$6,840,623, or about half the amount appropriated last year. The debt of Hawaii assumed on the annexation of the islands is provided for, amounting to \$3,447,535. For public buildings now in course of construction in various cities \$6,746,625 is appropriated.

Driver and Team Blown to Atoms.
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 4.—By the explosion of 750 quarts of nitroglycerin in the magazine of the Gas Belt Torpedo company, four miles northeast of Alexandria, Perry Fort, a carrier for the company, with his team of horses, the wagon and the magazine, were blown to atoms, not a single of either having been found after the awful accident. Fort started from Knightstown with the explosive in his wagon and hauled the dangerous load over rough roads until he arrived at Alexandria. He passed through the city and had evidently reached the magazine, in which 400 quarts of the glycerin were stored, when the explosion occurred. A hole 15 feet deep and 40 feet wide was left where the magazine had formerly stood. Windows were generally shattered in Alexandria, and the report was distinctly heard at Kokomo, Muncie, Marion and Elwood.

State's Biggest Man Dead.
NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 4.—New Hampshire's largest man, Hendrick B. Conroy, who weighed 310 pounds, died suddenly at his home in the hamlet of South Merrimack, four miles from this city, yesterday. His enormous proportions made him a well known character throughout this section of the state. He was 5 feet 10 inches tall, had a waist measure of 5 feet 2 inches, was 4 feet 5 inches around his chest, and the calf of his leg measured 2 feet 6 inches. He wore an "S" shoe.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 25.—Dawson papers of Feb. 16 received here by the steamer Amur have accounts of a rich strike on Lepine creek, 15 miles from Dawson, where quartz assaying 884 a ton was found. Northern papers also tell how Captain Cantwell rescued an Indian boy who was enslaved for life by Nulgu Indians because he killed a companion accidentally.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

Bills Before the New York Legislature to Improve Highways.

ALBANY, Feb. 5.—Assembly Benjamin A. Babcock of St. Lawrence has introduced two good roads bills. One provides for the submission of a proposition to the people of the state for the issue of bonds not to exceed \$50,000,000 for the construction and improvement of highways within the state. The proposition is to be submitted at the general election to be held in November, 1901. If the proposition be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, the comptroller is directed to issue such bonds which shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4 per cent per annum and payable semi-annually in the city of New York. Such bonds shall be issued for a period not exceeding 50 years and shall be sold for not less than par. Any premium arising from such sale shall be applied to a sinking fund. They shall be so issued that not more than \$1,000,000 of the principal thereof shall be due in any one year.

The other is an act to abolish the labor system of taxation for highway purposes and substitute in lieu of such taxation the money system in each of the several towns of the state. Immediately after the act shall take effect each town shall be divided into not less than three road districts by the commissioner of highways of such towns. The board of supervisors of each county is directed to levy a tax of \$1 on each person liable to a poll tax for road improvement purposes. The act is not to apply, however, to assessments made for damages or charges for altering any road for bridge repairs.

DUKE HENRY WELCOMED.

Wilhelmina's Intended Formally Enters The Hague.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 1.—Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, whom Queen Wilhelmina will marry, made his formal entry into the capital at 8 o'clock last evening, wearing the uniform of a Dutch general and Dutch decorations. He was received at the railway station by a guard of honor and with great ceremony.

The premier welcomed him on behalf of the cabinet as "the betrothed of our beloved queen and a Dutch subject." The duke drove in one of the state carriages to the palace, where Queen Wilhelmina awaited him in the vestibule. In thanking the various officials who welcomed him he spoke the Dutch language. Enormous crowds displayed the wildest enthusiasm, and the troops were scarcely able to control the people who massed around the palace, where another guard of honor was drawn up.

The palace was beautifully decorated with flowers.

Army Promotions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Secretary Root announces that the nominations of general officers authorized by the new army law will be sent to the senate today. The nominations, he said, include a lieutenant general, three major generals and ten brigadier generals. In military circles it is believed that General Miles will be made lieutenant general, but there is considerable uncertainty with regard to the other general officers. General Wade, Merriam and Young are the three ranking brigadiers in the present regular establishment in the order named, with General MacArthur No. 4 and General Ludlow No. 5. General Chaffee stands No. 7 in the list of colonels of cavalry, and General Wood is No. 60 in the list of captains of relative rank. All these officers have been mentioned as possible major generals, and the three successful ones are undoubtedly among the number. If General Miles is promoted, it will leave a vacancy in the list of major generals yet to be filled.

Mrs. Nation Defeated.

TOPEKA, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Nation yesterday afternoon met the first defeat in her saloon smashing career. Later at the police station she laughingly declared that it was by no means her Waterloo and she would soon again be at her chosen work. With six women, each armed with new hatchets, she had started out at 3 o'clock to wreck a restaurant in East Sixth street that also dispensed liquors. Before she could wield her hatchet she was disarmed, and a free for all struggle between restaurant people and wreckers was begun. The greatest excitement prevailed for a time, during which numerous eyes were blackened and many noses bled. Mrs. Nation, herself unable to accomplish anything, shouted orders to her followers to reopen the onslaught, but the hatchet brigade had been stamped, and not another hand was raised against the obnoxious restaurant. Mrs. Nation was led away to the station on a charge of disturbing the peace and was followed by a jeering crowd.

Deadlock Continues.

HAVANA, Feb. 5.—The Cuban constitutional convention held its first meeting yesterday afternoon since the deadlock occurred Thursday last over what is known as the "Gomez clause" in the twelfth section of the constitution, which provides that naturalized citizens shall be eligible to the presidency of the republic if they have served ten years in the war. A poll of the house before the meeting showed that none of the delegates had changed his opinion, but that the anti-Gomez faction was short one man.

Piano Works Burned.

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., Feb. 5.—The Stanley piano works have been destroyed by fire; loss, \$18,000, partially insured.

College Dormitory Burned.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 26.—Park hall, one of the four Park college dormitories for young ladies at Parkville, Mo., was burned to the ground yesterday. None of the 25 young ladies who were sleeping in the building was injured, but many lost all their clothing and personal effects. The loss was small.

SCORE FEDERALISTS.

Party Accused of Favoring Protestants.

MEMBERS TO BE REFUSED SACRAMENT

Many Natives Take the Oath of Allegiance—Some Fighting Reported—Peace Negotiations in Northern Panay.

MANILA, Feb. 26.—Rev. Father McKinnon, who was formerly private secretary to Mgr. Chappelle and who is now pastor of the Ermita Catholic church, says that there are upward of 800 native priests in the Philippines opposed to the Federal party and that these will refuse to administer the sacrament to Federalists because they believe the Federal party to be merely a cloak for Protestant attempts to weaken the power of the church of Rome. He referred to the Federal party as "resting on an insecure foundation and destined to crumble soon" and asserted that the Methodist and Presbyterian missionaries were using unfair means to induce Filipinos to leave the Catholic faith. He assailed the character of Senor Buencamino and other evangelical leaders and contended that only by securing the co-operation and good will of the padres could the Americans make permanent progress in the Philippines.

Senor Tavera, president of the Federal party, when the views of Father McKinnon were brought to his attention, replied, "So much the better, as it will bring the matter to an issue." Senor Tavera asserted that the Federalists who had relatives and friends among the prominent insurgent leaders were endeavoring by correspondence to induce them to surrender, although thus far without result.

Chaplain Fitzgerald administered the oath of allegiance to 2,200 Ilocanos at a church in Vigan Feb. 22, and a parish priest at Santa Catalina administered a similar oath to 700 natives Feb. 24.

Lieutenant West, with a detachment of the crew of the gunboat Laguna de Bay, attacked 200 insurgents under Caballos near Cavinta, Province of Laguna. After a hard fight of 40 minutes the insurgents were dispersed, losing 6 killed and 14 captured.

A detachment of the Forty-seventh volunteer infantry encountered a body of insurgents in the province of Albay, killing 18, and subsequently another body, killing 9. The Americans had no casualties.

A squad of the Eighteenth United States infantry surprised a band of Ladrões at Mocsia, island of Panay, killing six. The Americans captured five rifles. A peace commission is negotiating with the insurgents in northern Panay, and there is a prospect of an early surrender.

Twelve Killed in New Jersey Wreck.

TRENTON, Feb. 23.—Twelve killed and about 30 injured is the record of the result of the collision of trains at Russell's siding, near Bordentown, on the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad. It is known that all bodies have been removed from the wrecked trains. Of the injured 19 are now in the Trenton hospitals and five in Cooper hospital at Camden. Some of the other more slightly injured went to their homes. Of the injured at Trenton eight are Italians, and at Camden all the five are Italians. Of the dead 11 bodies are now at the Trenton morgue, one of them an unidentified woman, and one body is at Camden. Both General Superintendent Sheppard and Division Superintendent Abercrombie admitted that the crew of the accommodation train disobeyed the train orders. Conductor Sapp of the local train, who is at his home in Bordentown suffering from slight injuries, admitted to Mr. Abercrombie that he had entirely forgotten the order relative to the third section of the "Nellie Bly" express.

Porto Ricans Start For Inauguration.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 26.—The United States transport Rawlins left for the United States yesterday with the Porto Rican battalion ordered to attend the inauguration. An enormous crowd gathered at the wharf to witness the departure of the steamer. The men, who number 260, seemed delighted at the opportunity to go. The regimental band and all the officers except Lieutenant Colonel Buchanan and Captain Bissell accompanied the detachment. The troops carry complete outfits of winter clothing, but will have no medical attendance beyond the ship's doctor, who is not familiar with the Spanish language. As the climatic changes will be abrupt, the men never having experienced a frost, it is probable that there will be some illness.

The New Star a Wonder.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Regarding the new star recently discovered in the constellation Perseus J. K. Rees, professor of astronomy at Columbia university, said that, owing to the lack of instruments, he had only been able to make an observation of the star with ordinary glasses and that was to observe its brightness. "This temporary star, as it appears to be," the professor continued, "so far as magnitude goes, is the most magnificent temporary star since the star seen in 1572 by Tycho Brahe and others, which appeared in the constellation of Cassiopeia not more than 20 or 25 degrees from where this star is seen."

Goebel's Death Remembered.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 4.—The people of Frankfort yesterday paid tribute to the memory of William Goebel, holding memorial services at the grave on the anniversary of his death. A large crowd was present, and speeches were made by Adjutant General Murray and Judge J. C. Cantrill.