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PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

Important Measures Considered by Our Lawmakers.

TUESDAY.—Senator Flinn introduced a bill amending the act to regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities...

WEDNESDAY.—The legislature got down to business today, and there was much activity both in the Senate and in the House...

THURSDAY.—A new legislative apportionment bill was introduced in the House by Mr. Cullbertson, chairman of the Legislative Apportionment Committee...

FRIDAY.—A bill was introduced by Mr. Cochran, of Armstrong, appropriating \$3,000 to mark the site of the Pennsylvania Canal...

What is Transpiring the World Over. Important Events Briefly Told.

CHINA AND PENALTIES.—Fred J. Close, private secretary to ex-governor Lewis of Kansas, on December 7 pardoned John B. True, who has been serving a life sentence for murder...

INDIANAPOLIS.—An illicit steam distillery, with a capacity of 80 gallons, with a 10-horse power boiler, was discovered by revenue officers near Sylva, Ala., and destroyed...

INDIANAPOLIS.—Indiana bakers reduced bread to 3 cents a loaf, or two loaves for 5 cents.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The operators in the shoe factory of J. H. Winchell & Co., of Haverhill, Mass., struck to the number of 700.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Samuel K. Wilson, owner of half a million or one-third of the capital stock of the Trenton, N. J., passenger railway company, has applied for a receiver for the company, alleging its insolvency.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Four young ladies were drowned at Wink Lake, near Blue Rapids, Kan., while skating on Blue river.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Clipper plow works at DeLafayette, O., were totally destroyed by fire. The loss will be about \$20,000, and the insurance is small.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The works of the gas light company at Halden, Mass., exploded, wrecking the entire plant. Loss, \$30,000. Patrick F. Bolan was badly hurt.

INDIANAPOLIS.—There were 14 deaths from grip in New York city in 24 hours.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Ex-Governor Hoag, of Texas, will start a daily newspaper at Dallas, backed by St. Louis and Texas capital.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Christian endeavor convention will be held in Medford, Mass., next July. In addition two immense tents will be built.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Supreme Court of the United States denied the petition of Eugene V. Debs et al., participants in the big strike, for a writ of error.

INDIANAPOLIS.—A reunion of the men who followed John S. Mosby during the war, was held at Alexandria, Va., Wednesday, and a permanent organization formed, with Mosby as president.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Senators Elected.—In the Massachusetts senate and house George Frisbie Hoar, (Rep.), was elected United States senator.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Every vote in the Colorado Republican caucus was given to Senator E. O. Wolcott.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Nebraska senate and house have elected John M. Thurston, (Rep.), Senator.

INDIANAPOLIS.—William E. Chandler's election as United States senator for New Hampshire was formally ratified Tuesday.

INDIANAPOLIS.—United States Senator McMillan was re-elected by the Michigan legislature in joint session receiving a unanimous vote Julius C. Barrows received all the votes for short-term senator.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Populists and Republicans have jointly ratified both the nominations of J. C. Fritchard and Marion Butler for United States senators for North Carolina.

M. FELIX FAURE CHOSEN

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE.

The Minister of Marine Will Succeed Casimir-Perier.

M. Felix Faure, minister of marine in the present cabinet, was elected on the second ballot to be president of the French republic. M. Faure polled 430 votes to 361 polled by his nearest opponent, M. Henri Brisson, president of the chamber of deputies.

There was a scene of considerable excitement among deputies from all parts of the hall springing to their feet and demanding to be heard. M. Henri Michelin, Revolutionist, asked leave to address the assembly with the object of recommending the convocation of a constitutional assembly for the purpose of revising the present constitution.

When the first burst of excitement had subsided M. Challeme-Lacour ordered that the first ballot be taken as promptly as possible. The balloting then proceeded amid considerable excitement in the galleries of the great hall, which were crowded to the utmost with notability representing every profession.

While the voting was in progress the friends of M. Felix Faure were actively canvassing for votes and with apparent success, until a rumor was started that he was a Protestant. This for a time had a bad effect upon his candidacy, but a deputation instantly approached M. Faure and questioned him. Mr. Faure, who was greatly excited, said in reply to a question on the subject: "No, I am a Catholic. This reassured his supporters and they went to work with increased vigor in the effort to secure additional votes for their candidate.

The official declaration of the result of the first ballot, after revision of the list, was as follows: M. Henri Brisson, 388; M. Felix Faure, 241; M. Waldeck-Rousseau, 184; M. Cavaignac, 6; M. Meunier, 4; M. Luray, 4; Admiral Gervais, 1; Marshal Canrobert, 1; M. R. Bénéfict, 1; M. Bourgeois, 1; 1,041 votes.

The casting of the second ballot began at 4:30 p. m., and proceeded with less turbulence. At 5:15 p. m. M. Challeme-Lacour ascended the presidential tribune, and when the hubbub had subsided he announced that the result of the ballot was: M. Felix Faure, 430; M. Henri Brisson, 361.

All of the members of the right immediately burst into cheers and the socialist candidate shouted: "Down with the rogues, down with the thieves, away with them; send them to Mazas prison." The members of the right replied with cries of: "Down with the communists." M. Coustant, Socialist, retorted with: "Down with reaction."

An indescribable tumult followed, but finally M. Challeme-Lacour was able to make himself heard, and he declared that M. Felix Faure was elected president of the French republic.

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FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

An Outline of the Work in the Senate and House.

Twenty-Seventh Day.

SENATE.—Interest was given to the senate proceedings today by speeches of the senator from Maryland, and Senator Hill, of New York, on various phases of the tariff and financial situation. At times the debate between the two distinguished Democratic senators took on an added interest from the keen personal criticisms and satire directed at each other.

HOUSE.—The president sent to the house today a message vetoing the bill to authorize the entry of the land for gravel pits and reservoir purposes and to authorize a grant of right of way for pipe lines. The Great Oligarchical Bill was again defeated during the morning hour. The rest of the day was given to business from the judiciary committee.

Twenty-Eighth Day.

SENATE.—The senate gave the day to speeches on the income tax, currency, tariff, etc. The president today sent to the senate the correspondence in the case of the two Japanese in office. Not for many years has a United States judge been called before the bar of the senate to defend himself against criminal charges, and only three or four times in the history of the government has an impeachment trial of a member of the federal judiciary been conducted. Few members had looked into the charges preferred by the Central labor union, of Cleveland, the accuser of Judge Hicks, that while sitting on the bench he paid to himself fees which he had previously earned as clerk of the court, and to which it is now asserted he was not entitled.

The day in the house was devoted after the morning hour to the Indian appropriation bill, but no progress was made before adjournment.

Twenty-Ninth Day.

SENATE.—The urgent deficiency bill, with its appropriations for the extension of the income tax, has passed the senate. Senator Martin today introduced a bill amending section 7 of the civil service law so as to provide that after the expiration of six months no officer or clerk shall be appointed, and no one shall be reappointed to the same service, until he shall have passed an examination. Preference is given to ex-soldiers and ex-seafarers who have served six years.

HOUSE.—The entire time of the house today, after the expiration of the morning hour, was given to a discussion of the Indian appropriation bill, which was passed without action. A few special bills of local importance were passed during the morning hour.

THIRTIETH DAY.

SENATE.—Mr. Sherman presented an emergency currency bill to meet treasury deficiencies and Mr. Fugh offered a measure in the same line, supplementing it with a vigorous speech on the impotency and inaction of the senate in the face of a grave emergency. Mr. Fugh received recognition soon after the senate met for the introduction of his bill. The bill provides for the immediate issue of \$100,000,000 of treasury notes to meet deficiencies, these notes to be redeemable in coin, and to be constantly reissued. It further directed the coining of the silver and the deposit of silver bullion from American mines. The pension appropriation bill was also passed by the senate.

HOUSE.—The house today disagreed to the senate amendment to the general deficiency bill, and the bill was sent to conference. Fair progress was made in the Indian appropriation bill. A number of amendments were offered, and the bill is being to pay the Cherokee nation \$1,800,000.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

SENATE.—The senate today passed the army appropriation bill carrying \$23,000,000, and the bill when in effect advances General Miles in rank to lieutenant-general, held by General Sherman and Sheridan. Aside from this the day was given to the debate on the Nicaraguan canal.

HOUSE.—The consideration of the Indian appropriation bill in the important amendments on making \$6 the lowest rate for pension disability, and another repealing the present law cutting off non-residents.

THIRTY-TWO DAY.

SENATE.—The death of Miss Mary Stevenson, daughter of the vice president, was feelingly referred to in the prayer of the chaplain of the senate at the opening. Mr. Manderson, Rep., Neb., presented the credentials of John M. Thurston, elected as a United States senator from Nebraska for the term beginning March 4. With this routine prelude Mr. Frye, of the committee on foreign affairs, gave a dramatic turn to the proceedings by offering a resolution expressing the profound indignation with which the senate board of the efforts to restore the deposed queen to the throne of Hawaii, and the sense of the senate that the United States government should at once dispatch warships to the islands. The question was discussed until the hour of 2 o'clock arrived and as the senate had previously fixed the time for the opening of the late Senator Vance, of North Carolina, the Hawaii resolution was laid aside. The tributes were heartfelt and eloquent, addresses being made by Senators Hanson and Jarvis, Sherman, Morrill, Gray, Blackburn, George, Call, Chandler, Dabois and Hale.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The President's Views on the Hawaiian Outbreak.

In conversation the President seemed entirely willing to discuss the Hawaiian question. He said: "No information has been received which indicates that anything will happen in Hawaii making the presence of one of our naval vessels necessary, unless we are prepared to enter upon a policy and course of conduct violative of every rule of international law and utterly unjustifiable. All who take any interest in the question should keep in view the fact that Hawaii is entirely independent of us, and that in its relations to us it is a foreign country."

"A ship has been sent to Honolulu, not because there has been any change in the policy of the administration, but because there seems to be any imminent necessity for its presence there. The vessel has been sent in precise accordance with the policy of the administration in every case of the kind and from motives of extreme caution and because there is a possibility that disturbances may be excited which might result in danger to the persons or property of American citizens entitled to the protection of the United States. This course was at once determined upon as soon as information reached the Government of the recent revolt."

AN AWFUL EXPLOSION. Giant Powder in Some Warehouses Lets Go With Fearful Effect.

A fire occurred in the Butte, Mont., hardware company's warehouse Tuesday in which giant powder was stored.

The fire department were at work on the fire when an explosion took place, killing a number of people. While efforts were being made to remove the dead and wounded, a second explosion occurred. The entire fire department was wiped out, including the chief and all the horses. Three policemen were among the killed, who numbered at least 15.

A later report says the fire started in the Royal mining company's warehouse, and spread to the Kenyon-Cornell warehouse, in which was stored some cartons of giant powder. The first explosion was the most terrific, and killed every fireman in the city, save two belonging to the Central station.

Between 50 and 60 mangled bodies have been recovered, and more are being picked up on all sides. It is estimated that 100 additional persons were injured, several of whom died after being taken to the hospitals. The damage to property will be more than \$1,000,000.

In all the cartons of powder exploded, one of which was stored in the Butte hardware company's warehouse, which adjoined the Kenyon-Cornell warehouse. Large pieces of iron were thrown for miles. Several bodies were hurled a long distance and picked up in unrecognizable masses of flesh.

AWFUL EARTHQUAKES. Kuchan Again Destroyed With Terrible Loss of Life.

The London Times has a dispatch from Teheran, the capital of Persia, stating that the town of Kuchan, in the province of Khorasan, which was destroyed by an earthquake fourteen months ago and was subsequently rebuilt, was again destroyed by an earthquake shock on Thursday last. There was, as on the previous occasion, great loss of life. One hundred women who were in a bathhouse were crushed to death by the falling building. The weather is intensely cold, and this increases the sufferings of the survivors whose houses were destroyed.

The dispatch adds that four distinct shocks were felt at Meshed within three days. None of these shocks, however, was of sufficient strength to do any damage.

Kuchan lies at the foot of the Shah Jahan Kub, a mountain 11,000 feet in height. The town, which is about eighty miles northwest of Meshed, is 4,300 feet above the sea level. It is, or was, an important place, being on the route to Shirvan. The population prior to the earthquake of November 17, 1883, which destroyed every house in the place, was between 20,000 and 25,000. The official report of the disaster placed the number of persons killed at 4,372, including 1,000 women who perished in the valley, at the head of which Kuchan is situated. From November 17 to November 24 there were 160 distinct shocks. It was the first shock that destroyed the town.

BLOOD IS SHED. The Threatened Revolution in Hawaii at Last Precipitated.

The steamer Alameda from Auckland and Sydney, via Honolulu, brings news of a revolution and bloodshed at Honolulu, Charles L. Carter, who was one of the annexation commissioners, was killed, and other government supporters were wounded. There has been much fighting, and at least 12 natives have been killed. Nearly 200 royalists are under arrest. Robert Wilcox is the leader of the rebels. The fighting was still in progress when the Alameda left Hawaii on January 11, but the government forces had practically overcome the revolutionists.

THREE NEW BATTLESHIPS. Secretary Herbert Wants Them and 2,000 Additional Men.

The most important legislation decided upon by the sub-committee, which is engaged in drawing the naval appropriation bill, is an increase of the navy by the addition of 2,000 enlisted men. This increase was recommended by Secretary Herbert in his annual report, wherein he explained the difficulty of properly manning the ships with the present force of seamen of the rank and file. No doubt is expressed that the full committee will sanction this item and that it will meet the approval of the senate.

Another matter not so easily disposed of is the secretary's request for three new battleships and twelve torpedo boats. For several days the sub-committee has been wrestling with this question and has not been able to agree nor is it certain that his plan when formulated will be endorsed by the committee as certain members contend that in the present state of the government's finances there should be no expenses incurred that can be avoided. Chairman Sayers of the appropriations committee has told the naval committee that he will oppose expenditures for new craft.

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SOLDIERS CALLED OUT.

The City of Brooklyn Placed Under Martial Law.

The street car strike situation in Brooklyn became so serious that 4,500 soldiers were ordered by Governor Morton to report in that city for duty Monday morning. These comprise the First Brigade of New York City.

The Mayor of Brooklyn issued the following proclamation: "To the Citizens of Brooklyn and the Public Generally. In the name of the people of the State of New York, I, Charles A. Sizer, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, do hereby require all persons within the limits of the city to refrain from unnecessary assembling in the streets, squares or in public places of the city during its present condition and until quiet is restored and I hereby give notice that the police have been ordered and the militia requested to disperse any unlawful assemblies, I exhort all persons to assist in the observance of this request."

The seventh day of the strike passed very much like its predecessors. At several places along the lines mob rule triumphed in spite of the presence of the militia and the police.

There are now 7,800 soldiers under arms in New York and Brooklyn. They could be massed at any point in Brooklyn at an hour's notice. They are ready to meet disorders or violence with bayonet or ball. That means that there are 7,800 bayonets and 20 cartridges in the belt of each bayonet-bearer. There are 7,000 strikers—a little over one bayonet and at least 20 bullets for each striker.

Violence and bloodshed constitute the record of the eight day of the strike. Three militiamen are in hospitals with broken heads; two having suffered at the hands of riotous men or women, while the third was the victim of his own carelessness, having fallen out of a second story window. A score or more policemen are suffering from bullet wounds or contusions of the head and body, doubling them for the time being.

BIG STEAMER SUNK. The State of Missouri Wrecked by Striking a Rock.

The steamer State of Missouri went to the bottom of the Ohio river at Wolf Creek, P. O. 35 miles above Havesville, Ky., at 6 o'clock Saturday night, and perhaps 40 people met death.

The steambot was one of the largest steamers belonging to the Cincinnati and Memphis Packet Company, and was a new boat, worth \$200,000.

She left Louisville, Ky., at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, bound for New Orleans, with 22 passengers and a crew of 78 people. She had about half a cargo, composed of furniture, nails, acids, etc., and ran smoothly until her dreadful accident, that sent many souls to eternity.

The passengers were all ticketed through to New Orleans.

The trip was uneventful until the dreaded point known as Horse Shoe Bend, near Alton, Ind., was reached. Here the pilot slowed down, as the current was very swift and turned his wheel so as to avoid an obstruction known as Bull's Rock. The rudder failed to respond to the wheel and there was a grinding, crushing sound. The boat was first lifted on one side as she struck and slid along the rock, then she settled and began to capsize. There was no time to think, so fast did she go down. Everybody rushed for the upper deck.

There was a flash of fire from the furnace and a cry that the boat was afloat. This added to the terror and the passengers and crew began to jump into the icy water. Thirty-five of them swam to a clump of willows, opposite Hardman's Landing, and clung to the trees until Mr. Hardman came out in a boat and took them to his house on the bank. Thirteen managed to secure the steamer's yawl and float down to Alton, Ind.