

SENATE PASSES RATE BILL

Foraker, Morgan and Pettus Cast the only Negative Votes.

MANY AMENDMENTS WERE MADE

Pipe Lines Express and Sleeping Car Companies are Classed as Common Carriers.

After nearly three months of continuous consideration and a constitutional debate that will go down in history, the railroad rate bill passed the senate. There were but three votes in the negative, Foraker of Ohio, and Morgan and Pettus of Alabama. Seventy-one senators voted for it.

The bill now goes to conference with the probability that it will be enacted into law practically as it passed the senate, though there may be some changes of an important character.

Many amendments were made to the Hepburn bill in the senate, the most important of them being: Pipe Lines, express companies and sleeping car companies are made common carriers and are brought under the terms of the bill; a stringent prohibition against granting free passes is inserted; no common carrier engaging in interstate commerce is permitted to transport commodities in which it has a direct or indirect interest or which it produced; it is made imperative that railroads furnish switch connections; in time of war preference is given to the transportation of troops and materials of war; the penal clauses of the original interstate commerce act are restored, adding imprisonment to the fines imposed by the Elkins' act for violations of the provisions of the law; a broad court review is provided for; no interlocutory may be issued against an order of the interstate commerce commission without hearing and five days' notice to the commission; the phrase "in its judgment" is eliminated, thus reducing the chances of making the bill unconstitutional by delegating the legislative power of congress to an administrative board.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL

Carries \$99,764,000 — Amendment to Buy Chains in Open Market Defeated.

After two weeks' debate the House passed the naval appropriation bill, carrying \$99,764,000. When the House adjourned all the amendments to the bill had been considered. Two amendments had been agreed to in committee of the whole, however, which were not at all satisfactory to certain interests, and upon these separate votes were taken by the House to-day.

The amendment providing that the Secretary of the Navy could go into the open market and purchase chains, anchors and cordage, should it be demonstrated they could be had cheaper in free markets than they could be made by the Government, was defeated by a vote of 116 to 129.

By the action of the House on the second amendment upon which a separate vote was demanded in conjunction with the naval appropriation bill a 4 per cent. differential will be allowed bidders from the Pacific coast on the new ships provided for in the bill, the Secretary of the Navy being instructed to make this allowance in favor of such shipbuilders.

The vote on this amendment was very close. Three Republicans changing from no to yes, Messrs. Haugen of Iowa, Thomas and Longworth of Ohio.

DENIES GARFIELD'S STATEMENT.

Vice President Thayer of the Pennsylvania railroad issued a statement in reply to the letter of Commissioner of Corporation Garfield made public. Mr. Thayer denies vigorously the statements of facts made by Mr. Garfield respecting the granting of rebates to the Standard Oil Company and reiterates his interview of May 5 in which the Pennsylvania railroad's relation with Standard Oil and other corporations was defended.

BISBEE MINES MERGED

New Corporation With \$20,000,000 Capital Announced.

The formation of \$20,000,000 corporation to take over the Calumet and Pittsburgh, Lake Superior and Pittsburgh, Junction and Pittsburgh and Duluth Mining Companies, operating at Bisbee, Ariz., has been formally announced.

The concerns are controlled by Charles Briggs, James and Thomas Hoston of Calumet, and Thomas Cole and associates of Duluth and Pittsburgh.

Nearly every well-known man in the United States Steel Corporation is heavily interested.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

It is estimated that the capital requirements of new enterprises now being launched in Japan foot up \$117,102,000.

James F. Rager, of Allegheny, 21 years old, was found dead along the Turtle Creek branch of the Pennsylvania railroad. He was a freight brakeman and it is presumed that he fell from his train.

D. F. Hurd, general agent of the Lake Shore road in Pittsburgh, resigned to go with the Standard Oil Company in New York.

Dr. John J. Tigert, Secretary of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was elected a Bishop on the first ballot.

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MORMONS SELL PLANTS.

Church Goes Out of Public Utility Business.

The Mormon Church is going out of business, according to a Salt Lake paper. Its principal holding in Salt Lake, the Utah Light and Railway Company, is to be taken over by a \$25,000,000 corporation, composed of English and American capitalists. The new company will also acquire the Ogden street railway, and build an electric line from Juab county, Utah, to Oneida county, Idaho. It will be known as the Intermountain Consolidated Railroad Company, and will be incorporated both in Utah and Idaho.

Simultaneously, the announcement is made that the Salt Lake and Los Angeles railroad, another church property, has been sold to a local syndicate for \$500,000. This road is 13 miles in length and runs from the city to the lake. President Joseph F. Smith, of the Mormon Church, is quoted as saying that the divorce of religion from business is made on account of the fact that the Mormons, whom the church sought to protect years ago, no longer need protection of the church in business affairs.

The church entered business to assist converts and strangers belonging to the church, but as they are now on a firm footing the church withdraws from business entirely.

If this policy is completely carried out the sale of the traction interests will be followed by the sale of stocks in banks, sugar factories, the great Z. C. M. I. department store and many similar enterprises. It will be nothing less than a commercial revolution which will profoundly affect the political and social life of the State.

EFFORT TO ROB SUB-TREASURY

Shots Fired by Guardians of Uncle Sam's Strong Box.

An attempt to loot the United States subtreasury, Commercial and Kearney streets, San Francisco, was foiled by soldiers from Company G, the Eleventh Infantry. The soldiers detailed to guard Uncle Sam's treasury box claim that their fire was returned.

Six men from Company G were detailed at the treasury, three being located on either side of the place.

At 11:50 o'clock at night those stationed on the Commercial street side of the subtreasury say they noticed a man attempting to reach the entrance of the building. He was ordered to halt, but instead, started to run, whereupon a guard fired at him. The bullet did not take effect, and two of the guards gave chase, leading their one companion behind. Almost immediately the soldiers on the Clay street side began firing, and one guard on Commercial street, says he saw four men run to the windows of the upper story of the treasury building.

Fully 30 shots were exchanged, some of the bullets striking the wall of the building on the north side of Commercial street. The men were later seen to come down the stairs, but were not again heard of.

DEATH'S HAND AT THROTTLE

Train Speeds on Its Way While the Engineer Lies Dead in the Cab. Victim of Heart Failure.

Oliver Morris of Hagerstown, Md., freight engineer on the Cumberland Valley railroad, was found dead in his cab near Carlisle, Pa. The train was running at its usual rate of speed when Morris' death was discovered.

The conductor of the train noticed the collapsed condition of the engineer, and on investigation found him dead. Morris was 60 years of age and leaves a family. Apoplexy is thought to have caused death.

UNITED STATES LEADS

Stands at Head of Great Exporting Nations of the World.

The world's international commerce will aggregate fully \$25,000,000 in 1906, says a bulletin issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor. By the term, "world's international commerce," is meant the imports plus the exports of all countries of the world from which statistical trade reports were available.

The figures given indicate that the trade between nations in 1906 will be six times as much as in 1850 and 25 per cent more than in 1900. One interesting fact is that the United States now stands at the head of the world's great exporting nations.

AMERICAN CONSUL KILLED.

Assassinated at His Country Place Near Batoum in Russia.

W. H. Stuart, the American vice consul was shot and killed at his country place May 21. The assassins escaped.

Batoum is a seaport town of Asiatic Russia on the east shore of the Black sea four miles north of the mouth of the Choruk and has a population of about 10,000.

TWO KILLED.

Deputy Marshal MacDees at Lenox, Ga., was shot and killed by a negro whom he was trying to arrest. The negro was later killed by a posse. He was a desperate character and is said to have shot two negroes a man and a woman, at Tifton several weeks ago. It was for that crime that the officer was trying to arrest him.

Berkman Ends Sentence.

Alexander Berkman, who tried to kill Henry C. Frick, July 22, 1892, became a free man, May 18. His first utterance as he stepped outside the workhouse was an expression of regret that he had not succeeded in killing Frick. He declared he did what he believed to be right, and never has regretted his act. He declared he had nothing now against the man whose life he tried to take. Berkman had been confined in the Western Penitentiary and workhouse for 13 years and eight months.

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DAMAGE BY FOREST FIRES

Flames Sweep Several Counties of Northern Michigan.

GREAT AREA IS LAID WASTE

People Compelled to Flee Without Saving More Than the Clothes They Wore.

Latest advices from the forest fire zone in Michigan indicate the worst is over. Fires are reported burning in a few scattered districts, but for the most part the flames have died down and no further great loss is expected. The rains hoped for failed. Instead the wind subsided, and with a gale no longer present to fan the flames or carry the burning brands, the fires gradually ceased, leaving in their wake desolation in many districts.

Fire started by a spark from a sawmill at Stanley, Wis., burned 100 residences and a dozen business buildings, entailing a loss of \$200,000. Six blocks were burned.

The greatest havoc is in Delta, Marquette, Dickinson, Menominee, Iron and Luce counties, with less serious damage reported from Ontonagon, Gogebic, Houghton and Alger counties.

Probably \$1,000,000 will cover the losses, as the standing timber through which the fire swept will be saved if cut within a year or two.

There are reports of persons missing, but so far as known only one man has perished. This man was burned to death in a Delta county logging camp.

There is no doubt much destruction has been occasioned by the forest fires. The exact condition in districts at a distance from Marquette are not ascertainable, but it is believed most of the people of the hamlets reported destroyed were able to save but little more than the clothes they wore. The people of neighboring towns are expected to give shelter to the homeless temporarily, and while there is hardship there will be no starvation. But to help in giving the sufferers a new start in life there seems room for charitable efforts.

The furniture factory of the Estey Manufacturing Company, a five-story building at Owosso, Mich., where 200 men find employment, was burned.

Fire in the lumber yards of Phillips & Menzmer, at Marathon City, Wis., burned 3,000,000 feet of lumber,

miss Lucy E. Ernst, aged 20, Philadelphia, awarded a silver medal and \$1,200 to liquidate mortgage.

Robert W. Simpson, aged 46, Ashland, O., awarded bronze medal and \$500.

Michael Sasso, aged 22, Ashtabula, O., awarded bronze medal and \$500.

Michael P. O'Brien, aged 23, New York city, awarded silver medal.

George B. Williams, aged 23, Elizabeth, Pa., died as result of act; silver medal awarded sister.

Miss Lucy E. Ernst, aged 20, Philadelphia, awarded a silver medal.

Walter E. Marbach, aged 22, Elvira, O., awarded silver medal.

Harry E. Moore, aged 23, Alliance, O.; lost three fingers as result of act; awarded bronze medal and \$500.

John M. Delo, aged 27, Oil City, Pa.; sustained fractured skull and lost hearing of left ear as result of act; awarded bronze medal and \$500.

Theresa S. McNally, aged 13, of Waterbury, Conn., an orphan; awarded bronze medal and \$2,000 to be applied toward education in annual installments of \$400.

Daniel J. Curtin, aged 15, New York city; awarded bronze medal and \$2,000; set aside as a special fund to apply toward his education.

William L. Wolff, aged 35, Camden, N. J., awarded bronze medal and \$500.

Richard X. Hughes, aged 42, Bangor, Pa.; awarded bronze medal and \$250.

Edward H. Campbell, aged 19, Buena Vista, Pa.; awarded bronze medal.

William J. Wild, aged 19, Cleveland, O.; awarded bronze medal.

Charles A. Swenson, aged 27, Brooklyn, N. Y., awarded bronze medal.

Edward Murray, aged 39, Pittsburg; awarded bronze medal.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The decision of the Senate committee on inter-ocean canals is in favor of a sea level canal across the Isthmus of Panama.

Frank Emmett, a painter, is under arrest at Detroit, charged with killing his wife, aged 28, who was fatally shot in the head at her home. Mrs. Emmett had sued for divorce.

Will J. Davis, who was manager of the Iroquois Theater, Chicago, at the time of the great fire in that building, was arraigned on a charge of manslaughter growing out of the fire.

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STUDY OF EARTHQUAKES

Scientist Would Reduce Danger to Ordinary Risk.

That it is possible to reduce earthquakes and volcanoes to the level of ordinary risks for insurance and to save numberless human lives by a systematic study of earth physics is the opinion of Professor Thomas A. Jaggar, Jr., the Harvard geologist, who has just returned from Italy where he went to study Mount Vesuvius.

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WILL INVESTIGATE LAND SALE.

It was announced that the house committee on public lands would investigate the complaint of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock involving the purchase of 8,000 acres of timber land in New Mexico by the Pennsylvania Development Company in which Delegate W. H. Andrews, Francis J. Torrance and Arthur Kennedy of Pittsburg are interested.

OVER 3,000 LAWS ENACTED.

The files of the index clerk at the State Department show that the first session of the Fifty-Ninth Congress has broken all records in the matter of completed legislation up to this moment. Already more than 3,000 laws have been enacted which is between 700 and 800 more than in any preceding session up to the beginning of the month of May. The greater part of this mass of law was made up of bills of a private nature and only about 250 of the total enactments were general laws.

Because the college trustees have accepted gifts from John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie, Mary E. Bird, for 19 years an instructor in the astronomical department of Smith College at Northampton, Mass., tendered her resignation.

RUSSIAN DEMANDS

General Amnesty and Abolition of Death Penalty Among the First.

The draft of the address to the Russian throne in reply to the Emperor's speech at the opening of Parliament was submitted to the lower house of Parliament by the commission. It consists practically of the following ten demands:

1. General amnesty.
2. The abolition of the death penalty.
3. The suspension of martial law and all exceptional laws.
4. Full civil liberty.
5. The abolition of the Council of the Empire.
6. The revision of the fundamental law.
7. The establishment of the responsibility of ministers.
8. The right of interpellation.
9. Forced expropriation of land.
10. Guarantees of the rights of trades unions.

Before the House convened the cabinet virtually had decided on amnesty for political prisoners with the exception of those charged with murder, attempted murder, or robbery.

DROPPED INTO RIVER

Aeronauts Fail in Attempt to Get Photographs.

Leo Stevens, a well-known aeronaut, and Tracy Tindell, who made an ascension in a balloon from Yonkers, N. Y., were blown into the Hudson. When nearly across, the big airship became unmanageable and crashed into the Palisades, hurling both occupants into the river. They were rescued, but the balloon was wrecked.

The ascension was made at 2 o'clock. The wind was blowing in a southeasterly direction, the most favorable for a lengthy journey, and so far as could be gauged, about 25 or 30 miles an hour. The balloon quickly rose to an altitude of about 1,000 feet and then started traveling at a very quick rate, in the direction of New Jersey. It was evidently blowing a good deal harder at that altitude than on the ground, and this is what caused the trouble.

A moving picture camera was on board and it was the intention to set it in operation as soon as the balloon had attained a height of 1,000 feet. The object was to procure a moving panoramic view of New York from the clouds for exhibition purposes.

CARNEGIE OFFERS MILLION