

ANTI-PASS SECTION FATED

MAY BE KILLED OUTRIGHT

House Rate Bill Conference Have Prepared Modification Exempting Certain Classes, Including Railroad Employees and Their Families.

Washington, June 12.—There has been prepared by the House conferees on the railroad rate bill a modified form of the anti-pass agreement which will be presented at the next meeting of the joint conferees committee for consideration.

The agitation over the completely prohibitive pass provision embodied in the first conference report has developed a decided sentiment among legislators that anti-pass legislation perhaps ought not to be made a part of the railroad rate bill.

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CONVENTION LASTED AN HOUR

Solid Vote of Every County in Eighth Congressional District Cast for Mr. R. N. Hackett, of Wilkesboro, and Nominations are Given with Deftening Applauds.

Special to The Observer. Stateville, June 11.—The Democratic convention of the eighth congressional district met here to-day in the court house, all of the counties being represented by delegates.

Chairman Henderson made a few remarks, after which nominations were called for. Mr. C. H. Armfield, of Iredell, who withdrew from the contest, was the only name placed in nomination.

The committee returned in a short while in company with Mr. Hackett, whose face was wreathed in smiles.

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THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina Convenes in Nineteenth Annual Session in Holy Innocent's Church, Henderson, To-day.

Henderson, June 12.—The nineteenth annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina convenes in Holy Innocent's church here to-day at 10 o'clock.

President, John H. Reynolds, Rome; vice-presidents, Joseph S. Davis, Albany; Oscar E. Dooley, Macon; Chas. R. Lewis, Montezuma; James Knox, Waycross; and H. W. Elbert, Elberton.

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FOR SUB-TREASURY IN GEORGIA

State Bankers' Association Starts Agitation

Atlanta, Ga., June 12.—The concluding sessions of the Georgia State Bankers' Association were held here to-day and the following officers were elected.

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HOUSE MAGNATES USE GAG

RATE BILL RETURNED ENTIRE

Democrats, Aided by Eight Republicans, Were Insistent That the Body Express Itself Upon Senate's Sleeping Car and Anti-Pass Amendments.

Washington, June 12.—With a very large proportion of the members present, due to the activity of the Republican and Democratic whips, the House to-day passed a rule sending the railroad rate bill back to conference as asked for by the Senate.

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HAS THE EMPIRE TRAPPED

U. S. CRUISER WAITS CAT-LIKE

American Vessel Which Has Formed the Navy of the Guatemalan Revolutionists, Sailing Loaded With Arms and Men Several Weeks Ago.

Washington, June 12.—The United States cruiser, Marblehead, has the American steamer Empire cornered in the harbor at Corinto, Nicaragua, and the moment the 44th American vessel attempts to leave the Nicaraguan coast it is believed the warship will seize it and bring it to account for the part played in assisting Guatemalan revolutionists.

The Empire sailed from San Francisco for Central America several weeks ago and is said to have carried more than 100 men and a number of field guns and much ammunition to the Guatemalan revolutionists at San Jose. After unloading its cargo at San Jose, the steamer sailed back to Corinto, where it had coaled previous to going to Guatemala.

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COMES OUT FOR THE NEBRASKAN

Official Head of Old North State Democracy Authorizes Statement of His Belief That Conditions Now Point to the Wisdom of Nominating Bryan for President in 1908.

Observer Bureau. 1417 G Street, N. W., Washington, June 12.—Senator Simmons, the official head of the Democracy in the Old North State by reason of his position as State chairman, is watching with keen interest the rising tide that promises to make William Jennings Bryan the Democratic nominee for President in 1908.

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