

SITUATION AS TO THE SHIPPING BILL

The Opposition Making Vigorous Fight Against Passage of the Measure.

TALK OF AN EXTRA SESSION.

Senate and House Proceedings—Entire Day in the Senate Devoted to Consideration of the Subsidy Bill.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 2.—The Senate met at 11 o'clock today and with the exception of an hour and a half at the beginning of the session, devoted the entire day to the discussion of the Ship Subsidy bill. Mr. Turner and Mr. Mallory were the speakers.

Mr. Turner criticized especially a statement made by Mr. Frye concerning speed premiums for foreign countries. He asserted that the expenditures would be \$8,000,000, whereas the Senator from Maine had put it at \$3,840,000.

Mr. Frye contended for the correctness of his position, but said that there might be an error in calculation. Mr. Turner also charged a discrepancy of \$500,000 in Mr. Frye's figures concerning the annual cost of carrying the mail.

Mr. Aldrich made another effort to secure action upon the amendments to the Ship Subsidy bill offered by him. He announced that he desired to speak upon the amendment and he declined to yield for that action.

Mr. Mallory quoted Mr. Hanna as saying that the twenty-one knot and twenty-two knot ships would not be increased under this bill. From this admission Mr. Mallory argued that the bill would do nothing toward providing auxiliary cruisers for slow vessels could be utilized as a cruiser.

Mr. Mallory contended that the ship building industry of the country is now in a more promising condition than at any time since the beginning of the civil war and that it needs no extraneous aid to make it a success in the early future.

In conclusion Mr. Mallory contended that the Subsidy bill would not be the boon to the American ship building industry which it is claimed to be, while he believed it would prove the inauguration of a new era in American affairs, in the matter of driving business, and trade preparatory to individual enterprise.

Mr. Hanna presented and the Senate agreed to the report of the conferees on the bill making provision for the inauguration ceremonies on the fourth of March.

The Senate adjourned at 6:10. The situation as to the Shipping Bill. The situation in the Senate was unchanged by any development today. The Republicans intend to continue pressing the Shipping bill and the leaders say next week will develop whether or not the opposition intend to talk the measure to death.

The Senators who are leading the opposition say that there are enough speeches to consume ten days and that some of the Republicans are leading the opposition to the fight against the bill. The opposition believe that it will soon force the appropriation bill to continue revenue bill to the front, and prevent consideration of a vote upon the Shipping bill. A great deal depends upon the attitude of the Republicans in holding their sessions next week.

They show up with a quorum until a half hour for three or four nights the opposition will speak. The Democrats say the Republicans must demonstrate that they have a majority for the bill which they are determined to pass.

As to extra session talk, Senators who have seen the President say that he is not in a hurry to call Congress into an extra session and will do everything possible to prevent one being called.

Senator Spooner has never been considered among the zealous advocates of the Subsidy bill and he is not strongly favorable to the Oleomargarine bill.

The House spent the day until 3 o'clock in consideration of the Postoffice Appropriation bill. The struggle over the questions of restoring the appropriation for pneumatic tube service and of the reduction of railway mail pay were precipitated by amendments offered, but no action was taken.

At 5 o'clock public business was suspended to permit members to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator Davis, of Minnesota.

ESCAPED LYNCHING. Negro Charged With Criminal Assault in Nottingham County, Va.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. RICHMOND, Va., February 2.—William Wilson, the negro charged with attempted criminal assault upon Mrs. Watkins, and who was arrested in Norfolk, Va., and committed to Nottingham jail. Later, the county judge learned that a mob was forming to lynch the prisoner and ordered him taken to Petersburg for safe keeping.

When the train reached Blackstone, which is near the scene of Wilson's alleged crime, a mob of several hundred had assembled, and a search was made for the prisoner. He was concealed in the lavatory of a Pullman, however, and escaped, reaching Petersburg in safety.

President McKinley signed the bill for the re-organization of the army at 12:40 P. M. yesterday. It is now a law.

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UNIFORM FREIGHT RATES.

Important Meeting of Representatives of Southern Trunk Lines—The Seaboard Air Line.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, February 2.—Important questions relating to the establishment and maintenance of uniform rates in the South were discussed at a meeting of representatives of Southern trunk lines held here today.

President John Skelton Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line, at the conclusion of the meeting, said: "The meeting was entirely harmonious, and the best feeling prevailed. The agreement was reached for the maintenance of uniform rates in the South Atlantic and Gulf States by the various lines interested." No details were given out.

President Williams was asked if there was any truth in the report that the Seaboard Air Line was negotiating to absorb another Southern trunk line, and in reply said: "That matter was not discussed today."

Organized strikers have been made along the eastern line and a large combined movement has been arranged against those taking part in them, with the object of clearing the whole region of the Boers and of supplies.

Governor Nash has telegraphed to the directors of the Sangreer Athletic Association, at Cincinnati, that the Rubin-Jeffries fight cannot be held in Ohio.

Ex-Congressman George D. Tillman, died after a long illness at home in Edgefield, S. C., yesterday aged 76.

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THE DECORATED TRUNKS. Why the Porter Kept Quiet After the Girls Finished the Job.

The party of merry young girls entered the station and wended their way in the direction of the baggage room. Each carried a mysterious parcel. A few words of explanation in the dusky ear of the porter, followed by a gleam of silver, brought them before the towering heap of outward-bound baggage.

"Here they are," cried one of the girls, pointing to two trunks and a satchel made from the rest. "I am sure these are the wedding trunks." Then the parcels were opened and old shoes and white ribbon brought into view. It did not take a great while for those jolly girls to bedeck the trunks with old shoes, bound securely with white ribbon.

"Where is that card, Eva?" inquired the girl who was winding the ribbon around the sides. "Here it is," and she handed over a square card inscribed, "The Sugar Moon."

"But if I thought it was done in this station I would sue the company. Yes, sir, I would sue the company. Yes, sir, I would sue the company."

"What is the matter with you? Has any one offended you?" "Yes, sir; they have. I am traveling for the Boston & Co., the largest shoe manufacturers in the state. To injure me, some scamp has bedecked my sample trunks with old shoes. But I'll find the culprit and make it hot for him."

"A few feet away the uniformed porter grinned. "Let me see those ladies don't want to get de wronged. But Ah he's got de quiet if Ah values mah job."—Chicago News.

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