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THURSDAY THE DAY SET FOR FINAL VOTE

Heitfield and Bailey Oppose Oleomargarine Bill.

TO KILL OUT AN INDUSTRY

Both Think This the Purpose of the Measure.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL BILL IN THE HOUSE

Rapid Progress is Made. On Motion of Mr. Small the Appropriation For Topographic Surveys is Increased by \$50,000.

Washington, April 1.—An agreement was reached by the Senate today that a final vote on the pending Oleomargarine Bill should be taken before adjournment on next Thursday.

The debate upon the measure was continued throughout today's session. Mr. Heitfield, of Idaho, opposed the bill, because he believed that it proposed to drive the oleomargarine industry to the wall. He strongly advocated the adoption of the substitute offered as he said that would eliminate the possibility of fraud as certainly as the pending measure would and would do no injustice to anybody.

Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, advocated the bill, because it was a protest against fraud and against an industry, "which depended for its success upon duplicity and dishonesty."

Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, made an extended legal and constitutional argument in support of the measure, maintaining the power of Congress to tax oleomargarine. He accorded it his support because such a tax, in his opinion, was in the interest of the whole people. He characterized oleomargarine as a healthful product and therefore a legitimate article of commerce. If the bill were enacted into law he believed that the production of oleomargarine "under the flag of fair play" would increase rather than diminish. He declared that if the proposed tax of ten cents a pound upon colored oleomargarine was not sufficient to deter the manufacturers from imposing upon the consumers, Congress, in the future would have to find another remedy.

Mr. Bailey (Texas) began a speech in opposition to the pending measure. He agreed, in the main, with most of the propositions of law laid down by Mr. Spooner, but took issue with him on some of them as to the facts of the controversy rather than upon the law.

The "Passing of the House"

Washington, April 1.—The House today made rapid progress with the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, completing 93 of the 139 pages of the bill. All efforts to amend the bill were successfully resisted by Mr. Cannon, the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, who was in special charge of the measure. The proceedings were without incident.

Mr. Robinson (Indiana) discussed the "passing of the House," and said the Senate was dominated by 30 Senators, representing 15 States with less population than either New York or Pennsylvania. All the power of the House, he said, is in the hands of the Speaker and the Committee on Rules.

Mr. Grow (Pennsylvania) favored a constitutional amendment for popular election of Senators. The bill then was read for amendment under the five minute rule.

Mr. Sulzer urged an appropriation of \$50,000 for lighting Bartholdi's statue of liberty in New York harbor, but the

amendment, though carried on a rising vote, was defeated on a vote by tellers. There was some discussion of the necessity for protecting the Alaskan salmon fisheries, but an amendment for that purpose was ruled out of order.

Crop Summary For March.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 1.—The Weather Bureau's crop summary for March says: The conditions were generally favorable for farming on the Atlantic coast north of North Carolina and in Florida. Out seeding is progressing in the middle Atlantic States. Fall sown oats in the Southern States have been winter killed to a great extent. Considerable corn planting has been done in the Central and East Gulf and South Atlantic States.

In Texas and Florida cotton planting is well advanced, but in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana none has yet been planted and very little ground has been prepared owing to heavy rains.

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(Special to News and Observer.) Chapel Hill, N. C., April 1.—In a slow game of ball, devoid of sensational plays, the University of North Carolina took unto herself seven runs and presented to the boys from Pennsylvania nine well rounded goose eggs.

For three innings Lehigh kept the "Tar Heels" from the initial bag, but in the fourth two costly errors sent two of Carolina's men across the home plate.

Taylor, for the visitors, pitched a magnificent game, allowing only three hits, but was poorly supported; Wilcox, for Carolina, was effective in box, yielding only six hits, and these being well scattered.

Trinity Defeats Horner.

(Special to News and Observer.) Oxford, N. C., April 1.—On yesterday at Horner Park the first game of baseball of the season was played by the Horner team, against the Trinity College team. The score stood 16 to 3 in favor of visitors.

Other Games.

(By the Associated Press.) University of Virginia, April 1.—Princeton won from Virginia in the ninth inning in today's game by a score of 9 to 8.

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INVESTIGATION OF BRIBERY CHARGES

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STATE DEPARTMENT TOOK NO ACTION It Was Stated the Authorities Here Had Not Committed Themselves. Gron Said He Knew of no Congressman Having Been Bribed.

Washington, April 1.—The investigation of charges made in connection with the Danish West Indies purchase was begun today before the special committee appointed by Speaker Henderson. Neils Gron, who brought the charges to the attention of Representative Richardson and quite a number of interested spectators, also were present.

Mr. Gron was the first witness. He said that in February last parties in Copenhagen who opposed the transfer of the Danish West Indies to the United States conferred with him about the Christmas report and sent him here to give the facts to Congress and the people. Representative Alexander, of New York, here interposed to disclaim all knowledge of Christmas or the Danish transaction. Continuing, Mr. Gron told of having secured a note of introduction to General Grosvenor, of Ohio, of arranging to meet the latter in Washington, his purpose being, he said, to carry out assurances given at Copenhagen that he would place the matter before influential men and thus bring it to the attention of Congress and the public.

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Afterward, he said, he submitted his statement to several newspapers and more or less of it was printed.

He denied reports that the whole matter was a quarrel between Christmas and himself over a commission for the sale of the islands and read a letter stating that an old alliance between certain Danish mer and Americans in the fall of 1897 was declared off eighteen months ago. He mentioned the names of H. H. Rogers, Charles R. Flint and himself as the Americans interested at that time in negotiating the sale of the islands. Asked specifically regarding a statement in the Christmas report to the effect that Rogers had agreed to accomplish the sale of the islands for ten per cent of the purchase money, Mr. Gron declared that there was no such agreement.

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FOR MUSIC'S SAKE Music Teachers' Association Welcomed by Governor.

Splendid Papers Read Yesterday Morning and Afternoon. Mr. Burmeister's Piano Recital Last Night.

The North Carolina Music Teachers' Association was welcomed yesterday morning by Governor Aycock and held their first day's session under most auspicious circumstances in the Academy of Music. President George P. McCoy, of Charlotte, presided. At the morning and afternoon sessions papers were read and discussed, and last night Mr. Richard Burmeister, assisted by Mr. Clarence de Vau-Royer, gave a piano recital before a large audience, which appreciated the grand effort to the full.

Author of "Ben Bolt" Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) Newark, N. J., April 1.—Dr. Thomas Dunn English died early today. He wrote "Ben Bolt," and was widely known as an author. He served two terms in Congress.

A RAPIST CAPTURED

Miss Pearl Perry's Assaulter Escapes Into Virginia He is Taken.

(Special to News and Observer.) Suffolk, Va., April 1.—Charged with assaulting sixteen-year-old Pearl Perry, and with a mob clamoring for his life in North Carolina, the negro Thomas Early, eluded the posse all last night and escaped to Virginia, where he was captured this morning near Cypress Chapel.

Police Chief Brinkley and two other officers left here today on a special train and pounced upon Early beside the railroad track. He was heavily armed. The police say he once killed a man in North Carolina. Early was brought to Suffolk and conveyed to jail under heavy guards.

At first he protested his innocence, but later confessed to the attempt, though he said he did the girl no violence.

Miss Perry today was reported ill in bed, her throat darkened from choking, but her condition is not serious. An approaching wagon frightened the assailant before his object was accomplished.

BUSINESS AT JACKSON STOPS

The River Now Five Miles Wide, Has Done Immense Damage.

(By the Associated Press.) Jackson, Miss., April 1.—After a rise of forty feet since last Thursday, Pearl River is stationary, having risen only four or five inches at Jackson. It is higher than ever before known and has done incalculable damage to farmers and stock men. Back water from the river covers the Illinois Central tracks near Eryann, and the last train to go South got through last night. Illinois Central trains from Memphis to New Orleans came to Jackson over the Erico system, via Holly Springs, and from Jackson via Natchez over the Mississippi Valley.

The Alabama and Vicksburg has five miles of track under water on the other side of the river from this city and three miles of roadbed is torn up.

The Gulf and Ship Island road is in about the same fix and their bridge here damaged. There is six feet of water over the track on the Rankin side of the river.

Nearly every industry in Jackson is stopped and hundreds of workmen are idle because of the breakdown in the waterworks. The pumping station is at least twenty feet under water. Stories of distress from the Pearl River Valley are reaching Jackson and relief parties will probably be sent out. Jackson proper is in no danger, but low places in the suburbs are from one to ten feet under water and hundreds of families have moved to higher ground. The waterworks company succeeded today in rigging up an extra pump and is supplying drinking water only.

Mrs. Olivia B. Sanders, who has been temporarily employed in the Census Bureau, has been given a permanent position in the permanent Census Bureau.

William Williams, of New York, has been tendered and has accepted the position of Commissioner of Immigration of New York, to succeed Thomas Fitchie.

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"I do not know," replied Mr. Gron.

Representative Grosvenor made a statement at the afternoon session. He spoke of receiving the note introducing Mr. Gron and of going over the papers with him. At that time Mr. Grosvenor felt that the matter should be looked into with a view of ascertaining if there was any irregularity. He conferred with Chairman Cannon, of the Appropriations Committee, and asked them if an appropriation bill for the Danish purchase came in that action on it be deferred until Mr. Grosvenor returned from a Western trip and had an opportunity to go over the papers. Mr. Grosvenor later saw Secretary Hay, who held that there was nothing in the charges of which cognizance should be taken.

Virginia Town Blotted Out by a Flood of Flames

(By the Associated Press.) Roanoke, Va., April 1.—At an early hour this morning the small town of Newport, in Giles county, was practically destroyed by fire. Every store in the place was burned. Two hotels and the best residences were leveled to the ground. The fire originated from an unknown cause in a shed back of Dunklee and Martin's big store. The wind was blowing a gale and the flames spread quickly from the shed to the store, which was also a mass of flames in a few minutes. From Dunklee and Martin's store the wind scattered the fire in every direction. Before the inhabitants realized the danger nearly every house in

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THE DEBATE ON THE SUFFRAGE PLAN.

Richmond, Va., April 1.—The Constitutional Convention came to a vote this morning on an amendment to the conference suffrage plan offered by Mr. Flood, and it was overwhelmingly defeated. The balance of the morning session was devoted to debate on an amendment offered by Mr. Thon to strike out the understanding clause of the plan. Many speeches were made for and against it.

MR. FREDERIC BANCROFT HERE.

Mr. Frederick Bancroft, of Washington, D. C., is in the city. He is visiting different points throughout the South in connection with the preparation of his history of the South from 1860 to 1865.

A STEAMSHIP RIPPED OPEN AND ELEVEN MEN DROWNED

London, April 1.—Eleven men were drowned as the result of a collision this morning near the Nab Lightship between the channel passenger steamer Alma and the British ship Cambrian Princess, Captain Roberts, from Peru for Antwerp. The latter sank immediately and eleven of her crew perished. The Alma returned to Southampton badly damaged.

The collision occurred at 2:30 a. m. during foggy weather. The Alma struck the Cambrian Princess on the starboard side, ripping her side wide open. The ship heeled over and sank in four minutes. The eleven survivors were hauled on board the Alma by means of ropes. The steamer's bows were badly stove in.

The Cambrian Princess was built in Southampton in 1877. She was of 1,275 tons net register and was owned by W. Thomas and Company, of Liverpool.