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UPPER HOUSE
ADOPTS THE
BILL CHANGE

Elkins Amendment Goes Through but Six Members Voting Against It.

MORE SPARRING ON
PARLIAMENTARY LAW

New Amendment Divorces Production of Commodities From Carrying.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The Senate spent the great part of the day again in the consideration of the question of divorcing the production of coal and other commodities from their transportation and closed that branch of their work by adopting a modified provision formally offered by Senator Elkins, but originally suggested by Senator McLaurin.

The vote on the Elkins amendment stood 47 to 6, the negative votes being cast by Messrs. Ankeny, Bulkeley, Clark (Wyo.), Millard, Pettus and Warren.

The provision is in the language of the original McLaurin substitute and is as follows:

"From and after May 1, 1908, it shall be unlawful for any common carrier to transport from any state, territory or district of the United States to any other state, territory or district of the United States or to any foreign country, any article or commodity manufactured, mined or produced by it, or under its authority, or which it may own in whole or in part, or in which it may have any interest, direct or indirect, except such articles or commodities as may be necessary or used in the conduct of its business as a common carrier."

There was again much sparring over parliamentary points, but there was at no time as much confusion as on Tuesday, and when the coal question was finally closed the progress was so rapid that the first section was entirely disposed of before the Senate adjourned.

Other amendments were also adopted, but a long and short haul provision suggested by Mr. Lafolette, was voted down by practically a party vote, all but two Republicans voting against it.

When the Senate adjourned there was a general feeling that the rapid work of the latter part of the session presages the early final disposition of the bill. None of the Allison compromise amendments were considered today.

BROTHERS SHOT
BY MILL FOREMAN

(By Associated Press.)

CONROE, Texas, May 9.—John and Steve Beeson, brothers, were shot and killed this morning by Harry Bendy, at a saw mill about two miles from this place. Bendy is foreman of the mill. The men killed, former employees, appeared at the mill this morning and attempted to close it down. Bendy remonstrated with them and finally succeeded in partly pacifying them. They returned later, however, and advanced on Bendy with drawn knives, when he opened fire on them with a shotgun, killing them both instantly.

GLENN OFFERS A
REWARD FOR FIEND

(Special to The Citizen.)

RALEIGH, N. C., May 9.—Governor Glenn has offered a reward of \$150 for the arrest of the unknown assailant of Miss McCord in Mecklenburg county, Sunday.

This is the case in which the woman was caught, bound and brutally maltreated by the fiend after she has given him food for which he had begged.

AUTOPSY SHOWS TRACTION MAGNATE
WAS KILLED WITH HIS OWN PISTOL

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 9.—Following the funeral today of Charles L. Spier, the traction magnate, who was found dead in his home on Staten Island, Monday morning following an alarm of burglary, a second autopsy was performed on the body and the bullet extracted. It was found to be a .32-calibre. This was the calibre of his own pistol. The bullet was located in the back under the left shoulder blade. In its course through the body it had penetrated the heart. The physicians and officials at the autopsy declared themselves puzzled as to how Spier could have staggered or walked the distance he did after the bullet had pierced his heart. His body was found fully 18 feet from where the first blood spots in the hallway of his home were noted. Having been shot with his own revolver it is the theory of the family that Spier grappled with the burglar and he is said to have detected at work, and that the murderer turned the weapon upon its owner. Strong objections were made today by Mrs. Spier to the holding of a second autopsy which she declared would prove nothing, but Coroner Cahill would not give a burial permit until the bullet had been extracted.

OPEN MARKET
OR CONTINUE
MANUFACTURE

On This Question House Delegates Votes Lots of Valuable Time In Session.

TRANSPORTATION COST
OF COAL NOT LIMITED

Effort to That Effect Fails—Reading of Naval Bill Continues.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Nearly the entire time of the House today was taken up by two propositions, first whether the navy department should go into the open market and purchase anchors, chains and cordage, or continue to manufacture these articles in the government navy yards as is now done, and second, whether the cost of transporting coal from Atlantic and Gulf ports to the Philippine Islands in American bottoms should be limited to \$5, or \$6 per ton.

On the first proposition one of the prettiest legislative combats of the session occurred, the debate extending over this major portion of the session. Representative Loud (Mich.) insisted that there could be a saving of \$250,000 a year to the government if the navy department was permitted to go into the free market and purchase anchors, chains and cordage under regulations of the department. General Grosvenor (Ohio) and members of the Michigan and Pennsylvania delegations aided Mr. Loud in his fight, the opposition being represented by Mr. Roberts (Mass.), Mr. Fitzgerald (N. Y.), Mr. McCleary (Mass.) and Mr. Rixey (Va.).

Mr. Grosvenor offered a substitute to Mr. Loud's amendment, giving the secretary of the navy the right to purchase the articles above referred to in free markets, should it be demonstrated that they could be had from manufacturers cheaper than they could be made at Government navy yards. This substitute was adopted, \$5 to \$6.

As to the second proposition, limiting the cost of transportation on coal to \$5 or \$6 a ton, the efforts put forth by Mr. Fitzgerald (N. Y.) and Mr. Slayden (Texas), were of no avail, although votes were had on both amendments limiting the cost.

After these propositions were disposed of the reading of the naval bill was continued until the hour of adjournment, without exciting debate.

SENATOR GORMAN
CRITICALLY ILL

Marylander Has Complication Of Ailments and His Recovery Is Very Doubtful.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, is critically ill at his home in this city. He has not been in his seat in the Senate chamber for many months. Within the last few days he had a severe sinking spell, and his life was despaired of. His sickness began several months ago with an attack of the grip, with every indication that this would terminate in pneumonia, but this was averted, and now it is learned he is suffering from a complication of ailments which give no promise of his recovery.

It was stated at Senator Gorman's house tonight that he was somewhat better tonight and had spent some time in reading, although, of course, too ill to leave his sick chamber.

MOON RENOMINATED.

(By Associated Press.)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 9.—Congressman John A. Moon was renominated by acclamation today by the Democrats of the Third Tennessee district.

PHILADELPHIAN
SAID TO HAVE
GOT BIG HAUL

Clerk of Brokerage Firm Charged with Embezzlement of \$100,000.

GREENFIELD MAKES
A PUKK CONFESSION

Same Old Story Told of Speculation Through Bucket-Shops For Years.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, May 9.—Charged with having embezzled upwards of \$100,000 from his employers, Edwin S. Greenfield, head clerk of the banking and brokerage firm of Harrison, Snyder & Son, of this city, was arrested here today and held in \$10,000 bail by a police magistrate for a further hearing tomorrow. In default of bail he was sent to the county prison.

Greenfield has made a full confession and is doing everything possible to assist the firm in straightening out its tangled books. Following the public announcement of the embezzlement, creditors filed a petition in bankruptcy against George E. Snyder, trading as Harrison, Snyder & Son in the United States court, and later Judge McPherson appointed Charles N. Vollum as receiver.

Greenfield is about 30 years of age, and has a wife and two children. About two months ago Mr. Snyder went to California and gave Greenfield a power of attorney to carry on his business. He returned from the west about a month ago, and the first intimation that something was wrong came to him when he missed valuable securities from his safe. It was not until last Monday, however, that he was able to find where they had gone. Greenfield then broke down and admitted that he took money at various times during the last six years and that he lost most of it speculating in bucket-shops.

Mr. Snyder and the accountants believe the amount of money embezzled will be considerably over \$125,000, and may reach \$175,000. Mr. Snyder said the defalcation is a hard blow for him, but he feels that he will be able to pull through the difficulty.

UNITARIANS MEET.

(By Associated Press.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 9.—The Southern conference of Unitarian churches met here today. Rev. C. M. Gray, of Charleston, S. C., was elected secretary pro-tem. Reports on the condition of churches were read.

JUDGE FINDS
SECRET NEED
NOT BE KEPT

In Case of Moses Haas Charged With Cotton Leak Prisoner Freed

HOLMES NOT BOUND TO
KEEP REPORT SECRET

Alleged That Conspirators Gave Information Making Thousands on It.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 9.—Moses Haas, who was arrested in this city in connection with the cotton "leak" in the department of agriculture, at Washington, in which former Statistician E. S. Holmes, Jr., and Frederick H. Peckham, were involved, was discharged from custody by Judge Holt of the United States court today.

Haas was discharged some time ago by United States Commissioner Ridgeway, but was re-arrested at the request of the Washington authorities. Haas and Peckham were charged with conspiracy to induce Holmes to commit the crime of "misconduct in office," in giving them advance information on a cotton crop report, by which it is alleged they profited to the extent of several thousands of dollars.

It was argued in behalf of Haas that the crime of "misconduct in office" was recognized only under the common law of Maryland, which still applies to the District of Columbia, and that it did not constitute an offense in which an United States court could take cognizance. Judge Holt upheld this view of the matter. He said the common law of Maryland could not obtain in the State of New York, where Haas was indicted and arraigned. Judge Holt further said that there was nothing to show that Assistant Statistician Holmes was bound to keep the cotton report secret, however reprehensible his actions may have been morally.

BAPTIST DELEGATES
ARE IN CHATTANOOGA

(By Associated Press.)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 9.—Delegates to the Southern Baptist conference, which opens its session in Chattanooga tomorrow, have been arriving on all trains today. Tonight the number of delegates already is estimated at 1500.

Dr. Lansing Burroughs, of Nashville, secretary of the convention, said tonight that he predicted an attendance of not less than 6,000.

HAS AMERICA
BOUGHT PLAN
OF GERMANS?

Imperial Court Sentences Tautons for Treason In Selling Mines.

COURT SESSIONS ARE
BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Washington as Matter of Policy Denies all Connection With Affair.

(By Associated Press.)

LEIPZIG, Germany, May 9.—The imperial supreme court here today concluded the trial of Otto Sentbenben, a former clerk in one of the government departments in Berlin; Konrad, a mechanic, and Lo. Lucke, a commercial traveler, all of whom are charged with treason in selling to representatives of the American legation at Brussels, a submarine mine, with anchoring apparatus and the drawings belonging to them. The prisoners are also charged with selling similar drawings to Russia and with having constructed a mine in Brussels which was bought from them through a French intermediary.

Sentbenben was sentenced to four years and Konrad to three at penal servitude, and five years loss of civil rights and to police supervision. Lucke was acquitted.

The session of the court was held behind closed doors.

WASHINGTON SAYS
IT IS NOT TRUE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Plans for submarine mines with shore connections such as are referred to in the Leipzig dispatch, fall within the control of the army in this country. Hence it would be fairly assumed that if any effort had been made to obtain possession of the secret plans of any German device of this kind, one of the American military attaches in Europe must have been the active agent.

At the war department it was, of course, stated that nothing was known of any such transaction as the reported secret purchase of plans of the mine, and attention was directed to the fact that there was no military attaché to the American legation at Brussels and the officials were prompt to disclaim any knowledge of the affair.

FEDERATION IS
TOPIC OF THE
CONFERENCE

It Is Proposed That Southern Shall Form a Federal Council.

NORTH GEORGIA GETS
TIME FOR BOUNDARIES

Special Committee Recommends Passage of Resolutions Concerning Faith.

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 9.—At today's session of the General conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, a plan of federation was introduced in a resolution offered by James A. Anderson and others. It proposes that the Southern conference appoint commissioners with a view to forming a federal council, to be composed of like commissioners from the Methodist Episcopal church, the purpose of which council shall be to prepare and submit to the ensuing general conferences of the two churches respectively, such a plan of federation as shall divide all American Episcopal Methodism into not less than three administrative bodies, the resolution was referred.

The conference adopted that portion of the report of the committee on boundaries giving the North Georgia conference four years more in which to clear the matter of changing its boundaries.

The request of the pastors of Knoxville that the boundaries of the Holston conference be better defined was concurred in.

The committee on itineraries reported by non-concurrence in memorials from various conferences asking that the authority to license local preachers be transferred from the district to the quarterly conference.

The special committee named to consider concerning the new statement of Methodist faith and doctrine, recommended the passage of the resolution proposed, with the understanding that the preparation of the statement shall be undertaken by the commission only when such co-operation of other representative bodies of Methodists shall have been secured as shall make it an expression of world-wide Methodism.

Negro Causes Tears.

The unusual scene was presented in Birmingham tonight of a full-blooded African addressing at the First Methodist church an audience which was so large that standing room in the great building was at a premium. Rev. W. S. Sheppard, missionary to the Congo Free State, and fraternal delegate to the Methodist Episcopal conference from the African Methodist church, was the speaker, and for an hour and a half the audience hung upon his words as he related his thrilling experiences as a missionary in the heart of the Dark Continent. Near the close as he spoke of the great work the church is doing by making possible the spread of Christianity in that country, appealing for more men to aid in the work, many of the bishops of the conference and prominent churchmen, were touched to tears by the speaker's appeals for further effort among the African tribes.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The Senate today confirmed the following nominations of postmasters for North Carolina: P. J. O'Brien, Durham; J. P. Jessup, Herford; J. G. Walser, Lexington; J. O. Burton, Weldon.

FAIR AND WARMER;
SAME TOMORROW

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The forecast for Thursday and Friday: North Carolina—Fair and warmer Thursday and Friday; fresh northeast to north winds.

REAL TREASURE TROVE IS FOUND IN
SPAIN BUT HAPLESS FINDER JAILED

(Citizen's Special Service.)

MADRID, May 9.—Like a fairy tale is the story published in the Madrid press this week of the sudden wealth acquired by Andres Gonzalez, a peasant of Colmenar de Oreja. Struck by the peculiar appearance of a piece of stone sticking out of the ground near his house, he dug and brought to light an earthenware pot full of gold coin. Andres took into his confidence his wife, brother and sister-in-law, and it was decided that the matter must be kept quiet. A few days later the two men set out for this city and sold their treasure for some \$2,000.

DRUG COMBINE
COMES UNDER
SEARCHLIGHT

Injunction Filed Against United States Drug Trust For Law-breaking.

RETAIL DEALERS
FORCED TO JOIN

Cannot Obtain Goods From Wholesaler Unless He's In The Combine.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The attorney-general today made public the following statement: "The government has today filed in the Circuit Court of the United States a petition for an injunction against certain associations, corporations and individuals, comprising what is commonly known as the drug trust of the United States. The parties defendant specifically named in the bill have voluntarily combined together to control the prices at which proprietary medicines and drugs shall be sold to the consumer throughout the retail drug trade, in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law."

"The parties to the combine include the Proprietary Association of America, The National Wholesale Druggists' Association, and the National Association of Retail Druggists."

"An injunction is prayed for prohibiting these associations from acting in concert for the purpose of maintaining prices and the individual firms and corporations who are members of the respective associations, from acting together for the purpose of maintaining uniform prices to the consumer throughout the United States."

"The bill charges in substance that these associations, their officers, delegations and members are all engaged in a common undertaking to-wit: the business of manufacturing, buying and selling patent medicines and drugs, and proprietary articles throughout the United States; that these associations and the members thereof have entered into a conspiracy to arbitrarily fix and regulate the price at which such articles shall be sold to the consumer, and that they have established rules and regulations to enforce such an unlawful agreement by restricting the purchase and sale of such commodities to those members of the several associations who shall live up to and observe the rules and regulations thus arbitrarily prescribed by the respective associations."

"There is but one ultimate object in the conspiracy, viz: to fix the price which shall be observed by all retail druggists in selling to the consumer the various commodities manufactured by the several members of the proprietary association. The plan by which such object is effected is in brief as follows: No retail druggist can obtain goods from a wholesale druggist or a manufacturer of a proprietary medicine unless such retail druggist becomes a member of the National Association of Retail Druggists, and in order to become such member he must agree to observe the established price at which such proprietary medicines shall be sold to the consumer."

"If such retail druggist, after becoming a member of the National Association of Retail Druggists, cuts prices in the sale of such articles to the consumer, he is immediately placed upon the list of what is known as aggressive cutters, and thereafter such retail druggist is unable to obtain from any manufacturer who is a member of the Proprietary Association or from any other wholesale druggist who is a member of the Wholesale Druggists' Association, any of the commodities which may be manufactured and sold by them or any of them."

MURPHY GETS PIE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The president today sent to the Senate the nomination of George H. Murphy of North Carolina, as the court general-at-large.



Uncle Sam—Great Gasoline Rate! This is the fastest machine, I don't think, when it's run by those chauffeurs.