

ANTI-OPTION BILL IS BEFORE SENATE FOR FINAL ACTION

Aimed at Gambling in Futures in Cotton and Stocks of Country

Committee Reports Measure Without Any Recommendations of Any Kind

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—By a vote of 5 to 4 the senate committee on interstate commerce today reported without recommendation to the senate the Scott anti-option bill which is designed to prevent gambling in cotton futures.

Strike Out Three Sections. Three sections of the bill as it passed the house were eliminated by the senate committee and some of the friends of the measure say that the changes would make the measure non-effective.

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Representatives of the New Orleans cotton exchanges and exchanges at New York and Chicago trained their guns upon the bill in the hearing. They attacked the bill as being harmful to the farmer and of being in violation of the law directing that books, newspapers, pamphlets, letters or other writings or publications containing quotations might induce the margin of cotton contracts should be non-mailable and providing that the postmaster general upon evidence satisfactory to himself might return mail to the sender when he believed it to be unlawful under the proposed act.

SENATORS WEDDED TO PRESENT MODE OF THEIR ELECTION

Measure Providing For Direct Election by The Vote of The People Seems Doomed to Failure in present Session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Enmeshed in an apparently hopeless tangle over the joint resolution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote, and in the face of positive opposition from the champions of the measure, the senate adjourned a few minutes before 6 o'clock today.

It had been the hopes of the friends of the measure that a night session might be held and that at least a vote would be taken on the Sutherland amendment retaining the control of senatorial elections in congress. As a matter of fact, however, no progress was made save that three speeches on the subject were delivered.

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It was understood that the election question would be taken up at an early hour as possible tomorrow. In view, however, of the fact that another order of business has been arranged for 2:30 o'clock tomorrow there may be a change of program.

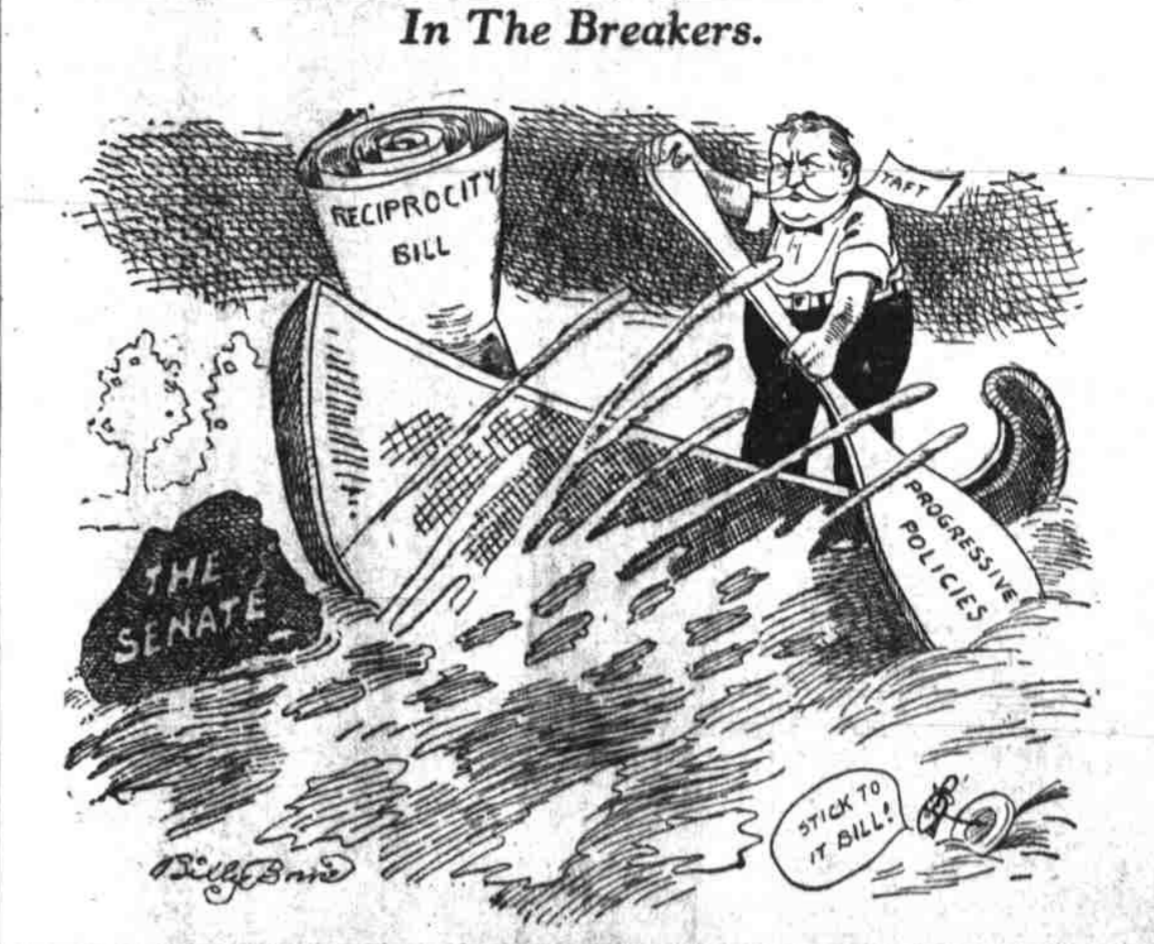
President Taft was appealed to to assist in getting a night session on the resolution in the interest of the dispatch of general business; but word came from the white house that he had not been able to do anything in that direction. At the close of the sitting the friends of the measure were by no means as hopeful of getting a vote at any time during the session as previously they had been.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Raynor warned the senate against any interference with the franchise regulations of the Southern states, which insure the supremacy of the white race in the South. For the protection of his own membership the senate could not afford a change, he urged.

HUNG FOR MURDER

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Franz Stevenson, a negro, was hanged at the state penitentiary here shortly after 5 o'clock tonight for the murder of Miles Bigham in Mercer county May, 1907, after stays of execution had been granted on three occasions. The trap was sprung by three different men pressing buttons, neither of whom will ever know whose finger released the trap. Stevenson was declared dead 12 1/2 minutes later.

The negro declared before he left his cell that the killing was in self-defense.



SEN. MARTIN INTRODUCES SEARCH AND SEIZURE LAW FOR THIS COUNTY

Private Residences Are Exempted From Provisions.—Agitation of Mileage Book Nuisance Simmers Down to Nothing.—General Revenue Act About The Same as Present One.—New Bills Are Introduced.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 17.—The senate passed today and ordered to be sent to the house for concurrence the bill of Senator Martin to provide commission form of government for Asheville.

Sen. Martin, Buncombe, today introduced in the senate a bill making the keeping of intoxicating liquors for sale in Buncombe county a misdemeanor. Possession of more than two gallons is made evidence of the act. The bill further provides that a warrant of search may be issued by any judge of the superior court, judge of police court or mayor of a town exercising criminal jurisdiction, to search any premises for such liquors.

General Revenue Bill. The revenue bill is completed by the finance committees of the senate and house and just presented to the house in printed form makes very few changes in the act passed two years ago.

For some time ago a report without prejudice from the judiciary committee. When first introduced it went to the committee on agriculture and received a favorable report with recommendation that it be referred to the judiciary committee and now, after being in the hands of that committee for two weeks or more, it goes back to the senate to be fought out on the floor.

Senator Green, chairman, and Senator Lemmond are appointed as a sub-committee of the senate committee on railroads to re-draft the substitute for Senator Baggett's bill to require mileage pulled on trains.

Many New Bills. Forty seven new bills went into the hopper of the house today and eighteen in the senate, probably quite as many as have been introduced during any day of the session, with only two more weeks remaining for legislation.

congress, including expression as to United States senators. It includes provisions to prevent fraud and corruption in primaries and makes it a misdemeanor for a voter to vote one party ticket in primary and then vote for the opposing party in the election.

The senate spent two hours debating the bill to establish state farm life schools and it passed second reading and was re-referred to the committee on education to be printed. Sentiment seems to favor the bill.

THREE HUNDRED REBELS IN CAMP NEAR MOCTEZUMA ON MAIN LINE OF RAILROAD

Troops Sent to Protect Property of American Company

INSURGENTS ACTIVE

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17.—Three hundred rebels believed to be a portion of Orozco's band, are in the neighborhood of Moctezuma on the Mexican Central railroad, according to advices received here today.

Further advices stated that Guenacame, in the state of Durango, is in the hands of rebels who have deposed the government officials and robbed the public offices. A special to El Darlo from Chihuahua said that telegraph wires had been cut again between there and Juarez.

The Twenty-fifth battalion of infantry from Quintana Roo arrived yesterday at Vera Cruz.

BOX MEN ADJOURN

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 17.—The convention of the national association of box manufacturers concluded today with a brief business session. As to the reciprocity with Canada which was the subject of an extended debate yesterday, the association did not go on record. Individual expressions, however, were largely adverse to the proposition.

REFUSED AID AT DOOR AN UNKNOWN TRAMP ROCKS HOUSE OF HELEN GOULD

Brick Crashes Through Library of Fifth Avenue Residence

HURTS MRS. SCHOLÉS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Angered when refused aid at the door, a tramp retired to the street and hurled a brick through one of the library windows of Miss Helen Gould's Fifth Avenue residence tonight. Miss Gould was in an adjoining room and was unhurt, but Mrs. Edward Scholes, standing near the window, was struck squarely on the head and escaped serious injury only because of an abundance of hair. As it was she was knocked prostrate and a large bump raised at the base of her forehead but he escaped. Miss Gould, who was in an adjoining room with two children, rushed into the library when she heard the crash and the butler summoned the police.

ANNEX AURORA BOREALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Taft talked territorial expansion at a dinner at which Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain and other diplomats were present. In what he termed "the annexation business," he suggested as an initial movement the immediate acquisition of the Aurora boreals.

SUCCESSFUL FILIBUSTER PREVENTS OMNIBUS WAR CLAIMS BILL'S PASSAGE

Representative Mann Succeeds in Delaying Action in House

MAY MEAN ITS END

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—With only eleven legislative days remaining, the house of representatives was held at a standstill today by a filibuster planned and conducted by Representative Mann of Illinois. It often has been asserted by Speaker Cannon and others that a majority of the house could do what is pleased but today's events proved otherwise.

WANTS EXTRA SESSION

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 17.—The house of representatives today adopted a resolution urging President Taft to call an extra session of congress March 4, 1911, for the purpose of making an "immediate downward revision of the tariff upon the necessities of life."

LARGE PACKING COMPANY THROWN IN BANKRUPTCY

Concern in Nashville Alleged to Have Enormous Indebtedness Due

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 17.—The Tennessee Packing and Provision Company, a \$2,000,000 concern located in Nashville, was thrown into bankruptcy today on petition filed by John V. Casey, Harry F. Rosenthal and J. T. Tierney, all of New York, representing claims aggregating \$250,000. The papers were filed by Sullivan & Crowell, New York, and Stokes & Stokes, Nashville. Notice was served on Wm. J. Cummins, alleged head of the company. Petitioners allege that the concern is insolvent and has been for some time. No statement of the actual liabilities is obtainable tonight. Cummins, who was the man behind the now defunct Carneck Trust company of New York, and has been known here as the prop under the packing house, has been in Nashville several days. The Tennessee Packing and Provision company has been understood to be doing a profitable business of a million dollars or more a year. Cummins has so far made no statement in regard to today's proceedings.



WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair and warm on Saturday, Sunday fair, followed by rain and colder at night, slight southerly winds becoming west.

LAMAR WASHINGTON WAS NOT SOLD TO HIS UNCLE

Sensational Story is Absolutely Denied by Both Father and Son

Macon, Ga., Feb. 17.—The statement that Lamar Washington was sold by his father, W. H. Washington, to his uncle, the late H. J. Lamar, which has been published in connection with news of the suit the younger Washington is now prosecuting to secure a share of his uncle's estate, was denied today by both father and son. In a signed statement they declared the story of the "sale" to be "absolutely false," and to support their denial gave out a telegram from Mrs. Valerie Lamar Harris, daughter of H. J. Lamar. Mrs. Harris wired from her home in New York yesterday as follows: "Sensational newspaper hoax regarding alleged sale of Lamar Washington in childhood to my father to my knowledge is absolutely false and ridiculous."

INVESTIGATE ACTION OF MILLS

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 17.—Senators Strait and Croft today introduced in the senate a concurrent resolution requesting the South Carolina delegation in congress to move by resolution of otherwise for a federal investigation of cotton mill methods to find out whether agreement to curtail constitutes conspiracy in restraint of trade.

PROHIBITION STATUTES WIPED OFF THE BOOKS

Alabama Now Has Neither Laws Forbidding or Allowing Sale of Liquor

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 17.—By a vote of 21 to 12 this evening the Alabama senate passed the Park local option bill just as it came from the house. When Governor O'Neil signs the bill every prohibition law on the books will be repealed and a peculiar situation will arise. There will be no law prohibiting the sale of liquor on the statute books and none allowing it. The Parks bill does not become effective until bills are passed regulating the sale of liquor and no wet or dry election can be held until these regulation statutes are enacted.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Thomas Noell, alias William Warren Noell, was arrested here tonight on a warrant charging him with the murder of Nellie Anderson at Shawsville, Va., on February 16. The police were notified yesterday by the sheriff of Montgomery county that Noell was in Washington. Detectives were put on his trail and he was taken into custody tonight as he was entering his boarding place. He will be held pending the arrival of the Virginia authorities.

PLAGUE HAS KILLED THOUSANDS

PEKING, Feb. 17.—The vicocity of Manchuria estimates that the fatalities in Manchuria from the bubonic plague already have reached 55,000, while the foreign office believes that inside the great wall there have been 10,000 more deaths. According to the general belief, however, the number of fatalities will be nearer double those of the official estimate.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY DECLARES DIVIDEND AFTER THREE YEARS

Board of Directors Authorize Payment of One Per Cent on Preferred Stock

MANY IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING PLANNED

Additional Rolling Stock Will be Purchased and Other Improvements Made

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The first dividend to be paid on the preferred stock of the Southern Railway company since October of 1907 is to be distributed on April 24, the directors of the road having declared a dividend of one per cent today. The payment is made for no specific period and President Finley said that it was the intention of the management to maintain payments in the future, although no information was obtainable as to what yearly rate was contemplated.

Extensive improvements, including expansion of freight facilities at important points were authorized by the board, and the president was empowered to take up the question of purchase of additional rolling stock. Mr. Finley said that since details of the improvement planned had been determined upon he was not in a position to state at which points changes would be made.

IN PASSENGER STATION AT GREENVILLE LOWE MAN SHOOT'S TWO POLICEMEN

One Dies From Wounds and Other Is Badly Hurt

MURDERER ESCAPES

GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 17.—Scores of men, private citizens, policemen and deputies, armed to the teeth, are scouring the country between Greenville and the mountains of North Carolina tonight in search of the lone stranger, believed to be a professional burglar, who this morning between 2:30 and 3 o'clock engaged in a desperate pistol duel, in the passenger station of the Columbia and Greenville railway, with officers Johnson and Gannell of the city police force, in which Gannell received wounds from which he died at 8:40 o'clock this morning while Johnson was shot through the right leg.

Perhaps never before in the history of the city has Greenville been so excited. The tragedy of this morning, which cost the life of a universally popular and faithful officer, coming on the heels of the assault upon the life of Tom Cureton, the oldest policeman on the force, Tuesday morning by G. W. Stodolny, in an alleged drunken orgy, was heightened by an assault made a few hours later today upon the life of another member of the police force by an aggregation of disreputable men and women, as the officer attempted to place one of the women of the gang under arrest for committing a revolting act.

CAPTURED AT SALUDA

SALUDA, N. C., Feb. 17.—Two white men, one of whom is supposed to be the murderer of the Greenville, S. C., policeman were captured in the mountains near here late tonight by an automobile posse headed by the Greenville mayor. The posse with their prisoners, immediately started back to Greenville.

The men hired a team here to drive across the mountains and were overtaken by the officers.