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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

There are complete crop failures over vast sections of the Russian territory.

Judge Hollister will not render his decision in the prize fight injunction case until Thursday morning.

The government is to spend $1,000,000 raised from Filipinos taxation, in the improvement of Manila harbor.

A house committee reports favorably the bill requiring cars on street railways to have fenders and vestibuled fronts.

President McKinley sends a message of congratulations to Queen Wilhelmina upon the "auspicious occasion of her marriage."

The senate committee on the Philippines favorably reports the Spooner bill as an amendment to the army appropriation bill.

Negroes brought on a serious election riot at a voting booth in St. Louis last night. One policeman and two negroes were wounded.

Anti-Jesuit riots continue in the cities of Spain. In Madrid yesterday the crowds were very riotous, showing hostility towards the upper classes.

Favorable report is made by a senate committee of an omnibus claims bill including claims under the Bowman act and French spoliation claims.

The joint finance committee of the legislature is at work on the revenue bill. It has completed the sections relating to the tax on banks and bonds and certificates of indebtedness of private corporations.

The steamer Allegheny picks up from an open boat at sea the captain and crew of the schooner Ida L. Ray, waterlogged and abandoned on the 8th.

The naval board of construction recommended the acceptance of Neafie & Levy's bid for constructing a protected cruiser and the other be re-advertised.

The senate confirms the nominations of generals Miles, Young and Chaffee, and the president nominates Lee and Wilson to be brigadier generals of the regular army.

Alexander, the man shot by the burglars near Asheville Saturday night, was to be married today, but his fiancee consented that the wedding should take place last Sunday.

Orders have been prepared for the organization of five new cavalry and five new infantry regiments under the army reorganization bill. The nominations of several hundred junior officers will be sent to the senate in a few days.

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS

Former King Milan, of Servia is dead.

A delegation of Cubans, representing the Economic Association, of Havana, calls on the president at the White house.

Senator Depew reports from the committee on expositions a bill appropriating $500,000 for the Buffalo pan-American exposition.

The officials of the British home office say there is no foundation whatever for the report that Mrs. Florence Maybrick has been pardoned.

Senator Morgan gives notive of an amendment he will offer to the sundry civil or river and harbor bill, authorizing the acquirement of sufficient teritory from Costa Rica and Nicaragua for the construction of the Nicaragua canal.

THE ANTI-CIGARETTE LAW

Full Text of the Bill Introduced in the State Senate.

(Special to the Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 11.—Following is the text of Senator Brown's anti-cigarette bill:

"It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, offer to sell, give, buy for or offer to buy for any person or persons under 21 years of age in this state any cigarettes, cigarette paper, or any substitute therefor.

"Any person violating this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned or both at the discretion of the court."

THE PUBLIC PRINTING

Under Discussion by the Democratic Legislative Caucus.

(Special to the Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 11.—The democratic caucus tonight discussed the public printing, but reached no conclusion. It takes it up again tomorrow evening.

The printing committee wants the present law, requiring the printing given to the lowest bidder, modified, so as to give it discretion.

Some speakers favored leaving the awarding of the contract to the governor, secretary and state treasurer. Some favored absolute repeal of the law, some allowing the legislature to elect the public printer.

Four bids are in the committee's hands unopened.

BILLS FAVORABLY REPORTED

By Committees of the State House of Representatives

(Special to the Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 11.—House committees reported favorably on the following bills this afternoon; to incorporate the Yadkin Falls Electric Company; the Fayetteville Savings and Trust Company; the Thomasville and Eldorado railway; the Clinton and Dunn Telephone Company; the E. L. Shuford Manufacturing Company; to require street cars to have fenders and vestibuled fronts, leaving regulation of same with the corporation commission; to charter an electric railway from Weaverville to Asheville; to require all executions of criminals to be private; to grant alimony in divorce cases; to provide for service of criminal process from a justice of the peace in different counties.

The bill to amend the Hinsdale act relating to demurrer to evidence, which grew out of the Kilgo-Gattis trial, was sent to a sub-committee, composed of Gaither, Smith and Simms, for closer examination.

Crop Failures over Vast Russian Territory.

St. Petersburg, February 11.—An official announcement issued today says there has been a complete failure of the crops in the governments of Khernon and Tomsk and the territory of Smolensk, while similar conditions exist in numbers of districts of Bersarahia, Kieff, Tobolsk Taurida, Podolla and the trans-Baikalia territories. The government already has sent 1,500,000 roubles for the benefit of the sufferers and considers that 5,500,000 is necessary to meet the requirements.

The minister of the interior appeals to private charity in aid of the government.

We give no rewards. An offer of this kind is the meanest of deceptions. Test the curative powers of Ely's Cream Balm for the cure of Catarrh, Hay Fever an dCold in the Head and you are sure to continue the treatment. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. It is not drying, does not produce sneezing. It soothes and heals the membrane. Price 50 cents at druggists or by mail. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE.

THE SENATE PASSES BILL INCREASING JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

NO EXTRA SALARIES FOR JUDGES

For Holding Special Terms of Court. The Senate Holds Up the Judicial Districts Bill Until Both Houses Had Passed the No Extra Salary Bill—A Bill to Compel All Public Schools to Have Four Months' Terms—Many Bills Passed.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 11.—The joint finance committee devoted this afternoon to the revenue bill, adopting five sections.

The first section is in the usual form. The second section levies $1.29 poll tax. The third section levies 21 cents for state purposes, 18 cents for public schools, and 4 cents for pensions, making a total of 43 cents.

Section 4 is important and is as follows:

"Section 4. Bank Taxation—The tax imposed for state purposes upon the shares of stock in any bank, banking association or savings institution (whether state or national) in this state, shall be paid by the cashier of such bank, banking association or savings institution, directly to the state treasurer, within thirty days after the 1st of July of each year, and upon failure to pay the state treasurer, as aforesaid, he shall institute an action against the bank, banking association or savings institution to enforce the same in the county of Wake, or in the county in which the bank, banking association or savings institution is located, which action shall be prosecuted in name of state of North Carolina on relation of the treasurer of the state, and which shall be tried at the return term of court, provided the complaint is filed ten days before the first day of such term, and shall have precedence over all other actions. The board of commissioners of the county in which such banks, banking associations or savings institutions are located shall assess against the value of shares of residents in that county the tax imposed for school and county purposes, which shall be paid to the sheriff of that county, and shall assess against the value of shares held by non-residents of this state in such banks, banking associations or savings institutions located in that county the said tax imposed for school, county and municipal purposes which shall be paid to the sheriff of that county. The value of such shares shall be determined as is hereinafter in this section provided.

"Every bank, banking association or savings institution (whether state or national) shall list its real estate in the county, city or town in which such real estate is located for the purposes of state, county and municipal taxation.

"Every such bank, banking association or savings institution shall, during the month of June, list annually with the state treasurer in the name and for its shareholders, all the shares of its capital stock, whether held by residents or non-residents, at its market value, on the 1st day of June, or if it have no market value, then at its actual value on that day, from which market or actual value shall be deducted the assessed value of the real property which such bank, banking association or savings institution shall have listed for taxation in the county or counties wherein such real estate is located. If the treasurer shall have reason to believe that the market or actual value as given in is not its true value, he shall ascertain such true value by such examination and investigation as to him seems proper and change the value as given in to such amount as he ascertains the true value to be, which action on the part of the treasurer may be reviewed by the superior court, by an action brought against the state treasurer in his official capacity by the party aggrieved; but no action shall lie until all taxes, admitted by such aggrieved party to be due, shall have been paid or tendered.

"In listing the shares for state taxation, such bank, banking association or savings institution shall file with the treasurer of the state a statement showing the name and residence of each shareholder, the number of shares held by each, and the taxable value of such shares as fixed by the provisions of this act, which statement shall be in writing and subscribed and sworn by the president, cashier or some other officer of the bank.

"For the purpose of aiding the county commissioners and other municipal officers in enforcing the law as to listing of bank shares by individual shareholders, for purposes of county, school and municipal taxation, it shall be the duty of every bank or banking association or savings institution (whether state or natational) to furnish to the board of county commissioners of each county wherein any of its shareholders reside, a statement showing the names of all its shareholders resident in such county, with the number of shares owned by each and the taxable value of such shares, ascertained from the statement herein before required to be made by such bank, banking association or savings institution to the treasurer of the state.

"It shall also be the duty of the state auditor to certify to the board of county commissioners of each county wherein any of said shareholders reside, a statement showing the names of all the shareholders resident in such county, with the number of shares owned by each, and the value of such shares as ascertained by the statement herein before required to be made by such bank, banking association or savings institution to the treasurer of the state.

"The residents of this state who are shareholders in any bank, banking association or savings institution (whether state or national) shall list their respective shares in county, city, town, precinct or village they reside for the purposes of county, school and municipal taxation. Non-residents of this state, who are shareholders in any bank, banking association or savings institution (whether state or national) located in this state, shall list their respective shares in the county, city, town, precinct or village in which such bank, banking association or savings institution is located, for the purposes of county, school and municipal taxation.

"All shares, whether owned by residents or non-residents, shall be listed at the time prescribed for listing taxes. The county commissioners, list-takers and other county and municipal officials shall have the same power to enforce the listing of shares of stock in any bank, banking association or savings institution (whether state or national), whether owned by residents or non-residents, as they have for enforcing the listing of other personal property.

"The taxation of shares in any such bank, banking association or savings institution shall not be at a greater rate than is assessed upon other money or capital in hands of individual citizens of this state, whether such taxation is for state, county, school or municipal purposes.

"The value of such shares shall be ascertained by adding the capital stock, surplus and undivided profits together and deducting therefrom the amount of real property owned by said institution and then dividing the net amount by number of shares in such institution. Insolvent accounts held by said institution may be deducted from items of undivided profits or surplus sworn to and forwarded to the state auditor by the cashier of such institution.

"Section 5. Tax on Corporate Loans—Hereafter it shall be the duty of the treasurer of each private corporation incorporated by or under the laws of this state, upon the payment of any interest of any bond or certificate of indebtedness issued by said corporation to the residents of this state, and held by them, to assess the tax imposed and provided for state purposes upon the nominal value of each and every said evidence of debt, and to report on oath, annually, on the first Monday of July, to the auditor of the state, the amount of indebtedness of the corporation owned by residents of this state as nearly as the same can be ascertained, and it shall be his further duty to deduct the amount levied for state tax on every dollar of indebtedness from the interest paid as aforesaid, and return the same into the state treasury within fifteen days after the 31st day of August in each year, and compensation for his services shall be the same that county treasurers receive for similar services; and for every failure to assess and pay said tax and make report as aforesaid, the auditor shall add 10 percentum as a penalty to the amount of tax in payment of said tax by a corporation; the bonds, certificates or other evidences of indebtedness issued by it shall be exempt from taxation in the hands of the holders of the same.

"Whenever the treasurer of a corporation pays interest on dividends in any year, which have accrued in prior years, he shall deduct the state tax as above provided for each year during which the said tax accrued, and during which years no tax was paid on said obligations; but this shall not apply to interest or dividends accrued prior to the passage of this act."

RIOTS IN SPANISH CITIES

Anti-Jesuit Demonstrations—Madrid Rabble Astir

Granada, February 11.—A large mob paraded the streets here today shouting "Long Live Liberty!" "Down with the Jesuits!"

A crowd gathered around a convent and shots were fired from within. The crowd increased in size and the prefect, with a detachment of gendarmes, repaired to the scene. The mob hooted them. The prefect entered the convent and when he emerged he explained that the shots were fired by a couple of gendarmes within the convent, in order to attract assistance. They had not fired on the mob. The latter renewed its anti-Jesuit cries and attempted to break into the building, but the gendarmes dispersed the rioters. The excitement still prevails.

Valencia, February 11.—Deputy Ibanez headed the demonstration here yesterday when the prefect's carriage was stoned. The mob threw petroleum on the monastery of Camilles, but the gendarmes succeeded in preventing a conflagration. The disorder continued all day. The seminary and several convents were stoned. A procession of the Rosary did not leave the church, owing to the threatening attitude of the crowd.

Madrid, February 11.—The idle classes wandered in the streets today, apparently waiting the cover of night to give vent to their hatred of the aristocracy. The Puerta del Sol, a large square in the centre of the city, was the principle gathering spot. Mounted civil guards patrolled it all day long. At night-fall the square was black with people. The single cries and low toned murmuring becoming louder until the out-cry almost became a roar.

At 7 o'clock the guards cleared the space and their numbers were increased, for the carriages of the higher classes of people, diplomates and others, had to traverse the square in going to the ball at the palace tonight.

The students today presented themselves at the gate of the universiy and, finding it closed, protested against the holiday and marched to the Prado, shouting "Down with the Jesuits!"

In an interview today, Senor Sagasta, the liberal leader, said he disapproved of the noisy demonstrations, but recognized that they were the outcome of the existing situation, which was aggravated by the Ubao affair. He thought the presence of Count Caserta in Madrid was unnecessary and that he ought not to have come to the marriage of his son, Prince Charles, or Bourbon, as he might have foreseen his presence would create trouble.

Senor Sagasta severely condemned the brutality of the police. "A Carnival," he continued "is often the occasion for disorders. I am astonished that many people do not attach importance to these events. It is impossible to foresee what the future has in store. We know how events begin but we never know how they will end."

The Imparcial says that a lieutenant and two soldiers were among the persons arrested yesterday. The lieutenant was immediately released amid cheers for the army.

Martial law has been declared in Valencia.

UNDER THE NEW ARMY BILL.

Orders for the Formation of Ten Additional Regiments

Washington, February 11.—Orders were prepared at the War Department today for the organization, assembling and equipment of the ten additional regiments, five cavalry and five infantry, authorized by the army reorganization law.

The first battalions of the twenty-six and twenty-seventh infantry have been already organized at San Francisco, and will be sent to Manila on the Sheridan which sails on the 16th instant. As the other regiments are organized, equiped and drilled they will be forwarded by battalion to San Francisco for transportation to the Philippines. The field and regimental officers for each of the new regiments will be officially announced in a few days.

Similar arrangements are being made for the immediate organization of the batteries of the light artillery provided for under the new law.

The nominations for the many junior officers of the army under the reorganization act, will, it is said at the war department, probably be submitted to the senate during the present week. Although the vacancies to be filled number many hundreds, yet it is declared that the applications are in the ratio of at least ten to one compared with the positions.

Arrangemens have already been made with the house appropriations committee to report a rider to an appropriation bill to open the commissary and quartermaster's departments to volunteer officers of all branches of the service.

Lee and Wilson Appointed Brigadier Generals

Washington, February 11.—The president today sent to the senate the nominations of James H. Wilson, of Delaware and Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, now brigadier generals of volunteers, to be brigadier generals in the regular army.

Army Promotions Confirmed

Washington, February 11.—The senate has confirmed the following nominations:

Major General Nelson A. Miles to be lieutenant general.

To be major generals—Brigadier general S. B. M. Young, U. S. A.; Colonel Adna Chaffee, Eighth cavalry, U. S. A. (major general U. S. V.)

BANK AND CORPORATION

PLAN FOR LEVYING AND COLLECTING TAXES THEREON

THE PROPOSED REVENUE BILL

Now Being Drafted by the Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature—The Sections Completed as to Banks and Corporations—Taxes to be Paid by the Institutions on all Shares of Bank Stock and Bonds or Certificates of Indebtedness of Corporations.

SENATE.

(Special to the Messenger.)

Raleigh, February 11.—In the absence of Lieutenant Governor Turner and President pro tem, London Senator Justice called the senate to order.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Senator Currie, to incorporate Clarkton in Bladen county; by Senator Brown, to prevent the sale of cigarettes to minors.

The house bill to increase the superior court judges to sixteen came up. It was thought the bill should be deferred until Senator London returned since he had offered an amendment.

Senator Smith said he had offered to amend the code so no judges should receive pay for holding extra terms.

Senator Brown wanted that incorporated in this bill.

Senator Warren did not deside to antagonize the amendment, but thought that it might be construed to work hardships on the judges.

Senator Webb offered an amendment to the Brown amendment ,that the judges holding extra terms berore having held forty weeks of court be paid his railroad fare and hotel bill.

Senator Smith thought these amendments were not and ought to be in a separate bill. He moved the rules be suspended and his bill to amend the code be placed on its passage.

The motion prevailed. This bill was to amend section 914, chapter 23 of the code, adding words "without additional compensation" the bill to become operative July 1st.

Senator Gudger wanted that amended by adding the words "except actual expenses."

Senator Aycock opposed it, saying it was not necessary; they were already given $200 for such travelling expenses.

Senator Gudger said the best judges would be assigned these terms, and it ought to pass.

Senator Woodward suggested an amendment that the county calling for a special term pay the judge's expenses.

Senator Gudger accepted this to his amendment.

The vote on Senator Gudger's amendment stood—14 to 14 and Senator Justice voted "aye." The fourteen noes came from nine republicans and five democrats. An amendment putting July 1st in the ratifying clause was adopted and the bill passed its second and third readings.

Senators Glenn and Brown understood that the bill for sixteen judges was to be held up until the house acted on the Smith bill.

The senate bill to punish certain officers for failure to perform official duties passed its third reading.

The rules were suspended and the house bill to prevent the obstruction of free passage of fish in Cape Fear and Northeast rivers passed its second reading, and on objection by Senator Vann went over until tomorrow.

The house bill to amend the laws of 1899, regarding wrecks, passed its final reading.

The senate bill to abolish the office of standard keeper for Cumberland county passed its third reading.

The senate bill to prohibit carrying pistols unconcealed was tabled.

Senator Morrison announced that the Smith bill had passed the house and he hoped the judicial district bill would be passed now. Senator Candler moved to strike out sixteen and insert 14—lost, 9 to 30.

Senator London's amendment was to make fifteen districts.

The bill passed—26 to 12, Senators Lindsay, Thomas, Webb and London (democrats) being recorded against it.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The house met at 10 o'clock.

The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Carlton, to appoint justices of the peace in Duplin county; by Mr. Nichols, to establish the stock law in certain portions of Pitt county; by Mr. Mauny, to license certain physicians holding practice certificates prior to 1890; by Mr. Smith, to carry out the constitutional requirements in regard to public schools by providing that no moneys be paid out until all schools not having four months session are brought up to that time.

The following bills passed final reading: To prohibit fast driving or riding over bridges over natural streams of thirty feet in breadth in Tyrell, Duplin, Robeson, Lenoir, Scotland and Wayne; to appropriate $300 to errect a monument to Chief Junaluska for great services rendered General Jackson in the war 1812 (at Horseshoe Bend he saved the army of Jackson and broke up the Creek war in 1846. The legislature gave him 100 acres of land and full citizenship. He spent this land in representing his people at Washington); to incorporate the Duplin and Onslow railroad; to incorporate the Eastern Insurance Company, of Washington; to incorporate the Bank of Red Springs; to allow the commissioners of Pitt county to elect cotton weigher for Greenville; to remove the sluice ways in Tar river; to regulate stock law election in Johnston; to provide for auditing and recording final returns of commissioners to sell real estate; to amend the section of the code providing that a judge holding special terms of court shall receive no compensation, except actual expenses, to be paid by the county in which the special term is held. Mr. Rountree stated he had been informed that the senate would not pass upon the judicial district bill until this bill had passed.

The bill had just passed the senate and on its coming over to the house the regular order was suspended and the bill passed its final reading.

Buried beneath a Bank of Earth.

Madison, Ga., February 11.—While a large force of hands were loading a car on the Macon and Northern railroad near here today, an embankment under which the men were working fell upon them.

Tom Daniel was buried under six feet of dirt and died from suffocation. Artie Travis was thrown against a car wheel, killing him instantly. A number of others were injured.

The men were engaged in excavating an embankment preparatory to laying a side track at the Macon and Northern depot, while on top of the bank, several negroes were driving in pointed planks to cut away the tremendous lump of dirt. When the bank began to fall the negroes tried to run from under it, but seemed unable to do so, owing to its rapid precipitation.

Contract for Only One Cruiser to be Awarded

Washington February 11.—The board of naval construction today decided to report to Secretary Long that the bids Neafie & Levy for constructing one of the three protected cruisers should be accepted, but that the other two contracts be not awarded, in view of the heavy cuts made in the specifications by the bidders. They recommend a re-advertisement.

TROOPS CALLED FOR

To Prevent Lynching of Four Men at Asheville for Shooting the Postmaster at Emma.

(Special to The Messenger.

Raleigh, February 11.—The governor late this afternoon received a telegram from the sheriff of Buncombe county asking that the military companies of Asheville be ordered to aid him in preventing lynching of two white men and two negroes who Saturday night robbed Emma postoffice and shot Postmaster Alexander, who shot two of the men.

The governor issued the necessary order.

Your representative found the senator and representatives from Buncombe in confidence with the governor. They expressed opinion that it would be difficult even for the military to prevent the lynching and that if Alexander died it would be absolutely impossible.

The senate today passed an important bill repealing action of 1090 of the code and providing; "If and clerk of a court of record, sheriff, justice of the peace, county commissioner,, county surveyer, coroner, treasurer, constable, or any official of any of the state institutions, or of any town or city shall willfully fail, neglect or refuse to discharge any of the duties of his office for default of which it is not elsewhere provided, he shall be indicted, and said officer so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and if it shall be found that such officer, after his qualification shall have willfully and corruptly neglected or refused to discharge any of the duties of his said office or shall willfully or corruptly violated his oath of office, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, such officer shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in office and shall be punished by removal therefrom under sentence of court as part of the punishment for the offence and shall also be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court."

The senate judiciary committee this afternoon unanimously decided to favorably report the house bill taking insurance companies out of the "Craig domestication" law and revoking their license if they remove cases from state to federal courts or sue citizens of North Carolina in the federal courts.

Application is made for charter for the Masonic lodge at Caroleen, Rutherford county.

Governon Aycock has decided to recommend the removal of the arsenal from the capital square and the building of a new one and a hall of records nearby on the lot bought two years ago by the state.

The state charters the Piedmont Cotton Company, of Greensboro, capital $50,000, T. W. Wade and others stockholders.

The governor this afternoon received the following telegram from Theopilus White, Shell-Fish Commissioner:

"My term of office expires the 23rd instant, but if you desire, I will turn over the steamer Lily to you any day you suggest."

The governor at once telegraphed J. K. Holton, Washington, N. C.:

"I appoint you my agent to take charge of the steamer Lily. Proceed immediately to Belhaven or where she may be and take charge of her."

GENERAL JAIL DELIVERY.

Seven Prisoners Break Jail at Durham.

Lawyers Reading Up on Impeachment Cases—Several Hours of Snow-Fall.

Messenger Bureau

Raleigh, February 11.

The sheriff of this county was informed by telephone this morning of the escape of seven prisoners from Durham jail, all negroes. The Durham authorities said five were heading towards Raleigh and that all wanted to go to Georgia.

Ex-Governor Russell arrived yesterday afternoon; it is said to appear before the supreme court, which this week takes up the second district appeals.

It is quite noticeable that prominent lawyers are reading up on the Andrew Jackson and Holden impeachments and the trial of Secretary of war Belknap.

A piedmont legislator who was at Goldsboro yesterday says nine-tenths of the people he talked with their favor impeachment of the judges. He said that he was of opinion that if a vote was taken today in the house it would be adverse to impeachment, but that after arguments there might be a change of sentiment.

Claims are coming in here for supplies furnished the oyster patrol steamer Lily. Governor Aycock is not approving them and the state auditor and treasurer are turning them all down.

The state library board today adopted a resolution asking Walter Clark, D. H. Hill and E. P. Moses to advise with the state superintendent of public instruction in selecting books for the library.

Snow fell here some hours today,but the ground was too wet for it to make any impression.

There are six aspirants for the position of keeper of the capital, which always goes to a wounded soldier. Cherry, of Edgcombe, the present incumbent, will no doubt be re-elected.

The bishop of East Carolina has been created by the legislature a "corporation sole." It is said this is the first case in a great many years.

It requires thirty-four votes in the senate to impeach. There are ten republicans and populists in that body.

The receipts of the Roman Catholic bazaar, in aid of the orphanage here, were $1,600 in cash and $400 in gifts of articles for use in the orphanage.

There will be in about ten days quite a large gathering of the chiefs of the fire departments here upon a call of the president of the state association, senator James D. McNeill. The firemen here will give an exhibition in compliment to the chiefs and to the legislature.

There are now in the penitentiary 275 convicts; the farm, 475, and on railway work, 185.

Manila Harbor Imyrovements

Manila, February 11.—Bids will be advertised for in a few days for harbor improvements at Manila, for which $1,000,000 of insular funds has been appropriated. The improvement will consist chiefly in an extention of the break water, which the Spaniards had nearly completed and dredging inside to a depth of thirty feet. Major Craighill is in charge of the work planned. Ultimately government wharfs will eliminate the use of cascoes between the shore and the distant anchorages of ships.

The American forces have captured since September 1st, eighteen cannons, 1,800 rifles, thousand of bolos and 90,000 cartarridges. Besides these 700 rifles have been surrendered.

The orders of insurgent officers will no longer be considered to mitigate crimes.

The Philippine Goverment Bill.

Washington, February 11.—The senate committee on the Philippines today authorized Senator Lodge to report the Spooner amendment introduced Friday concerning the government of the Philippine islands as an amendment to the army appropriation bill. The democrats on the committee made no opposition to the reporting of the amendment. The provision will next be considered by the committee on military affairs.

A SIX HOURS' SPEECH

BY SENATOR CAFFERY AGAINST THE SHIPPING BILL

THE DEMOCRATS FILIBUSTER

They Demand a "Call of the House" Several Times—Some Lively Tilts—A Resolution Calling for Information as to American Shipping—Senate Passes the Naval Bill—A Field Day in the House—The Liveliest of the Session—Some Sharp Personalities.

SENATE.

Washington, February 11.—The naval appropriation bill was taken up. Senator Tillman, South Carolina, said he desired to present evidence which would show the bad faith with which the Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies had treated the government. The companies had said positively they were unable to make Krupp armor for less than $545 per ton, yet they had entered into contract for armor at a lower price.

Senator Tillman declared that the high price named in the contract for armor was fixed as an inducement to the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies to make a large contribution to the republican campaign fund.

After some brief remarks by Senator Butler and Senator Teller, the bill was passed without division.

Senator Hanna then moved to take up the shipping subsidy bill.

Senator Jones, democrat, demanded the yeas and nays. The motion prevailed by a vote of 33 to 14.

Senator Caffrey, of Louisiana, addressed the senate in opposition to the bill, speaking for six hours. He asserted there was nothing in the pending bill that would be of advantage to American seamen.

Senator Hanna interposed to say that one of the objects subserved by the bill would be the increased number of places afforded to seamen upon American vessels.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas suggested the absence of a quorum.

Senator Hanna—How many democrats are here.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia—We don't need instructions.

Senator Tillman—We've got thirteen senators present.

The roll call disclosed the presence of fifty-six senators.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, thought there must be some good reason for "the manifest indifference" of so large a part of the republican senators to this bill. He regarded it as "absurd" that any thought of passing the measure at this session should be entertained. He then moved that the judiciary committee be discharged from consideration of the anti-trust bill passed by the house and that the senate proceed to its consideration.

Upon objection by Senator Chandler, the motion of Senator Jones, under the rules, went over until tomorrow.

Senator Caffery yielded to Senator Spooner to offer a resolution, which was agreed to, calling upon the secretary of the treasury to furnish the senate with the number and tonnage of vessels engaged in foreign commerce, the number now engaged in coastwise trade that could enter the foreign trade under the pending bill and also the amount of subsidy each vessel would receive under the bill, and other data.

At 4:30 o'clock Senator Bacon again demanded a call of the senate. The roll disclosed the presence of forty-seven senators.

The senate agreed to the conference upon the war revenue bill, asked for by the house, and conferees were appointed on the part of the senate.

The consideration of the shipping bill was then resumed.

Senator Caffery continuing, characterized the bill as "absolutely unconstitutional and void, a robbery under the forms of law."

At 6 o'clock p. m., the senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

This was a field day in the house, being by far the liveliest day during the present session. A very interesting debate over the constitutional limitations on the power of the senate over revenue legislation initiated by the house, was precipitated when Mr. Payne, the chairman of the ways and means committee, brought in the resolution of the committee to disagree to the substitute proposed by the senate as an amendment to the war revenue reduction act and to ask for a conference of the senate.

Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota, championed the course of the house and its paramount rights over revenue legislation, but was unfortunate in not bringing forward a resolution to return the bill to the senate with the declaration that the senate had transcended its powers in substituting an entirely new measure for the bill of the house.

The subsequent debate showed that had this course been adopted the proposition would have commanded a large vote. Instead, however, he insisted upon a division of the resolution, and after the first portion—to disagree—had been adopted, he made the point of order that the second motion was not in order, because the senate in its substitute had invaded the constitutional prerogative of the house. The result was that the members were not confronted with the direct issue and the house voted 233 to 33 to ask for a conference.

Later in the day during the consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill an impassioned pro-Boer speech by Mr. Sulzer of New York, drew from Mr. Mahon, of Pennsylvania, a recital of the raising of a fund of about $1,200 for the benefit of the widows of Boer soldiers at a meeting held in this city at which Mr. Sulzer presided. He declared that after the "terrapin and cold bottle got in their work," only $18 was left for Boer widows.

This stung Mr. Sulzer to reply at length. He said he had had no connection with the expenditure of the fund, to which he had contributed $175, and a very lively row followed, the climax of which was reached when Mr. Sulzer had read an anonymous letter which made a sensational personal attack upon Mr. Perry S. Heath, late assistant postmaster general, who was secretary of the republican national committee during the recent campaign, charging him with being Neely's sponsor and then denying it, after the arrest of Neely, and also making allegations against Mr. Heath in connection with government deposits in a New York bank. Mr. Sulzer charged Mr. Heath with being responsible for the circulation of the stories about his connection with the fund for the Boer widows.

Mr. Knox, of Massachusetts, declared that it was "contemptible" to attack a gentleman who could not reply, through the medium of an anonymous letter, and moved that the infraction of the rules be reported to the house and stricken from the record.

In the course of the debate upon this motion Mr. Sulzer declared that although the communication was anonymous, he fathered every word of it and would be responsible for it as a member of the house and as an individual.

The democrats filibustered against the motion to expunge the letter from the congressional record and finally forced an adjournment, the effect being to permit publication of the letter in the record.

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