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LOST BY PARTY VOTE

Adverse Action on Bailey's Non-Suspension Order

DEBATE ON THE RATE BILL

Senate Will Consider Allison Amendments To-day

Several Amendments Offered by Democrats Voted Down—In the Voting, LaFollette Generally Stood With the Democrats and McEnery and Morgan With the Republicans—It is Evident That the Anti-Pass Provision Will be Modified—Further Consideration of the Bill and Amendments Will Occur Today.

Washington, May 11.—Senator Bailey's non-suspension amendment applying to orders of the inter-state commerce commission as covered by the railroad rate bill, which has occupied so much of the attention of the senate in connection with that bill was today adversely disposed of by the decisive vote of 23 to 54, practically a party vote. The debate on the provision was limited to a brief political speech by Senator Bailey, in which he said the president has changed his attitude on the question of maintaining the rates fixed by the commission until the courts reach a final decision.

An amendment offered by Senator Rayner confirming the court review to constitutional questions was also voted down, but not until after speeches had been made by Messrs. Rayner and Bailey in advocacy, and Messrs. Allison, Fulton and Cullom, in opposition. The debate was in anticipation of the discussion that is expected to occur upon the Allison court review provision tomorrow.

Messrs. Rayner and Bailey contended that the Allison amendment authorized the broadest possible court review, and the Maryland senator urged that in it Senator Aldrich had achieved a signal victory.

Senator Fulton stated that he had first suggested the language of the Allison provision.

A number of other amendments, offered in the main by democrats and by Senator LaFollette, were rejected. The votes were generally along party lines during the entire day, but the Wisconsin senator voted with the democrats in all propositions, and Messrs. McEnery and Morgan, democrats, voted with the republicans on most of them.

The only amendments accepted during the day were those offered by Senator Allison striking out the phrase "fairly remunerative" in the provision allowing the inter-state commerce commission to fix rates; limiting the operations of orders of the commission to two years, and making the inter-state commerce commission the defendant in suits challenging the rates fixed by it.

The anti-pass provision heretofore adopted was again discussed. It is evident that it will be modified.

The senate began at 11 a. m. and closed at 5:50 p. m. The senate will meet at 11 again tomorrow.

Senator LaFollette offered an amendment providing for sending back to the inter-state commerce commission for its consideration any case in which new evidence is presented to the court reviewing the case, the court staying its action while the commission is considering this testimony. The amendment was voted down 26 to 49, the democrats generally voting with Mr. LaFollette in the affirmative, and the republicans in the negative. A substitute for the entire section four was offered by Mr. LaFollette. In addition to giving authority to fix a maximum rate the provision authorized the fixing of a minimum rate, and also gave the commission authority over the classification of freights. It was rejected after a debate on the maximum rate question in which Senators LaFollette, Dolliver and Bailey participated. Mr. LaFollette and Mr. Bailey agreed on the wisdom of an absolute rate. There was a sharp controversy between Mr. Bailey and Mr. Dolliver as to whether the latter had not originally favored the fixing of a minimum rate. The Texas senator contended that the Iowa had said that he agreed with the position taken by him in his four hours speech, and Mr. Dolliver that if he had attempted to agree with "greatly bewildered" to which Mr. Bailey responded that that was his antagonists "usual condition."

Section 5, the court section of the bill, was then read, and the amendments of Mr. Allison striking out the provision regarding the time when orders of the commission shall take effect, and providing that the inter-state commerce commission shall be made the defendant in suits brought to set

aside the orders of that body were offered by Mr. Cullom and adopted without discussion. The amendment conferring jurisdiction upon the circuit courts to hear and determine suits brought against the commission was read and that, with an amendment which Mr. Rayner offered to the amendment, will be considered when the bill is taken up tomorrow.

THE HOUSE.
Washington, May 11.—Three hundred and twenty pension bills were passed by the house today in one hour and a half. This record has never been equalled in the disposition of pension legislation. Mr. Capron of Rhode Island, in the chair, developing auctioneer-like qualities of the first rank. During the consideration of the bills, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, raised the point of "no quorum" and until the chair hazarded a guess that a quorum was present the wheels of legislation stood still. After 15 minutes spent in counting Mr. Capron found enough present and the voice of the reading clerk and the voice of the acting speaker once more sounded in unison until all the pension bills were passed. The house devoted much time to considering a point of order made against an appropriation for a new steel floating dock provided in the naval appropriation.

The chair held the point of order well taken. Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, made a vigorous attack upon the court martial system in the navy and especially criticized the officers responsible for the accidents that have happened to ships of the navy.

GREAT YEAR FOR BAPTISTS

Address of Dr. Stephens, President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Chattanooga, May 11.—The Southern Baptist convention met here today for its 54th annual session. About 5,000 delegates and visitors are present.

The convention was called to order by the president, Dr. E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo.

President Stephens in his annual address, declared that the past year had been the greatest in the history of the Baptists, and that the prospects of the denomination were never so bright. The convention, he said, comprised Baptists, from fourteen southern states, covering an area of a million square miles, with a population of over 30,000,000 of whom 2,000,000 are Baptists. Rev. Dr. Williamson read the report of the board of foreign missions.

The report stated that the churches have contributed more than ever before, the aggregate of the gifts being \$315,249, against \$283,415 last year, and \$247,729 the year before. "We are receiving from a number of young men and women applications for appointment to the foreign field. We greatly need more workers. We are impressed with the advance which has been made along all lines. The board has become more thoroughly convinced of the importance of schools in connection with our mission work."

E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo. M. P. E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo., unanimously re-elected president. H. R. Pollard, of Richmond, Va., and Charles A. Smith of South Carolina, were made vice presidents.

Dr. Lansing Burrows and O. T. Gregory were re-elected secretaries. George W. Norton was made editor and W. P. Harvey treasurer.

FUNERAL DRIVERS ON STRIKE

Undertaking Business in New York Tied-Up—One Hundred and Fifty Bodies Remain Unburied.

New York, May 11.—The strike of 1,500 funeral drivers, ordered last night, tied up the undertaking business in New York city today so completely that about 150 bodies remained unburied. Hearse and carriages were driven away from churches, mourners were kept waiting all day in homes of the dead, and in several instances non-union drivers of hearses and carriages were attacked on the streets and police protection had to be called.

In many cases undertakers appealed to the board of health for permits to postpone burial beyond the fever day limit, while others asked for permission to convey bodies to the cemetery on trucks or street cars under police protection.

Southern Newspaper Publishers to Meet.

Montgomery, Ala., May 11.—To the members of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association: The fourth annual convention of this organization will be held in Montgomery, Ala., May 15-16 next, and all members are urged to be in attendance. The association's business sessions will be held at the new Exchange Hotel. An elaborate programme for the entertainment of the delegates has been arranged by the Montgomery Commercial Club. Among the pleasures will be an old fashioned southern barbecue at Jackson's Lake Tuesday afternoon. (Signed) F. P. GLASS, Secretary.

Arrested as a Fugitive from Justice.
Boston, May 11.—George Williams, sometimes known as John Green, a seaman on the schooner David Palmer, was arrested today by the harbor police as a fugitive from justice. Williams is wanted in Newport News, Va., on a charge of robbery.

A Cool Kitchen Means Comfort
In the rest of the house, a gas range heats only the food to be cooked—not the whole house.

M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE

Memorial Recommending 6 Years as Time Limit for Pastors

FOR REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH

Favorable Report on Proposition to Erect a Representative Church Building in Washington—Committee on Appeals Reverses Decision Against Rev. W. W. Wadsworth.

Birmingham, Ala., May 11.—The venerable Bishop John C. Granberry, of Richmond, Va., occupied a seat in the rostrum today when the eighth day's session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, began. Dr. John S. Hutchinson, of the Baltimore conference, conducted the opening devotional services. After the approval of the minutes, Bishop Granberry was introduced and spoke briefly. He was given a cordial reception. A motion was unanimously adopted to send a telegram of greeting to the Southern Baptist convention, which met at Chattanooga today. The telegram reads:

"The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, sends greetings to the Southern Baptist convention. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

A committee of physicians submitted to the conference a resolution adopted by the Medical Association of Alabama opposing the insertion of certain medical advertisements in religious papers. The itinerant committee made a non-concurrent report on several memorials asking the removal of the time limit from the pastorate of a church; however, it approved a memorial recommending that six years be the time limit, and reported an amendment to that effect.

A non-concurrent report was made on a memorial from Virginia requesting bishops to appoint no preachers as presiding elders more than eight years consecutively, unless there are extraordinary conditions requiring such appointment.

The church extension committee reported favorably on the proposition to erect a representative church building in Washington, D. C., and reported a resolution to raise \$200,000 if Mount Vernon church, Washington, would become responsible for \$75,000 additional for that purpose.

A plan of campaign for the raising of \$200,000 was also submitted.

The committee on appeals reversed the decision of the North Georgia conference suspending Rev. W. W. Wadsworth on the charge of immorality, the specific charge being kissing a woman.

Mr. Wadsworth was pastor of the Hartwell, Ga., church and was suspended for a year.

PROPERTIES SOLD FOR \$200,000

Oil Mill Plants and Gineries of the Independent Cotton Oil Company, Bought by the South Atlantic Oil Mill Company.

Charleston, S. C., May 11.—The property of the defunct Independent Cotton Oil Company, consisting of oil mill plants and gineries located at Darlington, Manning, Marion, Hamar, Cheraw, Kingstreet, Timmonsville, Mullins, Syracuse, Lamar, Swift Creek, Auburn, Davis Station, Summerton and at Wadesboro, in North Carolina, were sold at Darlington under order of the United States court today and purchased by the South Atlantic Oil Mill Company for \$200,000, the upset price. The failure of the Independent was followed by the sensational suicide of President R. K. Dargan, whose speculations caused the trouble. The liabilities of the company were nearly a million dollars. The new company will have a capital of \$850,000.

STATEMENT FROM W. J. BRYAN

Will Not Do Anything to Secure the Nomination, Unless Circumstances Demand it.

Chicago, May 11.—A dispatch from St. Louis says:

M. C. Wetmore, of this city, a personal friend of W. J. Bryan, yesterday received from Mr. Bryan, who is in Egypt, a letter in which he says:

"I am satisfied that the things I have been fighting for are growing, but who will be most available in 1906 is a question that cannot be answered now. I shall not do anything to secure another nomination and do not want it; unless circumstances seem to demand it—time alone can determine that."

This is the first authoritative statement of Mr. Bryan's attitude toward the presidency in 1908. The letter is personal, and his comment on the national situation is the more interesting to the public from the fact that it is the frank utterance of a party leader to a confidential friend.

Cold Weather at Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Va., May 11.—This morning was the coldest on record at this season of the year, the government thermometer dropping to 34. Much trucking has been killed and fears are entertained on account of the fruit though the foliage protected it in a great measure.

SALOONS TO REMAIN CLOSED

All Licenses in San Francisco Ordered Revoked

FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD

Mayor Schmitz Attributes the General Good Order to the Fact That the Edict Against the Sale of Liquor Has Been Enforced—Licenses in the Future Will be Greatly Curtailed.

San Francisco, May 11.—All saloon licenses in San Francisco today were ordered revoked by unanimous vote of the board of police commissioners on suggestion of Mayor Schmitz, who said that he had decided that all saloons should remain closed for an indefinite period. He attributed the absence of crime and the presence of order since the conflagration to the fact that the edict against the selling of liquor had been rigidly enforced.

In discussing this sweeping order the commissioners were a unit in voicing the sentiment that the future welfare of the city would be enhanced by a few number of drinking places. A number of saloon proprietors are building temporary structures in which they hope soon to be permitted to dispense liquors. To these the commissioners issued a warning, advising them that the number of saloon licenses to be issued in the future would be greatly curtailed, and that it was unwise for them to incur any expense in the way of temporary building operations.

STANDARD OIL AND RAILROADS

Direct Charges of Collusion Made in Hearing Before Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Chicago, May 11.—Direct charges of collusion between the Standard Oil Company and the St. Louis and Iron Mountain railroad were made during today's hearing before the inter-state commerce commission of the investigation of the relations between the Standard Oil Company and the common carriers of the country.

H. F. Cohn, of St. Louis, for fifteen years connected with the Standard Oil company, declared that the agents of the railroads acted as agents of the oil company, and received a commission on oil they sold. He, himself, acting as agent of the Standard Oil company had, he said, appointed agents at various places on the Iron Mountain road in Missouri.

Attorneys for the Standard Oil company during the cross-examination of Maxon, an Illinois oil dealer, formerly employed by the Standard Oil Co., showed that Maxon repeatedly wrote letters to officers of the Standard Oil company threatening to make trouble because he did not consider himself well treated. Maxon said he wrote the letters "just for amusement."

The last witness of the day was S. L. Hibbs, of Peoria, Ill., who gave evidence regarding the methods of crushing independent dealers similar to that given by previous witnesses.

During Hill's testimony, Attorney Miller, representing the Standard Oil Co., objected to the evidence, saying that it had no bearing on the relations of the company with the railroads and that it was simply a "lot of muck raking."

"Well," replied Commissioner Clements, "if the Standard Oil company is in the muck I see no reason why a rake cannot be used."

The hearing will be continued tomorrow.

The Ship Clyde Floated.

Norfolk, Va., May 11.—The British sailing ship Clyde which was floated by the Merritts, having been ashore at Chicamomisco was yesterday towed into the inner harbor by the tug Rescue. The ship, as soon as she is refitted, will be towed to New York. The ship's papers filed at the custom house, show that at the time she stranded on the east coast she was bound in ballast from Barbados to New York.

Two Charters by the State.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., May 11.—The state charters the Robeson Melon Growers Association of Maxton, capital stock \$25,000, stockholders residing at various places in the county; and the Spahnour-Sydnor Mercantile Co., of North Wilkesboro with capital of \$25,000.

Fairbanks is 54 Years Old.

Washington, May 11.—Vice President Fairbanks was 54 years old today. He spent his time presiding over the senate in one of the busiest days of the session. He received the congratulations of his friends in the senate as well as many messages from friends throughout the country.

Willie Hoopes Makes New Record.

Chicago, May 11.—The world's record high run 18 inch ball, was broken tonight by Willie Hoopes who set the new mark at 3.07. The former record was held by Louis Cure, 255. Hoopes made the record tonight in his game with Jake Schaeffer whom he defeated in eight innings, 500 to 193, in the professional billiard tournament at orchestra hall.

Dancing Tonight at Lumina—Cars every half hour until 10 o'clock. Last car leaves Beach at 11:45 p. m.

IN FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT

Unconstitutional Surrender in the Suit Brought to Dissolve a Combination Between the General Paper Company and Twenty-three Other Defendants.

St. Paul, Minn., May 11.—The United States government today secured an unconditional surrender in the United States circuit court before Judge Sanborn in the suit which the attorney general began on December 27, 1904, to dissolve a combination between the General Paper Company and twenty-three other defendants, on the ground that an agreement had been entered into by the defendants in restraint of interstate commerce. Attorney Kellogg, for the government, and Attorney Flanders, for the defendants, appeared before Judge Sanborn sitting as a circuit judge, and Mr. Kellogg moved that the mandate from the United States supreme court affirming the order that the reluctant witnesses must testify be filed. Judge Sanborn ordered the mandate filed. The witnesses then appeared before the United States examiner, and offered to testify. The defendants then withdrew their answers.

Mr. Kellogg announced that the government did not care to examine the witnesses and moved for a decree in favor of the government. Judge Sanborn ordered that the decree be entered for the government for the relief prayed, and that the decree should be settled on June 16.

The three witnesses who had refused to testify, namely, C. I. McNair, of the Northwestern Paper Company, A. C. Bossard, of the Hasca Paper Company, and B. F. Nelson, of the Hennepin Paper Company, paid \$100 fine assessed against them for contempt of court for refusing to answer the questions put to them at a former hearing.

GENERAL PAPER COMPANY WILL NOW DISSOLVE.

Menasha, Wis., May 11.—George A. Whiting, first vice president of the General Paper Company, today said that the company will now dissolve. "The newspaper publishers will find to their cost that they have killed the goose that laid the golden egg," declared Mr. Whiting. "The General Paper Company was an organization formed legitimately as a natural means for properly conducting the business of the companies comprising it."

"You will doubtless hear a good many rumors about what we are likely to do. I do not know at this time whether one company will be formed or not to combine all the mills under one management. There have been a great many plans suggested."

FATAL ACCIDENT ON N. AND W.

Collision Between Two Freight Trains Four Train Men Killed and Four Others Injured.

Lynchburg, Va., May 11.—A freight train crashed into the rear of another with two pushers today on the Norfolk and Western road, a short distance east of the city, derailing two engines and killing four train men, and injuring four others. The dead are: J. A. WALDEN, fireman, Roanoke. J. F. CARROLL, Lynchburg, fireman. HARRY BONDURANT, apprentice fireman, Clays, Va. WILLIAM LANGHORE, a negro brakeman of Roanoke.

C. A. Wylg of Lynchburg and A. E. Wood, of Lynchburg, engineers on the pushers, and Engineer Farley of Rices, Va., on the second section each have distorted shoulders, and James Hart, of Roanoke, who was learning the duties of fireman and who was on the second section, sustained a broken leg.

The accident occurred on the worst grade on the Norfolk and Western east of the Blue Ridge, where a block telegraph station, it is said, has not been located because of the steep hill. The trains follow each other in plain view for several miles, but in this instance the train in front could not be seen on account of the fog.

Successor to Archbishop Chappelle.

Washington, May 11.—Right Rev. James Blenk, bishop of Porto Rico, has been appointed archbishop of New Orleans to fill the vacancy created by the death of Archbishop Chappelle. Archbishop Blenk left here this afternoon for Baltimore for a conference with Cardinal Gibbons.

Traveling Protective Association.

Richmond, Va., May 11.—The Virginia division, Travellers Protective association, met in fifteenth annual session here today, with an attendance of about two hundred delegates, representing about eleven posts throughout the state. Officers will be elected tomorrow.

SMALL DAMAGE SUIT

Instituted by a Negro Against the Independent Manufacturing Company at Castle Haynes.

Willard Carr, an eighteen year old negro who lives near Castle Haynes, on yesterday brought suit against the Independent Manufacturing Company of Castle Haynes for \$500 damages for alleged injuries sustained while in the employ of the said company during the month of April, 1906. His attorneys are Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy. The complaint has not yet been filed but it is learned that the amount to be asked will be \$500. The negro got his knee hurt in some manner.

Dancing Tonight at Lumina—Cars every half hour until 10 o'clock. Last car leaves Beach at 11:45 p. m.

WORK IN HARMONY

Czar Grants Audience to Head of Lower House

POLITICS NOT GONE INTO

Formal Opening of the Recognized Council of the Empire

Announcement of the Appointments of Officers and Signing of the Oath of Office—Count Witte a Member of the Council—Hope of the Establishment of Friendly Relations Between the Emperor and the National Parliament Strengthened by the Audience Granted at Peterhof to Professor Mourmetsff President of the Lower House.

St. Petersburg, May 11.—The hope of the establishment of friendly relations between the emperor and the national parliament was further strengthened today by the audience granted by Emperor Nicholas at Peterhof to Prof. Mourmetsff, the president of the lower house. Prof. Mourmetsff returned to St. Petersburg from the audience apparently much impressed by the emperor's earnest interest in the problems of the country. Though the radical hotheads had been praying that Prof. Mourmetsff would lay down the law to the emperor, and make a scene, the half hour's conversation was skillfully hounded by both the sovereign and the parliamentary chief, so that friction was avoided. To the constitutional democratic members of the house, who awaited his return from Peterhof at the Constitutional Club, Prof. Mourmetsff spoke only briefly, laying especial emphasis on the emperor's courtesy and consideration, and his thorough knowledge of the sentiment in the parliament and society.

Prof. Mourmetsff said political questions were not gone into, as he had regarded it as not fitting that the present representative chamber should present at an official audience the views of any one group or body. The burning subject of the reply to the speech from the throne probably will not be reached at tomorrow's session of the lower house, the time of which body will be taken up with the election of officers, the adoption of necessary rules of procedure, and the appointment of a committee on credentials.

A commission to investigate the agrarian problem perhaps will be appointed. Both the vice presidents will be constitutional democrats, the peasants, though at first insisting that they be given one place, having been unable to agree upon one of their number.

The central committee of the constitutional democrats is working out a reply to the speech from the throne.

The principal points will be amnesty and equality of political and civil rights. But a faction is insisting on a demand for the abolition of the council of the empire. An attempt will be made to come to an agreement with the peasants who are drawing up an independent reply. Their chief demands are amnesty, the reorganization of the labor laws, the reorganization of the army, the disbanding of the Cossacks, the separation of church and state, a general extension of the schools, and equal rights for all nationalities.

The third act in the great drama of Russian parliamentarism, the formal opening of the recognized council of the empire or upper house of the parliament, took place at two o'clock this afternoon in the hall of the nobles, at the winter palace. After Count Solsky, president of the upper house, had declared the session open the transaction of business began. It consisted of the announcement of the appointments of officers and the signing of the oath of office. The only surprise was the reading of an announcement that Count Witte was a working member of the council, the omission of his name from the previous disaster having been interpreted as deliberate slight, which the emperor evidently took pains to correct. The unexpected appearance of the tall form of the former premier at the door was the first intimation of the emperor's action and it created a buzz of excitement.

After the members had signed the oath, the house adjourned.

Schooner Brings Cargo of Molasses.
The schooner Rhoda, 199 tons, Captain J. D. Manthorn, has arrived in port from Barbados with a cargo of molasses for C. C. Covington. The cargo consists of 488 hogsheads, 24 tierces and 28 barrels. This is one of the largest cargoes of molasses that has ever come to this port in some time past.

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