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NEWS NOTES FROM NATIONAL CAPITAL

Mr. Mann Introduces Bill For Free Trade

LORIMER MAY LOSE HIS SEAT

Native Hawaiian of Wealth Visits Mr. Pou, Commander Peary Before Committee.

By A. M. NOBLE.

Washington, Jan. 11, 1911.—Monday in the Senate marked the beginning of what promises to be one of the greatest fights that has taken place in the Senate in years, when Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, introduced the minority report of the committee which has been investigating the charges of bribery in the case of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois. Senator Lorimer received 108 votes of the 202 in the Illinois legislature. It was disclosed by the evidence before the investigating committee that four votes were bought and that three of the men who voted for Lorimer bought the above mentioned four votes. Beveridge in his report asserts that the three who bought the votes are as guilty as those who accepted the bribes and that all seven of the votes should be thrown out. If this were done Lorimer would only be entitled to 101 votes which would not be sufficient to elect him. Lorimer's friends however, claim that in no phase of the case can more than the four votes be thrown out, which would still give him a majority of one. Opposition to Lorimer is growing stronger every day and it is hard to tell what the outcome will be. The debate is attracting much attention; many of the representatives left the House yesterday to hear Beveridge's speech.

Commander Robert Peary is also in the limelight again, having appeared before the Committee on Naval Affairs Saturday to present his proofs in support of his claim of having discovered the North Pole. There has been a bill introduced, which if passed will advance the rank of Peary to that of Rear Admiral and retire him from the Navy. Representative Macon, of Arkansas, is the leader of the opposition to the bill and much interest is centered in the outcome.

Representative Mann, of Illinois, created quite a sensation in the House on last Saturday, when he introduced fifteen bills which provided for free trade in necessities. Mann is known as one of the wheel-horses of the House and is a "stand pat" Republican. It is generally conceded that his only purpose in presenting the bills was to make trouble for the Insurgents and Democrats who forced a revision of the rules at the last session of Congress. No one believes him sincere in introducing the bills. They will hardly come up before the House for consideration at this session.

On last Friday Mr. Pou was paid a visit by Mr. Sam Parker, (name Anglicized) a full-blooded Hawaiian, of Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. Parker is a man about sixty years of age, though much younger looking. He is a very large man, weighing 1 should judge, over 250 pounds and his complexion is exceedingly dark.

He was a Colonel on the staff of King Kalakaua and after his death was a member of the cabinet under the reign of Queen Liliuokalani, wife of King Kalakaua. He has a very costly and elegant collection of jewels given him by King Kalakaua. He had on while in Mr. Pou's office, two of his diamonds which were magnificent. One was in a ring and the other in a stick pin. I have been told by some who know him that he is a multi-millionaire and from what I saw of him and from what I have heard of him, I would judge him to be a game sport.

During his conversation he told Mr. Pou that Hawaii went Republican, although most everything else over in the States went Democratic. That the Hawaiians were perfectly satisfied with the government given them by the United States, and that they were not desirous of home rule

DIRECT VOTE FOR U. S. SENATORS

Senate Committee Will Report Favorably

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

State Legislatures Would Be Empowered to Set Time, Place and Manner of Holding Elections.

Washington, Jan. 9.—At a meeting of the senate committee of the judiciary, held late to-day, a decision was reached to report favorably the rules committee resolution authorizing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

The controversy in the committee turned upon the question as to whether the state or the federal government should supervise the elections. The sub-committee's provision "that the times, place and manner of holding elections shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof."

Senators Depew and Nelson both offered amendments giving congress the power to regulate, but the southern senators opposed these provisions as most prejudicial to the interests of their constituents.

The two amendments were similar, but Mr. Depew's went farther than Mr. Nelson's in the matter of prescribing the qualifications of electors. Both were voted down, 8 to 3. The favorable votes were cast by Senators Depew, Nelson and Dillingham.

NORTH CAROLINA CITIES.

A List of Those Having Over Five Thousand Population.

The Director of the Census Bureau gave out last week a list of the cities in North Carolina having 5,000 and over. There are twenty of these cities in the State according to the census of 1910, while there were only twelve with five thousand in 1900. The list of these towns follows:

Cities	1910.	1900.
Asheville	18,762	14,694
Charlotte	34,914	18,991
Concord	8,715	7,910
Durham	18,241	6,679
Elizabeth City	8,412	6,348
Fayetteville	7,045	4,670
Gastonia	5,759	4,610
Goldsboro	6,140	5,877
Greensboro	15,828	10,028
High Point	9,525	4,163
Kinston	6,995	4,106
Newbern	9,961	9,090
Raleigh	19,218	13,643
Rocky Mount	8,051	2,937
Salem	5,533	3,642
Salisbury	7,153	6,277
Washington	6,211	4,842
Wilmington	25,748	20,976
Wilson	6,717	3,525
Winston	17,167	10,008

A Singing School.

We are requested to announce that Mr. Oscar Mozingo will begin a singing school at Moore's School house in Oneals Township, Saturday afternoon, January 14, at two o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend and take a part. The class will meet Sunday morning at ten o'clock, and again on the fifth Saturday afternoon at two. On the fifth Sunday the class will meet with the Vocal Union at Stancel's Chapel.

and independence. He said he knew that they would be treated right under the Democratic Administration. "Why they must treat us right," said he, "or little Mr. Jap will come over and take charge of things."

It might be of interest to some to know that Hawaii is represented in Congress by a territorial delegate, as is also Alaska, Arizona, and New Mexico.

The present territorial delegate is J. Kubio Kalaniana'ole, a Republican, of the district of Honolulu. He is forty years of age and received his education in Honolulu, the United States and England. He was created prince by royal proclamation in 1884 and is a cousin of the late King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani. This is the fourth term he has served in Congress.

OPPOSITION TO COMMITTEE PLAN

Some Congressmen want Power In Speaker

MR. POU IS ONE OF THIS CLASS

The North Carolina Congressman Will Be Heard in Opposition at The Meeting January 19.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Although it is practically assured that the Democratic caucus of members of the next House, to be held here January 19th, will take away from the Speaker the right to name committees and bestow the authority to make these selections upon the majority members of the ways and means committee, this action will not be unanimous. There are a considerable number of Democrats in the next House, who believe that it is a mistake to depart from the system that has been employed in the organization of the House by both political parties for a great many years. In their opinion the selection of a committee on committees to do the work heretofore confided to the Speaker will result in dissensions and chaos.

Representatives Fitzgerald, of New York; Pou, of North Carolina, and Brantley, of Georgia, will be heard in opposition to the new innovation. They realize that they are in the minority, but so firmly convinced are they that a mistake is about to be made, that they will demand a count of noses. They believe that there are fully one hundred members of the next House, who will line up against the selection of the ways and means committee to pass around committee assignments.

Representative Edward W. Pou will address the caucus in behalf of the resolution he introduced at the last session of Congress authorizing the Speaker to make committee assignments, subject to the approval of the party caucuses. Under the terms of Mr. Pou's resolution, Speaker-to-be Clark would have to certify the names of Democratic appointees to the Democratic caucus for approval, and by a majority vote such recommendations could be rejected. The same machinery would apply to Republican committee selections.

These are the important committee assignments desired by the members of the North Carolina delegation in the next Congress:

Mr. Kitchin, on ways and means. Mr. Pou, chairman of the committee on the District of Columbia, if he is not a candidate for membership on the ways and means committee.

Mr. Page, on the appropriations committee.

Mr. Small, on rivers and harbors.

With the certainty that one of the North Carolina congressmen will be on the ways and means committee, which will make the committee selections, the State delegation should farve very well.—Thomas J. Spence, in News and Observer.

TWO NEW SENATORS CHOSEN.

California and Connecticut Name New Men For Senate.

The California Legislature has chosen Judge John D. Works to succeed Senator Flint in the United States Senate. Senator Works is a native of Indiana where he was born 63 years ago.

The Connecticut Legislature has named ex-Governor George P. McLean to succeed Senator Bulkeley in the United States Senate. Senator McLean is a lawyer 56 years old and is considered one of the wealthiest men in his State.

Mule Kicked Half Bushel from Man.

On Wednesday of this week, Mr. Hardy Horne, of Clayton, came near having a serious accident. He took a half bushel of corn cobs to throw them out in his lot. Just as he started to pour them out a mule kicked them from his hand and broke the measure into several pieces. The mule's foot struck about an inch above Mr. Horne's hand. The kick jarred Mr. Horne, but did not hurt him seriously.

KITCHIN ON WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Congressman Pou to be on Rules Committee

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT REACHED

Congressman Pou Will Also Have Big Chairmanship, Giving Both Men Good Assignments.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—There is joy and harmony in the Democratic camp once more. The bird of peace landed amongst the Democrats of the next House late this afternoon, and the contest that was being waged over committee assignments was brought to a happy termination.

Everybody is pleased, and it is the general comment that the contest did good, for it is better that the fight occurred now than during the consideration of tariff legislation at the next session of Congress.

North Carolina was the biggest gainer as the result of the peace agreement entered into to-day between Democratic leaders of the next House. It is now definitely determined that Representative Claude Kitchin will be a member of the ways and means committee, while Mr. Pou is to be the chairman of one of the big committees of the House, as well as a member of the rules committee. Mr. Pou admits that he has consented to the harmony agreement, and he will probably make public a statement tomorrow announcing his position with regard to the friendly contest that he has waged. He would have made public his statement tonight but for his desire to have a further conference with Representative Champ Clark and Oscar Underwood.

"All that I have done from the very beginning," declared Mr. Pou, was to work for harmony. My object has been to have the Democratic party get past a crisis that threatened it."

It is now accepted by everybody that the majority of the ways and means committee is to be increased from twelve to fourteen, and the new members will be Representatives Brantley, of Georgia, and Hughes, of New Jersey.

It is generally believed that the peace agreement is a happy one, and that it will put aside friction of all kinds among the Democrats of the next House. Certainly the agreement is a fine thing for North Carolina. Mr. Kitchin, in addition to being a member of the ways and means committee, has also been named to the important committee on committees, that is to make committee selections.

Mr. Pou is better provided for than he ever was with the assurance of one of the big chairmanships and membership on the rules committee, one of the most important in the House. There are said to have been other considerations in the peace agreement. I am told the assurance was given that there will be no discrimination against those Democrats who voted for a duty on lumber. Another understanding in the harmony pact is that the majority of the ways and means committee will not bring before the House and proposition to put raw material on the free list.—Thomas J. Spence, in News and Observer.

FIRE LOSSES \$234,000,000.

United States and Canada Suffered \$30,000,000 More than in 1909.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Statistics made public here to-day show that losses by fire in the United States and Canada in 1910 amounted to \$234,470,650, or over \$30,000,000 more than the losses in 1909. December losses were exceptionally heavy, aggregating \$21,528,000.

There were thirty-six fires in the year which caused a damage of \$500,000 or more and in ten cases the loss exceeded \$1,000,000. In only two preceding years have the fire losses been heavier than in 1910, one being the year of the Chicago fire, the other of the San Francisco fire.

Mr. W. T. Adams and family have moved into the Canaday residence opposite the Graded School.

SUGAR TRUST WILL HAND OVER \$700,000

Money Deposited For Drawback Frauds

ACCEPTS SUGAR TRUST'S OFFER

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh Takes \$700,000 and Drops Drawback Cases.

New York, Jan. 10.—United States District Attorney Henry A. Wise announced to-day that the compromise offered to the government by the American Sugar Refining Company in the drawback duty dispute had been accepted by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh. The deposit of \$700,000 in settlement of all civil claims against the company already has been made, and the money is at the disposal of the government.

The total amount of drawback which the government hoped to collect by legal process was \$685,000.

STATE NEWS.

On Friday afternoon of last week, the people of Raleigh were shocked to hear the news that Mrs. H. O. Bannister, wife of the manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and her 17 months old baby were found dead in the bath room, which was filled with gas. The accident probably occurred by not properly lighting the instantaneous gas heater.

A horrible accident occurred last Friday in the Southern Railway shops at Spencer, when Rev. R. P. Bryson, met instant death by being crushed under three pairs of engine truck wheels and axles which were being lifted by a huge crane. Rev. Mr. Bryson had not been in the active ministerial work for the past year and had been employed in the shops as machinist. He was 70 years old.

According to the minutes of the Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, splendid gains have been made by that denomination in 1910. The Western Conference includes 11 districts and 92,236 members. The value of the church property is \$2,357,703. In offerings for foreign missions the conference gave beyond the amount assessed.

The commissioners of Salem last Saturday passed a strict law forbidding dogs at large. The dogs are to be impounded and if not redeemed within 24 hours upon payment of one dollar, they are to be killed.

A Haywood County farmer, Arthur Justice, died to death last Saturday, before aid could reach him. A vicious hog which he was feeding, bit his leg, severing the main artery.

Capt. J. J. Thomas, for thirty years a prominent business man in Raleigh, and president of the Commercial and Farmer's Bank until a few months ago, when failing health necessitated his retiring to be chairman of the district, died at his home in Raleigh, aged 80 years Saturday. He went to Raleigh from Franklin Co.

John L. Stewart, member of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of North Carolina, from Montgomery County, died at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, Sunday afternoon. He had been carried to the hospital Saturday afternoon suffering from a deep cold and congestion. His death was due to angio neuritic adenitis of the throat. He was 79 years old.

Three children of Arabella Gilmore, colored, were burned to death Friday night in Fayetteville. The mother had locked the children in the home and gone to a dance. She was arrested and jailed Saturday.

The Postal Savings Bank system, as fostered by the United States government, was opened to the public in Salisbury on the 3rd instant. The postoffice is being used as a depository and Postmaster W. Henry Hobson is in charge. It is said that the movement has started off satisfactorily and that a number of wage earners are making use of the privileges. Salisbury enjoys the distinction of having been designated as the only place in North Carolina for a trial of the system by the government.

REBATE FINE PAID BY STANDARD OIL

The Big Concern Forks Over \$23,766

CASE COMMENCED BACK IN 1908

Hard Fight Waged to Supreme Court, Where Government Won—is First Anti-Rebate Law Punishment.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 9.—The Standard Oil Company paid into the federal court here to-day \$23,776, the fine assessed against it for accepting rebates. This is the first fine ever collected by the government since the prosecutions under the anti-rebate law were begun.

The company was indicted by the federal grand jury here early in 1908 for accepting rebates on oil shipments. The oil was shipped at sixteen cents a hundred pounds in this state though the published rate was twenty-eight cents. The conviction was obtained in June, 1908, and a fine of \$20,000 was imposed in March the following year. Judgment was entered in June, 1908. An appeal of the oil company to the United States supreme court for a writ of certiorari was denied and there was no alternative but to pay the fine.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The Legislature is now at work in earnest. It took several days to get fully organized, appoint all the committees and get down to business.

Several bills of importance have been introduced, but so far, none of more than local importance has become a law. One of the very first measures to pass the House was the bill to prohibit the sale of near-beer, beer and beerine in Macon County. The unanimous and immediate passage of this bill shows something of the temper of the present House, and unless we are mistaken the vendors in this traffic had about as well prepare to close up their business. It is to be hoped that the Legislature will pass a law that will be the end of the whole near-beer business.

Mr. Turlington, of Iredell, has introduced an important bill which, if it becomes a law, will forever prevent such conduct as Marion Butler was guilty of when he accepted a fee to prosecute his own State in the Bond suit of South Dakota. The bill is "To prohibit State officers from accepting fees to prosecute claims against the State."

The Senators and Representatives from Johnston have already got busy and are doing their part toward making and adding new laws to the statute books.

Senator Baggett, of Harnett, on Tuesday introduced a bill to require all railways in the State to sell mileage books and require conductors on trains to "pull" these without forcing holders of mileage books to procure tickets at stations in exchange for their mileage.

Another bill by Senator Baggett is to amend section 1159 of the Revision of 1905 relative to stockholders of corporations dealing with each other.

Senator Barbour, of Johnston, introduced a bill Tuesday to make concubinage between persons of caucasian race and negro race a felony.

Mr. Allred, of Johnston, introduced a bill Wednesday to require passenger trains to stop at all towns when flagged.

In the matter of committee assignments the Johnston County Senators and Representatives fared pretty well. We will try to give a complete list in our next issue.

A Grand Occasion.

We, the girls of Sandy Grove School, will give a box supper, Saturday night, January 21, 1911. The public is cordially invited, and especially the boys; and bring your pockets full of money. The proceeds to go to benefit of the school.

P. H.
January 10, 1911.