

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Railway Arbitration Bill Discussed in the Senate.

Kyle Offers a Number of Amendments, Which Were Agreed To.

The House Passes the Resolution to Submit to the States a Proposition to Amend the Constitution Providing for the Election of Senators by a Direct Vote.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—For more than three hours this afternoon the Senate discussed what is known as the railway arbitration bill, a measure designed to adjust by means of voluntary arbitration differences that may arise between railroad officials and their employees.

Kyle of South Dakota, in charge of the bill, offered a number of amendments, which were agreed to. In order to meet the objections raised to the measure, Hoar of Massachusetts offered an amendment, which was accepted, providing that no injunction should be issued which should compel the laborers against their will to carry out any contract for personal labor or service. The bill was still under discussion when the Senate adjourned.

When the Senate convened to-day the national quarantine bill was displaced as unfinished business, and the

bill to provide for taking the twelfth census and subsequent censuses substituted. The census bill will be pressed vigorously. A House joint resolution declaring the lands within the former Millelac Indian reservation, in Minnesota, to be subject to entry under the land laws of the United States, was agreed to. Chandler of New Hampshire offered the following resolution, which was adopted: "The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs is directed to make inquiry concerning the expediency of securing and establishing for the United States additional coaling stations at suitable points in foreign waters, and as to each coaling station which may be deemed necessary to ascertain what are its dimensions, condition and the expenses of occupancy and maintenance, and the best method of securing the right of maintenance, and report by bill or otherwise."

At 2:20 o'clock the unfinished business was informally laid aside, and the consideration begun of the so-called railway arbitration bill. After the reading of the bill Allen discussed it. He regarded it in its effects as one of the most vicious measures ever brought before Congress. He declared that it bound railroad employees hand and foot, and made them the bond servants of the railroad corporation. He said that he had been flooded with telegrams from labor organizations urging him to support it. He thought, however, that the railroad employees were being led into a trap in urging the passage of the bill. Fairbanks of Indiana held that if there were defects in the measure in the very nature of the case they would bear with equal hardships upon both parties to any controversy that might arise between the railroads and their employees.

Allen doubted the honest purpose of the bill. "If I were authorized to defeat such a purpose," said he, "I could not do it better than in drafting a bill like this."

At the conclusion of Allen's speech, Kyle, in charge of the bill, offered and had adopted many minor amendments. He said that he had no objection to the award of the arbitrators, but only the papers and proceedings, including the testimony taken by them, shall be filed with the clerk of the United States District Court.

Another amendment provided that nothing in the bill should prevent an employer from reducing the number of employees, if the exigencies of this required such reduction. A new section was offered as a substitute for Section 11 of the bill, providing that each member of the arbitration board should receive \$10 a day and expenses and appropriating not more than \$5,000 for each of the next two years to pay the arbitrators and expenses.

The bill was debated by Senators Allen, Elkins, Gorman, Teller, Lodge and Turner. To meet points raised by Allen and Turner, Hoar offered an amendment providing that no injunction or other legal process shall be issued which shall compel the performance by any laborer against his will of a contract for personal labor or service.

The amendment was accepted by Kyle, who gave notice that he would move again to-morrow to resume consideration of the measure.

The Senate then, at 5:35 p. m., went into executive session, and at 5:45 p. m. adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

Resolution to Elect Senators by Direct Vote Passed.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—After refusing to-day, by a vote of 48 to 90, to consider the Senate bill restricting immigration, the House today adopted a resolution to submit to the States a proposition to amend the Constitution so as to provide for the election of Senators by a direct vote. The amendment, as proposed in the resolution reported to the House, left it in the discretion of the States to elect their Senators by direct vote or through their Legislatures, but an amendment by Underwood of Alabama, making selection by popular vote mandatory, was adopted, and the resolution was then passed.

Loud called up the Postoffice appropriation bill as passed yesterday by the Senate, and upon his motion the House refused to concur in the Senate amendments, and asked for a conference.

Cummings (D.) of New York, Moody (R.) of Massachusetts, Bingham (R.) of Pennsylvania and Pittney (R.) of New Jersey expressed opposition to the Senate amendments limiting the deliveries in cities to four, and eliminating the House provision for rural free delivery. Messrs. Loud, Smith of Illinois and Swanson were named as conferees.

The House then went into committee of the whole to consider the Senate bill regulating the revenue law providing for the disposal of abandoned imports turned over by importers to the custom officials.

The bill was passed. The House set apart May 21st for eulogies upon the late Senator George of Mississippi, and at 5:08 adjourned.

FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

Commodore Dewey Nominated for Rear Admiral.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The President to-day sent these nominations to the Senate: Commodore George Dewey, to be Rear Admiral in the navy. Elijah S. Kims, Surveyor of Customs for the port of Knoxville. Charles A. Leland of Ohio, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico.

David S. Hooper, Receiver of Public Moneys at Pierce, S. D. Commodore Dewey was appointed Rear Admiral in the navy.

Section 1508 of the Revised Statutes, he having, upon the recommendation of the President, received the thanks of Congress by joint resolution approved May 10, 1898.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED. WASHINGTON, May 11.—The Senate to-day confirmed these nominations: George Dewey, to be Rear Admiral. Postmasters—California: W. W. Wilson; Chico; M. B. Towne, Orange; John G. Joy, Salinas.

BORDER RAIDS.

Mexican Government to Prevent the Invasion of Texas. WASHINGTON, May 11.—Some weeks ago the papers of the United States published a telegram from Texas stating that Spanish subjects residing in Mexico near the frontier of the United States were availing themselves of the opportunity due to the fact that a large portion of the United States army garrisoned on the frontier had been withdrawn, were preparing a filibustering expedition to invade Texas.

The Mexican Minister at Washington, having called the attention of the Mexican Government to the subject, is in receipt of an official communication

from the Mexican Government, dated at the City of Mexico on the 29th ult., in which he is informed that such a statement was altogether groundless, but that the Mexican Government, anticipating such danger, had beforehand reinforced considerably the troops garrisoning the frontier of the United States, and had issued necessary instructions to keep a careful watch, with a view to avoid any trouble, however remote it might be, arising from the Spaniards living in Mexico.

Dewey Resolutions Signed.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—President McKinley has signed the resolutions passed by the Senate and House expressing the thanks of Congress to Commodore Dewey. At the President's suggestion Secretary Proctor took charge of the pen used, and will keep it until Commodore Dewey returns to this country. Then it will be presented to him.

Roosevelt Retires.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Charles H. Allen took up his duties as Assistant Secretary of the Navy to-day. Colonel Roosevelt will leave for San Antonio, Tex., to-morrow. He is eager to get his rangers to Cuba as soon as any troops. In this he will be disappointed, but he says his regiment will be rushed to the limit.

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