

INSPECTION OF MEAT

RECODIFICATION OF EXISTING LAWS ON THE SUBJECT.

Favorable Report on Animal-Industry Bill-Important Documents Before the Venezuelan Commission.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The Senate committee on agriculture to-day authorized Senator Warren to make a favorable report on the animal-industry bill. The bill is a recodification of existing laws bearing on the subject of animal and meat inspection, with numerous important additions. Among the additions are provisions putting the inspection of meat products and live stock, the extirpation of infectious and contagious diseases, the regulation and transportation of live stock and the prevention of the exportation and importation of diseased stock in the direct charge of the Bureau of Animal Industry. Stock exposed to contagion, as well as those already affected, are included within the inhibitions of the bill. Transportation companies are forbidden, under a penalty of \$1,000, from receiving or shipping infected animals for interstate commerce. The owners of cars which have contained diseased cattle are required to disinfect them thoroughly. The veterinary inspection of live stock whose meat is to be exported is exacted and shippers of meat products are required to mark plainly packages so as to indicate the species of the animal. No animals at abattoirs having government inspection is to be allowed on Sundays or holidays or at night in the absence of a veterinarian. Inspectors are authorized to condemn such animals or carcasses as are found to be diseased, and, if necessary, to destroy them. It is made unlawful to import carcasses of diseased cattle or other live stock which have not been inspected or certified. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to maintain, at the expense of the United States, microscopical examinations of swine carcasses at the time of slaughter wherever and whenever he may deem it expedient, especially with reference to hog meat intended for export. Provision is made for sending veterinary programs to distant parts of the country where animals are suffering from infectious diseases. Penalties for disregard or disobedience of the laws are increased. In several instances fines amounting to \$5,000 are imposed.

THE VENEZUELAN COMMISSION.

Translations of Important Documents Submitted for Consideration.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The Venezuelan commission met to-day after a ten days' recess, with all of the members present. The time was occupied again in reading of reports from individual members on the progress they are making with the particular matters which they have undertaken. Mr. Scruge, counsel for the Venezuelan government, has submitted about forty maps and charts which are receiving consideration. Also he has presented a few translations of documents included in the mass of evidence prepared at Caracas and other points in the Venezuelan territory. The bill is a voluminous document and its complete recodification of the existing laws of the United States is a task of no small magnitude. Being all certified copies of these records, the evidence is of the highest order and is being given the most careful consideration. The commission is also as affording a means of checking errors in the translations and excerpts, as well as making corrections in the presentation of the British case. It appears that the Venezuelan government has been very successful in its efforts to reach Washington very soon, but, saving the presentation of the Blue Book, and even made a cushion-carrom run of the commission, can tell the natural order of papers are necessary to complete the chain of historical evidence. The next meeting of the commission will be on Friday, April 24.

THE GOOD SHIP INDIANA.

Report of a Special Board on the Great War Vessel.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The special board consisting of Captain Pickens, Constructor Varney and Chief Engineer Ross, which was appointed to make a report on the Port Royal to Hampton Roads on the Indiana and thus make the final inspection of that vessel, has submitted its report to the Navy Department. The board finds that there is no serious defect in the machinery of the Indiana. The ship left Port Royal at 4:30 o'clock on the morning of the 10th, arriving at Hampton Roads at 10:30 p. m. on the 11th. On the morning of the 10th, the ship made 13.6 knots for 24 hours, and with 104 revolutions. The horse power developed was nearly 5,000, a very good performance under the conditions. The ship handled well in every particular, with a remarkable absence of heavy rolling, the maximum roll under a broadside being 20 degrees.

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OWNER OF THE BERMUDA CHARGED WITH FIBBERUSTY.

Officers of the Vessel to Be Tried Also—Baseless Rumor from Madrid—Victory for Cubans.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—A warrant was issued this afternoon by the United States district attorney office in this city for the arrest of John D. Hart, owner of the steamer Bermuda; John D. Hart, master; Edward Murphy and A. Simonsen, mates; and Emelis Nunez, on a charge of fibberusty. The warrant was issued by the instance of Dr. James C. Spaulder, Spanish consul, on the charge that on April 13 the above-named men aided in preparing a military expedition and enterprise to be carried from New York to Cuba, to aid the Cuban insurgents and by so doing violated the United States neutrality laws. The warrant was issued at 3 o'clock this afternoon and held on his own recognizance for a hearing to-morrow. Captain O'Brien and Mate Murphy are not in the city and neither the United States authorities nor Mr. Hart knows where Simonsen and Nunez are.

FIFTY-FIVE BALLOTS

LONG JOINT SENATORIAL CONVENTION AT NOBLESVILLE.

Seven Candidates, and Dr. C. S. Goar, of Goldsmith, Tipton County, Captures the Honor.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. NOBLESVILLE, Ind., April 14.—One of the most exciting conventions the Republicans ever held here was the joint senatorial convention to-day. There were no less than seven candidates in the field, and no one was able to pick the winner until the closing hour, fifty-five ballots had been taken. The votes on the last ballot were counted at 10 o'clock to-night, and it was found that Dr. C. S. Goar, of Goldsmith, Tipton county, had been successful. Dr. Goar was not exactly a dark horse, but not until shortly before the convention was made that put him through did any one figure on him as being a possible winner. George Shirts, of this city, was in the lead from the start, and for some time he was supposed to be the lucky man. This county had nearly the number of delegates as Tipton county, but the votes were split up between George Shirts, Marcellus Walker and ex-representative David McMath, the latter of Sheridan. Tipton county had four candidates, with M. W. Pershing, of Tipton, in the lead. The other Tipton county candidates were J. W. McMath, of Tipton, N. S. Henderson, and Dr. Goar. Pershing drew some strength from this county, and it was thought that he, if any, would be able to form a combination unless the county delegates agreed to nominate one of their own candidates.

CHASED BY INSURGENTS.

Col. Devo's Force of Spaulder's Battalion Saved from Slaughter.

HAVANA, April 14.—The columns of troops commanded by Generals Suarez, Ynelan, Echavaria, and Colonel Devo, the latter commanding the Alfonso XIII battalion, left Mariel, at the province of Pinar del Rio, by different routes. Colonel Devo, in passing the plantation of San Claudio, met the insurgent vanguard, consisting of two hundred cavalry. The latter retreated and were pursued by the troops. Suddenly the insurgents appeared on all the neighboring heights, but were driven from them by the soldiers. Near La Chusa a force of 5,000 insurgents attempted to surround the Alfonso XIII battalion, and the latter was compelled to retreat, passing between the plantation of San Claudio and Becerra. The soldiers fought well in retreating, and at the expiration of the two hours they reached the plantation of San Claudio. There the battalion was reinforced by a gun-battalion from Havana. The column of troops commanded by General Ynelan arrived on the scene and probably saved Colonel Devo's command from being annihilated. A special mail courier had to jump twice into the river in order to escape from the insurgents. The latter were enabled to continue with the three columns mentioned against Mariel. The insurgent force was taken against General Echavaria, with a view of ascertaining the operations of the other columns in the movement to relieve Mariel. General Echavaria has been suspended from his command.

Will Make a Clean Sweep.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., April 14.—The special over the election of a full city ticket for this municipality was satisfactorily terminated by the action of the Republican central committee last night. On account of an entertainment occasioned by the first city election, the meeting was held by some leading Republicans that only three councilmen should be elected this spring, and the committee was in favor of that for that purpose. In order to elect the matter the Democrats called a convention for the nomination of a full ticket, and it was whispered that numerous proceedings would follow. The committee, however, their candidates. Desiring to act fairly in the matter, the Republicans met last night and the committee was in favor of that for that purpose. In order to elect the matter the Democrats called a convention for the nomination of a full ticket, and it was whispered that numerous proceedings would follow. The committee, however, their candidates. Desiring to act fairly in the matter, the Republicans met last night and the committee was in favor of that for that purpose. In order to elect the matter the Democrats called a convention for the nomination of a full ticket, and it was whispered that numerous proceedings would follow. The committee, however, their candidates. Desiring to act fairly in the matter, the Republicans met last night and the committee was in favor of that for that purpose. In order to elect the matter the Democrats called a convention for the nomination of a full ticket, and it was whispered that numerous proceedings would follow. The committee,