

BANKING SYSTEM

Bill Introduced in House to Appoint Monetary Commission.

CURRENCY LAWS TO BE REVISED

Preparations Made for Enforcing Tariff Bill.

Fabulously Rich Gold Fields Discovered Among the Mountains of Alaska.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Representative C. W. Stone of Pennsylvania, who was chairman of the Committee on Currency, Weights and Measures of the last House, today introduced in the House a bill to authorize the appointment of a monetary commission and to provide for its expenses. The text of the bill is as follows:

"That the President is hereby authorized to appoint a monetary commission of eleven members, who shall be persons specially fitted by experience, training and study, for the consideration of the subjects coming before said commission.

"Said commission shall investigate and report what changes, if any, are necessary and expedient in our present banking and currency laws and what further legislation, if any, is desirable relative to our national banking system, of our Government paper currency of notes and certificates, and may, in connection therewith, report a codification of existing laws on these subjects.

"Said commission may take testimony and hear to arguments in their discretion and may require and shall be entitled to receive information from any department or officer of the Government on any matter within its or his special jurisdiction and coming within the scope of their investigation.

"Said commission shall meet for organization in Washington at such time as the President may appoint, and hold their subsequent sessions at such times and places as they may determine, and shall report to the President for transmission to Congress not later than November 15, 1897.

"Copies of all bills relating to banking currency or the circulating notes of the Government introduced in either House during the Fifty-fourth Congress and the first session of the Fifty-fifth, shall be furnished by the clerks of said houses to the commissions."

One hundred thousand dollars are appropriated by the terms of the bill for the expenses of the commission.

This bill has been prepared by Stone, after consultation with H. H. Hanna, chairman of the Indianapolis sound-money convention, and is understood to have the approval of the Administration. It is the bill that probably will be passed by the House in response to the message of the President, which he will send to Congress as soon as the tariff bill gets out of the Senate.

READY TO BE ENFORCED. The New Bill to Go Into Immediate Operation.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The Treasury officials have made preparations to put the tariff into operation after its signature by the President. Copies of the bill have been sent to the customs officers throughout the country in anticipation of its passage, and it is said that all will have reached their destination by the time the bill becomes a law. Collectors also have been instructed to make the change from the old law to the new, upon receipt of trustworthy information that the bill has received the President's approval.

Officials who have given the pending bill careful scrutiny state that it is exceptionally free from ambiguities and inconsistencies and little trouble is anticipated in formulating regulations governing its administration.

PROSPECTS OF CONFERENCE. Sealing Experts May Confer in Washington.

LONDON, July 21.—It is now semi-officially reported that an international conference will be held at Washington early in October on the basis of John W. Foster's suggestion on behalf of the United States Government, that the sealing experts representing Great Britain and the United States should meet and compare the results of their investigations, with a view of arriving at an agreed state of facts.

told by the travelers, for in the cabin were scores of sacks filled to the very mouth with "dust" taken from the placers of the far frozen north. The amount brought in is variously estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000.

There came in on the Excelsior about forty people, among them some women, from what is now known as the Clendyke district, though only fifteen of these had been actually engaged in mining. There were among them men who had been for more than ten years facing the dangers and hardships of the frozen north in the hope of making a rich find, and had signally failed.

But now they come back with fortunes snowed in their gripsacks and tell of countless millions to be picked up in the country of which so little is known. The new Eldorado lies just across the Alaskan boundary in British territory. It is of recent discovery, but already there are at least 3,000 people on the ground and thousands more are flocking in that direction. The discovery of the Clendyke regions presents a story which is interesting and unique.

PROPOSED CABLE. Franchise Said to Have Been to British Syndicate.

LONDON, July 17.—When the scheme of laying a cable between Vancouver and Australia was first mooted the Eastern Telegraph Company swore the thing should not be done. The proposed cable threatened one of its most profitable monopolies and promised to release the British colonies from the thralldom under which they had long groaned. So the Eastern company set to work in its usual fashion to strangle the infant enterprise.

When Mr. Chamberlain became Secretary of the Colonies he developed a keen cable scheme, and under his fostering influence it revived. The Eastern company brought all the vast political influence which it unfortunately possesses, to bear upon the Government, and it was weak man had been in the Colonial Office, the machinations of the company undoubtedly would have been successful. Mr. Chamberlain, however, put his back up, and the Eastern company was compelled to change its tactics. It has not been possible yet to ascertain exactly what has occurred, but it is certain there has been a secret deal of some kind, for the Eastern is now enthusiastically supporting the Pacific cable project, and this means it has secured control of it.

This will be bad news for Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Those important States have joined England in the necessary guarantees, and it is likely they will want to know what is the use of spending their money upon something which will merely continue the existing extortionate monopoly.

NEAR THE POLE. Strange Message Found on Wing of a Pigeon.

CHRISTIANA, July 21.—A telegram from Stravanger states that a carrier pigeon has been caught in the neighborhood of Soerde, in Rifika, with a silver ring upon one of its feet and the following statement stamped on its wings:

"North Pole, 142 W. 47.62." The Stockholm Aftonblat has received a dispatch from Dr. Nansen, in which the explorer says he thinks Herr Andree's undertaking to reach the North Pole by balloon is practicable.

Soerde, where the carrier pigeon is reported found, is on the west coast of Middle Norway. Some carrier pigeons labeled "North Polar Expedition," and presumed to have been taken north with Andree, were reported to have alighted on a steamship crossing to England in that region a short time ago, but it proved that Andree had not started when they were reported found.

Assuming that the carrier pigeon now said to have been picked up in West Norway, was let loose from Andree's balloon, the stamping on the wings "North Pole, 142 W." would indicate that the explorer was being carried toward Alaska.

JEAN INGELWOLD DEAD. Distinguished Poet Passes Away in London.

LONDON, July 20.—Miss Jean Ingelwold, the distinguished poet and novelist, died here last night. She was in her seventy-seventh year. Miss Ingelwold outlived all her contemporaries, for she was the associate of a large number of English literary celebrities of thirty years ago, all of whom are dead. She passed a dreamy childhood at Kilmundie, in Aberdeenshire, in an old home that overlooked the sea, and to her love for the ocean the world is indebted for her best poems. The most famous of her works is the long poem called "The High Tide," with its haunting refrain: "Her first volume, 'Poems by Jean Ingelwold,' appeared in 1862. For many years Miss Ingelwold lived a retired life in London, devoted to works of charity.

WILD SWAN TO ALASKA. Strengthening of British Fleet in Northern Waters.

VICTORIA, (B. C.), July 21.—The British Government is sending up to the Behring sea sealing fisheries a much stronger patrolling force than usual. Already two men of war, the Wild Swan of 1,200 tons, and the Pheasant of 800 tons and six guns have sailed north, and they will be followed in a few days by the Amphion, a powerful cruiser of 5,000 tons and 10 guns. Besides these vessels, two other cruisers have been detached from the China fleet for the seal fisheries. One of which is the Rainbow, a powerful modern cruiser of 4,000 tons and eight guns. The Amphion is the fastest vessel in Pacific waters.

GOLD IN ALASKA. Thousands of the Prospectors Rushing to the North.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—A story rivaling in intensity of interest that told of the fabulous wealth of Monte Cristo was related by the passengers of the little steamer Excelsior, which has just arrived from St. Michaels, Alaska. Millions upon millions of virgin gold, according to the story, awaits the fortunate miner who has the hardihood and courage to penetrate into the unknown depths of the Yukon district. There was tangible evidence on the little steamer of the truth of the story

period their indebtedness to the operators for rent, provisions, mining material, etc., aggregated \$519.29, leaving the miners in debt to their employers in the sum of \$396.71.

President Hatchford says this is a fair sample of the condition of the miners.

Concord Ordered to Sitka. PORT ANGELES, Wash., July 20.—The United States gunboat Concord has sailed for Sitka.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—It is said at the State Department that Secretary Sherman has fully recovered from his recent indisposition and that he would have been at the department today had there been any matters there requiring his personal attention. He expects to be at his desk tomorrow.

DROUGHT ON MAUI

Water Selling at Ten Cents a Tinful.

Hair-Beckwith Wedding Ceremony in Pala Foreign Church. Beautiful Gifts.

MAUI, July 21.—On Tuesday evening (the 27th) Miss Carrie Amelia Beckwith was united in marriage to Mr. John James Hair in the Pala Foreign Church. Dr. Edward G. Beckwith, the father of the bride, performing the ceremony.

The interior of the edifice was most beautifully adorned with palms, bamboo, ferns and lilies, while the exterior was of brilliant light streaming through the stained-glass windows was charming.

The bride and bridegroom, accompanied by Miss Beckwith, as maid-of-honor, Miss Fleming as bridesmaid, Mr. Nicoll as best man, Mr. Maurice Beckwith, and Messrs. William and Arthur Baldwin as ushers, assembled in the chancel to the strains of Mendelssohn's march, performed on the organ by Mr. Frank E. Atwater.

After the brief ceremony the many guests attended the reception at "Sun-nyside," offered congratulations and received the many and elegant bridal gifts. The bride's gown was of figured silk, cut princess, and adorned with pearl passamenterie and lilies of the valley. The maid-of-honor wore plaid silk and organdie, and the bridesmaid yellow silk and organdie.

Among the numerous friends present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Beckwith, Mrs. C. P. Damon, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Colville, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Loveland, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carley, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Engle, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Atwater, Mr. and Mrs. Higby, Mr. and Mrs. Awana, Messames S. E. Taylor, D. D. Baldwin, Hannestad, H. B. Bailey and Vandernallen, Misses Mary Alexander, Kennedy, Ethel Smith, Fleming, May Baldwin, Annie Forbes, Belle Dickey, Ethel Damon, Lottie Baldwin, Nellie Crook, Kate Watson, Ziegler, Engle, Hannestad, Annie Shaw, and Messrs. James Anderson, P. B. Aiken, F. S. Armstrong, W. F. Moesman, Edward Bailey, Frank, Arthur, William and Samuel Baldwin, F. F. Van Buren, Herbert Dickey, R. Hoxe, E. Woodward, S. Dowdle, Landgraf, John Fleming, S. and L. Crook, J. Higby, G. H. Bailey, Judge Peter Nos, Rev. Orabi and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Hair took the Claudine of the 23rd for Hana, and after a short visit will return to Hamakua, where a pretty residence is being prepared for them.

During Monday (the 26th) the funeral of Miss Lulu Moore, the daughter of John A. Moore, of Wailuku, took place at Wailuku Foreign Church, Dr. E. G. Beckwith officiating.

Miss Moore was 38 years of age and was educated at Vassar College. She was formerly principal of the Punahou Preparatory Department, and afterwards vice-principal of the Royal School. For 12 years she lived in Europe, until attacked with her last illness, when she came to Kona. She died at Lahaina July 25th.

On Saturday afternoon of the 24th the Reds again defeated the Whites, 13 to 16, on the Makawao polo grounds. Miss Mary Alexander, having recently returned from Japan, is visiting her relatives at Haku.

Miss Dora, of Hilo, is a guest at the Colville's, of Pala. Miss Rita Schmidt, of Honolulu, is at Mrs. R. D. Baldwin's, Hamakua. Messames J. S. Walker and Porter Boyd will visit Olanda next week.

There was a big cattle drive on the Honouliuli Ranch during the week. Water is sold by Chinese at 10 cents a tin (kerosene oil tin) in Keokea, Kula.

There are no vessels in Kahului. The weather: The greatest drought ever known on Maui still continues. Alelele water hole is almost exhausted.

PRESIDENT DOLE APPROVES. Believes Negro Laborers Should be Tried.

"The matter of bringing negroes here," said President Dole, on Saturday, "has been discussed by the Hawaiian planters for some time, and I am of the opinion that it would be wise to try the experiment. The labor outlook is rather unsettled just now and something should be done. We tried negro labor some years ago, but at that time the mistake was made in bringing them from the cit-

ies, and naturally it proved a failure. If proper care is given the selection of the people, I have no doubt the scheme would prove a success, and I believe an experiment should be made. Mr. Gardner is a man of experience in this line, and I understand he has facilities for bringing here men and their families direct from the plantations—people who have not been contaminated by contact with city roustabouts along the docks.

"Great care should be taken in the selection of the people, and I have no doubt Mr. Gardner will use discretion, knowing that success or failure of the venture depends upon the first lot sent. I was of the opinion that a trial might be made with, say, 10 families, but I read in the newspapers that there should be more, in order that they be contented. I believe better results would obtain if there were 10 families on each plantation, for then they would feel that they had neighbors who they could visit.

"I understand, one agent has already expressed a desire to have 10 families. This may be only the beginning, for I have no doubt others will follow with their orders. It would not pay Mr. Gardner to go South for so small an order.

"From a political standpoint, I think the effect would be beneficial to us, if Mr. Gardner's plan is carried out, that is, to select the families to the number of not more than six from any one locality. In that way the labor supply of a district would not be interfered with. But if he gets his supply west of the Carolinas, the movement would be favorable to our interests, because there is probably an over-stock there. I am told that the rice industry has been injured in North and South Carolina through so many negroes leaving there and colonizing elsewhere. We would have to get our supply some where west of these States, and I have no doubt we can. Mr. Gardner states that he knows where to go, and is willing to guarantee that the class of people he sends will be satisfactory.

"The disproportion of the sexes in Hawaii is rather alarming, and for that reason I would insist that only men with families be brought here. This would be better in many respects; with their families around them, they would be more content and less liable to drink and carouse."

NO MORE CHINESE. Decision Finally Arrived at by the Government Yesterday.

It is stated that the Government has finally decided to stop the immigration of Chinese to this country and that no more return permits will be issued except to bona fide merchants of unquestionable standing. This step is taken in accordance with a clause in the annexation treaty and in view of the probability of the ratification of that treaty by the United States Senate in December. This leaves the matter of plantation labor in a rather unsettled state.

The word tariff is derived from Tarifa, a seaport of Spain, about twenty miles from Gibraltar, where the Moors, during their supremacy in Spain, levied contributions according to a certain scale on vessels entering the Mediterranean sea.—Keystone.

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