

Canon and Representatives Hepburn and Townsend.

"The President is very much pleased with the turn things have taken," said Senator Dooliver. "It means the certain passage of the bill now. Amendments? Oh, I don't know about that. It remains to be seen whether there will be any amendments or not. But in the mean time let us rejoice over the progress made. You will see no gloom around the White House because Senator Tillman was selected to carry the banner. You know what the President said, only a few days ago, that he liked Senator Tillman because he was a fighter and an honest man."

"The President is very much pleased; I was going to say that he is perfectly satisfied with the situation," remarked Representative Townsend after his talk with the President. "The move made to place Senator Tillman in charge is very plainly caused by the fact that certain gentlemen were beaten. They thought that by placing the bill in Senator Tillman's charge they would spite some one else. I do not believe that the scheme will have the desired effect. The bill will be passed in spite of all opposition."

"If in the course of legislation it becomes necessary for the President and Senator Tillman to hold a consultation over the rate bill, the conference will take place. The Senator would be received, of course, just as cordially as any other Senator or Representative who came on a matter of importance and public business, and whatever personal sentiments the two gentlemen may have entertained for each other in the past, will have no bearing whatever upon the matter in hand. Callers at the White House—Republicans and Democrats alike—told the President that they wished and advantageously from the point of view of the public."

One of the President's close friends, after a long talk with him, said: "If the measure goes into the hands of the Democrats the President will not be to blame. It is his bill—the people of the country recognize that fact—and if the Republicans in the Senate allow the Democrats to steal from them what credit there is in its passage the President will not be blamed."

PLANS FOR PROGRAMME.

Still Time for Statchood—May Amend Philippine Bill.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 24.—Senate Republican leaders have been giving consideration to-day to important pending legislation, including the Railroad Rate, Statchood and Philippine Tariff bills, with a view to formulating a programme. It has been determined that on Monday there will be an informal conference at which will be made a proposition to displace the Statchood bill and make the Railroad Rate bill the unfinished business.

Under this plan the discussion of the Statchood bill would not be interfered with, as two or three weeks at least will be required for preparation to debate the Hepburn rate bill. The plan would have the effect, nevertheless, of dissipating any impression that, because of the contest in the committee, obstructive tactics would be used in the Senate. As the leader of the Republican faction that opposed reporting the bill without a provision for judicial review of orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Senator Aldrich intends to make a brief statement of his views and those entertained by other Senators in the same fact. He said to-day that he would recommend early consideration of the bill. In addition to the report that will be made by Senator Tillman, a statement of individual views will be made by Senators Dooliver and Clapp, who attempted to have the bill reported favorably without amendment and without any reservation by members of the committee as to their course in the Senate. In this statement they expect Senator Cullom, who was absent when the vote was taken, to join.

The leaders referred to have made an informal poll of the Senate on the Statchood bill and have reached the opinion that the Foraker amendment providing for a referendum vote in relation to New Mexico and Arizona will be adopted. If this should prove true there would be little opposition to the passage of the bill.

A compromise already has been suggested by certain leaders on the Philippine Tariff bill. To this measure, as it was passed by the House, providing for a reduction of the tariff on sugar, tobacco and rice to 25 per cent of the Dingley schedule, great opposition developed in the Senate. It is said that the committee stands 7 to 6 against the bill, but that one member of the opposition, Senator Nixon, is willing to vote to report the bill with the understanding that he would not be committed for the bill in the Senate. From an informal poll the leaders believe that the bill will be defeated unless a compromise is effected, and, therefore, the suggestion was made to-day that the bill be amended so that sugar and tobacco from the Philippines would be subject to a tariff equal to 40 or 50 per cent of the Dingley rates. It is said that if this compromise can be made in the committee several weeks of argument against the bill would be saved.

FEELING IN THE SENATE.

Belief That Amended Rate Bill Would Hold Republican Vote.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 24.—Yesterday's developments in connection with the railroad rate problem in the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce continued to be the uppermost topic about the Capitol to-day. There were comparatively few Senators in their committee rooms, but those who were there were busily engaged in discussing the situation. Among the most active were Senators Aldrich, Dooliver, Clapp and Elkins, all members of the Interstate Commerce Committee.

Senator Tillman, to whom was so unexpectedly assigned the duty of reporting the bill, was detained at his home by illness, but his colleagues were in frequent communication with him over the telephone. He told them that he had a slight cold, but felt no doubt that he would be able to appear in his seat in the Senate on Monday, when he would report the bill as directed by the committee. The unexpected assignment of Mr. Tillman to this duty received as much attention as the sudden determination to report the bill.

Members of the committee were full of reminiscences of the meeting, and not the least interesting of these was the story of the details of Mr. Tillman's selection. His name was proposed, as has been told, by Senator Aldrich, but he was not mentioned until after considerable discussion of the advisability of selecting some one else for the service. The first intention was to confer the honor on Senator Cullom as the oldest member of the committee, but when he cast his fortunes with the advocates of the straight Hepburn-Dooliver bill the majority of the Republicans manifested an inclination to drop him. Then came the various suggestions and the choice of Tillman.

Speaking to-day of Mr. Tillman's selection, Sen-

ator Aldrich expressed great satisfaction, saying that, under the circumstances, it was the wisest and best that could be made. He voiced the general sentiment about the Senate in expressing the opinion that the South Carolina Senator would have no difficulty in rising to the requirements of the occasion. His selection, however, was anomalous in that he had frequently expressed himself in vigorous language as opposed to the bill as amended, as had most, if not all, of his Democratic colleagues on the committee.

Not does Senator Tillman make any secret now of his opinion that the bill should be amended. Already there is much discussion on the subject of amendments, and it was made evident to-day that the scene of activity in behalf of a modification in favor of the committee room to the floor of the Senate. It is the belief that with such an amendment the bill will secure practically all of the Republican votes, and it was said that a majority of the Republican Senators would stand out for such a change. The Republican members of its committee who refused to vote for the bill in its present shape say there are over thirty who will stand with them to the end of this change. Many of the Democratic Senators also have expressed a willingness to accept such a provision.

Senator Aldrich's statement on the floor of the Senate on Monday will outline briefly his attitude toward railroad rate legislation. He announced both to Senators and newspaper men to-day that toward people who supposed that he was opposed to legislation were very much mistaken. On the contrary, he declared, he believed it to be the duty of Congress to take some steps for the assertion of its prerogatives, but he added his unalterable opposition to any measure which did not provide for a review by the courts.

Senators Dooliver and Clapp were the subjects of congratulations, and both expressed great satisfaction over the result of the committee's deliberations. Mr. Dooliver manifested no chagrin over the selection of Mr. Tillman as the floor manager for the bill, but said that he would have all the satisfaction possible if so meritorious a measure could become a law. He was seen just after he had left the White House, where he had had conference with the President, and he assured all those with whom he came in contact that the President was quite as delighted over the prospect as himself. There was a movement on the part of some of the Republican Senators to-day to recognize Mr. Dooliver as the leader, notwithstanding the instructions of the committee, but it took no definite form.

Senator Elkins, one of the Republican members of the committee, who did not vote for the favorable report on the bill, expressed the opinion that the bill would pass. He will continue his efforts to have it amended so as to include his provision compelling roads to make connections with other roads, but it is not believed that he will oppose the bill if he does not succeed in obtaining this addition.

MAY CITE TREASURER.

He Refuses to Surrender Books to Ohio Senate Committee.

Cincinnati, Feb. 24.—The sessions of the day in the investigations by the Senate committee of Hamilton County affairs were the positive refusal of County Treasurer Hynicka to produce his private account and bankbooks, and the statement of President Hirsch of the First National Bank that local business would have been blocked had the county funds been retained in the Treasurer's vaults. The committee will report to the State Senate the refusal of Mr. Hynicka to produce his books, and it was suggested to-day that he would probably be cited before the Senate on a charge of contempt.

Payment of gratuities to County Treasurers have been made for years here by banks that received deposits, all Treasurers benefiting, according to testimony given by George Schott, a cashier, who was the first witness to-day before the Drake committee of the State Senate. The payments were made on a basis of 2 to 2½ per cent of the deposits. He had been cashier for fourteen years, serving under four different Treasurers. He testified that "four-fifths of the \$7,000,000 annually paid in taxes were in the shape of checks, many of which were held from thirty to ninety days for the convenience of taxpayers." He told where the funds were deposited at the present time, saying that one of the banks which has no present deposit had these deposits right along, the same as other banks. Sometimes they get more, when they ask for it. They get hungrier for more, and the personal wishes of the Treasurer were consulted.

President Hirsch thereupon asked permission to make a statement, which was in part as follows:

If the banks had not been thus favored the ensuing financial condition would have been disastrous for the community. You know 95 per cent of the business of a community is transacted on paper or is represented by paper. This leaves 5 per cent of the business done in actual cash. Lock up \$5,500,000 at a time in the County Treasurer's office, and the result would be that every element of business of the city would be paralyzed. It would stop the loans of every bank in the city.

So the bankers feel that in being permitted to use the public funds they were doing a good thing for the public as well.

NEGRO BURNED BY MOB.

Shot and Cremated Near Shreveport—Quick Trial for Another.

Shreveport, La., Feb. 24.—A mob of five hundred men to-day shot to death Wiltze Page, a negro, and afterward burned the body, near Bienville. The negro was captured last night. He was suspected of being the man who attempted to assault Sarah Gant, eleven years old, yesterday. Page was identified by the girl, and when a deputy sheriff started to the jail with Page a mob overpowered the officer and took the negro. He was taken to the scene of the attack on the girl, where he made a confession, it is said. The mob then stood him up against a tree and shot him to death, riddling his body with bullets. More than five hundred shots were fired.

After the shooting a fire was kindled around the body of the negro, and the mob remained until it had been cremated. A military company, ordered by Governor Blanchard from Homer, La., reached the scene after the lynching. When they arrived the mob had dispersed.

Charles Coleman, the negro charged with having assaulted and murdered Miss Margaret Lear, was convicted in the District Court here to-day after a trial lasting three hours. Governor Blanchard, who attended the trial, signed the death warrant. Next Thursday was fixed as the date of the execution. Four military companies were on guard about the courthouse during the trial and all persons who attended were searched as they approached the building. There was no demonstration, and, while feeling is still intense, it is believed that there will be allowed to take its course. The military will remain until after the execution.

CABLE LINES AGAIN INTERRUPTED.

All Stations South of Porto Rico Cut Off—Earthquakes Possible Cause.

The Commercial Cable Company has sent out the following notice:

We are advised that cables between Porto Rico and St. Thomas, and Porto Rico and St. Croix are interrupted, cutting off all stations south of Porto Rico. Chartered schooners and steam opportunities will convey traffic between Porto Rico and St. Thomas.

The recent seismic disturbances in the West Indies and South America give ground for the belief that the interruption in the cable service south of Porto Rico may be due to earthquakes. It will be remembered that there will be allowed to take its course. The military will remain until after the execution.

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MORE MUTUAL MEN OUT.

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come of the suits started against them by the Mutual.

H. M. Alexander said last night that the family was much encouraged by the improvement in the condition of J. W. Alexander, ex-president of the Equitable, and that the physicians had said positively that Mr. Alexander would recover.

MORRIS OUT OF MUTUAL.

Philadelphia Banker Resigns Because Trustees Have Little Voice.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—The retirement of E. H. Morris, the well known banker of this city, who announced his resignation as trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company to-day, was a step long contemplated, according to Mr. Morris. His reasons are set forth in this statement, given out by Mr. Morris this afternoon:

I resigned as a trustee of the Mutual Life because it proved to be impracticable for me, as a non-resident, to keep in touch with details of the management of a corporation having its office in New York, whose policy must necessarily be adapted to varying conditions from day to day. I remained in the board after the recent deplorable events only long enough to vote in support of every measure advocated by the Trustee's investigating committee.

To show how impossible it is for any one living at a distance to know much about such a company as the Mutual, until the names were brought out in the investigation I did not even know of the existence of Mr. Thebaud, Mr. Raymond, Mr. Fields or Mr. Hamilton. Their names were never mentioned at any board meeting, and I never heard of them or their relations to the company.

It seems foolish for a man to serve on a large board where, naturally, he can have no voice in the actual management by reason of his absence and can only hear of decisions of policy after they are made. No such director can be called on to do more than support officers whom he knows to be able men, and who are in charge of the business; he can pass upon such questions only as are brought before the board for action. If the officers abuse this trust and do not bring matters before the board, the directors can by no possibility have any knowledge of them. In the case of the Mutual these officers have been dispensed with and the courts will decide the merits of the matter. It has passed out of the hands of trustees, and therefore there was no reason for me to remain longer on the board.

WOULD FILE SUIT FOR ACTUARY FEES.

Harrisburg, Penn., Feb. 24.—Attorney General Carson filed with Governor Pennypacker to-day an order for the filing of the Legislative Insurance Investigating Committee. It is his belief that the fees of the actuary belong to the State, and recommends that bills in equity be filed against former Insurance Commissioners Luper, Lambert and Durham and against J. Clayton Erb an actuary for an accounting and settlement.

EX-MAYOR THREATENED.

Trenton "Black Hand" Men in McKeesport, Says Letter.

McKeesport, Penn., Feb. 24.—Ex-Mayor Robert J. Black of this city received a letter to-day from members of the "Black Hand" society demanding \$3,000 in gold and silver coin before March 8 on pain of death. On refusal his house also will be blown up and his family ruined. The writer declares that 104 men from Trenton, N. J., are operating in and about McKeesport and that Dr. Black is one of the first victims to be marked.

The letter directs the victim to place the money in the stump of a hollow tree in Curry Hollow which has been marked by a large X. The letter further states that more men and ammunition are arriving, and that if any effort is made to capture any of the band it will result in the death of Dr. Black. In the letter, on a separate piece of paper, is the drawing of a skull and crossbones in blood red ink. On the reverse side of the paper are the words, "Response or death."

MISS JULIA MARLOWE HURT.

Sprained Ankle Forces Her to Drop Out of Cast in Sothern Company.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Pittsburgh, Feb. 24.—Miss Julia Marlowe, who has been appearing here this week with E. H. Sothern, was injured while returning from a visit to the home of a friend in the East End yesterday afternoon. Her ankle turned while she was entering her carriage, and was sprained. She was taken to the Fort Pitt Hotel, where she was attended by a physician.

Last night, this afternoon and to-night she was out of the east, her parts in "Taming of the Shrew" and "The Merchant of Venice" being taken by Miss Alice Harrington. Miss Marlowe will depart for Cincinnati to-morrow, and expects to be able to appear on Monday.

KEEPS DEATH TELEGRAM FROM JUROR.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—Judge Waddill, in the United States Court, held up a telegram to John R. Stevens, one of the jurors in the Melvin Y. Angel counterfeiting case, which acquainted the juror with the death of his brother, because the receipt of the news might interfere with the juror's proper consideration of the case. The juror, upon request, returned an immediate verdict of not guilty, and the telegram was delivered. The juror at once started for the deathbed of his brother.

ACROSS CONTINENT IN RAILROAD AUTO.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Omaha, Feb. 24.—President Underwood of the Erie Railroad, accompanied by a party of friends will make a trip from Pasadena, Cal., to New York City in railroad automobiles. The party will leave California early in March, coming east over the San Pedro, Union Pacific, Northwestern and Erie railroads. The automobiles are on the Union Pacific now, en route to California. The machines will be handled by train dispatchers in the same manner as are limited trains.

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