

STEVENS EXPOSES RATE BILL FLAWS

Declares Esch-Townsend Measure Will Not Do All Its Friends Expect.

By W. W. Jermame. Washington, Feb. 8.—The speech made yesterday by Representative Stevens of Minnesota, in favor of the passage of the Esch-Townsend railway rate bill, was perhaps the most illuminating and best balanced speech yet made on this subject before the house.

Mr. Stevens makes the statement that the bill will fall very far short of doing many things which advocates of this legislation think it will do. That follows is a summary of his speech.

"This question is of the greatest importance, touching as it does every locality, business interest and person in the country, and any error in legislation would work injustice and possibly destruction to many business interests and persons in the United States.

"These are accomplished to some extent by the present bill and for that reason I supported it in committee and will vote for its passage by the house. But I do not think it will accomplish the good results expected by its friends, nor will it work the evil predicted by its opponents.

"Five classes of wrongs were provided against by the interstate commerce act. The first is excessive and extortionate rates. This will not be much remedied by the passage of the present bill, because the great mass of rates are not excessive and are undoubtedly too high, some too low, and there is as much complaint about the one as the other.

"The second provision of the original interstate commerce act was to remove the evils of drawbacks and rebates in favor of individuals. There is nothing in this bill either extending the present law against these evils or enforcing the present provisions.

FOUR VIEWS OF HOCH, SHOWING CHANGES IN HIS APPEARANCE AS HE WOODED HIS WAY



JAPANESE REPEL RUSS INFANTRY

Successfully Meet Charge After Heavy Bombardment of Kuropatkin's Guns.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—Reports from the Manchurian army headquarters say that the Russians shelled various parts of the Japanese lines last Monday and Monday night. Small forces of Russian infantry attacked at various points, but all were repulsed.

PRESS CALLING FOR PEACE

Russian Sentiment for Continuing War at Any Cost Is Dying. St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—The present trend of public and press opinion in Russia appears to be setting in favor of peace.

"The war never has been in the fullest sense of the word, popular. The present distress and discontent of the working classes and the general desire for reform evinced by the upper class may develop a strong peace movement with which the government may have to reckon, but on the other hand, it is generally admitted that peace should be concluded under disadvantageous conditions it would materially strengthen the enemies of the present government, which will not fail to keep this fact in mind and use every means possible of reaching an adjustment satisfactory to Russia and Japan.

THE FASHION CENTER. The great Plymouth Clothing House.

\$100,000 FLEECE FOR SWINDLERS

Millionaire Publisher Caught by Old 'Wire Tapping' and Race Gambling Fraud.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, Feb. 8.—One of the most remarkable swindles that according to Police Commissioner McAduo have come to light in many years, was revealed today when a man said to be John R. Felix, a millionaire publisher of 33 West Twenty-first street, identified a man supposed to be Frederick Williams, as one of the men concerned in a wire-tapping scheme that fleeced him out of \$100,000.

ALL CARS BUT ONE LEAVE TRACK; 2 INJURED

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 8.—The North Coast Limited on the Northern Pacific was wrecked at Drummond, Mont., this morning and several passengers were hurt.

Liver and Kidneys

It is highly important that these organs should properly perform their functions. When they don't, what lameness of the side and back, what yellowness of the skin, what constipation, bad taste in the mouth, sick headache, pimples and blotches, and loss of courage, tell the story.

FORTY-FOUR CLAIM HOCH AS HUSBAND

Multi-Widower Named by More Than Two Score as Man Who Led Them to Altar.

New York, Feb. 8.—Johann Hoch's wives now number forty-four. A partial list of the wives Hoch is reported to have married is as follows:

Mrs. Anna Hoch, Vienna; married to Hoch, alias Jacob Schmitt, and deserted. Mrs. C. A. Mayer, 2951 Keely street, Chicago, dead.

LOOT OF OLD BANK ROBBERY APPEARS

Securities Long Waited For, Stolen in 1878, Turned in for Collateral.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, Feb. 8.—After twenty-seven years of waiting the United States treasury officials in this city were rewarded Monday by the appearance of the first of the thirty United States government gold bonds of \$10,000 each, stolen and carried away as a portion of the \$1,200,000 that was looted from the Etna National bank in 1878.

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MYSTERIOUS MAN BOUGHT

Samuel Warren Miller, if such a person exists, is the man whom Chief Flynn and his secret service operators are especially anxious to find. Altho Mr. Miller is said to be a prosperous Klondike mining man and to have been in recently in the last 30 days, the secret service men have been unable to find anyone who knows him or even knows that he exists, excepting only the man who bought him.

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Constantinople, Feb. 8.—Germany's victory in capturing the contractors for the rearmament of the Turkish artillery threatens to result in a serious question of Franco-Turkish political relations. The French ambassador here, M. Constans, will soon go to Paris to consult with Foreign Minister Delcasse. Meanwhile the ambassador has informed the Turkish government that the French market is closed to any fresh Turkish loans.

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CUMMINS SCORES THE BIG PACKERS

Declares They Are in League with the Railways to Bleed the People.

Special to the Journal. Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 8.—Governor Cummins and former Governor Van Sant of Minnesota addressed the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association last night. Both predicted action at the present session of congress on the rate question. Governor Cummins announced his disapproval of the Esch-Townsend bill.

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MARSHALL FIELD & CO'S. WAREHOUSE MANAGER Cured of Catarrh of Kidneys by Pe-ru-na

John T. Sheahan, who has been for seventeen years manager of Marshall Field & Co's. wholesale warehouse, and is Corporal 2d Regiment Infantry, I. N. G., writes the following letter from 3753 Indiana avenue, Flat Six, Chicago, Ill.:

"I caught a cold which seemed to settle in my kidneys and affected them badly. I tried a couple of kidney remedies largely advertised, but they did not help me any. One of my foremen told me of the great help he had received in using Peruna in a similar case, and I at once procured some.

"It was indeed a blessing to me, as I am on my feet a large part of the day, and trouble, such as I had, affected me seriously, but four bottles of Peruna cured me entirely, and I would not be without it for three months' salary."

Whenever the kidney is affected by catarrh it is known as Bright's Disease. Peruna is the remedy for catarrh wherever located—whether in the kidneys, the head, the lungs or the pelvic organs. Backache is usually the first symptom of kidney trouble. At the appearance of the first symptom, Peruna should be taken. Delays are dangerous, often causing fatal results.

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