

HOUSES ARE SPLIT OVER DRAWBACKS

Senate Passes Hansbrough Amendment Striking at Milling Privileges.

HOUSE MAY DEFEAT THE SENATE'S PURPOSE

Will Refuse to Accept Change, and Return Amended Bill to Upper House.

DRAWBACK SITUATION

Hansbrough amendment to house bill kills mixed-wheat drawback. But amendment attaches to agricultural appropriation bill, a house measure.

By W. W. Jermaine.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota won rather a notable victory late yesterday afternoon when he induced the senate to adopt his amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill excluding mixed wheat from the drawback privileges of section 30 of the Dingley tariff law.

Previous to the vote, Senator Allison secured the passage of an amendment to the Hansbrough amendment, radically strengthening it.

If this amendment should be concurred in by the house conferees, the recent agitation of the agricultural committee for a mixed drawback privilege will have been for naught. Some idea of how the senate stood on the proposition may be had from the statement that the amendment was adopted without the formality of a roll call, which is never the case except when practically no opposition exists.

The amended bill now goes back to the house, and undoubtedly a conference committee will be appointed unless, as is unlikely, the house accepts the senate amendment without protest.

The senate conferees will be Francis C. Johnson, chairman of the agricultural committee; Hansbrough, the ranking republican member of that committee; and Bate, ranking democratic member. The house conferees will be William Wadsworth, chairman of the house agricultural committee; Henry of Connecticut, ranking republican member of the committee; and Lamb of Virginia, ranking democratic member.

Payne May Act.

It need excite no suspicion if tomorrow, when the house convenes, Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee offers a motion requesting the house to return the agricultural appropriation bill to the senate with a request that the Hansbrough amendment be stricken out.

If such a decision should be made, it will be based on the constitutional right of the house to originate all revenue legislation. Such a motion, if made, would probably be carried, as the house has the prerogative. The senate has on several occasions sought, by amending house bills, to undermine the house as the originator of revenue legislation.

Finally the situation became such two years ago. Speaker Cannon, then chairman of the appropriations committee, aided by Representative Tanney and Mr. Ames, made a motion which resulted in the senate's receding from its position.

Abundant Precedents.

There are abundant precedents for such a motion as Mr. Payne is thinking of offering. In 1872, at the close of the time of Thaddeus Stevens, who, when a member of the house, had a motion passed returning an amended house bill to the senate with the request that the objectionable amendment be stricken out. The senate on this occasion acquiesced, and it is asserted it will be compelled to do so this time.

Chairman Payne is buying this afternoon looking up precedents, and if he finds justification for the motion it will be offered. Representative John Lind of Minnesota, when asked by The Journal at this afternoon conference, the action Mr. Payne is thinking of taking, said that in his opinion such a motion would be proper and wholly justified by the constitution. He will support it.

Confirmed by Tanney.

Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon Representative Tanney confirmed the statements that a motion will be made in the house today to return to the senate the agricultural appropriation bill to the senate with the request that the Hansbrough amendment be stricken out.

This whole question was taken up today at a conference between Speaker Cannon, Chairman Wadsworth of the agricultural committee, and Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee.

They were unanimously of the opinion that the senate had exceeded its authority in passing the Hansbrough amendment, and that the house would be compelled to make a firm stand for its rights.

This conference would seem to insure the passage of the Payne motion tomorrow, bringing an interesting situation between the two houses. Among other things the millers may derive some benefit, for if the senate should recede from its position, the Hansbrough amendment would be lost. It is unlikely that the house will itself amend this bill, which it is already passing, so as to cover the Hansbrough ground.

In the meantime Senator Hansbrough is busy. He is spending the afternoon on the floor of the house, canvassing friendly members and others who will talk to him, with a view of saving his amendment a possible vote. Among others were Representatives Davis and Volstead. It is probable that he is trying to arrange to have the house amend the bill to suit his view.

There is a strong probability that the amendment covers not only mixed wheat but also straight imported wheat, which leaves the millers the alternative of bonding their mills if they desire to continue importing. It is understood that representatives of Minneapolis millers who arrive in Washington today will endeavor to convince the house leaders of the wisdom of the Hansbrough amendment and thus pave the way to defeating it when the bill goes to conference. An effort is being made to interest several members of the Minnesota delegation in the case.

Straight Imported Wheat.

Senator Hansbrough believes his amendment will not prohibit the milling of straight imported wheat under the

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HARLAN TO HEAD CHICAGO TICKET

Republican City Convention to Be a Love Feast—Small Primary Vote.

DEATH MAY FREE CHADWICK WOMAN

Her Heart Is Affected, and One of Her Dupes Is Also Ill.

LIBERALS ASK FOR NEW PARLIAMENT

Say Britons Are Tired of Fiscal Debate and Want to Vote.

London, Feb. 15.—In the house of commons today the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed by Mr. Asquith (liberal and former secretary), who moved the following amendment:

We humbly represent to your majesty that the various aspects of the fiscal question have been fully discussed in the country for nearly two years and that the time has come for submitting the question to the people without further delay.

Mr. Asquith supported this demand for an immediate dissolution of parliament with some trenchant remarks on the wide fiscal gap separating the unionist factions.

Turning to Premier Balfour, Mr. Asquith asked him to give a monosyllabic answer whether there was any practical difference between his and Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal policies, but the premier maintained silence.

RATE APPEALS FROM STATES.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Immediately after the senate was called to order today Mr. Beveridge presented a memorial from the legislature of Indiana and Mr. Berry a memorial from the legislature of Arkansas, both praying for the enlargement of the powers of the interstate commerce commission.

THE DRAWBACK TO THE DRAWBACK.

Senator Hansbrough has a string on the mixing privilege.

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COLD LOCKS TRAIN FAST TO THE RAILS

Engine, After Taking Water, Is Unable to Budge the Ice-Bound Wheels.

ROADS TIED UP; COAL DRIFTED IN

Hundreds of Iowa Towns Suffer for Fuel Because of Snow Blanket Over State.

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CHINA TO HAVE A FREAK CONGRESS

Emperor Has Approved a Memorial for a Correspondence Parliament.

Peking, Feb. 15.—The emperor of China has recently approved a memorial presented by the president of the board of revenue, advising the establishment of an official parliament where matters of importance, both foreign and domestic, can be discussed by the chief metropolitan officials, members of the Hanlin college, the various boards of censors and the grand secretaries. This new council is not to hold discussions at regular intervals, but only when commanded by the emperor. Its consultations will be carried on by correspondence and not verbally.

The formation of this so-called parliament is regarded by the foreign community as entirely illusory; useless, but interesting as an indication that China now recognizes the inadequacy of the existing government machinery.

COLD HOLDS BACK TRAINS

Twenty-two Degrees Below Zero at the Head of the Lakes.

Superior, Wis., Feb. 15.—After a respite of one day, the head of the lakes is again in the grasp of a cold wave. At 7 o'clock this morning the official temperature was 20 below zero while numerous street thermometers showed 22 degrees below.

The intense cold is retarding train service on all lines. The North-Western's train from Chicago due in Superior at 10:30 a. m. is four hours late, while the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and South Shore & Atlantic roads reported from one to three hours delay on in-bound trains.

BRANCHES ABANDONED

Burlington Is Moving Only Its Main Trains.

Burlington, Iowa, Feb. 15.—Burlington railroad officials abandoned today efforts to run trains on branch lines out of Burlington. Only the main line trains are moving. The mercury stood at 14 below zero.

SOME IMPROVEMENT NOTED

Slightly Warmer in Nebraska—Little Freight Moving.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 15.—There is a moderation in the weather today and some improvement is apparent in the passenger service of the railways, but transportation of freight is practically at a standstill.

The Great Western line is still blocked added to the conditions on the Illinois Central are bad. The coal situation remains critical, but with an improvement in railroad traffic, will speedily be relieved.

APPEALS MADE TO CHARITY FOR THE FREEZING POOR—COLD STILL HOLDS ITS GRIP.

Des Moines, Feb. 15.—Continued, unrelenting cold and snow, which have practically put an end to business and tied up all trains entering Des Moines and traversing the state, have placed the entire city and state at the mercy of a coal and fuel famine. But one appeal to the public for aid in the way of fuel and food.

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Washington, Feb. 15.—Mr. Beall of Texas, in opposing large appropriations for the army and navy in the house today, declared that the United States had gone mad over the spirit of militarism, which was sapping the substance of the people. The government was paying as much attention to "ceremonies, pomp and power" as any government on earth and he said it was the most extravagant government in the world. He compared the heavy arm and navy expenditures of this country, with those of other nations, and in referring to Russia said that she spent more, "but Russia is a despotism, a government hated by its own people and despised by the people of the world," and that she maintained her existence by the power of her arms.

Mr. Beall referred to the president's speech in New York on Monday night, in which it was maintained that while the United States should at all times cultivate friendly relations with other people and talk pleasantly to them, the rebuilding of the navy must go on. There was never a nation that played the bully amongst other nations of the world, Mr. Beall remarked, that there was not some other nation ready to engage in a death struggle with it, and he predicted, "history will repeat itself with us."

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EXCELSIOR TRIES TO PULL IT BACK

The present majority of the council, however, profess to believe that the ordinance was never legally passed, and are ready for any legal action that may be taken by the new company. Further than that, Village Recorder Appaer, who has to attest the ordinance and place his signature to these documents as, while the papers were being prepared, the council meeting ten days ago, that were not delivered to his custody until last Monday, and he has no positive knowledge that the ordinance then given to him was the one passed by the council. He claims that, according to law, the ordinance should have been given to him at once and left with him until the franchise agreement was completed and the ordinance properly published or posted in the village so that he could positively attest its correctness.

WOMAN'S RESPITE HALTS HANGMAN

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—On recommendation of the board of pardons today, Governor Pennington withdrew the death warrants in the case of Mrs. Kate Edwards, white, and Samuel Greason, negro, who were under sentence to hang together in the Berks county jail at Reading tomorrow morning for the murder of Mrs. Edwards' husband in 1901.

KILLED ON THE SCAFFOLD

Wife Murderer Falls, Rope Breaks, Blow Causes Death.

Bridgeton, N. J., Feb. 15.—Frank Raisingier was hanged here today for the murder of his wife. The drop fell at 9:04. The rope broke as the body rebounded and the back of Raisingier's head struck a cross beam of the scaffold and broke Raisingier's neck. The physicians present said death was instantaneous. Raisingier was not officially pronounced dead until ten minutes later.

CHICAGO LOSES TRANSFER CASE.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Federal Judge Grosscup today decided the Chicago city council has no power to compel street car companies to issue or accept free transfers for passengers with other companies. He overruled a demurrer filed by the city in a suit brought by the Union Traction company, and granted a permanent injunction. The decision was against the city's contention on all points.

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Washington, Feb. 15.—The fight in the Equitable Life Assurance society, the greatest single financial power in the United States, exceeds in bitterness any struggle that has ever developed among kings of finance in this country. The demand made by James W. Alexander, president of the society, and owner of H. Hyde, its vice president, and owner of a majority of the capital stock, shall consent to a change in the voting plan by which the 500,000 policy holders of the company shall have a voice in the election of its directors, is only a small part of the real struggle.

Mr. Alexander and his friends in the company demand, and this is the real crux of the war, that Mr. Hyde shall retire from the vice presidency of the company and from all active participation in the management of its affairs.

Mr. Hyde has been served with a notice to that effect, unless he resigns at a meeting of the directors set for tomorrow, the consequences may be the most remarkable in the financial history of this country.

Strength of Movement.

Thirty-four of the executive heads of the Equitable Life Assurance society, constituting the whole active management of the immense corporation, with the exception of the vice president, Mr. Hyde, and the fourth vice president, W. H. McIntyre, have signed an agreement declaring that unless Mr. Hyde resigns they will give up their positions in the company.

When it is remembered that the Equitable Life Assurance society has in ready cash and securities, which can be immediately turned into cash, \$478,000,000, and when it is also remembered that some of these men who have threatened to resign have been with the company since it was founded, in 1816, by Henry B. Hyde, father of the young man who, they now insist, must resign, the motives which impel them to take this extraordinary step can readily be understood to be exceptional.

Hyde's Private Life.

One of these motives is the private life of Mr. Hyde. Old men in the company who were his father's friends and the great bulk of the stock, are loyal to the memory of Henry B. Hyde, they know that, were he living, he would not tolerate in a position of responsibility in the company any young man, even his own son, who had led the frivolous life credited to young Mr. Hyde.

Another objection to him is the charge that he has formed financial associations of a character that is detrimental to the Equitable company. They say that he has gone into huge speculative schemes or has allowed himself to be used by the promoters of such schemes, and that, in consequence, the absolute one-man control of the \$478,000,000 of the Equitable society is a crowning injustice to the half million policy holders in the company.

Bent on Ousting Hyde.

Not only have these men determined to oust Mr. Hyde from the company, but they also have agreed among themselves that Jacob H. Schiff, head of the great banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., must retire as a member of the finance committee of the Equitable Life.

Mr. Schiff is one of the few known supporters of Mr. Hyde in the present gigantic struggle. He is stated by the reason they object to Mr. Schiff's continuing as a member of the finance committee of the Equitable Life is that during the last year his firm, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., sold to the Equitable \$22,000,000 of bonds.

Alexander Talks.

Supporters of each side to the controversy were in conference today with their respective adherents. Mr. Hyde said he had nothing to add to the statement made by him on Monday last. Mr. Alexander made a statement in which he said:

"The present movement is for the purpose of preserving thru all future time the strength and prosperity of the society by putting the power of voting for directors where it belongs, namely, in the beneficial owners of the company—the policy holders. It now rests in \$100,000 stock capital, a majority of which is under control of James W. Alexander, and it is stated that H. Hyde, the vice president, it needs no argument to demonstrate that such a power in the hands of one man is fraught with danger in the future.

"The council have given an opinion that there is a remedy by action of the board of directors, who can legally and constitutionally so amend the charter as to invest the policy holders with the right to vote."

A Surprised Chairman.

Chairman Sampson was wholly unprepared for the action taken last night. He appeared at the council meeting armed with the \$5,000 bond of the new company and the franchise ready for signature, and was confident that it would be granted.

When the motion for rescinding the franchise was made by Recorder Appaer and promptly seconded by Alderman Bennett, Sampson said that he could see no reason why it should not be put at once, and believed on one career to argue the question. It was put and when three votes were recorded for it, he could not believe he heard aught. He stood silent for a moment waiting for someone to say that he heard not the vote, but no one coming in his rescue, he finally said quietly, "carried."

A motion for adjournment being made, the chairman and Alderman Lyman left the room without again speaking.

Twin City Ready Now.

While the opposition to the new line has taken the ground that their fight was actuated solely by the desire to get the very best proposition possible for Excelsior, their action resulted largely to the interest of the Twin City Rapid Transit company. It is highly probable that had the new company not entered the field, several years would have passed before the Twin City would have thought of entering the lake business. The entrance of the Kenaston-Phelps company, however, has electrified the old company into life and there is no question that it will now act promptly. There is no doubt that it has all its plans made. Considerable interest will be maintained.

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