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TILLMAN REPORTS THE HEPBURN BILL

Democratic Senator Merely Presents the Measure as Ordered by Committee.

ALDRICH ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN ACTION

Foraker Declares Himself a Foe of Federal Rate Making.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Expecting a spirited discussion over the report by Mr. Tillman of the Hepburn railroad bill, the galleries of the senate chamber were crowded when today's session was called to order. An unusually large number of senators also were in their seats.

On Mr. Tillman's desk lay an imposing pile of documents, the records of the hearings of the interstate commerce commission on the general subject of government regulation of railroad rates, the sitting beside him was Mr. Bailey, the recognized minority leader in the absence of Mr. Gorman, and the two senators conferred earnestly.

Mr. Tillman decided that he was not prepared to make a formal report, and that it would be more effective simply to report the bill in accordance with the resolution adopted by the members, which provides that the members should exercise individual judgment concerning amendments that may be offered in the senate.

Tillman Recognized.

As soon as the vice president called for reports of standing committees, several senators arose, but Mr. Tillman was recognized. He announced that he had been instructed by the report house on interstate commerce to report the bill 12:37 without amendment, and he read the resolution adopted. After a discussion concerning the printing of the testimony taken by the publication of 10,000 copies.

Mr. Tillman Announced that as soon as possible he purposed to digest the testimony and to submit a formal report on the bill.

He said that the committee had employed two experts, Messrs. Newcomb and Adams, and they had made an epitome of the testimony, which also will be printed.

Minority's Position.

"With these amendments the minority members, with the possible exception of the senator from Ohio, who is opposed, as I understand, to all government rate-making, were ready to give their support to the house bill."

Foraker an Open Foe.

While Mr. Aldrich was speaking he mentioned the senator from Ohio as a "possible exception," and Mr. Foraker interposed, saying "actual exception."

Culberson's Substitute.

"Well, then," said Mr. Culberson, "I take it that in a large degree the committee's action to be no more or no less than a transfer of a controversy from the committee to the senate chamber. Therefore I offer a substitute for the bill just reported. This substitute is in effect the bill on the same subject which I previously introduced."

LAFAYETTE STATUE TO BE CAST.

Washington, Feb. 26.—According to a letter received here today from Robert J. Thompson at Chicago, secretary of the Lafayette Memorial commission, having in charge the erection of a monument to Lafayette, in Paris, preparations are under way for the final casting of the statue and its dedication Oct. 19, the anniversary of the surrender and fall of Yorktown.

MASKED MEN GET \$4,000.

Millville, N. J., Feb. 26.—Two masked men, one white and one negro, today seized Frederick Radal, a baker, while he was in the stable near his home and after gagging the baker marched him into his home at the point of a pistol. The men compelled Radal to open his safe, from which they took nearly \$4,000. The robbers escaped.

SERIOUS FLAW FOUND IN STATE'S NEW CODE

STANDING APPROPRIATIONS OMITTED FROM NEW CODE

Fergus Falls hospital.....	\$25,000
St. Peter hospital.....	140,000
Rochester hospital.....	140,000
School for deaf, Faribault.....	35,000
School for deaf, Faribault.....	12,000
School for feeble minded, Faribault.....	45,000
State public school, Owatonna.....	15,000
State reform school, Red Wing.....	35,000
State prison, Stillwater.....	40,000
State reformatory, St. Cloud.....	15,000

ROCKEFELLER, JR., DEFENDS "CORNER"

Sees in Joseph's Work in Egypt Justification for Oil Schemes.

Journal Special Service.
New York, Feb. 26.—By defending Joseph's action in cornering the food supply during the seven years of plenty in Egypt and selling it to the people in the seven years of famine, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in his Bible class yesterday, made the first really public defense, by intimation, of similar methods adopted by his father in building up the Standard Oil monopoly. Middle-aged and old men crowded the pews of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church when Mr. Rockefeller began to speak, there being in all 201 members present.

COLLIER FORTUNE IS AGAINST MANN

Collier Ready to Expend \$200,000 to Convict Town Topics

New York, Feb. 26.—Robert J. Collier, publisher of Collier's Weekly, went on the witness stand today in the hearing of Colonel William D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, on the sensational libel suit brought recently against Norman Haggood, editor of Collier's Weekly, and which was decided for Mr. Haggood.

LOCK CANAL IS MOST COSTLY, SAYS WALLACE

New York, Feb. 26.—John F. Wallace, formerly chief engineer of the Panama canal, has contributed an article to the March number of the Engineering Magazine, recounting his observations and experiences during the construction work in the canal zone. In this article Mr. Wallace declares it to be his belief that "it will require more time and money to construct a high-level canal on the 83-foot plan, under the present method of government control, than it will to construct a sea-level canal provided the work is accomplished by modern efficient methods."

\$200,000 IN STEEL PLANT FIRE.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 26.—The general office building and part of a machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel company were destroyed by fire today, entailing a loss of about \$200,000 to property and valuable records.

NO GOAL STRIKE, SAYE MITCHELL

NO FUNDS FOR INSTITUTIONS

Special Legislative Session May Be Necessary to Provide Running Expenses.

Members of the state board of control made a startling discovery today, when they got their first look at the new code of laws.

Standing appropriations for the state prison and reformatory, the three insane hospitals, the Red Wing training school and the institutions at Faribault and Owatonna seem to be omitted from the revision. These appropriations have stood for years, and about covered the running expenses of the institutions. If they have been omitted, an extra session of the legislature must be called at once, or the state's penal, correctional and charitable institutions must go out of business.

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NEW COMBINE TO FIGHT BEEF TRUST

American Federation of Labor and Farmers' Alliance May Unite.

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New York, Feb. 26.—William C. Wellman, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Association of America, is now trying to work up a scheme of co-operation between the Farmers' Alliance and the American Federation of Labor to secure cheap beef. It is proposed to have the farmer establish slaughter houses in the west, where the raw material is produced, and the Federation establish 2,000 or more butcher shops in New York city for the sale of the finished product, because, according to his calculation, the consumer can be furnished with his beef and other meats at an average of 6 cents a pound less than he is compelled to pay to the beef trust.

To Shut Out Trust.

Mr. Wellman has secured promises of \$2,000,000 subscriptions to the stock of the proposed company from men who will actually engage in the business and it is not proposed to allow any other to obtain shares. No man will be allowed to hold more than a certain amount of the stock of the proposed company, the object being to scatter it in small lots as much as possible, so that the trust cannot buy up a control of the company and second, so that every stockholder will feel a personal incentive to promote the interest of the new scheme. Mr. Wellman has not yet secured any contracts with the railway companies for the transportation of beef, but is confident that public opinion, congressional pressure and the justice on the part of the interstate commerce commission will protect the proposed combination from discrimination.

From Hoof to Block.

It is not proposed to deal with the big wholesale or retail dealers in the east; nor to cater to the high class trade, but the 2,000 shops will be established in the residence districts of the working classes and the nucleus of the trade will be the labor unions. After the business has been worked up and well established in New York, it will be extended to Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and other great cities.

To Fix on Old Scale.

Indianapolis, Feb. 26.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America has called to New York a number of the officers of the organization to consider the proposition from the bituminous coal operators to restore the scale of 1903, which is an increase of 5.55 per cent over the present scale.

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CHINA'S DUPLICITY

Roosevelt Grows Suspicious and War Department Is Active.

Special to The Journal.
Chicago, Feb. 26.—John Callan O'Laughlin, in a Washington dispatch to the Chicago Tribune, has grown suspicious of the good faith of the Chinese government as a result of the policy of duplicity which it seems to be pursuing. Minister Rockhill which are in keeping with the acts of the Peking authorities.

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The administration sees in the present situation a parallel with that which existed prior to the Boxer outbreak, with this single and important difference: that the present unrest is not confined to two provinces in the north, but prevails all over the empire.

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