

NU SPELLING DOOMED

Must Fall, Regardless of Action on Appropriation Bill.

JOINT COMMITTEE WILL ACT

If Necessary, Will Report Resolution Providing for Old Method in All Publications Authorized by Law.

Simplified spelling for use by Congress is doomed regardless of whether or not the provision for the old form is allowed to remain in the legislative appropriation bill, which is now before the House.

The joint committee on printing, of which Senator Platt is the Senate chairman, and Representative C. B. Landis, the House chairman, has taken up the matter, and will act in case the provision in the legislative bill is ruled out on a point of order, to which it is said to be subject, when the matter is reached in the bill.

The effect would be to require that the printing of the President's messages, as well as all other executive and departmental documents, be in the old style.

The subject of simplified spelling was discussed at some length in the House today, but no decision was reached as to whether the provision requiring the old form of spelling should remain in the bill.

DUBOIS TO ATTACK ROOSEVELT

Will Assert That Administration Favors Mormon Church.

Alleges That Sending of Taft to Idaho Placed Stamp of Approval on Mormon Political Control.

An attack will be made on President Roosevelt by Senator Dubois, of Idaho, Thursday, when he will declare that all the support of the national administration has been given to the Mormon Church.

Mr. Dubois will then speak in favor of excluding Reed Smoot from the Senate. He will declare that the President has sided with the Mormons in every political controversy that has arisen in the Western States.

Mr. Dubois will charge that the President, knowing the aims and methods of the Mormon Church, has persistently encouraged them and declined to listen to the appeals of the men and women of the country who are fighting polygamy.

He will attempt to show that the visit of Secretary Taft to Idaho, where he made a speech which was received by the Mormons of that and all States where they dominate as an endorsement of Mormonism by the national administration.

He will declare that the contest in Idaho was between Mormons and Gentiles, and not a political controversy, and that in sending Mr. Taft to Idaho he placed the stamp of his approval upon Mormon control of politics in the far West.

SUBMARINES ON WEST COAST.

Representative Kahn Wants \$5,000,000 Appropriated for That Purpose.

Representative Kahn, of California, has a plan of defense to protect the Pacific Coast from a possible attack of the powerful Japanese fleet in the event of a war with Japan.

He introduced a bill yesterday to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into contract for the purchase of fifteen submarine torpedo boats at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000.

Mr. Kahn believes that the use of submarine boats is the safest and surest, as well as the quickest way of giving protection against the possible assault of a foreign navy on the big cities of the Pacific coast.

METCALF DID NOT COMPLY.

He Sent His Report on Japanese Trouble to the President.

The Senate will not get the official letters, papers, telegrams, reports, &c., relative to the recent Japanese muddle in San Francisco, unless the President sees fit to supply them himself.

BONAPARTE NOT A TRUST BUSTER?

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been raised and was about to proceed to do so when Vice President Fairbanks called his attention to the fact that the only nomination really before the Senate for action was that of Mr. Moody to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court and that the name of Mr. Bonaparte had not yet been reached.

All Nominations Laid Over. Senator Teller brought about an agreement and made the point of order that inasmuch as one of the nominations reported had not been acted on, all should go over under the rules and the Senate adjourned, leaving the whole matter resting where it was.

Numerous Senators, after the executive session, expressed the belief that there would be only a temporary delay, and that the nominations would be confirmed before the end of the week.

As to-day has been pre-empted wholly for Senator Burrows' initial speech in the debate over the Smoot case, it is not likely there will be an executive session. An agreement was reached yesterday that Wednesday should be given entirely to executive business connected with pending treaties.

Secretary Bonaparte was not expecting an attack on his nomination, and when he left for Baltimore late in the afternoon casually learned that some part of his speech was to be used against him when the Cabinet nominations were taken up in the Senate.

He said in answer to an inquiry that he had no recollection of making any trust speech, and evidently had forgotten his attendance on the Chicago conference in 1899. He thought the speech to be sprung by Senator Culberson, must be one he made in the last campaign, in which he had occasion to criticize Senator Culberson and other Democratic Senators.

It became known yesterday that some of the Southern Senators had been quietly digging up material with a view to making a fight against the confirmation of Mr. Moody. They unearthened a resolution proposed by the present Attorney General when he was a member of the House, the object of which was to reduce the representation in Congress from the Southern States. Mr. Moody is alleged to have given expression to some opinion on the question in an accompanying interview.

A quiet conference among the Senators interested led to the conclusion on the part of some of them that while they might day Mr. Moody's confirmation they could not reasonably hope to defeat it, and it is probable that no serious fight will be made against him.

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Baron Moncheur, the Belgian Minister, denied any knowledge of a Congo lobby in Washington, or elsewhere.

LEOPOLD DENIES ATROCITIES.

Belgian King Says He Is Not Financially Interested in the Congo.

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 10.—In a sensational interview given personally to-day, King Leopold of Belgium denied categorically the reports which have been circulated so widely of atrocities practiced in the Congo.

His common sense would have kept him from indulging in cruelties such as those he is accused of practicing, the King declared, even if he were not moved by humanity to do so. He says he is not financially interested in the Congo.

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GOES TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

Bristol Nomination Again in Hands of Foraker and Kittredge.

The nomination of W. C. Bristol to be district attorney for Oregon was again referred yesterday to a subcommittee consisting of Senators Foraker, Kittredge, and Culberson, who had charge of it last session. This is the nomination which Senator Fullerton was charged in a recent publication with having held up in order to protect two of his friends, said to be involved in the land frauds in Oregon.

The nominations of J. R. Wilfley, of Missouri, to be judge; A. Bassett, to be district attorney; O. R. Leonard, of Michigan, to be marshal, and F. E. Hinkley, of California, to be clerk of the United States Court for China, were referred to a subcommittee consisting of Senators Spooner and Bacon, both of them being members of the Foreign Relations Committee.



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ROCK CREEK PARK BILLS PASS

The East Boundary of the Park to Be Straightened.

Senate Bill Provides for Enlarging Park on West Side and Creating New Park on Meridian Hill.

The Senate yesterday passed, without debate, or amendment, several District bills. Two of these bills had to do with perfecting the boundaries of Rock Creek Park. The first proposes the purchase, by agreement with present owners, of a piece of land belonging to Charles J. Bell, Amos H. Plumb, John Cassels, William E. Edmonston, and others, the whole embracing 100 acres, for which the average price of \$4,200 is asked.

For the survey and purchase of this land the bill appropriates the sum of \$42,000. The same bill provides for the purchase, for the purpose of a public park, of the square of ground between Euclid street, Columbia avenue, or Fifteenth street, W street, or Florida avenue, and Sixteenth street extended. This tract is the well-known piece of ground at the head of Sixteenth street, in Meridian Hill, opposite the Henderson mansion. Many years ago it was held speculatively, to be sold to the government for a proposed mansion for the President. The remodeling of the White House put an end to the idea of building a new home for the President out at the head of Sixteenth street, and it is now, if the House concurs in this legislation, to be taken for a park, which purpose it is well fitted. The amount carried by the bill for this purchase is \$550,000. The bill as amended does not pay this sum out-and-out for the land, but provides for condemnation proceedings, if necessary, to get title. One-half the cost of the purchase of both the tracts to be added to Rock Creek Park, and that to be made into a park at the head of Sixteenth street is to come out of the revenues of the District, the United States paying the other half. Both bills were approved by the District Commissioners, with certain amendments as to details.

The Senate also passed a bill to "rectify the boundaries of Rock Creek Park." It proposes the purchase of several small tracts of land along the east side of the park between Sixteenth street extended and the present boundary of the park. The original act creating the park provided that not to exceed 2,000 acres should be taken by the park commission, and for what land they should take not to exceed \$1,200,000 should be paid.

The commission proceeded to lay out a park with long, straight north and south lines, and embracing precisely 2,000 acres. When the condemnation proceedings were had Attorney General Miller decided that the commission had exceeded its authority, and in effect had legislated the price on the land taken.

The commission tried to correct the matter by dropping out numerous small tracts on the east side of the park, and the bill passed yesterday is the first step taken to remedy the resulting irregular eastern boundary of the park. The total amount to be bought is forty-six acres, of which Mr. C. C. Glover owns twenty-four. The price at which this land can be acquired runs from \$1,500 to \$1,800, and the amount carried by the bill for the purchase is \$125,000.

BANKERS TO ARGUE CURRENCY AGAINST CHILD LABOR BILL

Will Present Elastic Money Scheme to House Committee To-day.

James B. Forgan and A. B. Hepburn Appointed to Discuss Proposition. Commission to Meet Senators.

Members of the currency commission of the American Bankers' Association will appear before the Banking and Currency Committee of the House this morning with a proposal calling for the reform of the monetary system of the country. The reform provides for greater elasticity and is practically the same as the measure adopted at a meeting of the commission in Washington several weeks ago.

Fourteen members of the commission appointed by the association at its convention in St. Louis several months ago, for the purpose of deciding upon currency reform, reassembled at the New Willard Hotel yesterday morning and discussed the bill which is to be brought before Congress.

James B. Forgan and A. B. Hepburn were appointed a committee yesterday to confer this morning with the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives. Later in the day, or possibly not until to-morrow, the currency commission committee will go before the Finance Committee of the Senate.

Charles N. Fowler, of New Jersey, is chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, which will hear the proposed amendment of the currency laws of this country as adopted by the American Bankers' Association. The other members of the committee are George W. Prince, Illinois; William A. Calderhead, Kansas; Llewellyn Powers, Maine; Henry McMoran, Michigan; Capell L. Weems, Ohio; G. R. Knowland, California; G. E. Waldo, New York; Cassius M. Shurtel, Missouri; E. A. Hayes, California; J. W. Weeks, Massachusetts; E. B. Lewis, Georgia; A. P. Fujo, Louisiana; Carter Glass, Virginia; O. W. Gillespie, Texas; O. M. James, Kentucky; G. S. Legare, South Carolina.

Secretary Leslie M. Shaw and Comptroller of the Currency Edgley, of the Treasury Department, met with the commission yesterday at its morning session on the tenth floor of the New Willard.

Representative Fowler has drawn up a bill which is practically along the same lines as decided upon by the currency commission some time ago. After the conference between the Banking and Currency Committee of the House and the committee from the Bankers' Association to-day a bill will be prepared for presentation to Congress.

Members of the currency commission who are in the city are as follows: A. B. Hepburn, New York; James B. Forgan, Chicago; Myron T. Herrick, Cleveland; Festus J. Wade, St. Louis; Joseph T. Talbot, Chicago; Charles H. Huttig, St. Louis; John Perrin, Indianapolis; Sol. Wexler, New Orleans; Robert Wardrop, Pittsburg; Arthur Reynolds, Des Moines; E. F. Swinney, Kansas City; Joseph A. McCord, Atlanta; V. V. Cox, Washington; John L. Hamilton, Houston, Ill. James R. Branch, of New York, is the secretary.

Senator Aldrich is chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate before which the committee will be heard later.

Bradley Succeeds Ketcham. Speaker Cannon yesterday announced the appointment of Mr. Bradley (Rep., N. Y.), as a member of the Committee on Military Affairs, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his colleague, the late Gen. Ketcham.

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