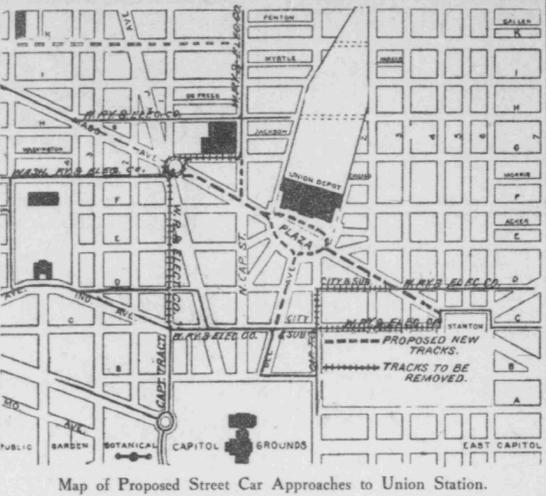


Republican Senators Assail His Public Land Policy.

President Criticized, Also No One Defends Him or His Secretary of Interior—Hayburn Says Executive Cannot Legally Suspend Law. Carter Bitter Against Department Reports—Expect Further Assaults.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF.

The Senate passed the Panama Railroad bill, providing money for repairing the Panama Canal, and the bill for the new Washington Union station, and the bill for the new Washington Union station, and the bill for the new Washington Union station.



Map of Proposed Street Car Approaches to Union Station.

BUY SOUTH OF AVENUE

Senate Public Buildings Committee Reports Bill.

TEN MILLION APPROPRIATION

Territory from Botanic Gardens to Fourteenth Street, and from Pennsylvania Avenue to the Mall, Proposed to Be Bought for Park and Building Site Purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds yesterday voted to report favorably the bill introduced by Senator Hayburn, authorizing the purchase of all that part of the business district of Washington lying between the Botanic Gardens and Fourteenth street, and Pennsylvania avenue and the Mall not already owned by the government, and in addition, the two squares on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, between First and Third streets, and blocks 55 and 57, lying on the south side of the Mall, between Four-and-a-half street and First street.

MINERAL-LANDS INQUIRY.

Subcommittee Will Investigate Subject During Vacation.

Several bills are now pending in Congress and have met with the approval of the President, retaining in perpetuity the title of the government of coal, natural gas, oil, and lands, etc., in the public domain.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Bill to Create a Body to Investigate and Report.

Six Senators and Representatives to Have Power to Consider and Recommend Legislation.

The agitation of the subject of getting legislation in regard to public utilities corporations has prompted Representative Morrell, of Pennsylvania, to introduce in the House a joint resolution to create a "Public Utilities Corporation Commission."

Proposed Park Improvements.

The report to accompany the bill is being prepared by Senator Hayburn. It is understood that he will outline the various features of improvement intended to be secured by the acquisition of the large territory included in the bill.

Department Reports Criticized.

For the last six years," he continued, "sensational reports of evil doing in the public-land States have been emanating from the Interior Department from day to day, so sweeping in their scope as to create the impression that the entire Western population is, and has been engaged in a veritable saturnalia of criminal conspiracy, fraud, and perjury.

Will Not Be Passed This Session.

There is little prospect that the bill can be passed this session, but among those who desire that the region south of Pennsylvania avenue may be redeemed from conditions which detract from the beauty and good name of the city, the fact that the Senate Committee decided to report the bill favorably has aroused pronounced hopes of the ultimate success of the project.

Would Honor Paul Jones.

Senator Burnham, of New Hampshire, introduced a bill yesterday designating September 23 of each year as Paul Jones Day, and directing all United States vessels in port to dress ship on that occasion.

Favors Granite Pillars.

A favorable report was made yesterday on the bill of Mr. Conner, of Iowa, to replace, with granite, the sandstone columns on the facade of the Treasury Department building.

CAR BILL IS PASSED

Fight in Senate for Universal Transfers.

NORTHEAST LINE IS DEFEATED

Various Approaches to Union Station Provided and New Short Cross-town Line Along K Street from Seventh to North Capitol Secured—Senators Criticize Service.

The Senate yesterday passed the bill to allow the street railroads of Washington to lay tracks to connect their various lines with the plan in front of the Union Station. This bill is a substitute for the original measure, which contained a proposed charter for a line running from Florida avenue down New Jersey avenue to the station.

A peculiar circumstance connected with this legislation, as stated by Senator Gallinger, is that the railroads did not urge the bill, but the District Committee arranged the approaches for the different companies, with the purpose of best serving the public and dealing out even advantage to each and all.

Effort for Northeast Washington.

The bill aroused much discussion, chiefly on amendments proposed to secure further transit facilities for the northeast section of the city.

Will Give Up Chairmanship

Burton to Retire from Rivers and Harbors Committee.

Has Headed that Body Twelve Years, and Passed Seven Bills—Is to Speak To-day.

Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, will not accept the chairmanship of the Rivers and Harbors Committee in the Sixtieth Congress.

Urges Bill's Adoption.

Senator Hansbrough corroborated the statement and urged the adoption of the amendment. He said that when the matter was up before he had presented petitions from 5,000 people asking that the new line be authorized.

SMOOT VOTE FEBRUARY 20.

Argument Reached Yesterday Without Difficulty.

The Senate was treated yesterday to the novel spectacle of Reed Smoot, of Utah, pleading with his colleagues not to place any obstacles in the way of an early vote on the question of his right to the seat he occupies.

Contemplates No Action on Capitalization or Other Phases Nov.

Recent publications purporting to outline a new plan by which President Roosevelt will at once attempt to remedy railroad abuses are said by those acquainted with the facts to be inaccurate and premature.

WANTS HONOLULU PROTECTED.

Taft Urges Larger Appropriation for Pearl Harbor Forts.

Secretary of War Taft yesterday sent to the Senate a letter urging that the proposed appropriation of \$100,000 for fortifying Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, be increased to \$350,000.

Cotton Exchange Investigation.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce yesterday took up the Livingston resolution directing the Bureau of Corporations to investigate the New York Cotton Exchange, and referred the resolution to a subcommittee for further consideration.

Meat Bill to Be Taken Up.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Beveridge, Chairman Proctor, of the Committee on Agriculture, announced in the Senate yesterday that his committee would in a few days take up for consideration the Beveridge bill, which aims to put the cost of governmental beef inspection upon the packers.

DEFENDS HIS ACTION

Wadsworth Justifies Course in Meat Inspection Case.

AGRICULTURAL BILL PASSED

Several Minor Changes Made—Senate Amendments to Diplomatic Measure Nonconcurrent In-Order for Consideration of River and Harbor Bill Causes Warm Debate.

On the eve of his retirement from Congress, Representative James W. Wadsworth, of New York, has submitted to the House a statement in justification of the position he took last session on the meat inspection legislation.

Had Letters Read.

Mr. Wadsworth then had the clerk read the letter and his reply thereto.

"As the House well knows," he said, "when the reading was concluded, 'the very bill condemn me so severely by the Executive in his letter to the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, with few amendments in its verbiage, amendments which in no way—and I measure my words—increased its effectiveness, was signed by him on June 20, 1906, and is now the law of the land.

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