

WILL PROBE SCHOOLS

Senate Committee Is Unanimous for Investigation.

SUBCOMMITTEE IS APPOINTED

Senator Burkett Heads Capable Body Which Will Go to Root of Recent Difficulties—It Is Considered Highly Probable that Important Changes Will Be Recommended.

By unanimous agreement, the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia yesterday decided to proceed at once with the investigation of the District school system, which was ordered by the Senate, on a resolution introduced by Senator Scott, of West Virginia, before the holiday recess.

This decision was a surprise even to the members of the committee, as it was not believed until the question was brought up that the desire for an investigation at the present time was general among the members. No one was more surprised than Senator Burkett, chairman of the subcommittee on schools and author of the law under which the present school system is operated.

Senator Gallinger, chairman of the committee, at once appointed a special subcommittee to conduct the investigation. Senator Burkett is chairman, and the other members are Senators Scott, Carter, Martin, and Johnston, the two last named being Democrats. Senator Burkett will call a preliminary meeting of the subcommittee in the course of the next few days, to organize and determine upon the method of procedure, and the sentiment of the members as to what the subcommittee should attempt to develop by the inquiry.

Abolition of Board Expected. It is considered probable that the result of the investigation, which will be a very thorough one, will be the abolition of the school board and important changes in the system of administering the schools. Naturally, no member of the subcommittee will express his views as to the desirability of any proposed changes, as he feels the necessity of going into the investigation with unbiased mind and allowing his decision to be formed solely upon the evidence to be developed by the inquiry.

It is admitted, however, that sentiment among the Senators in general and in the District Committee in particular, has for the past few weeks been crystallizing around the belief that the measure best calculated to bring peace to the schools of the District is the proposition that a District commissioner of education be appointed, to have sole supervision and administration of the schools, and to be answerable for his stewardship to the District Commissioners or to the government Commission of Education.

Opposed to Local Rate.

While some Senators believe that the District government is the proper authority in which to vest the control of the schools, through such a commissioner or superintendent, a larger number seem to have some doubts as to the desirability of this course, and would prefer that the schools be divorced entirely from the local administration. But the course of the school board in the Chancellor case seems to have resulted in forcing Senate sentiment upon the belief that a change of the system is desirable, and the force of this sentiment is admitted even by the warmest friends of the present school law.

Senator Burkett said yesterday that the investigation, which is now assumed, would be painstaking and thorough, and that the decision of the subcommittee would be reached after careful consideration of the evidence to be secured, and with the sole object of eliminating all objectionable features which may be brought to light, and making the system as near perfect as possible. Particularly strong efforts will be made to throw around the system such safeguards as may be expected to prevent a recurrence of the disgraceful situation which was created by the Chancellor case.

Chancellor Has Friends.

The former superintendent undoubtedly has some strong friends among the members of the Senate, and his dismissal, it is understood, has not stopped his efforts to secure justice at the hands of Congress. It is not believed, however, that there is any chance of his being reinstated by action of Congress. His friends are active in his behalf, and are doing all in their power to secure a thorough review of his case. This, in the natural course of events, will doubtless be included in the investigation which is to be undertaken by the subcommittee, but while it may result in his being vindicated of some of the charges which were brought against him, the probability that he will secure further vindication than this vindication of his character as an educator of ability is slight. It is felt that his course was not wholly without blame-worthy features, as regards his conduct toward the board, even though some of the charges against him may not have been substantiated by the evidence submitted at his so-called trial.

CONDUIT TO COMMISSIONERS.

Transfer of Power Over Water System Favored by the Committee.

Among the bills ordered favorably reported to the Senate yesterday by the Committee on the District of Columbia was that introduced by Senator Gallinger, authorizing the transfer of jurisdiction over the Washington Aqueduct, the filtration plant, and their appurtenances from the War Department to the District Commissioners.

This bill gives the Commissioners sole control over the Conduit road and all other property included in the District water supply system, whether located in the District, the State of Maryland, or the State of Virginia, and relieves the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers of all responsibility or duty in connection therewith.

Other measures ordered to be favorably reported were the following bills:

To amend section four of the code, relating to returns in the Metropolitan Police Department, to include in the provision there certain officers of the fire department who were not previously included in its provisions.

To authorize the District Commissioners to accept a donation of \$30,000 from Andrew Carnegie for the erection of a public library at Takoma Park and the dedication of a site for the library.

To amend section 605 of the code, to give corporations chartered in the District the same rights and privileges as are enjoyed by those chartered in other places and operating here.

To extend the time allowed the Washington and Western Maryland Railroad Company in which to complete its lines within the District from December 28, 1907, to December 28, 1908.

To rest in the Commissioners the power now belonging to the President to appoint and remove members of the Board of Charities and of the Board of Children's Guardians.

Two bills were ordered returned to the Senate with the request that the reference be changed from the District Committee to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. They are as follows:

To establish a park at the junction of Maryland avenue, Fifteenth and H streets northeast.

To provide a public park on Georgetown Heights by the purchase or condemnation of the tract known as Montrose.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

HOUSE.

The Dick-Ames bill to amend the act requiring the militia to conform to the regular army in order to benefit by the general militia reorganization law was passed.

The penal code revision bill was again taken up in Committee of the Whole, and was embraced by an impromptu chamber debate. The committee arose, and the House adjourned at 5 o'clock, to meet again at noon to-day.

SENATE.

The Senate having adjourned on Thursday to meet again at noon on Monday next, there was no session of that body yesterday.

TO RETURN COTTON TAX.

Representative Thomas offers bill to Reimburse Southern States. Representative Thomas, of North Carolina, yesterday introduced in the House a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the States the amounts which they paid to the United States as a tax on raw cotton under the provisions of an act approved July 1, 1882.

The money, if refunded, is to be held by the States in trust for the persons who paid it, their heirs, and if these fail to claim it, the money is to remain in the possession of the States as a permanent school fund.

DARK FOR STATION TRACKS

Obstacles to Passage of Bill Pile Up in the House. The evidence that was furnished on Thursday in the House District Committee that there is to be strong opposition to the proposed bill to extend the street railway tracks to the New Union Station without placing amendments upon it calling for universal transfers, and perhaps other privileges which the companies are likely to fight, was strengthened yesterday.

Representative Shackelford, a member of the District Committee, introduced two bills dealing with the street railways, one of which provides for 3-cent fares and universal transfers, and the other for an exhaustive investigation by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor into the value and the financial condition of the railroad companies operating in the District.

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"Of the fifteen largest cities in this country, there is only one city, besides Washington, viz., New Orleans, that has not a law requiring a report of all cases of tuberculosis, and since Washington unfortunately has the highest death rate from consumption of any State or city in the Union, no efforts should be spared to reduce the dangers to a minimum."

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Was Only Down in Arkansas Seeing the Boys.

BUCKET SHOPS - HIS QUARRY

Senator Will offer bill on Monday to Abolish Such Offices and to End Trading in Futures—Brings Back Frankful of Letters and Four Serapbooks Full of Clippings.

Senator Jeff Davis has been found. He was supposed to have been lost, except by a few Washington friends, who were aware that he was down in Arkansas, receiving the congratulations of Bill Arp and the other solid citizens of that grand old Commonwealth, and, incidentally, trying a few cases at law. The report that he had been found in the absence that he was last seen chasing the octopus across the Mississippi River is incorrect.

The eloquent Senator from Arkansas is just fresh from that State, which he believes to be the garden spot of the earth, and he is resting at the Metropolitan Hotel, after the strain of parting from his native hearth, and the fatigue of the long journey which intervenes between Arkansas and Washington. He got in last night, just in time for dinner, and he brought along his new secretary and a trunkful of letters, which he has received from all over the country, congratulating him on that trust-busting speech, which broke the precedents of the staid Senate into smithereens and made the Senator even more famous than he had been theretofore.

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CRITICISES ALDRICH BILL.

Representative Burleson Starts Financial Debate.

The consideration in Committee of the Whole of the bill for the revision of the penal code of the United States was opened yesterday by a short but sharp debate on the financial question and the relative merits of some of the financial bills that are before Congress.

After Representative Moon, of Pennsylvania, had made an eloquent and scholarly address advocating the passage of the bill, Representative Shirley got the floor, but after he had spoken for about half an hour, yielded the remainder of his time to Representative Burleson, of Texas, who made use of the opportunity to launch into a discussion of the financial situation in general and the Aldrich bill in particular. He criticized the bill, and compared it with that of Senator Culberson, to the advantage of the latter.

Mr. Payne, of New York, Republican leader, took the floor, and, interjecting such a discussion into the debate on the criminal code bill, and this started a debate in which several members took part.

The regular business of the committee was then taken up again, and the committee rose and the House adjourned about 5 o'clock.

FIGHT ON SENATOR BRYAN

Effort to Be Made to Unseat the Youngest Solon.

Objection Made by Former Senator Call Said to Be that Governor Had No Right to Appoint. Wilkinson Call, former Senator from Florida, announced yesterday that he would soon submit a protest to the Senate against the retention by William James Bryan of his seat in the Senate, to which he was appointed by the governor of Florida to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Stephen B. Mallory.

Mr. Bryan is the youngest Senator, and he took the oath of office Thursday. Mr. Call saw several members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections. He was seeking information as to the best method of getting his memorial before the Senate. He will probably hand it to the Vice President and ask him to lay it before the Senate, and after it is read to refer it to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The Senator did not exhibit his memorial, but he said it was numerous. The objections urged are that the governor hadn't the legal right to make the appointment, it is understood, although the ex-Senator was not disposed to discuss it.

FAVORS ARLINGTON BRIDGE.

District Committee Acts on Senator Daniel's Bill.

Senator Daniel's bill, appropriating \$5,000,000 for the construction of a memorial bridge over the Potomac River from Washington to the Arlington estate property, was yesterday ordered favorably reported to the Senate by the committee on the District of Columbia.

The bill provides that the bridge shall begin at a point in Washington on, or near, the Naval Observatory grounds, and extend to a point on the old Lee estate of Arlington, now the National Cemetery. It is proposed to make the structure one of unusual architectural beauty.

APPROVES POST'S NOMINATION.

Senate Committee Favors New Governor of Porto Rico.

The fight on Regis H. Post, whose nomination as governor of Porto Rico was pending before the Senate Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, has failed, and yesterday the committee, of which Senator Foraker, of Ohio, is chairman, ordered a favorable report on Mr. Post's nomination. Mr. Post was appointed from New York.

At the same time the committee ordered a favorable report on the following other nominations: William F. Willoughby, of the District of Columbia, to be secretary of Porto Rico; Edward Dexter, of Illinois, to be commissioner of education of Porto Rico.

MINISTERS MAKE APPEAL.

Initiate Movement to Promote Better Sabbath Observance.

Ministers of the Gospel throughout the city have united in an appeal to the people for a more general observance of Sunday. They say unnecessary work on Sunday is increasing, and the day is regarded as the holiday of the week.

A pamphlet has been issued by the committee of ministers, of whom Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, is chairman, telling of the bad influence of Sunday work. The members of the committee of ministers are: Rev. F. D. Power, Rev. H. W. Pratt, Bishop H. Y. Satterlee, Rev. J. M. Schick, Rev. John Van Schaick, Rev. Frank Sewall, Rev. J. W. R. Sumwalt, Rev. E. Hez Swen, Rev. S. H. Woodrow, Rev. B. F. Pittinger, Rev. J. G. Butler, Rev. M. W. Clair, Rev. L. D. Clark, Rev. T. C. Crouse, Rev. William Joseph Houck, Rev. W. J. Howard, Rev. William F. Locke, and Rev. James F. Mackin.

FAVORS GILL'S DEMAND.

House Naval Affairs Committee Wants Brownson Case Facts.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs yesterday authorized a favorable report on the Gill resolution, calling upon the Secretary of the Navy for the order and record in the matter of the assignment of Surgeon Stokes to command the hospital ship Relief, and for the correspondence relating to the resignation of Rear Admiral Brownson as chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Reclamation Bill Approved.

The Secretary of War has returned to the House District Committee the bill providing for the reclamation of the Anacostia flats, with a report by Gen. McKenzie, Chief of Engineers, to the effect that the land to be secured is believed to be owned by the United States, but recommending that the bill provide the proper method of settling any dispute which may arise concerning the land in question.

Senator Gallinger a Director.

The Vice President has appointed Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, a director of the Columbia Hospital, in this city, to fill a vacancy resulting from the retirement of Senator Martin by resignation.

PRaises MR. CANNON

Former Gov. Yates, of Illinois, Makes Statement.

DESIREs SPEAKER NOMINATED

People of Illinois, He Says, Believe in His Ability and Present a Man for the Presidency Who is Excelled by No One—Thinks His Candidate is Growing Stronger in Washington.

Former Gov. Richard Yates, of Illinois, is in Washington, and yesterday gave out a statement relative to the candidacy of Speaker Cannon for the Presidency. He said:

"I feel pretty well acquainted with the sentiment in a great many of the counties in Illinois. So far as I have been able to see, every Republican in the State is earnestly in favor of the nomination of Speaker Cannon."

"It is the universal belief there he will have the unanimous support of the Illinois delegation, and that the delegates will be men who will not only earnestly support him, but work for him with great energy during the convention. They will be aided in this by the strong men of all the different elements, divisions, or what might be called factions within the party in Illinois."

Believes in His Ability. "We all believe that in Mr. Cannon's ability and experience we have a candidate who is excelled by no one in qualifications for the high office of President, and these qualifications are recognized at home and abroad. This makes it easy for our people to present him to the convention with earnestness and confidence."

"During my two days' visit in Washington I have observed here also that Speaker Cannon is remarkably strong and has evidently been growing stronger. His record, extending over half the lifetime of the Republican party, is part of the history of the party. He has a wider acquaintance than is possessed by any man in public life to-day. Everybody is fond of Uncle Joe."

"The Congressional convention is the basic unit for selection of national convention delegates. It is here the numerous Congressmen who believe in Mr. Cannon's availability will be able to select delegates who will come to him."

"Not long ago I made a trip West on legal business and talked to prominent and influential men from a number of States. I was gratified to find that Mr. Cannon was not only recognized in all of that region as a strong candidate, but one whose nomination would avoid factional strife within the ranks of the party and as a most worthy and able representative of the Republicans of the present day. This information came from Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Nebraska, and Kansas."

Favorably Regarded in East. "I was surprised to learn how favorably the Speaker is regarded in the East, particularly New England. From the men I talked with to-day I gathered the opinion that Mr. Cannon will develop considerable strength from that section of the country also. Whoever these States may be for on first ballot, I have no doubt there will be many delegates from the West and East who will be ready to support Mr. Cannon at the proper time."

APPROVES BOARD'S COURSE.

House District Committee Reviews Resolution on School Question.

The House Committee on the District of Columbia, through Chairman Smith, has received communications from the secretaries of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association and the North Washington Citizens' Association, asking that the committee review the resolutions adopted by these bodies.

The North Washington Citizens' Association commended the action of the school board in dismissing the Chancellor and making Prof. Stuart superintendent of schools, and deprecates any effort to investigate the action of the board.

The Takoma Park Citizens' Association petitions Congress to give the Commissioners authority to regulate and control the schedules and the ventilation, sanitation, and physical condition of the care of the street railways. It also asks an examination into the financial condition of the companies and the justice of efforts to secure a reduced fare and better service.

ASKS ABOUT DEPOSITARIES.

House Passes Resolution Calling for Financial Data.

Under unanimous consent, the House yesterday passed a resolution reported from the Committee on Banking and Currency, calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the following information:

The total number of national banks in operation on August 2, 1907, and December 3, 1907, throughout the United States; the capital stock and unimpaired surplus of each; the total amount of public money in them on October 1, 1907; December 1, 1907, and January 1, 1908.

The character and a list of the securities required by the government as security for the deposit of such money on August 2, 1907; December 3, 1907, and January 1, 1908; also the amount of capital of each national bank; the amount of circulation authorized to be taken out of each national bank; the amount of national bank notes of each national bank in actual circulation on August 2, 1907, and December 3, 1907, and what banks have taken out additional circulation since December 3, 1907, to and including January 1, 1908, respectively.

Would Deport Criminal Aliens.

Representative Bennet, of New York, yesterday introduced a bill providing that every alien now in prison convicted of a felony, and every alien who hereafter shall be convicted of a felony, shall, at the expiration of his sentence, be deported to the country whence he came.

Colds Colds

Ask your doctor if Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is not just the right medicine for such cases. He knows all about it. Then follow his advice. Cold after cold, cough after cough. One cold no sooner cured than another one comes. It's a bad habit, this taking-cold habit. What you want is a medicine that will break up this habit, heal inflamed membranes, and strengthen weak tissues.

Advertisement for Hoffman House, Madison Square, New York. The advertisement features a detailed illustration of the hotel building and lists room rates: Room and bath \$2.50 up, Parlor, bedroom and bath \$5.00 up, Parlor, two bedrooms and bath \$10.00 up. It also mentions service and cuisine for the excellence and identifies John P. Caddagan as the Managing Director.

A collection of news snippets and advertisements. It includes a notice for 'BRIGHT, NEWSY, AND FREAKLESS. The Sunday Edition of THE WASHINGTON HERALD' with a testimonial from a regular reader. Another notice mentions a picture of President Roosevelt in 1928. A third notice discusses Mrs. Henry Symes and her contributions. A fourth notice mentions the Woman About Town and her studies. A fifth notice mentions the Arbitrator and her lectures. A sixth notice mentions Dexter Marshall's biographies. A seventh notice mentions the Ex-Attache and the history of Whitehall. A final advertisement is for 'Colds Colds' by J.C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., with a testimonial about the effectiveness of their Cherry Pectoral.