

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

(JUNE 20, 1910.)

SENATE.

The Senate yesterday passed the resolution reported Saturday from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, directing an inquiry into the charges of bribery made in connection with the election of United States Senator Letourneau of Illinois. Senator Borah, of Idaho, moved to amend the resolution to direct the investigation to begin at noon, but it was rejected.

Senator Warren, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, called up a bill he had previously reported for the reorganization of the Engineer Corps of the army. The bill has been generally understood to be intended to confer upon the President the authority to appoint and remove any engineer at the head of the Reclamation Service in place of F. H. Newell, Gen. William L. Marshall, who recently retired as chief of engineers, has been cited for the place. The bill was considered by a subcommittee, and was finally laid aside.

On motion of Senator Heburn, of Idaho, the Senate reconsidered the vote by which it passed the conservation bill, and amended the bill by dropping from it the section authorizing the \$30,000,000 government loan to complete the reclamation loan was to be taken care of in an independent bill.

The postal savings bank bill was considered, and unexpected opposition developed to it. An effort to fix a time for a vote on the bill today failed.

The Senate adjourned at 5:30 p. m. until today at 12 o'clock.

HOUSE.

At ten minutes to 1 o'clock this morning, after an all-day session, the House passed the omnibus public building bill, appropriating \$20,000,000 and authorizing public buildings in Washington aggregating \$13,500,000.

Numerous other bills were acted upon at the night session, which began at 8 o'clock, the House having taken a recess until that hour at 5:30 p. m. yesterday.

At the day session, which began at noon, a resolution was adopted creating a peace commission, which is to be held in Mexico in September of this year.

A number of other measures of minor importance were passed.

The House adjourned at 12:30 a. m. until today at 12 o'clock.

STATEHOOD BILL SIGNED.

Arizona and New Mexico Admitted by Taft's Signature.

President Taft signed the bill giving Statehood to Arizona and New Mexico yesterday afternoon at 1:40 o'clock. Postmaster General Hitchcock, Senator Beveridge, Representatives Hamilton and Cole, of the House Committee on Territories, and Delegates Andrews and Cameron were present. The President used a gold pen which Mr. Hitchcock brought over for that purpose, and an eagle feather pen which Mr. Andrews had along with him. The President used both instruments in each case, signing part of his name with the gold pen and part with the feather pen. Mr. Hitchcock took back his gold pen when Mr. Taft finished, and Mr. Andrews stuck the feather away, and Delegate Cameron got the blotter used by the President.

HOUSE PASSES PEACE BILL.

Amendment Calls for Report in Two Years and Limits Expenses.

The resolution introduced by Representative Bennet, of New York, providing for the appointment by the President of a commission of five distinguished Americans to confer with foreign governments on the subject of the establishment of world-wide peace, was passed by the House yesterday.

This is the commission which, according to a recent declaration of President Taft to Chairman Foster and other members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, will be headed by Col. Roosevelt. Chairman Mann objected to the fact that it contained no limitation on the life of the commission or on its expenditures. After the House had adopted amendments providing that the commission shall make its report to Congress within two years and limiting its expenditures to \$10,000, he withdrew his objection.

CLERKS' PETITION FILED.

Huge Document Containing 16,000 Names Laid Before House.

A mammoth petition, signed by 16,000 government employees, asking for the passage of a law to retire superannuated civil service employees, was presented to the House of Representatives yesterday. It made one of the bulkiest documents received by Congress in this session.

The petition asks for a law "based upon a contributory plan, and for a reclassification of salaries upon the basis of character and quality of work performed."

Secretary of the Treasury, MacVane, one of the signers, in submitting it, stated that the petition had his warm approval. With the petition were submitted also petitions of the same character signed by employees of the government service in Boston, New York, New Orleans, and other cities.

PAROLE FOR DISTRICT.

Greater Leniency in Police Court Made Possible by Bill.

The House yesterday passed a bill providing for a system of parole for the District of Columbia similar to the Federal law and to the laws of numerous States. It gives to the judges in the local courts the right to release first offenders on their own personal parole and creates a number of voluntary probation officers, to serve without compensation, into whose custody such prisoners may be paroled.

CONGRESS BRIEFS.

The House last night passed the Calder bill, providing an additional Federal judge for the Eastern district of New York, comprising Brooklyn, Long Island, and Staten Island.

The House yesterday passed the bill permitting Justice Moody to retire as a member of the Supreme Court of the United States. This measure has been favorably reported in the Senate.

A bill requiring all vessels sailing from American ports with fifty passengers or more to be equipped with wireless apparatus by July 1, 1911, was passed by the House yesterday. The bill has passed the Senate.

In order to prevent any paintings or works of art being placed in Statens Hall without the sanction of Congress, Senator Heburn proposed a joint resolution yesterday to that effect.

A second was made in considering the passage of a general appropriation bill in the Senate yesterday. It required only four minutes and forty seconds from the time the general deficiency bill "message" in the Senate as coming over from the House and immediately referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations until it was reported back with amendments.

The contested election case of Parsons against Saunders, arising from the 17th Virginia district, and Smith against Webb, coming from the Ninth North Carolina district, will be disposed of at a meeting of the House Committee on Elections No. 2, to be held today. The House has decided that the committee will meet Saunders and report that Webb is entitled to the seat he occupies.

The Senate struck from the conservation bill the rider authorizing the \$30,000,000 loan to complete the reclamation projects. The Western Senators put in this provision when it came from the House. Having obtained a promise that the House will pass a separate measure appropriating \$30,000,000, the Senate reconsidered the conservation bill and withdrew the rider.

Evidence that a determined effort will be made to pass the ship-steady bill at the next session of Congress was given yesterday when Senator Gallagher, of New Hampshire, offered a motion to make the merchant marine measure the special order of business in the Senate. There was objection on the part of Senator Bailey, of Texas, and Senator Gallagher announced that he would renew the motion today.

LAST NIGHT AT THE LOCAL PLAYHOUSES

THE NEW NATIONAL.

"La Traviata."

Grand opera, in four acts, by Verdi.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Violetta Valery.....Elizabeth Helena

Flora Berois.....Alice Eversman

Andrea, Violetta's maid.....Mary Billbury

Alfred Germont.....Domestic Kuss

George Germont, his father.....J. K. Murray

Gaston de Letourieux.....J. Green

Blanco Duplantier.....William Schuster

Dr. Grenville.....Walter Johnson

Chorus of matadors, pleaders, gipsies, servants, maids.

Conductor.....Carlo Niccisi

Stage director.....John R. Bartlett

The goodly number of music lovers who braved the heat yesterday afternoon to hear the Aborn Opera Company in Verdi's "Traviata" were well repaid, both in comfort and in the enjoyment of a really excellent performance of this popular opera.

The characters were all well taken, the chorus sang most effectively, and the orchestra was very good and did good work in the overture, the interludes, and, in fact, throughout the performance.

Miss Helena not only sang the difficult and trying music of Violetta exceedingly well, but she acted the part well, rising quite to the histrionic heights in places.

Her most brilliant work, the familiar "As long as I live," she sang with splendid style and finish, and her voice, which is strong, clear, high, and has a distinctly sympathetic quality, was entirely equal to the dramatic and coloratura effects in this famous solo, making her rendition a distinct success. She was equally effective in the exacting and dramatic scenes in the second, third, and fourth acts, especially in the singing parts of them, although she also did some excellent bits of acting.

Her scenes with Alfred's father in the second act was especially thrilling. She did not at any time overact, and her very natural sobbing phrases were done with pronounced skill and effect. Miss Helena not only showed great dramatic gifts, but showed good training. She is an artist and an actress.

Mr. Russo scored well in the vocal effort as Alfred and acted the part as well as he could be done for there is little given to Alfred in the way of "good scenes." Mr. Russo's charming voice and artistic finish were well appreciated. He has abundant temperament, and never resorts to tricks. He sings with the pure Italian method.

J. K. Murray made a splendid German part, putting into the character dignity, pathos, and warmth. He sang the music delightfully, his rich baritone voice being melodious and effective in every scene. He makes an excellent elderly man. Miss Eversman was successful as the good-looking Flora Berois, and sang the parts assigned to her with spirit and skill. Miss Billbury, as the maid, was excellent, and the doctor (William Schuster) did some good work in the quartet. Altogether this was one of the best performances of grand opera by an English company in Washington in many years. There is everything to commend and little to criticize. The chorus was splendid in the third act, and made some thrilling mistakes. Their tone attacks, and spontaneity were all good. In many more pretentious grand opera companies the performance of "Traviata" has not been nearly so good in the matter of principals, chorus, and orchestra, with the exception, perhaps, of a single star. Stage settings might well be a little more elaborate and in keeping with the stage costumes, but even this is easily passed by with the good singing and other features of the performance.

"Traviata" will be heard to-night, tomorrow afternoon, and to-morrow night. Miss Lois Ewell will sing the part of Violetta to-night, and Mr. Battain will sing Alfred. The other parts will be sung by Mr. Russo, Miss Helena, and the doctor. Mr. Russo will be the bill for the latter part of the week.

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"Caught in the Rain."

The offering by the Columbia Players this week is "Caught in the Rain," a three-act comedy by William Collier and Grant Stewart, and led by the former with success during previous seasons.

The play is of rather a broad type, verging at times on the farcical and depending little on satirical quality for effect. While the scene is laid in Helena, Mont., the characters are indigenous to the soil, being, for the most part, transplanted from the effete East. Underlying all this, however, is a love story of more than passing interest, with a side issue involving some mining operations. It is a comedy that really requires a distinct personality on the part of the leading comedian to insure complete success, rather than the efforts of a stock company. The performance was marred by the tedious waits between the acts, an element unfavorably characteristic of this season's productions as compared with those of a year ago.

Paul McAllister assumed the role of Dick Crawford and makes the characterization quite pleasing, especially in the comedy episode. Miss Julia Dean does good work as Muriel Mason. The support consists of Frank Shannon, as James Maxwell; Stanley James, as Mr. Mason; Everett Butterfield, as Bob Livingston; Gaston Bell, as Bryce Forrester; Mahlon Hamilton, as George Thompson; James Morrison, as David Bertram; Walter Wilson, as George Washington White; Charles Rice, as Joseph Hazleton; as Mr. Spriggs; Florence Huntington, as Violet Mason; Emmie Melville, as Mrs. Meriden; and Phyllis Sherwood, as Nellie Gardner.

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"SOLOMON KAUSE."

A Drama in Four Acts, by Jacob Gordin.

Case of Characters.

Solomon Kause, inventor of steam.....Jacob P. Adler

Sociama, his wife.....Mrs. Silbert

Jarbelin.....Mrs. Adler

Cardinal Richelieu.....Z. Shengold

Leopold.....J. Hochstein

John Tremol.....Mrs. Wilensky

Poet Sosnyak.....S. Tarenberg

Burney, an officer.....Max Mann

A representative Jewish audience was present at the National Theater last night to welcome the distinguished Jewish actor, Jacob P. Adler, in Jacob Gordin's play, "Solomon Kause." The performance was in Yiddish, and is a play of the old-fashioned type, with plenty of opportunities for heroic acting. Mr. Adler, in the role of the old inventor, the freethinker, played with his customary vigor and forcefulness—perhaps a little too melodramatic at times for the complete satisfaction of modern taste, but none the less effective and appealing.

The small company presented some actors of excellent ability, and the stage settings were attractive, although a bit too far from the period of Cardinal Richelieu, during whose time the action transpires.

The performance was for a local benefit, the Washington Monument Lodge, a Jewish charitable organization, and the audience was enthusiastic throughout the evening.

THE BELASCO.

"The Tempest."

The Ben Greet Players last night repeated their artistic performance of Shakespeare's fanciful comedy, "The Tempest," which they had previously offered with such success at one of their Friday matinee earlier in the season.

Again the impression was most favorably received. The audience was small, but fully appreciative of the various features of the performance, from the poetic love episodes between Miranda and Ferdinand, the majestic acts of Prospero, down to the hideous Caliban and the frolics of Trinculo and the drunken butler, Stephano.

The part of Prospero stood out as a clearly defined character in the hands of Mr. J. Sayer. Mr. Sayer's Ferdinand was a charming Miranda, all sweetness and feminine grace; Miss Ruth Vivian, a sturdy but vivacious Ariel; Mr. A. Hyton Allen, a Ferdinand who read well and acted at their best with discretion and ardor, and the pair of arch plotters, Sebastian and Antonio, well played by Mr. Robert Grayle and Mr. Charles Hopkins, respectively.

Mr. Greet's Caliban is a creature repulsive and hideous, half man, half beast, and with little more development would prove one of the best portraits in his gallery of Shakespearean characters. Personality, vigor, and dramatic power, as well as a high standard for the two productions that are to follow this week, "The Merchant of Venice" and "The Comedy of Errors."

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SUBSCRIBERS BALK ON BOUGHT FAME

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ing a brave show, nevertheless, its letter press is of the highest quality. Each chapter is started off with a hand-illustrated initial letter. Artistic engravings of the Presidents of the United States adorn its pages. "The Lives of the Presidents" was written by Hon. Charles Henry Groves, of Ohio, who, in "Who's Who in America," is, however, not credited with its authorship, the only book written by him there mentioned being "William McKinley; His Life and Work."

Mr. Elder, the Manager.

"All I know about it," says Mrs. Bahnsen, "is that I acknowledge the orders for books when they come in, and acknowledge the receipt of checks. The business itself is conducted by Mr. Elder, who is at present in New York soliciting orders."

"Do you know of any checks received by you having been canceled—stopped payment?" she was asked.

"No; I have not heard of anything of the kind."

"Mr. Elder is in entire charge of the business?"

"Yes."

The president of the National Biographical Society is Judge R. E. Doan, of 1277 G street. He, too, was once a member of Congress from Ohio.

"My connection with the National Biographical Society," said Doan, in answer to queries from The Washington Herald, "came about through Gen. Groves. It was some years ago that Gen. Groves had completed sketches of the lives of the Presidents, a monumental work, which he desired to have published in a manner worthy of the subject. No expense was spared in the preliminary preparations, but after the general had expended about \$20,000 he was in danger of losing it all through lack of support and subscriptions. It was then that he induced me to take hold of the thing. He placed a sum of money in my hands with which to pay off the creditors, and he introduced me to Mr. Elder, who was to take hold of the work. Since then I have been connected with it. It has paid me little, but hardly enough, to bother with, and I have been anxious to get out."

Judge Doan as a Pilot.

"My position with the company," said Judge Doan, "is as a sort of pilot. I am here to see that people get what they pay for. If you should subscribe for a copy of the book, I would see to it that you got it, or got your money back."

"And Mr. Elder, manager of the company—it is alleged that he has been in prison. Is that true?"

"Yes," said Judge Doan, "but it was a long time ago."

"What was he convicted of?"

"It was in Chicago, some fifteen or twenty years ago," said Judge Doan. "Mr. Elder was conducting a publishing business. He is a very able and brilliant man, and has always been writing and making books. He wrote a lot of things which he published himself and sold. There was some hitch in connection with one of the publications, and he was indicted for obtaining money under false pretenses. Gen. Groves defended him on his trial. You see, Elder comes from the same town as Gen. Groves. Technically, he was found guilty. He had not meant to do any wrong, but he was technically wrong, and was convicted."

"For what length of time was he imprisoned, do you know?"

"No—that is, I don't recollect. At any rate he served his term and got off some time for good behavior. The man is quite honest, and when he got out he had the names and addresses of all the people who had lost money through his technical default, and he has paid them all back, though there was no process by which they could have recovered. It was all a long time ago, fifteen or twenty years, I should say."

"Well, about this book, what is its purpose?"

"Why, it's a book that should be in every library. We are confined to a first edition of 1,000 copies, varying in price according to the quality of the volume. Each volume of the 1,000 contains Gen. Groves's sketches of the Presidents, and, in addition, each volume contains the biography and the family tree, the portrait, and the family history of the subscriber."

Was Eddy a Subscriber.

"Why," said Judge Doan, "one of our collectors secured the subscription of Mrs. Eddy, the Christian Scientist, to this work. The price was to be \$30. I told her representative that she could not have it. I told her, sir, that a woman in her position was entitled to the same sort of a volume that would be laid down before the monarchs of Europe, and I told her that that sort of a volume would cost her \$2,000, sir! She told us to go ahead, and we made that book. Its cost was more than \$300, but it was a beauty, and—I wish I had the letter of

thinks that Mrs. Eddy wrote me with her own hand."

"How many subscriptions have you got altogether?" he was asked.

"Between 70 and 80, and these vary in price."

Mrs. Bahnsen said that one of the paid subscribers was J. P. Morgan, and that another one in the volume was Edward Everett Hale's only son. Hale's family had not had to pay anything—he had got in simply because of his eminence as an American.

"And when you get 1,000 subscribers the work of the National Biographical Society is done?"

"Well, that was the original intention," was Judge Doan's reply, "but Mr. Elder is an ambitious man, and he proposes to issue a cheaper edition afterward, containing the names of many more eminent Americans. I didn't quite like the plan, and advised against it. Mr. Elder is going ahead."

"Oh, no; other than as the author of the sketches of the Presidents."

"These are the facts, so far as they could be learned about the National Biographical Society. At the office in the Colorado Building any one who desires may see a copy of the handsome volume, into which an "eminent" American may introduce his own biography if he subscribes—enough."

CHECK PASSERS IN COURT

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United States Savings Bank Not Institution Which Cashed \$1,250 Paper Falsely Signed.

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