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Passage of the Wool Bill.

The action of the Senate yesterday in passing the Underwood wool bill with Senator La Follette's modified amendment presents an interesting phase to the Congressional situation.

When the House passed the wool bill some time ago only the most optimistic believed that its action was more than a mere expression of party policy.

The bill now goes to the House to be considered in conference. The amendment should receive favorable consideration. It does not represent, of course, the maximum reduction, but half a loaf is better than no bread.

Waiting for the tariff board's report is evasion, subterfuge, and absurdity combined.

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than 2,000 subscribers of a well-known magazine showed that Woodrow Wilson led in the popular mind. Other candidates are, however, active.

As the weeks go by, and the details of the campaign unfold, the situation will become more and more interesting. There will be a thousand straws in the wind.

Most men would do better by saving what they earn than by trying to have their money make more for them in a hurry.

At Last.

Let us raise our voices in thanksgiving. From Eastern Branch to Little Falls and from Oxon Run to Fort Reno let the psalms of praise ascend.

We had almost begun to despair. As the days went by and District affairs continued to languish, a feeling of sadness came over us which was almost akin to pain.

Our grateful thanks to the committee. It evidently believes it has ignored the District long enough.

The Pure Milk Crusade.

New York's volunteer committee for the investigation of the causes of excessive infant mortality has investigated the traffic in unbotled milk in small shops and its findings are appalling.

Discouraging as this state of affairs may seem, the knowledge that great care is needed in regard to the consumption of uncooked milk is steadily growing.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

NEWSPERSONS' LATEST. No stylish women now decay. The suffragette and coddled by the smartest set.

At Odd Moments. "Maybelle, are you writing a book this summer?"

Way It Goes. "What goes in one town doesn't go in another."

He Said No. "Husband, why did you tell Mrs. Womb that I didn't play bridge?"

To Novelists. The love tale always makes a hit. You can gain glory if you can fashion up a bit.

A Jolt to Romance. "Hubby, you have a lock of my hair, haven't you?"

Always Accommodating. "Miss Upperton, are you engaged to be married to the Duke de Desdrole?"

Times We Live In. "John, the playground inspector states that our Johnny doesn't know how to play rationally."

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

From the Baltimore Sun. New York State has quarantined against the Nat Goodwin marriage germ.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. James J. Hill says there's plenty of money in the country. But many of us live in town.

From the Detroit Free Press. English is to be taught throughout China. We endorse this heartily, as it saves us the trouble of learning Chinese.

From the Cleveland Leader. Before he produced his list of Democratic slighters, the Presidency, Mr. Bryan should have Dr. Berthel's, which happened to Dr. Elliot's list of best books.

From the Charleston News and Courier. Old Col. Lillian Russell, who has canceled several husbands, has a new play, "The Love Syndicate." Another concession to realism.

From the Memphis News-Scimitar. Truth is mighty and will prevail. A New York novelist has abandoned the writing of stories to write advertisements.

From the Baltimore American. The Oregon may not win the honor of leading the world naval parade through the completed Panama Canal, but none can deny that she deserves it.

Diminution of French Birth Rate. From the London Lancet. The "Journal Officiel" has just published the French vital statistics for 1910.

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HOME NEWS WHILE AWAY

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In considering the situation which has arisen in Morocco through the action of France and Germany, a few salient points in history ought to be recognized fairly before judging the upheaval in that sorrow-stricken country ever since the dawn of the present century.

The Sultan's effective rule did not extend to more than a fourth of the area known as the Moorish empire. The remaining three-fourths was and is occupied by the Kabyle tribe, ruled by their own "kaid" and not acknowledging the Sultan or his government, called Maghzen.

British interests, commercial as well as political, predominated, followed closely by those of France. Spain had territorial interests and historic associations, to say nothing of a large community of Spaniards living and working in Morocco.

It was palpable to any one at all observant of matters that France had the eyes to the extension of her North African colonies in a westerly direction.

Everything went on swimmingly until 1902, when Hu Hamarra, the pretender, made a bid for a serious insurrection in the Berber tribes in the Marques region. Following this, the world was taken by surprise with the announcement of the Anglo-French convention concluded by Lord Lansdowne, by which France received a free hand in Morocco in consideration of France giving up her antagonistic policy toward England.

Germany, as was to be expected, was not complacent at finding such an arrangement in reference to an independent state, in which she had commercial interests being entered by two other powers without even having been consulted.

Then came the conference of Algiers. The entered into the agreement to preserve the integrity of the Moorish empire and provided for a police force in the open ports—a force which has been the cause of more disorder than had ever been known there before.

That was the thin edge of the wedge. We now have seen that wedge driven into the very heart of Morocco, under the aegis of Egypt. That was a shock to the Sultan and his Moorish people.

One of the things that most surprised and after a bit delight an American visitor is the great number of clubs there are in London. To men of other nationalities a club is a good place to go when they have nothing else to do.

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TAWNEY ABSOLVED IN LORIMER CASE

Testimony of Tribune Editor Found to Be Error. Former Representative James A. Tawney, of Winona, Minn., will not be summoned to Washington by the Senate committee investigating the election of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois.

Chairman Dillingham received a telegram from Mr. Tawney asking for an opportunity to appear as a witness to deny that he was in any way connected with the "Fireproof Magazine," a Chicago publication, or had ever appeared before the officers of the Post-office Department in its behalf.

Mr. Tawney was mentioned during the testimony of James Keeley, general manager and editor of the Chicago Tribune, who, on Tuesday, said that George O. Glavin offered to purchase for the Tribune the documents of a firm of Washington lobbyists showing, Glavin claimed, the Senator's name as having received a share of the fees of this firm for his services in behalf of the Chicago magazine.

Mr. Armour replied to the statement of James Keeley, general manager and editor of the Chicago Tribune, that perbaps "Mr. Armour, Arthur J. Meeker, Edward Morris, Alfred Union, Louis F. Swift, and John A. Spoor might be able to give some information regarding the \$100,000 Lorimer bribery fund" by stating that the first time he even suspected that he was supposed to know something of Springfield bribery was when he saw his name mentioned in the morning newspaper.

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WILL NOT PROBE TITLES OF LAND

Rules Committee of House to Ignore Sisson Request. Owing to the fact that the Rules Committee of the House, at its meeting yesterday, was not able to obtain sufficient evidence to warrant an investigation of the titles of the land lying between the Atchafalaya and the Union Station, it is unlikely that the Sisson resolution for that purpose will be recommended for adoption in the House.

A few weeks ago Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, offered a resolution in which there was intimation that the undertaking of the commission appointed to buy under condemnation proceedings, or otherwise, the property comprised in the several squares north of the Capitol, needed inspection to determine the truth of a report that many of the lots comprised in the tract had been gathered in by concerns and individuals expecting to profit largely through a deal with the government.

Representative Sisson told the Rules Committee yesterday that he knew of no specific instance wherein lots had been improperly acquired or were being held with a view to obtaining a large profit, nor did he know of any instances where lands had fallen into the control of members of Congress, either former or present. It was evident from questions directed by members of the committee that the Representative had not made out a case that warranted investigation, and it was generally understood yesterday that it would not be recommended.

A commission is at work at present on procedure in the Union Station, it is unlikely that the Sisson resolution for that purpose will be recommended for adoption in the House.

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SLAP AT ROOSEVELT SEEN IN CONTROLLER BAY NOTE

Pointed Out That Forest Reserve Limitations Were Known in Former Administration. A lot of interest has been aroused in Congress over President Taft's reference in his Controller Bay message to the action of the Roosevelt administration in regard to water front land on Orca Bay and Valdez Arm in Alaska.

President Taft points out in his message that when the Chugach national forest reserve was created by President Roosevelt in July, 1907, on the recommendation of Forester Pinchot, there were excepted from the forest the several areas contained within boundaries formed by circles described with a radius of one mile each from the centers of ten small towns or settlements.

"Doubtless the rights of the public," says the President, "were thought to be sufficiently safeguarded against monopoly of the statute, which were the same then as now."

Gifford Pinchot, however, declined to be daunted by the Taft message. He issued a statement, a copy of which follows: "The President's defense of his course in the Controller Bay affair shows how hard it is to make a good excuse for a bad mistake."

"It leaves the root of the matter wholly untouched. In spite of all explanations, the fact remains that Mr. Taft, in opening the lands around Controller Bay without notice to the public, has given the interests behind Ryan an opportunity to acquire the key to the channel of Controller Bay before the public knew what was going on."

By a vote of 48 to 22, the Senate passed the LaFollette wool revision bill. After the wool bill was disposed of, the Senate passed the joint resolution covering over from the House appropriations approximately \$16,000 to meet deficiencies.

On motion of Senator Penrose, the farmers' free list bill, which is to be voted on Monday, was made the unfinished business. Senator Bryan, of Florida, addressed the Senate on a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Navy for information concerning a reported plan to abandon the Pensacola Navy Yard.

The Senate resumed its session at 10 o'clock after the recess taken Wednesday. After Senator La Follette completed his speech and within a few minutes of 12 o'clock, the Senate took an adjournment out of respect to the memory of the late Representative George W. King, of Pennsylvania, who died on Monday, August 14, 1910, at the age of 67.

SENATE HAS A BUSY DAY

request, was yesterday relieved from further service upon the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Mr. Bailey was a member of the subcommittee which was considering the question of recommending an investigation into the election of Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin.

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, gave notice that on Monday he would address the Senate on the metal schedule of the Payne law.

Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, gave notice that he would speak on Monday upon the recall as applied to Federal judges.

Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, growing impatient at the delay of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce in giving consideration to his bill to curb trusts and suppress monopolies, announced that he would move to-day to discharge the committee from further consideration of the measure and call it up in open session.

The House adjourned its session less than an hour. Representative Underwood, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, formally presented the Democratic cotton revision bill. Debate on the measure will be begun to-day.

DISTRICT BILLS IN CONGRESS

Favorable Action on Several Measures Yesterday. As a result of ability finally to obtain a quorum and get into action yesterday, the House Committee on the District of Columbia has agreed to report five District measures favorably to the House.

Three of the bills considered and approved by the committee relate to insurance concerns and undertakings in the District. One of the measures requires the insurance companies operating in the District to report to the Superintendent of Insurance each year the amount of its liabilities and assets, the amount of business transacted, and all other information desired by the insurance department.

The committee met the wishes of the District Commissioners in agreeing to recommend the passage of the Senate bill whereby unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for the purchase of sites for the new M street and Central High schools are to be transferred to a fund for the employment of architectural services. Favorable action also was taken on the measure providing for the preservation and protection of the lands and waters comprising any part of the Anacostia River, or Eastern Branch, this bill, which recently received favorable consideration of a subcommittee of the District Committee, authorizes the Attorney General to institute suits against any "squatters" on the lands mentioned and against all persons who may have or may pretend to have any right or title to lands adjacent to the Anacostia River, the Eastern Branch, and Rock Creek.

The Attorney General also is authorized to start proceedings to make clear the title of the lands within the limits of any public reservation, park, road, or building spaces in the District.

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The President may look at the case in the light of a lawyer and decide that Dr. Wiley violated the law, or he may be too much of a politician to prevent a fuss by retaining him in office. This opinion is advanced by those who have been in close communication with the case.

CONTEMPT CASE HEARING.

Committee of Prosecutors Asks for Instructions. The committee of prosecutors in the case of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, and Frank Morrison for alleged contempt of court yesterday filed motion asking Justice Wright to elect as to whether the defendants shall answer under oath or make specific answer to questions submitted by the committee.

Justice Wright has fixed Monday for a hearing. The first question is whether Gompers was president of the American Federation of Labor and editor of the American Federationist, on December 17, 1907, and if he has continued to hold the position. He is asked as to the alleged burrying of the case of the January Federationist in 1908, in which the name of the Buck's Stove and Range Company appeared under the heading "We don't patronize."

He is asked as to whether he had learned on December 24, 1907, of the filing of the injunction bond making operative the temporary injunction of the previous day, and also is asked whether he took steps to stop the circulation of the Federationist number complained of. Another question is whether in the report made by him to the convention of the American Federation of Labor in November, 1908, he used the language quoted in paragraph sixteen of the charges in contempt.

Uncle Walt Says To-day:

It's hard to take your pen in hand and write a lot of cheer-up verse, when heat is sizzling through the land, and every minute growing worse. It's hard to swelter in your den, and HARD write a lot of helpful truck, and hand out good advice

to men, when you would like to run amuck. It's hard to be serene and wise, a guide, philosopher, and friend, when on your hairless head the flies are holding meetings without end. It's so much easier to nag, to make complaints, and whine and kick, and shed some tears, and chew the rag, and slug the old world with a brick!

If optimism merely meant to dance and sing when all is right, it wouldn't, then, be worth a cent; it's when the world is in a plight the optimist should loom up strong, and wear the silver lining grin, and yodel forth a glad some song until the peelers run him in. And, though the flies cause me distress, and though I'm sizzling in my grease, I say the world's a big success, and all is happiness and peace.

WALT MASON.

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