

WORKS OPPOSES GALLINGER BILL

Solon Says Proposed Utilities Measure Lacks Directness and Urges Changes.

MOVE WILL BE OPPOSED

Because he believes the Gallinger public utilities bill lacks directness, and therefore does not give to the Commission, as a public utilities commission, the complete control necessary in the management of public service corporations, Senator Works, of California, yesterday introduced as an amendment a bill which contains various points of difference from the former measure.

The discussion of Senator Works' amendment will begin in the Senate this afternoon. It is predicted that Senator Gallinger will oppose any attempt to radically change the measure drawn up by him and approved by the District Committee.

Minor Changes in Bill.

Senator Works' introduction of his amendment came after all other amendments to the Gallinger bill had been approved by the Senate yesterday afternoon, and the measure was about to be voted on.

One change made in the Gallinger bill was the striking out of section 36, providing that a sum not exceeding \$4000 be appropriated for the work of the public utilities commission, and substituting a clause specifying \$40,000 as the sum to be paid, with the additional provision that all fines or forfeitures should revert to the Treasury. Section 11, providing that public service corporations shall carry a depreciation account when the commission deems it necessary, was stricken out, and the settlement of this matter left to the Commission.

Bailey Offers Amendment.

Senator Bailey in section 32 urged that before the word "acquire" in the clause prohibiting corporations from obtaining one another's stock, the words "or own" should be inserted. The measure thus compels all public service corporations to relinquish holdings in other corporations, as well as prohibiting their subsequent acquisition of outside stock.

With these amendments disposed of, Senator Works arose and proposed the consideration of his amendment. He explained briefly that he was not satisfied with the Gallinger bill, but suggested that it might be possible to bring this measure more in line with his views by the addition of amendments. At first Senator Gallinger seemed inclined to oppose this delay, but later agreed to the consideration of the two measures at the session today.

Works Measure Called Needless.

Friends of the Gallinger bill declared last night that with the exception of the final section, which they termed "summing up" of provisions made elsewhere, there was no material difference in the two measures. The Works amendment, which is almost the replica of the old-field bill as introduced in the House, specifies in the same manner the commission shall do where the Gallinger measure leaves the matter open to the discretion of the Commission.

After stating that his bill was more definite, Senator Works declined to go into detail.

"It is difficult," he explained, "to say

where one measure differs from the other. What I desire is that the bill be specific so as to give the commission a certain definite control over public service corporations."

The Proposed New Section.

The amendment referred to at the conclusion of Senator Works' measure reads as follows:

It shall be the duty of the commission in fixing and determining rates, in directing extensions and improvements, and in general when making requirements under the provisions of this act that involve expenditures by or upon the receipts of public utilities, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, having in mind the public interest, to require the utmost of the public utility that will not trench upon its constitutional right to earn a fair net return upon the fair value of its property used for the convenience of the public.

Commissioners Silent.

This phrase, it is stated, was warmly advocated by the District Commissioners at the time it was first introduced in the House by Representative Oldfield. Whether the District Commissioners still feel it necessary to insert this section is not known, as they refused last night to discuss either the Gallinger bill or the proposed amendments on the main the Senate's action.

FOR H STREET EXTENSION.

Rep. Cary Introduces Bill Asking Five-block Improvement.

Representative Cary, of Wisconsin, yesterday introduced in the House a bill providing for the extension of H street northeast from Fifteenth to Twentieth streets northeast. The proposal is to buy private land over which the new street route is laid via condemnation proceedings.

American Officers for Chile.

Request that Congress detail United States Coast Artillery officers to help Chile instruct her army was put up by President Taft yesterday. Such a course, the President declared, would insure greatly to strengthen the friendly relations between Chile and the United States.

Wiley Before Senate Committee.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, appeared as a witness before the Senate Manufactures Committee yesterday in advocacy of an amendment to the pure food law to require labels on packages and bottles to show the exact weight or quantity of the goods in the container.

Wants U. S. to Buy Telephones.

Representative Cary introduced a bill providing that the government shall acquire by appraisal and condemnation the telephone lines of the country, which are to be conducted, when owned by the government, by the Post-office Department.

Senator Asks Woman Suffrage.

Senator Works, of California, yesterday introduced a resolution proposing an amendment to the Federal Constitution giving woman suffrage.

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UNTERMAYER WILL NOT SERVE.

Declines to Join in Democratic Money Trust Hunt.

Representative Henry, who investigated the "money trust" investigation, made public last year a telegram received from Samuel Untermyer, the New York lawyer, in which Untermyer says that he cannot act as attorney for the investigation committee.

Mr. Untermyer thanked Mr. Henry for suggesting his name, but said he had neither the time nor inclination and in the probe, although he had been fighting corrupt high finance for years.

OPPOSES HOSPITAL CHANGE.

Physician Calls Municipal Hospital Plan Impracticable.

In a letter to Congress yesterday, urging the continuance of the present Emergency Hospital, Dr. W. P. Carr announced that not only was the proposed new Municipal Hospital more expensive than the existing institution, but that the dispensary institutions would add an amount that makes the whole scheme impracticable.

COMPERS BEFORE COMMITTEE.

A. F. of L. President Favors Stricter Immigration Laws.

Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, appeared in favor of the Burnett bill restricting immigration before the House Committee yesterday. The Burnett bill provides a stringent literacy test, an increased head tax, and a certain amount of money in the possession of immigrants when they are now required.

"Photostat" as an Economist.

The Appropriations Committee of the House in its effort to economize is considering the substitute of the "photostat" for the typewriter. The new contrivance duplicates papers to be copied by means of photographic reproduction.

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POLICY INDORSED AS TO "NEW" CHINA

European Powers Agree with the State Department—"Dollar Diplomacy" Later.

The State Department has received strong indorsements from a number of European powers of its policy concerning the present situation in China, as was outlined in a note to Germany on February 2. That note was addressed to the German Ambassador, in response to an inquiry from his government concerning the attitude and views of the United States in regard to China. This note was also communicated to the governments of Great Britain, France, Russia, Japan, Austria, and Italy, and replies have been received from all except the last two. The British and German governments state that their views are heartily in accord with their own attitude toward China. The governments of Japan and Russia also concur with the United States as to the policy of non-intervention and common action.

At the time the note was written there were two de facto governments, the imperial government controlling the north and the republican provisional government the southern section of China. Since then the republican government has been formally recognized by the imperial government, and Yuan Shih Kai has been elected President of the republic and an important deputation has been sent to Peking to escort him to Hankin for the inauguration. It is explained that the American policy as expressed in the Knox note remains unchanged, and will stand thus until the new government is firmly established and is formally recognized by the United States. This recognition may not be expected for some time yet, since a new government will probably require considerable time to make itself stable.

This government will continue to discourage the making of loans by American financiers to either the old or the new party in China, and this policy is generally held to apply toward American loans to any revolutionary party in Latin America or elsewhere. The American government will not undertake to protect its citizens who act in such enterprises.

When the new Chinese government is formally recognized the State Department will undoubtedly revert to the former policy of "dollar diplomacy," encouraging American investments in legitimate enterprises in China, as in other countries.

WILL DRAFT SEWER BILL.

Nearby Maryland Towns Will Approve to State Legislature.

It was announced yesterday by the joint committee representing Prince George and Montgomery counties, Md., that at a meeting Wednesday in the office of Attorney J. H. Hays, it was decided to draft a bill for introduction in the Maryland legislature, providing for the appointment of a commission to consider the proposed project of connecting the sewerage systems of the various Maryland towns lying along the District line to the local system. It was decided to introduce a bill requesting immediate action in the matter.

The following committee was appointed to draft the proposed measure: Attorney Hays, J. Hays Hays, Preston Hays, W. T. S. Curtis, T. Howard Hays, and J. E. Cassidy.

A subcommittee was authorized to draft the bill that the commission be composed of Preston H. Hays, Esq., Hays, Dr. Charles A. Fox, and Howard Duckett, representing Prince George County; and Dr. John L. Lewis, T. S. Curtis, John I. Cassidy, and J. Hays Williams, representing Montgomery County.

LOAN SHARK BILL UP.

Senate District Committee May Report It To-day.

At a meeting of the Senate District Committee, to be held this morning, it is expected that the Hriston bill providing for Presidential preference primaries in the District and the "loan shark" measure will come up for consideration.

The loan shark legislation will come up as a result of the passage by the House of a bill different from that passed by the Senate. Whether the committee will accept the House bill, which provides a 1 per cent rate per month on loaned money—in lieu of the Senate bill cannot be determined. There seems strong likelihood that conference on this legislation will be called for.

Navy Nominations Made.

Commanders to be captains, Chief M. Knipper, Charles M. Fahg, assistant paymaster to be a passed assistant paymaster, George J. Shamer, professor mathematics, rank of commander, to professor of mathematics, rank of captain, Henry M. Paul, professor of mathematics, rank of lieutenant commander, to professor of mathematics, rank of commander, Walter S. Harsham.

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