

CURRENCY BILL TO PASS TODAY

All Serious Opposition to the Measure Is Abandoned. CHANGES IN LAST HOURS

Republicans Protest Plan to Exempt Federal Reserve Board Appointees from Civil Service.

All serious attempt to amend the currency bill was abandoned by Senator Hitchcock and his followers last night, and the measure will be passed today with the opposition completely broken.

Opposition Gives Up Fight. Opposition to the administration currency bill, led by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, a Democrat, who was supported by the Republican vote of the Senate, realising at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon that the Democratic side would yield nothing and approved by the party caucus, withdrew from the struggle to amend and improve the currency bill.

Amending the language of the bill to remove the limitation now imposed by the national banking act on note issues, based upon bonds.

Increasing the salaries of the members of the Federal reserve board from \$10,000 a year, as proposed in the Owen bill, to \$12,000.

The first vote of the day came on a motion to table an amendment proposed by Senator Hitchcock to increase the amount of gold reserves required by the Federal Reserve Board by the regional associations against note issues from 40 per cent, as the Democratic caucus Wednesday night had decreed, to 45 per cent. The motion to table was adopted by a vote of 42 to 40.

A motion by Senator Hitchcock to require the paid-up capital of each regional association to be \$5,000,000 instead of \$10,000,000, as provided in the Owen bill, was tabled by a vote of 42 to 40. A motion by Mr. Hitchcock to make the minimum number of regional banks to be established six instead of eight, as proposed by the Owen bill, was tabled by a vote of 42 to 38. A proposal by Senator Hitchcock for government control of the

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WILSON'S POLICY PLEASES LATIN

South Americans Have More Confidence Than Ever, Says W. W. Vick.

AIDS MEXICAN STAND Confers with President and Secretary Bryan and Leaves Washington.

Walker Whiting Vick, former secretary of President Wilson's inaugural committee and now general receiver of Dominican customs, yesterday in conference with President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan reported that the Wilson Latin-American policy in the Dominican republic has been completely and as a result the Latin nations to the south today have more confidence in the United States than ever before in history.

Following the recent speech of President Wilson in the South in which the President asserted that the United States will not permit the forbidding of arms, Mr. Vick reported, the honesty of the Wilson policy has been impressed on all Latin-American nations and especially Mexico by the way in which the Dominican republic situation has been handled.

Under the Capitol Dome. Present indications are that Congress will take a recess on December 24, to an annual adjournment on the 27th, and the action of the Senate on the banking bill. If that bill is out of the way by Wednesday of next week the leaders are willing to lay off work until January 12.

Representative Caleb Powers, of Kentucky, yesterday introduced a bill providing for the survey and estimate of coal to macadamize the old "Wilderness" turnpike from Crab Orchard, Ky., to Cumberland River, Ky. He would have the road called "Boone Way."

Registration of all thrashing machines in the country with county clerks is provided in a bill introduced yesterday by Representative Baltz, of Illinois. It requires the owners of thrashing machines to report the amount and quality of grain thrashed.

President Wilson yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of Frank C. Dally, of Indiana, to be United States attorney for the district of Indiana.

The Senate yesterday passed a bill relieving gold miners in the Dam Creek area of the Rutland district of Alaska from assessment work during the current year on account of damage caused by storms. The law provides miners must do a certain amount of work on their claims each year.

CONRAD H. SYME, general counsel for Utilities Board, who denies right of gas companies to merge.

POTATTO HEARING PROVES LIVELY

Charge Made that Proposed Quarantine Is Work of Speculators. NO CONCLUSION REACHED

Representatives from Farm States, However, Uphold Proposed Move.

There was an animated discussion yesterday before the plant quarantine board of the Department of Agriculture as to whether the quarantine now being maintained against potatoes from certain countries should be extended or not. If the quarantine is extended it will include Germany, Ireland, Newfoundland, Austria, and two islands in the St. Lawrence River, and to all intents and purposes all of Europe from which potatoes can be imported.

Many members of the House of Representatives attended the hearing, which was decided upon by the department before action is taken. The purpose of the quarantine is to protect the domestic crop from powdery mildew and wart diseases with which certain foreign-grown potatoes are affected.

The board arrived at no conclusion, but H. C. Merritt, its chairman, announced Tuesday morning that the decision to be reached. It is intimated that the quarantine will be extended, but that potatoes will be allowed to come in from suspected districts if they can pass inspection, the inspection to be performed by the plant experts of the Department of Agriculture. Representatives of the growers made it plain at yesterday's hearing that the consumer would not be properly protected even with such a precautionary measure.

Scheme to George City Folks. Representative Taylor, of New York, said that the whole thing was a scheme to gouge city folks. On the other hand, Representative Brown, of New York, who represents a Long Island district, sided resolutions of Long Island farmers protesting against a lifting of the quarantine and favoring its extension.

Representative Donohoe, of Philadelphia, said: "Of what benefit is it to remove the tariff on potatoes and place that product on the free list if a quarantine is established that bars out potatoes more effectively than any tariff?" Representative Lindquist, of Minnesota, who represents a constituency largely engaged in the raising of potatoes, said that the quarantine should be maintained.

Representative Stearns and Representative Manahan, of Minnesota, both of whom represent potato raising districts agreed with everything that Representative Lindquist said. T. P. Gill, secretary of the agricultural bureau of Ireland, and Deputy Minister O'Halloran, of the Canadian government, also protested.

GAS COMPANIES CANNOT MERGE

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Members of the District of Columbia has tempted me to a more extended discussion of the legal questions involved than any difficulty in their determination justified. The law appears to be very plain. The wisdom of such a consolidation as is suggested by the consideration of Congress and the public utilities commission. If the commission believes such consolidation to be in accord with a sound public policy and in the best interests of the citizens of the District, it can take such action in the premises as to recommendations to Congress or otherwise, as it may be advised.

In reviewing the question of the right of the Georgetown Citizens to dispose of the whole, or of any part of its property, the corporation counsel says: "If it has not this right given it by the law of its incorporation or the laws of the District, it is not permitted to acquire or hold property by public utility law, it could not execute a valid conveyance of its property to the Washington Gas Light Company, and the Washington Gas Light Company could not take a title which the vendor was legally unable to give, consequently could not become a purchaser of the property."

Reviews Corporation's History. Mr. Syme reviews in his opinion the legislative history of both corporations in question, and finds that not only is no authorization given them to dispose of any property essential to the performance of their obligations to the public, but, further, "the legislation is so framed that neither is permitted to encroach upon the rights of the other, either by the acquisition of its property or the invasion of its territory."

And," he adds, "the public utilities act will be searched in vain for any paragraph or clause which enables the commission to invest any public utility with any power in addition to that already provided for."

Opinion by general counsel for the Public Utilities Commission seems to preclude any solution of the District's case against the gas company, except that solution found by the District Supreme Court, that neither is permitted to encroach upon the rights of the other, either by the acquisition of its property or the invasion of its territory.

Georgetown Citizens Protest. At a recent meeting of the Georgetown Citizens Association the following letter was presented: "We wish to enter an emphatic protest against paying 15 per cent more for gas by myself and my neighbors in Georgetown, which is a part of the city of Washington, than those who live on the east side of Rock Creek. Please advise this protest to the Georgetown Gas Light Company and oblige. Very truly yours, (Signed) HENRY F. BLOUNT."

VALUATION BUREAU PLANNED. Realty Men Think It Would Improve Relations with Title Companies. At a meeting of the executive committee of the Washington Real Estate Association, held yesterday afternoon, reports upon the advisability of establishing a central valuation bureau for the benefit of local realty men and the best plan for improving the relations between title companies and real estate brokers in this city were made. The reports were discussed by the committee which it is believed will take action some time in the near future.

Two new members, Joseph L. Waller and Charles Bradley, were elected to membership. A committee was appointed to arrange for a luncheon some time after Christmas at which the best plan for ascertaining the proper value of taxable real estate will be discussed. The executive committee is composed of John L. Weaver, George J. Worthington, N. L. Sanbury, James F. Shea, H. L. Rust, Herbert T. Shannon, and William A. Hill.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE INDORSES GEORGE BILL. Warnings of Political Henchmen and Job Hunters Are Ignored. Ignoring the emphatic warnings of Representatives Walters, of Pennsylvania, and Igoe, of Missouri, who drew word pictures of the District, after the enactment of the George bill in its present form, being saddled with political henchmen and job hunters by the House District Committee yesterday informally put its seal of approval upon the proposed new method of taxation and assessment in the District of Columbia. While the bill was not reported, its chief features were adopted and the measure is now practically in shape to be reported.

Confederate Veterans Elect Officers for the Year. At a recent meeting of Camp No. 171, United Confederate Veterans, held at the hall, 122 Vermont avenue northwest, the following officers and committees were elected for 1914: Fred Beall, commander; David C. Grayson, first lieutenant; commander; Henry H. Marzaduke, second lieutenant; commander; Lovrick Pierce, adjutant; Richard E. Denny, treasurer; secretary; Robert M. Harrover, treasurer; Rev. H. H. McKim, chaplain; William J. Parr, sergeant-at-arms; Dr. G. Wythe Cook and J. L. Seddarth, surgeons. Executive committee—J. E. Thompson, J. M. Hickey, George M. Gordon, David E. Walton, and Joseph D. Baumer. Relief committee—James T. Petty, G. Wythe Cook, R. W. Pappas, Robert Thompson, and Minor F. Key.

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