

ALL-NIGHT SESSION OF WEARY SENATE

Passes the Last of the Big Supply Bills Early This Morning.

CONFIRMS FOUR MEMBERS OF TRADE COMMISSION

General Deficiency Bill Carrying Charge Against the District Among Measures Put Through.

In a determined effort to wind up its business, the Senate continued in session all of last night and succeeded in passing the Indian appropriation bill, which had delayed progress for more than two days, and also in confirming four of the members of the federal trade commission, the exception being George Rublee of New Hampshire, the progressive. It was 6:37 o'clock this morning when the Senate voted to take a recess until 11 o'clock today.

During the long session the Senate also passed a substitute for the river and harbor appropriation bill, reported from the Senate commerce committee. This was the last of the supply bills which the Senate will be called upon to pass. A number of these measures were still in conference, however, when the Senate took its recess and must be approved by the Senate when reported back from conference.

Republicans Spring Surprise.

The Senate dropped the Indian bill for a time about midnight to take up nominations. When it came to the federal trade commission Republicans spring a surprise by withdrawing their opposition to Will H. Barry of Seattle, Wash., progressive, republican and sought only the nomination of George Rublee of New Hampshire, a progressive. Barry, with the three other nominees, was confirmed. The Democrats are Joseph E. Davies of Wisconsin, Edward M. Hurley of Illinois and W. J. Harris of Georgia. A long list of consular officers and postmasters was confirmed.

\$25,000,000 for Rivers and Harbors.

After passing the Indian bill the Senate took up the substitute river and harbor bill, carrying \$25,000,000 for the continuation of projects already begun, to be spent under the direction of the Secretary of War and the board of army engineers. Provision is made in the bill for re-survey on many projects heretofore authorized, which have been stumbling blocks to a successful bill for two sessions. It was only by taking the unprecedented step of arousing the Vice President and requesting his attendance that a quorum was obtained to pass the bill. Shortly after 4 o'clock Senator Oliver raised the point of no quorum in order to get full consideration for an amendment authorizing a new dam in the Pittsburgh harbor. Only forty-six senators could be found, and two more were needed to make a quorum. A motion was made and carried for the issuance of warrants for the arrest of absentees. Senator Bryan, temporarily in the chair, declined to sign the warrants, on the ground that they could be signed only by the Vice President or president pro tempore, Senator Clark.

Vice President Drafted.

After a parliamentary wrangle, however, Senator Stone moved that the Vice President be requested to attend. This was carried, and the Vice President was roused from his bed about 5 o'clock. Just before he arrived, however, Senators Nelson, Page and Dillingham reported, and made a quorum. The Vice President, however, assumed the chair. The river and harbor bill passed the Senate substantially without amendment. The Senate also passed during the night a relief measure for oil operators in Wyoming and California whose plans would be closed by the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the so-called Midwest oil case. This was done by striking out of the House bill a general oil leasing system all the provisions except that authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to lease in his discretion oil lands to operators whose entries were made before July 1, 1910, if they surrender all claims to such lands. The Supreme Court held that entries made between the date of President Taft's withdrawal of public oil lands from entry in 1905 to July 1, 1910, were void.

Carries Charge Against District.

The general deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$8,092,872 was passed by the Senate yesterday afternoon, carrying the House provision for the payment to the federal Treasury by the District of \$586,967.23 for interest on bonds and \$165,437.50 for Washington Market rentals. By making a point of order, Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania thwarted the plan of Senator Newland of Ohio to amend the general deficiency bill an amendment giving to the interstate commerce commission and its agents the right to inspect the private correspondence of railway officers in connection with the exercise by the commission of the injunctive powers conferred upon it by law. The bill carried amendments making \$300,000 immediately available for use of the new federal trade commission, and appropriating \$500,000 for the use of the President in executing the neutrality law and for unforeseen emergencies arising in the diplomatic and consular service. Action of the Philippine legislature in increasing internal revenue taxes on account of the war was legalized, but a provision empowering the legislature to enact further emergency revenue legislation was defeated. Another amendment appropriates \$71,000 to pay claims for Americans killed on the Mexican border.

Ship Purchase Bill Is Slayed in the House by Agreement of Enemies

The most important development in the House yesterday was the terrific jolt given the ship purchase bill practically by agreement between democratic and republican leaders. The Senate had been taken into the confidence of the conspirators on the House side, and the resulting delay on the ship purchase measure seems to have sealed the fate of that adventurous bill.

Representative Mann Scores.

Meantime the Senate saw to it that the Indian bill passed so as to prevent the republican conference report from being received in the upper house. At 4:30 o'clock Representative Mann made his point of order against the conference report, contending that the conferees had exceeded their authority in increasing to three years the period to elapse following the close of the European war before the Weeks naval auxiliary provisions should become effective. The Weeks bill would have gone into effect at once as it passed the Senate originally, while the House amended it to provide for a lapse of two years. Speaker Clark sustained the point of order and a further conference was requested. Conferees on the army bill agreed to all the financial features and both houses adopted that portion of the report which carries a total outlay of \$1,974,155. House conferees won a point in having stricken out the provision for an aviation plant at San Diego, Cal. It was provided, however, that a committee of officers be appointed to look into the selection of a site for such a plant.

Canal Officers' Reward Now Up to President

Concurrence by the House in a Senate amendment sent to the President a bill extending the thanks of Congress to and authorizing the promotion of members of the United States Army and Navy and public health service who participated in the construction of the Panama canal. The bill authorizes the promotion of Col. George W. Goethals and Surgeon General William C. Gorgas to the rank of major general; Col. H. F. Hodges and Lieut. Col. William L. Sibley to brigadier general, and Commander H. H. Rousseau, U. S. N., to captain. These officers "rendered distinguished services" as members of the canal commission, and the bill provides that at any time hereafter any of them upon his own application may be retired at three-fourths pay. Other officers who served in the Canal Zone under restrictions, will be advanced one grade in rank.

Spain Invites American Capital.

King Alfonso of Spain, in a private audience with American Ambassador Willard and Commercial Attache C. W. A. Veditz at Madrid, indicated the belief that the present time is opportune for trade development and that Spain is offering a profitable field for the investment of American capital, notably in mining and metallurgical industries. Attache Veditz, reporting this to Secretary Redfield, said he and Ambassador Willard conferred with King Alfonso for several hours.

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KNOCKS OUT GROCER; ROBS CASH DRAWER

Colored Customer Hits Louis Sandler Over Head With Club, Inflicting Scalp Wounds.

Louis Sandler, sixty years old, who conducts a grocery at 21 Logan place northwest, was assaulted in his store this morning by an unidentified colored man and the cash drawer robbed of more than \$20. Shortly before 7 o'clock the colored man entered and asked for a four-cent loaf of bread. He handed the merchant a nickel and the latter gave him the change. "I'll take a stick of candy for the penny," said the colored man, and the candy was handed him. The grocer put the cent in the drawer and walked from behind the counter to get the loaf of bread from the bread rack. While in a stooping position, he told the police, the colored man dealt him two blows on his head with a piece of wood resembling an ax handle, and the grocer fell unconscious.

Sandler Knocked Out.

When he regained his senses a few minutes later he called for help. His wife found him bleeding from two scalp wounds. The wounded man was taken to Sibley Hospital. His wounds were dressed and he returned home. Yesterday afternoon the cash drawer disclosed the loss of the money. Detective Patrick O'Brien and Precinct Detective W. J. Jarbee visited the store and obtained a description of the robber, who is described as being about twenty-five years old, short and stout and having brown skin. Mr. Sandler told the police he thought the robber was a stranger in that section.

SENEGALESE SOLDIER TELLS OF HIS EXPLOITS

Killed Twelve of Foe and Intends to Slay Twenty More. He Declares.

The ingrained fighting spirit of the Senegalese troops, who are engaged in aiding the French and English in the trench fighting in the western theater of war, is exemplified in a little story told by a Washington woman, who did not leave France until well into the month of September last. The Washington traveler one day became engaged in conversation with three men who had participated in the battle of Mons, who had been wounded, and who were walking arm in arm in Paris. One was a French private of a line infantry regiment; one was a chunky British Tommy and the third was a strapping, raw-boned Senegalese. All had experiences to tell and all were telling them. In the course of the talk the black soldier was asked if he had killed any one in the action. "I killed twelve Germans that I know of," was the rather startling answer, "and I haven't finished yet." "See this?" he continued, producing one of the bullets that a shrapnel shell disperses when it bursts. "This put a hole in my shoulder, and to make up for it I'm going to smash off at least twenty more when I get back to the front." One is inclined to wonder just what retaliatory measures he would have considered proper had he received a serious wound. To the man uninitiated in the Senegalese standards of equity it would seem as if this black man were already considerably ahead of the game.

President Gets Finance Bill.

Discounting acceptances growing out of the foreign trade, by federal reserve banks, was authorized by a Senate bill passed yesterday by the House. The bill, which is designed to facilitate financing of foreign business, went to the President for his signature.

Land Question to Be Investigated.

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SUBMITS PLANS FOR BIG CONVENTION HALL

Leo J. Grossman Gives Details to Chamber of Commerce Committee.

Estimates That a Suitable Building Can Be Erected Here for About \$220,000.

At a meeting of the conventions committee of the Washington Chamber of Commerce yesterday plans for the projected convention hall were further discussed and methods of financing the project were outlined in detail. Leo J. Grossman of the recently incorporated Washington Convention Hall Company explained his plans as they have been developed, and answered many questions put by members of the committee who desired further information as to progress already made and steps proposed to be taken. Mr. Grossman showed architects' sketches of the front of the proposed convention hall and the interior arrangement. These sketches provide for a one-story structure with a seating capacity of 10,000 and a floor area of 100,000 square feet. The building, which is planned to erect on the site of the old census bureau building at 1st and C streets northwest, is to be of brick, stone, concrete and steel construction, practically fireproof throughout.

Immense Stage to Be Feature.

The arena on the street level is to be surrounded by a raised tier of boxes, above which is to be a balcony reached by inclines. A permanent stage about half as large again as the largest old census bureau building at 1st and C streets northwest, is to be a feature of the proposed building. Estimates submitted by Mr. Grossman showed that the building could be erected according to the plans and specifications for about \$220,000. The plan for financing the project, as outlined by Mr. Grossman, provides for the selling of \$250,000 stock in the company, which is already incorporated under the laws of Virginia. This stock is to have a par value of \$1 a share and is to be sold by popular subscription. Mr. Grossman's plan provides for the selection of a Washington bank as a depository, one of the local trust companies to serve as registrar under the company's stock. The plan, as submitted, contemplates the endorsement of the project by the Chamber of Commerce as an organization, and also by its various component organizations as individuals.

Hall Adapted for Many Uses.

It was shown in reports from a number of other cities that convention halls such as the one contemplated in Mr. Grossman's plans pay a fair return on the money invested after deducting operating and maintenance expenses. It was explained that the proposed hall would be adapted for use for the annual horse show, poultry shows, food shows, automobile shows and similar displays and exhibitions; for the annual ball, for grand opera productions, as well as for conventions of any kind, no matter how large. Action as speedy as would be consistent with good judgment was asked on the question as to whether or not the Chamber of Commerce should give the project its endorsement and approval, and the question is to be presented to the chamber for consideration at an early meeting.

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EIGHT CANDIDATES FOR ANNAPOLIS CADETSHIPS

Names Sent Navy Officials to Compete for Two Vacancies at Academy to Occur in June.

Names of eight candidates from which will be selected two to fill vacancies that will occur in the District of Columbia representation at the United States Naval Academy in June have been sent to the Navy Department by the Commissioners. They are W. Duxon, Jr., 2205 K street northwest; R. B. Dunlop, 1728 Q street northwest; N. J. Eckert, 3042 Newark street northwest; A. J. MacNamee, 3515 14th street northwest; L. J. McCarthy, 1225 Maryland avenue northeast; L. B. Pelzman, 5327 18th street northwest; D. A. Powell, 1403 South Carolina avenue southeast, and D. Wilkerson, the New Berne, 12th and Massachusetts avenues.

Will Undergo Examination April 20

The candidates nominated by the Commissioners were selected after a competitive examination held at the Franklin School building, February 16 and 17, in which twenty-one applicants participated. They will be required to undergo another competitive examination April 20, when the two candidates making the highest showing will be selected by the Navy Department for appointment to Annapolis. Vacancies will occur in the District's representation at the Academy with the graduation in June of George Chaffee Hill and Elmer R. Henning.

ASKS REWARD FOR RITTMAN.

Lane Calls President's Attention to Chemist's Invaluable Discoveries. Secretary Lane today directed the personal attention of President Wilson to the work of Dr. W. F. Rittman, a scientist in the bureau of mines, who has made valuable discoveries recently in connection with the production of gasoline, acetone and high explosives. Secretary Lane said several scientists in his department had recently made discoveries which would have won them the Nobel prize had they been outside the government service, and he was trying to devise a means for rewarding their loyalty.

German Readers' Club Entertains.

The German Readers' Club of Washington is to hold a "special evening of German songs and stories" tonight at 8:15 o'clock in the lecture hall of the Public Library. Humorous and dramatic selections have been arranged to be given.

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THAW AND FIVE OTHERS GO ON TRIAL MONDAY

Accused of Conspiracy in Escape From Matteawan Asylum for Criminal Insane.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Preparations for the trial Monday of Harry K. Thaw and five other accused of conspiracy in aiding his escape from the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Matteawan, began today, when fifty subpoenas and notices were sent to witnesses in Dutchess county, and to other witnesses who have promised to testify. The trial will be one of the few outside of federal courts where witnesses will appear from four different states and from two different countries—the United States and Canada.

The state plans to trace the course of the motor car in which Thaw escaped from the time it left a garage in New York until it arrived at Rochester, N. H., and then to follow Thaw on his train journey across the border until he was arrested in Canada. It is expected that it will take not more than three days to present the state's case. Although the defense has given no indication of its plans, it is regarded as probable that Thaw will enter no defense, but will rest on the state's case and the arguments of his attorneys.

National Park Heads to Meet.

The third conference of national park superintendents and supervisors will be held in Berkeley, Cal., March 11-13. The Department of Interior has announced. Stephen T. Mather, assistant to Secretary Lane, will preside. The conference will consider problems affecting the improvement, management and protection of national parks and monuments.

MRS. ELLEN M. GAY DIES.

Former Clerk in Pension Office Succumbs to Apoplexy.

Mrs. Ellen M. Gay, seventy-two years old, a former clerk in the pension office, died suddenly yesterday at her home, 1510 U street northwest. She was seriously injured last June while riding on a Capital Traction car. The curtain of a passing car, it is stated, was jabbed into her left eye, inflicting so serious an injury that her eye had to be removed.

Some time afterward, it is stated, Mrs. Gay lost her position in the pension office. Yesterday morning about 1 o'clock she was stricken with apoplexy and died in a few minutes. Deputy Coroner William B. Carr performed an autopsy in the afternoon. He found that death was due to apoplexy, confirming the statement made in a certificate supplied by Dr. G. M. Brumbaugh.

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