

ANTI-PROHIBS.

Iowa Getting Tired of Its Galling Yoke.

Both Parties Anxious to Throw It Off.

Much Dissension in the Republican Ranks.

The Anti-Prohibs Hold a State Convention—Local Option and High License Favored.

Associated Press Dispatches.]

DES MOINES, April 2.—The anti-prohibition movement within the Republican party culminated in a State conference today. One hundred and ninety-six delegates were present, representing several thousand Republicans. Chairman Collins, of Keokuk, said he had been a life-long prohibitionist and done all in his power to enforce the law in his city, but failed. Other speeches of a similar vein were made. Ex-Governor Kirkwood sent a letter in which, among other things, he said: "Personally, I favor local option and high license with stringent regulations, but some of our prohibition friends say if such a change is made, the Republican party will never carry an election in Iowa again. They look to me very much like an attempt at bull-dozing, and Republicans never took kindly to that mode of argument. This policy has been pursued for some years by extreme prohibitionists in Republican States that have not adopted prohibition, and it is now threatened here. It has not won in the past, and I think it will not in the future."

Resolutions Adopted.

Hon. A. B. Cummins, of Des Moines, presented the report of the committee on resolutions, which was received with great enthusiasm. The resolutions declare unswerving allegiance to the principles of the Republican party, as enunciated in the Chicago platform, and continue: "We recognize the liquor traffic as one which requires regulation, but insist that the object of such legislation should be to minimize intemperance and mitigate its evils. The experience of this, as well as other States, has conclusively shown that general prohibition, operating upon all communities alike, without respect to their habits, conditions, circumstances or desire, is not adapted either to suppress intemperance or promote morals, and therefore the experiment should be abandoned, and the law should be so modified that those communities which desire a change shall have the right to determine for themselves whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold as a beverage within their limits. "We are unalterably opposed to any attempt to introduce into the constitution the doctrine that State prohibition is an organic law. The State ought not to be encumbered with police regulations of that character. A political organization has no just right to bring into its declarations of principles a new doctrine, unless it be one upon which substantially all its members agree. A large number of Republicans in Iowa are and always have been opposed to general prohibition, and if the Republican party adheres to its present position upon this question, it is manifest by such adherence that it tends to exclude from membership all those who believe the policy is fatal to the best interests of the State. "Inasmuch as the members of the party are not agreed upon the subject, there is obviously but one course which the party can honorably pursue; it is to rigorously exclude from the party platform every reference to it, leaving each Republican member of the Legislature full liberty to act with regard to it as his judgment may dictate. The experiment of general prohibition has been faithfully tried, and in many portions of the State lamentably failed. The Republican party cannot justify its further support as a party measure. Those members of the party holding our views cannot with favor to themselves longer lend their aid to impose upon many communities all the evils of unlicensed, unrestricted and unregulated liquor-selling. "For these reasons, and in the interest of morality, business and social order, we ask the General Assembly now in session to amend the prohibitory liquor law so as to give to communities that so desire to act, the power to subject to a minimum license, to be fixed by the Legislature, and to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors through the medium of high license. And we insist on such a change in the platform of the Republican party as will enable us to stand honestly upon it, and to assist in restoring the party to complete supremacy."

The Democratic Policy.

The prohibition question came up in the Lower House of the Legislature this afternoon. The Democratic caucus license bill was considered. Richman (Democrat) said in spite of the stringency of the law, it was plainly to be seen that in some localities the prohibitory law was openly violated, while in others it was observed. The Democrats wanted this condition of affairs, and in localities where prohibition was unpopular, they wanted the liquor traffic regulated. Accordingly they had prepared a bill to fit the whole case—a bill that would give localities that wanted prohibition a chance to do so. It provided for settling the matter of license or no license by popular vote; licenses granted only by the District Court, and then only to proper persons. Any one could make a remonstrance against a license, and if such remonstrance was considered sufficient, the license would be refused. The minimum license fee was to be \$500, and that amount to go to the county in every case, while a municipality could exact as much more as it saw fit. Any one obtaining a license had to file a \$5,000 bond for the full observance of the law. A person violating the law could be punished by fine and imprisonment. Any one convicted twice should forfeit all right to obtain a license again. A druggist could keep and properly use liquors

under permits. Any person not holding a license convicted of selling liquors could be punished by a fine of not less than \$100. After a vigorous debate of four hours the matter went over.

SPRING RACES.

Opening of the Louisiana Jockey Club's Meeting.

NEW ORLEANS, April 2.—Louisiana Jockey Club, spring meeting, first day; weather pleasant, attendance large. Six furlongs—Carlton won, Lida L. second, Nosegay third; time 1:15 1/2. Five furlongs—Crispino won, Lochiel second, Regardless third; time 1:03. Three-year-olds, seven furlongs—Blackburn won, Harvester second, Hardee third; time 1:30 1/4. Free handicap, mile—McMurtrie won, McAley second, Zeke Hardy third; time, 1:42 3/4.

Washington Races.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Benning race course; Track fair. Maiden 3-year-olds and upwards, six furlongs—Farthian won, San Jose second, Gypsy King third; time, 1:19 3/4. Three-year-olds, six furlongs—Fall Mall won, Little Ella second, Faustina third; time, 1:18 3/4. Two-year-olds, half mile—Kitty T. won, Helen Wallace second, Marguerita third; time, 0:51 3/4. Handicap, 3-year-olds and upwards, mile and one furlong—Prather won, Frank Ward second, Iceburg third; time, 2:01 3/4. Three-year-olds and upwards, mile—Manhattan won, Carrie G. second, Not Guilty third; time, 1:48.

Manitoba Officials Resign.

WINNIPEG, April 2.—It is announced that Premier Greenway and Attorney-General Martin have resigned their positions with the Manitoba Government, and Colonel McMillan, of Winnipeg, will be called upon to form a new Cabinet. Greenway will go to England as immigration commissioner for Manitoba.

WIND AND FLOODS.

STORM-STRIKEN DISTRICTS STILL BEING HEARD FROM.

The Tornado's Ravages in Kentucky Not Yet Told—The Situation on the Lower Mississippi Practically Unchanged.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 1.—Reports from the storm-stricken districts continue to come in. Advices from Hampton, Kentucky, tonight, state that six persons were killed and twenty injured in Livingstone county. Of the injured five or six will die. The loss of live stock and poultry is very great, and farmers' losses will probably aggregate \$50,000. Muhlenburg county was also visited, twenty-five buildings being destroyed and a number of people injured.

Louisville Recupercating.

The work of tearing down demolished buildings progresses rapidly, and within a few days most of those standing will be leveled. Subscriptions continue to come in liberally, and today over \$11,000 was added to the Board of Trade fund. The relief committee is busy distributing this fund, so as to most effectively relieve the suffering. At the water works the temporary machinery was tested today, and worked satisfactorily. It is now believed the danger of a water famine is past.

THE FLOODS.

The Signal Service Says New Orleans is Not in Danger.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The signal service has issued a special bulletin, in which it says: Notwithstanding the heavy rains, there is no likelihood that the Mississippi will again be as high at New Orleans as it has been this season, owing to the relief given by the crevasse above.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 2.—The relief committee has asked for a lot of tents, numbers of people being homeless. The plantations on the Bayou Vidal in Louisiana are being rapidly overflooded. The levees on the Tensas front near St. Joseph are holding out well, but there is great apprehension that the return of the water from the Yazoo crevasses will cause a heavy rise, in which case no levee on the lower Mississippi could stand the pressure of the wind and water.

MEMPHIS, April 2.—The condition of the flooded district on the Mississippi side between Tunica and Greenville remains unchanged. Greenville is partially under water, and little business is being done. There is no suffering or need of outside aid.

WITHOUT TICKERS.

Both Board of Trade and Bucket-Shops Do Better Without Quotations.

CHICAGO, April 2.—The Board of Trade opened this morning with all the tickers and telegraph instruments off the floor. This is the result of the resolution of the board to go out of the business of furnishing official quotations, in order to run out the bucket-shops. The general impression among the members is that it is a doubtful experiment. There were rumors on the board this morning to the effect that an arrangement had been entered into with the New York Stock Exchange by which that body was to cut off its stock reports from the bucket-shops. The members of the Board of Trade were enthusiastic this afternoon over the result of the first day's trading with quotations dropped. They say that the volume of business was larger than on any day in months before. They attribute this to orders from men who have been dealing through bucket-shops. Despite the efforts of the Board of Trade the bucket-shops managed to secure quotations today with reasonable promptness, and assert that their business was not diminished.

The Depth of Depravity.

The Herald says: "It is a mighty mean man who would break into a printing office and rob the safe, but far greater depravity is shown by the man who will steal the editor's shirt from the clothes-line while the victim is eating supper in unadvised security." Such was the unenviable experience of the Herald city editor last evening. That experience ought to teach you not to take your shirt off when you eat supper. [Clinton (Iowa) Age.]

PACIFIC COAST.

A Wealthy San Diego Man Accidentally Killed.

Mistaken for a Deer by an Oregon Nimrod.

The Alamo Stage Held Up in Lower California.

State Capital and Golden Gate Gospeil. The Striking Iron Moulders Substantially Encouraged.

Associated Press Dispatches.]

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2.—News was received this evening that E. H. Darrah, a wealthy resident of San Diego, was accidentally shot and killed yesterday on the Clatskanie river, Columbia county, about fifty miles from this city.

Darrah, in company with J. D. Doverspike, came here from San Diego several weeks ago in search of timber lands, and yesterday, while in the mountains, a deer-hunter by the name of J. C. Murray saw Darrah in the thick brush; and thinking he was a deer, fired, the ball piercing Darrah's heart. The deceased was 63 years of age, and leaves a wife and two married daughters in San Diego. His body will be brought here tomorrow.

BAY CITY BRIEFS.

Minor Mention of News Current at the Metropolis.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—This afternoon the Iron Moulders' Union received \$2,000 from the International Union headquarters at Troy, N. Y., accompanied by words of encouragement. They also received \$100 from the Coast Seamen's Union.

The Albatross Starts South.

The United States coast survey steamer Albatross left port this afternoon for a cruise to Southern California. Captain Tanner said the Albatross would first touch at Santa Cruz and then go to Monterey. The object of the trip is to thoroughly explore the fish banks between the two points mentioned. The vessel is expected to be gone ten days.

March Weather Report.

The report of the Signal Service for March states that the rainfall for the month was slightly in excess of the normal fall for March for Oregon, Washington and Northern California, while in Southern California there has been less than half the usual amount. The temperature was about normal, except in Southern California, where it was about five degrees higher than usual during March.

The Trans-Pacific Record Broken.

The Merchants' Exchange has been notified of the arrival of the steamer China, at Hong Kong, March 31st, twenty days from this city, including a stop at Yokohama. This is the fastest stop on record, reducing the time two days. This is the China's second trip. On her first trip she broke the record from Yokohama to this city.

The Rate Reducers.

The freight committee of the Transcontinental Association today revised a number of freight rates, but they will not be made public until ratified by all the roads. The rate of \$2 per hundred on bananas from New Orleans has been reduced to \$1.25, to go into effect May 15th.

Potato Imports.

Twenty carloads of potatoes arrived today from the East. Heretofore California has been able to ship potatoes to the Southwest, but owing to the heavy rains, there are not enough for home consumption. A reduction was made from \$2 to 90 cents over the Texas Pacific, and about 500 carloads have been received at California terminals during the last two months. It is calculated that from 1,500 to 2,000 carloads will be shipped here this season, as they are selling for three cents a pound on the track.

A BARREN HOLD UP.

A Highwayman Tackles a Lower California Stage for \$15.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 1.—Steamer passengers from Ensenada, Lower California, report that the Alamo stage was held up near there, Monday morning, by a lone highwayman, who, at the point of a rifle, ordered the nine men in the stage to throw out the International Company's bullion, which, it happened, was not in the stage. Major Zimpelman, of the El Paso mine, had about \$8,000 in bullion with him, and other passengers had sufficient to make up about \$10,000; but all they threw the robber was eighteen Mexican dollars. They obeyed his order to drive on, but afterwards returned and pursued him without avail. The International Company had cleaned up \$25,000 the day before, but was not ready to forward it.

Fresno Water Works Sold.

FRESNO, April 2.—W. S. McMurtry, president of the Fresno Water Works, today sold the entire plant to the Municipal Investment Company, of Chicago and London, for half a million dollars. The water supply is derived from eight wells from 150 to 530 feet deep, which yield five million gallons a day. The present consumption is one and a half million gallons. The first payment of \$100,000 was turned over to Mr. McMurtry today.

An Embezzler Arrested.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2.—A dispatch to the Sheriff today from Salina, Kan., states that F. W. Berks has been arrested there. Berks was the agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe at El Paso, Texas. It is alleged that he swindled the company out of about fifteen thousand dollars. He came to Portland in February, and secured employment as night clerk in the Northern Pacific freight warehouse, but left town when his identity was discovered.

RAILWAY CASUALTIES.

A Bad Accident on the Oregon Road—A Conductor's Sad Fate.

DELTA, Cal., April 2.—The regular southbound freight train on the California and Oregon railroad broke in two, two miles north of this place, at 4:30 this morning. Two light engines struck the caboose, driving it through a coach and pinning Conductor D. G. Gale in the wreck. Fire broke out immediately, burning the caboose and coach and also burning Conductor Gale to a crisp.

Struck by a Train.

ANDERSON, Cal., April 2.—The local northbound passenger train struck and probably fatally injured H. H. Nunnally of this place. One arm was crushed, besides severe internal injuries. The injured man was formerly Assessor of Lake county. Deafness prevented his noticing the approach of the train.

LATER.—Nunnally has since died.

Teachers at Healdsburg.

HEALDSBURG, Cal., April 2.—In the Teachers' Institute this morning the programme began by a practical demonstration of the value of the kindergarten system, which was discussed by Mrs. Edith Style; literary science, by Miss Gertrude Mason; morals and manners, by W. S. Monroe. This afternoon short addresses were delivered by Ira G. Hoitt, State Superintendent; and Will S. Monroe gave his farewell address. Dr. A. C. Hirst lectured tonight. The teachers were given a drive to Litton Springs and about the city this evening.

A Missing Bark Heard From.

TACOMA, April 2.—Balfour, Guthrie & Co. have received news from the bark Embleton, which was dismissed last fall, while en route from England to Tacoma, and was supposed to be lost. The advices received were that she left the Falkland islands late in February, having put in for repairs. It will take her three months to reach here. She will arrive here about the last of May.

THE DENVER SUICIDE.

COUNT SCHEMMERMAN VON HARTMAN'S CAREER.

He Hailed Formerly From Los Angeles. Married an Heiress Here—Tried to Kill Her—Was Convicted and Sent to Folsom—Will be Buried Here.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—A Denver dispatch to a local paper says: Count von Hartman, who committed suicide here yesterday, held out for some time at San Francisco, but finally drifted to Los Angeles, where he married a woman who owned considerable property, and who had been married twice before.

One night the Count returned home and a quarrel ensued. The trouble was temporarily patched up and both retired. During the night, however, the husband brooded over the affair, and finally he determined to kill his wife. He silently stole out of bed, procured a revolver, which he placed within a few inches of her head, and fired. The ball whizzed through her hair, but luckily inflicted only a scalp wound. Thinking his wife dead, the dissolute nobleman picked up his clothing and fled. He was finally run down, and it was with considerable difficulty that the Sheriff prevented a mob from lynching him. When the case came to trial the Count was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary at Folsom for a term of one year, when he was liberated. A few weeks ago he wrote his wife begging her forgiveness, and asked her to come and meet him at Denver. He arrived here a few days ago, and has been carousing ever since. Yesterday morning he called on Fred Mendel and asked for the loan of \$3, as he required it for a very important matter. Mendel refused to give the money to him, knowing he would squander it, but he secured it from some other friend. This was the money he used in purchasing a revolver. A peculiar fact connected with the suicide was the place where the bullet entered. It was the exact spot selected by the Count when he attempted to kill his wife. The woman is expected in this city today to take the body back to Los Angeles. The suicide is the result of dissipation.

COAST CULLINGS.

A serious cave occurred at the Ontario mine on Boyse mountain, Idaho, killing J. P. Kankle, a miner.

Ed Tonyek, formerly of Del Mar, was killed Monday by falling timber in the Elsinore mine, at Alamo.

At Santa Ana a meeting of representative citizens agreed to assist in establishing a permanent exhibit of Southern California products at Chicago.

James H. Hanson, founder of Hansonville, is dead. He was a well-known pioneer of Yuba county, and at one time its representative in the Legislature.

At Portland the switchmen on the Union Pacific, who struck Tuesday evening, returned to work the next day, the company having acceded to their demands for a 10 per cent increase in wages.

At Santa Rosa 1,000 votes were polled in the city election, the largest vote ever polled in a city election there. The Republicans carried nearly the entire ticket, but much scratching was done.

SACRAMENTO NOTES.

Pioneers Going to Visit the Capitol. G. A. R. Reunions on the Tap.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 2.—Governor Waterman has received a letter from Governor Brackett, of Massachusetts, stating that the Society of California Pioneers of New England is to make an excursion to this State, and will be in California April 25th, 26th and 27th. Governor Brackett desires that Governor Waterman shall name a date when the visitors can visit the capitol. Governor Waterman has replied, fixing the date for their call at the capitol for the evening of April 26th.

G. A. R. Reunions.

Governor Waterman and staff have received invitations to the annual reunion of the G. A. R. of Northern California, which convenes at Red Bluff on April 17th, and to a meeting at San Jose on April 11th, when General Alger, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., will be present. The invitations have been accepted.

OLD WORLD NEWS.

Russian Students Continue Their Rebellion.

Many of Them Arrested and Schools Closed.

Sensational Rumors about the Czar Circulated.

Emin Pasha Heads a German Expedition in Africa—His Course Censured by England.

Associated Press Dispatches.]

ST. PETERSBURG, April 1.—In consequence of the discovery of a conspiracy among the students, the university here and the institution of technology have been closed by the authorities.

Count Delianoff, Minister of Public Instruction, has refused to receive a petition, recently prepared by students of the university, asking for a reduction in the entrance fees, the unrestricted admission of news and the equality of male and female students. Three hundred excited university students assembled today, intending to march to the Ministry of Public Instruction, but the police intervened and arrested 175 of them. Three hundred students of the technological institute, and many pupils of the school of forestry and academy of medicine, have been arrested for taking part in seditious meetings.

At Moscow fifteen students were arrested and will be tried on the charge of being political revolutionists. Forty-two have been expelled from the university. Forty-four will be subjected to minor punishments, and the remainder will be released. The disorder is considered to be a sign of revolutionary plans in connection with agitation in foreign countries regarding the treatment of political prisoners in Siberia. It is not thought that the movement has the slightest prospect of success.

Sixty-seven students at Charkoff university were arrested, and eleven expelled.

LONDON, April 2.—The Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent says the peasants are rising in Riazan and blood has already been shed. The agitation is spreading to Finland and Poland, and gendarmes and Cossacks have been sent to quell the disorder. Excitement is intense. Everybody sympathizes with the students.

THE DARK CONTINENT.

Emin Pasha Again Going into the Interior.

ZANZIBAR, April 2.—Emin Pasha has finally accepted a proposal made to him by Major Wissmann and entered the German service. He will leave Bagamoyo in the middle of April for Victoria Nyanza, accompanied by a large caravan and 200 Sudanese troops.

A proclamation has been circulated, signed "Emin" and addressed to the Arab police. In it the author vehemently and absolutely disclaims being concerned in any way whatever with Stanley and the English in the recent civil action against Tippoo Tib. The Arabs are amused.

LONDON, April 2.—The Times has an editorial reproaching Emin Pasha. It points out that after British money and enterprise extricated him from his untenable position, he is now assisting Germany in an anti-British movement.

A Truce in Zanzibar.

Bwana Heri, chief of the insurgents, has concluded peace with the Germans. At the request of the latter he will return to Sandani, from which place two German expeditions recently attempted to expel him. Wissmann has forbidden caravans to enter the German sphere of influence north of the Tanganyika unless they have received special permission. The German consul accompanied by two gunboats, is paying an official visit to the Sultan of Witu.

The Somali War.

ADEN, April 2.—The British expedition recently sent out against the Somalis having failed to accomplish its mission, another expedition has been started. A belligerent tribe has made another attack upon the Buthai people and defeated them with terrible slaughter.

Peters and Tiedemann Safe.

COLOGNE, April 2.—The Gazette publishes the news from Mombasa that Lieutenant Ehlers, who left Pangini for Major Kilima-Njaro with a detachment of Major Wissmann's troops, sent a dispatch stating that Dr. Peters and Lieutenant Tiedemann, with forty porters belonging to Dr. Peters's party, are safe, and Lieutenant Tiedemann is suffering from a wound.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

News Echoes from Different Parts of the Old World.

LIVERPOOL, April 2.—The City of Paris arrived tonight.

Next Friday, Saturday and Monday will be holidays in the grain and provision markets.

The new White Star line steamer Majestic sailed for New York on her maiden voyage today.

LONDON, April 2.—During the races at Fowey, Cornwall, today, the grand stand collapsed. Two hundred persons were thrown to the ground thirty feet, and many injured; some fatally.

BERLIN, April 2.—The Kreuz Zeitung says the Czar is suffering from fainting fits.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—It is learned from a reliable source that the report that the Czar has been attacked by a sudden illness, is untrue. The Czar is enjoying perfect health.

PARIS, April 1.—Don Pedro, ex-Emperor of Brazil, has refused to accept the proceeds of the forced sale of his Brazilian property ordered by the provisional government.

LEBON, April 2.—The cabinet has been reconstructed. Pimental Prime Minister.

LONDON, April 2.—The Berlin correspondent of the Chronicle says a partially successful attempt has been made upon the life of the Czar.

The Serbian agent will leave Sofia to-

MEXICAN CONGRESS CONVENES.

President Diaz's Message Read—Extracts Therefrom.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 2.—Both Houses of Congress opened last evening. President Diaz's message was received. He says good effects are expected to follow the deliberations of the Pan-American Conference for the new world, and the Maritime Congress at Washington for the nations at large. The message refers to the United States for the slighting remarks of Consul Mizner when he presented his credentials to Costa Rica, and states that the United States promised to take into consideration the protest of Mexico against bringing the Apache prisoners near the Mexican frontier.

The Government at Washington, the message says, refused to consider the proposition of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce for the acquisition of Lower California. His Excellency called attention to the decision of the United States Courts in the matter of the fraudulent Abra-Well claims, and states that the last installment of the debt to the United States Government was paid in January last. It is expected that part of this money will be refunded, owing to the bogus nature of some of the claims. Mexico, Diaz says, will encourage railroad building. The progress of the work done in this direction, and the development of postal and telegraph facilities are summarized. The financial condition of the republic is declared to be flourishing, and Mexico's credit abroad is stronger than ever before. The message recommends retrenchment in the expenses of the Government.

CALIFORNIA WONDER.

CORBETT WILLING TO MEET SULLIVAN WITH GLOVES.

He is Ready to Talk Business With the Big Champion—The Olympic Club Tells Him to Go in and Fight Hard.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Jim Corbett, or the "California Wonder" as he has been styled since he defeated Kilrain, when spoken to about his proposed contest with John L. Sullivan, said: "I am willing to meet Sullivan in any business office he may please to name, to arrange terms for a four-round contest with gloves, within two weeks. This is the only stipulation I must insist upon. My leave of absence has nearly expired, and it is imperative that I return to my duties at the Olympic Athletic Club. If Mr. Sullivan will agree to the time stipulated, I feel sure a match can be arranged."

Corbett spoke throughout the interview with modesty; in fact it was a difficult matter to get him to say a word about the contest, for fear, as he said, people would think him boastful.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—The Chronicle will say tomorrow regarding the Sullivan-Corbett match, that while the directors of the Olympic Club have taken no formal action in the matter, one member took it upon himself to visit all the others today, and as the result a telegram was sent to Corbett tonight, telling him to fight and fight hard, as the best wishes of the club were with him.

OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

How to Place It on an Equality With That of Other Nations.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The House committee on merchant marine and fisheries today reported a bill "to place the American merchant marine engaged in foreign trade, upon an equality with that of other nations." The principal provisions of the bill have already been given. The report accompanying it says in part: The ocean transportation of the United States averaged \$240,000,000 annually the past ten years. Taking our share of this trade at 75 per cent, we have the amount of \$180,000,000, ten per cent of which is \$18,000,000. Surely it would not be a bad investment for a nation to pay out \$18 annually to secure an opportunity to earn \$180, but this is too large, make it 5 per cent. That would be double what the bounty bill will call for. In the ten years to come, the estimate of the committee is that, under the terms of the bill, the payment in bounties for the first year would be: For sail vessels, \$1,644,819; steam vessels, \$1,715,922; total, \$3,360,751. The annual increase would be about 5 per cent, so it would be eight years before the annual bounty will amount to \$5,000,000.

Representative Fithian submitted the report of the minority, which says a subsidy would be creating and fostering a privileged class at the expense of the whole people. The minority believe that the most effective way to bring about a revival of the shipping industry is for Congress to place all materials used in the construction of ships upon the free list; repeal all laws in restraint of trade; repeal restrictive navigation laws, and permit merchants to buy their ships where they can get them cheapest, and sail them under the American flag.

Players' League Affairs.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The conference of the directors of the Players' National Baseball League today was harmonious. Those delegates who had in mind the alteration of the entire schedule evidently saw no chance to carry their point, and the subject was not broached. An important change was made by amending the opening dates so that the seasons of both the National and Players' League will open the same day, April 19th. This change will have the effect of making the Players' League more aggressive, and silences the National League, who claimed that the players were afraid to clash with them in dates.

The descriptor question was promptly settled by a decision that Beckley, Mulvey and Delehanty should be reinstated if the directors passed a unanimous vote to that effect. No exhibitions will be allowed Sundays.