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OMINOUS WARNING GIVEN BY RAYNER TO THE RAILROADS

Advised to Accept Rate Regulation or Take Consequences.

STANDS BY COMMISSION

Maryland Senator Says It is Now Anomaly Stripped of Power.

"I have never yet known the people in the pursuit of justice to sign a treaty of capitulation, and I have never known a great principle to proclaim an ultimate surrender, and I have never yet seen the day, though the cause may be retarded, and the hour may be postponed, when the forces were clearly drawn between monopoly and its victims, when the right was on the one side and the wrong was on the other, however ominous the prospect and however desperate the encounter, that the privileged class of favoritism and oppression did not at the very first exposure and attack retreat before the allied forces of the people in the halls of legislation."

With the above peroration, Senator Rayner (Dem., Maryland), this afternoon concluded one of the most powerful speeches yet delivered on the floor of the Senate in favor of governmental rate regulation for interstate traffic. He expressed his almost complete satisfaction with the Hepburn bill as it passed the House, defining his exact attitude in these words:

Favors Court Feature.

"I am in favor of an amendment to the bill vesting in the court the right to try the question of unjust compensation, with restraining orders abolished, and with the further right, if possible, to let the court fix the rate if it reverses the order of the commission. With these changes, I am in favor of the bill as passed by the House, and if we cannot get these changes, I prefer to take the bill as it is rather than mutilate it or destroy its efficiency."

He said he had no fear of anxiety that the commission would perpetrate any injustice under the provisions of the measure, and he felt sure that the power of the courts is ample under its terms to protect the property of the carrier.

He took an advanced stand upon the constitutional powers of the courts, "If the Senate should take a different view," he declared, "and invest the courts, in addition to the inherent power that they now possess to protect the railroads from confiscation, with the further power to review the proceedings of the commission as to the reasonableness or justness of its orders, then I shall offer an amendment that the courts complete the work that is before me, and that they do not engage in the idle process of sending cases back again to the commission without an effective order or legal suggestion as to its future action."

Forker Rode the Billows.

The Senator took an emphatic issue with Mr. Forker upon his contention that Congress had not the right to make rates through a commission. "But I must say," he continued, "I have never known a hopeless cause to be managed with such consummate and matchless skill. The tide was dead against him, and when he encountered a cloud burst of decisions from the State and Federal courts, a torrent that would overwhelm a man of ordinary capacity, his genius irradiated the storm, and placidly and serenely he rode upon the billows."

The speaker declared that no other such anomaly as the present Interstate Commerce Commission existed. He pointed out that, although it was created for a specific purpose, it was stripped and divested of every function, power, and in some places, refused to invest it with the power to put its decrees into practical execution, or shall we inspire it with life and place

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URGES RATE LEGISLATION



SENATOR ISIDOR RAYNER, Marylander Stands Firm for Investing Necessary Power in Interstate Commerce Commission.

GROSVENOR KNOCKS AT CIVIL SERVICE

Present System Flayed by Ohio Representative.

LIFE TENURE CRITICISED

Money Wasted and Government Crippled Is What the Speaker Told the House.

Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio today spoke on the legislative, executive, and judicial bill. He said that while he had long known of the evils and inequities in the civil service, but admitted surprise at the extent of them, as shown by the bill, and the discussion. He said these conditions resulted in throwing away annually more money than was involved in the ship subsidy bill. He declared the committee was trying to cure a great evil, but was on the wrong track. His discussion was a criticism of the whole civil service system, which he believed responsible for the evils that now assailed the House and the people.

Life Tenure of Office.

Life tenure of office is the basis of this condition, and it is the fundamental of the present civil service system. Now comes a report that within the law just as his friends have wanted, there are 570 above seventy years of age of whom it is impossible to be rid. The real trouble is life tenure. Without a civil pension, no Christian country has ever been able to sustain a policy of life tenure in office.

Grosvenor's Bill.

General Grosvenor sent to the desk to be read a bill that was introduced in the House years ago looking to reforms in the civil service and designed to avoid just such a condition as is now almost overwhelming the civil service.

Deplore Commercialism Which Would Destroy Falls—Will Appeal to President.

Niagara Falls, which is about to be reduced to a mere nothing in comparison with its original state, by private enterprises has found formidable champions in a number of prominent society women of Baltimore.

These women, being a committee appointed by a number of prominent women's clubs of that city, and headed by Mrs. M. Jacobs Barton, have taken their first step by appealing to their fellow-townsman, Charles J. Bonaparte, Secretary of the Navy, who has promised to present them to the President.

Accordingly, Secretary Bonaparte today arranged with the President a meeting for tomorrow morning, when Mrs. M. Jacobs Barton, have taken their first step by appealing to their fellow-townsman, Charles J. Bonaparte, Secretary of the Navy, who has promised to present them to the President.

Is Your Picture on the Want Pages of today's Times? There's money awaiting you.

CONSULAR SERVICE NEEDS AS TOLD BY SECRETARY ROOT

Believes Congress Will Early Consider Necessary Reforms.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Convention Accepts Bill Passed by Senate as Best Under Circumstances.

The consular bill finally passed by the Senate and now about to be reported in the House was approved in full this morning by the Consular Reform Convention, in session at the New Willard. The resolutions adopted recognize and deplore several deficiencies in the bill, but accept it as a step in the right direction and urge that it become a law.

The convention was addressed by Secretary of State Root, who discussed the needs of the consular service.

The resolutions adopted are in the form of a memorial to Congress. After reciting the representative character of the organization and its right to speak for the business interests of the country, the resolutions say:

"It is the opinion of the constituent bodies of this convention that the consular service of the United States should be reorganized as provided for in Senate bill 1345, introduced by Senator Lodge, December 11, 1905. Every feature of that bill is, in the judgment of the business organizations of the country, most essential and in harmony with the growing needs of the United States.

"Your petitioners regret, therefore, that so many of the most vital provisions of that bill have been removed from it, but they none the less recognize as a step in the right direction the improvements to be made in the service by the bill as amended and as passed by the Senate, January 30. In view of the gravity of the interests involved, they earnestly demand that that bill be passed at this session of the Congress.

"Your petitioners deplore that the bill as reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives eliminates the provision authorizing the President to transfer consuls from one post to another in the same grade. This is a most desirable feature, and your petitioners earnestly beg that it be reincorporated in the bill."

Secretary Root's Address.

Secretary Root was introduced to the convention by Charles A. Schieren, of Brooklyn. The Secretary of State began his remarks by expressing the gratitude of the officers of every branch of the National Government for the manifestations of citizen interest in great policies and movements.

"It is especially desirable," he said, "the business interests of the country should manifest their opinion on such subjects as that of the reform of the consular service, with which the prosperity of the United States is intimately connected."

"In my opinion," said the Secretary, "both branches of Congress, despite assertions and current beliefs to the contrary, are most intimately and accurately responsive to the public will. If the people of this country really and anxiously desire the enactment of any piece of legislation, it is almost beyond doubt that this legislation will be enacted. If they do not really want it, all the resolutions that can be piled in bushel baskets will have little or no effect."

Both Houses Interested.

"The committees of both the Senate and House have given the matter of consular reform the most earnest and careful consideration. I believe they recognize the public demand for this reform and I cannot but hope, with great confidence, that the action of this convention will aid in assuring them of the reality and strength of the public will."

"I think the bill which has passed the House is a good bill. I think it will make a decided improvement in the existing status and will greatly facilitate public improvement along the same line. I hope this convention will approve the legislation already enacted by Congress."

Secretary Root said the consular service is a most uneven service. It was established, he said, under conditions very different from those that prevail today.

Incumbents Criticized.

He said the service contained a large number of able and intelligent men and a large number of incompetent men. The former were animated by a high purpose to discharge their duty to the best of their ability, and the latter by an equal purpose to do as little as they can, and to do that in the most slipshod way.

"We are reaching a new era," said the Secretary. "The country no longer lives within itself, but the great arms of its commerce are stretching across the seas to other shores. The consular service demands the best men."

I pledge to you that the President and the State Department will do all that is in their power to accomplish this most desirable result.

The members of the convention visited the Capitol and paid their respects to Speaker Cannon. At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon they are being received by the President.

SCENE OF ACCIDENT WHERE IRON WORKERS WERE KILLED



GIANT DERRICK SUPPORT CRASHED THROUGH SCAFFOLD, CARRYING TWO MEN WITH IT.

GIANT BOOM FALLS CARRYING WORKMEN TO FEARFUL DEATH

Two Lives Crushed Out As Result of Rare Accident.

OCCURRED AT RALEIGH

Monster Girder Smashed the Scaffold to Flinders—Several Narrow Escapes.

The Dead and Injured

The dead: David Hammond, ironworker, 1511 Thirtieth street northwest. William Schlorb, apprentice, Tenleytown road.

The injured: Frank Newell, clerk at W. B. Moses & Sons, 401 Fourth street northwest; lacerated scalp. Thomas Ridout, colored, workman on the building; broken leg, abrasion of scalp.

The injured men were all taken to the Emergency Hospital, where their wounds were given attention.

By the fall of a giant boom from a girder in the Raleigh Hotel extension used in the construction of the foundations to the extension of that building on Twelfth street, at 9:25 o'clock this morning, David Hammond, an ironworker, was crushed to death, William Schlorb was so badly hurt that he died later, and two other men were seriously injured.

By what seems to be a miracle Schlorb, who was an ironworker's apprentice, who was on the same scaffolding with Hammond and who was hurled fifty feet to the ground below amid the masses of stone and great timbers and the tools of the workmen, escaped instant death.

Crowd Watched Boom.

The Raleigh Hotel extension is being built by the George A. Fuller Construction Company.

The great boom, the fall of which was the occasion of the death and destruction wrought this morning, has been watched for days by crowds that passed the building and gazed up, in curious interest, at this passive engine of ruin. It swung more than fifty feet above the ground. One end was attached to a girder in the wall of the hotel, to permit which bricks had been dug from the wall. The free end swung far up above the excavation, where the foundations of the excavations are being laid.

Hammond and Schlorb were working on a scaffolding just to the right of the swinging boom. To and fro above their heads it swung, but they paid no attention to the menace it held. Familiarly had bred confidence in the great engine, as it tugged into fragments and the two men themselves, shattered and bleeding, buried amid the foundations of the building. Ridout, working on another scaffold, leaped for his life. He saved it.

Hammond Instantly Killed. The hands of their fellow-workmen, rough, but tender, lifted Hammond and Schlorb from the excavation to the pavement. Hammond was already dead, but it was thought there remained a chance to save Schlorb's life, and an emergency ambulance was hurriedly summoned. In this he and Ridout were taken to that institution. All efforts to help Schlorb were without avail, and he died in great agony.

Newell, a young lad, was passing the building at the time of the accident and was struck on the head by a piece of the flying timbers from one of the shattered scaffolds. The abrasion of the scalp he suffered was not regarded as serious. After the wound was dressed he was sent to his home.

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Mrs. Hammond, the wife of the man killed, was notified of the fact that her husband had been killed by a reporter of The Times. With her three children, she lives in a little frame house on the head by a piece of the flying timbers from one of the shattered scaffolds. The abrasion of the scalp he suffered was not regarded as serious. After the wound was dressed he was sent to his home.

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Puts Blame on Hammond.

Mr. Duval, representing the Fuller Construction Company, told a representative of The Times today that Hammond's death was due to his own contributory negligence made by us," said Mr. Duval. "discloses the fact that Hammond was sent this morning to inspect and repair the joint that fastened the boom to the girder in the main building of the Raleigh Hotel. He must have seen, at that time, that the joint was defective."

"Builders' Accident."

Building Inspector Ashford said today that the District Building Department

Fierpost Storage.

Merchants' Transfer & Storage Co., Advt.

SENATE MAY WIN ON STATEHOOD BILL

House Shows Disposition to Accept Changes.

MIXED WITH RATE FIGHT

Republican Representatives Will Follow Cannon in Opposition if Measure Prove Weapon Against President.

Opinion Is Common.

Similar expressions of opinion by several have been heard within the last few days, indicating that the House managers will have great difficulty in again defeating the Statehood insurgents.

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Conference Tomorrow Represents.

These two expressions represent in epitome the discussion that is raging in the House. The Republican conference tomorrow afternoon is looked forward to with the greatest interest because so many men are still uncertain of their final course.

Speaker Cannon is determined to fight to the end rather than allow the Senate again to dominate. He doesn't like Senate domination, and freely admits it.

Aged Woman Is Killed By Fall From Window

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Mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. Harriet Goodrich, seventy years old, of 1285 North Carolina avenue northeast, who was found in the acreway under her window about 6 o'clock this morning. Coroner Nevitt is investigating the case in order to ascertain whether the woman fell or leaped out of the window.

The body was found about 6 o'clock this morning by Mrs. Belle Goodrich, a daughter-in-law. When the latter arose this morning she went to Mrs. Goodrich's room, on the second floor to awaken her. She found the bed empty and the window raised. Looking out of the window she saw the body in the acreway. Mrs. Goodrich made a hurried investigation and found the woman dead. This fact was verified by a physician who was summoned.

Mrs. Goodrich was last seen about 10 o'clock last night. She went to her room, saying she was tired and needed rest. No one heard the window opened and nothing was known of the affair until the finding of the body this morning. As rain and snow fell last night, and the air was cold and raw, it is not believed that Mrs. Goodrich would have left the window open intentionally for many moments.

Chauncey M. Depew May Never Return to Senate

Is Ill at Home and Inaccessible to Callers. During Vote on Statehood Bill Was Mysteriously Missing.

Senator Depew Was Mysteriously Missing.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew, who has been variously reported at different sanitariums, is in reality at his home in New York city, and is a very sick man.

Senator Platt, who made this statement this morning, says that Senator Depew is receiving no callers whatever. He himself was in New York on Wednesday and Thursday of last week and endeavored to see his colleague, but without success.

It is his understanding that Mr. Depew will not return to Washington "his session. Many intimate friends doubt whether he will ever return.

Senator Depew is another distinguished victim of the examination into insurance methods by the Armstrongs legislative committee, and the exposures that followed. The report that he is hardly borne out from an incident of the late Statehood fight that has just come to light.

Senator Depew was known to be opposed to the union of Arizona and New Mexico, and the manager of the anti-union fight desired exceedingly to pair him with some friend of the measure. Senator Platt of New York was also

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

BALTIMORE WOMEN CHAMPION NIAGARA

The great barometric depression that has occupied the Plateau region since Friday last is slowly filling up, having sent an on-shoot southeastward into Louisiana during the last twenty-four hours. The fall of snow has diminished somewhat, and in some places, turned to rain. Snow is now falling in New England, New York, the middle Mississippi valley, Iowa, eastern Nebraska, and eastern Kansas, and sleet in Oklahoma. The Louisiana disturbance is causing rain in eastern Texas, the lower Mississippi valley, and the east Gulf States.

The temperature in the upper Missouri valley is remarkably low for the season, a minimum of below zero being reported this morning from Williston, N. D. The temperatures are much below the normal in all other districts, except the South.

Rain will continue tonight east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio, with decidedly colder weather in the lower Mississippi valley. In the middle Atlantic States and the lower lake region snow is indicated for the next thirty-six hours. The weather will clear Thursday in the South, and in the middle Atlantic States Thursday afternoon or night.

Lower temperatures are indicated for the next few days.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 32
12 noon 32
1 p. m. 32
2 p. m. 31

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 6:15
Sun rises tomorrow 6:10

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today 4:45 p. m.
High tide today 10:45 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 5:35 a. m., 6:19 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 11:55 a. m., 1:21 p. m.