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IT WAS PENSION DAY

Several Bills Favorably Acted Upon Last Friday Were Passed.

IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE

The Bond Resolution and Debate—Carliste and Cleveland Defended by Hill—The Pacific Railroad Debt.

Washington, April 17.—The net result of five hours' work on the private calendar in the house to-day was the passing of four pension bills, one to pension the widow of Rear Admiral Foote at \$50 per month; the rejection of a bill to retire a hospital steward as second lieutenant of cavalry, and the passing of a war claim of less than \$500. The latter was the first war claim brought before the house for consideration, and naturally provoked a general debate on the policy of paying war claims. It drew from Mr. Mahon, republican, Pennsylvania, chairman of the war claims committee, and also others, eloquent pleas for the payment of the claims of the court of claims. Mahon argued that these claims should be paid or the court abolished. Barring the cotton claims, he asserted that \$20,000,000 would pay them, while Ray, republican, New York, thought \$600,000,000 would not pay them.

Politics was injected into the debate and there was a lively set-to between Dockery, democrat, Missouri, and Grosvenor, republican, Ohio. Dockery eulogized Speaker Crisp and Mr. Sayres, the chairman of the appropriations committee in the last congress, and Speaker Reed paid a high tribute to Grosvenor.

Grosvenor ridiculed Dockery for "attempting to vindicate the history and career of the democratic party." He said the real question was not the honesty of these claims, but of the ability of the government to pay them. "You are," said he, "paralyzed by your own utter inefficiency. The great feature of the administration of Grover Cleveland and the only feature that will save him from future contumely is that when the bill to repeal the great revenue-producing industry propagating tariff law was presented to him, he said: 'My name shall never disgrace its pages.' You," he continued, "are attempting to place in contrast the administration that paid \$250,000,000 of the public debt with the one that borrowed \$250,000,000, and now trembles each day lest the telegraph brings the news that the gold so borrowed is drifting across the water."

At 5 o'clock the house took a recess until 8 o'clock. The question of granting to officers' widows larger pensions than private soldiers was discussed in the house to-night for two hours, in connection with a bill to pension the widow of General Vanderver of Ohio at the rate of \$75 per month. The bill was finally favorably acted upon with an amendment making the rate \$50 per month.

Senate Proceedings

Washington, April 17.—On motion of Cannon, the senate took up the resolution directing the secretary of the interior to open the Uncompahgre reservation without further delay, the understanding being that the bond investigating resolution would be taken up at 2 o'clock. Brown spoke for the resolution and sought to secure a vote. Gorman asked that action be deferred until Vilas, who was absent, desired to be heard. Aldrich said there was something behind these efforts at delay. "We surrender control as gracefully as possible to the other side," said Gorman, "and we had hoped business would be pushed along. But I have observed with wonder that the senators in control have not mapped out some well-defined policy."

Wolcott protested against making the Utah resolutions "the football of party politics." It had dragged for three weeks, when it ought not to have taken two hours. "The senator understands and the country understands," said Aldrich, in response to Gorman, "that neither of the great parties has a majority in the senate."

Vilas then proceeded with a speech opposing the Utah resolutions. At 2 o'clock the bond resolution was brought up and Hill resumed his speech in opposition. Before Hill had risen to his feet, Walthall moved that when the senate adjourn it be until Monday, and it was carried, 35 to 28.

Referring to the Wilson bill, Hill said he had sought to change some of the extreme features of that measure. It passed, however, as the great measure of tariff reform. "That bill," he said, "as conceded by its friends and enemies, does not produce enough revenue to meet the expenses of the government."

Hill declared that with revenues insufficient to meet government expenses bonds were imperative. Certainly then the democratic party should at least defend the course of the president and the secretary of the treasury in issuing bonds. It was not for the democratic party to join in the present assault of populist and republican senators against bond issues. The senator declared that if this investigation was made the administration would emerge from it without a stain and to the discomfiture of those who voted for the investigation. He spoke of Secretary Carlisle's conspicuous ability. The secretary had argued the question fairly from his standpoint. He had never descended to the abuse of the silver men. His recent great speech at Chicago had no abuse for those against him. Are the friends of silver to answer that great speech with an offensive resolution having "dishonesty" written on its face? Speaking of President Cleveland's message concerning bonds, Hill said it was made necessary by a congress which spent its time making speeches against syndicates and refusing to pass laws to end the introduction of a bill which, however, led to an animated side debate and closed Hill's remarks for the day. Gear presented a substitute for all bills, proposing a settlement of the Pacific railroad debts. Allen thereupon called attention to the notorious fact that Collis P. Huntington and his lobby had been here to influence legislation,

IT WAS A BLACK PLOT

An Attempt to Blow Up Old Mrs. McKinnon and Her Home.

ONE MAN IS SUSPECTED

The Copper Plate Thief Jumps His Bonds and Two Men Are in the Lurch—Cases in the United States Court.

Special Dispatch to the Standard. Helena, April 17.—An attempt was made Saturday night to blow up with giant powder the cabin of Mrs. Mary McKinnon, 60 years of age, who lives alone at the mouth of Bear gulch at Ten Mile, west of Helena. The plot was carefully planned and that the old woman escaped instant death is something short of miraculous. Some credulity whose identity is not certain, lowered some sticks of powder down the old woman's chimney and into her stove while she was away Saturday. When she came home in the evening she started a fire to prepare supper, when the stove, a sheet iron affair, exploded, knocking her down. By some strange chance, although she was near the stove, she escaped serious injury and ran to a neighbor's. Pieces of the shattered stove stuck in the board roof of the shack and the furniture was thrown down and smashed by bits of iron.

Mrs. McKinnon believes that a Swede named Adolph Shultz was guilty of the outrage and came to town Tuesday and made complaint against him in Justice Woodman's court. A constable was unable to find Shultz, but located him in Jefferson and will get him to-morrow. The authorities have been keeping the matter quiet. The old woman owns a promising gold claim which Shultz and another man jumped on Jan. 1. The men ordered her off the place, but she refused to go. She says that Shultz threatened her life. Mrs. McKinnon is very poor and somewhat demented.

The United States grand jury to-day returned a true bill against Lee Parish for trespassing on the Crow reservation. Parish will plead guilty. The demurrers to the complaints were overruled to-day in the United States court in the suits of the United States against the Butte and Montana Commercial company and against William Fogg for cutting timber on government land. Julius Barnett of Glasgow, defaulting United States grand jury witness, was purged of contempt to-day by Judge Knowles. His excuse was lack of funds. Mrs. Nellie Chambers, an Indian of Rosebud, was also excused. She had been summoned before the grand jury, but was unable to get to the railroad on account of the storm. Frank Holman, who assaulted Clara Chase in Marysville March 27, was convicted of assault in the second degree to-day, the jury fixing the sentence at one year in the penitentiary.

DeWitt C. Beach, whose trial for grand larceny was set for to-day, defaulted and left his bondsmen, Dr. C. K. Cole and William Tampusin, in the lurch for \$500, the amount of his bonds. Beach was charged with the theft of amalgamating plates from an old gold mill at Unionville. He was tried for the crime last fall, and although the state had a strong case against him, the jury failed to agree. Beach evidently feared the second trial and made his escape last week. He was last seen in Havre. Beach was believed by the authorities to be a member of a gang that had systematically robbed old stamp mills in the vicinity of Helena more than a year past. Their method was to get plates, melt them into pigs and sell the copper to refineries. The Parrot company of Butte received several shipments of such copper last year, but the company was not aware that the metal had been stolen. Some of the plates stolen were rich in gold and the total amount gotten away was by thousands of dollars.

HE IS FOUND. A. A. Austin Is Said to Be the Murderer of Lena Olson. Duluth, Minn., April 17.—After a search of nearly two years, during which time at least a dozen suspects have been arrested, A. A. Austin, who enticed Lena Olson from Minneapolis here for her money, throwing her body into Lake Superior, has been caught. He was arrested by a Minneapolis attorney in Seattle yesterday, where he lived under the name of James Allison. Chief of Police Smith of Minneapolis, who has been working up the case, arrived here to-day, and requisition papers will be secured. The handwriting of A. A. Austin, found on the hotel register here, tallies exactly with that of Allison. Allison has been involved in a number of questionable deals heretofore. He was a warm friend of Harry Hayward, the famous Minneapolis murderer, and in his valise was found a handkerchief marked with Hayward's name.

Alison's Career. Tacoma, Wash., April 17.—James E. Allison, who was arrested at Seattle yesterday on a charge of having murdered Lena Olson at Duluth, Minn., came here in 1888 from Kansas, where he had been a deputy sheriff. He engaged in real estate business, and several years later was supposed to be worth \$80,000. He was made superintendent of the Lake Park Land Railway & Improvement company, which was a suburban railway, but was removed by the directors. He left Tacoma for Duluth, where he engaged in the real estate business, and is reported to have got into trouble there by the alleged forging of a deed.

HE IS DEAD NOW. Seattle, Wash., April 17.—James E. Allison at 10:30 p. m. committed suicide in jail here. Allison was wanted in Minneapolis for the murder of a girl named Olson.

A FRENCH CONQUEST. Fierco Queen Mamea of the Island of Raita Is Thoroughly Subdued. San Francisco, April 17.—The brig City of Papete from Tahiti, brings news that Queen Mamea of the Island of Raita, in the South seas, has surrendered to her old enemies, the French. The queen, according to reports, is now thoroughly subdued, and beyond giving further trouble. Queen Mamea has reigned over Raita nearly a score of years. Her subjects number about 1,000 people, fierce and uncivilized. Many efforts were made to conquer her, with-

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At Chicago. Chicago, April 17.—There was another big crowd with good betting at Forsythe to-day. The speed of the new course was shown when Jennie June beat Hi Henry five furlongs in 1:52. Two favorites won. Magnet dodged Jennie June and Hi Henry. Six furlongs—May Gallop won, Pert second, Mikita third; time, 1:35. Half mile—Lillian Wilkes won, F. Garner second, Thomas Payne third; time, 59 1/2. Five and a half furlongs—Floranna won, Frankie D. second, Bart third; time, 1:09. Five furlongs—Jennie June won, Hi Henry second, May Ashley third; time, 1:52. Mile—Mrs. Morgan won, Dick Behan second, Longdale third; time, 1:44. Five furlongs—The Duce won, Extra second, Ferryman third; time, 1:01 1/2.

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At Memphis. Memphis, April 17.—Four furlongs—Bishop Reed won, Truxillo second, Agent third; time, 59 1/2. Three-fourths mile—Londo won, Canton second, Nat P. third; time, 1:34. Mile—Lady Looman won, Sandoval second, Little Tom third; time, 2:05. Mile—Jane won, Whisper second, Panjandrum third; time, 1:45 1/2. Seven furlongs—Mias Clark won, Albert S. second, Denver third; time, 1:20 1/2.

England's Races. Derby, England, April 17.—The Derby spring meeting opened to-day. Thirteen horses started in the Derby handicap stakes of 1,000 sovereigns for 2-year-olds and upwards; course straight mile. Lord Cadogan's Court Ball won, Sardis second, Medias third. The Wolbeck handicap stakes was won by Wallace Johnston's Remaker Me. Twelve horses started over the course, five furlongs. Richard Croker's colt Montauk started in the Drakelow stakes for 2-year-olds, in a field of seven, but was not placed. J. G. Menzie's King of Pearls won.

Baseball Yesterday. At St. Louis—3; Cleveland, 5. At Louisville—3; Chicago, 14. At Cincinnati—7; Pittsburg, 10. At Washington—14; New York, 6. At Philadelphia—7; Boston, 3. At Baltimore—6; Brooklyn, 3.

"To Pay in Gold Coin." Omaha, April 17.—The question of the legality of what are known as "gold coin contracts" was raised for the first time in this county to-day. It came up in the case of Chase vs. Wren, an action to collect payment of a \$2,000 mortgage on which a default in interest had occurred. Attorney for the defense raised the point in district court as to the effect of inserting in a note or contract the words "to pay in gold coin," or the words "to pay in gold coin or its equivalent," and argued that in either form the note would be illegal, being in violation of the legal tender law and contrary to public policy. It was further argued by the defense that if not voiding and invalidating the note entire, the section requiring the payment in gold coin was void. During the argument the court said that it would not enforce that part of the note contracting to pay in gold; that if it came to a question of holding that the note was payable in gold coin or that the contract was illegal and void, the court would hold that it was illegal and void.

A Writ of Error Allowed. Washington, April 17.—The district court of appeals to-day allowed a writ of error to the United States supreme court asked for by counsel for Elverson B. Chapman, the New York broker, convicted for having refused to answer questions propounded by the senate sugar trust investigation committee. The case will probably be heard by the supreme court next term.