

STEPNIK PROTESTS.

The London Nihilist Opposes the Russian Extradition Treaty.

He Declares It Will Cause Patriots to the Czar's Vengeance.

Work Done Both Houses for the Coming Week.

Small Prospect of Efficient Progress in the Public Business.

WASHINGTON, January 29.—A plea for the rejection of the proposed extradition treaty between the Russian and United States Governments has been sent to Senator Hawley by Sergius M. Stepnik, the Russian Nihilist now located in London. Stepnik makes a special request that the matter be laid before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Stepnik lays down as his text, that it is a rule with all civilized nations that nobody can be condemned without being heard in his defense, and that the projected extradition treaty by the American Senate, if ratified by the American Senate, will be a whole sale condemnation to capital punishment, and worse, of any number of Russian patriots, designated as Nihilists, who may seek refuge from the despotism of the Czar.

WORK BEFORE CONGRESS.

The education bill remains as for three weeks past, the unfinished business of the Senate for to-morrow, and Senator Morgan has the floor for a speech on it. It is likely to give place to-morrow to Tuesday for the House bill making appropriations for the building of new stations. If the education bill is brought to a vote before the end of the week it will probably be successful. The dependent pension bills, Senators Kenna and Platt are understood to contemplate the delivery of speeches on the subject of not extending the bill. The bill will be sent back again to the calendar, as the Education Committee intends to call up the Lower White Indiana pension bill on Thursday, which will probably consume the remainder of the week. The pension appropriation bill, which is the matter in question for the action during the week, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs will make an effort to pass the French extradition bill if opportunity offers.

INTER-STATE COMMERCE.

Albert Fink and an Iowa Railroad Commissioner Express Their Views. WASHINGTON, January 28.—At the opening of today's session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Albert Fink, commissioner of the Trunk Line Association, was recalled and cross-examined. In the course of his examination, Fink testified that the cost of handling coal freight had fallen as a rule, the short hauls of certain classes of miscellaneous freights was accomplished at an actual loss, in view of the terminal expenses of loading and unloading. In response to an inquiry Fink stated that the committee was very jobbing, and that the roads would soon be held in the interest of this movement. At the conclusion of his testimony, Fink was asked by the man of the Iowa State Board of Railroad Commissioners, and appearing at the request of the Governor of Iowa, asked for and received permission to address the commission in opposition to the petitions of complainants. He claimed that a claimant that the court had erred in concluding that the roads would not be held in the interest of this movement. To

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would benefit, place Western jobbers, so far as its customers were concerned, at a disadvantage of at least ten cents per one hundred pounds, as compared with the New York jobber. This difference, he thought, would enable the three complainants to subsidize the entire trip, including the house in the West. With Day's remarks the hearing closed. Counsel will at some future date submit briefs for consideration of the commission.

THE SUGAR TRUST.

An Instance of the Power of the Monopoly to Check Competition. NEW YORK, January 28.—The Sun says: The names of the officers and managers of the sugar trust were definitely learned yesterday for the first time since the combine was established. The executive officers are Harry O. Havemeyer, President, and S. L. Leites, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer. There are ten directors to serve three years in the trust. They are F. O. Matthiessen and Wiechers Company, Havemeyer and Elder, Havemeyer Sugar Refining Company, Ottard Refining Company, North River Refining Company, De Castro and Donner, Franklin Refining Company, Day & Meyer Sugar Refining Company, Bay State Refining Company, Continental Sugar Refining Company, and two sugar refiners in New Orleans. An instance of the power of the trust to check competition was given yesterday by the fact that when 210,000 tons of Manila sugar were offered for sale before the trust was formed, competitive bids received from outside sources were at a rate of 11-16 cents and crushed 53 cents a pound, while the 210,000 tons of Manila sugar arrived before the trust had been completed, there was an absence of all competition. The sugar trust, which is a monopoly, has a difference of \$16,000,000 against the importer and at the same time guaranteed sugar has been advanced to 7% and crushed to 85c per pound.

THE CANON DEL AGUA CASE.

SANTA FE, N. M., January 28.—In the Canon del Agua case before the Territorial Supreme Court heard a motion to enter up judgment in accordance with their previous decision, so that the facts can be presented to the Supreme Court. The company also presented a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, and in considering the question as to whether or not previous metals pass with grants from the Government for the reason that this question was not in the record of the case, and not argued. Leave was granted to file a motion and petition, and in four days they were under advisement. Th

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ALL IT WAS WORTH.

Epoch: Young Man (to editor)—What do you think I ought to get for this poem, sir? Editor—You ought to get \$10.—Young man (overjoyed)—Oh, that is fully as much as I expected. Editor—Yes, \$10 or thirty days. That was more than he expected.

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FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

Reduction of Postage Adversely Reported on in the Senate.

Which Creates a Debate Condemning Postal Economy.

Senator Frye Wants to Know All About the Dominion.

The House Has a Squabble Over the Public Printer.

NEW LAND LAW.

The sub-committee of the House Committee on Public Lands, which has been considering various propositions to change the land laws, has completed its report. Resulting from its deliberations is a bill in lieu of all others on the subject entitled "An Act to amend the act approved August 10, 1870, to adapt to agriculture, to protect forests on the public domain, and for other purposes." The chief provisions are as follows: All public lands to be classified as agricultural, timber, mineral, desert or reserved. No timber