

THE RATE DEBATE NEARING ITS END

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INDIANS ARE DEFRAUDED

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(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Aldrich expressed the opinion that the end of the general debate on the railroad rate bill would become apparent before the end of the present week and that then an agreement upon a day for a vote could be reached.

The Indian Defrauded.

The debate was characterized by a number of spirited passages between Mr. Tillman on the one hand and Messrs. Teller and Clapp on the other. The South Carolina senator contended that the Indians had been defrauded while his opponents urged that if they had been, the proposed legislation did not deprive them of their rights under the law.

LIVELY DEBATE HEARD IN HOUSE

Actual Consideration of Post-office Appropriation Bill is Reached.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 11.—After nearly ten days of general debate with the post-office appropriation bill as the vehicle for the discussion of a wide range of subjects, the House late to-day reached the consideration of the bill itself, an hour having been given to the reading of the measure. There were a number of lively debates during the day, but little progress was made with the bill under the five-minute rule.

Wants Date to Vote.

While the conference report was pending, the railroad rate bill was laid aside by the Senate and Mr. Tillman made another effort to secure an agreement to fix a date for a final vote on the bill. In doing so he made complaint that the debate on the railroad bill was "lagging" and Mr. Aldrich challenged that statement, saying that he had never known a time when the debate on so important a measure had been so continuous and so well sustained.

A Heated Debate.

An echo of the dispute between Mr. Small (North Carolina) and Mr. Macon (Alabama), which attracted much attention yesterday, growing out of the special appropriation for the Southern Railway, broke forth when Mr. Macon rose to a question of personal privilege. He said that the newspapers had given Mr. Small's side of the controversy, in which he (Macon) had been accused of libelling the president of the Southern Railway, but they had made no mention of the libel which Mr. Small had put upon him. Mr. Small sought to interrupt, but Mr. Macon waived him aside, saying that as he (Small) had refused to be interrupted, he, in turn, would permit an interruption now, "but with all the force at my command I want to resent to the teeth the charge that I have libelled any one."

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five civilized tribes, of which I am chairman.

"What," Mr. Clapp said in reply, "would have been a sorry spectacle."

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

Un-American Policy.

Mr. Finley (South Carolina) made a general speech on the excellent character of the postal service. He was, he said, the best in the world. He also held that the department seemed hostile to the rural service. Forty-nine routes had been discontinued, eighteen of which were in the South. A count of the pieces of mail delivered was now going on, he said, which might result in further abandonment of routes. He believed, however, that in the future there would be less cause of complaint on this point.

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Republican Postmaster for Ashland Has Belonged to Both Parties.

CAPE HENRY FORTIFICATIONS

Virginia Member on Southern Fast Mail to the South.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—The prospect of having this Congress authorize the taking of steps for the erection of great fortifications on Cape Henry at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay are regarded as excellent. The subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations, which has been considering Representative Maynard's bill to authorize condemnation proceedings for the purpose of acquiring the land on Cape Henry for the fortifications, has decided to recommend the passage of the bill. It is believed that the full committee will adopt the report, in which case the erection of the fortifications will be assured, as the house very rarely turns down the report of a standing committee.

The fortifications of the entrance to the bay was most strongly recommended in the recent report of the officers of the army and navy appointed to supplement the report of the Endicott board on coast defenses, giving it absolutely the first place in point of importance on the entire Atlantic coast.

Voted for Montague.

One of the Ashland officers of election in the democratic primary held last August for the nomination of a candidate for the United States Senate and for State offices, makes the positive assertion that Thomas Fox, the alleged Republican who has been appointed to the postmastership of Ashland, was for Governor Montague in the primary. Mr. Fox was regarded as a Democrat at that time, but he was appointed to the postmastership as a Republican. His nomination is being held up, at the request of certain people of Ashland, including President Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon College, who has been here to see Senator Martin and the President concerning the appointment. One of the most prominent men in the Republican party in Virginia said to-day that while it was the object of the organization to do all possible to bring the party in the primary to office a man who had only recently identified himself with republicanism, "I did not know Fox was such a recent convert," he said. The inference was that had this fact been known, some other man would have been appointed. It is pretty well assured that Fox will not have the very cordial assistance of the Republican organization in case a fight is made upon him, and equally certain that the democratic senators will not make an effort to secure the confirmation of his nomination.

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The Magic City Also Treated to a Surprise in the Selection of This Officer.

L. G. FUNKHOUSER NAMED

A Young Man of Fine Character, Who is a Clerk on Moderate Salary in Furniture Store.

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The City Surprised.

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Character and Citizens Generally.

Mr. Funkhouser is a man of splendid character, and citizens generally will be satisfied with his selection, although the Republicans are very much worked up about it, declaring that Slomp is breaking up the party.

Count would have shown him elected.

Legislation is Radical.

All the legislation, outside of the regular routine, this year has been of a most radical tendency, though there has been little done. The speeches on the floor, the conversations in the cloak-room, the bills introduced, have gone to show that the general sentiment of the country is more radical than anybody ever saw it before. The average Republican member of Congress to-day cherishes more radical ideas concerning government and its functions than were advocated by Mr. Bryan when he was the candidate in 1900, at least. Mr. Roosevelt is much more radical on all questions than Mr. Bryan ever was.

Leaders Want Bryan.

The most conservative element in the Democratic party, represented by Thomas F. Ryan and August Belmont and men of that character, have come to the point where they want Mr. Bryan made the nominee, in order to forestall the radical tendencies of Mr. Hearst and his followers. Mr. Bryan has become the representative of conservative sentiment in the Democratic party, say these advocates of his nomination. It is of the deepest significance that the conservative wing of the Democratic party, which refused to support Mr. Bryan because of his radicalism in 1900, is now advocating his nomination to the presidency.

Revision of Tariff.

There is little question that revision of tariff schedules will be the essential plank in the national platform on which the Democratic nominee will stand in 1908. Mr. Roosevelt believes so, and to frustrate the designs of the leaders of the Democratic party, will send to Congress a short time before adjournment, a message urging the reduction of tariff schedules. Of course, no action will be taken on the message at this session, but it is bound to furnish the keynote of the campaign this fall. Democrats have been working to that end. The speech of Mr. Bailey and other Democrats in the House in the past few days, in which they arranged the trusts, and charged that the protective tariff policy of the Republican party was responsible for the existence of oppressive monopolies, will make excellent campaign documents. It is impossible to see how it is going to hurt the Democrats for Mr. Roosevelt to recommend to a Republican Congress that it undertake to do the very thing for which Democrats have been clamoring for years.

In a Nutshell.

All the foregoing is but amplification of the two statements made in the outset: The prospect at present is that the paramount issue of the campaign this fall, and in the fall of 1908, will be tariff revision, and that all indications point to the nomination of Mr. Bryan to the presidency in 1908, an event to be achieved by the active efforts of conservative Democrats, and primarily for the purpose of forestalling the most radical element of the party who are following Mr. Hearst.

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Whether the speech made converts to the support of the Bailey amendment is doubtful. Arguments in the Senate do not convert hearers, as a rule. The Democrats and Republicans are very much at sea as to the course they should pursue when they go to vote on the bill in a few weeks—probably three, maybe four. It is pretty certain that the Bailey amendment will be defeated by a goodly majority. But what will be the nature of that which will take its place is not known to any living man. It was stated to-day that, so far as known, the Bailey amendment would not receive the support of a single Republican senator.

An Absolute Divorce.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEESBURG, VA., April 11.—Mrs. Mary Stevenson was granted yesterday an absolute divorce from her husband, David Stevenson, on the ground of cruelty, adultery and other causes. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson recently came to Leesburg from Philadelphia, where they are related to many prominent families. Both were wealthy in their own right, and they had just built a beautiful country home near Leesburg.

Letter to J. H. Busby, Richmond, Va.

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