

THE DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Over the Nicaragua Canal Bill—Turpie's Injunctive.

YOST-TUCKER ELECTION CONTEST.

After a Hard Struggle the Contest Was Decided in Favor of the Gentleman in the Seat.

Washington, January 21.—The senate was on the verge of a deadlock today, and a time there were prospects of a protracted session of endurance, extending the session late into the night. Mr. Morgan, in charge of the Nicaragua canal, was determined to secure a time for a final vote. He was resisted, however, by Mr. Turpie, who would ask the senate to adjourn the bill, remaining in continuous session until a vote was forced. This provoked sharp criticism. Mr. Vilas finally made a dilatory motion, which on the roll call disclosed the absence of a quorum. Mr. Morgan was forced to give up his plan for today, although he expects to execute it if an agreement for a vote can not be reached.

Mr. Turpie concluded his speech against the Nicaragua canal bill, the third day of a continuance of the former bitter invective delivered against the measure. During the day Mr. Chandler presented credentials of John Edward Addecks, claiming the vacant seat as senator from Massachusetts. The claim of Henry A. Dupont of the same seat has already been presented.

In the course of a discussion over laying electric conduits in the Washington city, Mr. Hill (Dem.) of New York spoke against the bill, and Mr. Morgan in general against the measure to the public welfare.

Washington, January 21.—The senate again made a feeling reference today to the death of his wife and the family of his own health, and the continued illness of the senator from Wyoming.

The house bill was passed detaching the county, Missouri, from the Western district and attaching it to the Eastern district of the State.

The house joint resolution authorizing a use of Fort Bidwell, Cal., for an Indian school was agreed to.

The bill was passed limiting the time for holding a railroad in the Indian reservation in Nebraska.

Mr. Hill (Dem.) of New York called up a bill, recently introduced, establishing a term of four years for postmasters. It is about to pass when Mr. Sherman intervened, and the bill was not taken up.

Mr. Chandler said the bill had no political significance and had the approval of both parties on the postoffice committee.

"I fear it will lead to a scramble for the postoffice at the close of every four years' service," suggested Mr. Hale.

"I call the attention of the senator," replied Mr. Chandler, "to the fact that in a scramble for the office, the one who is not a member of both parties on the postoffice committee."

There was suppressed laughter, in which Mr. Stevens and Mr. Chandler joined. Mr. Stevens, an assistant postoffice general, the bill finally went to the floor.

At 3 o'clock Mr. Turpie (Dem.) of Indiana resumed his speech in opposition to the Nicaragua canal bill.

Mr. Turpie made his severe arraignment of the Nicaragua Canal company, characterizing it as an "incorporated villain," designed to effect "diabolical spoliation." The inception of the company was a view to invest \$10,000,000 in the canal.

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a time for a vote was a filibustering move and he would not consent to any delay. Mr. Stewart (Pop.) of Nevada favored holding the senate in session until a vote was forced, and spoke of the military and strategic importance of the canal.

This brought on a colloquy between Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vilas as to the result following the repeal of the Sherman act. Mr. Morgan finally called for the "regular order."

"If the time is to be cut off from fair debate," said Mr. Vilas, "it will be obliged to move that when the senate adjourn it be until Monday next."

This was clearly a move for time, and opened a short parliamentary struggle. On roll call the ayes were 13, noes 25, six less than a quorum, and the senate was at a standstill.

"Under the circumstances, I will move an adjournment," said Mr. Morgan reluctantly, and thereupon, at 4:20, the senate adjourned.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The Yost-Tucker Contest Decided in Favor of Contestee.

Washington, January 21.—After a two day's debate, in the course of which considerable partisan passion was aroused and an ineffectual attempt to filibuster for the purpose of gaining time, the house today decided the contested election case of Yost vs. Tucker, from the Tenth Virginia district, by denying the seat to Mr. Yost and confirming Mr. Tucker's title thereto. The republicans were badly divided, four of them joining with the democrats and supporting the claims of the democratic contestee. When the supporters of Mr. Yost's contents found they were defeated by a narrow margin of eight votes (the vote being 119 to 127 against him) they inaugurated a filibuster in the hope of gaining time to prevent the passage of the act.

The section of the bill relating to the election of the act persons who may enter from Cuba during the disincorporation is retained.

A new section is added to the bill as follows: "That any alien who shall, in violation of this act or any other existing law, secure entry into the United States without inspection or examination, or through mistake, or through misrepresentation, collusion or fraud, may be taken into custody for the purpose of being deported from the United States."

Mr. Tucker, who is a son of Randolph Tucker, a member of the last four congresses. He declined to renounce his citizenship because he did not agree with his party on the money question. In the debate today Messrs. Thomas (Rep.), Michigan; Taylor (Rep.), Ohio; Lacey (Rep.), Iowa; Brumm (Rep.), Pennsylvania; Thorpe (Rep.), Indiana; Walker (Rep.), Virginia; and McCall (Rep.), Massachusetts, supported the claims of the contestee.

Washington, January 21.—Without preliminary business the house today resumed the consideration of the Yost-Tucker contested election case from the Tenth Virginia district, which was debated all day yesterday. According to the understanding reached yesterday the vote was to be taken at 4:30 this afternoon. Mr. Dearmond, a member of the election committee, took the floor in support of the majority report, which favored the contestee, Mr. Tucker.

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the speaker counted as present fourteen, the making up a bare quorum and the resolution was carried.

THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

Plan for Excluding Aliens from Temporary Employment.

Washington, January 21.—The immigration bill, which has been agreed upon by the conferees of the house and senate, and which comes before the two houses for acceptance within a few days, contains several new features which have not before been made public. The first section of the senate bill is retained, which excludes from the United States all persons over 16 years of age who can not read and write the English language or the language of their own country, but is amended by the house to read: "Who can not read in accordance with a suggestion made by Chairman Barthold of the house committee."

The plan of Representative Corliss of Michigan, for excluding aliens from temporary employment in the United States, reads as follows: "That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any male alien who has not in good faith made his declaration before the proper authorities of such rules as may be provided in accordance with a suggestion made by Chairman Barthold of the house committee, to come regularly or habitually into the United States by land or water for the purpose of engaging in any mechanical, trade or manual labor, returning from time to time to his native country."

"That it shall be unlawful for any person, company or corporation, knowingly to employ any alien coming into the United States in violation of the next preceding section of this act, provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to the employment of sailors, deck hands or other crew members of vessels or railroad trains, whose duties require them to pass over the frontier to reach the terminus of their runs."

Violation of these acts are made punishable by \$200 fine or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both. The secretary of the treasury is authorized to permit the entrance of aliens for the purpose of teaching new arts or industries and such rules as may be provided in accordance with a suggestion made by Chairman Barthold of the house committee.

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LYMAN GAGE A POSSIBILITY.

He is Mentioned for the Treasury Portfolio Under McKinley.

CULLOM SAID TO HAVE BEEN DROPPED.

Major McKinley is said to want the Senior Senator from Illinois to Retain His Position.

Cleveland, Ohio, January 21.—Lyman J. Gage of Ohio is the latest addition to the president-elect's official family. He will probably be secretary of the treasury. A gentleman in this city, conversant with the situation as any one can be outside of Major McKinley himself, or his confidential advisers, said Mr. Gage was being considered for the position and that his friends were urging his appointment. It was further stated that Major McKinley had sent an emissary to see Mr. Gage at his home in Chicago and ascertain whether or not the latter would accept the portfolio if tendered him. The source from which the authority for the statement comes is beyond question. Further strength to the statement is added, if such be possible, from the fact that Senator Cullom of Illinois, who has been considered for the place, has been dropped, it being the desire of Major McKinley to have Mr. Cullom remain in the senate, as there is no telling what might turn up should the McKinley forces attempt to replace him with the present legislature so lately torn up.

McKinley's Busy Day.

Canton, Ohio, January 21.—Senator Julius C. Burrows of Michigan, who was in Canton less than a week ago, reached here this morning. Accompanying him was Congressman-elect Charles E. Pierce of St. Louis, Mo.

Senator Burrows was seen at the Fort Wayne depot this afternoon. He said that the conference between Major McKinley and himself was entirely satisfactory, although nothing definite has been reached. When asked as to his mission to Canton following so quickly on his visit last week, Senator Burrows said he had nothing to conceal in that direction.

An item in General Alger's interest, and which formed part of our conversation, was that the republicans of Michigan are, so far as General Alger, and the State has but one candidate for the cabinet.

"Will General Alger be in the cabinet, do you believe so; I can not tell, as no definite conclusion was reached. However, I will emphasize my words—the conference with Major McKinley was very satisfactory."

Would the reported unfriendliness between Senator Sherman and General Alger influence the latter's going into the cabinet?

"Whatever differences have heretofore existed between General Alger and General Sherman do not exist at present, therefore this would in no way affect General Alger. Michigan's location would not interfere, either, with the appointment of a Western man for there is a vast territory west of Michigan."

"Will you visit Canton again?" was asked of Senator Burrows.

"No, I believe not; at least, it is my present intention not to do so. However, I may come this way again."

There were numerous other callers from different parts of the country who claimed Major McKinley's attention during the day, and altogether, this was one of the major's busiest days.

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Split in Oregon.

Salem, Ore., January 21.—As an outcome of the fight for United States senator there were two different organizations of the house in the same hall. The Benson men, supporters of Senator Mitchell, were called to report, to present formally the name of the club's president.

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IN JUST TWELVE MINUTES.

Three Masked Men Held Up a Southern Train.

Did the Work in Regular Style.

Got One Hundred and Fifty Dollars and a Jug of Whisky—it Was the Second Attempt.

New Orleans, La., January 21.—A Picaresque special from Birmingham, Ala., says: For the second time within a month three unknown masked men tonight held up train No. 35 of the Southern railway near Berry station, seventy miles west of Birmingham and robbed the Southern Express company's car. The scene of the robbery is within a mile of the former robbery and they were almost identical in every detail. Train No. 35 left here at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Greenville, Miss. In charge of Conductor Wilmont and Engineer Brown. It reached Berry at 8 o'clock, being thirty minutes late. As it pulled out from the station, which is a small place in the wildest section of Alabama, a masked man heavily armed climbed into the engine cab and presenting pistols to the engineer and fireman ordered them to obey his commands at the peril of their lives. At the same time two other masked robbers boarded the front platform of the express car. When the train reached a secluded spot near North river, three miles from Berry, it was halted. The engineer and fireman were ordered back to the express car, where the other two robbers were in waiting. Express Messenger J. J. Ward was commanded to open the doors. Evidently suspecting that something was wrong the messenger did not obey. The robbers then began cursing and firing off their pistols to intimidate the trainmen and passengers, none of whom dared to interfere. Under the direction of the chief robber, the express doors were broken open by the engineer and fireman and pistols thrust into Messenger Ward's face, his safe keys were secured and the local safe quickly opened and filled of its contents, which the express messenger carried through the engine cab, leaving the car, the robbers selected from the freight packages a four gallon jug of good whisky and appropriated it. They then backed out, pointing their pistols still at the trainmen and disappeared in the darkness. 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