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FAVOR EXTRA SESSION

REPUBLICAN TARIFF REVISIONISTS IN THE HOUSE CIRCULATING PETITIONS.

Caucus of Members Proposed at Which the Future Course of the Party Will Be Decided On—Standpatters Confident They Can Defeat the Movement Despite a Strong Sentiment in Favor of It.

Washington, Jan. 26.—A new effort has been started to bring about a caucus of Republican members of the house to consider the propriety of an extra session of the next congress to deal with the question of tariff revision.

Representatives Cooper of Wisconsin and Stearnson of Minnesota have been circulating petitions for a caucus and have disclosed the fact that there is a strong tariff revision sentiment in the Middle West. Altogether six petitions are in circulation. Mr. Cooper obtained the signatures of all the ten Republican members of the Wisconsin delegation except Babcock and Minor.

Representative Butler Ames of Boston, a close friend of President Roosevelt, has attempted to develop the sentiment of the house by appealing to members of different state congressional delegations. It is under his general supervision that the petitions now are being circulated.

The signatures of only fifty Republican congressmen are necessary to call a caucus and such progress has been made that the revisionists have taken on a spurt of real enthusiasm. The standpatters will fight and declare they can defeat the tariff revisionists in caucus if a caucus be called for.

SENATOR ALGER DEAD

FORMER SECRETARY OF WAR EXPIRES VERY SUDDENLY IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, Jan. 25.—United States Senator Russell A. Alger of Michigan died suddenly at his home in this city at 8:45 o'clock a. m. There were practically no premonitory symptoms that the end was near. At 8:30 the senator had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Alger in her room and then went down stairs. A few minutes later the senator suffered a recurrence of the heart trouble from which he had suffered for a long time and death came quickly. The end was quiet and apparently without pain.

The senator had not been feeling well for several days. Tuesday night he had expected to attend a dinner at the home of Representative William Alden Smith, but at the last moment word came from him that he would not be able to come. His physician had advised him against going out that night because of his not feeling very well. Mr. Alger had suffered for years from chronic valvular disease of the heart.

Senator Alger was in the senate chamber Tuesday afternoon, where he stayed throughout most of the entire session listening to the discussion of the Brownsville affair. About 4 o'clock he retired to the cloakroom, where he sat with Colonel Ransdell, sergeant-at-arms of the senate, and Senator Warner of Missouri, telling war stories.

FOUR MEN KILLED.

Thirty Others Injured by Explosion of an Icemaking Machine.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Four men were killed, thirty injured and several driven temporarily insane when an icemaking machine in the refrigerating plant of Armour & Co. in the Union stock yards exploded with terrific force.

Stifling fumes of ammonia filled the room within a few seconds after the main through which they were being forced had broken, and before the men had time to drop their tools and run for places of safety they were overcome by the noxious vapors and fell unconscious to the floor.

THREE FIREMEN KILLED.

Many Others Injured in Blaze at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 28.—As the result of a fire which destroyed the Columbia building on Seneca street near Wells, occupied by about twenty tenants, three firemen are dead and eighteen more or less injured. The financial loss is estimated at \$500,000. Several buildings adjoining and opposite the Columbia building were damaged. The dead are: William J. Naughton, John R. Henkey and Stephen J. Megan. They are supposed to be buried under twenty feet of debris.

Last of the Beechers Dead.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, the last of the children of Rev. Lyman Beecher, sister of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe, died at her home here at 2:30 a. m. She was born in Litchfield, Conn., Feb. 22, 1822. Death followed a stroke of paralysis.

GOVERNMENT VICTORY.

Result of Elections to Reichstag in Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—The government has won a definite victory in the general election for a new reichstag. The Liberal, Radical and Conservative parties, supporting Prince von Buelow's colonial policy, have won at least twenty seats, but more important to the government than the success of its colonial plans is the smashing defeat administered to the Socialists, who will lose seventeen or eighteen seats.

This is the first election since 1887 that the Socialists have not increased their representation in the reichstag by from five to twenty seats. They have lost especially in several large cities, among these places being Breslau, Halle, Magdeburg, Leipzig and Koenigsberg.

The results of the election have been officially declared in 361 districts out of a total of 397. The Socialists lost seventeen seats and gained one. The Center party lost two and gained one. The two Conservative parties lost three and gained four. The Moderate Radicals lost one and gained three. The National Liberals lost six and gained ten. The Agrarians lost four and gained three. In the 361 districts only 209 members were elected, second ballots being necessary in 152 districts.

GERMANMINEHORROR

MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED MEN KILLED IN FIREDAMP EXPLOSION IN PRUSSIA.

Saarbrueck, Rhenish Prussia, Jan. 28.—A firedamp explosion occurred about 8 a. m. in the Bildstock shaft of the Reden mine at St. Johann-on-Saar, opposite this town. Up to 2 p. m. the bodies of 164 miners had been taken out of the mine, 17 men dangerously injured had been rescued and more than 100 miners were missing.

There were about 600 men working in the shaft when the explosion occurred, but half of them were not in the galleries which were wrecked. The rescue corps is working desperately in efforts to reach the entombed men and it is hoped that some of them will be found alive. The scenes at the pit mouth, where the families of the miners gathered, were most distressing. The Reden mine is owned by the Prussian government.

SIXTY WORKMEN DROWNED.

Coal Laden Vessel Founders in the Black Sea.

Constantinople, Jan. 25.—A coal laden ship, name not ascertained, trading between Sogulidak and Ereğli, on the Black sea, has foundered in a storm. Sixty workmen who were going to Ereğli and the ship's entire crew were drowned.

ROASTS THE OCTOPUS

COMMERCE COMMISSION SENDS REPORT TO CONGRESS ON OIL INVESTIGATION.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The interstate commerce commission has sent to congress a report of the investigations made by it under the Tillman-Gillespie resolution concerning the relations of common carriers by rail to the production and distribution of oil. The report covers the distribution of petroleum and its products east of the Mississippi river and, incidentally, the Kansas and Texas fields. The report points out generally the methods by which the Standard Oil company "has built up and perpetuated its monopoly and the relations of transportation agencies to that monopoly." It is asserted that "the ruin of its competitors has been a distinct part of the policy of the Standard Oil company in the past, systematically and persistently pursued."

HELD RESCUERS AT BAY.

Negro Fires House and Burns Woman to Death.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 26.—At Soria City William Smith, colored, of Scranton, Miss., burned to death "Pinkey" Tigge, with whom he formerly lived. The woman is said to have come here from Scranton to get rid of Smith, who followed her. Neighbors were excited by pitious cries for help and, rushing to the woman's home, they found the building in flames but were prevented from rescuing her by Smith, who stood guard in the doorway until the walls began to totter. The dead woman is thought to have been tied to a chair, as she continued to scream for help until dead. When the officers arrived Smith said he had been sleeping and awoke to find the house ablaze. He was arrested.

NEARLY COMPLETED.

Only Three Men Needed to Complete Thaw Jury.

New York, Jan. 29.—The jury which is to try Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White is nearly completed. When court adjourned in the evening there were nine men in the jury box, one having been added during the morning session and one just before the hour of adjournment at 5 o'clock.

TO FORFEIT CHARTER

STATE OF MINNESOTA BEGINS ACTION AGAINST THE OLD MANITOBA ROAD.

Petition Asks That the Stock Issued by the Great Northern on the Assets of the Manitoba Company Be Declared Void and the Payment of Dividends on That and Other Watered Stock Be Enjoined.

St. Paul, Jan. 25.—Suit against the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railroad and Great Northern to forfeit the charter of the Manitoba road was brought during the day by E. T. Young, attorney general.

The petition in the suit, papers in which were filed by Sheriff Gerber, asks that the stock issued by the Great Northern on the assets of the Manitoba road be declared void and the payment of dividends on it enjoined. Mr. Young made the following statement concerning the suit:

"The suit to forfeit the charter of the Manitoba is instituted for the reason that since Feb. 1, 1890, when it transferred its railroad property to the Great Northern, it has ceased to perform the functions for which it was created and for the further reason that the latter company has issued a very large amount of watered stock, which we claim is void.

Claims Tax Exemption.

"The Great Northern has all along claimed that it is exempt from the operation of the increased gross earnings tax because it claims that the original charter of the Minnesota and Pacific provided it immunity from any increase. The Manitoba road claims to have acquired the same immunity by purchase. We are convinced that the speediest way to dispose of this claim to exemption is to wipe out the Manitoba charter and compel the Great Northern to pay the 4 per cent tax the same as other companies.

"We are also of the opinion that the Great Northern should not be allowed to continue to pay dividends on watered stock heretofore issued and that it should be required to show whether its large amount of stock, which appears to be fictitious, has any right to further recognition as part of its capitalization."

MUST OBEY THE LAW

GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD RESTRAINED FROM MAKING A NEW STOCK ISSUE.

St. Paul, Jan. 24.—A temporary injunction has been issued by Judge Oscar Hallam in the district court for Ramsey county restraining the Great Northern from increasing its capital stock by \$60,000,000 without the consent of the Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission, as provided in Section 2872 of the Revised Laws of 1905.

W. R. Begg, general counsel for the Great Northern, said that an appeal will be taken at once to the state supreme court, the date for hearing having been set for Feb. 9. The record will be filed at once and the supreme court has agreed to take up the case immediately.

Judge Hallam's decision is a complete victory for the state in the action brought last month by Attorney General E. T. Young and his assistant, R. A. Stone, to compel the railroad to recognize the state railroad and warehouse commission before issuing the stock, as provided in the laws of the state, requiring railroads first to make application to the commission and to secure its approval of the issue.

All points made by the state were sustained, while the contentions of the railroad company's attorneys were contravened.

WILL NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN.

Number of Victims of Primero (Colo.) Mine Explosion.

Trinidad, Colo., Jan. 24.—At the local office of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company it was announced that a rescue party had worked all night in hour relief shifts at the Primero mine, where an explosion occurred Wednesday, but that little progress was made owing to the large quantity of wreckage in the way. Four bodies, all those of foreigners, have been recovered so far. Twelve others are missing. The death list is not expected to exceed sixteen. Had the accident happened in the daytime over 100 miners would have been entombed.

HUNDRED NATIVES PERISH.

Terrific Squall Sinks Many Craft in Hongkong Harbor.

Hongkong, Jan. 28.—A terrific rain squall broke over Hongkong during the morning and in the space of ten minutes sank over fifty Chinese craft in the harbor, more than 100 natives being drowned. There were no casualties among the white population. Launches from the shore rescued many occupants of swamped boats.

The harbor was littered with the wreckage from the sunken junks. During the squall the river steamer Paul Bean broke adrift, but she was brought to an anchor without sustaining any damage.

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