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REPUBLICAN POLICY. A Caucus of Senators Endeavors to Determine It.

PRECEDENCE OF IMPORTANT BILLS. Arguing Over the Prospects of Passing Both the National Elections and the Tariff Bills—Democratic Filibustering Expected—No Decision Reached.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The Republican members of the senate held a caucus last night to consider the order of business for the rest of the present session of congress, particularly with reference to the federal election law and the tariff bill.

It has been understood generally that the Democratic members of the senate intend to prevent the passage of the federal election law if possible, and that to achieve this purpose they are prepared to filibuster against the tariff bill and any other measure which may be brought up for consideration with a view to prolonging the session and tiring the Republican senators into agreement to a compromise by which the federal election law will be allowed to go over until the next session.

A Compromise Suggested. Members of the finance committee who are interested in the enactment of a tariff law have urged upon their brethren the advisability of coming to an understanding with the Democrats, under which the tariff bill will be passed within a reasonable time, and the federal election bill allowed to go over.

But the friends of the election bill have brought a great deal of pressure to bear in favor of forcing that measure to a passage before the adjournment, and with a view to testing the possibilities of action they have examined the rules of the senate and the record of past contests under similar rules. The result justified them in the belief that in spite of the filibustering of the Democrats the bill could be passed.

Mr. Fry, the chairman of the committee on commerce, who has the river and harbor bill in charge, said that he would like to have some determination reached as to the time when it could be considered, as he was anxious to get it into conference.

Mr. Aldrich said that the sundry civil appropriation bill was on the calendar, and it was necessary that it be disposed of at an early day. An agreement was reached finally by which the postal subsidy bills, which have been under debate for several days, will be taken up again today with a view of taking a vote on them before adjournment, and to-morrow the civil service appropriation bill will be called up.

Federal Election Tactics. The discussion of the possibility of passing the federal election bill was then resumed, and debate was had under the five minute rule for nearly three hours. Senators Spooner, Hoar, Fry and Everts, all members of the elections committee, expressed themselves as in favor of passing the bill. Mr. Aldrich, the chairman of the committee on rules, said that it would be possible to pass it in only one of two ways, either by sitting it out as had been proposed, or by changing the rules of the senate so as to permit a limit to be placed on debate.

Change in the Rules. This suggestion gave rise to a long discussion about the possibility of making a change in the rules. Mr. Edmunds bitterly opposed the proposition, and Mr. Teller, a member of the committee on privileges and elections, also expressed some opposition to it.

A general debate which ensued developed the fact that a majority of the senators favored the passage of the federal election bill at this session of congress and that a majority favored a change in the rules which would make this possible.

The caucus adjourned without action on the federal election law.

NO FEAR OF CHOLERA. Elaborate Precautions Against the Pestilence.

THE DREAD EPIDEMIC IN EUROPE. Report of Dr. Lee, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Board of Health. Our Quarantine Stations Well Equipped and Every Precaution Taken—Better Guarded Than Ever.

HARRISBURG, July 12.—The sixteenth regular meeting of the state board of health was held here. The report of the secretary, Dr. Benjamin Lee, of Philadelphia, of more than general interest, inasmuch as he directs attention to the prevalence of cholera in Spain and to the precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease in this country.

Dr. Lee says: "The appearance of Asiatic cholera almost simultaneously at six different points in Spain, covering a distance of 20 miles in a straight line, and probably 400 by rail, indicates a very considerable survival of germs of that disease from last summer along the shores of southern Spain. Their wide dissemination and early maturity make a grave epidemic in that region, and it may be in southern Europe generally, probable. We in this country have little to fear, however."

Our Quarantine Stations. "Our quarantine stations, national, state and municipal, were never so well equipped before. That of the port of New York, which is our most valuable point, is fully twice as well prepared as it was when it so successfully checked the invasion of the disease at the threshold, three years ago. Philadelphia, the next most likely point of attack, has a double line of intrenchments, the lazaretto, or municipal quarantine station, twelve miles down the Delaware river, and the United States quarantine station, eighty miles below, at Cape Henlopen. The latter is provided with a fumigation steamer, just finished, which is capable of disinfecting the largest vessel in the world."

The Duty of Inland Cities. "Should the disease pass these barriers, however, its most propagation is now so thoroughly understood that it will be a reproach to local health authorities if it is not at once stamped out. It is their duty immediately to put their cities and towns in such a condition of cleanliness that the germs will find no congenial soil. The state board of health has in preparation a new circular on this subject which will shortly be issued."

The report of yellow fever carried to Spain from New Orleans is more than doubtful. There is not more yellow fever in South America and Central America than usual at this season. Our greatest danger is from Cuba, the 'ever faithful' and ever filthy island, via Florida.

The precautions which are taken on the coast line of steamers and at Key West and Tampa make its introduction by that route unlikely. The fact that there were no cases of the disease in that state last summer indicates that its germs had all perished.

The floods in the lower Mississippi valley have left many places along that river in a state of great destitution, and the conditions are such as will probably induce malarial fever of such virulence that they may easily be mistaken for yellow fever. We may therefore expect false alarms. Should the disease actually appear, there will be such a concert of action between the different state boards of health, and between them and the United States government, that it is arranged for at their recent conference at Nashville, that it will no doubt be restricted within narrow limits without a resort to the barbarous expedient of shooting quarantined such as have disgraced the country in former outbreaks of this much dreaded pestilence.

Young Girls Going to Utah. NEW YORK, July 12.—In the steamer of the steamship Wisconsin, which arrived yesterday were 120 Mormons, bound for Utah and Idaho. Their names were taken, so that if the government decides that it does not want lawbreakers and citizens they can be found and sent back. And then the seven or eight elders put them on special trains, and they started for Salt Lake City. In the party were seven young girls.

Americans Take All the Stock. PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—All the \$50,000,000 of stock of the American Gas Investment company, one-half of which was to have been placed in England and the remainder in this country, will be disposed of in the United States. The reason for the change in the plan of the stock is said to be due to the jealousickerings of two factions in London, each of which sought to control the stock allotted to the English capitalists.

FATE OF HELIGOLAND. Salisbury Explains the Anglo-German Agreement.

PARLIAMENT ASKED TO RATIFY IT. The Premier Belittles the Importance of the Island to England and Magnifies the Advantages to be Derived from the Transfer—Negotiations with France.

LONDON, July 12.—In the house of lords last evening Lord Salisbury moved the second reading of the bill providing for the cession of Heligoland to Germany. Though the island had been serviceable during the war with Napoleon, he said, it had since been unimportant and was wholly worthless for strategic purposes.

He generally belittled the importance of the island to England, and magnified the advantages to be derived from its transfer. Referring to the African clauses in the Anglo-German agreement, he argued that as long as Witu was in the hands of another power, English interests in the northward could be interfered with.

English Interests Protected. Under the convention there was not the slightest chance for such interference until the confines of Europe were reached. He urged that an exclusive English protectorate over Zanzibar would secure the suppression of the slave trade and develop the commerce of England and India. There was no reason, he said, to apprehend any difficulty over the convention with any European power. It was impossible for England to affect to look up the whole of Africa. He contended that the agreement was mutually advantageous. It would remove all danger of a disunion or conflict by cementing the good feeling of those who by sympathy, interest and descent ought always to be friends.

Responsibility Without Advantage. Lord Rosebery thought that in exchange for Heligoland England had got the responsibilities of protection rather than the dominion. Parliament, he said, ought to have the evidence of evidence of the session involved no loss of military or naval advantage, and ought also to know the position of the government toward the claim of France to a position guaranteeing power over Zanzibar.

Lord Salisbury explained that communications were proceeding with France which precluded present discussion of the negotiations with that country. Earl Kimberley thought that parliament ought not to be required to ratify the cession of Heligoland without assurance that France would assent to England's protectorate over Zanzibar. The bill then passed its second reading.

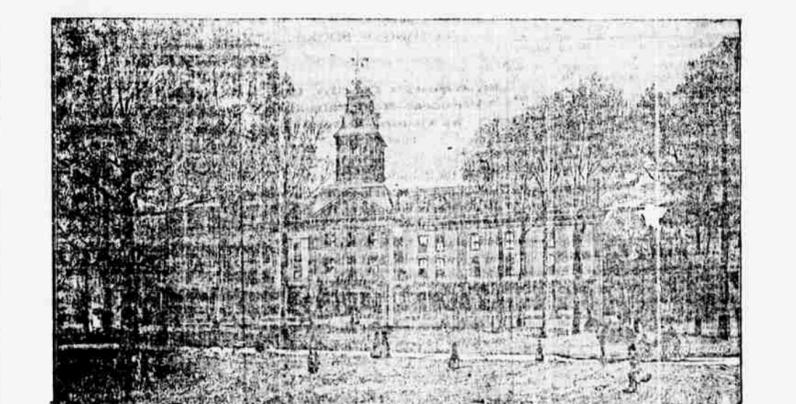
The Government Supports Raikes. LONDON, July 12.—The cabinet council devoted much of its time to discussion of the policy and postal situation, and fully sustained the action of Mr. Edward Balfour, secretary of the General Raikes. The cabinet authorized Mr. Raikes to resort to any means he thought fit to crush a strike of the postmen, which it was agreed, must be put down at all hazards. The imperative necessity of dealing summarily with any outbreak on the part of public employees was shown by information in the possession of the ministry that the police and postal crisis is a part of a general agitation, encouraged by political enemies, to embarrass the government in all its departments. It is asserted by the authorities that the postmen's union is full of official spies who have been in the habit of leaking the plans of the men and have also obtained a large amount of information connecting many prominent politicians with the agitation.

Very Useful Blacklegs. LONDON, July 12.—The blacklegs employed by Mr. Raikes assumed the duties of the dismissed, suspended and expelled men with the facility of veterans and their work has dismayed the old hands as much as it has surprised and pleased the officials. There has been very little delay in city deliveries, but in the suburbs the services have been hampered. The public, however, had readily adapted themselves to the circumstances and in cases of urgency have posted and received their own letters at the postoffice. In the east end each of the more delivering letters has been done by a policeman, owing to the threats made by the dockmen to attack the blacklegs and drive them out of the district. In some cases even the presence of a policeman has not prevented the men from attacking the blacklegs, and several of them have been badly beaten.

Banquet to American Riflemen. BERLIN, July 12.—The visiting riflemen were entertained at a banquet last night. The guests included the Emperor, Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria; King Humbert, of Italy; and King Leopold, of Belgium, sent cordial greetings to the visitors.

Ports-mouth, Policemen Revolt. LONDON, July 12.—The police of Portsmouth, not daunted by ill success of their London brethren in their attempts to bring about a general strike, have petitioned for an increase of pay and a reduction of hours. In a column of their address he said that the Knights of Labor were at war with no other labor organization, and that if they wanted to fight they could well find an enemy outside of the ranks of workmen.

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