

THAT RATE CASE AT NORFOLK

Secretary of State Porter's Grandstand Play Comes to Naught. SMYTH AND MESERVE BLOCK HIS GAME. Porter's Bluff to Give the People of His District Everything They Demand is Called by the Other Members.

LINCOLN, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The scheme of Secretary of State Porter to strengthen his political standing in the Third congressional district by appealing to the popular prejudices of his constituents in the matter of the reduction of the freight rate from Sioux City to Norfolk seems to have fallen as flat as the proverbial pancake.

Mr. Porter went to Norfolk with the State Board of Transportation to attempt a play to the grandstand by making a bluff at giving the people of his district everything they demanded from the railroad. The idea uppermost in the mind of the secretary of state appeared to be to obtain for himself the credit for any concessions from the railway companies that might be brought about at this meeting, so that he might pose in the next congressional campaign as the radical opponent of the corporations.

His well laid plans, however, were defeated by the clever manipulation of a brace of politicians and he came home without the expected glory. The two men who thus so successfully defeated the aspiring congressional candidate were Treasurer J. B. Meserve and Attorney General Smyth.

It was generally understood by those interested in the hearing of the Norfolk rate case that no definite action would be taken by the board until after it returned to Lincoln. Inasmuch as Secretary Porter had been instrumental in making the Norfolk rate in a matter which he had raised so high, it was naturally supposed that he would take the initiative in any action against the railroads.

Meserve and Smyth understood this and before the hearing began at Norfolk they combined to outwit him in his own game. It was arranged for Mr. Meserve, when the signal should be given by Mr. Smyth, to propose a resolution regarding the freight rate in a manner agreeable to the people of Norfolk. As soon as Mr. Meserve had finished the reading of the resolution the attorney general immediately arose and promptly seconded the resolution to reduce the rate as proposed by Mr. Meserve.

Auditor Cornell at once pointed out the situation and made the resolution through to a vote, allowing only a few minutes for discussion. It was carried by a unanimous vote and there is no record of Secretary Porter having had any part in the discussion of the resolution.

Since the Board of Transportation returned from Norfolk the point has been raised that the reduction of the freight rate between Sioux City and Norfolk results in a discrimination against Omaha. The rate fixed by the board between Norfolk and Sioux City is better than the rate between Omaha and Norfolk, thereby giving Sioux City, an Iowa town, a decided commercial advantage over the Nebraska metropolis. It undoubtedly means a good thing for Sioux City and would build up Norfolk as a distributing point for central and northern Nebraska. Speaking of this, Auditor Cornell said:

"We are going to build up a metropolis in Sioux City. The Bee and the World-Herald are always pounding us and I can't see how we are under any obligations to Omaha." "It will benefit the people of Nebraska to build up a metropolis in Iowa he did not explain. Lincoln and Fremont, it is understood, will protest against the reduction of the Sioux City rate. As the change in the rate will throw a portion of the Omaha business over to Sioux City, it is not probable that the railroads and Northern railroad will protest very vigorously.

FEAR THE STORY WOULD LEAK Ringoldsky Not the Only Lawyer in Miles Case Who Knows What Was Done. FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—A letter of considerable significance was read during the hearing of the Miles case in this city on the 10th inst. The letter was written by Detective Harbaugh in his testimony to show that all the attorneys in the case were cognizant of what was going on. The letter is as follows:

TREASON IN ANTI-EXPANSION

Senator Kyle of South Dakota Addresses the American League. POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION IS RIGHT. Many Make Mistake of Mixing Propaganda with the Question of Expanding War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Senator Kyle of South Dakota, having decided that the cause of expansion is infinitely greater than 16 to 1, has definitely cast his lot with the republicans of the upper body of congress. There is forming all through the western states a society known as the "American league," which has for its object opposition to the policy of the administration and favoring anti-expansion.

On January 11, 1900, before any pronounced expressions had been made in the senate upon this subject, Senator Kyle sent the following letter to some of his constituents, whom he understood had allied themselves with this organization:

"This is not a political question, but one which has been forced upon us in the conduct of the war with Spain for the safety of the country. It should not be wrong to stand by an administration in such times as these, even though one's political instincts may be offended.

"In my judgment, President McKinley's policy touching the Philippines is correct, and many prominent republicans are now endeavoring to restore the union by the experiment of war, during which, under the pretense of military necessity or war power higher than the constitution, the constitution itself has been disregarded in every part and public liberty and private right alike trodden upon and the material prosperity of the country essentially impaired.

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PLENTY FOR CONGRESS TO DO

Considerable Work for the National Legislators During the Coming Week. CURRENCY BILL COMES UP IN SENATE. Its Friends Claim It Will Pass by a Majority of About Twenty Votes—Work of the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The first four days of the week will be given up to the currency bill in the senate and after that measure is disposed of there will be a contest for precedence in the interest of several measures. These include the bills for providing forms of government for Hawaii and Puerto Rico, the Nicaragua canal bill and the resolution on the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania.

The currency bill will be voted on Thursday in terms of the measure given to such routine business as the introduction of the bills and the presentation of reports and petitions will be devoted to this measure until it is acted upon by the senate. Monday and Tuesday will be consumed with set arguments for and against the bill.

The friends of Senator Quay say they fully expect to be able to get consideration of the opposition in his behalf immediately after the financial bill is disposed of, but there is no disposition on the part of the senate to crowd the matter over and take up either the Porto Rican or the Hawaiian bill, the chances between these being favorable to the Porto Rican measure.

The set speeches on the financial bill, so far as announced, are as follows: Monday, Senator Elkins, Wolcott and Butler; Tuesday, Senators Allison and Jones of Nevada. The time of the house will be completely occupied this week. Tomorrow, under the rule, will be devoted to District of Columbia business.

On Tuesday the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which will be reported to the house tomorrow, will be taken up. It is expected to consume Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Thursday the house will enter upon a week's discussion of the Porto Rican tariff bill. This measure, as the entire session in the matter of legislation for our insular possessions, naturally attracts much attention and there has already developed great pressure for time, especially upon the democratic side, so that it is probable that night sessions may be held toward the close of the debate next week.

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DUTCH SYMPATHY FOR BOERS Burgers at Capetown Have the Utmost Faith in Kruger and His Sturdy Soldiers. (Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Feb. 11.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Battersby's letter from Capetown January 17 plainly indicates that the Dutch in the Colony are still confident of Boer success. He declares the Cape is full of spies and Boer sympathizers and that Kruger receives all the information he wants about British movements in Cape Colony. The Dutch in Capetown have the first news of all movements at the front.

CONCERNING FINAL PROOF Congressman Sutherland Sees an Important Hint from the Land Commissioner. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Sutherland has secured an important ruling by the commissioner of the land office which will affect the rights of county judges in taking final proof in land entries. The register of the land office at McCook had refused to designate County Judge Pyle of Frontier county to take final proof even when the applicant had requested him to do so. Commissioner Herman held that the register had erred in this matter and in the future he is requested to designate a court officer whom the applicant requests.

Liquor in the Philippines. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Captain Frank M. Wells, chaplain of the First Regiment of volunteers, who has just returned from the Philippines and that of Garfield Memorial church today under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance union on the liquor question in the Philippine islands. He declared that since the American took Manila the natives have had to suffer from themselves. Through intertribal wars in their semibarbarous state they have killed and maimed thousands of their population in years gone by. A few lives may be lost in the present struggle, but in the end with a stable government and liquor will settle down happy and contented in the peaceful pursuits of life. Commerce will be revived and churches and schools will be established. These agents of civilization will accomplish more under a new order of things in ten years than they could possibly do under fifty years of Spanish or native rule. These people may think they have the best way, but civilization in its march of progress orders differently, and upon some advanced nation is put the responsibility of caring for and civilizing the weak and unfortunate.

WITH WOUND IN THE HEAD

Iowa Man Found with Face Battered and His Pockets Turned Inside Out. C. H. Best, a meat market man from Shelby, Ia., was found with a badly wounded head, lying on a sidewalk, about 11:30 p.m. Saturday night. When taken to the police station, an examination disclosed a peculiar wound of circular shape about two and a half inches in diameter in the lower back part of the head and a cut over the right eye. City Physician Ralph sewed up and dressed the wounds.

Best was unwilling to tell how he got hurt, claiming to know nothing about it, but said he had \$50 or \$60 in his possession before-hand. A search of his clothes revealed some letters addressed to himself, a revolver, some other personal property, but no money. Appearance indicate that he was either struck in the face with a metal knuckle and fell on a curbstone, or else was hit on the head with an iron bar and fell on his face. His pockets were turned inside out, indicating robbery. Best had been drinking and could give no clue to the case. Detective Jorgensen and Baldwin spent some time investigating, but were unable to find anything. Best was detained at the station until morning.

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Fire Record. Brooklyn Navy Yard Building. NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Building No. 7 in the Brooklyn navy yard, occupied by the electrical equipment department, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$100,000, equally divided between the building and machinery. A large quantity of saltpetre was saved, which Admiral Philip said would have involved a task of about ten years to replace. The fire is believed to have been caused by a defective electric light wire.

Biscuits Scorching. WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 11.—Fire in the Gilliam block, on Main street, occupied by the American Biscuit company, completely gutted the building, doing \$60,000 damage, of which the biscuit company sustains \$50,000.

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AMBULANCE CORPS FOR WAR Thirty-Nine Irishmen Recruited for Red Cross Work in Africa. Leave Chicago. CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—The ambulance corps, thirty-nine in number, recruited and equipped by the United Irish societies of Chicago, left for New York today on its long journey to join the Boer army on the battlefields of South Africa. Two special coaches were attached to the regular Lake Shore train for the party. The coaches were equipped with surgical and medical supplies which, in addition to the personal effects of the members of the corps, filled three baggage cars. On arriving at Pretoria the men will join the Boer army and work under the flag of the American Red Cross society.

Word from Pietermaritzburg. LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, says: "The Boers occupied Boys' farm, south of the Tugela, which is under an hour's ride from Chieveley, and have turned the homestead into a hospital.

"On the farm are hills commanding both bridges over the Tugela as well as Forts Wylie and Molyneux and from which a view of Bulwer's and Ladysmith is obtainable. "There is much apprehension here regarding the Boer movements and the authorities are on the alert."

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