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HOUSE TO VOTE ON ALASKA RAILROAD BILL FEB. 11

Bill Would Make Nation Pay Prosecution Costs

The bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Delegate James Wickersham to cure the defect in the Alaska revenue laws also provides for the payment of costs of prosecutions under the laws of the Territory of Alaska by the Federal government just as they are paid for prosecutions in the Territory under the acts of Congress.

The bill, which was referred to the committee on Territories, excluding the title and enacting clause is as follows:

"That those two acts of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska entitled 'Chapter fifty-two (H. B. No. 98), an act to establish a system of taxation, create revenue, and providing for the collection thereof for the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes,' approved by the Governor of the Territory of Alaska May first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and 'Chapter numbered fifty-four (H. B. No. 98), an act to impose a poll tax upon male persons in the Territory of Alaska and provide means for its collection,' approved by the Governor of Alaska May first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and all their provisions shall be held to be in full force and effect from and after the date of the approval of this act by the President.

"Sec. 2.—That nothing in that act of Congress entitled 'An Act creating a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska and conferring legislative power thereon, and for other purposes,' approved August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, shall be so construed as to prevent the courts now existing or that may be hereafter created in said Territory from enforcing within their respective jurisdictions all laws passed by the legislature within the power conferred upon it, the same as if such laws were passed by Congress, nor to prevent the legislature passing laws imposing additional duties, not inconsistent with the present duties of their respective offices, upon the Governor, marshals, deputy marshals, clerks of the district courts, and United States commissioners acting as justices of the peace, judges of probate courts, recorders, and coroners, and providing the necessary expenses of performing such duties, and in the prosecuting of all crimes denounced by Territorial laws the costs shall be paid the same as is now or may hereafter be provided by act of Congress providing for the prosecution of criminal offenses in said Territory, except that in prosecutions growing out of any revenue law passed by the legislature the costs shall be paid as in civil actions and such prosecutions shall be in the name of the Territory."

GEORGIA BRINGS MANY.

The Georgia arrived from Sitka and waypoints this morning and brought the following passengers for Juneau: From Sitka—H. Sokoloff, J. Hills, G. Dusing. From Tenakee—R. N. Nikovich, J. H. Sully, Jack Carlson, T. F. Gillis, W. N. Reed, Myrtle Miller, Rose Smith. From Gypsum—W. Hawkins. From Hoonah—Mrs. Hammond, Eliza Lawrence, Martha Lawrence, J. Brown, Mrs. Sharciaire, A. Donnelly, Leont Ward, M. T. Fredenberg. From Funter—W. H. Lancaster. Dave Bauner, John Nelson, T. Bond.

COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAM GRAND THEATRE TONIGHT.

The show tonight is comprised of the finest selected reels: "Recognition," an intensely absorbing drama of domestic affairs. An American Western play, always good. "The Wood Nymph," a story of a fisherman. The kind that you all like, by the Reliance. "Boss of the Ranch," interesting. Amxex Western play, Nora shows her "foreman" who is boss. "In a Garden," Thanhouser play that you all will enjoy. When I First Entered the Garden, Miss Marie was seven; when Master Jack returned from college Miss Marie was "sweet sixteen."

THE WEATHER TODAY.

Twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m.: Maximum—21. Minimum—11. Partly cloudy.

COUNCIL TO PASS NEW ELECTION LAW

City Attorney J. B. Marshall has prepared a new election ordinance for the City of Juneau which will be introduced at the meeting of the city council next Friday night. The Territorial legislature having conferred the right to vote on the women of Alaska, one of the salient features of the new election ordinance makes provisions for their right to the franchise in all city elections. One year's residence in the Territory and six months in the city next prior to any election is necessary. The registration books must be opened by the city clerk at least 30 days prior to any general election and at least fifteen days prior to any special election and the city clerk must name a registration officer.

The city clerk must publish in a paper of general circulation printed within the city for at least twenty days before any general election notice of such election.

Provision is made for a modified Australian ballot system for all elections and it is made obligatory that all workers handling literature, advisory ballots or otherwise electioneering, must remain at least 100 feet from the main entrance of any polling place.

At the second meeting in March the city council must appoint three election judges and two clerks for the general election following on the second Tuesday in April.

Clerk's Report.

It is expected that the report of City Clerk E. W. Pettit will be completed and submitted at this meeting. This report will cover in detail every expenditure of the present city administration, including that on obligations of previous administrations. It will also show in detail what has been accomplished by the present administration in the conduct of city affairs and in the prosecution of municipal work and developments; the establishing of municipal buildings, street and sewer improvements, fire protection, and improvement of public schools.

ATHLETIC CLUB REGULAR DANCE THURSDAY EVE.

The Juneau Athletic Club will give another of their delightful dances in Elks' hall Thursday night of this week. These weekly affairs have come to be looked forward to by many of the younger set especially. But old and young are assured a good time.

The same excellent management that has made all previous dances of the organization such pronounced successes will have entire charge of the coming even.

Splendid music is assured, the famous Juneau orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Sumpf having been secured for the occasion.

ALASKAN HOTEL ARRIVALS.

The following arrivals are registered at the Alaskan hotel: H. E. Shook, A. M. Goodman, D. I. Moir, W. H. Bogle, W. B. Stratton, Bruce C. Shorts, Seattle; O. Huff, Sheep creek; H. W. Marsh, Whitehorse; V. Scott, Cordova; J. R. Hayden, Seward; C. R. Brook, Alaska; E. Miller, P. Paulson, city.

TO REPAIR CANNERY FOR SEASON'S WORK

Capt. A. Nilsen, superintendent of the Dundas Bay cannery, chartered the Fox and with a small cannery crew left at 3 o'clock this morning for the purpose of getting the plant in condition for the coming season's work. Capt. Nilsen expects to return to Juneau within about ten days.

E. LANG COBB WANTS HOMESTEAD NEAR TOWN

E. Lang Cobb has filed a soldier's additional homestead application with the local land office for a tract of 13 acres of land adjoining Evergreen cemetery and also adjoining the tract known as the Sheldon homestead. The land in question is very near to the land that has already been platted into lots to be annexed to the Town of Juneau.

NEW NOTARY.

John R. Beagle of Ketchikan has been appointed a notary public by Gov. J. F. A. Strong.

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HONOR FORMER CHIEF

The men in the customs service of Alaska, from every section of the Territory, united in presenting Former Collector J. R. Willis and Mrs. Willis with a beautiful sterling silver tea service, as a testimonial of the high esteem and friendliness in which he is held by his former co-workers in the customs service, most of whom had been associated with him for from four to fourteen years.

The presentation was made last night at the Willis home by a committee consisting of the Juneau office force, Collector J. F. Pugh, Special Deputy C. D. Garfield, Deputies Geo. Simpkins, and D. A. Meek; Deputy Collector Edwin J. Stivers of St. Michael's and Deputy Collector Nicholas Bolshahn of Unalaska. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Garfield, who dwelt at some length on the friendly relations that had always existed between the men of the service and their chief. Mr. Stivers also made an address, conveying the same thought. Mr. Willis feelingly replied for himself and Mrs. Willis.

The members of the committee were entertained at dinner by the happy hosts, rounding out a very enjoyable evening.

GOVERNMENT HELPS ALASKA BOOSTERS

Supplementing the work of the Alaska Bureau of the New Seattle Chamber of Commerce in advertising Alaska, the Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin for distribution by representatives of the bureau among visitors to their exhibit at Washington.

The bulletin says that Alaska has more than 64,000,000 acres of land on which there are possibilities for farming and grazing. The department has four experimental stations, one on the Yukon, within seventy-five miles of the Arctic Circle; another in the interior, one in Southern Alaska and one in the southwestern part.

Currants, raspberries, gooseberries, blueberries and cranberries are plentiful in the Northland. Varieties of wheat, oats, barley, rye, potatoes and many other vegetables have matured every season since the department has started its work at its two most northern stations.

The new bulletin on Alaska, while reciting so many optimistic facts, also points out to the homesteader the difficulties which will be encountered. The Federal homestead laws extend to Alaska, but in the Northern Territory the entryman may file upon 320 acres instead of 160. One may locate upon unsurveyed land, and establish lines by metes and bounds, but title cannot be obtained until the survey is made and approved. Little of the available land has been surveyed, although that work is now in progress.

Here are a few of the interesting facts brought out in the bulletin: Seattle is nearer Maine than it is to the western point of Alaska; the mean annual temperature of Sitka is about the same as that of Washington, D. C.; Alaska has numerous deep land-locked, ice-free harbors; the coast line is 26,000 miles long and there are 6,000 miles of navigable rivers.

M. S. WHITTIER WILL COME TO JUNEAU

M. S. Whittier, of the customs service formerly stationed at Cordova, Skagway and Ketchikan, has been transferred to Juneau and is expected to arrive from Ketchikan. Mr. Whittier will take the post vacated by Collector of Customs J. F. Pugh through the appointment of the latter.

Mr. Whittier is well known all over Alaska and is very popular. He is an active spirit in the leading fraternal organizations, a high Mason and also an Elk. Mrs. Whittier and their son will accompany him to Juneau.

Mr. Whittier was stationed at Juneau at one time.

RECOVERS STICKPIN.

Dr. L. O. Sloane, who lost a very valuable stickpin with opal settings, advertised his loss in The Empire yesterday. A few hours later he had the article returned to him.

BIG MASQUERADE FEB. 19

Remember the big masquerade dance that will be given by the Juneau Athletic club Thursday evening, Feb. 19th, at Elks' hall. It will be the time of the year.

The Juneau Athletic club gives dances every Thursday evening. 2-4t

Constitutionalists See End of the War

JUAREZ, Mexico, Feb. 4.—The news from Washington that President Woodrow Wilson had decided to raise the embargo against the importation of arms from the United States into Mexico caused the wildest kind of joy among the leaders of the Constitutionalists and their supporters here. There has been a general celebration.

Proclaims Americans Mexican Friends.

JUAREZ, Mex., Feb. 4.—Gen. Villa said last night: "Once more we have proof that the United States is the greatest friend the people of Mexico have among the Nations of the world. I predict that when the revolution shall have ended, which will be soon now, Mexico and the United States will be more closely allied than they ever were before."

Americans Quit Mexico City.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 4.—Many Americans upon learning of the plan of President Woodrow Wilson last night to raise the embargo on the importation

HOW TO TURN IN A FIRE ALARM

Chief of Police J. T. Martin announces that in turning in a fire alarm the discoverer of a fire should call 318, four rings. That will get the night jaller at the city hall. He will cause the alarm to be given to the proper officers of the fire department.

WHEELER LIQUOR CASE EXHAUSTS REGULAR PANEL

Frank Wheeler went to trial in the district court this morning on the indictment charging him with selling liquor to Indians. The matter of securing a jury has consumed nearly all of the day. The defense, conducted by Attorney A. B. Callahan, exercised seven peremptory challenges, and the court excused three for cause before a single juror was secured. The regular panel was exhausted and a special venire ordered for fourteen. Fred Anderson, of the regular panel, was the first juror accepted.

JUNEAUITE IS ENJOYING VISIT TO LONDON TOWN

Harry Smith who left Juneau some weeks ago to visit his mother at the old home in London, England, writes Bert Huch of Juneau that he is having a fine time in the big village, but that he expects to sail for Juneau some time during the present month.

ASKING FOR REVOCATION OF CARLSON LICENSE

The United States attorney has filed a petition in the district court for the revocation of the liquor license of Albert Carlson on the ground that he has violated his pledge not to permit any female in or about the rooms where liquor was to be sold under said license. It is alleged that at sundry times since the granting of the license that defendant has unlawfully permitted females in and about the rooms or saloon where liquors are sold and served under the license granted. The license was granted runs from July 1 last to June 30 next. The hearing on the petition has been set for Saturday February 7. The petition is signed by John Rastard district attorney for this division.

SEWARD SOCIETY TO RENDER PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Seward Society meeting Friday, Feb. 6, at the high school: Roll Call—Quotations from Lincoln. Waino Hendrickson—Current Events. Paul Thompson—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Klonda Olds—Life of Lincoln. Harry Sabin—Recitation. Elizabeth Hopper—Adjective Letter. Dawn Davis—Origin of Valentine's Day. Harlan Herner—Two-Minute Talk. Margaret Dudley—Humorous Reading. Cyril Kashaveroff—Original Basketball Story. Lawrence Hulbert—Conundrums. Mr. Perkins—Critic.

WOMEN PAY FINE FOR TREATMENT OF ANOTHER

VOLO, Ill., Feb. 4.—Five women were fined \$100 each yesterday evening for riding another woman out of town on a rail.

Jose Ramirez Guilty.

The jury trying Jose Ramirez for the crime of robbery in the district court yesterday brought in a verdict of guilty.

Houston Expects Debate To End Tomorrow

FIND KARLUK LIFE PRESERVER ON SHORE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—W. T. Lopp, of the bureau of education, superintendent of education in Alaska, has reported that a life preserver bearing the name "Karluk" had washed ashore at Kivalina, Alaska. The discovery is thought to indicate that the Karluk might have been wrecked.

WASHINGTON LUMBERMAN DIES AT HOQUIAM, WASH.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 4.—Joseph Lyttle, a millionaire lumberman, died here yesterday.

STRATHCONA LEAVES \$500,000 TO YALE

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—It was learned today that Lord Strathcona left an estate of \$500,000 with the request that it be used specially to enable employees and the sons of employees to enter Yale University.

WANTS STATUE IN HALL OF FAME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Bringing a statue of himself which he will ask Congress to place in the Hall of Fame, John J. McDevitt, of Wilkes-Barre, who was a "millionaire for a day," arrived on a special train yesterday with an escort of admiring friends.

NO COMMITTEE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The House Democratic caucus held last night went on record against the proposition to create a committee on woman suffrage. The matter was considered at length, and had many supporters. It was decided, however, that Congress will have its hands full to act on all the questions that were promised in the last National platform.

GEN. CARR'S DEATH DUE TO ACCIDENT

SEATTLE, Jan. 30.—The post mortem examination on the remains of Gen. E. M. Carr, formerly of Alaska, who died at his home in Selah, Wash., last Tuesday, settled definitely that death was due to an accident and not to natural causes, as was at first reported.

When the body was brought to Seattle it was found that the third vertebra, which is about the middle of the neck, was crushed to the point of severance.

Investigation indicated that Gen. Carr had slipped in the snow on the second step of the outside stairway at his home and fallen over the low hand-rail, striking on his head, ten feet below.

FIVE THOUSAND BANKS WANT IN RESERVE SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—More than 5,000 banks have made application to join the new regional reserve system.

CANADA'S CROP IS NOT SO GREAT

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—The Canadian cereal crop in 1913 is valued at \$552,771,000, against \$557,344,000 in 1912.

WILSON SAID TO FAVOR HIGHER RATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A Washington special to the New York Times says that President Woodrow Wilson has clearly indicated to those who have talked with him that he favors an increase in railroad rates. The President admits that business is poor in spots, and adds that railroads seem to be the worst spot. The President has been receiving many letters from personal friends urging the necessity for giving the railroads higher rates.

CALIFORNIA'S OIL PRODUCTION GROWS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—The production of oil in California for 1913 amounted to 98,000,000 barrels, as compared with 86,450,767 in 1912. The valuation for the 1913 output is \$50,000,000 compared with \$39,213,588 in 1912.

To Consider Bill Tomorrow.

Washington, Feb. 4.—In announcing the postponement of the consideration of the Alaska railroad bill today by the House of Representatives until tomorrow Chairman W. C. Houston, of the House committee on Territories, said the final vote on the bill will probably be taken Wednesday, February 11. He said he believed that all the time allowed for debate would be consumed before that time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—It was agreed that all day Thursday would be devoted to the debate of the Alaska railroad bill. It is hoped that all the time allowed for debate will be consumed at an early date, and a vote secured.

Alaska Passed for Immigration Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The postponement of the consideration of the Alaska railroad bill today until tomorrow was due to a desire not to delay the passage of the immigration bill.

SOME MORE GOOD TIMES PREDICTIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The New York Herald continues publishing "Good Times Predictions," and again says that there can be no mistaking the upward tendency of business. It says the movement has become too well under way and is based on too solid a foundation to be stopped. It quotes:

Gov. Foss Optimistic.

Former Gov. Eugene N. Foss of Massachusetts, as saying: "I am an optimist in my view of the outlook for business during the present year. We are going forward, although people have undoubtedly been holding back for the situation to clear up. The President's message was inspiring in many ways, and I agree with him, as everybody who studies the situation must agree, that the railroads are insuperably tied up to good business. If they are reasonably prosperous it will go a great ways towards bringing about a general revival in industry."

Armour Supports President.

Vice-President Dunham, of Armour & Co. says: "I think I am giving Mr. Armour's opinion when I say President Wilson's latest message meets with his hearty approbation. That feeling is due not so much to what the message itself contains as to Mr. Armour's opinion of the man in connection with what he has accomplished in the short time he has been President. Mr. Armour feels that a man who has been President only ten months and who has been able to put through two such important pieces of legislation, is certainly deserving of the support of all those who believe the country is passing through a stage where new conditions must be met and dealt with."

Market for Exchange Seats.

Several more New York Stock Exchange seats have been transferred for \$50,000, a price which compares with \$37,000 last year.

French Conditions Improve.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—A Paris cable to the New York American says the sudden appearance of public buying after many months of abstention has made a great impression in speculative circles. Shorts have begun covering, and the outlook is brighter than for a year and a half. Were it not for general distrust of the financial policy of the French government, a pronounced upward swing would be expected in French markets.

MAY MAKE TWO COMMERCE COMMISSIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A proposal to split the Interstate Commerce Commission into two parts to enable it to dispose of business more expeditiously has been placed before President Wilson by Representative Jefferson M. Levy, of New York.

NATIONAL CANNERS MEET AT BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 4.—The annual convention of the National Canners Association and allied industries opened here yesterday.

Empire ads for results.