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NAVAL BILL IN HOUSE

Large Expenditures for Construction and Repairs Cr.

MACHINERY WEARS OUT

Mr. Hepburn Charges that Incident Men Are in Engine Room

LIMIT PLACED ON REPAIRS

Instances Where More Than \$200,000 is Spent Must Be Reported.

POWDER CONTROVERSY UP AGAIN

Amendment by Mr. Hitchcock to Appropriation \$250,000 to Double Output of Government Factories Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Strictures upon the efficiency of officers of the navy in the care of machinery of war vessels were uttered in the house today during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill with the result that an amendment was adopted requiring the secretary of the navy annually to report to congress the instances where more than \$200,000 is expended for repairs.

After futile efforts to obtain legislation looking to the restoration of marines aboard ships an amendment was agreed to prohibit the purchase of powder manufactured and sold in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The debate disclosed the fact that the amendment was directed at the Dupont company.

Amendments by Mr. Hitchcock appropriating \$250,000 to double the government's output of powder, and by Mr. Sherman (Ky.) fixing the price for powder other than for small arms at 84 cents per pound, were adopted.

Aspending in the house today that the machinery of war vessels is very short lived Representative Tawney said that condition was due to the ignorance of those in charge of the machinery. Representative Hepburn said this service should be placed in the hands of graduates from the Naval Academy.

Repair Bills Too Large.

Mr. Tawney deprecated what he said were the enormous expenditures for the reconstruction of vessels outside of ordinary repairs that had been in commission not to exceed four or five years.

Mr. Hepburn insisted on his contention that since 1896, "when competent men were taken away from the charge of the engines," the item for repairs, mainly of the boilers, had very largely increased.

The naval officers were scored by Mr. Tawney. He cited the case of the Alabama and said that after getting money for repairs it was concluded the vessel did not need them. "How many more vessels have been appropriated for on the same basis?" he inquired. "Why, here was a vessel on its way around the world when we were appropriating \$60,000 for its repairs."

Mr. Foss defended the naval experts and said the consolidation of the line and staff was a good thing for the navy. He said the battleship fleet today was abundant evidence that the naval establishment was in a high state of efficiency.

By way of placing a limitation on the appropriation for the marine corps Mr. Tawney was enabled to offer an amendment practically similar to the one stricken out, making it mandatory that marines shall serve on board war vessels as heretofore.

Messrs. Tawney of Minnesota and Waldo of New York urged the adoption of the amendment after Mr. Fitzgerald had directed a point of order against it. The chair sustained the point.

Mr. Waldo succeeded in getting a favorable decision by the chair on the admissibility of an amendment, the effect of which was to accomplish the replacing of marines on ships. The subject was threshed out. The amendment on division was lost on a vote of 41 to 41.

By virtue of an amendment offered by Mr. Tawney and agreed to, the secretary of the navy is required to report to congress each session a detailed statement of the expenditures for repairs to vessels where such expenditures or repairs exceed \$200,000 for any one ship in any one year.

The old controversy over the powder purchase for the navy was revived when the amendment of Mr. Cox of Indiana, prohibiting the expenditure of any money for a "virgin made" powder was called up. The amendment was later agreed to amid applause.

In opposing that amendment Mr. Foss of Illinois argued that powder was bought from the only powder company in the United States. One-third of the quantity used, he said, was made by the government.

Mr. Foss warned the house that if the amendment were adopted "you will not have any powder for the coming year."

Holding up a list of independent powder companies, Mr. Gaines of Tennessee charged that not one of them had been given a contract.

The Cox amendment was then agreed to, and the house adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

Salaries of Circuit Judges Are Placed at \$9,000 a Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A debate on the propriety of increasing salaries of federal circuit and district judges consumed nearly the entire time of the senate today, with the result that the compensation of twenty-nine circuit judges was increased from \$7,000 to \$9,000 and that of the eighty-four district judges from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Senator Borah, who had offered amendments reducing the increases of salary recommended by the committee on appropriations, declared that the action of the senate in increasing the salary of the president to \$100,000 was in violation of the spirit of the constitution and would never have been taken before or during the recent political campaign.

Senator Tillman intimated that some federal judges were on the payroll of corporations, which called forth denunciation that such charges should be made without specifically naming the judges referred to. At 5:30 o'clock the senate adjourned.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Friday, January 22, 1909.

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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND NEBRASKA—Partly cloudy and warmer Friday.

FOR NEBRASKA—Fair and warmer Friday.

FOR IOWA—Fair and warmer in west portion Friday.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour	Deg.
6 a. m.	38
8 a. m.	39
10 a. m.	40
12 m.	41
2 p. m.	42
4 p. m.	43
6 p. m.	42
8 p. m.	41
10 p. m.	40
12 m.	39

DOUBT.

Date for filing of homestead lands postponed to April 1 for low numbers and September 8 for all above 4,000.

FRUIT JOBBERS AT DECK.

A number of prominent members of the Western Fruit Jobbers' association are in the city to be present at the hearing on the Burkett bill to prevent express companies from dealing in produce in competition with the commission men. The hearing will be held tomorrow at 11 a. m. at the interstate commerce committee room, Hon. Frank H. Gaines of Omaha, attorney for the association, and Mr. James Dolan of Grand Island called on Senator Burkett today and had a conference regarding the matter.

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DATE FOR ROSEBUD FILING

Interior Department Makes Change in the One Previously Fixed.

LOW NUMBERS ON APRIL FIRST

Those Above Four Thousand Can File at Any Time Between September Eight and October One—Fruit Jobbers at Capital.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The secretary of the interior has postponed the date on which successful applicants at recent Rosebuds or Trip county drawing in South Dakota will be required to make their filings.

Persons holding Nos. 1 to 1,000 will be required to file at the land office at Gregory between Sept. 8 and Oct. 1 and persons holding numbers from 4,000 to 5,000 must file between September 8 and October 1.

Notices will issue from the general land office informing each of the exact date on which he will be required to make his filing. All lands which are not entered prior to October 1, 1909, will be subject to entry under the homestead laws at \$2.50 per acre if any person qualified to make homestead entry.

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"COUSIN BILL"

From the New York World.

SIXTY-SIX MAY BE DEAD

List of Chicago Crib Fire Victims May Be Increased.

NINETEEN MORE MAY BE ADDED

Believed Many Men Not on Pay Roll Were Working by the Day—Forty-Seven Bodies Recovered.

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LEWIS STARTS FIGHT IN UNION

Leader of Anti-Faction of Miners Objects to Presence of National Organizers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 21.—

With the usual formalities and the annual and special addresses of the way the United Mine Workers national convention began today the consideration of the business that is to come before the legislative body. The report of the national auditor, which was submitted included a recapitulation of the funds and finances of the different departments of the national organization with President T. L. Lewis came into office a year ago.

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NEED OF REFORMED SALOON

President of License League Says People Do Not Want Prohibition.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 21.—

"The people do not want prohibition, but they want a reform, and when we prove that we, too, want reform, when we gain the confidence of the public, the prohibition wave will recede and the Anti-Saloon league will find its occupation gone." So declared President Gilmore of the National Model License league in his address at the convention of that organization today. Mr. Gilmore discussed reform movements and the prohibition wave, which he declared to be a protest against things that ought not to be, against conditions that ought not to continue. Mr. Gilmore said he was satisfied that the prohibition movement will ultimately result in good to the liquor trade and to society, but he insisted that it should be carried along in a less radical way and that the reforms desired should be brought about without such tremendous losses as are being entailed through the passage of prohibitory laws.

"The people of this country do not want prohibition," he insisted, "nor do they want the saloon unless the saloon is properly conducted."

"The saloon, if properly conducted, is a very good convenience, but the saloon that is run in connection with gambling, and that violates law, and that sells to minors and to men who are intoxicated, is certainly out of touch with civilization; it is an offense to modern thought and it should be stamped out by a mandatory penalty that is absolutely merciless in its provisions."

Mr. Gilmore said that if the saloon should be permanently abolished it will be found necessary to provide a substitute, because the strenuous life incident to modern civilization demands a place of relaxation where a friend can meet a friend, and where worries and cares and responsibilities of life may, for the time being, be put aside.

The Anti-Saloon league, he continued, is not advocating prohibition, and to one who is familiar with the situation all of this talk about 'dry territory' is nothing more than an absurdity. There is no 'dry territory' in this country, although there are a number of states and a great many counties, aggregating in area probably one-half of the United States, in which laws have been adopted prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages. A law merely prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages, however, can not affect the purchase and use of alcoholic beverages any more than a law that might prohibit the sale of cigars would affect the consumption of cigars.

Big Shipments to Dry States.

The speaker said that since the passage of prohibition laws in such states as Georgia and Oklahoma, shipments of whiskey and of beer to these states have been phenomenally large. This he attributed to the fact that people who, under a license system, would never keep whiskey in their homes, are persuaded to buy at least four bottles through fear that in case of dire need they would not be able to secure it in time.

"We contend," said he, "that it is absolutely essential to the solution of this problem that all licenses to retail liquors shall continue in this country as they continue in Europe—that is, that the saloonkeeper's license to do business shall continue without any possible interference, or any power of cancellation, unless it be by a majority vote of the people or else by conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of the violation of law."

"Hence of this character would immediately remove the saloon keeper from the realm of politics; it would save him from the demands of the blackmailer; it would give him a feeling of permanency and a desire to conduct a business that is profitable."

HEAVY DAMAGE BY VOLCANO

Eruption Lets Loose Waters of Lake, Which Inundate Growing Crops.