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CONGRESS.

Allen Forces the Tariff.

Bill up for Discussion in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10. Allen offered a resolution reciting that it is the settled doctrine that no state has the power to affect the integrity of contracts by legislation or otherwise. Chandler secured the adoption without comment, of a sweeping resolution directing the committee on interstate commerce to inquire into the prevention of competition by the Joint Traffic Association, composed of the railroads of the country; also the combination of the flour-mill interests of the country; also the reported combination of the window-glass interests.

The bill providing free homesteads on public lands in Oklahoma territory for actual and bona-fide settlers and reserving the public lands for that purpose was made a special order, to follow the immigration bill.

The calendar was taken up, the first bill being one appropriating \$60,000 to the representatives of Erskine S. Allen, for an invention in breach-loading guns. The bill was passed.

At this point Allen made an unexpected move by proposing to take up the Dingley tariff bill, with its pending free silver substitute. Allen first asked unanimous consent that the bill be taken up, and on Aldrich's objection, Allen moved to take up the bill.

There was much commotion at the unexpected appearance of the question, and pages hurried for the leaders of the various elements. Platt gained time by having the bill read in full. After a whispered conference between Platt and Aldrich, the latter withdrew his objection to taking up the bill.

"I renew it and object," interposed Palmer.

"Then I move to take up the bill," said Allen, with emphasis. This precipitated a roll-call, the question being, shall the Dingley tariff bill, with its silver substitute, be taken up? The roll-call proceeded, amid the closest attention and interest. It resulted as follows:

Ayes—Republican—Aldrich, Cameron, Chandler, Clarke, Davis, Elkins, Eyer, Gallinger, Geary, Hale, Hansbrough, Hoar, Lodge, Macmillan, Mitchell of Oregon, Morrill, Nelson, Perkins, Platt, Pritchard, Quay, Sherman, Wolcott. Democrats—Gordan, Morgan, Murphy, Pugh, Roach, Smith. Populists—Allen, Butler, Kyle, Peffer, Stewart. Independent—Pettigrew. Total, 35.

Noes—Republicans—Baker, Carter. Democrats—Blackburn, Blanchard, Daniel Faulkner, Gibson, Gorman, Harris, Hill, Jones of Arkansas, Martin, Mills, Palmer, Pasco, Turpie, Vest, Walthall. Independent—Cannon, Dubois, Mantel. Total, 21.

The announcement of the vote was no less a surprise than Allen's first move.

Aldrich quickly interposed a motion to refer the bill to the committee on finance, with instructions to report back the bill without the free-silver amendment. This brought Allen to his feet in an energetic protest. He said the Republican party had prevailed at the recent election, and was now looking forward to effecting tariff legislation. Throughout the campaign they had promised the people tariff legislation. Why, therefore, should they hesitate now? The Nebraska senator declared that the senators across the aisle did not want to take up the tariff question at all.

Chandler responded, suggesting that the recent election had not only brought forward the tariff question, but had retired the silver question, so far as independent action by the United States alone was concerned. He asked, therefore, whether Allen was really in good faith to take up the Dingley bill and free it from the silver amendment.

Allen replied that the silver question was far from settled by the recent election. Six million votes had been registered for silver. So far as the Republicans to "get into the saddle," Allen declared the Republicans had abandoned the Dingley bill.

"Nothing of the kind," remarked Gallinger.

"It is so announced in Republican newspapers today," said Allen.

"Let me ask the senator," interposed Chandler, "if he is so anxious about tariff legislation, will he aid to rid this bill of the silver amendment, so that the original tariff measure can be acted upon?"

"I will act in my own way," responded Allen, without bowing his neck to the Republican yoke.

Harris moved a change of the Aldrich motion, so as to refer the bill back without instructions, which was accepted.

At this point the morning hour, which lasts until 2 o'clock, expired, and the heated controversy went over. This leaves pending the motion to return the Dingley bill to the finance committee, but the motion has no privilege giving it preference tomorrow.

The senate went into executive session at 2:20 and soon after adjourned. The house held a three hours session and passed a dozen bills of minor importance.

CRIMINAL

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HEINOUS.

Crime of a Kansas Farmer.

Horrible Tortures Upon His Young Daughters.

OSWEGO, Kan., Dec. 10.—After a preliminary examination, Rudolph Bruckman, a wealthy farmer, of Osage township, has been held in the sum of \$10,000 to answer for the murder of his 17-year-old daughter, Mary. Four weeks ago Bruckman gave the girl a terrible beating because she did not work to suit him in his cornfield. He then tied a rope around one of her ankles, fastened the other end of the rope to a rear axle of his wagon and drove to his barn, a quarter of a mile off, dragging the girl behind. Arriving there, he looked her up in the barn without food. The girl was found by her uncle and another neighbor, who carried her away, but her injuries were so serious that she died on November 22.

Bruckman has long been an outcast among the farmers of Osage township. His ranch adjoins the notorious Bender farm, and he was the nearest neighbor of the Bender butchers.

After the horrifying crimes of the Bender family had become known and they had fled the country, Bruckman was visited one night by a mob of masked men, who demanded to know where the Benders were gone. Bruckman insisted that he knew nothing of the Benders or their deeds, but he was strung up to the limb of a tree and held there until almost dead. Finally, however, he was cut down and allowed to go his way, but ever since he has been shunned.

AT MARION'S CAPITOL.

Marion county court concluded its business this morning and at 11 o'clock adjournment was had. The court intended visiting a number of the bridges throughout the county this afternoon but owing to the inclemency of the weather, the trip was postponed.

At 10 a. m. Friday Sheriff F. T. Wrightman will resume the sale of property on which 1894-5 taxes have as yet not been paid.

When the force in the county clerk's office arrived at their post of duty this morning they found a boon owl had taken possession of the office and was conducting the county's business to suit himself. He was soon taken prisoner and caged beneath a waste basket. Food donations will be gratefully received. It is not known but Deputy Clerk J. B. Giesy is thinking of forming a museum and anyone having a suitable bird or animal might do well to consult Mr. Giesy before disposing of the same.

STATE HOUSE NOTES.

Weather forecast: Friday rain. J. O. Bozorth, Salem, was commissioned notary today.

The Oregon Siskiyou Mining Company of Portland, stock \$50,000, has been incorporated by I. S. Rowley, Geo. H. Hines, and Aug. Rowley.

The assessment rolls of Multnomah county show about 2600 polls, Lane county with about one-third the population, has 3600 polls.

The assessment rolls of Multnomah county were received by the Secretary of State today. They show about eight millions less valuation than last year, on a basis of about 25 per cent.

The Baptist Endeavors. The business meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Baptist church, which was held Tuesday night, proved to be a very interesting affair. Matters of considerable importance to the society were brought up and disposed of in regular routine, good social time was enjoyed. In addition to their regular meetings, the society expect to hold a 7:30 service in the church some Sunday night in the near future. The officers elected for the next six months are: Walter Jenks, president; Nina McNary, vice president; Dr. Hurd, recording secretary; Will Morris, corresponding secretary; Miss Hart, treasurer; Mrs. Gile, organist; Miss Emma Johnson, assistant organist.

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BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 10.—Frank H. Cheesman, of South Berkeley, has made an eighth attempt to commit suicide, and his life is now despaired of. In a fit of despondency he shot himself through the lung, inflicting what is thought to be a fatal wound, Cheesman is only 24 years of age, and the physicians give insanity as the cause for his repeated efforts to end his life. Cheesman at one time narrowly escaped the penitentiary. He was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon in San Francisco and was committed to the insane asylum. After six months of confinement he was discharged as cured. He first exhibited his mania for suicide about four years ago, when he jumped from a window in San Francisco, hoping to be killed by live wires. Later he attempted to jump from one of the ferry boats. He was seized, and after he was turned over to the officers, stabbed himself in the neck. His other efforts were by hanging, poison and another jump, this time from a wind-mill tank.

In 1892 he married but his union did not prove a happy one. The wife left him after one of his suicidal attempts, and is now in Fresno. After being discharged from the asylum he slipped on a man-of-war, and is said to have deserted at San Diego. About seven months ago he secured a position in Oakland and lately has grown despondent because he failed to advance.

ROBBERS

Hold Up an Express Train

Within the City Limits of St. Louis. Make Good Their Escape.

Will Have a New Trial.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—The Commercial Tribune prefaces a special from Frankfort, Ky., with words "Scott the decision of Jackson will have another trial. Judge Helm will today be reversed by the court of appeals of Kentucky."

An interview by the correspondent with Judge Hazlett, who is preparing the decision of the court of appeals to be promulgated today, follows the prefatory remarks quoted above, but the interview gives no hint that the decision will give Jackson a new trial.

Scott Jackson was convicted of the murder of Pearl Bryan at Newport. Pleads Guilty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—William E. Valentine pleaded guilty of forgery in the second degree and abduction in the Kings county court, and was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. Valentine was at the head of a gang of forgeries and swindlers whose operations extended all over the United States and Canada, and involved, it has been stated, as much as \$2,000,000.

Al Wright Captured.

YUMA, Ariz., Dec. 10.—Far up on the mountains on the bank of the Colorado river, over 30 miles from all telegraphic communication, All Wright, companion of Eugene Woodbury, the alleged assassin of H. Holman, was captured by Detective Oliver. The assault against Wright is that of assault on Morton Sherry last November.

The Eastern Question.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(Copyright, 1896, by Associated Press.)—The Birmingham Post today confirms the repeated statements on the same subject cabled by the Associated Press during the past two months in saying that it learns from a high quarter that an understanding has been arrived at between Great Britain, Russia and France for the settlement of the so-called Eastern question, which has for generations been troubling the statesmen of Europe.

The Post adds that the Russian Black sea fleet and the British and French Mediterranean fleets will shortly be mobilized in contiguity to the Bosphorus and Dardanelles in order to enforce, if necessary, the reforms which the embassies of the three powers are about to present to the sultan, and to which other signers of the Berlin treaty—Germany, Austria and Italy—have consented. To this end it is asserted the allied fleets may force a passage of the straits of the Dardanelles.

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CUBA

Three Radical Resolutions. The President Should Take Possession of the Island.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Cameron (Pa.) yesterday introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives that the independence of the republic of Cuba should be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America.

"Resolved, That the United States should use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring about the close of the war between Spain and Cuba."

Mills (Tex.) followed the Cameron resolution at once by the following:

"Resolved, That the president of the United States is hereby directed to take possession of the island of Cuba with the military and naval forces of the United States and hold the same until the people of Cuba can organize a government deriving its powers from the consent of the governed and arm and equip such military and naval forces as may become necessary to secure them against foreign invasion."

The Mills resolution was referred to the foreign relations committee.

Mr. Call (Fla.) followed with a resolution recognizing the republic of Cuba. The resolution has already been published.

Question Discussed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The senate committee on foreign relations discussed the Cuban situation, but did not take any action. The discussion was of a general character. While there was recognition of the importance of some action, there was considerable division of opinion as to what course should be pursued. Senator Mills advocated active intervention by the United States government with armies. Cameron also gave notice of his purpose to press for decided action by this government.

The friends of Cuba, who are largely in the majority in the committee, express the opinion that the Cubans are holding their own, which under any circumstances is a decided gain.

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