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All Amendments to Rate Regulation Bill Defeated.

### NOT A SINGLE CHANGE

Mr. Hepburn, who closed debate, replied to the various objections that were urged to the measure.

Washington, Feb. 8.—By continuing its session practically to 7 o'clock Wednesday the house concluded all preliminary steps to the passage of the railroad rate bill ordered a roll call on the measure and put off the final action until Thursday at noon. Bill was adopted exactly as reported to the house.

The time for amendment came at 4 o'clock and for three hours following one amendment after another came up was read, debated in some instances, and went down in defeat.

So fierce was the struggle to amend that often when a paragraph of the bill was concluded in the reading, a dozen members waived their hands and shouted for recognition. Not one of these were adopted. They contained all manner of propositions such as regulating preferentials, the long and short haul, free passes, court procedure, whole rate bills and parts of bills. All went "by the board."

Previous to these exciting proceedings the house had been entertained for five hours by the oratory of its best speakers. Bourke Cochran of New York gave his approval to the measure in an elaborate speech. Mr. Mann of Illinois followed, when the minority leader, Mr. Williams, expounded the measure and congratulated everybody on its success.

Chairman Hepburn closed the debate in a comprehensive speech dealing with the arguments of its opponents and the terms of the bill. He was applauded by both sides.

Mr. Hepburn took up in turn the points made in opposition to the bill and disposed of each in a brief manner. First he deprecated the effort to claim political credit. Turning his attention to the remarks of Mr. Cockran he administered what he termed a rebuke against an effort to detract from the dignity of the courts. Mr. Hepburn then went through the bill, pointing out its provisions. He was questioned closely by Messrs. Shelley of Kentucky and Sullivan of Massachusetts regarding the right of the carrier to get into the courts. He maintained that no court's rights were lost under the bill.

He concluded at 4 o'clock and asked at once for the reading of the bill. Among amendments debated were one by Mr. Stephens of Texas to add postal cars and terminal facilities and one by Mr. Shepard of Texas to include carriers "wholly by water."

### CHAIN OF MASTERS.

Wallace So Considers the Present Canal Construction System.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Before the senate canal committee J. F. Wallace said the present arrangements amounted to a chain of masters with the chairman of the commission, an executive commissioner, Mr. Cronwell, Secretary Taft and the president, grading down to Mr. Stevens, or the man in actual charge of operations on the isthmus. He said Mr. Cronwell had been included as one of the masters for the reason that he seemed to have certain undisputed influence which entitled him to be classed in the chain.

Headquarters of the commission should be on the isthmus, Mr. Wallace said, and the harder the communication with Washington the less the work would be retarded.

He thought the man in charge of the work on the isthmus should be the undisputed head, with the governor of the zone second and the man who has charge of the procuring of supplies and men third in authority.

### Smoot Hearings Resumed.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Hearings in the case of Senator Reed Smoot were resumed Wednesday before the committee on privileges and elections. Investigation of protests against the Utah senator retaining his seat continued through two sessions of congress and this marked the beginning of meetings which the committee is likely to hold intermittently throughout the present session.

### All Recalled.

Memphis, Feb. 8.—The News-Scimitar learns that a German officer, a first lieutenant in the Kaiser's army, is passing through the city and is authorized for the statement that all German officers on leave of absence in this country have been recalled. The lieutenant is en route to New Orleans or Galveston where he will sail for Germany via Italy.

### Warships For Mardi Gras.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Instructions have been given to Rear Admiral Dickins, commanding the coast defense squadron, which is about to make a cruise from Charleston, S. C., to the Gulf of Mexico, to send vessels of his squadron to the Mardi Gras celebrations at New Orleans, Mobile, Natchez and Pensacola. The distribution of the vessels is left to Admiral Dickins.

### Articles Signed.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Articles for a twenty round contest were signed by Frank C. Nell, the American bantam champion, and Harry Tenny. The weight stipulated is 120 pounds at the ringside. The fight takes place in this city Feb. 27.

### Negress Burned to Death.

Paris, Tex., Feb. 8.—Macia Wilson, an aged negress, was burned to death at Hardstown. Her flesh was so horribly burned that she had to be rolled in a quilt to be handled. She was reported to be 100 years old.

## BURNS WITH HOME.

Terrible Fate of Captain Jack Ross of Johnson County.

Cleburne, Feb. 9.—The residence of Captain Jack Ross, three miles north, caught fire, and it was soon consumed. Captain Ross was burned to death. His body was badly charred. Deceased, who was seventy years old, and had been twice married, lived by himself. He has several married daughters in this city, one in New Mexico, and a son at Dallas; also several children by his second wife. It is believed his gasoline stove exploded.

It was reported that Captain Ross kept considerable money in the house, and that he might have been killed and burned in order to cover up a robbery. County Attorney Mason Cleveland went out and made a thorough examination. A large iron safe was found, and when this was opened, it was said that \$348 was removed from the cash drawer, \$200 of the amount being in greenbacks and \$100 in gold. The knob having been broken off the safe, led some to believe that the robbers had failed to get the money.

## MINEOLA MEETING.

Executive Committee Transacts Some Important Business.

Mineola, Tex., Feb. 9.—The executive committee of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America began its session here Thursday.

From Chairman Charles S. Barrett it is learned that matters of National importance are being discussed. Business plans will be adopted by the committee which it is thought will materially strengthen the locals in all the States and make the work of organization much easier in all sections.

Plans for the warehousing of cotton and other produce and for storing grain in Farmers' Co-operative elevators will be fully discussed, also organization work.

## TEXAS SOUTHERN SOLD.

Purchase Price Said to Have Been Million and a Half Dollars.

Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 9.—L. E. Walker, president of the Texas Southern railroad, and agent for the sale of the property, which is in the hands of receivers, sold the road Thursday to eastern capitalists.

It is said the price was \$1,500,000. The road runs from Marshall to Winsboro, Tex., a distance of seventy-four miles, with branches, making a total of more than 100 miles.

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## JUVENILE COURT BILL.

Draft of Proposed Measure Approved by the Convention.

Dallas, Feb. 9.—During the meeting of the County Judges and County Commissioners' Association of Texas Thursday the draft of the proposed juvenile court bill to be presented to the legislature was read and approved. By invitation, Judge M. M. Brooks, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, addressed the convention.

Hon. T. B. Love, a member of the legislature from Dallas county, also spoke for a better system of keeping accounts of public officials.

## HOT WATER ENTERPRISE.

Sanitarium and Bath House to Be Established at Marlin.

Marlin, Tex., Feb. 9.—The city council closed a contract with Dr. J. W. Cook for 10,000 gallons daily of hot water from the Marlin artesian well. Dr. Cook binds himself to erect a new bath house and sanitarium to cost not less than \$5,000. The price he is to pay for the use of the water is \$25 per month.

## Could Not Conceal Identity.

El Paso, Feb. 9.—With a facial make-up that would do credit to an actor and adorned with a wig under which his queue was neatly hidden, a Chinaman endeavored to evade the immigration authorities of the International bridge and enter the United States as a Japanese. He was hustled back to Mexico.

## Telephones and Electric Lights.

Revia, T. T., Feb. 9.—R. E. Moore of Decatur, Tex., will establish a city telephone system here, and Mr. White of Denison put in an electric light plant. Tishomingo parties proffered to light up the town by a wire run from the plant in that town.

## Suspects Under Arrest.

Muskogee, Feb. 9.—Two men were arrested here Thursday. The officers believe the men know something about the many bank robberies which have occurred in Oklahoma and Indian Territory during the last three months.

## Top of Head Blown Off.

Kaw City, Okla., Feb. 9.—Otto Cooper, while hunting rabbits that were ruining his fruit trees, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of his shotgun. The entire top of Cooper's head was blown off.

## Plenary Council to Be Held.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The Post-Standard quotes a "reliable ecclesiastical authority" as saying that a plenary or national council of the Roman Catholic church in the United States will be held at Baltimore next month.

## Jail Full of Crap Shooters.

Waxahatchie, Feb. 9.—A crap game was run into and 103 cases have been filed. All are negroes and they filled the jail to overflowing. Some made bond.

## Judge Rose Accepts.

Little Rock, Feb. 9.—Judge Rose has accepted the appointment tendered him by President Roosevelt to attend the peace conference at The Hague as a representative of this country.

## PARTIAL REPORT MADE.

Hamilton and McCall Are Both Severely Taken to Task.

New York, Feb. 9.—The special committee appointed by the trustees of the New York Life Insurance company to investigate the affairs of the company has made a partial report of its labors to the directors. This report deals only with the relations of Andrew Hamilton, the legislative agent, with the company, and is a severe arraignment of his methods.

John A. McCall, late president of the New York Life, also comes in for a share of criticism. He is blamed for his methods in connection with the bureau of taxation and legislation during the last ten years, and for allowing Hamilton to pay out vast sums without proper accounting.

Special attention is called to remittances of \$10,000 to Mr. McCall in London and \$134,000 to Hamilton in Paris in 1906. The purpose of these remittances, the committee says, it has been unable to ascertain, and recommends that proceedings be instituted against Hamilton and McCall for an accounting or repayment.

The committee adds on this point that application has been made to Mr. McCall for information regarding the transactions, but that it is informed by Mr. McCall's family that his physical and nervous condition is such that the subject cannot be taken up at present.

As to Mr. Hamilton's health, which has been reported as being bad, the committee says it has been informed that he was physically able to travel, and has exerted every effort to induce him to return to make a full disclosure of his payments, disbursements and transactions, but without success.

## DIAZ IN YUCATAN.

Mexican President and Lady Are Recipients of High Honors.

Merida, Yucatan, Feb. 9.—President Diaz has formally opened the new penitentiary and hospital here. The public buildings inaugurated are of large dimensions, and cost several million dollars. The convicts in the penitentiary manifested great enthusiasm in greeting the chief magistrate of the republic.

The great ball given in honor of the wife of the president was a magnificent affair, and was attended by high society of the city and state. Diamonds and other jewels worn by the ladies made a superb display.

President Diaz, at a banquet in his honor, expressed the wish that Yucatan would not only continue to be the great fiber exporting state, but would also export articles now manufactured abroad of native material.

## COULD NOT COLLECT.

On This Account a Bank Had to Discontinue Business.

Cleveland, Miss., Feb. 9.—The Bell-Var County bank, a state institution, failed to open its doors for business Thursday. Its assets are given at \$130,000, with liabilities of \$110,000. Inability to collect outstanding obligations is given as the cause of the failure.

## Arrangements Discussed.

Kansas City, Feb. 9.—Arrangements for carrying out the programme of the seventeenth annual convention of the Transmississippi Commercial congress, which will be held here this year, was discussed at a meeting of the executive committee. Those present included David R. Francis, president, and John W. Noble of St. Louis and Edwin F. Harris of Galveston.

## Gave History of Happenings.

Washington, Feb. 9.—M. Talmy, the charge d'affaires of France, who was expelled from Venezuela by President Castro, had a conference with the French ambassador Thursday. He gave M. Juvenet a history of the recent happenings in Venezuela, which the ambassador will forward to his government.

## Favorably Reported.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Longworth bill, appropriating \$3,000,000 for the purchase of the American legations and embassies in foreign capitals, was favorably reported by the house committee on foreign affairs by a sub-committee.

## Lighter Catches Fire and Sinks.

Venice, Feb. 9.—A lighter of 410 bales of cotton, from Austrian steamer Alberta, from Galveston, caught fire and sank. Several bales burned, and 210 were water damaged.

## Pension Bill Passes.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house passed the pension appropriation bill, carrying \$139,000,000 for pensions, and \$1,245,000 for administration.

## Houston Measure Goes Through.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Senate passed bill of Senator Culberson appropriating \$500,000 for erection of Federal building at Houston, Tex.

## To Be Vigorously Pushed.

City of Mexico, Feb. 9.—Board of health will push sanitary campaign here.

## HAPPENINGS CONDENSED.

Two mad dogs were killed at Clarksville, Tex.

A negro child near Petty, Tex., died from burns.

R. Cathey, a veteran of the Chickasaw nation, died at Sulphur.

Joseph Baldwin, a Mexican and civil war veteran, died at Windom, Tex.

Remains of the late Julius Runge of Galveston were interred at Austin.

"Grandma" Trollinger, seventy-nine years old, died at Whitesboro, Tex., from effects of burns.

Ex-President McCall of the New York Life Insurance company is seriously ill at Lakewood, N. J.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt tendered the army and navy a reception Thursday night. Congressman Longworth and Miss Alice Roosevelt were present.



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