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POST OFFICE BILL.

The Measure Passed the House of Representatives After a Prolonged Debate.

THE RURAL LETTER CARRIERS.

The Paragraph Which Thursday Was Stricken Out Was Inserted by Order of Committee on Rules.

The Bill Has Been Under Discussion Since March 7 and at Times Members Vigorously Assailed the Post Office Department.

Washington, March 26.—Senator Hansbrough charged in the senate Friday that the movement to secure the repeal of the desert land law, the timber and stone law, and the commutation clause of the homestead act were due to the efforts of a lobby composed mainly of the holders of lands bought in large tracts for railroad companies, who desire thereby to increase the demand for their property. Senator Dubois intimated that the pressure for repeal was due to large holdings of forest lands by the railroads. Senator Gibson Thursday advocated the repeal of the laws in question. Senators Hansbrough and Dubois contended that the repeal would be unwise. Senator Newlands favored modifications of the law. The bill making appropriations for the support of the District of Columbia was considered for several hours, but without completing it. The senate then took up the private pension calendar, passing a large number of bills. During the day former Vice President Morton appeared on the floor of the senate, where he was warmly greeted.

House.—The house passed the post office appropriation bill, after a prolonged debate on the paragraph affecting rural letter carriers, which Thursday was stricken out, but which Friday was inserted with enthusiasm under a special order of the committee on rules. Every amendment and substitute offered to this paragraph was voted down. Mr. Moon made an unsuccessful attempt to recommit the bill, with instructions to strike out the appropriations for special facilities over trunk lines south of Washington and west of Kansas.

The bill has been under discussion since March 7. At times members vigorously assailed the post office department and Gen. Bristow, and demands were made for an investigation into the entire postal service, but Chairman Overstreet, who has borne the brunt of the attacks, stood as a barrier to such action. A distinct compliment was paid Mr. Boutell, who had presided over the committee of the whole, by the house for the ability with which he had occupied the chair.

The paragraph relating to rural mail carriers provides a salary of not to exceed \$720 per annum, and prohibits the soliciting of business or the reception of orders by carriers from any person, firm or corporation, but permits the carriers, under certain restrictions, to carry merchandise for hire for and upon request of patrons residing upon their respective routes.

Every effort made to amend the section was voted down. During the offering of amendments the house was thrown into an uproar. Members were frantically striving to catch the chairman's eye, and the greatest confusion prevailed. As each amendment was offered it was rejected by a vociferous "No" from both sides of the house. A motion from Mr. Overstreet that all debate close with a recommendation that the bill pass was carried almost unanimously, at which there was loud applause.

THE DAWES COMMISSION.

C. R. Breckenridge, of Arkansas, Tenders His Resignation.

Washington, March 26.—The resignation of C. R. Breckenridge, of Arkansas, from the Dawes commission has been received and will probably be announced in a few days. Information has been received at the interior department to the effect that T. S. Needles, another member of the company, has designed to resign and that his retirement will take place before the end of the present month.

The Mexican Aurore.

Chicago, March 25.—Aurelio Herrera knocked out "Kid" Abel, of Chicago, Friday night in the third round of what was to have been a six-round contest. Herrera knocked Abel down in the first round.

Negotiations Broke Off.

Chicago, March 26.—Peace negotiations between the striking can workers and the officials of the American Can Co. were abruptly broken off Friday night.

TORNADO IN LOUISVILLE.

Houses Blown Away and General Havoc Wrought.

Louisville, Ky., March 26.—A tornado, coming from the south, struck the eastern part of Louisville at 10:15 o'clock Friday night, tore the roofs from houses, blew out windows, flooded cellars and played havoc generally, increasing in violence as it traveled. One mile south of the city it struck the residence of Henry Dubourg, on the Eighteenth street road, and blew the entire two-story frame building away, the family of eight persons barely escaping with their lives. Half a mile from the home of Dubourg the house of Alexander Lawson was blown down and Mr. Lawson was caught in the debris, being badly wounded.

The residence of William Winns, a mile south of the city, was greatly damaged by the storm. Barns and outbuildings of all kinds in the neighborhood were blown away. Great damage was done to stock, and in one place more than 100 trees were twisted up by their roots and laid flat on the ground.

At the Masonic Widows and Orphans' home the roof of the apartments occupied by both boys and girls was lifted and whirled through the air. Windows were blown in and the window of the chapel, costing \$250, a gift from Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, was demolished. Fences around the institution were leveled.

Rivers of water swept through Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first, Main, Market and Rowan streets. It came so quickly and with so much force that sewer caps were carried away. Residences were flooded, many to the depth of six inches, and at Nineteenth and Main streets the Fourth district police station was flooded.

THE MISSING PALMIST.

Rings Valued at \$800 Lost by Mrs. W. H. Harrison.

Lexington, Ky., March 26.—No trace of the missing palmist, Charles Hudson, who is wanted in this city, has yet been found, but the police made it known Friday night that one of his victims was Mrs. Harrison, wife of W. H. Harrison, general passenger agent of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co, who lost two rings valued at \$800.

Among the papers and letters found in the room which he had hurriedly vacated was a letter from a prominent Frankfort woman, asking him if he could aid her in preventing her husband from associations with other women. She promised him several clients from Frankfort if he could succeed in such an undertaking.

Involves 40,000 Acres.

Lexington, Ky., March 26.—Negotiations were closed here by representatives of a Pennsylvania syndicate involving 40,000 acres of timber and coal lands in Knott and Perry counties. Fred J. Andrews, of Connersport, Pa., representing the syndicate, stated here that something like \$250,000 would change hands.

Twenty Years in Penitentiary.

Brookville, Ky., March 26.—The case against Peter Laughlin, charged with assault on Tullie Hardy, a female under 12 years of age, came to an end. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty and fixed the punishment at 20 years' confinement in the penitentiary.

Two Victims of the Storm.

Burkesville, Ky., March 26.—A barn belonging to James Bow was blown down on Bryant Keen and Jas. Bow, killing Keen and dangerously injuring Bow. Keen was a prominent farmer and ex-sheriff of this county aged about 40, and married.

Prominent Citizen Killed by Lightning.

Jackson, Ky., March 26.—It is reported here from Hazard that Cam Baker, a prominent citizen of Perry county, was struck and instantly killed by lightning while standing under a tree near the Presbyterian church in Hazard.

Quarantine Established.

Earlington, Ky., March 26.—Dr. Sorey, county health officer, took charge of the smallpox situation on the Buckner farm Thursday afternoon, after a meeting of the county board. Guards and attendants went on duty Friday morning.

Veteran Cycler Is to Retire.

Louisville, Ky., March 26.—Owen Kimble, the oldest cycle racer in America and the last of the speed merchants who made cycle racing in the palmy days of the sport, has announced his retirement from the track.

Paris, Ky., March 26.—The grand jury made its first report in the circuit court. The poolroom operators, sheet writers, ticket writers, cashier and chalkers were all indicted on the alleged charge of common nuisances.

MICHIGAN FLOOD.

Property Loss in the Lower Part of the State is Placed at More Than \$1,000,000.

A STEADY DOWNPOUR OF RAIN.

All Trains on the Michigan Central Between Jackson and Saginaw Have Been Abandoned.

Every Bridge for 50 Miles Along the Kalamazoo River Has Been Swept Away—Houses Swept From Their Foundations.

Detroit, Mich., March 26.—Conservative estimates Friday night of the damage caused by the flooded rivers and creeks of lower Michigan during the past 24 hours place the property loss at more than \$1,000,000. At Lansing alone the figures are placed at \$200,000. Two lives have been lost, those of an unknown Armenian, who was standing on a bridge at Lansing when it collapsed and was washed away, and a boy, who was drowned in a flooded street at Owosso. Reports from many places Friday night tell of a steady downpour of rain with no sign of a let-up.

All trains were abandoned Friday on the Michigan Central railroad between Jackson and Saginaw. On the Michigan Central's main line between Jackson and Niles conditions were such at Battle Creek and Wheatfield that this part of the line was abandoned.

Trains between Jackson and Grand Rapids, on the Michigan Central, have also been abandoned. Officials of the road state that with one or two exceptions there have been no washouts, and that traffic will be resumed as soon as the water subsides.

The Pere Marquette is blocked at Flint, and was blocked for a time Friday near Lansing. Passengers were transferred at the latter point, however, and in this way traffic over the Detroit-Grand Rapids division was maintained, though with a delay of several hours. No trains have moved west from Battle Creek Friday on either the Grand Trunk of Detroit, Toledo and Muskegon railroads.

From Kalamazoo comes the report that every bridge for 50 miles along the Kalamazoo river has been swept away. In Kalamazoo over 3,000 people have been thrown out of work.

Houses in that city have been swept from their foundations, and portions of the tracks of the Lake Shore Michigan Traction Co. and Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw road has been washed away.

At Lansing many manufacturing plants that escaped the flood were compelled to shut down by the breaking of the feed wire connecting them with the Platt power plant. About 250 residences at Lansing have been flooded, and the Kalamazoo and Logan street bridges have gone out. Four fires resulted from the flood Friday, at Lansing, and it is estimated that the total damage there will aggregate \$200,000.

At Owosso the water is three feet deep around houses where it was never known to reach before. Much damage has been done at Jackson. At Saginaw the river is open, but filled with floating ice. A new \$6,000 bridge went out Friday and other bridges were saved by the use of dynamite.

Late Friday night at Flint 20 stores on Main street were flooded. Near Flint the Shiawassee river is 1,000 feet wide and three feet of water is pouring over the tracks of both the Grand Trunk and Pere Marquette railroads. The loss at Flint will be very heavy.

FIRE IN A HOSPITAL.

Over Sixty Patients Were Thrown Into a Panic—No One Hurt.

Escanara, Mich., March 26.—In a fire Friday at the Delta county hospital over 60 patients, suffering from almost every imaginable disease, were thrown into a panic, and many were forced to leave the building dressed only in their night clothes.

Many of the frightened patients, who were thought to be at the point of death, arose from their beds and escaped from the building by ladders and fire escapes. Many stood about the outside of the building nearly 30 minutes dressed only in their night clothes and in snow up to their knees before they could be taken to nearby homes. The fire was under control within an hour.

Chinese Laborers Strike.

Vladivostok, March 26.—Chinese laborers in the Ussurysky coal mines, 20 miles from Vladivostok went on strike and the transportation of coal to the city has ceased. Efforts are being made to induce Koreans to take their place.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Russians Drawing Up Regulations for Their Treatment.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—A special commission of the foreign office, under the presidency of Prof. DeMartens, professor of international law at the University of St. Petersburg, is drawing up regulations for the treatment of prisoners of war. The commission is doing its utmost to render the regulations as humane as possible. They will be based substantially on those in force at the time of the Russo-Turkish war. They cover four main points:

First, the conditions under which prisoners will be held within the zone of operations.

Second, the methods of the transfer of prisoners to points of concentration and for dispatch to European Russia.

Third, provisions for quartering prisoners.

Fourth, the feeding of prisoners. They will receive the same rations as the Russian troops. Officers given their parole will be allowed to live in private quarters. Valuables found on prisoners will be registered and kept for them.

A list of prisoners captured will be posted by the general staff, and the names of the dead will be communicated to the foreign office for the information of relatives.

The names of foreigners captured while serving with the Japanese will also be communicated to the foreign office.

HANNA MEMORIAL CHAIR.

The Full List of Trustees Has Been Announced.

Cleveland, O., March 26.—At a meeting of the Hanna Memorial Chair association Friday, the following full list of trustees was announced: Gov. Herrick, Secretary of State Hay, United States Senator Dick, Gov. Durbin, of Indiana; John Mitchell, president United Mine Workers; Hon. F. M. Atterholl, of Akron, and the following prominent residents of Cleveland: Rev. J. S. Rutledge, state senator; J. W. Stewart, F. A. Henry, W. R. Hopkins, J. B. Serbe, J. G. Disette, Elmer Dover, W. G. Oswald, H. R. Hatch, L. N. Holden, Harris Creech, Samuel W. Meek, United States Marshal Chandler, F. H. Haserot.

It is the purpose of the association to raise by popular subscription \$150,000 to endow in Western Reserve university the Marcus A. Hanna chair of political science. It is desired that all contributions be forwarded to Harris Creech, treasurer, 43 Colonial Arcade, Cleveland, O.

A large number of letters from men prominent in public life commending the move have been received.

UNITED STATES VESSELS.

Measure Requiring Their Employment for Public Purposes.

Washington, March 26.—Representative Stevens, of Minnesota, Friday filed the favorable report authorized by the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries on an amended senate bill "to require the employment of vessels of the United States for public purposes." The bill requires all government supplies transported by sea to be carried in vessels either owned by the government or flying the American flag. The report bases the necessity for the bill on the ground that it never is safe to depend on foreigners for the defense of our country. It says that the United States now owns 13 passenger and freight transports, and that should those be inadequate for the necessary transportation of government supplies and troops, ships flying the American flag only may be used in addition and that the government can not expect American ships to be available in an emergency.

SOLD INFORMATION.

A Russian Captain Sentenced to 25 Years' Penal Servitude.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—Capt. Irkoff, of the Manchurian commissariat service, who was arrested on the charge of having sold information in connection with the quartermaster's department to Lieut. Col. Akashi, formerly military attaché of the Japanese legation here, has been tried by court-martial and found guilty. He has been sentenced to 25 years penal servitude.

Shutting Out American Beer.

Washington, March 26.—Information which will interest the beer exporters comes from United States Consul Ayme, at Para, Brazil. The new tariff on beer, he says, is practically prohibitive. The old tariff was, in round figures, 25 cents a bottle—the new is 75 cents.

Retired as Major.

Washington, March 26.—Capt. John Dapray, 26th infantry, has been retired as a major, for physical disability.

CHAMPION LOSES.

James Britt Given the Decision Over Young Corbett in a 20 Round Contest.

BOTH CONTESTANTS FOUGHT HARD

Up to 17th Round Corbett's Advantage Was Apparent But Britt Rallied in That Round.

Britt Was Heavily Punished, Yet Was at All Times Willing to Take More, and Finally Outgamed the Champion.

San Francisco, March 26.—James Britt, of California, was given the decision Friday night over William Rothwell, better known as Young Corbett, of Colorado, in a 20-round contest at Woodward's pavilion.

Up to the 17th round Corbett's advantage was apparent, but in that round Britt rallied and rained right and left blows on various portions of Corbett's anatomy, forcing the champion to clinch to save himself. The styles of the two boxers were entirely distinctive. Britt fought for the body most of the time, while Corbett devoted his attack for the head, face and jaw. Britt weighed just 129 pounds, but Corbett's weight was not made public, though it is understood was at least a pound and a half below the agreed weight, 130 pounds.

Both men fought hard in every round. Britt, in his crouching attitude, was able to guard his stomach effectively, though Corbett was able to land hard on his head and jaw. In the first few rounds Britt found the Denver man's stomach repeatedly, though his blows lacked steam.

It was without doubt the greatest fight fought in California. Britt's ability to assimilate punishment and his endurance were simply marvelous. At no time during the 20 rounds did Britt break ground. He always brought the fight to Corbett, who was breaking ground and clinching most of the time. Britt was heavily punished, yet was at all times willing to take more, and finally outgamed the champion. The pace that both men set was of a nature to make both men tire. However, their condition brought them, after a minute's respite, to the center of the ring with renewed vigor. Britt was better at the out-fighting, Corbett superior in the in-fighting. Britt had the best footwork and the greatest speed. Corbett showed himself the cleverer fighter at times and the heavier hitter.

After the fight Referee Graney said: "I simply gave the decision to the man who had the best of the fight."

A batch of challenges was received and read by Announcer Jordan. Buddy Ryan, Eddy Hanlon and Kid Herman challenged the winner of the Britt-Corbett fight. Numerous local celebrities also were there with challenges, among them being Spider Welch and Jack Cordell.

A telegram was received from Sam Harris, challenging the winner on behalf of Terry McGovern, at 130 pounds.

TELEGRAPHERS' TROUBLES.

An Amicable Adjustment Has Been Reached.

Baltimore, March 26.—President H. B. Perham, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Telegraphers, and E. E. Van Atta, representing the telegraphers employed by that company, met Third Vice President Potter in the latter's office at Camden Station Friday and amicably adjusted all differences between the company and its employees. The matter of reducing the hours of labor was withdrawn by the men's representative, while the railroad company agreed to rearrange and make a uniform wage scale, to take effect on April 1 of this year.

A Heavy Fall of Snow.

Grand Forks, N. D., March 26.—A blizzard has been raging here. The wind is blowing fiercely from the northwest at the rate of 30 miles an hour, accompanied by a heavy fall of snow. Range stock will suffer.

Worst Blizzard of the Winter.

Bismarck, N. D., March 26.—Since 5 o'clock Thursday night the worst blizzard of the winter has been raging and snowdrifts from three to six feet deep can be seen all throughout the city.

To Command the Kearsarge.

Washington, March 26.—Capt. R. P. Rogers has been ordered to command the battleship Kearsarge, relieving Capt. J. M. Hemphill, placed on waiting orders.

Frankfort, Ky., March 26.—The meeting of the state bankers here Friday, to organize to fight the Lucas suits to tax their deposits, was attended by about 30 bankers.