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TWO NEW CLAUSES IN THE RATE BILL

U. S, Congress Will Vote Today on Hepburn's Bill.

LEGALIZES REFORMS.

Gives to Inter-State Commerce Commission Power to Fix Maximum Freight Rate Where Existing Rate is Complained of as Unreasonable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—The following is a summary of the Hepburn railroad rate bill on which the house votes today:

The bill, according to Mr. Hepburn's statement in closing the debate on the measure, was intended to, and did so far as it could be made comply specifically with the recommendations of President Roosevelt. It gives the inter-state commerce commission authority when a rate has been complained of as "unreasonable" by a shipper to investigate that rate, state whether or not it is unreasonable and if found to be unreasonable to name a rate which is to be just and reasonable and fairly remunerative and which is to be the maximum rate to be charged.

This rate as so fixed is to go into effect thirty days after it is announced by the commission, subject during that time to be set aside or suspended by the commission or by the courts. After it has gone into effect it is to remain the rate for three years. During this time the opinion has been expressed by those who have participated in the debate, the rate may also be reviewed by the courts and if found to be in conflict either with the terms of the act or with the constitution, by being confiscatory, can be set aside by the courts.

Another important feature is the definition of the words "railroad" and "transportation" in a manner to include all auxiliary instrumentalities of the common carrier and to bring them within the control of the commission. This power to name a reasonable rate and the inclusion of the auxiliaries within the jurisdiction of the commission, are said to be the new features. All other provisions are modifications of the existing law. They include publicity of railroad methods which is to be aided by providing a system of bookkeeping and enlarging the commission to seven members and increasing salaries of members to $10,000 a year.

FRUIT MEN FINED FOR PACKING POOR APPLES

OTTAWA, Ont. Feb. 8th—(Special)—The department of agriculture is advised that J. & R. Coyle, apple operators of Colborne, were fined $10 and costs as the owners for packing of very poor apples and $5 as foremen.

FIRE AT PRESQUE ISLE

PRESQUE ISLE, Me., Feb. 8—Higgins' wood moulding mill was burned last night. The loss is $3,500, with insurance of $1,500. The fire will throw out of employment about fifty hands for a considerable time.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Local Knights of Pythias Planning Concert and Ball for February 19th.

The Knights of Pythias of this city intend celebrating the forty-second anniversary of the order on Monday evening, February 19th, in their hall, Germain street, by holding an entertainment and ball. The Knights of Pythias on past occasions have shown themselves excellent entertainers, but the coming affair promises to eclipse all previous efforts.

An energetic committee has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements and at a meeting held last night it was decided the celebration should consist of a musical programme and address of welcome in the hall, followed by supper and dancing. Arrangements have been made for the use of the apartments beneath the hall for supper purposes.

Grand Chancellor H. L. Ganter is chairman of the committee and F. A. Kinnear secretary.

The members of both lodges in the city will join in celebrating the occasion.

C. S. Everett is Chancellor Commander of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, and H. H. McLellan, C. C. of Union Lodge No. 2. The membership of the two lodges is upwards of five hundred, so that with their ladies and friends the celebration should be a brilliant affair.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON

Unlikely That Tonight's Phenomena Will be Visible Here Says Meteorological Bureau.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon tonight. Judging from the present weather indications the phenomenon will not be visible in St. John as reports from the meterological bureau predict northeast to easterly winds increasing to gales with snow.

Luna enters the shadow at 1.33 a. m., will be totally eclipsed at 2.30 and leaves the shadow at 5.13 o'clock, St. John time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—Naval observatory officers will take observations of the total eclipse of the moon tonight and early tomorrow morning. With a clear sky one of the most beautiful phenomena witnessed in this part of the world is promised by the scientists. The eclipse will begin at 12.57 a. m. and end at 4.37 a. m.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Wall street—Free selling carried opening prices in the stock market today below last night's close, the declines averaging half or more. Great Northern preferred dropped 1½, Reading 1½, Smelting a point, Union Pacific ⅞ and Atchison, the United States Steel stocks, Colorado Fuel and Sugar large fractions. Distillers Securities made a gain of 1⅝ and Illinois Central was up ¾.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Cotton futures opened steady: Feb. 10.70 bid, March 10.85, May 10.98, June 11.03, July 11.05, September 10.47 bid, October 10.35, November 10.33 bid, December 10.37 bid.

Colonel Vince who has been in the city for a few days returned to Woodstock yesterday.

The Countess de Castellane and her Sons

Paris, Feb. 7.—Strong efforts continue to be made in behalf of the Castelaine family to bring about the abandonment of the divorce suit begun by the Countess Boni De Castellane, (formerly Anna Gould) but up to the present the desired result has not been achieved.

An attempt made to obtain the countess' assent to a judicial separation without an absolute divorce has also been unsuccessful and probably the case will pursue the ordinary course coming up for a hearing at no fixed date, but it is expected that it will be heard three weeks hence.

A report which cannot be confirmed, says that Count Boni has entered a counter plea, claiming heavy damages.

New York, Feb. 7—Comte Armand de Gontaut Biron, a cousin of Comte Boni de Castellane, informed the Herald Sunday that he had received from Paris the following cablegram: "Say that it is not true.—Boni."

Assuming that the cablegram referred to the report that the Countess de Castellane had begun an action for separation from her husband, the Comte de Gontaut Biron, who is a frequent visitor at the home of the couple, in the avenue Malakoff, Paris, declared that the denial confirmed his own opinion regarding the report, that it is wholly untrue.

"Such action," he continued, "on the part of my cousin's wife would be entirely at variance with the conditions which I have every reason to believe exist between the couple. When I am in France I am a constant visitor in their home. I have been a member of the Comte's shooting parties, and on these occasions it has seemed to me that my cousin and his wife were on the best of terms. I have never known of any disagreements between them; in fact, they got along very well together.

"I am very sure that if any such action as is indicated in the stories that have recently been cabled to this country had been taken by the Comtesse I should have been the first to hear of it from Boni. He would have at once apprised me of all the circumstances. The fact that I did not get such information confirmed my conclusion that the reports were false. Now that I have received a denial from Boni himself my fears have been set at rest. I hope there is no prospect of any such deplorable thing happening. But in this life, who can tell? Perhaps it may happen in ten days or ten weeks. I do not know, but that it has not already happened, I am now sure."

MOURN DEATH OF LATE ALDERMAN

City Hall Officials Talk of Alderman Christie

A STORY OF CHARITY

Members of Council Unanimous in Opinion That City Has Lost a Valuable Counsellor — He Did Good in Secret—Funeral Will Take Place on Saturday.

The death of Alderman Christie has cast a gloom over the city, and wherever one went this morning expressions of regret were heard that the city council had lost one of its most valued members.

Mayor White referred to his long service in the council and his energetic work in connection with the Board of Works, of which he has been chairman. He said he was one of the most valued members of the council; a conscientious worker and above suspicion. He spoke also of his associations with the late doctor on the hospital staff, where they had served together for eleven years, during which time he had the opportunity of seeing his great kindness of heart and many charitable acts. "He was a very clever man and will be greatly missed."

Ald. Hamm said: "The North End has lost a great man. He was one of the most charitable men in the city. I know of many cases where he has ministered to persons in poor circumstances and never made any charge for his services. I have also known of people, poor or of moderate means, who have gone to his office for treatment and he has charged them only for the medicine, taking no fee for professional services.

He told the following story to illustrate his well-known charity: "Two young women whose parents were dead, found, after burying their mother, that they owed Dr. Christie sixty dollars for professional services. They were not overly well off in this world's goods, but considered that the physician who had so long attended their mother was entitled to his remuneration. Not being able to pay all, they called at the office and asked the doctor to give them a receipt for thirty dollars, at the same time handing him the money. He took the handful of bills and after counting it over he handed it back to them, saying 'I guess you need this more than I do. When I want it, I'll send for it.' The amount was never sent for."

Other aldermen and officials about City Hall spoke feelingly of their relations with the late Dr. Christie, and referred to the great loss which the city and in particular the North End, had sustained.

George Robertson, M. P. P., said: "A man who had the courage of his convictions, with the brain power behind it."

R. Parker Hamm, who was a close friend, said: "We have lost a good man."

A meeting of the common council will be called probably Saturday to pass resolutions on the death of the late alderman. The Medical Society will also take action.

The funeral will be held on Saturday from St. Luke's church. The service will commence at 2.30 o'clock Rev. R. P. McKim officiating.

The common council and the Medical Society will attend the funeral in a body.

The Y. M. S. of St. Peter's and the Father Mathew Society will pay their annual fraternal visit to the Y. M. S. of St. Joseph this evening in St. Malachi's Hall. The orchestra of St. Joseph Society and that of St. Peter's will be in attendance to render several selections. Each society has also arranged a programme of five numbers, and during the evening refreshments and cigars will be served.

QUEBEC TO TAX CHURCH

Bill Passed in Legislature to Tax Church Property at Rimouski---Advanced Legislation.

QUEBEC, Feb. 8.—(Special). — The private bills committee of the legislature last night unanimously passed a bill providing for the taxing of church property at Rimouski. At present the taxable property of that town amounts to $442,000, while the untaxable property belonging to the Roman Catholic church is valued at $467,000. The property now to be taxed includes the bishop's palace, cathedral, seminary and schools.

This is the most advanced taxation law ever adopted by the Quebec legislature, and it is expected the precedent thus established may be followed throughout the province.

MORE SALARY FOR TEACHERS

Ontario Considering Increases Which Will Aggregate $20,000.

TORONTO, Feb. 8 (Special)—The finance committee of the Board of Education last night agreed to recommend an increase in the payment of most classes of teachers, officials and employes amounting in all to something like $20,000. The salaries of principals of collegiate institutes and technical high schools were recommended to be fixed at a minimum of $2,000, the minimum salary of specialists in the same schools to be $1,400, and that of assistants $1,000. The minimum for public school principals was recommended to range from $1,200 to $1,700. Male assistants to receive a minimum of $700, and female assistants a minimum of $380.

HEAVY LOSS BY BIG FIRE

SMITH'S FALLS, Ont., Feb. 8.—(Special). — The main portion of Frost & Wood's extensive agricultural works was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss, while very heavy, is believed to be well covered by insurance.

LATE LOCALS

In the Times yesterday J. C. Brown stated that Cold Friday was Feb. 7, 1861. The date was Feb. 8th 1861 and according to official figures the temperature was 28 degrees below zero.

Manifests for 75 cars of American products were received at the customs house today, consisting of meats, pork, provisions, also cattle, going forward by steamer to the United Kingdom.

The Sun this morning published an article about an unknown man being stabbed in Lower Cove last night. The police this morning looked into the report, but were unable to learn anything concerning the affair.

It is reported that the First Church of Christ Scientists will occupy the building to be vacated by the Unitarians after the first of next May. Harold F. Hall, first reader of the Christian Scientists, who was appointed to look into the matter of larger quarters, said, when approached this morning, that there was nothing definite to report with reference to the Church of the Messiah.

PROVINCIAL LEIGSLATURE OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

Governor Snowball Officiated With Usual Ceremony.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 8—(Special)—The fourth session of the Provincial Legislative Assembly was formally opened by Lieut. Governor Snowball at three o'clock this afternoon with the usual pomp and ceremony. The weather conditions were all that could be desired and there was a large turnout of spectators. The Lieut. Governor, accompanied by Col. White, Major Bridges and R. S. Barker, left government house at 2.45 o'clock and drove to the parliament buildings where they were received by a guard of honor from the seventy first regiment in command of Capt. Grey. As his honor entered the building the guns of the Woodstock field battery commenced a salute of thirteen guns at one half minute intervals. The galleries of the assembly chamber were crowded with spectators and many ladies and gentlemen occupied seats on the floors of the house by special invitation. His honor then delivered the speech from the throne.

At the request of Mr. Hazen, who reached the city at noon today from the west the debate on the address has been postponed until tomorrow afternoon.

The following gentlemen will attend the state dinner at Government House this evening: The Lieutenant Governor, Premier Tweedie, Hon. A. R. McClelan, the chief justice, Judge Barker, Hon. W. P. Jones, Dr. Pugsley, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, Hon. C. H. Labillois, Dr. Inch, Judge Hanington, Judge McLeod, Col. White, Mayor McNally, J. D. Hazen, Sheriff Sterling, Mr. Murray, J. H. Dickson, H. B. Rainsford, Capt. Grey, Dr. Weaver, Dr. Bridges, R. S. Barker, Major Good.

It is reported about the city today that John A. Edwards is slated for the position of postmaster.

C. OF E. INSTITUTE NEEDS MUCH LARGER QUARTERS

The Matter Will be Discussed at the Annual Meeting to be Held Tonight---An Advance Summary of the Secretary's Report.

The Church of England Institute will hold its annual meeting this evening, when the thirtieth yearly report will be presented by the secretary, Robert E. Coupe.

The report will show that satisfactory progress has been made during the past year, especially by the Ladies' Association, and the Institute is looked upon by the Diocese as a source of strength and inspiration to every parish and needy mission; and is a sort of centre for diocesan work. The bishop has an office there and the book depository is practically dependent upon it for a home.

Owing to the rapid growth of the work, the need of larger quarters is becoming more apparent every year. The present lease expires on the first of May, 1908, and it is not likely that it will be renewed.

The financial condition of the Institute is not quite so good as last year, because of the failure of the lecture course to bring in the amount hoped for, and it has been necessary to draw on the reserve fund At the same time there has been no necessity for the creation of a sustentation fund in the form of additional subscriptions, for some years. It is suggested however that the present difficulty might be met by increasing the membership.

Amongst the lectures so far delivered under the auspices of the institute have been one on Russia, by D. R. Jack; one by Dr. Hannah on The Eternal Eastern Question, and a recital by Dr. Drummond. The last lecture of the course will be given by Rev. Canon Welch, who will take as his subject George Eliot.

A number of books have been presented to the library, which is growing rapidly.

Since the last annual meeting the institute has lost three of its most valuable members, Rev. Canon DeVeber, C. F. Kinnear and Thomas Millidge.

The curator and her assistant have rendered valuable service, as also has the secretary.

The annual service last year was held in Trinity church, the preacher being His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia.

At tonight's meeting officers will be elected for the coming year.

WILL CALL FOR TENDERS NOW

Order in Council Approves of Specifications For Trans-Continental Railway.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 8 (Special)—An order in council has been passed approving of the specifications of the Trans-Continental Railway, so that the call for tenders will now be issued at once, all formalities being disposed of.

MARINERS TELL GRIM TALES OF HARDSHIPS ENDURED ON PACIFIC

Challenger's Crew Fought Flames for a Whole Month---Wrecked Steamer Drifted 800 Miles at the Mercy of the Wind and Waves.

SEATTLE, Wn. Feb. 8—Eleven survivors of the wrecked ship Challenger, burned and scuttled on the coast of Japan, arrived here on the Shinano yesterday. The men were sent to this country by the U. S. Consul at Yokohama. They said Captain Henderson, master of the Challenger, had been sent to San Francisco on one of the Oriental liners.

All the men bore traces of the experience through which they had passed. For almost a month they had fought the flames on the old wooden bark and at times the vessel was kept afloat by only the most heroic work on the part of the officers and crew. For days at a time, they were unable to get their sleep or rest and when the ship was finally scuttled on the Japanese coast they were almost too exhausted to get ashore. The ship was beached without the loss of a single life.

SEATTLE, Wn. Feb. 8—A tale of drifting 800 miles at the mercy of the sea, covering a period of more than 30 days, is told by Nee Quoi, Chinese boatswain, rescued from the wrecked steamer Marie Chan in False Bay on the Alaskan coast.

The Marie Chan encountered her first difficulty about 400 miles off Cape Flattery, when she suddenly sprang a leak. Work on the pumps was interrupted by clogging and for days the boat drifted, while the crew worked night and day with hand buckets to keep the ship afloat. From December 25 to January 26 this work was kept up and the engineers were soon able to use the upper boilers. Small headway was made and the awnings were sewed together into a large sail. This gave almost enough headway for steerage room but not sufficient to keep the Marie Chan from striking in Chatham Straits in a northwest gale. Thirty-nine members of the crew succeeded in making the shore where they lay for four days almost perished by the cold, finally being rescued by the Georgia and taken to Juneau. From there the refugees were taken to this city where they were not allowed to land. Last night they left for Port Townsend on the steamer Dolde.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A POLAR EXPEDITION.

Capt. Bernier is in Ottawa this week urging the government to aid him in his proposed polar expedition. He says he can get an experienced crew in St. John, and has been promised strong financial backing by a syndicate of St. John bankers and lumber operators, who are willing to advance him several millions on condition that he name his craft the Kitchener. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is understood to have assured Capt. Bernier that if he can get a delegation of St. John river explorers to back up his appeal the government will grant substantial aid.

There is some doubt, however, about the present location of the north pole. It has been running about and acting rather badly of late, and may be dodging about in the neighborhood of the equator before Capt. Bernier takes the trail.

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JAMESEY'S POSITION STATED.

Mr. Jamesey Jones has been informed that some persons object to his candidature in the aldermanic elections on the ground that he is not a member of the Illuminated Circle of Civic Patriots. Jamesey desires to state that if the brethren will tell him where they hang their hats he will acquire a peg forthwith. It is immaterial to Jamesey whether the Illuminated Circle sits in the dark or radiates a glorious effulgence. He will join anything and promise everything. He has no views that cannot be changed at a moment's notice. If he is not elected there will be no quarrel between him and his convictions after the defeat. If the Illuminated Circle has a policy which it thinks Jamesey cannot assimilate, he respectfully invites the Circle to produce it and see what happens.

UNCLE SAM'S SAILORS WANTED THEIR MONEY AND FRESH VEGETABLES

Incipient Mutiny on U. S. S. Marblehead---Men Say Their Pay Was Not Coming and Their Shore Leave Was Cut Off---Other Grievances.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 8—When the U. S. cruiser Marblehead arrived here yesterday it was learned from certain of her crew that while at Pichilinque Bay, several days ago, the men openly shirked work, and Commander Mulligan was forced to read them the articles of war covering mutiny.

According to the stories told by the blue jackets, they have had almost no shore leave for two months. When the Marblehead came to San Diego, three weeks ago, shore leave was expected, but again refused. The blue jackets also complained because they did not have enough fresh vegetables and because their wages were not forthcoming on pay day.

At Pichilinque Bay, the sailors say, while nobody actually refused to coal ship, most of them worked so leisurely that the job took five days instead of one, and much of the coal, with which the Marblehead was to be charged, was dumped into the sea instead of into the bunkers. Offensive mottoes, it is said, were written on the coal cars. Punishment of various sorts was meted out with liberal hand, and when the vessel arrived at San Diego she brought a thoroughly exasperated crew. The greater number of the men have only three or four months to serve, and they declare they will not reship. The story of the trouble on the Marblehead is obtained wholly from members of the crew, but the versions of the affair given by them tally closely with each other. Commander Mulligan declined flatly to say a word about the affair, and the other officers are equally reticent.