

END OF DISCUSSION ON THE RATE BILL

Nearly All Members of The Senate Agree That This Week Will See it.

POLITICS WILL HAVE A PART.

Principal Debate Will be on Court Review, Which Probably Will Be Tuesday.

Washington, May 6.—Practically all the members of the United States senate agree in predicting that the present week will see the end of the discussion on the railroad rate bill. There is among Republican senators some disposition to antagonize the compromise provision for a judicial review of the findings of the interstate commerce commission, but the fact that this provision is accepted by the conservative senatorial leaders on the one hand and by the president on the other renders it practically certain that the amendment will in the end be accepted as a party measure, and that it will receive most if not all of the votes of Republican senators.

It remains to be seen what effect the consolidation of the Republican party will have upon the Democratic senators. There is little doubt that they will criticize the course of their political antagonists, but it is not probable that they will carry their opposition to the extent of trying to postpone the final vote on the bill for any great length of time. The Democrats will probably content themselves with expressing surprise that the bill should be transformed into a party measure, and then after chaffing their opponents will let the votes be taken, each man voting according to his own personal views.

There is no agreement among Republicans as to whether the bill shall be otherwise amended, and it is probable that a day or two will elapse before any policy on that point can be determined. The consideration of the bill will proceed in accordance with the unanimous agreement, the measure being considered section by section, and each section disposed of in order. The proceedings last Friday, the only day on which the senate has been in session under the agreement, indicated that there is little prospect of any general change in the measure.

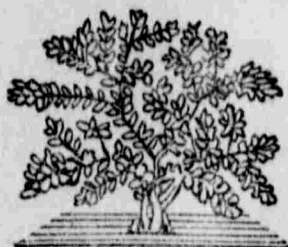
At this time it seems probable that changes may be made giving the commission power to compel trunk lines to make connection with other lines and prohibiting the transportation companies from engaging in the production of commodities.

Amendments for the accomplishment of both these purposes will be urged, and so far comparatively little opposition to them has been developed.

Opinions differ as to the length of time that may be required for the conclusion of the work on the bill, and estimates vary all the way from Wednesday until Saturday. The principal debate will be on the question of court review, which will probably be reached by Tuesday. After that is disposed of, there will be little heart left for anything else, and whatever may be offered will most likely be acted upon after comparatively little discussion.

There are as yet no plans for taking up other measures after the railroad bill shall have been disposed of, but it is expected that some of the appropriation bills will be ready for consideration by that time. The discussion of the nomination of Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the president, as post-

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master of Washington, will also proceed when opportunity offers.

The national house of representatives will complete the naval appropriation bill, this week. And the foreign affairs committee can get the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill ready in time, action also may be taken on that measure.

Aside from this character of legislation today is to be devoted to the passage of bills under suspension of the rules, and Friday is to be devoted to the passing of private pension bills. The reading of the naval bill is expected to occupy the house Tuesday, Wednesday and possibly Thursday. Should there be any unoccupied time, however, there are two special orders already on the calendar, and the immigration bill is to constitute the third if the present plan succeeds to give it that status by the passage of the resolution today. Pure food legislation has the right of way after appropriation bills, and next the bill creating a uniform system of naturalization.

Night sessions are contemplated to get through the voluminous codification of the criminal laws which is pending, but no special order to this end has been adopted.

With the naval and diplomatic bills out of the way, there remain but two appropriation bills to be formed and passed. These are the sundry civil, which will be out of committee the middle of May, and the general deficiency, which is always the last and calculated to carry the odds and ends of the money necessities of the government.

Jay Gould of Lakewood, N. J., whose excellent playing in the amateur court tennis championship of Great Britain at the Queen's club has attracted great attention in England, will meet V. Pennell, last year's runner up, this week, and the winner will play Eustace Miles, the holder of the championship.

The interstate commerce commission on May 10 will begin one of the most thorough inquiries that has ever been instituted into the relations between the railroads and the Standard Oil company. Special counsel have been engaged and hundred of subpoenas issued. Independent oil refiners have been summoned, and the commission will make as drastic an investigation as possible.

The ecclesiastical court which tried Dr. Algernon S. Cransey of Rochester, N. Y., for heresy will reassemble in executive session at the parish house of St. James church, Batavia, May 9, to examine the evidence and decide on a verdict. The following day the court will transmit its findings to Bishop Walker, upon whom rests the responsibility of deciding what punishment, if any, shall be meted out.

The Illinois Democratic state con-

vention will be held in Springfield, May 11.

The national convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will meet at Memphis, May 9.

PRESIDENT'S VIEWS REITERATED.

Washington, May 6.—President Roosevelt today reiterated his views on railroad rate legislation in a telegram sent to the executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange. The telegram follows:

"Washington, D. C., May 6.—W. E. Hill and Members Executive Committee Pennsylvania State Grange: 'Telegram received. I am happy to tell you that not only am I standing on my original position as regards rate legislation, but it seems likely that Congress will take this position, too. The Hepburn bill meets my views, as I have from the beginning stated. The Allison amendment is only declaratory of what the Hepburn bill must mean, supposing it to be unconstitutional, and no genuine friend of the bill can object to it without stultifying himself. In addition, I shall be glad to get certain amendments such as those commonly known as the Long and Overman amendments, but they are not vital, and even without them the Hepburn bill with the Allison amendment contains practically exactly what I have both originally and always since asked for, and which resulted in 10 deaths. It will represent the longest step ever yet taken in the direction of solving the railway rate problem.'

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

NOBODY RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE IN THE KEARSAGE.

Washington, May 5.—No further steps will be taken to fix the responsibility for the fire on the battleship Kearsage on April 12, when it resulted in 10 deaths. In an opinion handed down today by Judge Advocate-General Diehl, of the navy, he says the findings of the court of inquiry that nobody should be held responsible for the accident, will be justified by the evidence submitted and this decision was approved by Actg. Secy. Newberry.

BIG FIRE IN JACKSONVILLE.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 6.—Fire in the storage yards of the Wenick-Mariner Chemical company, in the western suburbs of this city, tonight destroyed 15,000 tons of burning draught, a resin waste used by the company in making oil, valued at \$150,000. The retorts and buildings of the company were in great danger, but were saved by hard work.

BLAME THE ENGINEER.

Altoona, Pa., May 6.—The official report of the collision Friday night between the east-bound Chicago mail train and the west-bound Chicago and St. Louis express on the Petersburg cut-off of the Pennsylvania railroad, which caused the death of 10 persons and the injury of many others, lays the blame on Engineer J. T. Dougherty, who, it is claimed, misunderstood his orders.

LAND FRAUD ARREST.

El Paso, Tex., May 6.—Aquila Triplett, wanted in Omaha in connection with land fraud prosecutions, was arrested here today by a United States secret service agent from Omaha.

The agent located Triplett in Chihuahua, engaged board at the same place he was stopping, and for three months did everything he could to make friends with him, finally inducing him to come to El Paso, ostensibly to fix up some mining papers. It was then that Triplett was arrested.

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BURIED BENEATH FALLING WALLS

Three Soliders in San Francisco Have a Remarkably Narrow Escape.

WERE DYNAMITING BUILDINGS

Saved From Death by a Mass of Twisted Iron—Tearing Down Goes On.

San Francisco, May 6.—The first accident in connection with the dynamiting of dangerous walls by the engineers of the army took place today. Smaller quantities of explosive than were used last week are now being fired, and this necessitates two or more charges of dynamite being exploded before the desired result is attained. This morning the engineers were working in the downtown district.

Twice had dynamite been exploded under the facade of a tall ruin, and a third charge was being inserted when the wall fell. Three soldiers were buried, but a mass of twisted iron partly shielded them, and only one was seriously hurt.

This has been the first day of official rest that the city has had since the beginning of its distress. All of the municipal departments were closed with the exception of the police station and hospitals, and Franklin hall, the seat of San Francisco's government, was deserted. The police have had little or nothing to engage their attention.

Among the churches the same conditions prevailed as upon the preceding Sunday, open-air services being the rule, even where the buildings were unharmed. At Golden Gate park the usual Sunday afternoon concert was given, and was attended by thousands. That the people as a whole are beginning to look for some diversion was shown last night when a great crowd assembled to witness a vaudeville show in a hall on Fillmore street. The authorities, however, at the last moment refused to permit the performance.

Two arrests for selling liquor were made today, and as an indication of the determination to suppress the traffic in intoxicants until the saloons are allowed to reopen, one of the offenders was refused bail and the other's bond was fixed at \$5,000. Coroner Walsh, after revising his list of victims of fire and earthquake, informed Gen. Greely that the total number of cases handled by his office was 319, of which 124 were identified and 185 unidentified. This report shows 39 less than given by a previous count.

The streets of the burned districts were thronged today with sightseers. Every train from nearby towns on the peninsula and every ferry boat in the bay, which was packed with people eager to get their first glimpse of the city's devastation, and almost every third person carried a camera or kodak.

In expectation of the crush of people, booths of street fakirs sprang up overnight along the curbs on the cleared streets, prepared to furnish refreshments, and most of them enjoyed a profitable trade. In many instances the booths were labeled with the names of national and former famous hostellers, and the incongruity of "Hot frankfurters, 5 cents," beneath the "Palace hotel," provoked a smile from each passerby.

The work of constructing and tearing down continued today on all sides, notwithstanding the Sabbath. Several hundred frame buildings now appear

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among the destroyed structures and foundations are being prepared for as many more. The slow process of taking down standing walls with pick and shovel is being employed by many merchants, who are impatient to resume business, but the bulk of this work is being done by stevedores, who are using donkey engine power to raze the walls.

THE SULAN WOULD ARBITRATE TABAH AFFAIR.

Constantinople, May 6.—The sultan has attempted to reopen discussion regarding the Tabah affair, but the British ambassador has declined to do so. It is reported that the sultan wishes to submit the question to The Hague. Owing to the intervention of the French minister, the note presented to the porte last Thursday by Sir Nicholas O'Connor, the British ambassador, is expected before Wednesday.

ALLEGED ROYALISTS RELEASED.

Paris, May 6.—All persons arrested recently for connection with the alleged royalist plot against the security of the republic have been provisionally released. Among those taken into custody as a result of a series of wholesale searches designed to unearth an extensive plot against the security of the republic were M. Griefuelles, the virtual head of the confederation of labor; Leon Robert, secretary of a branch of the confederation; Count de Beauregard, who was alleged to be at the head of the plot against the government; Major Feuilleux, formerly commander of the imperial guard; and M. Gilbert, editor of the imperial journal L'Autorité.

MACARONI IS ADULTERATED.

Washington, May 6.—The department of agriculture today announced that inspection of recent importations of macaroni, noodles and similar products has shown that these goods sometimes contain chemical preservatives, such as fluorides, which are regarded as injurious to health, and that after June 1 next no importation of macaroni colored with maroon yellow or other colors forbidden by the Italian law, or preserved with fluorides, or other preservatives injurious to health will be permitted.

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LABOR CARNIVAL TO RAISE FUNDS ABANDONED.

New York, May 1.—The plan to have a labor carnival for the purpose of raising money to send to San Francisco was given up at yesterday's meeting of the Central Federated Union. There was to have been a game in which American flags were to have been held out for the people along the line of march to throw money into.

The labor carnival committee recommended that the carnival idea be abandoned, giving as a reason that the international unions had taken up the matter of relief and were levying assessments to send to San Francisco.

TO REPRESENT "BLACK CLERGY"

St. Petersburg, May 6.—The monkish "Black Clergy" today elected as representatives of the council of the empire, Antonius, metropolitan of St. Petersburg; Archbishop Dimitri of Odessa and Archbishop Antonius of Jitomir.

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