

## CURRENCY BILL CAUSES TROUBLE

Unexpected Revival of Discussion Led to All Sorts of Rumors of Agreement.

IS CAUSE OF MUCH ANXIETY.

Many Republican Representatives Do Not Disguise Fear if No Measure Passed Means Disaster.

Washington, May 25.—Currency legislation was the chief topic among leaders of the senate and house today. The revival of the discussion came unexpectedly and led to all sorts of rumors of probable agreement between the conferees on the Aldrich-Vreeland bill looking to the enactment of a measure at the present session.

**FEAR RESULTS.**  
Many Republican members of the house do not seek to disguise their fear that if Congress should adjourn without passing an emergency currency bill the failure to take action would be disastrous to the majority. This fear was emphasized by Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, chairman of the house committee on public buildings, who declared that he would not submit his conference report on the omnibus bill until financial legislation had been assured. His action holds the buildings bill in which 218 members of the house and many senators are interested, over the heads of "any recalcitrant group or faction" that may be opposed to an agreement on emergency currency.

There are many members of both branches of Congress who believe that the impression given out by many leaders that there is no hope for action at the present session is for the purpose of arousing the country to demand action before adjournment. If such a demand should come now the result would be in doubt.

**DOVETAILING MEASURES.**  
Early in the day the report was circulated in the house that there was a movement on foot to dovetail the Aldrich and Vreeland bills, retaining the principal features of each. The effect of this course would be to permit individual banks to take out emergency circulation on government, state, county or municipal bonds, or as an alternative proposition, to take out emergency circulation on commercial paper to be guaranteed by banks of a clearing house association as provided by the Vreeland bill. It was the idea in the house that this provision could be amended so as to be acceptable to the senate by defining the character of the securities, such as prescribing that they shall have two indorsers and not run more than 90 days. It was suggested further that the emergency circulation measure should not operate for more than three years and that in the meantime there could be a general revision of the currency and banking laws.

No sooner had this scheme for a compromise reached the senate than the Democratic leaders served notice on Senator Aldrich that they were ready to talk for a month to prevent any feature of the Vreeland bill becoming law. Although Speaker Cannon was supposed to father the compromise movement, it met with decided opposition in the house.

Representative Burton of Ohio, one of the Republican conferees on the bills, had opposed the Aldrich measure and was pledged to a considerable following to do all he could to prevent the adoption of any of its principles.

**CHANCES FOR LEGISLATION.**  
Concerning that the Democrats of the senate will not yield, the chance for legislation is slight. It is in such a contingency that according to the belief of many, public demand is expected to play a strong part. When the Aldrich bill was passed by the senate, Speaker Cannon was thought to favor it, and he may not be wholly averse to its adoption at this time. Public demand, therefore, may be directed at Mr. Burton and those who believe with him that it would be better not to have

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any legislation than to accept the Aldrich bill. Such members of Congress as have hinted at such a "deed half done" are pointing to the fact that one meeting of the conferees on the Aldrich-Vreeland bill was required to reach the conclusion that they could not get together. It was said further that this indicated that there was a desire from the start to force the Aldrich bill on the house. Whatever the result may be, the leaders of both bodies today that they will not accept the Aldrich bill unless the Vreeland provision for issuance of circulation on commercial paper is retained as the alternate provision.

**CANNON IS HOPEFUL.**  
That Speaker Cannon entertains hopes that there will yet be an agreement is indicated by the fact that the urgent-at-stump of the house is adjourning members not to leave the city until final adjournment has been decided upon, and in some few cases members who have already gone home have been asked to come back. Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, chief of the house managers, in the conference on the public buildings bill, made the following statement late today to the Associated Press:

**BARTHOLDT'S STATEMENT.**  
"I served notice on the speaker today that I would not call up the conference report on the public buildings bill until after a satisfactory currency bill had been passed. The conferees on this bill have reached a final agreement, and the report has been adopted by the senate. I told the speaker that my constituents, especially Republicans, are urging on me with much vigor the absolute necessity of enacting at this session an emergency currency measure, and that I agreed with them, and I believe, with the majority of the thinking people of the country, that such legislation is necessary to restore financial confidence and guard against recurrence of panic conditions. The speaker's reply was that no one could force me to present the conference report.

"The situation is this: The country is looking to the Republican party to pass an emergency currency bill. Congress has been in session six months and has failed to agree on a currency measure. If we adjourn without passing anything more than creating a currency commission, it will be up to the Republican party to make embarrassing excuses if panic conditions recur this fall. Furthermore, a presidential campaign approaches.  
"I have the report of the conferees on the public buildings bill in my pocket. I am going to keep it there until a satisfactory currency bill has been passed. The house and senate conferees on currency are at the threshold of a tentative compromise. There is no reason why they should not agree and why we should not enact this agreement into law. I for one am willing to stay here all summer, if necessary, to 'starve out' any recalcitrant group or faction."

**"ALDRICH BILL OR NOTHING."**  
The only interpretation of this attitude is that the Democratic senate managers now propose the Aldrich bill or nothing. If this be their attitude and they maintain it, of course, there will be no currency legislation beyond creating a commission.

The attitude of Senator Aldrich, on the other hand, is exceedingly reasonable. He has been ready for a compromise whereby individual banks which preferred not to affiliate with national clearing house associations, would be authorized, if they desired, to buy state, county or municipal bonds, and on them as security take out additional circulation in time of need. I can see no reason why such an addition to the bill should not be accepted by the house; but whether the Vreeland bill so amended would be acceptable to the senate—there's the rub."

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### MRS. ELLEN FRENCH VANDERBILT GETS A DIVORCE

New York, May 25.—Mrs. Ellen French Vanderbilt was granted an interlocutory decree from Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt by Justice O'Gorman in the supreme court today on the report of David McClure, the referee who was appointed to take testimony and determine the findings in the suit instituted by Mrs. Vanderbilt. Justice O'Gorman confirmed the report of the referee that Mr. Vanderbilt had been guilty of misconduct and directed that Mrs. Vanderbilt be granted a judgment of absolute divorce.

The divorce decree provides that Mrs. Vanderbilt may marry during the life time of Mr. Vanderbilt, but prevents him from marrying during her life time. The custody of William H. Vanderbilt, the only child of the marriage, was awarded to Mrs. Vanderbilt. No provision was made for alimony in the decree nor was the subject alluded to in the report of David McClure.

The referee's report developed that testimony had been secured from Mr. Vanderbilt's valet concerning the misbehavior of his employer on a railroad train a year ago last October in Virginia.

Mrs. Vanderbilt was Miss Elsie French, daughter of the late Francis Ormond French, president of the Manhattan Trust company, and a member of the directorates of several railroads. She was married in January, 1900, to Mr. Vanderbilt, who had inherited more than \$50,000,000 from his father, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt.

The crisis in the domestic affairs of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt developed on April 1 last, when Mrs. Vanderbilt filed an action for divorce against her husband within an hour after he had sailed for England. The couple, it was reported, had been living together for several months, and shortly before the institution of the suit Mrs. Vanderbilt who had occupied Oakland farm, Mr. Vanderbilt's country place at Newport, Tuxedo, N. Y., to the home of her brother in New York.

Mr. Vanderbilt is now in England.

### HARRY THAW'S ESTATE.

**It Will Take a Fine Rake to Find Any of It.**  
Pittsburg, May 25.—Concerning the report that Mrs. Harry K. Thaw will abandon the proceedings to annul her marriage, and attempt instead to be appointed a trustee or committee of her husband's estate, Frank Semple, agent and attorney in fact for the Thaw estate, said today:  
"It will take a very fine rake for any committee which may be appointed for Harry K. Thaw to find any estate in which he has an interest not provided for by the terms of his father's will. I can hardly imagine that the court would appoint Mrs. Harry K. Thaw trustee or committee of his estate," continued Mr. Semple, "but if she or any one else is appointed they will find that the executors and trustees under the will of William Thaw have absolute control of all his interest in his father's estate.  
"Personally I know nothing about his personal affairs except that the will makes explicit just how the interest of Harry K. Thaw shall be held and distributed. Certainly no order of court appointing a committee or trustee of his estate in the event he is finally declared insane could avoid or change the terms of the will of his father. That will stand no matter what order any court might make."

## PASSAGE OF PUBLICITY BILL

Ex-Senator Chandler Says it Denotes Sanity and Progress Of a Certain Kind.

THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT

To Enforce it So as to Make Obsolete The Fifteenth Would be Unjust To Colored Citizens.

Washington, May 26.—Former Senator William E. Chandler of New Hampshire has written a letter to Chairman Burrows, of the senate committee on privileges and elections, expressing his pleasure at the passage by the house of a publicity bill.

Mr. Chandler's letter, under date of yesterday, follows:  
"Dear Sir: I notice the passage through the house of the publicity bill 20,112, which denotes sanity and progress of a certain kind, which, however, needs completion and perfection to make it what Secy. Willoughby writes to you privately he wished it to be.

"But I did not think it wise to embarrass a publicity bill by adding thereto a federal election bill. If this must be done, it will be expedient to re-enact all the old laws and enforce them. To enforce the fourteenth amendment in a way to abandon and make obsolete the fifteenth amendment would be unjust to the colored citizens. So if the election features are to stay in bill 20,112, I advise the addition of a clause repealing the act of Feb. 8, 1894, and re-enacting all the federal election statutes. (See Congressional Record of Feb. 7, 1894).

"As a publicity and federal election bill has passed the house, it will be injurious to the Republican party if Congress does not stay in session long enough to adopt it, so that it will apply during the coming canvass.

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Portland, Or., May 26.—A federal grand jury selected and to consider immediately begun of evidence connected with the alleged land frauds in the Umatilla county, Or. Subpoenas have been issued for 118 witnesses, principally residents of Umatilla county. It is expected that fully 10 days will be required to present evidence to the jury. The alleged frauds are in connection with 25,000 acres of unpatented lands that originally comprised a part of the Umatilla Indian reservation.

### SAFETY DEVICES.

Exposition of Them is to be Made Permanent.

New York, May 26.—That the exposition of devices for insuring safety to those engaged in dangerous occupations is to be made permanent was announced by Director W. H. Tolman at a luncheon given at the Engineers' club incidental to the awarding of medals and diplomas won by exhibitors at that exposition. The work of organization of the proposed museum is in the hands of an educational committee, on which Bishop Potter and Cardinal Gibbons have been appointed.

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Chicago, May 26.—Purchasing agents and storekeepers of railroads all over the country attended the opening session of the fifth annual convention of the Railway Storekeepers' association here yesterday. The meeting will be continued today and tomorrow. The storekeepers' association has been organized for the purpose of promoting the interests of the storekeepers on the part of the railroads has made "economy" the keynote of the meeting, practically every address on the program dealing with some phase of this subject.

The use of economy, and the part that may be played by the storekeeper was emphasized by W. T. Bates of the Great Pacific Coast, who was enthusiastically received by the association.

"Railroad managements at this time find a situation confronting them demanding emphatically the strictest economy in operation, and are earnestly endeavoring to bring about this result without seriously interfering with or being detrimental to the service," said Mr. Bates. Stringent measures have been taken regarding labor and all items of expense possible have been for the present eliminated in order to overcome existing conditions. The store department, in the majority of cases, has responded readily to the call for the strictest economy, but there is still further feature along economic lines which must of necessity interest us still deeper, from the reason of its permanency. And that is economical operation necessary to overcome the deficiency due to recent legislation which seriously affects receipts.

### SCARCITY OF MEN FOR PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY

Kansas City, May 26.—An unsolved problem before the general assembly of the Presbyterian church is the scarcity of men for the ministry. In the discussion of the matter by the assembly yesterday, some of the speakers blamed state universities and other denominational institutions of learning for turning the thoughts of students from religious to commercial currents.

"With 4,000,000 Presbyterian communicants," said Rev. S. W. Snider, chairman of the board of education, "we have only 117 men in training for the ministry. Many colleges are yielding to the feeling against the ministry by putting Greek and Latin in the curriculum as elective courses, and many even resent the implication that they are denominational institutions."

"Fathers and mothers," said Mr. Snider, "should be taught that it was wrong to take their children to baptism with the mental reservation that they should never enter the ministry."

Rev. Joseph W. Cochran of New York, corresponding secretary of the board of education, said:

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