

IRISH QUESTION TO THE FORE AGAIN

Col. Saunderson, Nationalist, Moves in the Commons an Expression of Alarm.

THE ALARM DIDN'T GO OFF.

James Bryce Said That Home Rule Had No Terrors For Him.

London, Feb. 21.—As an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, Col. E. J. Saunderson, Nationalist, today moved in the house of commons an expression of alarm at the statement in the king's speech that the ministers were considering proposals to effect changes in the system of the government of Ireland, believing that his majesty's advisers had committed themselves to a policy which would endanger the liberties and property of the loyalist minority, promote discord in civil life and impair the integrity of the United Kingdom.

Col. Saunderson stated that the object of his amendment was to extract some statement as to the government's present intent by the proposals suggested. After considerable discussion, James Bryce, Liberal, and chief secretary for India, said in the speech from the throne nothing more than the premier and other Liberal leaders had repeatedly stated, and what had been endorsed by the enormous majority returned to Parliament on the 17th inst. necessary to improve the administration of Ireland.

Mr. Bryce said home rule had no terrors for him, and that he had not departed in the smallest particular from the principles of the Liberals, led by Mr. Gladstone from 1886 to 1893. His majesty's government had every reason to make an effort in the direction of improvement of the system of government and the association of the people therewith.

Mr. Bryce asked that the house defeat the amendment as he believed the greatest discouragement might be dealt to the policy of the creation of an intelligent self-government for Ireland now under consideration.

Mr. Bryce's speech was received with tremendous and continued outbursts of Nationalist cheers. Mr. Dillon, Nationalist, who followed, said that so long as the government acted in the spirit of Mr. Bryce's speech the Nationalists would allow the government time to develop its plans and give them a fair and frank consideration.

Joseph Chamberlain said the Unionist party had maintained during the elections that the government was a home rule and little Englander government. It had been proved tonight that it was a home rule government, and it would be proved later that it was a little Englander government. Many members on the ministerial benches, he said, had found it necessary during the elections to pledge themselves to oppose home rule, and therefore the government would proceed by the more invidious method of instalments. It would nevertheless have convinced the country that it was a home rule government. The house divided and the amendment was defeated—106 to 88.

COMMENT ON BRYCE'S SPEECH.

The opposition newspapers this morning report that there is discussion in the cabinet over the government's South African policy. According to the Daily Mail an official announcement may be expected almost immediately concerning the dispatch of a commission to South Africa in order to investigate on the spot.

Mr. Bryce's speech on Col. Saunderson's amendments to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, affirming the adherence of the government to the principle of home rule, but leaving the house as much in the dark regarding the government's Irish policy as did the king's speech, attracts much attention, but it does not provide the opposition press with a strong weapon with which to attack the government upon the old charge that it is the intention of the ministers to concede home rule by instalments. The Liberal organs argue that the government is only taking up the Irish problem where Mr. Wynnham, the former chief secretary of Ireland, was forced to lay it down.

The Tribune says that from the time the Unionist government charged Sir Anthony MacDonnell with the task of introducing changes in the spirit and form of the Irish government the whole issue between the English parties was transformed, till the alternative lay naked to the convention and home rule today lies only between various forms of change and various means of associating the Irish people with the Irish government.

BUILDING HIGHER THAN WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

New York, Feb. 22.—The Singer Manufacturing company filed plans yesterday with Building Supt. Murphy for a structure which will be higher than all existing skyscrapers by from 200 to 300 feet, and will be about 40 feet higher than the Washington monument. Accompanying the improvement of the property which it already owns adjoining its present building at Broadway and Liberty street, the company will erect over the central part of the enlarged structure a tower of 40 stories, which will rise to the height of 593 feet 19 3/4 inches. The tower will be 65 feet square for 23 stories, and will be surmounted by a

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A WOMAN'S HEADLESS BODY.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 22.—A woman's head was found yesterday from the trunk was found yesterday behind the New York Central tracks here. Both suspicion and mystery attach to the case because there was no other mutilation of the body than the wound by which the neck had been severed and because after several hours' investigation the coroner failed to learn the woman's identity or any events which might have led up to her death. He said it was possible that a train killed her. She was well dressed and wore rings containing sapphires and a pearl.

UNCONSCIOUS SINCE JAN. 2.

August Kreth Was Beaten Almost to Death in a Fight.

New York, Feb. 22.—Coroner Acree discovered yesterday a man who has been unconscious since Jan. 2, after being beaten almost to death in a street fight. The man is August Kreth, part owner of a dog kennel, fought in front of the saloon. Kreth was carried home unconscious by friends. He has been attended, Coroner Acree says, by a physician. The coroner was called into the case by the police. He found Kreth unable to recognize anybody or anything. His wife told the coroner that he had been unconscious since he was brought home. Ash was arrested, charged before the coroner on the charge of having assaulted Kreth, and committed to the Tombs without bail to await the result of the saloonkeeper's inquest.

MAJ. A. G. HAMMOND DEAD.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Major A. G. Hammond of the Third United States Cavalry, died at the general hospital at the Presidio Tuesday evening after an illness of more than four months. The remains will be sent to Quincy, Ill., for interment. Major Hammond was born in Hartford, Conn., May 25, 1837. He graduated from the military academy in 1851.

THE SMALL COLLEGES.

Protest Against Anti-Medical Teaching Legislation.

Colorado Springs, Feb. 22.—The action of the legislatures of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and New York in passing laws which discriminate against small colleges of the country wherein all students are debarred from taking state medical examinations and from the practice of medicine, after being removed yesterday to the medical course outside of a medical school was unanimously denounced yesterday at the conference of the presidents of the colleges in session at Colorado college. A committee composed of President Slocum of Colorado college and President Hildreth of Iowa college was appointed to draft resolutions condemning the action of the legislatures. President Gates of Pomona college said: "I find no words strong enough to express my indignation at the arbitrary and un-American action of certain state legislatures toward the colleges of the land."

LINCOLN'S CABIN.

Logs of One in Which He Was Born Stored in New York City.

New York, Feb. 22.—After being stored three years in the cellar of an old mansion in College Point, L. I., the logs that formed the cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born, were removed yesterday to a storage house in this city. They were the property of David Green, a New York builder, who bought them from A. W. Bennett. The latter owned the Lincoln farm, and the log cabin was taken apart and sent to Buffalo for exhibition during the non-American exposition. There are over 20 logs, and a door and one shutter of the cabin window, besides some pieces of the cabin wood.

A DEADLY LIFE SAVER.

Inventor of One For Skating Drowns With the Machine on Him.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Lawrenceburg, Ind., says: "Walter Mitchell, a young fireman, lost his life yesterday when testing an apparatus which he had invented for preventing the loss of life from skating on thin ice. The device consisted of a light framework to be fastened about the skater's body and extending three feet on each side. Mitchell took his contrivance to Tanner's Creek. While skating his foot came in contact with an obstructed log. The log gave way and the upper part of his body went under water. The device about his waist hampered him so that he could not raise himself up and when taken from the water he was dead."

PROTECTING STRIKE BREAKERS.

New York, Feb. 22.—Sheriff Merritt of Westchester county was called on yesterday by the New Rochelle police to send a warrant against a strike breaker. He practised the non-union strike breakers employed at the Knickerbocker Press, a printing establishment owned by G. H. Putnam's Sons. Two squads of deputies were on duty last night. Tuesday night James Coleman, a negro strike breaker, is alleged to have struck Frank Brady on the head with a slungshot. The general manager of the union and non-union men. Police reserves were called out and arrested James Coleman and Wm. French, strike breakers. The Knickerbocker company furnished bail for the prisoners, whose arraignment will take place today.

MAY BE DEADLOCK WITH THE SENATE.

House is Opposed to Any Alteration of the Railroad Rate Bill.

IS AGAINST AMENDMENTS.

Senator Dryden Does Not Lose Sight of Government Regulation of Insurance.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, Feb. 20.—"Let us resist all amendments," was the voice of the men in the house of representatives who put through the Hepburn rate bill. They prevented every amendment when the bill was being considered in the house and they meant by resisting amendments to fight against any which the senate may make. In fact several prominent men of both parties expressed the hope that senate amendments would be resisted with such unanimity that it would be impossible for the senate to force any changes in the bill. But the senate, including even those who favor all the principle features of the Hepburn bill, will not accept any dictation from the other house. The Hepburn bill will be amended and probably in several particulars before it passes. And when it comes to resistance it has been demonstrated that the senate can play as long at that game as the house.

MIGHT FAIL, BUT WILL NOT.

While the outlook is for differences, it does not mean that there will be defeat for the railroad rate legislation. It will never reach any such point, for one or the other would have to yield before it could allow the bill to fail. It would be very strange if the house should stand up and resist all amendments to the rate bill and also if the senate should insist upon all of its amendments. But if the amendments made to the bill in the senate are of a character acceptable to Senators Dilliver and Clapp, who have championed the rate making plan of the president, there is more likelihood of the house accepting all of the amendments than resisting them to the bitter end or to such an extent as might endanger the enactment of a rate law.

COMMITTEE SHIFTING.

The changes on the committee on privileges and elections have been somewhat strange in view of the fact that the committee has been considering the most important case that it has ever had here—the right of Senator Smoot to a seat in the senate. In the first place Clarke of Arkansas would not attend the meetings of the committee; then he refused to be longer identified with it, and Patterson of Colorado was named. Patterson never went near the committee and finally removed himself as a member and Frazer of Tennessee was named. Of course it is supposed that these shifts have all had more or less to do with the Smoot case. Senators on the committee will probably have to decide some time for or against Smoot, although there is not much prospect that those who are not on the committee will vote this year.

EDUCATION ON INSURANCE.

Senator Dryden of New Jersey, while just now giving a great deal of attention to the investigation and proposed legislation of the Panama canal, has not lost sight of government regulation of insurance and continues to see that the country does not forget that there is such a proposition pending. Senator Dryden does not expect any legislation at this session, because he is aware that a campaign of education is necessary that there must be a great amount of discussion in Congress and in the business world before there will be a public sentiment in favor of the measure he has introduced. The New Jersey senator is now carrying on an extensive correspondence concerning the proposed legislation with business men in every part of the country. The movement seems to be meeting with a great deal of favor.

POWERFUL APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

It is somewhat annoying to the members of the interoceanic canal committee of the senate and the interstate and foreign commerce committee of the house to see that the appropriations committees of both senate and house have taken hold of matters and are legislating for the Panama canal. Many assertions were made during the first canal debate in the senate by members of the appropriations committee that they hoped the proper committee, the

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interoceanic canals committee, of course, would bring in a bill which would handle all affairs of the canal. Then came along a second bill, and the appropriations committee did more legislating. Pretty soon more money will be wanted, and then there will be still further legislation.

TAKING THEIR TIME.

Meanwhile the senate committee in making an investigation. It is minute, searching and extensive. Some interesting facts have been brought out, also an enormous amount of information that was already known. Days were spent in an effort to learn if Poutney Bigelow in 28 hours had learned all that was going on and more than the officers of the government had learned in two years. But every man connected with the canal has been telling all he knew and repeating it. Secretary Taft, Chairman Shonts and Governor Magoon have all gone over the same ground and several subordinate officers have verified the statements of these chiefs. Just what will happen when the committee gets a lot more similar information is hard to determine.

EARTHQUAKES IN MARTINIQUE.

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