

ENACTING LAWS FOR THE NATION

Review of the Legislation Before Both Houses of Congress.

OUTLINE OF DAILY ROUTINE

Special Correspondents Tell of the Business Transacted by Senators and Representatives in Session at the Capital.

Wednesday, April 13.

Upon the request of Mr. Fairbanks the senate ordered printed as a public document the last speech of President McKinley at Buffalo. A bill providing for opening the old Fort Abraham Lincoln military reservation in North Dakota was passed, after which consideration of the bill for government of the Panama canal zone was taken up. The greater part of the day was occupied by Mr. Morgan in support of amendments offered by himself, none of which were accepted, and the bill was read half through section by section. In an hour the senate passed 219 pension bills.

Under special rule the house devoted the day to consideration of the Cooper bill amending the law relating to the Philippine Islands. The provision in the bill in reference to the granting of railroad franchises and the guaranteeing of 5 per cent on the cash capital actually invested in such railroads was opposed by Mr. Jones of Virginia, who alleged that English and Belgian capitalists were ready to build the roads without such guarantee. The general debate under the special rule closed at 6 o'clock Wednesday, when a vote will be taken. The speaker announced the resignation of Mr. Lind (Dem. of Minn.) from the committee on claims and the appointment of Emerich (Dem. of Ill.) in his place. Mr. Hemenway reported the general deficiency bill, the last of the general appropriation bills to be considered at this session.

Thursday, April 14.

The Senate devoted almost the entire day to the bill for the government of the Panama Canal zone. Mr. Morgan's resolution calling on the Attorney General for information on the contract for the purchase of the canal was referred. In the afternoon the session of W. D. Crum to be collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., came up, and went over

President also was criticized by Mr. Hay (Va.). Mr. Benny (N. J.) introduced a resolution requesting a full statement from the Postmaster General, giving full reasons for expending the railway mail subsidy appropriation in view of the fact that he recommended to the House that the appropriation be omitted. Mr. Tawney (Minn.) introduced a resolution accepting on behalf of Congress the invitation of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company to attend the opening ceremonies on April 30 and providing the appointment of a committee of ten senators and fifteen members of the House to represent Congress. The House agreed to hold a session Sunday, April 24, for eulogies on the late Senators Hanna and Representative Skiles of Ohio.

Saturday, April 16.

The entire day in the senate was given to the consideration of a bill for the modification of the agreement with the Indians of the Devils Lake reservation in North Dakota for the sale of their lands. Messrs. Dubois and Teller opposed the bill because it did not provide for the acquisition of the lands in the reservation under the homestead law, and it was defended by Messrs. Hinesbrough, McCumber and others. No decision was reached. Mr. Morgan called up his resolution for the discharge of the committee on inter-oceanic canals from consideration of a resolution of inquiry concerning the Panama Canal, introduced recently, but his resolution was voted down. A partial report from the conference on the naval appropriation bill was received and further conference ordered. Mr. McCumber introduced a bill providing for the appointment by the president of a committee of three persons to revise the pension laws and report to the next session of congress.

The routine work on the general deficiency bill was nearly completed in the house. Preceding this the District of Columbia was legislated for in several minor matters. The feature of the session was a speech of criticism on "Theodore Roosevelt, the Republican Presidential Candidate," by Mr. Patterson (Tenn.). Mr. Baker (No. C.) again offered his amendment to the deficiency bill appropriating \$100,000 to pay for the special trains which it was stated had been used by the president during the last two years, but it was ruled out on a point of order. An amendment providing \$100,000 for the proper disposition of the remains of the victims of the explosion on the battleship Missouri was adopted. A bill was passed to validate certain homestead entries and extend the time to make final proofs thereon.

Monday, April 18.

The senate continued consideration of the sundry civil service bill, but did not conclude it. Several bills were passed, including the following: Ratifying agreements for the sale of lands with the Indians of the Devils Lake, Rosebud and Flathead reservations, located respectively in North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana; providing for the appointment of additional judges of the United States court in Indian Territory, incorporating the American Institute in Paris and the Sanitary Housing company of Washington, D. C. Mr. Dooliver introduced a resolution directing the secretary

NO POSTAL PROBE AT THIS SESSION

Republican Leaders Agree on Program of Legislation for Congress.

REFUSE TO GRATIFY MINORITY

Democratic Demand for Investigation Will Not Be Heeded, the Opinion Prevailing That It Will Be Unwise to Comply at the Present.

Washington dispatch: At a conference between Senators Allison, Aldrich, Cullom and other leaders of the senate a program of legislation for the remainder of the session was mapped out. It was agreed that nothing would be done at present toward an investigation by the senate of the postoffice department, and there is now considerable doubt as to whether there will be any investigation at all. This question will be decided upon later. It was agreed that of the remainder of appropriation bills the measure providing for the government of the Panama canal zone and some minor legislation would be adopted, and that congress would adjourn some time during week after next, or between April 26 and April 29. It is more than likely adjournment will come on the 27th, so as to give senators and representatives who desire to attend the opening ceremonies at the St. Louis exposition an opportunity to do so. The bill authorizing an issue of bonds for public improvements in the Philippines and for the construction of railroads in the islands may be considered at this session, but there is no certainty about this.

Leaders Agree.

The conference was an informal one, and there was no meeting of the steering committee. The leaders had no difficulty in reaching an agreement, but there was considerable discussion relating to the program to be adopted regarding an investigation of the postoffice department by the senate committee. Some of the younger members of the senate were in favor of the adoption of the resolution authorizing the senate postoffice committee to sit during the summer and investigate all charges relating to scandals in the postoffice department which might be brought before it. Senator Penrose, chairman of the postoffice committee, and Senator Lodge, a member of the committee, were in favor of an investigation to offset the attacks made by Democrats.

Refuses to Dictate.

These two senators called at the White House and consulted the president. They wanted Col. Roosevelt to advise what should be done, but the president declined to do so because he did not care to be placed in the position of dictating to the senate, and he informed the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts senators that the senate must decide the subject for itself. This was done by the older heads of that body.

After a number of informal conferences it was decided that nothing whatever should be done at present toward authorizing an investigation, and it is extremely doubtful if anything will be done in that direction at this session of congress at least. The leaders take the ground that there has been a thorough investigation of the postoffice department, and that those who were guilty of corrupt practices and conspiracies to defraud the government have been removed from the service, some of them have been convicted, and others are now awaiting trial.

Department in Good Shape.

They also agreed that the affairs of the department are now being honestly and efficiently administered, and that all abuses which existed have been corrected. Charges relating to frauds in connection with the weighing of third class mail already have been investigated, and there is no necessity, they assert, for another investigation at this time. Furthermore, it was decided that it would be unwise to start another investigation at the beginning of a national campaign, and to permit the Democrats to drag in a number of insignificant matters for the express purpose of making political capital. The leaders were of the opinion that the party could afford to stand by its record in correcting the abuses which existed in the postoffice department, notwithstanding the attacks of Democrats, and there was no reason for another investigation. A final decision, however, has not been reached, but it is the opinion of Republican leaders of the senate that nothing will be done.

Letter Carriers' Pensions.

Washington, D. C., special: Senator Frye introduced a bill for the retirement at the age of 65 years of letter carriers who have served thirty-five years, the retired pay being 80 per cent of their former pay.

Animals for the Fair.

New York dispatch: A collection of 800 animals, the largest ever brought to this country in a single ship, arrived on the steamer Bethania from Hamburg. Nearly all are for exhibition at the St. Louis exposition.

Woman Takes Acid.

Aurora, Ill., dispatch: Marie Wing of Chicago is fatally ill at the city hospital, as the result of a dose of carbolic acid which she took at the Hotel Huntington with suicidal intent.

IT PAYS TO BE HONEST.

New York Lawyer Proves This by Good Story.

Ex-Judge Mayer and a party were discussing various maxims at the Republican club the other night when Col. Henry Clay Piercy of the House Committee said:

"Well, Judge, do you really believe honesty is the best policy?" "It'll answer that question by a story," replied the Judge. "When I was practicing law in a country town I called on a resident one day in the interests of a client. I said to the man:

"Do you own a large black dog with white spots?" "He looked at me quizzically, and then said:

"Oh, no; that dog is merely a stray canine that occasionally strolls into my yard. You're the tax assessor, aren't you?"

"No, I'm only a lawyer. I came to tell you that a client of mine had accidentally shot and killed the big dog and authorized me to pay the owner \$25 damages. But as the animal has no owner, why, of course there's nothing to pay. Good morning!"—New York Times.

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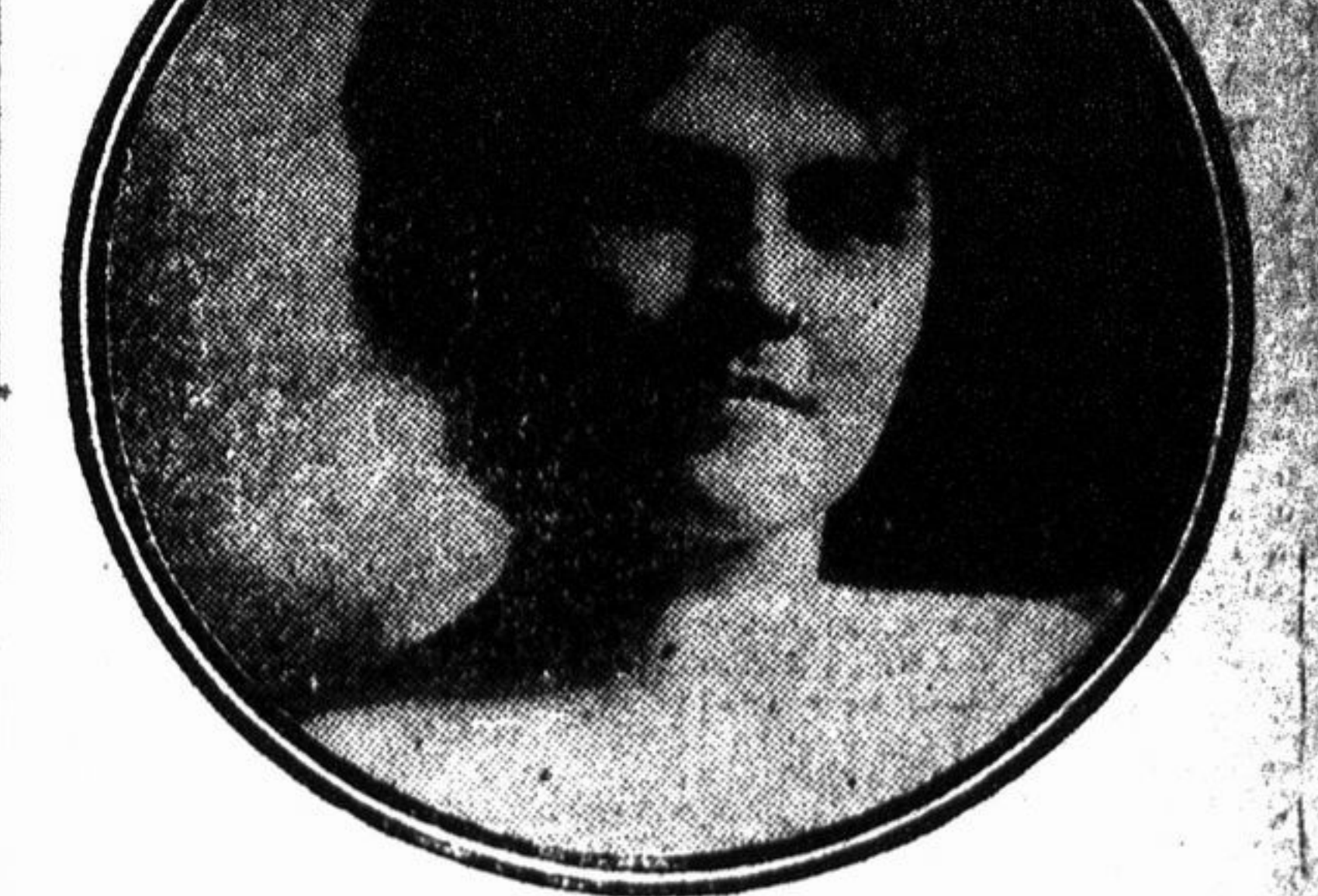
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PURE BLOOD.

Blood Impurities of Springtime—Cause, Prevention and Cure.

Dr. Hartman's medical lectures are eagerly scanned by many thousand readers. One of the most timely and interesting lectures he ever delivered was his recent lecture on the blood impurities of spring. The doctor said in substance that every spring the blood is loaded with the effects of accumulations of winter, deranging the digestion, producing sluggishness of the liver, overtaxing the kidneys, interfering with the action of the bowels and the proper circulation of the blood. This condition of things produces what is popularly known as spring fever, spring malaria, nervous exhaustion, that tired feeling, blood thickening and many other names. Sometimes the victim is bilious, dyspeptic and constipated; sometimes he is weak, nervous and depressed; and

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Indications are that the bicycle will be popular again this year.—News Item.

out of consideration for Mr. Tillman, who was unable to speak because of illness. A resolution was adopted authorizing the lowering of government dams in the Illinois river basin according to the legislation to attend the opening of the world's fair and provided for representation. Senator Frye introduced a bill providing for the retirement of letter carriers at the age of 65, who have served thirty-five years, at 80 per cent salary.

The House passed the Philippine bill by a vote of 129 to 123. A. Smith of Michigan voted with the Democrats. In the debate Mr. Williams of Illinois predicted great scandals from the administration of the measure. A resolution to permit Colonel T. W. Symons of the engineer corps of the army to serve as consulting engineer on internal improvement in the State of New York was passed after objection by several members. Mr. Hamilton (Mich.) discussed capital and labor and Mr. Cochran (Mo.) criticized the "essence of the legislative power by the executive." The postoffice appropriation bill was sent to conference. Mr. Baker (N. Y.) said the country during the coming campaign would know about President Roosevelt's expenses in traveling. The conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was agreed to.

Friday, April 15.

The closing hour of the session of the senate was captured by a speech by Mr. Bailey on the subject of civil service. In plain terms he declared himself against the "trident dream" of civil service and exposed himself a spoliator. Mr. Hale spoke in accord with much that Mr. Bailey said, but added that Congress could not be induced to change the law even though convinced that it should be changed. The Panama Canal bill occupied the major portion of the day and was passed without division. It was amended so that all salaries or other compensation fixed by the commission shall be subject to the approval of the President. The postoffice appropriation bill was referred to a conference committee. Senator Frye introduced a bill providing for the appointment of a commission of members of Congress to investigate and report to the next Congress what legislation is desirable for the development of American merchant marine and commerce.

The House passed the Mann bill ordering the lowering of the Chicago River tunnels. Consideration of the general deficiency bill was resumed and the President's recent pension order was attacked by Mr. Underwood (Ala.). The

BLAZE IN OIL PROVES COSTLY

Large Refinery at Port Arthur, Tex., With Contents, is Destroyed. Beaumont, Tex., dispatch: Fire in refinery No. 2 of the Gulf Refining company at Port Arthur, following a double explosion in the agitators, resulted in the loss of refinery No. 2 and the partial loss of refinery No. 3. About 50,000 barrels of oil were destroyed. It is thought the loss on oil, machinery and buildings will amount to \$500,000.

TWO MEN KIDNAP A SCHOOLBOY

Farmer's Young Son is Stolen While Playing in Atlanta, Ill. Bloomington, Ill., dispatch: Paul, the 13-year-old son of J. W. Rodgers, a farmer, was kidnaped while playing near the schoolhouse at Atlanta. Two men drove up in a closed buggy, took the boy and drove away. Searching parties are out looking for the missing lad and his captors. The father has no idea of the motive for the kidnaping of the boy.

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