

NEWS FROM THE
STATE CAPITOLTEACHERS' PENSIONS WILL BE
SUBMITTED TO VOTE
OF PEOPLE.BILL TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR
DEPENDENT MOTHERS.Both Houses Working Hard to Com-
plete Business By the 25th—Lob-
bysts Are Bounced Off Floor
of Senate.

(By Gurd M. Hayes.)

The house has passed the teachers' retirement fund bill, but virtually put the measure on the same ground as the constitution amendment to provide for the pensioning of teachers. A referendum was attached by which the bill must be endorsed by a majority vote of the people at the fall election in 1914 before it can become effective.

Realizing that there is probably little hope of gaining the favorable vote of the electors of the state, the friends of the measure made a determined fight against the referendum clause, but it was adopted by a vote of 54 to 31. It appears certain that the bill never would have passed the house without the referendum. An attempt to attach an amendment prohibiting superintendents of schools and county school commissioners from participating under the benefits of the proposed law was defeated.

Mothers who are fighting to keep their families together, but who find the battle too hard, will be given aid by the state if the Amberson-James bill passed by the house is carried to the senate. The bill is similar in its provisions to legislation proposed and enacted in other states and it was introduced by Senator James, of Houghton, and Senator Amberson, of Lenawee, and has met with no objection in the senate, either in committee of the whole or on third reading.

As passed by unanimous vote the bill provides for the relief of mothers having dependent children, under the supervision of probate judges. Those to whom the bill is intended to apply are classified in its terms as follows:

"If the mother of such dependent child is unmarried, or is a widow deserted by her husband, or if married has been divorced and is poor and unable to properly care and provide for said child, but is otherwise a proper guardian, and it is for the welfare of such child to remain in the custody of its mother, the court may order or find such facts and fixing the amount of money necessary to enable the mother to properly care for such child such amount not to exceed \$2 a week for each child.

The bill is claimed to be the premier progressive bill of the session. Just how the bill will be received in the house no one can make a guess, and no one can venture an opinion as to the number of mothers who will be eligible to avail under its provisions.

Speaker Currie and Lieut. Gov. Ross believe that the house and senate will be able to clean up necessary legislation in time to cease work April 25. They realize it means a persistent grind during every available minute the next two weeks and have quietly laid their plans to facilitate the work of both branches.

To facilitate matters in the house Speaker Currie has organized an official board of counsel, whose duty it will be to scan every bill for jokers and indicate those who are wrong in spirit or intent. An effort is to be made in the house to pass every measure which has merit regardless of its relative importance. To this end there will be three sessions daily until April 25.

Once more the anti-cigarette bill is on its way to the statute books, as the house in committee of the whole has agreed to the Dunn bill which prohibits the sale or giving away of the paper pipes in this state. In every session of the legislature in the present century such a bill has made its appearance and in every session it has been beaten in one way or another. Only the most optimistic predict any better success this session.

There has not been any particular fuss raised with the members over the matter, other issues having the center of the stage now to the practical exclusion of what was once a burning issue. It is said that the house has the credit and safely rely on the senate to suppress their opposition. Whether the senate will accept its part in the play remains to be seen, if the bill is passed on the third reading remains to be seen.

During the final days of the session a horde of lobbyists have put in an appearance in the legislative halls and it was necessary for the senate to adopt a drastic resolution to keep all persons intent on influencing legislation off the floor of the senate. As a result of the resolution several lobbyists were bounced the first day by the sergeant-at-arms.

The house has passed the senate bill which went through the senate, which eliminates the 15 per cent clause and the enrollment feature of the present primary election law. The bill was not passed in exactly the same form as it went through the senate, but the changes made are of a minor nature.

This is in accordance with the notion agreed upon by Governor Ferris and the members of both houses interested in primary reform legislation. The understanding was then that the James bill was to be accepted as a means of avoiding injury to that by provisions which might give members opportunity to oppose it. Other changes in the law are to be proposed in separate bills. This plan was given as a reason for turning down an amendment offered by Rep. Baylis of Chippewa, which provided for the selecting the national committee of each party at the same time nominations for governor are made.

Representatives Taylor, Bricker and other democrats declared they favored the amendment, but believed that if it was incorporated in the bill the senate would kill the whole proposition, and on this declaration the amendment was voted down.

Whether the amendment will get safely through the senate again is said to be somewhat of a question. There is a bevy of senators opposed to wiping out the enrollment feature of the present law and they will be only too glad to hit this proposition if the opportunity is presented.

The fight for free text books is on in the house, as the committee on education reported out the Odell bill providing for free text books and its companion, the King bill, both of which have passed the senate. The pair of bills are considered inseparable, the King bill requiring school book companies which desire to sell their publications in the state to furnish a bond to the state treasurer, guaranteeing they will sell books as cheap in Michigan as they do elsewhere. Friends of the measure consider the prospect bright for the passage of bills in view of the fact that the uniform text book bill has gone by the boards and unless these bills are passed there is no chance that any other legislation of that character will go through at this session.

Veteran members of the house are becoming alarmed over the situation which has arisen since the adjournment resolution was adopted, because the rush which is now being made on the constitution bills in view of the fact that the uniform text book bill has gone by the boards and unless these bills are passed there is no chance that any other legislation of that character will go through at this session.

Rep. Clapper attempted to have a provision made for a steering committee, but there are too many members interested in various pending measures, and the motion was defeated. Appropriation bills have all been placed at the head of the general order but even at that, under the five day rule of the constitution, the prospects are none too good. Members are talking of asking the senate to return the adjournment resolution.

The house in committee of the whole has agreed to the Bricker-Follette-Hinkley-Copley bill to regulate the sale of stocks and bonds in this state. The bill in reality agreed to was the senate black bill, which has passed that body, the substitution being made to save time and trouble as the senate and house bills are identical in form. No amendments were offered to the bill and no opposition was made.

The committee on elections of the house reported out without recommendation, two bills providing for the selection of national committee men and state electors by countymen at the primaries, rather than in convention. Rep. Baylis introduced the bill relative to state central committee men and Rep. Bricker that relative to national committee men. For weeks no action has been taken on these bills. It is said that the members from the upper peninsula who find it impossible to get home to vote and back again in the recess period usually given for election days during a session. It is provided that the amendment shall be submitted in 1914.

Both houses of the legislature will formally adjourn April 25 and the date of the final adjournment has been set for May 1. With the date of adjournment fixed, the house has the main work of the session to handle in the remaining few days.

Only a few appropriation bills have been reported out and there is the biggest mass of undigested legislation stacked around, in the history of the house. Two years ago the house fixed a date for adjournment under similar circumstances and then, while the senate continued to work in a frenzy, got through it. In consequence, many bills were enacted into law with practically no action being taken on their merits.

WOULD ABROGATE
THE TREATIESCHAMBERLAIN INTRODUCES RES-
OLUTION IN THE
SENATE.WOULD SETTLE QUESTION OF
PANAMA TOLLS.Hay-Pauncefote Treaty With England
May Be Set Aside As Simplest
Way Out of Controversy.

A joint resolution to abrogate the Hay-Pauncefote and Clayton-Bulwer treaties, on which Great Britain is basing her protests against the Panama canal act, was introduced by Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, and referred to the foreign relations committee.

Upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty Great Britain bases her protests against the free passage for American ships in the Panama canal. Senator Chamberlain, a leader in the senate of the



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free passage proponents, declared that he considered abrogation of the treaty the easiest and quickest way to get to the bottom of the affair.

Sensor Chamberlain explained that while the Clayton-Bulwer treaty had been superseded by the existing Hay-Pauncefote treaty, he included it in his resolution for abrogation upon the theory that were the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to be abrogated alone, Great Britain might renew her claims upon the old treaty with the contention that the abrogation of its successor still left it in force.

Million Dollar Fire in New York.

A million dollar loss is estimated for a fire which destroyed the old Shooters Island shipyard in the Kill Von Kull, near Staten Island, in New York bay. It was used by the Standard Oil Co. for the reconstruction of many tank ships and tugs. The German emperor's yacht, Meteor, was built at the Shooters Island yard in 1902, when many celebrities, including Prince Henry of Prussia, President Roosevelt, and others, attended the launching.

Besides sweeping the yard, today, the fire burned to the water's edge the large transfer ferry, Express, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, the ferryboat Fordham, a barge and two schooners.

Mexican Rebels Wreck Train.

Seventy-five federal soldiers were killed when insurgents dynamited a troop train a few miles south of Chihuahua City, according to refugees arriving by automobile tonight from that district. The refugees reported that had encountered the wrecked train, and estimated the dead, which apparently for several days has remained along the tracks of the Mexican Central railway. Strong groups of constitutionalists were met at intervals along the route.

School Board Members Fined.

Eleven members of the St. Louis board of education were fined \$300 each in circuit court for failure to equip three school buildings with fire escapes. The members signed their own bonds and were released pending the outcome of appeals. It was testified during the trial that the board of education had appropriated \$230,000 to make every school building in the city fireproof.

Admiral Togo Is Promoted.

Admiral Count Hajihachiro Togo, the naval hero of the Russo-Japanese war, was promoted to be admiral of the fleet.

According to a statement prepared by Auditor General Fuller it will cost the state \$1,287.60 to advertise the delinquent tax lands in Gogebic county. The total state tax is only \$264.77.

Eighteen residents of Addison township, Oakland county, have petitioned the circuit court to divide taxes on their property levied for weed cutting by the highway commissioner. They contend that an opinion from the attorney-general says the expense of weed cutting cannot be assessed to farm property.

Alarmed for His Mother.

Little Harry, hanging about the kitchen, saw a stuffed fowl served up before roasting. He was much impressed by the sight. A few nights later his mother, hastily dressing to go out, found that a new frock had been sent home without the proper allowance of hooks and eyes. Summoning aid, her sister basted the frock together up the back.

"Grandma," said Harry, seeking the source of perennial sympathy and comprehension, "come and see what auntie's doing to mamma. I think she's going to roast her, for she's sewing her all up."

JUDGE CURED HEART TROUBLE.

I took about 6 boxes of Dods's Kidney Pills for Heart Trouble, from which I had suffered for 5 years. I had dizzy spells, my eyes puffed out, my breath was short and I had chills and back ache. I took the pills about a year ago and have had no return of the palpitations. Am now 63 years old, able to do lots of manual labor, am well and hearty and weigh about 220 pounds. I feel very grateful that I found Dods's Kidney Pills and you may publish this letter if you wish. I am serving my third term as Probate Judge of Gray Co. Yours truly,

PHILIP MILLER, Cimarron, Kan.
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Valued Patron.

"Confound it, who is the uptown druggist, 'that woman took all the change I had in the drawer'."

"Why didn't you tell her you couldn't break her \$10 bill?"

"No, she's one of our most regular patrons. Why, I've known that woman to buy as high as 11 one-cent postage stamps in a week."

Uncle Josh's Joke.

"Geet!" said old Uncle Josh, as the wall from the parlor waxed louder and more piercing. "I wish that there female sinner boarder'd stop that infernal prattle on her singin' fer a leetle. She hez a voice like a fish."

"Like a fish?" demanded Mrs. Josh, scornfully.

"Geet," said Uncle Josh. "Mostly scales an' flatterin' hokey."—Harper's Weekly.

Keeper of Secrets of Kings.

Lord Knollys, who is retiring after having been private secretary to King George and the late King Edward, has received many tempting offers to write his autobiography, but, needless to say, has steadfastly resisted them all. An enterprising publisher, from the United States, once ran him down during his vacation, and placed a blank check before him, inviting him to fill it in for any sum he liked to name in return for a book of no fewer than 50,000 words.

"My terms would be five million dollars," Lord Knollys remarked, quietly. The publisher gasped. "Good gracious, sir, are you serious?" he asked. "Quite," Lord Knollys rejoined, and then, with one of his merry twinkles of his eyes, he said:

"Would it not be worth a good deal more to you if I had to say frankly all I know?"

The lordship realized the force of the argument, and was bound to admit that it would be a hopeless task to induce an indiscretion on the part of the veteran courtier.

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Fran
By John
Breckenridge Ellis

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