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CLOUTURE RULE CAUSES DELAY IN CONGRESS

Senators Say No Laws Can Be Passed When Members Talk for Weeks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Senate leaders have begun a movement to break through one of the oldest traditions of that august body—the right to talk “until the cows come home.” The rules governing cloture will be amended if possible to end the filibustering which has blocked legislation so effectively in the past. The judiciary committee of the Senate has approved an amendment to the rules limiting debate on any question whenever a majority of the Senate desires such limitation.

This effort to abridge the sovereign prerogative of the legislators in the Upper House of Congress is certain to meet with strong opposition from members of both the Democratic and Republican parties. The minority groups will oppose this radical innovation in a vigorous manner.

MOVEMENT TO END FILIBUSTERING.

The movement to limit debate arose as a result of the complaint of majority leaders in the Senate that they could not get laws passed within the length of time allotted to the filibustering which the Senate has approved an amendment to the rules limiting debate on any question whenever a majority of the Senate desires such limitation.

Similar movements have arisen all over the country where women are employed in the public service, particularly as school teachers. In the latter case it frequently has been held that women who marry forfeit their positions as teachers. The ruling of Postmaster General Hays is a practical one, giving the federal service and a great deal of importance in establishing for women the full rights of citizenship intended to be conferred by the Nineteenth amendment to the Constitution.

In a letter to the postoffice department referring to the old order discriminating against women who marry “whole situation” Mrs. Gardner continued: “I deem it exceedingly important, both in the interest of the development of women, not to mention the interest of the postoffice department, to work out some ruling which will correct the obviously unjust condition.”

Mrs. Gardner’s statement of case was read to the committee of the postoffice department and the old order was speedily revoked by Mr. Hays upon the recommendation of his legal adviser, who declared that he saw “no adequate legal reason why marriage of postmasters or of other women employees should affect it should affect the tenure of office.”

MRS. GARDENER’S STATEMENT.

Disclosing this incident the other day, Mrs. Gardner said:

“Such an unjust discrimination as previously existed not only was archaic, but it served as deterrent to marriage. The entire problem of married women in the public service should be settled on the basis of efficiency. If the marital duties of a postmistress, for instance, occupied so much of her time that she could not be as efficient as a single official, she should be removed; or if, on the other hand, the presence of a husband about the postoffice should be deterrent to the best interest of the patrons that would be brought for her removal. But to remove a postmistress solely upon the ground that she was married constituted an anachronism, now that women have begun to come into their rights under the Nineteenth amendment.”

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DEMOCRATS OPPOSE CLOUTURE RULE.

The Democratic party, ever since the memorable filibuster of John Sharp Williams, has held the South in what it considered the sovereign right of self-government under a proposed amendment, has been irrevocably opposed to the cloture rule.

Added to this opposition is that of a few Republican Senators like Borah, La Follette, Norris and one or two others, who have had occasion to take the side against the entire Senate in the interests of the country.

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SEA RATE WAR IS THREATENED BY INNOVATION

Cunard Line Announces Plans for Fleet to Use Oil Fuel.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A vast scheme for improved ocean travel between America and England is outlined by the Cunard Steamship Company. It is designed to indicate an impending rate war that will make business and sight-seeing trips abroad markedly cheaper next year.

Oil is the keynote of the new shipping campaign. It means cheaper transportation. A fleet of pre-war proportion, all oil burners, with but one funnel.

“This enables more accommodations to be devoted to passengers because of the incorporation in the design of the latest developments in marine engineering,” the Cunard announcement said.

The company adds the striking, prophetic announcement:

SHIPS MAY HAVE NO FUNNELS.

“It may be only a brief step from one funnel to no funnel at all.”

New traffic plans are announced as follows:

Express service, Southampton, Chelmsford, New York weekly, Berengaria, 52,000 tons; Mauretania, 31,000, the world’s fastest liner, and Aquitania, 46,000 tons.

Direct service between Britain and Canada, Liverpool, Liverpool, Tyne, 37,000, carrying first, second and third-class passengers; Ansonia, 15,000, carrying first and third-class only; Alabama, 13,000 tons, carrying cabin passengers only; Southampton, Chelmsford, Canadian service; Andania and Antonia, both 15,000 tons and carrying first and third-class passengers.

Offices will be reopened.

The Liverpool, Queenstown and Boston route is to be reopened by the Lancia, of 20,000 tons, carrying three classes of passengers. The Samara, of the same tonnage, both being sister ships of the Scythia, which is now in service will be added to the Liverpool, Queenstown and New York service between Liverpool and New York.

Cunard’s continental service will be increased by the addition of the Caronia, of 20,000 tons, to the Hamburg, New York service.

Cross-Atlantic rates have quadrupled in four years. The down grade has now been reached. It is even possible that pre-war prices will be quoted if the shipping was eventuates on the scale that appears to be indicated.

PLOT TO DESTROY PACKING PLANT

Ten Men Jailed for Alleged Conspiracy.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 7.—An alleged plot to dynamite the Morris & Co. packing plant here was being investigated by police today. Ten men, captured in a plot by a riot squad, were being held in jail.

Andrew Oroska and Tony Wasilewski, both of Chicago, were the ringleaders of the band, Chief of Police Zimmer declared, and were brought here to take charge of operations. Plans had been made to dynamite the plant Monday night, the chief stated.

Search of the quarters occupied by the men revealed an alarm clock and timing mechanism in a trunk.

CHILLY BAPTISM.

CARDIFF, Jan. 7.—After the ice in the river had been broken for the ceremony thirty persons were baptized by immersion at Llanelli, Carmarthenshire.

CIVIL SERVICE WOMAN WINS CAUSE FOR SEX

No More Discrimination Against Wives in Post-office.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Elimination of discrimination against married women in the Postoffice Department, which has just been announced by Postmaster General Will H. Hays, is the direct result of efforts made by Helen Hamilton Gardner, the only woman who has ever held a public office in the Postoffice. Mrs. Gardner asked Hays for a square deal for her sex—and she got it.

The Postmaster General decided a woman employee of the department does not change her status or lose any rights in the postal service because of marriage.

Before Hays handed down this decision, when an unmarried woman holding the position of postmaster married she had to obtain a new appointment, execute a new bond, or pass the required civil service examination in competition with other candidates seeking the office.

Under the new ruling the woman postmaster will continue to hold the office without a reappointment or another examination.

SETTLES NATION-WIDE CONTROVERSY.

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Columbus Allsop’s wife says people

were greatly surprised at the

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