

## MR. MACON RECAL PEEVISH.

Denounces Peary as a  
Faker Who Should Be  
Driven From Naval Service—  
Mad at Editors and  
Everybody in General.

Representative Macon of Arkansas speaking in general debate on the naval appropriation bill in the House at Washington Thursday night made a sensational attack upon Capt. Robert E. Peary, denouncing him as "faker," and declaring that he "should be driven from the naval service."

The bitter words used by the member from Arkansas called out a quick reply from Peary's friends. Representative J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania, characterized Mr. Macon's speech at "unjust outrageous and offensive." He said there was always some one to be found to suspect every performance by men of genius and courage. He referred to Captain Hobson's exploit of the Merrimac, and to Dewey's victory at Manila bay.

"Heroes like these," said Mr. Moore, "have not the time to stop and deal with every dog that barks at their heels."

### Hits At Roosevelt Too.

Mr. Macon declared that Peary's whole story was "a fake pure and simple." He said his contempt for "fake heroes" was supreme, and he intimated that he put "the hero on San Juan Hill," in that class. Mr. Macon denounced the Peary Arctic Club and charged that it had maintained a paid lobby in Washington. He said that President Taft's judgement in this matter was not to be accepted for he had congratulated Cook as heartily as he did Peary.

Paying his compliments to the editors of The New York Times and The New York Post, Mr. Macon characterized them as "unblushing know-all tit-bits" and "pea-eyed, pin-headed, and putrid-tongued infinitesimals."

He referred to Peary as a "fur-trader pictured him as a self-exaggerated, selfopinionated, puffed-up near-hero," and finally denounced him as "an unfaithful servant and an idle loafer, who ought to be driven from the service instead of being promoted."

### "Mad At" Editors.

Mr. Macon said he had the utmost contempt for human beings so "weazen-brained" that they were afraid to say what they really thought about Peary "because they feared some unblushing know-all tit-bit editor of yellow journals, like The New York Times or The New York Post, would call them ignorant blatherskites."

"I pity," he continued, "a man who is so ignorant as to be terror-stricken all the time for fear he will be called ignorant by some sap-head or so cowardly that he is afraid to think his own thoughts for fear some graft-loving editor will find out what he is thinking about and adversity criticize him therefor."

Mr. Macon expressed the belief that Peary and Cook on one of the trips to the North Pole when they were companions, figured out that it would be easy for a man to "fake" a discovery of the Pole and he charged that they both started out at the same time to claim the discovery. He declared that instead of being rewarded with promotion to the rank of rear admiral, as President Taft and the committee on naval affairs have recommended, Peary's feat was at best worthy only a medal like those awarded to marathon runners.

**Newspaper Men Flid.**  
When Mr. Macon concluded, Mr. Moore replied to what he termed "a most unjust and outrageous assault." Mr. Moore said he had great respect for newspapers and newspaper men, and he had noted with pride that the press gallery had remained empty throughout the time the gentleman from Arkansas had the floor.

"I am glad to know," said Mr. Moore, "that no one in the gallery was willing to sit there and listen to the diatribes of the gentleman from Arkansas, offensive as they were upon one of the great men of this country, or to listen to the violent epithets he applied to newspaper editors."

### Painted While Asleep.

(Berlin Correspondence of the By-stander.)

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Mr. Taft now encounters in full force the opposition which always assails a President who moves against wrong. His purpose to untax food and clothing even in a small way has alarmed every trust in America. If one tax-supported monopoly can be deprived of its privileges, all of them are in danger. Their agents and attorneys in and out of public life may be depended upon to give the President many an anxious hour.

Recognizing this fact, the people must rally to his support. It is not enough to vote for a Congressman once in two years, as events have shown. It is not enough to elect a President once in four years, as has been proved many a time. Our governmental systems and policies are settled not in the fury of political campaigns but in the much longer periods of quiet that separate them. To rule effectively, the people must follow their representatives to Washington. —New York World

### Before It Is Too Late.

If you've a gray-haired mother  
In the old home far away,  
Set down and write the letter  
You put off day by day.  
Don't wait until her tired steps  
Reach Heaven's pearly gates,  
But show her that you think of her  
Before it is too late.  
If you've a tender message  
Or a loving word to say,  
Don't wait till you've forgot it,  
But whisper it today.  
Who knows what bitter memories  
May haunt you if you wait?  
So make your loved one happy,  
Before it is too late.  
The tender words unspoken,  
The letter never sent,  
The long-forgotten messages,  
The wealth of love unspent—  
For these some hearts are breaking  
For these some loved ones wait:  
To show them that you care for them  
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—Exchange.

### Justifiable Homicide.

(From the Springfield Republican.)  
The story comes from Washington that Chief Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, narrowly escaped being run into the other day by a recklessly-driven automobile, which dashed into Pennsylvania avenue from a side street as they were starting to cross. It was a particularly close squeeze for Justice Harlan, and he was not slow in expressing his feelings, though, never forgetting his judicial dignity. "Let me make a prophecy," he said, on catching his breath:  
"Some day a real man from the West, from the plains—from that section of the country where men do not permit other men to trifle with their feelings—some day such a man will come to Washington. He will walk down Pennsylvania avenue, just as you and I are walking. As he starts across the street an automobile will come bowling along at break-neck speed, and come within an inch of taking off a leg. It will be an old story with the driver, but a new one with the man from the West. That particular man from the West will pull his shooting iron from his pocket and fill the reckless driver full of holes, and, judge though I am, I believe the man from the West will go scot free."  
And that would be also a new story for the driver and one which so many men have wanted to have applied to such cases that we can only marvel at the justice's restraint of language in expressing such a sentiment. Let the reckless automobile driver make due note of it. The Chief Justice of Massachusetts recently had a similarly narrow escape while crossing a street in Boston, and he did not express his sentiments respecting the driver of the car in just the language employed by Judge Harlan; they were unquestionably of similar quantity and intensity.

### Vice-President's Vote Passes Subsidy Bill.

For the first time in the history of the United States Senate, the Vice-President was called upon to cast deciding votes. Parliamentarians declare that this record has never been equaled in any other legislative body.  
By determining a tie veto Vice-President Sherman prevented the defeat of the Gallinger Ocean Mail Subsidy bill, a substitute for the original Ship Subsidy bill, which for so many years has been before the Senate. The first bill granted a bounty only to American-built vessels plying from American ports to the southern half of South America, but the substitute extended it to the Philippines, Japan, China and Australasia.  
Later the vote of the Vice-President caused the final passage of the substitute. As a climax Mr. Sherman decided a tie vote in favor of immediate adjournment, thereby preventing the constitutional amendment for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people from being made the unfinished business.

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