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Senator Beveridge of Indiana, be-gan an extended address setting

forth the child labor conditions of

ing bill prohibiting inter-State com-

merce in articles which are the pro-

duct of child labor. Mr. Beveridge

spoke from 3 o'clock until 4:30 and

gave notice that he would conclude

bill was reported to the Senate by

Mr. Hale, who said he would ask

RIVER AND HARBOR BILLA

An urgent deficiency appropriation

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

THE TRIAL OF THAW BEGUN moned for the morning ses ONLY TWO JURORS PASS MUSTER

Thaw III at Ease.

New York, Jan. 23 .- The curtain was rung up to-day for another act to the stand. in the tragedy of real life known as the Thaw-White case. The setting was not the gay all-night restaurants of the Tenderioin, where the princi-mother. Her gown was of brown, nel actors in the tragedy were once cut with coat on front. The brown familiar figures. It was not the root hat was of fur and a heavy brown garden crowded with the summer ess, too, after she had become more revelers who on a fateful night clinked glasses in rythm to the music of pushed aside the vell which had hidthe orchestra and listened laughingly to merry singers, and then were hushed into a silence of horror as three pistol shots cracked and a noted architect lay dead at the little round her face were more delicate and table where he had been chatting the features more daintily moulded, with friends.

The story of the play was brought down to the grim court room scene other sister of the defendant, came where twelve men are to sit and ren- in with the Countess and there was der a judgment which may mean a lively craning of necks to catch the either the taking of another life, this first glimpse of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit time by the State, or a determination that Harry K. Thaw was justi- appeared with May McKenzie, the fied in the claim that he shot the man actress, who has been her sole comwho had "ruined his wife." There anion since the night of the tragedy may be a third decision, Thaw was when the artist's model wife of Staninsane at the time he committed the Kensle's Spartment. The younger crime-"emotional insanity," it was Mrs. Thaw was dressed in dark blue called to-day-but there will be no and wore a plain dark hat which was opportunity to say that Thaw is in- almost entirely covered by a white same

TWO JURORS SECURED.

The long awaited trial began this morning shortly before 10:30 o'clock, and when an adjournment for the

The challenges in nearly tives. cause. every instance were of a peremptory and his brother-in-law, George Carcharacter, and about evenly divided negle, sat almost at his elbow. between the prosecution and the detense.

greeted him with a smile as he strode pait on the way to his seat. With his eyes resolutely to the front, Thaw did not see his mother or his wife until he was almost upon them. Then

MACLOI

With the Murder of Stanford White Placed on Trial for His Life—At-tendance in Court Room Confined to Attendants Thicsman and News-to Attendants Thicsman and News-mile and the Sisters, Mrs. Carnegie and the Counters of Tarmouth, Fresent -Nincteen Jurors Out of a Panel of 200 Called and but Two Pass Successfully the Examination of District Attorney Jerome, Who is Conducting the Case in Person-One of the Jurors a Retired Mann-facturer and the Other a Tteamster --Thaw III at Ease. sion, she threw back her vell better to see and study the faces of the prospective jurors as they were called

COUNTESS RESEMBLES THAW.

The Countess of Tarmouth, who was Miss Alice Thaw, followed her accustomed to her surroundings, den her features. There was a decided murmur in the court room as the spectators noted the striking resemblance between the Countess and prisoner. The the lines of

but these served to make the resemblance all the more striking. Mrs. George Lauder Carnegie, an-

Thaw, around whom the storm of the great trial will rage. She quickly Orient, ford White's slayer, fled to Miss Mc-

MRS. THAW VEILED.

Not once during the day did Mrs. Thaw remove the veil, but her features were plainly discernible and there was about them much of the day had been taken, about 5 p. m., beauty which caused her to be so there were two jurors in the box. The wildly sought as a model by noted arthird furor had been accepted and tists. Her dark mass of hair made, a rest the attention of our people. sworn, but he was excused in the pretty setting for the ivory of her cheeks. She seemed to take the keenciving moments of the day's session, est interest in every question put to the reason for the action being of a the talesmen and was constantly nod-Nineteen of the 200 talesmen who ding her head as if to give assent to were summoned were examined be- some mental concrusion she had fore the day closed. Nearly all of reached. Hardly owce during the them seemed anxious to serve and a day did Harry Thaw take his eyes percentage was excused for from the front and look at his rela-His brother, Edward Thaw,

The jurors who remained in the

box when the day was done and who

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SALARY INCREASE VOTED MANY BILLS PASS HOUSE travel on ralivays, and prohibit Sunday STATE TO LULE COMMERCE HE URGES SUBSIDY FOR SHIPS PROPOSITION PASSES SENATE GALLERT RESOLUTION TABLED

Urgent Need of the Country Carry-ing its Commerce in Its Own Bot-toms is Set Forth in a Brief Mes-sage to Both Houses of Congress sident Holds Up Experie cretary Root on His Re-South American Tour-How Our Commercial Competitors Are Get-ting Ahead of Us-State Ald to Steamship Lines an Important Part of the Commercial System-Earnestly Hopes for the Enact-ment of a Sultable Law.

Washington, Jan. 23 .- President

After the reading in the House, the message was referred to the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, from which a mail subsidy measure has just been reported. in the Senate the message was sent to the committee on commerce. The President calls attention to

the great desirability of enactment of legislation to help American shipping and American trade by encouraging the building and running of lines of large and swift steamers to South America and the Orjent. The urgent need of our country's making an effort to do something like its share of its own carrying trade on

the occasion, has been called to his attention, the President says, in striking fashion by the experiences of Secretary Root in his recent South American tour. State aid to steamship lines, the President says, is as much a part of the commercial system of to-day as State employment of consuls to promote business. The President discusses the bill now be-fore the committee and says "it would surely be discreditable for us to surrender to our commercial ivals the great commerce of the the great commerce we

should have with South America, and even our own comunication Nelson, Patterson, Perkins, Rayner, with Hawaii and the Philippines." SECRETARY ROOTS EXPERI-ENCE. "The urgent need of our country

making an effort to do something the country, in support of his pendlike its share of its own carrying trade on the ocean," the President says, "has been called to our attention in striking fashion by the experience of Secretary Root on his recent South American tour. "The facts set forth by Mr. Root

are striking, and they cannot but ar-The great continent to the south of for its consideration to-morrow, us, which should be knit to us by the closest commercial ties, is hardly in direct commercial communication with us at all, its commercial relations being almost exclusively with Europe. Between all the principal South American ports and Europe lines of swift and commodious steamers, subsidized by their home governments, ply regularly. There is will be reported to the House to-no such line of steamers between morrow by the committee on rivers

blowing a Discussion of Three Hours and by a Vote of 53 to 21 the Upper House Accepts the Proposition of the House of Rep-resentatives to Give Cabinet Mem-hers the Vice President and the ieveral Counties Ask Favorable Ac-

tion on the Bill to Prevent Franda-leut Sale of Merchandise-Insur-ance Committee Reports Favorably Several of the Drewry Bills-House and Senate Join in the Official resentatives to Give Cabinet Mem-bers, the Vice President and the Speaker \$12,000, and Senators and Representatives \$7,500 Annually-Two Amendments Voted Down-North Carolina Senators Vote for the Measure-The Vote in Detail -Beveridge Begins His Lengthy Speech on Child Labor. Ek ction of Senator Simm ams Receives 24 Votes and Britt

Observer Bureau, The Hollaman Building, Raleigh, Jan. 23.

Washington, Jan. 23 .--- The Senate Committee on the corporation com-Roosevelt's message in support of the ship subsidy was received and read by both houses of Congress to-day. After the House of Representatives to in-crease the salaries of Senators, Mem-bill to extend and enlarge the powers bers and Territorial Delegates to \$7,500 annually, and those of the Vice President, the Speaker of the of the commission. After another long hearing on the Douglas dope House and members of the Presi-dent's cabinet to \$12,000. This ac- sions and grievances by a vois of 7 tion was taken by a vote of 53 to 21 and followed a discussion of nearly three hours. An amendment to 6 reported adversely. Several doc-

tors from Raleigh testified that deconfining the increase to cabinet ofcided effects resulted from the use of ficers and the presiding officers of the many of these drinks, while others Senate and House, was voted down, declared with equal positiveness that The result of the vote was as folnicipal corporations responsible in to the son, Beveridge, Brandegee, Bulke-Car-Clark.

> domestic servants in New Hanover county, was also turned down. The public service corporations committee gave another extended service corporations and for the tellers for the Senate committee gave another extended service corporations and for the tellers for the Senate service corporations the tellers for the Senate service tellers for teller hearing to the representatives of the telephone companies, in opposition to

> Representatives of local independ-ent companies and their attorneys from all over the State are standing side by side with the Bell Televice Justice followed with a like an-nouncement and the joint semion ended. side by side with the Bell Telephone Company in fighting this measure. Senator Drewry's bill to define the status of persons soliciting life insurance provides that any person who shall solicit application for insurance upon the life of another shall in any controversy relating thereto between the assured or his beneficiary and the company issuing any policy upon such application, be regarded as the agent of the company and not the in

agent of the assured. THE SENATE.

The Senate convened at 11. Rev. D. M. Starling offering prayer. The insurance committee made a favor-Record-Breaker in Size It able report on the various bills in-Carries Small Appropriation for troduced by John C. Drewry, chair-North Carolina The Amounts in man of that committee, these being based upon the New York law, and Washington, Jan. 23 .- The river preventing discrimination in policies, and harbor appropriation bill which preventing misrepresentation companies, and prohibiting gifst to house, negie, sat almost at his elbow. The family party was escorted to waiting automobile cabs at the end american ports is almost a negligible this sum \$34,631,612 is appropriated this sum \$34,631,631 is appropriated this

Royster: To allow Oxford to issue sow-erage bonds; also to establish a dispen-sary at Creedmoore. Williams: To provide for working Dup-lin county road, also to amend the law regarding the election of magistrates; al-so to regulate the earnings of public sory corporations.

service corporations. Morton: To allow New Hanover to is-sue public school bonds. Pickett: To allow cities and towns to -Adin lands for cemeteries under

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tain conditions. Davidson: To repeal the road law of 1905 for Cherokee; also to regulate the pay of county officers in that county. Johnson: To allow Caswell to levy a special tax.

Midyette: To prescribe the time for hunting deer in Northampton. PASS FINAL READING.

The folowing bills passed final reading To allow the Carolina and Glen Anna Railway to expend operations pending

To substitute 5 per cent. for 6 per cent. as the rate of interest on High Point Railway improvement book. To increase the number of commis-sioners for Harnett. To abolish March term of Onslow

ourt. ELECTION OF SENATOR.

At noon the election of a United States Senator was taken up, the approach of the Senate was announced, it entered, headed by President Winston, who, taking they produced no deleterious effect. The judiclary committee reported joint session, to declare the result of the unfavorably on the bill making mu-leter for the senator. Forty-two Senators responded and tenant act of the last session to domestic servants in New Hapover

were Drewry and Carter, and for the House Stickley and Tavlor, and these came forward and verified the journals. the bill authorizing the corporation signing the bill authorizing the corporation to compel interchange-able connections of long distance had been ascertained that for Senator there had been cast for Simmons 18 wotes, Adams 24, and Britt 2. President with local telephone companies. The votes, Adams 24, and Britt 2. President Winston, formally declared Simmons

The House took up the joint resolutions providing for the appointment of a com-mittee to ascertain the stock of the State in the North Carolina and Atlantic & North Carolina Rallway, which was in-troduced by Gallert yesterday. He ex-plained it, saying that in view of curtroduced by Gallert yesterday. He ex-plained it, saying that in view of cur-rent reports the greater value of stock and the fact that under the terms of the

leases the State was not receiving over 2 per cen.; he thought it wise to get the facts, if it should be found advantageous to the State to get out of a bad hargain in making the leases, then to sell the State's interest in those roads and be

wih the matter OTHER BILLS PASSED

Bills passed final reading as follows To prevent the quashing of bills of in-dictment because of non-payment of taxes by a member of the grand jury or because one of the grand jurors is a party to a suit in court. This bill being very hearily opposed in speeches by Man-gum, of Gaston, and Harshaw, of Caldwell, and being warmly advocated by Winborne, Persons, Midyette, Laughingby and Bickett, amendments being steamers between morrow by the committee on rivers political parties. There was also a offered by Harris and Grant, which were

The sporopriated as to when d-breaker in size, Turner: To force Superior Court Mathematical Court in the act re-garding assessment of railroad com-panies in stockiaw territory. To include swain county in the act re-garding assessment of railroad com-panies in stockiaw territory. To include employees in the State de-pariments, receiving less than 1400 a year in the act allowing 15 days holiday each Vear. judges to open court Monday. Pharr: Amanding the Building & Loan Association law. Holt: To make the township the uniti of special school tax districts. Seawell: To further regulate pub-the service componentiate on public ser-Neuse and Trent rivers, \$30,000; wa-terway between New river and Swans-boro, \$17,000; Cape Fear river at mission. that Speaker Cannon will at once and papers and compet testimony under oath of winesses summoned. To include Rowan and Rutherford in the Lanlord and Tenant Act of 1905. To make 10 years separation of hus-band wife when there is no living issue ground for divorce. To authorize the running and marking the State lines between this State and Vivenia. let it be known whether he intends to appoint Mr. Webb on the judiciary committee. Minority Leader Williams has again duscussed this subject with the Speaker at the latter's instance.

North Carolina Inter-

RADICAL LIQUOR BILLS

Giving Any State Control Inter-State Shipments of I as Soon as It Enters Its Bo —Have Been Before Sub-Con-tees of Both Houses—Questio Constitutionality Constitutionality Much Mon Liquor Interests Confident preme Court Will Kill It.

BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Observer Bureau 1417 G Street, N. W., Washington, Jan. 28.

The present status of the Little field liquor bill will be of much interest in North Carolina, as reports received here show that the subject of inter-State shipments of liquor into dry communities is a live tonk of many sections of the State. This bill, divested of its legal verbage, simply provides that inter-Stafe shipments of liquor shall lose their inter-State character and therefore the protection the inter-State commerce law affords the moment they cross the borders of a State and before the liquor is delivered to the consignee. This bill was favorably eported by the judiciary committee of the House to-day.

LITTLEFIELD BILL CONSTITU-. TIONAL?

The Littlefield bill and the Hepburn-Dolliver bill bearing on the same subject have been up in the sub-committee of the Senate judiciary committee and Senators Bacon, of Georgia; Spooner, of Wisconsin, and Knox, of Pennsylvania, the Senate sub-committee, have requested the appearance of Mr. Littlefield to explain his measure and to give his views on certain objections to its constitutionality. mainly Mr. Littlefield this afternoon expressed his own personal conviction that the bill would stand the test of the courts. He said he had examined into that feature and was prepared to cite cases in support of bellef.' He also stated that he had expected the measure to pass the House some time next week.

Senator Bacon, of the Senate subcommittee, stated that he was entirely friendly to the object sought to be accomplished by the measure and favored it from a moral standpoint, but that he had not yet reached any conclusion as to the constitutionality of the measure. If the bill is unconstitutional as some fear, it will, of course, be inoperative even if it should pass both Houses of Congress. A member of the House judiciary committee, who was opposed to the Littlefield bill, declared that the whiskey interests were perfectly safisfled to have it adopted, having been advised by counsel that the Court Supreme would unquestionably kill it. The Supreme Court of the United States recently held in the case of Paul Heyman, of Augusta, Ga., versus the Southern Railroad that the act of transportation was not completed un-

CURIOSITY AS TO DEFENSE. of the day by a squad of policemen. quantity for in-

tulle veil.

The examination of the first talesmen called from the large panel was building to catch a glimpse of Mrs. followed with the keenest interest, as Thaw and others.

it was thought the line of questioning by the attorneys for Thaw would de velop the character of the defense they are to show up. There was disappointment in this respect. The defendant's counsel seemed perfectly willing to accept any proposed juror who satisfactorily answered the questions put by District Attorney Jerome, who personally conducted the examinations. The defense peremptorily challenged two talesmen, however, who gave their business as architects. Mr. Jerome asked each talesmen

in turn if he would be influenced by the so-called higher or unwritten law to the exclusion of the actual laws years of age and, Fecke 44. of the State as they would be laid down ' by Justice Fitzgerald. There was none to say he would not accept the court's ruling as to all questions of law.

On the question of insanity as an axcuse for crime, Mr. Jerome explained to each talesman that the law excused only those persons who were laboring under such a defective reason as not to know the nature or the quality of the act committed, or even to know that the act was wrong.

JEROME LAYS DOWN LAW.

"That is the law," declared Mr. Jerome. "Now would you import into your conclusion any imaginary form of insanity you might have in mind or that might be suggested to you, to the exclusion of the law as it will be laid down to you by the court?" The marriage was a quiet affair, only The talesmen said in turn - that a few of the relatives and friends of they would be guided solely by the the parties being present. The large court. parlors were

Thaw's counsel entered objections only to certain forms of questions propounded by Mr. Jerome along this line. They declared they had on objection to the questions in principle. The usual percentage of talesmen conscientious who declare their scruples against capital punishment was missing to-day. On the other hand, however, every talesman examined said he had formed or ex-pressed an opinion in the case. All admitted, however, that their opinions were based on newspaper reports, and these had been so conflicting from time to time as to make their opinions susceptible of change by the of ctual evidence.

QUESTIONS PUT TO JURORS.

The talesmen were asked if they knew Thaw's friends or White's or They were asked if they were on the Madison Square Roof Garden the hight of the tragedy; if they had friends in Pittsburg, or if their sym-pathy or emotions would affect their fair-minded judgment. The exami-nations by District Attorney. Jacoba and a woman of marked business ter-Thaw's counsel varied little op essential points. The presence of three noted alignists in the court coom, as prospective witnesses for the prosecution, created some comment. Thaw sat during the day at the

table set apart for his counsel. At times he seemed to take a lively interest in the examination of the men

Quite a crowd collected about the year ending June 3 0,1905, there enthree thousand steamers and sailing vessels from Europe, but from the United States no steamers, and only This bill is a record-breaker in size, FOUR WOMEN REPORTERS. Aside from the members of the seven sailing vessels, two of which family, there were only four women were in distress. One prime reason for this state of things is the fact in the court room, and these were that those who now do business on newspaper writers. The attendance the sea do business in a world not to-day was confined to newspaper people and jury talesmen.

of natural competition, but of subsidized competition. STATE AID TO TRAFFIC.

were turned over to a bailiff who will much a part of the commercial sys- and \$250,000 continuing. have them in charge until the end of tem of to-day as State employment the trial, were Deming B. Smith, retired manufacturer of umbrellas, and Charles H. Fecke, an employing pay in the aggregate some \$25,000 .- McClellansville, \$75,290; teamster. Both men are married and have families. Smith is about 55 The trial will be resumed to-mor-

row morning at 10:80 o'clock and there will be two daily sessions, constill pay relatively less than any one cluding each afternoon at 5 o'clock. of our competitors pay. Three years ago the trans-Mississippi congress PATTERSON-EVANS MARRIAGE. formally set forth as axiomatic the statement that every ship is a mis-Notable Social Event at Laurinhurg sionary of trade, that steamship lines

Congressman Patterson Weds Mrs. work for their own countries just Mattle McNair Evans. as railroad lines work for Special to The Observer. terminal points, and that it is as ab-Laurinburg, Jan. 23 .- One of the surd for the United States to de-

pend upon freeign ships to distribute most notable social events of the seaits products as it would be for a deson was the marriage of Mrs. Mat-

brilliantly decorated

The wed-

with ferns and carnations.

ketchin.

marriage.

ding march was beautifully rendered

by Miss Anna McNair, sister of the bride. Little Miss Sarah Pate and

Mr. John F. McNair were the bearers

of beautiful baskets of violets, and

were followed by Miss Mary McNair, sister of the bride, who was the only attendant. The bride and groom en-

tered together, and the ceremony was

tired in a lovely gown of grey crepe

The groom is a prominent attorney

ly young man, he is now serving his

Maxton. Although a comparative-

partment store to depend upon tie McNair Evans to Hon. Gilbert B. ons of a competing house to deliver its goods. This statement is the lit-Patterson, which occurred at 7:30 this eral truth. evening, at the home, of the bride's father, John F. McNair, in fais city. NEED OF PROTECTION.

contend merely against the subsidizaton of their foreign competitors. The higher wages and the greater cost of maintenance of American officers and crews make it almost impossible for our people who do business on the ocean to compete on equal terms with foreign ships unless they are protected somewhat as their fellow countrymen who do business on land are protected. We can not as a country afford to have the wages, and the manner of life of our seamen cut

most beautifully performed by Dr. John M. Rose, pastor of the Pres-byterian church. The bride was atdown; and the only alternative, if we are to have seamen at all, is to offset the expense by giving some advantage to the ship itself. "The proposed law which has been

introduced in Congress is in no sense experimental. It is based on the best man whose engaging personality has for instance, on the recent Cunard made him a favorites with all who As far as South America overnment. Representative in and most successful precedents, concerned its aim is to provide from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts bet-ter American lines to the great ports of South America than the pre-

sent: European lines. The South Ameri can republics now see only our war-ships. Under this bill our trade mired by hosts of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson left on the \$:50 train for Washington, where they will be for several months before returning friendship will be made evident , to them. The bill proposes to build large sized steamers of 16 knot speed. There are nearly 200 such steamships al-ready in the world's foreign trade, and over three-fourths of them now) their home at Maxton. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Patterson and amily, of Brockton, California, were family, of Brockton, California, were here to-day, having come across the continent to witness their brother's draw subsidies-postal or admiralty or

In the examination of the mean summond to decide also fair fair leasing the very word that he easing the very word that is not called server word about the contract of the two houses of the two house

1907, and July 1, 1908, and \$48,834, magistrates jurisdiction of cases of tered the port of Rio Janeiro over 526 is authorized for continuing con- cruelty to animals. tracts, limit being fixed as to when

> exceeding by many millions the judges to open court Monday. amount allowed for river and harbor improvements in any Congress. Among the items in the bill are:

North Carolina-Beaufort, \$22,000; Pamlico and Tar rivers, \$11,563; boro, \$17,000; Cape Fear river at mission. "State aid to steamship lines is as and below Wilmington, \$165,000 cash

South Carolina-Winyaw bay, \$30.of consuls to promote business. Our 000; inland waterways between commercial competitors in Europe Charleston harbor. S. E., and opposite ations. Charleston, 000 a year to their steamship lines, \$25,000; Waccamaw river, N. C., and Great Britain paying nearly \$7,000,- S. C., and Little Pedee river, S. C., 000. Japan pays between \$3,000,-000 and \$4,000,000. By the propos-ed legislation the United States will still pay relatively leave will creek canal \$150,000 C., and Little Pedee river, S. C., ree rivers and Estnerville-Minim

MINIMUM PRICE FOR COTTON.

National Farmers' Union Adopts Number of Important Resolutions at Second Day's Session.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 23.-The National Farmers' Union in its second day of the annual convention here to-day, adopted their a number of important resolution Among these was one that the un should establish a minimum price the cotton crop of the present year, its meeting next fall, and that by resolutions. the unior year at by its system of warehousing it should main tain such price. The diversification of crops was the subject of a resolution which called upon

"Moreover, it must be remembered the farmers of the country to increase that American ships do not have to largely to raise supplies for home conlargely to raise supplies for home con-rumption. It was urged that farmers raise something which shall find a ready local sale each month of the year. The Farmers' Union Press Association. organized at Texarkana. Tor., last Sep-tember, held its annual meeting to-day. Only routine business was donsidered. The convention will continue through Thursday.

> Manila, Australia and Asia. remembered that while the ships will be owned on the coasts, the cargo will largely be supplied by the in-terior, and that the bill will benefit Upon objection by Webb, a bill to will largely be supplied by the inthe Mississippi valley as much as it benefits the scaboard.

"I have laid stress upon the bene fit to be expected from our trade with South America. The lines to the Orient are also of vital importance. The commercial possibilities of the Pacific are unlimited, and for nanational reasons it is imperative that we should have direct and adequate communication by American lines with Hawail and the Philippines.

BUSINESS THREATENED.

"The existence of our present steamship lines on the Pacific is seriis serlously threatened by the foreign sub-sidized lines. Our communications misrepresentations by with the markets of Asis and with our own possessions in the Philipless than our communicapines, no tion with Australia should depend not upon foreign, but upon our own steamships. The Southwest and the Northwest should alike be served by

these lines, and if this is done WILL ENCOURAGE SHIPYARDS, will also give to the Mississippi val-"The bill will encourage our ship- icy throughout the entire length the ards, which are almost as necessary advantage of all trans-continental

Wilson: To change the method of selecting jurors.

Aycock: Limiting the amount land permitted to be held by corpor-

Ormond: To rev.se the road law of Lenoir county.

Mann: To amend the laws regarding days of grace. For the promotion of Burton:

public decency. Bellamy: To punish the larceny in temporary use of automobiles. Turner: To prevent the wearing of striped clothing of persons convict-

ed only of misdemeanor; Also to exempt Confederate veterans from road tax.

timber and other damage by burning woods. Burleson: To incorporate the town

of Spruce Pines, Mitchell county, Drewry: To define the status of persons soliciting life insurance. Benton: To amend the law regard-

ing eminent doman.

PENSION FOR MRS. JACKSON. pension of \$100 per month to Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, as a mark of to apply to Japanese coolies, reverence in which the people of Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, o her husband.

Petitions were received from a fraud in the sale of merchandise in

returned to the committee on aries and fees. Bills passed: Establishing a grad-

ed school in Moore county and one moved. at Plymouth. Fixing the salaries of Buncombe

county officers. Drewry's bill to prevent discrimina-

tion by life insurance companies was discussed, some Senators opposing it.

It was finally recommitted Bills passed to prohibit the use of funds by insurance companies for to prohibit misrepresentations by life insurance companies. Also a bill to enlarge the powers of the Southern Home and Mutual Insurance Companies,

THE HOUSE.

Speaker Justice called the House to or-der, at 10.30 and Rector McNeeley Du-Bose of St. Mary's School offered prayer, Among the petitons presented were the following:

following, Davis of Carteres, Homestead act. Roysief: To establish a dispensary at Creedmoore, Granville county. Watts: To appoint magistrates for Watts: To appoint magistrates for

charge.

the Stat. Virginia. To mage the annuity tables competent

evidence in actions for damages death or rermanent injuries. To amend the law of 1965 with re for To amend the law of 1995 with refer-nce to trials of real actions in Hert-

To include Alexander county in anti-jug law of 1905.

The House adjourned.

the

ORATORY IN THE HOUSE.

Lovili: To prevent destruction of Pensions Appropriation Bill Fur- \$720 to \$840. Postal clerks in the nishes Opportunity for Oral Pyrotechniqu.

> Washington, Jan. 23 .- This was a day of oratory in the House, the pensions appropriation bill affording an opportunity to a number of Represen-

members of Congress. tatives to make speeches not only in behalf of the bill itself, but on the Commander Long, of the Presi-dent's vessel, the Mayflower, entertariff and on the San Francisco school tained on the vessel at dinner to-day A. D. Watts and Settle Dockery. Senator Webb introduced a reso-lution, accompanied by a petition of Hayes, of California, insisted that all Commander Long's old home is at John T. Jones Camp of Confederate California desired was to be permitted Statesville. veterans of Lenoir providing for a to continue American and that the

Chinese exclusion law should be made Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, occupied

North Carolina hold the memory of an hour and a half in a discussion of the tariff.

Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, and number of counties asking for fav-orable action on the bill to prevent fraud in the sale of merchandise in both having bills before the pension bulk and leaving creditors out in the committee tending to broaden the scope of existing pension laws.

A spirited controversy arose over provide for the payment of jurors an effort to have the pension agencies fees in Rowan, Union and Anson was of the country reduced from 18 to 9. The provision was sharply antagoniz-Baled by members representing districts

from which agencies would be re-Without reaching the pension appropriation bill under the five minute rule the House, at 4:45 p. m., ad-

Mr. Eame Howard, Charge d'Affaires ad interim, the Britiah Embassy, Washington. "Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday's date, by which you communicate the substance of the instructions received by you from Sir Edward Grey in reference to the Jamates incident." "I hasten to assure you, on behalf of the President, that this government will pay no heed whatever to the matter, and very much appreciates the frank and ready courteny and consideration shown in this dispatch by Sir Edward Grey. "T can only repeat to you, in this more formal wey, what I said to you parsonally last evening, assuring you of the President's shown by your government, it is especially gratifying to the President to feel that it has percention of the country to show in any practical way, however small, it friendship to a community of your people in a time of such suffering and need." lourned. CHAIRMAN SHONTS RESIGNS. Head of the Isthmian Canal Commission Will Assume Charge of Ryan-Belmont Interests in New York-Stevens Likely to Succeed

Him. Washington, Jan. 33 .-- Chairman

Shonts, of the Isthmian canal com-

Mr. Shonts resigns to assume charge of the Ryan-Belmont Repid

Transit interests in New York.

It has been determined to estab-

lish the headquarters of the commission on the isthmus and Crief Engineer Stevens undoubtedly will be in

The V. M. I. Third Class Reinstated, But Reavily Penalized.

But Heavily Penalized. Roanoke, Va., Jan. 25.—A Times special from Lexington, Va., says the board of visitors of the Virginia Mili-tary Institute issued an order this afternoon reinstaling the third class who early in January angaged in a display of fraworks from the roof of Smith Hull contrary to regulations. The boys will be heavily penalized.

il the merchandise was the consignee. The question now is whether Con-

gress by statute can so affect the rights granted under the inter-State commerce law, which is a constitutional right, as to give the State control of inter-State shipments the moment they cross the border of the State or before such shipments reach the consignee.

NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS. Now that this Hepburn-Dolliver bill is out of the way, it is assumed

Senator Simmons to-day reported

for confirmation the nomination of

Raleigh and of D. H. Patrick to be

collector of customs at Newbern,

Nothing was done about the nomina-

The committee having in charge

the general postoffice appropriation

bill to-day passed favorably upon the

proposition to increase the salaries

several branches of the service will

North Carolina Senators voted to-

day with the large majority of Sen-

ators who went on record as favor-

ing an increase in the salaries of the

DISMISSES THE INCIDENT.

The President Answers Earl Grey

ham is a Thing of the Past.

That the Act of Governor Swetten-

Washington, Jan. 31-The President has finally dismissed the incident con-nected with the refusal by Governor Sweetenham, of Jamaica, of ald from

Admiral Davis as is shown in the fol-lowing letter, made public at the State Department to-day, addressed by Acting Secretary Bacon to Charge' Howard: "State Department, Washington, Jan. "2 1997

22, 19/7. Mr. Eame Howard, Charge d'Affairer ad Interim, the British Embassy, Wash-

JURY EXCUSED AGAIN.

Court

No Cases Tried Yesterday in Green

Upon the opening of court this ing it was accortained that the a complaint which had been grant not been filed in the cas of A Southern Railway Company, set f

Hardware Company et al, wa Hardin et al, has been set for Mominy, Petruary 4. This will inversal days and it will be foun-tion related the company against it

boro Federal Case Monday.

Special to The Observed Greensboro, Jan. 31-cases tried in the Feder The jury was excused un after the docket had here Upon the context had here

this morning and it was

also receive an increase of pay.

free rural delivery carriers from

The

Willis Briggs to be postmaster

tion of Douglas, at Greensboro.

