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## CONGRESS.

Debate on Army Reorganization Bill Begun in the House.

Nearly Half the Bill Disposed of Under Five Minutes Rule.

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY CONSIDERED IN SENATE

LODGE URGES SPEEDY RATIFICATION—THE SHIP SUBSIDY BILL ALSO UNDER DISCUSSION.

Washington, Dec. 5.—When the house met today the speaker announced that he had a communication from the family of Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, resigning his position as chairman of the committee on naval affairs.

Mr. Dalzell (Pa.) from the committee on rules, presented a special order for Washington, Dec. 5.—When the house met today the speaker announced that no time was set for a vote on the measure. The resolution was adopted. It was arranged that general debate should run for four hours, two hours on a side, and then that the bill should be considered under the five-minute rule.

Mr. Hull ridiculed the charges made during the recent campaign by the opposition to the effect that the republican party desired to foist upon the country a great standing army.

Mr. Cochran (Mo.) declared that no army that marched on the face of the earth could accomplish the subjection of the Philippines.

Mr. Kleberg (Texas) and Mr. McClelland (N. Y.) opposed the bill. Representative Brostus (Pa.), chairman of the committee on banking and currency, introduced a resolution to authorize the controller of the currency under the limitations of the act of July 12, 1882, to extend for a further period of twenty years the charter of any national banking establishment which shall desire to continue its existence after the expiration of its present charter.

Something of a sensation was created during the debate this afternoon on the army bill in the house, by Mr. McCall (Mass.), who delivered an hour's speech in opposition to the bill. He criticized some of the technical features of the bill, charging that the organization proposed was not economical in that it contemplated the same number of officers for an army of 58,000 as for an army of 100,000. He was especially severe upon the proposition to lodge in the president for all time unless congress acted to the contrary, the power to double the strength of the army at will.

But it was against the policy of retaining the Philippines and the inauguration of a colonial policy that he turned his batteries.

REVIVAL OF VICE ADMIRALTY FOR BENEFIT OF SAMPSON

Washington, Dec. 5.—The session of the senate today was devoted to the consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The treaty and the amendment to it suggested by the committee on foreign relations, were read at the instance of Senator Lodge, who took charge of the treaty on behalf of the committee. He then made a speech in explanation of the treaty and urged its speedy ratification as a necessary preliminary to the consideration of the Nicaragua canal bill.

Among the bills introduced in the senate were the following: By Senator Pritchard, the bills prepared by the commission appointed by the president providing revisions for the patent and trade mark laws.

By Senator Hale, to revive the grade of vice admiral in the navy. This is recommended by the president, and is construed to mean that the vice admiral is to be given Sampson.

By Senator Thurston, creating an additional judicial circuit to be designated as the Tenth, and to include the states

of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Montana, and creating a court of appeals for the circuit.

By Senator Warren, permitting the free admission of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors into any hospital of the United States for medical or surgical treatment.

A bill was passed in the senate today permitting Captain B. H. McCalla and Commander W. C. Wise, of the United States navy to accept decorations from the emperor of Germany.

The resolution introduced yesterday by Mr. Pettigrew, calling for information as to the postal frauds in Cuba was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba and the senate then went into executive session.

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY

NOT TO BE ALLOWED TO LAG

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Hay-Pauncefote treaty concerning the Nicaraguan canal was the subject of a brief discussion today by the senate committee on foreign relations.

No conclusion was possible except to decide to press the question in the senate, and there was substantial agreement upon the wisdom of this policy.

There is no division in the committee, except upon amendments, although Senator Bacon did not manifest any great concern for the passage of the treaty in any shape.

The discussion revealed the fact that the committee is evenly divided upon the question of the amendment of the document in accordance with the provision reported during the last session providing for the fortification of the proposed canal.

The committee stands: For amendment, Lodge, Clark, republicans; Daniel, Bacon, Money, democrats. Against: Frye, Cullom, Foraker, Wolcott, republicans; Morgan democrat.

The canteen provision in the new army bill is likely to cause a great deal of contention. Instead of being a prohibition of the sale of liquor it provides that no army officer or soldier shall sell liquor.

The canteen provision of the law now in force prevents the detaching of any officer or private to sell intoxicating drinks as bartenders or waiters.

TREATY FOR CONTROL OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN AFRICA

Washington, Dec. 5.—The senate committee on foreign relations today granted a hearing to the representatives of several temperance and reform associations in support of the treaty providing for the control and restriction of the liquor traffic in Africa. Among those present were Bishop Hartsell, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church for Africa; Mrs. Stevens, president of the Women's Christian Temperance union; and also representatives of the anti-saloon league, the National society and a committee of the Presbyterian church. Bishop Hartsell made the principal address and he strongly urged the importance of the ratification of the treaty at as early a day as possible, saying that it was necessary to the welfare of the black races in their native continent. Members of the committee assured the bishop of their endorsement of the principles involved and informed him that the failure of the senate to consider it had been entirely due to the pressure of other business. A number of petitions were presented, urging that the treaty should not only be ratified but that the principle involved should be applied to other uncivilized portions of the world.

After the delegates withdrew the committee voted to report a resolution for the ratification of the treaty without amendment.

REVENUE REDUCTION BILL COMPLETED IN COMMITTEE

Washington, Dec. 5.—The revenue reduction bill has been completed by the republican members of the ways and means committee. In addition to the abolition of stamp taxes on telegrams, express receipts and proprietary medicines, heretofore reported, there will be a reduction of the beer tax to \$1.60. The present tax is \$2.00 per barrel with a 7-1-2 per cent tax to \$1.85 so that the reduction will be 25 cents per barrel.

Chairman Payne has called a meeting of the full ways and means committee tomorrow to consider the bill.

The decision concerning beer was arrived at after some discussion and by a divided vote. It was first attempted to make the reduction on tea, but this was not concurred in and the question recurring to beer, the reduction was decided upon. The stamp taxes were almost entirely wiped out, with the exception of the stamp tax on stocks.

Members of the ways and means committee estimate the aggregate reductions of the bill as framed at \$40,000,000.

## LAWYER KILLS CLERGYMAN

Direful Result of a Quarrel Over a Sermon in a West Virginia Town.

MINISTER HAD ILLUSTRATED SERMON ON DANCING WITH A LOCAL CARTOON—LAWYER IS WOUNDED.

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 5.—In a shooting affray today between Rev. John Wohl, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and S. D. Stokes, a prominent lawyer, Wohl was killed and Stokes seriously wounded. The clergyman a fortnight ago preached a sermon on the evil influence of the dance. He illustrated the sermon with a cartoon representing a dance given by the young people of the town. Shortly after this Stokes told Wohl if it wasn't for his ministry garb he would thrash him. Wohl told him not to let that deter him. The men met today and during a wordy quarrel the minister called Stokes a liar. Wohl drew a pistol and fired, wounding Stokes. The latter, while lying on the ground, shot the minister in the head, killing him instantly. Stokes was arrested.

## POWERS REACH AN AGREEMENT IN CHINA

Washington, Dec. 5.—The acute phase of the crisis in the Chinese negotiations passed today when all interested nations reached a harmonious agreement in regard to the demands to be made on China to which assent must be given before formal peace negotiations begin. Instructions were sent to Conger by Secretary Hay this afternoon to sign the preliminary agreement and it is now assured that formal conferences between the Chinese plenipotentiaries and ministers of the powers will be initiated shortly. Conger cabled that the ministers had modified the agreement in accordance with instructions from their respective governments.

The agreement is wholly satisfactory to the United States. The two main points, punishment and indemnity, were arranged in conformation with the views of President McKinley. The state department has learned within the past twenty-four hours that the agreement reached will be acceptable to the powers so that formal peace negotiations may begin as soon as the governments notify the ministers to sign.

The form of the demands as finally incorporated, call for the infliction of the severest punishment on the principal offenders that China is able to inflict. As to indemnity the agreement provides that China shall acknowledge its liability for injuries to the governments, corporations and persons and agree to pay damages to be fixed hereafter in such a manner as the peace plenipotentiaries may decide. The United States and Russia favor transferring the question of indemnity to The Hague court of arbitration.

## PENALTY FOR KILLING REVENUE OFFICERS

Bill to Provide That the Punishment Shall Be Death.

Washington, Dec. 5.—A bill for the protection of revenue officers in the discharge of their duty will probably be introduced during the session of congress. Legislation along this line is strongly recommended in the annual report of the late commissioner of internal revenue, George Wilson. The

report recommends the passage of a bill providing for the infliction of the death penalty on all persons convicted of making an attack on revenue officers while in the discharge of their duty. This, of course, if the injuries received by the officer prove fatal.

According to the present federal law, as interpreted by a revenue official, a man convicted of murdering a United States officer can only be sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at hard labor. The same man convicted under the state law would be either hanged or sent to prison for life. When a federal officer is killed by a moonshiner the state rarely attempts to take hold of the case although it has concurrent jurisdiction with the federal government. The latter arm of the law usually handles all cases in which a revenue officer has been murdered and this results in the lighter sentence being imposed.

## MEETING TO ORGANIZE NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Political Fragments of All Kinds to Mingle and Mix.

Indianapolis, Dec. 5.—Considerable interest is manifested in a meeting which will be held here on the 23d which will be attended by social democrats, middle of the road and fusion populists, free silver republicans and representatives of the free silver wing of the democrats. The meeting has for its object the forming of a new party and the indications are that it will be largely attended. Names suggested for the new party are "American" and federal.

## KRUGER WILL DEPART TODAY FOR THE HAGUE

Precautions to Prevent Anti-English Demonstration at Cologne.

Cologne, Dec. 5.—Kruger starts for the Hague tomorrow morning. The police have adopted the most extensive precautions to prevent any anti-English demonstration. Kruger sold several deputations that called to bid him farewell today that he placed all hope in the Czar. He will go to St. Petersburg from the Hague.

## DEATH IN FACTORY FIRE

Falling Walls in Indiana Buried Six Firemen.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 5.—In a fire this morning one fireman lost his life, five were injured and the large structural iron works of George L. Mesker & Co. and Lowenthal's commission house were totally destroyed. The loss is \$110,000.

The members of Hose company No. 2 were caught by a falling brick wall. None of that company's men escaped injury. Gottlieb Surbeck was killed instantly. Jim Dunlevy, captain of No. 2, leg broken, serious; Steve Kelly, captain chemical No. 2, arms and face scratched and bruised; John Wriener, back injured; Ed Schmitt, back injured; John Felker, arm broken.

## TOWNE TO SUCCEED DAVIS.

St. Paul, Dec. 5.—It is announced tonight that Governor Lind's friends have induced him to abandon the idea of appointing a republican to succeed Senator Davis and he will probably appoint Towne, vice-presidential nominee of the populists, to the vacancy. The governor is in communication with Towne and if he accepts the appointment will probably be made tomorrow.

## LANGTRY AND DE BATHE PART.

London, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Langtry and her young husband, Hugo de Bathe, who is heir to a baronetcy, have definitely parted without a suit since the latter returned from the war in South Africa. It seems that the wedding, which took place in the Island of Jersey, was quite impromptu. Mrs. Langtry, obtaining the license. There are no divorce laws in the Channel Islands, but the difficulty probably can be surmounted if necessary by securing a domicile in England.

## PRITCHARD.

Talk of a Cabinet Position for the North Carolina Senator.

Strong Movement in Favor of a Recognition of the Southern States.

A MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT

SENATOR PRITCHARD HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF MOVEMENT FOR HIS SELECTION—SPEAKS OF HIS DESIRES FOR LEGISLATION BY PRESENT CONGRESS.

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Your correspondent was informed by Congressman Brownlow, of Tennessee, tonight that a strong movement was on foot which would likely result in the president recognizing the south through a cabinet position. Attorney General Griggs has announced that he will resign the portfolio of justice, and it is also believed there will be two or three additional vacancies. Should this movement be successful then the present indications are that the southern member of the president's official family will be Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, provided he will accept. Those who have mentioned the matter to President McKinley have with one accord agreed that Senator Pritchard best typifies the true element of loyal, able and aggressive southern republicanism.

Congressman Brownlow further stated that the southern republicans referred to would meet in a few days and, regardless of the wishes of Senator Pritchard, formally recommend to President McKinley the name of North Carolina's senior senator.

It will be remembered that Senator Pritchard was four years ago tendered a cabinet portfolio but preferred to serve out his term in the senate, to which he had just then been re-elected.

When seen at the Ebbitt house tonight and asked what he knew of the movement to secure for him a cabinet portfolio, Senator Pritchard said:

"I have no knowledge of any movement having for its object my appointment as a member of the cabinet, and if the president has expressed an opinion as to any changes in the cabinet I am not aware of it."

Continuing Senator Pritchard said: "My chief desire is to secure for the people of the south a more extensive market for their cotton and cotton fabrics, which will necessarily follow the questions growing out of the recent disturbances in China, as well as the restoration of law and order in the Philippine islands. I feel sure that the adoption of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty will be followed by the passage of a bill authorizing the construction of the Nicaragua canal. Of course there are other matters affecting the interests of the south which I would be called upon to deal with but I regard the ones here mentioned as being the most important measures that will be considered by the present session of congress."

## MAURICE THOMPSON ILL.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 5.—Maurice Thompson, the author who has been ill at his home in this city for several weeks is now reported to be in an alarming condition. It is feared that his illness will prove fatal.

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