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A SURPRISE IN THE SENATE

Morgan Differs From His Democratic Colleagues As to Philippines.

Speaks Approvingly of Government Instituted by United States There.

OPPOSES MAJORITY BILL AS TO EXPORT DUTIES.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE TREATY MAKING POWER.

OLEMARGARINE BILL - SPECIAL ORDER FOR MONDAY.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Senator Morgan, to the evident surprise of his colleagues in the senate today, appeared in the role of a champion of the present government of the Philippines. He emphatically declared that it was a good government and enormously to the advantage of the Philippines, as compared with that to which they were subjected under the Spanish regime. He questioned, however, the authority of congress to levy export duty and expressed a hope that the next democratic national convention would declare that the democrats favored free trade between all parts of the United States, whether covered by the flag or constitution or both, and thus prevent discrimination on those nice lines.

Morgan's remarks were in advocacy of his amendment to the Philippines tariff bill, providing for the imposition of same duties on imports into the Philippines from the United States as imposed on similar articles into the Philippines from foreign countries.

In the early part of the session there was a protracted debate on a bill to fix salaries of certain United States judges. An amendment was offered increasing the salaries of senators and representatives but no action was taken on either.

When the senate met today it adopted a resolution offered a few days ago by Mr. Rawlins, of Utah, providing for a general inquiry by the committee on Indian affairs into the matter of leasing mineral lands by Indians, into the authority of the interior department to approve such leases, and into the subject of the connection of government officials with the making of such leases. At the conclusion of routine business the resolution offered yesterday by Rawlins directing the secretary of war to inform the senate whether what is known as the "sedition laws" have been promulgated by the Philippines commission, and if so, the date of such promulgation, was passed without comment.

The senate then decided, on motion of Mr. Hale, that when it adjourns today it will be to next Monday.

The bill reported recently from the judiciary committee fixing the salaries of certain United States judges was taken up for consideration at the instance of Mr. Hoar, chairman of the committee.

Without action the bill went over, and at 2 o'clock Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, addressed the senate on the Philippine tariff bill.

In the House.

Washington, Jan. 31.—When the house met today Mr. Dalzell (Penn.) from the committee on rules, reported favorably the Tawney resolution, introduced yesterday, to direct the ways and means committee to investigate the question of whether the treaty-making power could negotiate reciprocity treaties effecting the customs revenues without action by congress, and asked for action upon it. Mr. Dalzell said that the question involved one of the highest and most sacred privileges of the house.

Mr. Underwood, also a member of the committee on rules, joined with Mr. (Continued on fifth page.)

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ESCAPED MURDERERS CAPTURED AFTER DESPERATE CONFLICT

One of the Biddles Dying From His Wounds and the Other Seriously Injured— Woman Accomplice Shot Through the Body, But She Will Live.

Butler, Pa., Jan. 31.—The Biddle brothers, who escaped from the Pittsburg jail, and the wife of Warden Soffel were captured this afternoon near Prospect, after a bloody conflict, by Detectives McGovern, Roach and Swinehart.

Edward Biddle is lying in the Butler county jail in a dying condition. Jack, his brother, is in an adjoining cell, riddled with bullets. His condition is serious.

Mrs. Soffel shot herself during the fight. She placed a revolver to her left breast and sent a ball clear to the back, but her condition is not serious. She is now in the hospital.

The detectives escaped unscathed. There were about thirty shots exchanged between the detectives and the murderers.

On arriving at the jail Ed Biddle, who

is dying, asked for a priest and one was summoned. Before talking to the priest he emphatically declared to the detectives that he had not killed Detective Fitzgerald nor Thomas Kahney and that his brother was not implicated. He said Mrs. Soffel aided them to escape and declared that they would have made their escape today but did not want to desert her. He said he persuaded the woman to aid them. Biddle subsequently collapsed.

Tonight Mrs. Soffel confessed she aided the Biddles to escape and furnished them with revolvers and a saw.

Warden Soffel resigned today and his resignation was accepted. When told of the capture he expressed delight and said the only regret was that he wouldn't be in charge of them. He declared he would then take revenge.

Butler, Jan. 30.—It was said tonight by Detective Burk that Mrs. Soffel did not shoot herself but that a bullet from

the first volley struck her.

Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—The ruse of the Biddles, who escaped from jail here yesterday morning, was a clear one and was carried out with great success. They sawed out the bars of their cells, John cutting out three in his. Edward being the largest man, found it necessary to cut out four.

The murderers evidently sawed the bars during Wednesday night, using what appears to have been soap to deaden the noise and to reduce friction. The escape is as unparalleled as is their record for crime throughout this vicinity. The shrewdness of the two criminals is such that the police had a hard problem to solve in their recapture.

The two guards injured will probably recover. The bullet wound sustained by Reynolds is not regarded as dangerous. The physicians have been unable to ascertain as yet the full extent of McGreary's wounds. His head is badly contused, but there is no sign that his skull was fractured by his sixteen foot fall.

DETACHMENT OF JAPANESE SOLDIERS FROZEN TO DEATH

Yokohama, Jan. 31.—A detachment of 210 infantrymen left Awamori January 23 to practice marching over the snow. None of them has since been seen except a corporal, who was found last Monday by a relief party.

The corporal says the detachment lost their way and were overcome by

the intense cold. They burned their haversacks and rifle stocks in an effort to keep warm, but by the evening of January 25 all but seventy-one had perished. The survivors separated into small parties and sought for refuge. It is feared all have perished. Subscriptions have been opened for the relief of the families of the victims.

BIG CROWD GREET SCHLEY AT NASHVILLE

Nashville, Jan. 31.—Admiral Schley was given a hearty reception here tonight and when he emerged from the car at the terminal station he received cheers from a crowd which covered every vantage point in the big structure. Admiral Schley was met by a joint reception committee composed of Knights Templar in uniform, the ladies' committee, which will look after the comfort of Mrs. Schley, and members of the Retail Merchants' association. They escorted him to the Duncan hotel.

The formal exercises will begin at 8:30 tomorrow morning when a parade of two companies of confederate veterans in uniform, the state militia, and fraternal, civic and commercial organizations. These bodies will escort the admiral and Mrs. Schley to the capitol where addresses of welcome will be delivered by Gov. McMillen and representatives of the Knights Templar, city and commercial organizations.

MINE OPERATORS WILL GRANT NO INCREASE

Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—At a joint conference of the miners and operators today the latter declared they would grant no increase of wages on run of mine basis, as compliance with this demand would bankrupt them within a year.

In proof of this they declared 3 to 4 tons must be brought to the surface in order to obtain a ton of marketable coal. To pay for this on basis of 80 cents per ton, run of mine, it would cost the operators \$1.54 per ton for marketable coal, besides the other expenses connected with mining.

BRITISH VESSEL ASHORE AT LONG BEACH, L. I.

New York, Feb. 1.—The British steamer Cavour, with a general cargo and several passengers aboard from Rio Janeiro for New York, ran ashore last evening at Long Beach, L. I., during a snow storm. A life saving crew boarded her but had not returned at an early hour this (Saturday) morning. She lies easily.

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THREE MEN PAY THE DEATH PENALTY

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.—Joseph Wade and B. H. Dalton were hanged in the county jail yard this afternoon for the murder of James B. Morrow, November 14. Both men retained their nerve and just before the rope was put around Wade's neck he said: "You may think I'm happy, but I'm not."

Dallas, Jan. 31.—Thomas Morris was hanged at Corsicana at 12:30 o'clock today for the murder of W. G. Broome, July 7, 1900. The first drop was successful, Morris' neck being broken. The evidence against Morris was purely circumstantial, but conclusive. Broome was a room-mate of Morris, and his body was found in a tank of water, weighted down with iron. The motive of the crime was robbery.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT NORFOLK YESTERDAY

Norfolk, Jan. 31.—The Atlantic hotel, the Columbia office building, the Alameda flats and a block of stores in the center of the city were destroyed by fire early this morning. The conflagration, one of the greatest in the history of Norfolk, broke out shortly before 2 o'clock and when finally subdued over half a million dollars' worth of

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PHILIPPINES INQUIRY BEGUN

Gov. Taft Meets Senate Committee and Begins His Testimony.

Tells of Formation of Provinces and Provisional Governments.

MUCH DISCUSSED SULTAN HAS LITTLE AUTHORITY

NATIVES CONSULTED AS TO FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT AND GIVEN THE OFFICES WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The senate committee on the Philippines entered this morning into an investigation of the general affairs of the islands. Gov. Taft was presented by Senator Lodge to each of the other senators personally. After telling at length of his sojourn on the islands he related how he and other members of the civil government had gone through the provinces gathering information with a view to the organization of municipal provisional government. Invitations had (Continued on fourth page.)

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