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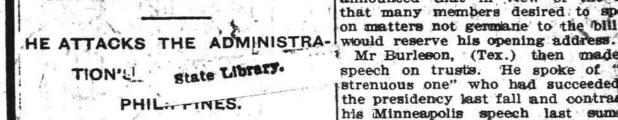
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WHEELER OF KENTUCKY TALKS AGAIN IN THE HOUSE.

VOTE TO BE TAKEN ON PHILIP-PINE TARIFF BILL IN THE SENATE NEXT MONDAY-IN-DIAN APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 18 .- At the conclusion of the routine business in the senate today, it was agreed that the final vote should be taken on the Philippines tariff bill next Monday at 4:30 p. m. During the last day the debate to be limited to fifteen minutes to each senator, no debate to be had after the voting begins.

M. Wellington (Md.) then addressed the senate upon the Philippine question. He said he had been a republican, a protectionist, and a believer in the gold standard of currency, but he said the Spanish war brought the parting of the ways. He was opposed to that war and believed that Cuban indethat war and believed that Cuban independence could have been brought about by diplomatic negotiations. Then came the "imperialistic tendency" of the republican party and with them he could not agree. Without the Spanish war, he said, Cuba might have been free, might have enjoyed indeed a larger measure of freedom and independence than she was enjoying now or would enjoy in the future. The only thing Cuba had been taught was how a postal official could embezzle a half million dollars. Referring to the bill under discussion, Mr. Wellington declared his opposition to it "on the broad ground of minority," that there was no right here to enact such legislation. Referring to the decision of the Supreme court was territory of the United States, he opinions of Jack Bunsby. Mr. Wellington then entered upon an extended review of the events which led up to the trouble in the Philippines, following the ine of argument pursued heretofore by the minority in the senate.

During his speech Mr. Wellington spoke of the sea battle off Santiago and said Admiral Schley was in command found unconscious. of the vessels of the American squadron but the administration had been to the STRONG PLEA FOR CUBA Cubans and Filipinos. He said Schley had not received the credit due him but an effort had been made to besmirch him and detract from his character and bravery. The mention of Schley's name caused applause in some

of the galleries. M. Wellington referred to his conferences with the late President Mc-Kinley and said he had made it plain squadron has arrived off Cienfuegos to the president that he (Wellington) would not vote for anything that meant the permanent retention of the Philippines. He said that Aguinaldo had been captured by methods unworthy of the American army and had been compelled to write his proclamation urging Filipinos to surrender.

He denounced the 'water cure torture" practiced in the Philippines. He closed by declaring that if the hands of the United tSates had not been besmirched with the blood of Filipinos there would have been sympathy for the Boer republic, "the noblest nation

that ever fought for freedom." Senator Stewart followed Wellington. He denied that it was intended to establish a colonial system of despotism in the Philippines and said he favored a territorial form of government.

In the House. Washington, Feb. 18 .- The house to-

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#### and took up consideration of the in-dian appropriation bill. It was agreed that general debate should continue to-day and tomorrow, after which the bill should be open to amendment under the five-minute rule.

Mr. Sherman, in charge of the bill, announced that in view of the fact that many members desired to speak on matters not germane to the bill he

Mr Burleson, (Tex.) then made a speech on trusts. He spoke of "the strenuous one" who had succeeded to the presidency last fall and contrasted his Minneapolis speech last summer with the utterances in his message on the trust question. Before his acces-'trust barons' and "monopolists"; afterwards of "captains of industry," all of which, he declared, that the president was controlled by the forces in the republican party which had in the past

protected trusts. "What is the democratic governor of Montana doing to prevent the big railroad merger in the northwest?" asked Mr. Tawney of Minnesota.

"If he is not in line with the governor of your state," resended Mr. Burleson, "then I repudiate him." "He is not," retorted Mr. Tawney,

'and he repudiated you." Mr. Hill (Conn.) followed with an nour's speech in support of his bill to make silver dollars redeemable in gold, Mr. Shaforth (Colo.) answered Mr. Hill. He read from a speech of Mr. Hill delivered in 1900 in conjunction of the 'endless chain" by which the greenbacks could draw gold from the treasury, and declared that in the fact of an exposition of the evils of the endless chain, Mr. Hill's bill proposed to add to the charge against the gold revenune \$530,000,000 of silver.

Wheeler in a speech tried to justify his recent criticisms of the administration for "toadying to royalty" and the proposed reception to Prince Henry. He denied that Buchannan ever received the Prince of Wales in an official

# BY FLORENCE BURNS

DISCOVERIES THAT SERVE ONLY TO DEEPEN THE MYSTERY OF HIS DEATH.

New York, Feb. 18.-The Sun came into possession today of information relative to the death of Walter S. Brooks, and if holding that the Philippine archipelago the Young Man's death. The substance of the information is that Brooks went said that it was an aggression of the to the hotel with another woman, that they took several drinks in a public room down stairs and that while they were sitting there another man came along, got into a dispute with Brooks and shot him and fled with the woman. The information tells how the young man was got to room where he was

# MADE TO THE PRESIDENT

Several Revolutionary Generals Declare People are Almost Starving.

Havana Feb. 18.—The North Atlantic from Guantanamo and preparations to entertain the officers are being made. Several of the revolutionary generals, including Maso and Lacret, have sent telegram to President Roosevelt declaring that the Cubans are almost stanving and attributing the bad economic conditions of Cuba to the American government. They appeal to the Americans, not as a favor, but as a matter of justice, that Cuba be allowed to live.

#### THE CITIZENS' TICKET WINS IN PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—The citizens' ticket, composed of democrats and Quay republicans, today defeated local republicon organization in an election for comptroller and councilmen. The citizens elected a comptrolday went into committee of the whole ler by ten thousand majority, and most of the councilmen. In Harrisburg the democratic candidate for mayor was was elected and probably all of the local officers except comptroller.

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000 LOSS.

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ONLY ONE PERSON

KNOWN TO BE HURT.

THIS WAS A WOMAN, WHO LEAP-ED FROM THIRD STORY FIRE ESCAPE-ONE OR TWO PERSONS,

HOWEVER, ARE MISSING. Battle Creek, Mich, Feb. y8 .- The Kellogg, or Seventh Day Adventists' sanitarium here, located on a hill at the highest point in the city, was destroyed is between three and four hundred thousand dollars. So far as learned there was no loss of life among the 400 people in the sanitarium, although one or two persons are said to be missing, and it is possible may be in the

ruins. Mrs. H. C. Daniels of Eldorado, Ark. was the only person seriously injured. She jumped or fell from the fire escape at the third story and sustained a bro-

The fire started in the bath room of ed in, but the first company of firemen

way down the fire escapes. in my room on the fifth floor when the it demonstrates the impracticability of nurse rushed to the door crying 'fire.' the Panama route. The electric lights soon went out and we were in darkness save for the flames, which rushed from the tower above our heads. My aged husband was on the next floor beneath me and had to go down the fire escape as I did. He was guided by the nurse and escaped safely. Scores of people were on the escape, coming from all parts of the building, and it is a wonder that none of them were killed.'

Fireman Henry Lucas and Arthur Robinson and Assistant C. F. Webo were hunt by falling from their ladders. The total insurance on the sanitarium is \$148,500. In addition to the loss on the building and contents the loss of the personal property of the patients is heavy. Nearly all lost their wearing apparel, and many lost valuable jew-

#### APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT FOR BOER LEADERS

London, Feb. 19.-The Brussels correspondent of the Chronicle telegraphs that the Belgian League of Rights of Man has sent a message to President Roosevelt, referring to the executions by the British of Boer Commandants Lotter and Scheepersague. The letter expresses fears that Commandant Kritzinger and other Boer leaders will be similarly executed, and prays Roosevelt"in memory of Washington, to intervene to prevent their execution." The message concludes: "for the love of God, take this message into consideration."

### CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM BARCELONA

Madrid, Feb. 18 .- Conflicting reports reach here in regard to the situation at Barcelona. Some say a reign of terror prevails, that several convents have been burned, that there is constant bloody fighting, and that the troops have killed and wounded a large num-

# ANARCHISTS CAUSED THE RIOTS AT TRIESTE

Viena, Feb. 18 .- In the reachsrath absolute lawlessness, and against which today the premier, Dr. Von. Koerber, the whole force of the defensive powers made a vigorous defense of the actions of the state must be directed. The govof the police and military at Trieste, ernor of Trieste, the premier said, actduring the recent riots, contending that ed in accordance with his duty in prothe bottom of the trouble. The premier military authorities had shown much Taken In Safety From the further asserted that an investigation tact and good will in performing their had resulted in establishing beyond difficult duties. Martial law would be

doubt the fact of the existence of a ter- withdrawn so soon as public order was rorist organization whose creed was restored and not before. URGING HOBSON FOR

# CHAIRMAN JOHNSON

HEAD OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

Atlanta, Feb. 18.-The people of Hobson's native state, convinced that Hobson intends to quit the navy, are urgby fire early today. The property loss ing him for the presidency of the state president resigned in June because he could not control the students. Hobson is conceded to be will fitted for the arian, a scholar and a man of ability.

#### MORGAN REPLIES TO CARNEGIE ON THE CANAL QUESTION

Washington, Feb. 18 .- Senator Morcould not cope with the flames and a in a recent letter of Carnegie to Senator general call was made. The water pres- Platt of New York with regard to Morsure was low and this added to the gan's attitude favoring the Nicaraguan handicap of the firemen as the sanita-route. He says Carnegie has had no opportunity of learning the reason for In two hours the building was in ruins his attitude in the matter and says his and the hospital nearly destroyed. It only desire is to get for the American was almost miraculous that the 400 people the canal that will be best for sleeping inmates escaped with their the United States, equally in favor of lives. The watchmen darted through all classes, industrial and commercial. the corridors awakening them when the Morgan satirically refers to the sudden fire was discovered. Few of them had reversal of Walker's views regarding time to gather any clothing, escaping the Nicaraguan route, now reverses that true it deepens the mystery. It will also in their night clothes. The corridors endorsement. Morgan says he cannot show that a grave mistake was made were son filled with smoke and the pa- yied to Walker's change of views withwhen Florence Burns was charged with tients were compelled to make their out some stronger conviction than he Mrs. Gillingham of Atlantic City, N. as the testimony taking by the canal J., describing the escape, said: "I was committee on the subject is concerned to clear up. 50 just finished

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### COLLEGE PRESIDENCY CONFERS WITH BRYAN

ALABAMANS WISH HIM AT THE THINKS NEXT DEMOCRATIC CAN-DIDATE WILL BE AN EAST- Z ERN MAN.

Lincoln, Feb. 18.-Chairman Johnson of the democratic national committee has arrived here for conference with Bryan. He thinks the next presidential candidate will be an eastern man, university at Tuscaloosa. The former probably some man who as a candidate for governor will sweep his state between now and 1904 and raise himself as Cleveland did. He declared that if some New York democrat carried position because he is a strict disciplin- that state this or next fall he would be the foremost candidate for the presidency. He thought Tom Johnson's single tax ideas hamdicapped him, but admitted that if he should be elected governor of Ohio he would be hard to

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