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SENATOR PRITCHARD SPEAKS FOR THE SOUTH ON THE PHILIPPINES

Southern Interests Defended in Advocacy of the Republican Policy as Regards the Islands—The Gateway to the Orient.

Washington, Feb. 22.—At the special session of the senate tonight Senator Pritchard (Rep., N. C.) addressed the senate on the Philippine tariff bill, speaking as follows:

President—I desire to discuss some of the things which have been referred to in the discussion which has been conducted in this chamber the past few weeks with respect to the Philippine tariff bill. We hear a good deal of late about the outrages which the opposition say are being committed by the American troops in the Philippine Islands, but strange to say those who undertake to give us information as to the conduct of our soldiers are silent as to many outrages that are being committed by those who claim to be insurgents, and who are in opposition to the authority of the United States in the territory in question. Not a word of sympathy or encouragement for the boys in blue who are risking their lives in order to maintain the integrity and honor of this government in the Philippine Islands has been uttered by the democratic friends, but on the other hand much has been said and done by the leaders of that party which has been calculated to dishearten and discourage the American soldiers, and to encourage those who have been engaged in a guerrilla warfare against the authority of the government of the United States. The people at the last election condemned the course pursued by the democratic party with respect to expansion, and rendered a verdict which sustains those who are endeavoring to deal in an intelligent and patriotic manner with the results that have necessarily followed in consequence of the war with Spain. We are informed by distinguished senators on the democratic side of the chamber that the American soldiers are engaged in "dirty work" in the Philippine Islands, that the army in the Philippine Islands is endeavoring to assert the supremacy of the United States over a territory, the title to which was obtained in a peaceable and orderly manner, and any party that aids, abets or encourages those who are engaged in resisting the authority of the United States, places itself in direct opposition to the authority of the government under which we live.

Status of the Insurgents.
It is contended by the opposition that those who are engaged in resisting the authority of the United States in the Philippine Islands occupy the same position as those who were engaged in resisting the oppression of the British government during the war of the revolution. There is nothing in connection with the Philippine question to warrant such a contention. The American people rebelled against the government of England upon the ground that they were taxed without representation; they rebelled because a foreign government sought to control their action by requiring them to pay tribute without giving them any voice in the control of their own affairs. They were of the Anglo-Saxon race. The majority of them were the peers of any people upon the face of the earth, and no one ever suggested that they were not capable of properly administering the governmental affairs of the territory of which they had so recently taken possession. From an intellectual standpoint they were the equals, and in many instances, the superiors, of those who sought to oppress them, and it was but natural that they should have rebelled against the authority of the government which sought to reduce them to a condition that was more intolerable than that of the slave. It is different with the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands. As a race of people they are not pre-

pared to assume control of their affairs under a republican form of government, and until we have fully restored law and order within those islands, it is perfectly absurd to talk about placing the reins of government in the hands of those people. As a result of the war with Spain, the United States by treaty acquired title to the Philippine Islands by paying therefor the sum of \$20,000,000, but before we succeeded in securing the ratification of the treaty months were wasted in a debate in this chamber, which was precipitated by the democratic leaders, and which in my opinion

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TILLMAN AND M'LAURIN FIGHT

A Round Encounter With Fists In the Senate that Caused it Immediately to go Into Executive Session.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Senators Tillman and McLaurin engaged in a fist fight in the senate chamber this afternoon.

When routine business had been concluded Mr. Tillman resumed his speech in opposition to the Pending Philippines

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GOVERNOR AYCOCK GRANTS LIFE TO GATES AND MILLS

Sheriff R. F. Lee, Asheville:

Dear sir—I enclose herewith the commutation to imprisonment in the penitentiary for life of Gates and Mills. I shall not interfere with the death sentence of Foster and Johnson. You will take every necessary precaution to prevent any violence in any form. Acknowledge receipt by wire of these papers. Inform Foster and Johnson so that they may prepare for their fate. Very truly yours,

A FIRE HORROR IN NEW YORK

SIXTEEN DEAD AND 50 WOUNDED FROM THE BURNING OF PARK AVE. HOTEL.

Belief Now that Hotel Was Set on Fire by Robbers, Expecting to Plunder.

HOTEL WAS SECOND LARGEST IN THIS COUNTRY.

New York, Feb. 22.—According to the police returns at a late hour tonight sixteen people lost their lives in the Park Avenue hotel fire. Fifty were injured. Many of the victims are people who a few hours before were sitting in the windows of the hotel watching the fire in the Seventy-first regiment armory across the street. It is now generally believed that the fire in the hotel was wholly independent of the one in the armory. There is more than a plausible reason for believing that the hotel was set on fire by robbers, who hoped to snatch plunder amid the death torture. The city officials are now busily engaged in an effort to discover the man who was at the bottom of the horror. The burned hotel was seven stories high. Up as far as the sixth floor the stairways are all iron. Between the sixth and seventh floors the stairways are wooden. When the fire reached the wood stairs through the elevator shaft they burned with tremendous fierceness and in a short time they were wholly impassable. At the head of these stairs a fireman found charred bodies lying in heaps on the floor. When the guests of the hotel realized that their lives were in danger they rushed instinctively toward the stair-

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BREESE'S OVERTURES TO A DEPUTY MARSHAL REGARDING JURY

Former President of Defunct First National Bank has Suggestive Talk With an Official Who he Vainly Hoped Could "Do him Some Good."

Some sensational reports of an incident in connection with the preliminaries of the coming trial of William E. Breese former president of the wrecked First National bank of this city, reached the Gazette some days ago and investigation disclosed some interesting circumstances.

The trial of the case of the accused bank officials will begin at a special term of the Federal court in this city March 5. The list of 50 talesmen from which a jury is to be selected was published in the Gazette early in the present month.

The deputy was to meet Breese at Loftis' office, and thither he went. Mr. Loftis met him there and telephoned for Major Breese, who soon showed up at the law office. The room was cold and Major Breese invited Mr. Merrell to his house, where they "could talk comfortably and quietly." At the house Mr. Merrell declares Mr. Breese told him that he and Mr. Loftis had had some talk and that he (Breese) wanted some one at Asheville "who could do something" for him. He said he understood Merrell had been an officer of the jury in his previous trial, and might be in that position again. He asked Merrell what he thought he could do for him. Mr. Merrell replied, "In what way?" Major Breese answered that he had some evidence that he would not be allowed to put into court, but he would like the jury to have it. He produced a list of the fifty talesmen that had been selected for the coming trial, and asked the deputy what kind of men they were. He asked Merrell in regard to his acquaintance with the men on the list. "He enquired," Mr. Merrell states, "without alluding definitely to what purpose it was to be used, how much money would be required if I could do anything to help him. Major Breese previous to and after this conversation talked about his case, and his connection with the bank, in an effort to prove his good character and innocence of the charge under which he was to be tried.

"The major had a number of letters from prominent citizens containing ex-

pressions favorable to him. This the deputy was given to understand was among the evidence that could not be brought before the jury through the regular channels of the court proceedings.

Mr. Merrell when seen by a reporter was reluctant to discuss the incident of his trip to Brevard, stating that he had reported all the information he had on the subject to the persons he considered the proper ones to receive it, but when confronted with statements in regard to it confirmed all the above. He added that Major Breese did not go beyond suggesting that as a deputy marshal in charge of the jury Mr. Merrell was in a position to do him good, and asking him how much money he would need. His conversation with Mr. Breese ended in Mr. Merrell stating that he "did not see that there was a thing he could do to help him (Breese) honestly and honorably," and a request to the Major that he pay him, as he had promised, the expenses of his trip from South Carolina to Brevard. Major Breese gave him \$10 with

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fined, to Mills in the cell below. that the jailer was fooling with them, or something of the sort.

Jailer Jamison then repeated his order, adding simply: Your sentences are commuted to life imprisonment.

With what feelings the men heard this cannot be told in words. Gates tried to speak, but choked and failed utterly. Tears ran down his cheeks and he sank down like one stricken. Never since his arrest has he shown such emotion; he who had remained comparatively



R. S. GATES.

"Gates, you and Mills get up and dress."

The jailer waited a few minutes and then he heard the two men talking.

He heard Gates say, from the cell where he and the other white man were con-



HARRY MILLS.

stolid when he heard twelve men, one after another, declare him guilty, and when he heard the voice of the judge utter his death sentence. During the few minutes that intervened before the party—the prisoners and the officers

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