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In Favor of The Wilsons

COMMITTEE SAYS THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING IMPROPER.

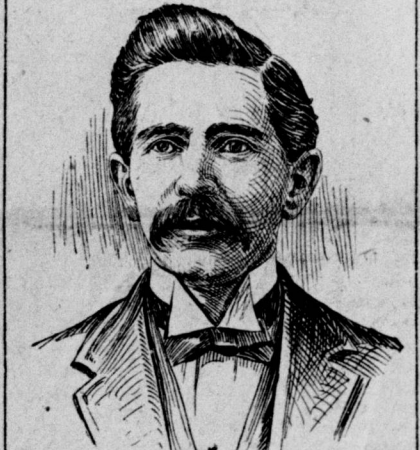
Attempt to Reinstatement the Wilsons at Once Failed and the Matter Was Made a Special Order for Next Tuesday.

Yesterday, for the first time this session, the House and Senate held a joint session. The purpose of their coming together was the election of a Board of Internal Improvements, as provided for in an act passed a week ago.

gerous ground—this insistence on immediate adoption of the report. Mr. Patterson, of Caldwell, disclaimed any intention on the part of the committee to rush through its report.



MR. J. O. CARR, OF DUPLIN. Member of the Wilson Investigating Committee.



SENATOR A. A. HICKS. Granville's Senator Says the People are More Interested in Wilson Matter than Any Other Except White Supremacy.

adopted; (2) that J. W. Wilson be not removed from his office; (3) that S. Ohio Wilson be not removed from his office. "I do not insist on the immediate passage of that resolution, but I want it considered whenever the report is put upon its adoption," said Senator Justice.

to postponement if members would it. Mr. Moore's motion to adopt the resolution was put. It met a thundering "No."

Mr. Moore, of Jackson, was thirsting for just such resolutions. He had heard of this Wilson business until he was sick of it. He wanted to adopt the report and be through with the whole thing.

Mr. Julian, of Rowan, didn't believe there were half a dozen men in the Legislature who would read the evidence if printed.

Mr. Thompson, of Onslow, hoped the motion would not prevail. He, for one, was not prepared to vote. He had given the evidence some study and he was sorry he had not been able to come to the same conclusion as had been reached by the committee.

Senator Hicks agreed with Mr. Foushee that the record ought by all means to be printed. It members proposed to adopt the report as a matter of conscience they had as well do so at once, but if they were going to make a personal investigation of the law and facts, this was the only way to do it.

These are questions, some of them, that I'd like to investigate. It is, as we all know, a matter of considerable importance, and questions of law are always doubtful things. Insert a single clause and the whole law may be changed. I want to look into these questions for myself. While I have great respect for the committee and the utmost confidence in its report, still I do not feel bound by it.

The following is the full text of the report of the special committee: REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN RE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION MATTER.

HERR VON BUELOW'S REMARKS.

He Says Germany Must Show the Americans Their Fists to Impress Them.—Other Princes and Counts use Similar Language.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The question of the commercial relations of Germany with the United States seems not unlikely to lead to a partial ministerial crisis. Addressing an Agrarian meeting recently Baron Von Manteuffel (Conservative), said:

"Had we increased our navy sooner the United States would not have dared to use such language toward Germany." At the annual Congress of the Agrarian League this week similar sentiments were heard.

"It is useless to serve the Americans with sugar bread. If we want to impress them we must show them our fists. We want deeds from the government, not words. A great power like Germany cannot allow herself to be made a fool of, as we so far have done with regard to America."

BUTLER STILL HOLDS OFF.

Continues His speech in Opposition to Confirmation of Ewart.

Washington, Feb. 15.—In the executive session of the Senate to-day, Senator Butler, of North Carolina, again declined to yield to the request of Mr. Ewart to fix a time for the vote on the nomination of Judge Ewart to be District Judge of the Western District of North Carolina.

COMMODORE PHILIP HONORED.

Presented With a Sword by Sunday School Children of Texas.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 5.—This afternoon a beautiful sword and Bible were presented to Commodore Philip by the Sunday School children of Texas. The sword was presented to Commodore John W. Philip, who commanded the battleship Texas during the war with Spain.

THE QUAY TRIAL.

Fixed for February 27.—The McCarrell Jury Bill Goes Over.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—The House by a vote of 88 to 85, adjourned to-day without taking action on the McCarrell jury bill. The bill now goes over until March 21st, when it will be taken up for second reading.

SKIRMISH NEAR MANILA.

Manila, Feb. 15.—11:45 A. M.—Four companies of volunteers which had been clearing the country in the vicinity of Pateros, ten miles southeast of Manila and which had been recalled were followed by the enemy to-day as they retired.

On reaching San Pedro Macati, the Americans made a stand and the Church Yard and the rebels were driven back. The Californians again advanced and are now occupying the same ridge, commanding the valley of the river which they held yesterday.

BANK CASES POSTPONED.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 15.—The case of W. E. Breese, W. H. Penland and J. E. Dickerson, charged with embezzlement of funds of the First National Bank, came up for trial here in the Federal court this morning and was continued till March 7th. Judge Purnell presided. Five grounds for continuance were urged, the main one being that Senator Pritchard, one of the defendant's attorneys, was absent on important business in Washington.

A \$1,000,000 BLAZE

Part of Brooklyn Navy Yard Destroyed.

A SERIOUS SET BACK

STEAM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT WIPED OUT.

A NUMBER OF ELABORATE PLANS BURNED

Many Models of War Ships Were Destroyed in the Flames but These Can be Replaced. The Cause of the Fire Unknown.

New York, Feb. 15.—Over a million dollars worth of government property was destroyed by fire which started in the large machine shop of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, known as Machine Shop No. 28, to-night, and the workings of the Navy Yard have received a serious set-back.

The fire was first discovered at 6:30 o'clock to-night by the man on the watch of the battleship Massachusetts. He immediately notified Lieutenant R. T. Mulligan, in charge of the watch, and a call to fire quarters was made.

KEEL LAID FOR A NEW MAINE.

Another Powerful Battleship to Replace the One Blown Up.

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THE MAINE VICTIMS.

Ceremony in Memory of the Heroes Who Went Down in Havana Harbor with The Battleship Maine, Which was Blown up One Year Ago Yesterday, Celebrated—The Graves of the Victims Decorated.

Havana, Feb. 15.—11:30 A. M.—The sun shone brightly this morning for the first time in several days upon the wreck of the United States battleship Maine, destroyed in Havana harbor on the evening of February 15th, 1898, was decorated with a large American flag.

An immense rope of greens was festooned about the fighting top, each loop hung with laurel wreaths four feet in diameter, and tied with red, white and blue ribbon. The Cuban club of Havana had placed an artificial wreath on the boat crane and this Captain Eaton transferred to the peak of the gaff.

In the presence of the American officials, military and naval details participating. The graves were thickly covered with flowers. Father Sherman, who had been invited by Mrs. Rathbone, who is President of the Women's Association, to read prayers at the grave site, and he appeared at the American club, from which the procession started, in full vestments and with the assurance that Mr. Santander, the Bishop of Havana, had given his consent.

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Canal Bill Goes Over

INTIMATION THAT LOBBYISTS WOULD GET FIVE MILLIONS.

Mr. McEnery Denied That His Resolutions Were in the Interest of the Sugar Planters.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The House today settled the fate of the Nicaragua Canal Bill in this Congress by refusing to override the decision of the chair in committee of the whole when the chair held that the canal bill offered as the amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill by Mr. Hepburn was out of order.

Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, made an argument in favor of the view that the amendment was in order. He desired to vote upon the proposition because he realized that sooner or later the House would be compelled to choose between this proposition and one to allow a private corporation with government credit to build the canal.

Mr. Dockery, (Dem., Mo.), gave notice that if this amendment was declared in order he would offer an amendment to it to provide for the issue of enough additional legal tender notes to meet the entire construction of the canal.

Mr. Grosvonor, (Rep., Ohio), vigorously contended that the point of order was not well taken. He could not understand, he said, why members should get excited because the representatives of the people were making an honest effort to do that which all political parties had sworn they would do for the last five years.

Mr. Cannon denied emphatically that the failure to break down this rule meant the abandonment of the construction of the canal by the United States. But, Mr. Grosvonor reiterated it and said if this effort failed he favored the passage of a joint resolution to inform the nations of the earth that we had given up the project and would welcome the building of the canal upon the terms upon which the Suez Canal was built.

TROOP'S FOR MANILA.

The Ninth Regiment of Regulars Will be Held in Readiness.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Secretary Alger has ordered the Ninth regiment of regular infantry now at Madison Barracks, N. Y., to go to San Francisco and to be held in readiness to go to Manila.

PROF. MIMS AT OAK RIDGE.

Oak Ridge, N. C., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Prof. Mims, of Trinity College, delivered a powerful and eloquent lecture on "Literature" at the Institute on Saturday night. It was much appreciated here, especially where so much attention is paid to the study of literature in all classes.

The appropriation for the deep waterways commission was increased from \$60,000 to \$80,000 on motion of the appropriation committee.

After completing ten additional pages of the bill the committee rose. The conference report on the Newport News, Va., Public Building bill which increased the appropriation from \$75,000 to \$100,000 was adopted.

IN THE SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 15.—In the Senate to-day Mr. McEnery, (La.), as a question of personal privilege, made emphatic denial of the statement that his resolution adopted by the Senate yesterday was introduced in the interest of the sugar-growers of Louisiana.

Mr. McEnery said that the resolution had been in his possession for sometime, but that no material changes had been made in it. The changes made were only such as were required to make it conform to the conditions when he offered it. There certainly, he said, was no ground for the statement of Mr. Tillman, (S. C.), that the resolution had been amended "all out of shape."

The cotton industry of Louisiana was strongly in favor of the treaty. He said that if it should prove to be true that the resolution would afford protection to the sugar industry he should be glad of it, but to afford that protection was not his motive in introducing it.

A bill was also passed providing for the admission to the Naval Academy as a cadet Oscar W. Deignan, one of the Merrimac heroes. On motion of Mr. Hoar, the Senate at 12:50 went into executive session.

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

Washington, Feb. 15.—After the defeat of the amendment adding the Hepburn Nicaragua Canal Bill to the Sundry Civil Bill, General Grosvonor (Ohio) presented a resolution fixing February 20th and 21st for the consideration of the Hepburn bill, with a vote February 21st at 4 p. m.