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LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

With Rifles and Cannon

FIRE BUGS OF MANILA TAUGHT A HOT LESSON.

Several Sharp Skirmishes—The Monadnock Shells Insurgents—Quiet Follows a Tempest—Dark Threats.

Manila, Feb. 23.—5:05 p. m.—With daylight this morning the enemy commenced worrying tactics at various parts of the American line, apparently for the purpose of withdrawing attention from affairs inside the city.

Several sharp skirmishes were reported today, and in one instance the enemy was seen to be firing on the American positions. The situation remains tense, with reports of dark threats against the city.

HALF THE TOWN IN ASHES. Fire Arms, Cartridges and Oil in the Houses Exploded Continuously.

Wagoner, I. T. Feb. 23.—A fire which started at Muscoogee, I. T., at 9:30 last night destroyed almost one-half of that town entailing a loss aggregating nearly \$500,000.

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL. Adjustment of the Differences in the Senate Now Likely.

Washington, Feb. 23.—That there is to be an adjustment of the differences of the Army Reorganization Bill in the Senate is the general understanding among Senators tonight.

THE R. P. AND C. ROAD. Richmond, Va., Feb. 23.—The Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad people today closed some \$200,000 of the options they had on property for right of way and deposit site in this city.

D'ALMENAS WON'T FIGHT. Madrid, Feb. 23.—In the Cortes today the debate on the conduct of the war with the United States was continued.

KILPING MUCH THE SAME. New York, Feb. 23.—The following bulletin was issued at 10:30 today: Kipling is recovering from his injuries.

ROW ROYAL OVER ARMOR PLATE

The Naval Appropriation Bill Passes the House.

PRICE ON ARMOR PLATE

BOUTELLE AND HOPKINS HAVE A WORDY DUEL.

ALL OVER THE PRICE OF ARMOR PLATE

Good Progress Was Made in the Senate on River and Harbor Bill, 86 Pages Having Been Completed When It Was Laid Aside.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The House, after declining to consider the case of Brown vs. Swanson, went into committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the Naval Appropriation Bill, the pending question being on the point of order raised against the amendment offered by Mr. Underwood.

Mr. Boutelle continued his defense of the recommendation of the committee to increase the maximum price of armor to \$545. Tests had demonstrated, he said, that the Krupp armor of 25 per cent less weight than Harveyized armor had equal resisting power.

THE ROYALTY ON KRUPP ARMOR, he said, was \$45 per ton, and he had searched in vain for evidence to show that the manufacture of Krupp armor was more expensive than Harveyized armor.

At this point the gavel took Mr. Hopkins out of the room, and Mr. Rixey, (Dem., Va.), a member of the Naval Committee, in a five minute speech opposed the committee's proposition which he said would increase the cost of armor for a single ship \$449,000.

Mr. Burke, (Dem., Tex.), said it was humiliating to hear a member of the Naval Committee deny that the Government was absolutely at the mercy of the armor manufacturers.

Mr. Walker, (Rep., Mass.), offered an amendment that the Government should not pay more for armor plate than any foreign Government paid.

committee. The motion was voted down 79 to 155. The bill was then passed. Mr. Hull, chairman of the Military Committee, gave notice that he would call up the Army Appropriation Bill tomorrow.

At 5:30 p. m., the House adjourned. PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE. Washington, Feb. 23.—During the entire session to-day, until 6 o'clock, the Senate had under consideration the River and Harbor Bill.

After a brief executive session the reading of the Alaska code bill was resumed in open session, an agreement being reached that no other business should be transacted to-night.

UPON COMPLETING the reading of the bill, the Senate at 7:35 adjourned. CHARLOTTE CITIZENS HERE. Over 100 Delegates for Dispensary—A Small Delegation of Antis.

Two delegations arrived from Charlotte yesterday to be present at the hearing of the Mecklenburg dispensary. One was established at Charlotte, which came up before the Senate committee yesterday afternoon.

THEY WERE PRESENT at the meeting of the committee yesterday and manifested their great interest in the question under consideration.

DISPENSARY DELEGATES. The following composed the delegation in favor of the dispensary: June Burwell, C. W. Tillet, Capt. Bason, Dr. J. V. Watson, Maj. Harris, J. Sol Reid, C. W. Caldwell, N. M. Lawrence, S. W. Reid, J. J. Blakley, C. L. Abernethy, Rev. J. T. Allison, E. C. Brockenborough, W. S. Alexander, D. F. Sumner, J. M. Simms, J. W. Durham, W. M. Anderson, Vinton Lyddell, J. H. Horn, J. H. Ross, J. A. Helvin, G. P. McKoy, Rev. A. C. Barron, J. C. Herring, C. Grisham, Walter Brem, George Stevens, Dr. Pressley, Rev. J. R. Howerton, C. M. Carson, Capt. R. E. Cochran, A. G. Brenizer, J. C. Burrough, R. C. Corson, A. Graham, W. F. Dowd, W. C. Dowd, Rev. D. Critzberg, C. P. Wheeler, Wm. Barringer, Rev. D. M. Alston, Mr. Frelund, Allen Craig, J. W. Sheppard, Rev. G. A. Page, Hugh W. Harris, F. C. Abbott, Frank Mahan, J. C. McNeely, Rev. J. F. Butt, C. W. Johnson, J. S. Withers, M. E. Crowell, Capt. H. M. Dickson, Alger Reece, M. P. Pegram, Jr., John A. Berryhill, Tom Stuart, W. O. Berryhill, W. J. M. Finger, R. M. Miller, Sr., A. F. Mostella, F. M. Shammehouse, J. B. Hawkins, J. L. Davis, H. W. Wilkerson, H. J. Duoy, J. C. Ezell, Dr. W. J. Martin, Jr., Rev. A. T. Graham, J. L. Sloan, J. B. Boyd, L. Chioate, John W. Moore, A. L. Butt, D. M. McIver, Rev. L. R. Pruitt, Rev. S. P. Conrad, A. Burwell, Jr., N. S. Alexander, T. A. Sykes, J. W. Cross, P. A. Thomas, James Sledge, E. M. Andrews, M. F. Kirby, W. N. Mullen, J. M. Davis, Dr. Kirby, J. V. Olers, John Parrier, Rev. J. A. Baldwin, D. S. Yates.

THE FOLLOWING IS the delegation in opposition to the dispensary: J. M. Trott, W. S. Shaffer, J. U. Traywick, C. M. Creswell, R. A. Duncan, S. W. Peters, B. J. Swinson, J. D. Ross, J. S. Biersbee, J. A. Ryan, J. A. Ryan, J. M. Jones, J. M. Woodside, W. H. Hoover, R. L. Lucas.

FALSE DATES ON BEEF CANS. Bucyrus, Ohio, Feb. 22.—Adjutant Schaber of the Eighth Ohio volunteer regiment, who, during the Spanish war, handled large quantities of the canned beef provided for the soldiers, says that all the cans bore labels with the figures 1898 printed on them.

Tax On The Railroads

A HOT FIGHT IN THE HOUSE ON THE QUESTION.

Consumed an Hour Yesterday and Will be Resumed To-day—A Privilege Tax on All Dispensaries.

To tax railroads on their gross earnings or not to tax them was the question in the House yesterday. A wide difference on this question caused the consideration of the Revenue Act by the House to end up in what bids fair to be a memorable fight over the question of taxing the gross earnings of railroads.

Mr. Thompson—'Judge Allen is right. The railroads are willing to bear their just proportion of the taxes, and they are willing to have the valuation of their property increased by the Commission.' Mr. Thompson, of Onslow—'There were now thirteen States in the Union that have adopted this system of taxing railroads. They are for the most part, too, the shrewd, business-like New England States. It cannot, therefore, be charged that this is a Populistic idea. All the States that have tried it have found it not only a satisfactory but a proper method of taxation. Vermont raises nearly all her taxes for State purposes on railroads; and Illinois has a tax of 7 per cent on gross earnings of railroads.'

MR. THOMPSON. Who Redeemed the County of Davidson.

Mr. Thompson—'There are many more railroads than we have. They are a nuisance there. Does the gentleman want to tax the railroads of this State as a nuisance and run them out of the State? I'm opposed to this tax from principle.' Mr. Thompson—'Yes, and I'm in favor of it from principle—and not for policy. I'm willing for these railroads to come here, but I want them to bear their just proportion of the burdens as well as enjoy the privileges.'

MR. G. M. FLEMING. Representative From the Stalwart Little County of Clay.

Mr. Gattis, of Orange—'I, too, want this thing done fair, and I'd like to ask the gentleman from Onslow why he doesn't tax insurance companies as he does railroad companies?' Mr. Thompson—'We have done so.'

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