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IF WE ARE TO BE A GREAT WAR POWER

Compulsory Military Service is Necessary.

SO DECLARES MR. HALE

Takes Strong Grounds Against Organizing a Naval Reserve.

AROUSES THE SENATE TO EXCITEMENT

The Pension Appropriation Bill Passed by the House. Joint Resolution Passed Approving \$90,000 for Expenses of Exposition at Charleston.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—A spirited discussion was precipitated in the Senate today by some remarks submitted by Mr. Hale, of Maine, in respect to bills relating to the formation of a naval reserve which he introduced. He took strong ground against the organization of a naval reserve, his comments being construed by some of the Senators into a reflection upon volunteer soldiers and land militia.

Half a dozen Senators were on their feet in an instant to defend the volunteers and the National Guard of the various States and the debate was also given a wide range, as the Senators went back in their references to the days of the Revolutionary War to seek illustrations for their arguments. While no action was possible at this time, it is likely the discussion upon the measures, should they be reported, will be lively.

No business of special importance was transacted, the time of the Senate being consumed by matters of routine. Mr. Hoar, in presenting a petition from railroad, insurance and shipping interests praying for the construction of light houses in some dangerous places where lightships are located now, said that a proposition had been made by a responsible and intelligent builder to construct lighthouses at points where government engineers had considered it impracticable to build light houses. He thought such a proposition ought to be treated with respect. It was an illustration of the marvelous inventive ability of this nation.

A concurrent resolution was adopted providing for the printing of 3,500 copies of the proceedings of the Schley Court of Inquiry.

In introducing some bills relating to the organization and maintenance of a naval reserve, Mr. Hale, of Maine, declared that the reliance placed by some people upon the naval reserve never would be realized. Experience had shown, he said, that at the beginning of a war plenty of young men were ready to enlist in the navy and enter the ranks of naval militia, but at the conclusion of the war the interest in the organization ceased and it was found difficult to maintain them.

He was of the opinion that the United States was not likely, as a nation, to take much interest in the militia forces either of the land or of the sea. In time of stress he was certain that the country would be obliged to depend upon volunteers, called out in an emergency or upon some form of compulsory service. "If," he said, "we are to become a great war power we will have to learn the lesson other nations have learned. Every one of the nations of the world that stands snarling at another depends to some extent upon some sort of compulsory military service. England has learned this lesson from her smallest and wickedest war."

Mr. Hale declared that England was about to resort to conscription to raise men to fight "a band of freemen thousands of miles away." It had been proved, he said, that naval militia was not a success. Of course, it could be maintained in a "lingering, half-hearted manner," but it never really amounted to much.

In conclusion he said: "If we have determined that we are to become a great war power, with a great army and a great navy, no system of volunteering will answer the purpose."

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Hawley, Mr. Hale said he did not suppose that the United States ever would dispense absolutely with the militia, but that it would continue to be maintained in a half-hearted way. In time of war, he did not think it would be worth reckoning with.

Several Senators, among them Mr. Mason (Illinois), Mr. Teller (Col.), Mr. Hoar (Maine), and Mr. Bacon (Ga.), were drawn into the debate in defense of the militia forces of the various States. Mr. Hale finally disclaimed any intention to reflect upon the national guard.

Mr. Hoar said that while the naval militia was yet in an experimental stage, it was manifest that in every warlike emergency the country must be protected by a trained militia or by a regular army or by both. It had been proved that the United States ought to have a good regular army of moderate strength, supplemented by a strong militia force.

Mr. Hoar, referring to the training of sailors in civil life, said there was another fact not generally known. Our independence in the War of the Revolution had been won at sea. It was not the French alliance, but the rate of

maritime insurance which compelled the unwilling monarch to agree to peace. The rate of insurance on English commercial ships then was 28 per cent in the Mediterranean.

After Mr. Bacon had protested that it was the valor of our soldiers and sailors that enabled the colonies to gain their independence and not the rates of insurance on English ships, Mr. Tillman insisted that Mr. Hoar should give some of the credit of achieving independence to other colonies than New England. Amid laughter and applause he declared: "There's glory enough to go 'round, as our great Admiral in command at the battle of Santiago said."

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Hoar introduced the following resolution: "That the President, if in his judgment, it be not incompatible with the public interest, be requested to inform the Senate whether the Department of State has any official information as to whether the British Government exacts duties on goods intended for prisoners of war in Bermuda in violation of article 16 of the convention adopted at The Hague, which is as follows: 'Gifts and relief in kind for prisoners of war shall be admitted free of all duties of entry and others, as well as of payments for carriage by the Government railways.'"

In explanation of his resolution, Mr. Hoar said that some charitable organizations in this country had sent supplies and comforts to Boer prisoners detained in Bermuda. Upon these supplies duties had been collected in contravention of The Hague treaty. He desired by the resolution merely to ascertain whether the State Department had been informed of the situation.

Mr. Tillman announced the death of J. William Stokes, formerly a Representative in Congress from South Carolina, and after the adoption of the usual resolution of regret the Senate as a further mark of respect adjourned.

PENSION APPROPRIATION BILL

It is Passed by the House Which Then Adjourns Till Saturday.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—The House today passed the Pension Appropriation Bill which has been under discussion for three days and then adjourned until Saturday. The resolution prepared by the special committee on the McKinley memorial exercises providing an address by Secretary of State John Hay in the Hall of Representatives February 27th, was adopted.

Mr. Moody (Mass.), presented a joint resolution to appropriate \$90,000 to pay the expenses incurred by the West Indian and South Carolina Inter-State Exposition at Charleston, S. C., in connection with the Government exhibit at Charleston.

Mr. Elliott (S. C.), made a strong plea for the passage of the resolution.

Mr. Payne (N. Y.), declared that the management, when the government exhibit was secured agreed that the United States would not be asked for one cent.

Mr. Elliott in reply took issue with Mr. Payne as to the facts. He said he was much more anxious that the management of the exposition should not be placed in a false attitude than that the resolution should be adopted.

Mr. Moody pledged himself that with the adoption of the pending resolution the government's expense in connection with the Charleston exposition would cease. The resolution was passed.

Mr. Payne called up a bill to allow the redemption of war revenue stamps any time within two years after the passage of the act. The bill was passed.

A resolution on the same subject to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to return upon demand within one year bank checks and drafts with war revenue stamps imprinted thereon after the cancellation of such stamps was also presented by Mr. Payne. He explained that there were now millions of such stamped checks in the Treasury Department. The resolution was passed.

The House then went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the Pension Appropriation bill. Without adopting any amendments the committee rose and the bill was passed.

TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL.

It is to be Erected in Memory of the Wife of S. P. McDivitt, the Donor.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 15.—S. P. McDivitt, a capitalist living here, has donated two thousand dollars for the establishment of a day school at Little Pines, in Madison county, to be erected in memory of his wife. Work on the building will be begun immediately.

Three illicit distilleries have been recently raided within thirty miles of Asheville. Only one moonshiner escaped.

Mr. W. F. Brookshires' Funeral.

The funeral services of the late Mr. William F. Brookshire, who died Tuesday, was held from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. F. Page, yesterday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. Eugene Daniels. The pall-bearers were Mr. C. H. Belvin, Dr. J. H. Fleming, Mr. L. G. Whiting, Mr. J. M. Monie, Judge T. B. Womack, Mr. Alf A. Thompson, Mr. Franklin McNeil and Mr. Geo. Thompson. Many friends of the family were present to pay the last tribute of respect and to pass with the funeral cortege to Oakwood Cemetery, where the interment was made.

At Annapolis, Md., yesterday, Delegate Gresh (Republican), introduced in the House of Delegates a bill to appropriate \$2,000 to purchase and erect in the State House a life-size bust of Rear Admiral W. S. Schley.

MOB ATTACKS JAIL A BLOODHOUND HUNT

Dynamite is Used. Troops Ordered Out to Protect Negro From Lynchers

(By the Associated Press.)

Maysville, Ky., Jan. 15.—A mob attacked the jail at Flemingsburg, near here before daylight today in an endeavor to secure Charles Gaskins, colored, who is charged with killing James Ryan, the son of Officer Ryan, of Flemingsburg last summer.

Gaskins has been confined in the Newport jail ever since the crime, but was removed to Flemingsburg yesterday, his trial having been set in the Circuit court there. Every precaution had been taken to prevent his seizure. An additional number of deputies had been sworn in and were stationed about the jail.

The sheriff refused the demand of the mob to deliver the prisoner, and immediately the determined men broke windows in the jail to effect an entrance, but were unsuccessful. Finally dynamite was used. A cartridge of the explosive was thrown, but it fell short. One of the guards ran to secure it and was shot and seriously wounded by the mob.

At dawn, the would-be lynchers, fearing identification, disappeared. More trouble is anticipated and the guards have been doubled.

Troops Ordered Out.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 15.—Governor Beckham today ordered the Frankfort military company and a detail of the Lexington battery to Flemingsburg, to protect the negro there against whom an attempt at lynching was made early this morning. The battery will be equipped with a Gatling gun. The troops are in command of Assistant Adjutant General Haley.

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" A LIBEL.

Kentucky Daughters of Confederacy Will Fight Against Production of Play.

(By the Associated Press.)

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 15.—At a meeting of a special committee appointed by the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy today, it was decided to begin an active campaign against the production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Resolutions were adopted pledging the members of the chapter to work in every way possible to prevent the play from being put on any stage in the State and the book was denounced as a base libel on the South, and especially on the institution of slavery. The action taken by the Lexington Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy was endorsed.

The resolutions state Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of the book, had expressed regret that she had written it, after learning the true condition of affairs in the South. No action was taken regarding an appeal to the Kentucky Legislature.

Reaching the People.

The series of revival services at the West Raleigh Baptist Church, now being conducted by Rev. J. W. Noble, of Selma, are growing in interest and his sermons are of strength and power. He spoke Tuesday night from the text "And when he saw the great multitudes he was moved with great compassion." After moving with an invitation given to those who wished to accept Christ was accepted by many. The services last night were of great interest and many were affected.

Prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock, preaching at 8 o'clock every night this week. The public invited.

Prince Henry of Prussia on his return from the United States will be deputed to represent Emperor William at the coronation of King Edward.

FIVE GHOSTLY FIGURES LYING IN POOLS OF BLOOD

Hideous Crime of a Drunken Pole at Pittsburg. Mother and Three Children the Objects of a Murderous Attack.

(By the Associated Press.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 15.—A ghastly discovery was made today when some neighbors bearing cries coming from the residence of Vincent Vencelsick, a Pole, at 29 Spring Alley, broke open the doors and found the bedroom of the house saturated with blood.

Mrs. Vencelsick lay beside the bed, her face and head almost crushed beyond recognition, dead. Three little children, their heads and bodies covered with cuts and gashes, and the husband, Vencelsick, almost dead, were lying on the floor.

From what could be learned it appears that Vencelsick came home intoxicated last night and assaulted his wife with a rail cutter. The first blow inflicted an ugly gash on her shoulder and knocked her down, but she was on her feet again in an instant and with such weapons as she could find in the room, she defended herself.

The three children were asleep in one of the beds, and the brutal father, becoming so angry at his wife, rushed to the bed and rained blow after blow upon the sleeping little ones. The sharp edge

of the cutter hacked the children in a frightful manner, and the hospital physicians say that there is very little hope of their recovery.

The attack on the children infuriated the wife, and with a knife in each hand she sprang at her husband and stabbed him a number of times. He managed to get in a number of blows during the close battle, and seeing that she was getting weak he gave her a shove, and as she staggered back he brought the cutter down on her skull with all his force, crushing her skull and she fell to the floor dead.

By the time he had killed his wife, Vencelsick was exhausted. He sank on the floor and lay there throughout the night, unable to move. The means of the children this morning and one of them crying was what attracted the neighbors.

Vencelsick, it is said, was not married to the woman, whose name it developed later was Rosa Lock.

A strange man who was found in the house by the police was locked up. He refused to talk.

A BLOODHOUND HUNT

Hurricane Branch Arranging For a Man Chase On Long Island For \$5,000

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 25.—Hurricane Branch is making arrangements to have a bloodhound man hunt on Long Island. He has bargained with a former New Yorker to give a man chase on the island for \$5,000 and to exhibit the dogs in New York city for the same amount.

One who met Branch on the train when he was returning from Lynchburg, inspected the hounds, proposed the northern hunt and said he expected to make the arrangements and let Branch know the details within six days. Branch will allow the human quarry to be selected in New York and will give him three hours' start. Branch said tonight that the bloodhounds would catch him in forty minutes.

Since the Cropsey trail Branch has had many applications from this country and Canada from people who wanted to buy Tigar, whose price he has increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Branch expects to take two or three hounds on the northern trip.

A FRAIL WOMAN KILLS HERSELF.

Two Negroes Engage in a Wrestling Match One Attempts the Others Life

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Washington, N. C., Jan. 15.—Last night between 11 and 12 o'clock Willie Wilson, a white woman, committed suicide by shooting herself at Belhaven, this county. The deed was committed about one mile from Belhaven, at the home of Mr. Botaleners, where she had been staying for ten days or more.

No cause is given for her act, save she had been under the influence of whiskey for several days and was still intoxicated at the time of the shooting. She was known in this town as Wild Bill, and for years led a life of shame. Several years ago she married Guy Wilson, a member of the Washington bar, but they soon separated, due no doubt to her unfaithfulness.

The ball entered just above her breast, and immediately after she committed the deed she exclaimed, "My God! I have shot myself." She lived only a few minutes.

The coroner's jury has not as yet rendered a verdict.

Daniel Eborn was lodged in jail this morning for the shooting of Hannah Stokes in the foot. Both are colored.

On last Monday afternoon, as the colored children were returning from school, they met Daniel Eborn and Moses Blount engaged in a scuffle. Blount threw Eborn and angered him to such an extent that he drew his pistol, placed it at Blount's head and snapped it several times. Blount grabbed the revolver and while he was attempting to wrest it from Eborn it went off, the ball passing through the fleshy part of his left hand and into Hannah Stokes' foot, where it lodged. The doctors have been unable to extract the ball.

RECIPROCITY WITH CUBA

Hearing Begun by the Ways and Means Committee.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Ways and Means Committee began hearings today on the subject of Cuban reciprocity with a large representation present from the various interests which could be affected by legislation of this character.

Edwin F. Atkins, of Boston, made the opening statement in behalf of reciprocity. He spoke of the enormous over-production of sugar throughout the world, amounting to about 1,500,000 tons, which had resulted in a crisis in the industry. European countries had met this by bounties so that the Ger-

YOUNG BROCKWELL ACQUITTED

He is the Boy Who Set Fire to the Cotton On the Platform.

In the Superior court yesterday K. L. Brockwell, the nine-year-old boy, who a month or so ago, while playing on the cotton platform, set fire to some cotton, and was indicted for malicious mischief, was found not guilty.

Mack Fowler, a negro, who came here as a witness, and was tempted to larceny by the juicy fatness of a possum in a colored restaurant, said he was drunk at the time. However, he was found guilty, but let off with costs, which amount up to \$27.

Sid Williams, for using a deadly weapon, got 30 days on the roads and costs. Will Cotton, for abandonment, got four months on the roads and costs. Both were let off with the costs.

Haywood Moore, a colored boy, for pulling a pistol on a man, got twelve months in jail, with leave to hire to Geo. M. Harden.

PRITCHARD IS FOR HANDSOME HARRY

Russell and Bernard Keep Up the Fight.

THE PRESIDENT IS SEEN

It is Believed, However, That Skinner Will Win.

TO CONSIDER RIVER AND HARBOR PLANS.

Senators Simmons and Pritchard Call a Meeting of the Tar Heel Delegation Today.

Delegation of Salem Alumnae Received by Roosevelt.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Senator Simmons and Representatives W. W. Kitchin and Blackburn introduced the delegation of the alumnae of Salem Female Academy to President Roosevelt today. The delegation was composed of Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Mrs. Wm. Reynolds and Miss Adelaide Fries, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Patterson and daughter, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Bellamy also accompanied the ladies to the White House. President Roosevelt was very gracious to the ladies but said it would be impossible for him to attend the centennial celebration.

The Wilmington collectorship will be settled tomorrow. E. F. Keth, of Wilmington, has been decided upon and he will be appointed.

Judges Douglas and Cook was the President today in the interest of ex-Governor Russell for District Attorney. Senator Pritchard has recommended Harry Skinner and he will probably be appointed in a few days, although Bernard and Russell have taken the fight directly to the President.

Congressman Blackburn has recommended Lawyer Mull for postmaster at Morranton in place of Postmaster D. Cam Pearson. The latter is here and is confident he will be re-appointed despite Blackburn's recommendation of his rival.

Senators Simmons and Pritchard have called a meeting of the North Carolina delegation to meet tomorrow to consider North Carolina river and harbor plans. Roscoe C. Mitchell, of Alamance, says he can get his choice of three consular appointments.

The President's Nominations.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Collector of Customs—Matthew B. MacFarlane, District of Tampa, Fla.

United States Attorney for Western District of Virginia—Thomas Lee Moore.

United States Marshal—John F. Horr, Southern district of Florida.

United States Attorney—Joseph N. Striplin, Southern district of Florida; John Eagan, Northern district of Florida.

Register of Land Office—Walter G. Robinson at Gainesville, Fla.

Receiver of Public Moneys—Henry C. Chubb, at Gainesville, Fla.

Surveyor General of Florida—Edmund C. Weeks.

Postmasters: Mississippi—Michael J. Mulvihill, Vicksburg.

South Carolina—Lewis M. Moore, Greenwood.

Virginia—John M. Goodloe, Big Stone Gap; A. M. Stinson, Hot Springs.

Laying Sewerage System.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 14.—Wilmington is just now distinctively a city of mounds and excavations. A party of Philadelphia capitalists are engaged in laying an extensive system of sanitary sewerage and their work is apparent on every hand.

The national banks of Wilmington—The Atlantic and Murchison—held their annual meetings today and for the most part re-elected all the old officers and directors. For the past year both institutions show an increase of amounts on deposit and decided appreciation in the value of stock.

A joint committee from the allied Confederate organizations of the city have prepared for an elaborate celebration of General Robert E. Lee's birthday next Monday. There will be a military parade in the afternoon, exercises at the opera house, a feature of which will be an address by Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, and luncheon served in the City Hall to the old soldiers by the Daughters of the Confederate.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday, Judge E. W. Timberlake presiding.

Cadets Found Deficient.

(By the Associated Press.)

West Point, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Among the cadets found deficient and dropped from the United States Military Academy, thus creating vacancies from their respective districts, are: George W. West, Tennessee; St. Clair, New Bern, N. C.

Mr. Barney Kinsley, representing the C. H. Brennan Cigar Company, of Baltimore, is in the city.