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### MILITARY POST AT MANILA RULED OUT

But the Appropriation Goes Into the Bill.

### CHANGE OF WORDS WON

Democrats Fought Cannon's Amendment But Vainly.

### THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BILL

Debate Upon it Shows That the Senate Does Not Object to Its Main Features But Wishes to Give it Careful Consideration.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 22.—Some of the old partisan fire was injected into the proceedings of the House when the item in the Urgent Deficiency Bill appropriating \$500,000 for a military post at Manila, which the Democrats have been using as a text for speeches in opposition to the Philippine policy of the administration for the last three days, was reached.

Mr. Cannon, in charge of the bill, confessed that the appropriation was subject to a point of order and it went out. In lieu thereof he offered an amendment to appropriate the same sum for the "shelter and protection" of the officers and enlisted men of the army on duty in the Philippines. This the chair held to be in order and it at once became the subject of a very spirited debate in which Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, and Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri, were pitted against the chairman of the Appropriation Committee. The vote on the adoption of the amendment stood, ayes 127, nays 100. Before the general debate closed Mr. Watson paid a beautiful tribute to the late President McKinley.

After adopting a rule excluding the public from the floor of the House before the session begins, the House resumed debate on the General Deficiency Bill. Mr. Padgett (Tenn.), the first speaker advocated the adoption of a declaration in favor of pledging the United States to give independence to the Philippines.

After some further remarks by Mr. Candler (Miss.), and Mr. Zeno (Ind.), Mr. Watson (Ind.), closed the general debate with an hour's speech in defence of the administration's Philippine policy.

While he was speaking Mr. Gaines (Tenn.), attempted to ask him a question. "Oh! This is too much," cried Mr. Watson, amid great laughter on the Republican side. He declined to yield, and proceeded to eulogize the late President McKinley.

"Mr. Chairman," he concluded, "the Republican party will handle this question. If our Democratic friends will come along and be good, we will be glad to have them in the neighborhood; but if they propose to object, if they propose to nullify, if they propose to obstruct, if they intend always to stand off and propose nothing and oppose everything, we had just as lief they would not come along, because we propose to solve these questions anyhow and do it right under the fear of God who has opened the way for this great republic. (Prolonged applause on the Republican side.)

Mr. Cochran (Mo.), declared that the attempts to subjugate the Filipino people had already cost the United States more than enough to build the Nicaragua Canal and to construct 300 warships to defend it, yet the end was not in sight.

Mr. Small (N. C.), offered an amendment to appropriate \$12,500 for the Fish Commission station at Beaufort, N. C. The amendment was adopted.

When the appropriation of \$500,000 for a military post at Manila was reached half a dozen Democrats, including Mr. Richardson (Tenn.), were on their feet, but the chair recognized Mr. Hull (Rep., Iowa), who raised the point of order against it and that it was new legislation.

Mr. Cannon urged Mr. Hull to let the other side make the point of order. "I hope the gentlemen will not lecture his own side of the House," observed Mr. Richardson. Thereupon Mr. Cannon confessed the point of order and the appropriation was ruled out.

In lieu of the provision Mr. Cannon offered the following amendment: "For the proper shelter and protection of officers and enlisted men of the United States army on duty in the Philippines, to be expended in the discretion of the President, \$500,000."

Against this Mr. Richardson immediately raised the same point of order, contending that it was in effect identical with the provision ruled out.

A sharp exchange followed between Mr. Richardson and Mr. Cannon, the former seeking to force an admission from the chairman of the Appropriations Committee that the purpose of the appropriation was to build the army post at Manila. "Does the gentleman know?" interposed Mr. Hay, of Virginia, "that the Secretary of War has submitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, recommendations for appropriations amounting to \$2,000,000 for army posts in the Philippines?"

"That is for next year," answered Mr. Cannon. The discussion over the point of order was drawn out for an hour, at the end of which time Mr. Sherman, New York, who was in the chair, overruled it. From

(that decision Mr. Richardson, Tennessee, appealed.)

The chair was sustained 127 to 110. Mr. Fleming, Georgia, voted with the Republicans to sustain the chair. Mr. Padgett, Tennessee, then offered an amendment to the amendment the following: "The Government of the United States hereby declares its policy and purpose is to relinquish the sovereignty of the Philippine Islands, acquired under the treaty of Paris, and to restore the sovereignty thereof to the people of said islands so soon as they shall make manifest their fitness and capacity for self-government."

"I make three points of order against that amendment," said Mr. Cannon. "First, that it is not germane; second, that it changes existing law; third, that it is idiotic." (Applause and laughter on the Republican side.)

"The chair sustains the first two points of order," announced the chair. (Laughter.)

Mr. Richardson (Tennessee), offered an amendment providing that the President should make a detailed report to Congress of the expenditures of the appropriation. The vote then recurred upon Mr. Cannon's amendment. "As it was being taken a dramatic incident occurred.

The solid Republican side arose in support of it, and with the Republicans a solitary Democrat, Mr. Cummings, of New York, stood up. Turning upon his fellow Democrats and shaking his fist in their faces, Mr. Cummings shouted: "When I refuse to vote to protect the life of an American soldier I hope I may be paralyzed." A round of Republican applause greeted this statement, while several Democrats cried "Regular order." The amendment was adopted, 127 to 100. Mr. Richardson's amendment was defeated.

Without completing the bill the House adjourned.

### A PROTEST FROM GOMPERTS

Objects to Incorporating Department of Labor in Department of Commerce.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Debate on the Philippine Tariff Bill was not continued in the Senate today, no member of the body being prepared to proceed with the discussion.

The bill providing for the establishment of a department of commerce was under discussion for nearly two hours, but little progress was made with it. The debate upon it disclosed no objections to the main features of the bill, but merely a disposition on the part of the Senate to give it careful consideration and, so far as possible to perfect the details of the measure.

The president pro-tem, Mr. Frye, laid before the Senate a letter from Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor in the proposed Department of Commerce. Mr. Gompers was of the opinion that if the Department of Labor were incorporated in the Department of Commerce it would minimize the interests of labor and be protested against any such results.

### BOUGHT BY THE SEABOARD!

Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern to be Extended From Marietta to Atlanta.

(By the Associated Press.)

Knoxville, Jan. 22.—The Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railroad Company today filed for record, a mortgage on its road to secure a bond issue of \$2,000,000. The bonds are four per cent, gold and are to retire a 5 per cent issue of \$500,000 of December 1, 1896, and will be used to extend the road from Marietta to Atlanta, Ga., and make other improvements. The bond issue it is believed, confirms the recent report that the Seaboard Air Line has purchased or leased the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern and will run into Knoxville by way of Atlanta.

### New Enterprises at High Point.

(Special to News and Observer.)

High Point, N. C., Jan. 22.—Referring to the Rickford Wheel Company, a new enterprise mentioned in the News and Observer Wednesday for this place. Messrs. Dunn and Bickford are the promoters. Five thousand dollars is furnished by home capital, while the remaining \$10,000 is taken by Messrs. Dunn and Bickford. There will be two buildings 150x50, two stories, and another 50x75, two stories. The output will be buggy wheels cut out and put together.

Mr. J. Elwood Cox of this place, has purchased the Southern Shuttle and Bobbin Company, at Westminster, S. C., one of the largest of its kind in the South.

Mrs. Oldridge, wife of Alderman D. C. Oldridge, died at her home here early yesterday morning. She was a good woman and her death brings sorrow to her many friends.

Messrs. W. B. Snow and Cyrus Wheeler, the young men who owned the Snow Basket Works, sustained a heavy loss in the fire on Monday night. Besides the \$2,500 insurance, I am informed that the loss will be at least \$6,000. They had just started in business for themselves. It is now thought the fire originated from shavings coming in contact with the stove pipe, which ran from the office through the second story. Mr. Snow and Mr. Wheeler could not say at this time whether they would rebuild or not, but it is probable they will.

### Suicide at Walter's Mill.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Reidsville, N. C., Jan. 22.—News has just reached here of a tragedy which occurred at Walter's Mill, Caswell county, Sunday night, a young man named Davis shooting himself there. The body was found Monday in his room. No cause for the self-murder has as yet been ascertained.

### GROSVENOR STIRS UP MR. RICHARDSON

And Draws From Him Sharp Rejoinders.

### SUGAR INTERESTS HEARD

Oxnard Argues Against Reciprocity With Cuba.

### THINKS SUGAR TRUST BEGAN MOVEMENT

A Petition Against Reciprocity is Circulated During the Hearing by the Beet Sugar Interests and it Wins Many Signatures.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—The hearings on Cuban reciprocity were resumed before the Ways and Means Committee today. The beet sugar interests occupied most of the time, being represented by Henry T. Oxnard, President of the American Beet Sugar Association and by delegations from those States interested in the production of sugar from beets. The cane sugar interests of Louisiana also were well represented.

Mr. Oxnard said the beet sugar production represented a vast industry brought into existence by the legislation of Congress. The industry was flourishing in eleven States with many people employed and prospects of rapid development.

## OUTRAGE COMMITTED BY A YOUNG NEGRO NEAR WINSTON

### A Middle Aged Woman is Assaulted in Broad Daylight. A Desperate But Futile Struggle. The Negro Escapes.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 22.—A young negro man, whose name has not been learned, committed a heinous crime upon Mrs. Issiah Lumley about 9 o'clock this morning, in the woods just southeast of the city. Mrs. Lumley, who is a poor woman and fifty-three years old, tells this story: "This morning, as I have been doing for some time, I went out in the woods there," pointing to the place she was at, "to cut me a few sticks of wood to burn. While I was chopping on a small tree, a young negro man, an entire stranger to me, stepped up and asked if I knew where a colored family named Seales lived. I pointed out the house occupied by a man named Seales.

"The negro, who is of dark ginger color, and had on a light brownish looking suit and hat, then asked me to let him cut my wood. I told him I could cut it. He then ran up and grabbed me around the waist. I endeavored to strike him with my axe, but he jerked it out of my hands and threw it to one side. I screamed once or twice and he told me that if I hollered again he would cut my throat.

"He choked me until I became hopeless, when he accomplished his purpose. I think I sufficed with the negro nearly half an hour before he left me."

Officers tracked the brute for some distance, but they have not been able to catch the right party. Six negroes were arrested and carried before Mrs. Lumley but she said none of them was the right one.

Continuing he said: "Shall the United States through its agriculturalists produce its raw sugar and in its factories scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific refine its products, or shall it permit foreign lands to export to it the raw material and content itself merely with the refining? That is what I fear would eventually come to pass if you interfere in any way at the present time with the existing production of home sugar."

Mr. Oxnard characterized the Cuban proposition as most vicious and asked why it was that the American sugar interest had been singled out for sacrifice. He severely criticized the American sugar trust and H. O. Havemeyer. He also denied that there was any trust in the beet sugar industry.

Mr. Richardson referred to a statement by the witness that the sugar trust investigated the Cuban reciprocity movement. Reading from President Roosevelt's message recommending Cuban reciprocity, Mr. Richardson said: "Do you mean to say that was investigated in any such way?"

Mr. Grosvenor intervened before the witness could answer. "I denounce such proceedings," said he emphatically, "and I make a point of order against such questioning."

"Your denunciation does not amount to anything," replied Mr. Richardson. "This witness asserts that the sugar trust instigates this movement in behalf of Cuba."

"It is a plain effort to get the witness to make an attack on the President," declared Mr. Grosvenor.

"That is not true," rejoined Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Oxnard finally secured an opportunity to disclaim any purpose of reflecting on the President, whose recommendation for Cuban reciprocity he believed was due to not having the facts in his possession.

A petition was circulated on the floor of the House requesting the Ways and Means Committee to make no change in the tariff laws likely to injuriously affect the beet sugar industry. About forty-five Republican members from Michigan, California, Indiana, Ohio, Kansas, and other beet producing States, signed the petition.

members of Mr. Shafroth, of Colorado, were among the signers. Those in charge of the petition expect to get seventy names before it is presented to the Ways and Means Committee.

### Tobacco Interests Protest.

Washington, D. C., January 22.—The delegation of the National Clear Leaf Association that has been before the Ways and Means Committee of the House in opposition of the admission of Cuban tobacco at a low rate of duty, called on the President today. The President of the association stated to Mr. Grosvenor that the admission of Cuba tobacco at the proposed low rate would cause great loss to the rapidly developing and important tobacco interests of the country. In the course of the conversation the President said it was his desire, as no doubt it was the desire of Congress, to do the right thing in this matter and he hoped that great care would be shown in the consideration of this important question.

### Rev. J. S. Thomas Resigns.

Rev. John Stanley Thomas, pastor of the Suffolk Presbyterian church. A special from Suffolk to the Norfolk Landmark, says:

"Mr. Thomas has made many friends here during his pastorate, which began in October, 1899. Under his ministrations the membership has grown, the attendance has increased, and the church property has been improved. Besides his work here he has conducted mission services, mostly near Suffolk, which have prospered. Mr. Thomas is a native of our sister State, North Carolina, and has by steady application earned a much more appreciative field, and as he has under consideration fields of usefulness, we hope he may gain one which will be more in accord with his learning and great usefulness."

### The President Approves the Bill.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 22.—The President

## NO CHANGE OF VENUE

### Wilcox Will be Fairly Tried in Pasquotank.

(Special to News and Observer.)

today approved the bill appropriating \$30,000 to meet the expenses of the Government exhibit at the Charleston exposition.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY WARD SAYS HE WILL RESIST ANY MOTION TO HAVE PLACE OF TRIAL CHANGED.

(Special to News and Observer.) Suffolk, Va., Jan. 22.—District Attorney George W. Ward will resist any motion for a change of venue in the case of James Wilcox, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Cropsey.

In an interview today Mr. Ward said: "If any motion is made it will be opposed, because I am thoroughly satisfied that Wilcox will have as fair a trial in Pasquotank as in any county in this State. It is a matter of discretion entirely for the presiding judge, who will hear the motion from what appears before him. He is a resident of the Sixteenth Judicial district, on the Tennessee line, and can now know nothing of the case. I cannot say where it would be carried as that also lies entirely within his judgment. The case is not talked of so very much now, and I am unable to say whether public feeling has changed. I am inclined to think that it has never been so strong against Wilcox as to prevent his having an impartial hearing."

The grand jury will convene March 10. On the rendition of an indictment Wilcox will be arraigned immediately and the trial day set by the court.

Wilcox still maintains his demeanor of indifference and stands by his original statements.

## SKINNER IS NAMED BY THE PRESIDENT

### Keith's Name Also Goes to the Senate

### AS A BIT OF PURE FICTION

### Reported Interview With Mr. Simmons Thus Characterized.

### NO WAR ON ANY LEGITIMATE INTERESTS

### The Democratic Party of North Carolina Will Not Fight Them Whether Individual or Corporate. \$12,000 for Biological Fish Station.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, Jan. 22.—Among the nominations made by the President today was that of Harry Skinner for United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina and that of B. F. Keith for Collector of the Port of Wilmington.

Recently the following appeared in the Greensboro correspondence of the Charlotte Observer:

"A few days ago the writer was told that Senator Simmons, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, had said that the next Democratic campaign in North Carolina was to be waged against corporations and corporation influence. When asked for the reason for the necessity for this course, the Senator said the nomination of Judge Walter Clark for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court would draw the fire of the Southern Railway and other corporations making it necessary for the party to fight the campaign along this line. "W. I. U."

The above was called to the attention of Senator Simmons and upon the reading he said it was a pure fiction and of course that he never gave utterance to any such absurd statement. The Democratic party of North Carolina, Mr. Simmons said, would not make war upon any legitimate interests whether individual or corporate.

Congressman Pou today introduced a bill to require dentists in the District of Columbia to stand an examination. He introduced this bill on behalf of the Dental Association, of which Dr. London, formerly of Pittsboro, is president.

Congressman Small today secured an amendment to the Deficiency Bill appropriating \$12,000 for a biological fish station at Beaufort. Messrs. Small and Thomas made short speeches in favor of the amendment and it was adopted. Solicitor Mott, who has been here trying to get pension for the children of the late Col. A. D. Cowles, has returned to North Carolina.

Mr. D. A. Tompkins and others, representing Southern cotton mills, are here to protest against the vigorous Chinese exclusion laws. They think it would decrease the demand for the products of the Southern cotton mills in China.

When he was last in Washington Mr. John Fries invited the German Ambassador to be present at the centennial celebration of Salem Female Academy in May, and the Ambassador promised to attend. He was much interested in the Moravian settlement and its prosperity.

The Treasury architect, who passes upon all plans for public buildings, has approved the plan to buy the Winston court house and make the necessary changes to convert it into a postoffice and Federal court building. He was particularly impressed with the idea of having the government building on a "whole square, in the very centre of the town. It is believed that his recommendation will have great weight, and the building will be purchased.

### Republicans Are Displeased.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, Jan. 22.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: Collector of Customs—Benj. F. Keith, District Wilmington, N. C. Deputy Auditor for Interior Department—George P. Dunham, Ohio. United States Attorney—Harry Skinner, Eastern district North Carolina. Commissioner of Education Porto Rico—Samuel M. Lindsay, Pennsylvania.

### Nominations Confirmed.

(By the Associated Press.)

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### THE \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Jan. 22.—The suit of L. W. Pinnix vs. City of Durham was on in the Superior court yesterday and today. Mr. Pinnix sues the city for \$10,000 damages, for injuries received by running into a pile of brick on West Main street, one dark night in November, 1900, while going along the street on his bicy-

cle. It is claimed that no light was placed on the obstruction to warn travelers of the danger.

The plaintiff claimed that he was permanently injured by the collision with the obstruction and that he has suffered greatly since then.

Winston and Fuller are attorneys for Mr. Pinnix, and Jones Fuller, J. S. Manning and H. A. Foushee for the city.

At the meeting of the aldermen last night it was ordered that the grading of Edgemont avenue from the Norfolk and Western Railway to Alston avenue be done by contract.

The Bell Telephone Company are at work overhauling their exchange here which is to be made first class in every respect.

A district meeting of the Knight of Pythias was held in the Castle hall of Durham Lodge, No. 31, last evening and there were delegates from Durham, East and West Durham, Graham, Burlington, Henderson, Hillsboro, Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Pittsboro present.

After transacting business pertaining to the district, a banquet was served. Mr. J. H. Southgate was toastmaster. Among those who spoke was W. C. Cram, of Raleigh, who responded to the toast "The Old Pythian Guard."

Later—the jury in the Pinnix case awarded no damages, deciding that both were negligent and answering first and second issues yes tonight.

### VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE.

(By the Associated Press.)

Subscriptions to be Taken Up. Chilpancingo May be Rebuilt on Another Site.

Mexico City, Jan. 22.—Subscriptions are to be taken up here among American and British residents for the victims of the earthquake at Chilpancingo. Further details of the casualties report that three women were crushed to death in the church San Jose at Chilapa, while they were engaged in their devotions. One woman at the first tremor ran to the door hoping to escape, but was caught beneath the church tower as it fell. Fortunately a large portion of the population were in the main plaza at the time of the shock watching a tight rope performance. Advances from Chilpancingo represent that Governor Mora and family are living in a stable, which has been constructed into a temporary dwelling. He offers \$30,000 as a personal contribution for rebuilding the city. Many people are reported to have become insane as a result of the horrors of the catastrophe and from loss of relatives and friends. It is now proposed to rebuild the city on another site.

The Presbyterian missionaries, George Johnson and Walter H. Semple, both of Philadelphia, whose headquarters are at Chilpancingo, were fortunately away at the time of the disaster.

### C. B. WATSON A CANDIDATE.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 22.—In response to inquiry, C. B. Watson, who are here attending the Circuit court, said today that he would be a candidate for election to the United States Senate to succeed Pritchard.

### Maclay's History Ordered Removed.

(By the Associated Press.)

Annapolis, Jan. 22.—The Senate today unanimously adopted an order directing the State Librarian of Maryland to remove from the State Library the third volume of Maclay's History of the United States Navy.

The Senate also unanimously adopted a resolution urging the adoption of a Congressional resolution extending a vote of thanks to Rear Admiral Schley for gallantry in the battle of Santiago.

### Higginbotham is Indicted.

(By the Associated Press.)

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 22.—Joe Higginbotham, the negro who, on January 11th criminally assaulted and attempted to murder Mrs. Ralph Webber, was indicted for rape by a special grand jury today, and it is expected he will be tried tomorrow. He is still in Roanoke jail, but will be brought here some time before morning, under military guard.

### Scheepers Executed.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 22.—It has been discovered that through a cable error a dispatch announced that the death sentence upon Commandant Scheepers of the Boer army had been confirmed by General Kitchener, and that he would be executed next Saturday. The fact is that he was executed on last Saturday, January 18th.

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The Pan-American Conference, at its session yesterday passed the following resolution with respect to an inter-oceanic canal unanimously: "The republics assembled at the International Conference in Mexico, applaud the purpose of the United States Government to construct an inter-oceanic canal, and acknowledge that this work will not only be worthy of the greatness of the American people, but also in the highest sense a work of civilization and to the greatest degree beneficial to the development of commerce between the American States and the other countries of the world."