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## DEFICIENCY BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Sixteen Democrats For Cannon's Amendment.

A RECORD VOTE FORCED

Attempt to Place Democrats in a False Position.

HOW IS THAT HALF MILLION TO BE SPENT?

Richardson's Effort to Have the Public Furnish ed With This Information is Defeated, A Voice From Hawaii in the

Reciprocity Hearings. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.-The House today passed the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill and devoted the remainder of

the session to private pension legislation. It then adjourned until Monday. The Republicans forced a record vote on the amendment to the Deficiency Bill to appropriate \$500,000 for the "protection and shelter" of American soldiers in the I hilippines and sixteen Democrats voted for it. The amendment was adopted, 178 to 105.

Mr. Cannon, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, demanded a separate vote upon this amendment.

Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, sought to meet this demand with a proposition to recommit but the speaker held that a motion to recommit would not be in order until after the bill had been formally read by title a third time.

When the vote upon the amendment had been taken Mr. Richardson moved to recommit the bill with instructions to amend the amendment so as to provide that the President should furnish, or cause to be furnished, a detailed statement showing how the appropriation of \$500,000 had been expended.

The motion to recommit was defeated, 124-159. The bill then was passed after which the House went into committee of the whole to consider private pension

Among the bills passed was one granting a pension of \$50 a month to the widow of the late Rear Admiral Philip.

#### HAWAIIAN SUGAR INTERESTS.

Free Trade With Cuba Means Ruin to These Isles, 'Tis Said.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.-The Cuban reciprocity hearings were resumed today before the Ways and Means Committee. The attitude of the Hawaiian sugar planters, opposing concesions to Cuba, was presented by William Haywood, formerly United States Consul General to Hawaii. and now representing the Hawaiian

of Hawaii. What was most feared, he said, was that free trade with Cuba or something approaching that would be brought about and that meant ruin to Hawaji. But a small concession, say ten per cent, would not be opposed by Hawaii.

planters and the Chamber of Commerce

James H. Post, of the National Sugar Refining Company, of New York, explained that there were about a dozen it-dependent sugar refineries in the country producing about 20,000 barrels per day as against about 40,000 barrels refined by the American Sugar Refining Company and that the interests of the independent refineries should be consideted in any action taken by the committce. Mr. Post said his company bought raw sugar all over the world, Cuba included. Asked as to what effect a 25 per cent reduction on Cuban sugar would have on the price of sugar to the consumer here Mr. Post said that in his opinion there would be no effect as far as the present crop was concerned; that | \* the Cubans would reap all the advantages, later, perhaps, as the production \* increased the price might fall. He explained the action of the refineries in \* underselling the beet sugar people in the | + Missouri Valley by saying that the beet | \* sugar people made contracts with grocers | \* to deliver sugar at one-tenth a cent per | \* pound below the refineries' price. The result was a trade war and the refineries | \* reduced their prices in some cases two cents a pound to undersell the beet sugar manufacturers. He said that so far | \* as he knew none of the independent refineries ewned an acre of augar land in

William S. Bass, a Santo Domingo sugar planter, did not think Cuba should be given an advantage over the West Indian islands in the American market.

#### HOESON WISHED TO RETIRE.

But the Naval Retiring Board Decline to Recommend Bis Retirement.

(By the Associated Press.)

mond P. Hobson. He has complained of his eyes, which suffered from heat and glare while he was working on the Spanward in the drydock at Hong Kong, markably well after his recent illness, where two vessels of the Spanish fleet and seems in good spirits. sunk by Dewey were repaired. Since | The party will remain in this vicinity his return to the United States from the for ten days or two weeks, fishing and East. Captain Hobson has been on de- hunting. The ducks are very plentiful tached duty, first at Buffalo in connec- now and with good weather the hunters tion with the late exposition there, and will have fine sport.

ment of the naval exhibit.

Constructor Hobson himself applied to be retired, but the board of physicians which examined him found his eyes were not permanently injured and refused to recommend his retirement. He has been ordered to return to duty in connection with the Charleston Exposition.

#### Absorbed by the American Guild.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Jan. 24.-It was author tatively stated here today that the American Guild has recently acquired the business of the following organiza-

Knights of Damon, Macon Ga-Order of Columbus, Baltimore, Md. Protected Knights of America, Jack-

Negotiations are now pending for se curing the Anvil, a beneficial organization of Savannah, Ga., but as yet thes negotiations have not been completed.

#### No Appropriation to University

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., an. 24.-The Constitutional Concention today finally refused to consider its vote b ywhich the appropriation to the University of Virginia was defeated. The vote was 39 to 33. The consideration of the report of the Committee on Cities and Towns was

completed. Judge Marshall introduced his resolution designed to facilitate the work of the convention. It will be considered to-

# OF GREECE

#### Park Inspector Stabbed by a Madman Who Aimed at the King.

(By the Associated Press.) VIENNA, JAN. 24.-THE NEU FREIE PRESSE TODAY PRINTS AN UNCONFIRMED STORY OF AN AT-TEMPT TO ASSASSINATE KING GEORGE OF GREECE. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, HIS MAJESTY WAS WALKING IN THE PARK AT PHALERON, WHEN A MAN, BRAN-DISHING A KNIFE, RUSHED UPON HIM. A PARK INSPECTOR JUMPED BETWEEN THEM AND RECEIVED A STAB INTENDED FOR THE KING. THE WOULD-BE ASSASSIN WAS ARRESTED.

#### The Man Said to be Mad.

Berlin, Jan. 24 .- A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Athens confirms the Vienna report of an attempt on the life of the King of Greece. The man in custody is pronounced to be a lunatic.

#### THE APPEAL BY SCHLEY.

#### It is Referred to the Navy Department For Comment

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.-The Pres ident has referred Admiral Schley's appeal to the Navy Department for "comment." This is the technical term empioved in the naval law to designate a reply in the nature of a criticism to any presentation. If the charges are lodged against any officer, they are referred to him in order that he may "comment" upon them, and his reply is legally known by that name. It is understood that the preparation of this comment will consume about two weeks' time,

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TWENTY-ONE KILLED IN MINE.

(By the Associated Press.)

Oskaloosa, La., Jan. 24.-As the result of a terrible mine disaster \* at Lost Creek, this afternoon, twenty-one dead are in an improvised morgue and eight are in a temporary hospital. The dead are: Joe Gaspers, Frank Gaspers, Jim Stohl, Sylvester Creighton, Joe Berte, Andt Pash, Frank Secress, John Martin, John Birds, \* Mike Hrah, Jack Manly, Mike \* Fox. Jr., Mike Fox, Sr., Boone \* Fish, Russ Fish, A. B. Crews, \* Jack Elder, ave Malter, Sam \* Humphrey, Alex Gray.

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#### Cleveland Hunting on the Santee.

(By the Associated Press.) Georgetown, S. C., Jan. 24.-Ex-President Grover Cleveland, with a party of miral Robley D. Eans, Colonel E. C. Benedict, General Anson G. McCook, Captain P. B. Lamberton and Herman May, have arrived here over the Atlantic Coast Line. They remained in their Washington, D. C., Jan. 24-A naval car until 8 o'clock this morning, when, retiring board has declined to recom- after breakfast they boarded the United mend the retirement of Captain Rich- States launch, Water Lily, and left for Fords' Point, on the lower Santee River, the shooting preserves of General E. P. Alexander, whose guests the party will ish vessels sunk at Santiago, and after- be while here. Mr. Cleveland looks re-

NOT LOWER RATES

terstate Commission.

RATHER IT RAISES THEM THE CHECK FOR \$25,000 Senate Committee on Philippine Decide to En-

He Asserts.

THEN THEY PATCH UP AN AGREEMENT THE TELEPHONE MESSAGE AND RESULTS

The Result is Rates Higher Than Ever. Hill Fight Over Admission of the Check as Evid-Says That No Agreement Has Been Made To Divide Traffic by North-

western Roads.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 24.-James J. Hill, President of the Northern Securities Company, and President of the Great Northern

quarter hours before the Interstate Com-

that competition does not lower rates, but on the contrary, he believed that it It was the mis-spelling of the name Aladvanced them. He declared that in the bert that caused a telephone call to Rice's Northeast, where for twenty years the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern covery that the man was dead. The withave been at peace, where one road has

tained the agremnts, rats were lower from Mr. Patrick's. than in any other part of the country. In regard to the purchase of the Burlington by the Northern Pacific and the discovery that Mr. Rice had died the

Declares Hill Before the In- Swenson's Paying Teller Takes the Stand.

Roads Cut Each Other to the Heart, Wallace Tells of Its Presentation and His Doubts.

ence. It is One of the Steps to Prove a Conspiracy, Says

Osborne.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24 .- The taking of evi-

dence was begun today in the trial of visit Atlanta. It is understood a com-Albert T. Patrick, a lawyer, on an in- mittee will be named to go to Washing-Railway, testified for three and one dictment charging him with the murder of William Marsh Rice, in this city, in merce Commission here today. In answer September 1900. John H. Wallace, Payto questions tending tos how the effect ing Teller at Swanson's Bank, where of the community of interests, plan on Rice had an account, identified a check rates the veteran railroader declared for \$25,000 payable to Albert T. Patrick as one that had been presented to him. apartment, which resulted in the disness said the check was handed him for agreed with the othr on rates and main- payment by Short, who said he came

Wallace told of the telephone communication with Rice's house and of the

### WRECK ON THE CHERAW AND BARLINGTON ROAD

(Special to News and Observer.)

Morven, N. C., Jan. 24 .- The Atlantic the Cheraw and Darlington branch, Barlow'and Wilson's Minstrels are on slipped back to the other truck, causing were to show tonight. it to fall on end. Five other cars runpact.

Three tramps were on top of the car Coast Line freight train No. 26 was when the wreck occurred, one being

about three o'clock this afternoon. The passenger train No. 63, which is delayed cause of the wreck was a loose truck. at Cheraw tonight, the minstrels being The loose truck is supposed to have unable to reach Darlington, where they

The last report from the scene of the ning into it were splintered by the im- wreck says that trains can pass by morn-

Great Northern, Mr. Hill declared that previous day. Counsel for Patrick obthe purchase was a matter of necessity and was not due to "a movement in line with the trust idea.'

He testified to the formation of the Northern Securities Company, and in doing so gave a reason far more simple han has greatly been conjectured.

"There are some old men-some very old men-interested in the management of the Grat Northern," said he. "Two of til the day the check was presented. seventy years. They wanted to form a close corporation into which they could confide their interests with the assurance that the road would be managed along the lines which have made it a success. It was to have taken over onethird of the stock of the road. The plan seemed a good one, and then it was proposed to let all the stockholders innot alone the few owners of the onethird-but all of them. The plan met with approval, and then it broadened into the idea of taking in the Northern Pacific also. The roads had worked in harmony for twenty years, and the change in the holder of the securities would make no difference. It can make no difference and will make no differ-

In explaining his reasons for the purchase of the Burlington, Mr. Hill went back to the time when he found it necessary to offer a low rate to the timber men of regon and Washington, in order gone west laden with merchandise. He said:

"In order to put ourselves in a safe position, we had to buy the Burlington road, it gave us the market for our western stuff that we had to bring back, and it afforded us a connection in the east with all the producers, and it complemented the conditions that were neces-

Mr. Day attempted to show by a long line of questions that the real reason for taking over the Burlington was to form sort of trust, whereby northwestern rates would be absolutely in the hands of Mr. Hill and his friends. To this Mr. friends, amongst whom are Rear Ad- Hill reiterated his previous statement concerning the purchase of the Burling-

> Mr. Day then asked the witness if after the agreement to organize the Northern Securities Company had been over, or given any instructions to the managing officers of the Northern Pacific regarding its operation. Hill replied that he had issued

cials of the Northern Pacific The witness then entered into a lengthy dissertation on the effects of competition as he had observed it. Commissioner Ciements repeatedly questioned his assertion that competition does not lower rates or tend to lower them, but each (Continued on Page Five.)

ing. jected to every question asked on this line on the ground that the witness could not testify to hearsay evidence, but the Recorder overruled the objections until Assistant District Attorney Garvan asked who answered the telephone. He sustained the objection that Mr. Wallace could not tell who it was. Wallace testified that he had never seen Patrick unthem are over eighty and several over far as he knew, Rice's business was attended to by Jones, the valet secretary. "In your opinion is the signature of the check the signature of William M. Rice?" asked the attorney for the pros-

ecution. Counsel for the defense objected, but the witness was allowed to reply. "In my opinion," he said, "it was not

written by Mr. Rice." On cross examination Wallace said that when the check was returned to the bank endorsed Albert T. Patrick he stamped it "accepted," although he had grave doubts as to the genuineness of the signature. Finally he said:

"I den't know what's wrong with the signature, but I don't like it. It doesn't look ratural to me. The final curve of the "M" for instance, looks as if it was an afterthought.'

fro twelve years. He was asked to tell ness' home in Brooklyn, but this was loss \$50,000; insurance 330,000. ruled out. Weatherbee said he had! never seen Patrick until the day the check was handed in at the bank. He had not know Patrick to be connected in any way with Rice's business. When Arrested For Theft Government Funds leans, 1,610,703; Mobile, 132,931; Savan-Patrick called at the bank he saw Mr. Swenson. In the conversation that day Patrick said Rice's body was to be cremated as "the old gentleman was a crank on cremation." Patrick also said there had been an understanding between him and Rice as to what was to be done with the proceeds of the cheeks. Weatherbee gave it as his opinion that the 325,000 check was not signed by William M. Rice.

Counsel for the defense objected to the admission of the \$25,000 check as evidence Pensacola, Fla., to pay off the garrison on the ground that the defendant was there. under indictment for forging that check, | reached, he had exercised any control and that it would not be fair to bias the minds of the jury by admitting it.

'This check is one of the steps by which I intend to prove the conspiracy between this defendant and Jones," reno instructions of any kind to the offi- plied Mr. Osborne.

"The prosecution should not be allowed to say that a murder was committed because they think a check was forger, said Mr. Moore, for Patrick.

The Recorder admitted the check Under cross examination Weatherbee

in his mind was more general than specific.

The witness said he did not decide the check was not genuine when he first examined it. This was before it was stamp-

Mr. Weatherbee then testified that the check was accepted and certified and the certificate was cancelled by Mr. Swenson after he had talked with somebody over the telephone.

#### INVESTIGATION OF THE PHILIPPINES QUESTION

ter Upon an Inquiry Into Conditions in the Islands.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24 .- The Senate Committee on the Philippines today decided to enter upon a thorough investigation of the entire Philippines question, and Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, was authorized to present to the Senate the usual resolution authorizing the committee to sit and to send for per- The Demand is Greater Than the Supply. Colsons and papers.

#### Atlanta to Invite the Prince.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 24.-A meeting of representative citizens will be held Monday to officially invite Prince Henry to ton at the proper time and urge the distinguished visitor to include Atlanta in

# ISLANDS

#### The Treaty of Session Was Signed at Washington Yesterday.

(By the Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., JAN. 24.-THE TREATY OF CESSION OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES ISLANDS for of the year, it would seem that new FROM DENMARK TO THE UNITED STATES WAS SIGNED AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY BY SECRETARY HAY AND CONSTAN- and other constructive work. TINE BRUN, THE DANISH MINIS-TER. THE TREATY WILL BE SUBwrecked fourteen miles south of here on is not seriously injured.

WITTED TO THE SENATE FOR RAT-IFICATION IMMEDIATELY.

> Following the invariable rule in such cases, the State Department officials decline to make public any of the details of the treaty, so that it is not possible to state positively the price to be paid, though this is believed to be in the neighborhood of five million dollars. is also known that Denmark has abandoned the position she was inclined to cccupy towards the conservation of the political rights of the inhabitants of the island, and leaves the United States a free hand to deal with them, without pledge of American citizenship or of free trade privileges. So it is assumed that the status of the Danish West Indian Islands, politically and commercially, should the treaty be ratified, will be similar to that of Porto Rico.

The treaty itself does not contain any reference to a plebiscite but the Danish Government has given notice that before it ratifies the treaty, it will submit the question of session to the people of the islands. Not much objection is expected here from these people, for the treaty is so framed that they are not called upon to surrender their Danish allegiance and they may remain Danes in fact and in name while enjoying whatever advantages in a commercial way may result from a transfer of the islands to the United States.

#### A BAD BLAZE AT WINONA.

Six Brick Buildings Destroyed Loss \$50,000 With Insurance of \$30.000

(By the Associated Press.)

Winona, Miss., Jan. 24.-Fire here early this morning destroyed six brick W. O. Weatherbee, a clerk in the bank buildings. The heaviest losers are the J. of Swenson & Son, said he knew Rice Harris dry goods and shoe stores; Southern Express Company; C. H. Aldred to get loads for cars which had ordinarily of a visit alleged to have been made by grocery; Ed. Logsing's furniture store Jones, the valet-secretary to the wit- and H. W. Lamb's restaurant. Total

The whole business part of the town was threatened at one time.

(By the Associated Press.)

der, a colored messenger in the office of adelphia, 21,000; Port Townsend, 83,103; Major P. C. Stevens, Paymaster of the United States Army, was arrested today Pensacola, 113,708; San Francisco, 13, for the second time by a secret service agent on the charge of stealing Govern- 9,170; Vancouver, 354. Total 5,665,604. ment funds amounting to \$4,769 which mysteriously disappeared from the satchel of Major Stevens, November 8th, last, as he was leaving the city for

The Megro was committed to jail for

trial next Monday. A statement which Alexander is said to have made on the 11th of this month to Colonel Jas. S. Cully and Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Calef, in regard to the discovery of \$2,755 of the missing money hid away in Alexander's room in the Paymaster's Department on the morning

Dr. John L. Crawford, of Florida, who

of that date, led to the arrest.

Immense Volume of Business in All Sections.

### HOURS OF LABOR REDUCED

Voluntary Advances of Wages at Some Plants.

SKILLED WORKMEN ARE AT A PREMIUM

ton Mills Busy as a Rule. Cotton Not Receiving the Support

Anticipated. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will

"Little of a novel nature has develcped in the business or financial situation during the past week. Conditions of the preceding week were accentuated as rule, active plants becoming still more ousily engaged, while the downward tenlency of prices was not checked. Retail trade is of immense volume, and jobbers have immense spring orders to fill. Western cities send the most satisfactory returns, but nearly all sections are enjoying wholesome activity, even the South showing evidence of improvement. Wages were voluntarily advanced at a number of manufacturing plants, hours reduced at others. There were few labor controversies while skilled workmen are

in greater demand than supply, "Conditions in the iron and steel industry are shown by record breaking production at many plants and rapid increase of facilities at others. When orders for rails cannot be taken because delivery is desired before the last quarfigures of output were assured for 1902. Structural mills are equally well occupled, having contracts for office buildings, factories, bridges, track elevation

"Textile markets are quiet although reports of the jobbing trade are most favorable, except at some Southern points. Cotton mills are busy as a rule, but uncertainty as to the future of the raw material tends to unsettle prices. Specialties have been put on the market with a fair legree of success. Heavy goods for China are in better inquiry, although the views of sellers are still above prices offered. Home buying of fine varn goods increases. Print cloths are nominally three cents, and scarce for near delivery.

"Hesitation is general in the markets for staple products. There is no longer the reckless buoyancy so conspicuous a short time ago. Disaster to one operater had a calming influence and in the case of corn the insignificant exports cannot well be entirely ignored.

"Cotton is not receiving the support anticipated, reports of exhausted stocks on plantations being refuted by undiminished receipts.

"Failures for the week numbered 301 in the United States against 306 last year and 28 in Canada against 46 last year. COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, Jan. 24 .-- For the week ending January 24: Net receipts at all United States ports during week, 202,200; net eccipts at all United States ports dut ing same week last year, 169,000; total receipts to this date, Friday January 24, 5,665,604; total receipts to same date last year, 5,140,545; exports for the week, 151,151; exports for the same week last year, \$58.624; total exports to this date, ending Friday, 4,294 986; total exports to ame date last year, 3,809,488; stock at all United States ports, 974,651; stock at all United States ports same time last year, 880.750; stock at all interior towns, 635,625; stock at all interior towns same time last year, 759,588; stock at Liverpool, 997,900; stock at Liverpool same time last year, 691,000; stock of American affoat for Great Britain, 253,000; stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year, 240,000.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS.

New Work, Jan. 24.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1902:

Galveston, 1,575,213 bales: New Ornah, 925,634; Charleston, 222,251; Wilmington, 234,795; Norfolk, 345,094; Baltimore, 57,581; New York, 115,618; Bos-Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 24.-J. H. Alexan-ton, 74,659; Newport News, 11,470; Phil-Brunswick, 87,325; Fernandina, 4,350; 250; Port Arthur, 27,375; Portland, Ore.,

TOTAL BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Jan. 24.-Total bank clearings week ended January 23rd., \$2,225,-599,076, increase 1.2 per cent.; outside New York, \$819,450,193, increase 18,1 per

#### Wilmington Tug Waterlogged.

(By the Associated Press.)

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 24.-Wilmingion tug, Alexander Jones, left Southport. 8 p. m., 23rd, for schooner Mary L. Crosby lumber laden, Pensacola to New York, reported waterlogged and anchored near Frying Pan Lightship. She returned this afternoon to Southport with said he was not an expert in handwrit- has been Secretary of State since 1831, the derilect crew probably taken off by ing, and he could not clearly see the sig- is dead. some passing vessel.