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# A BRILLIANT STROKE BY MR. RICHARDSON

The War Revenue Reduction Bill Passed.

THE GAG RULE ADOPTED

This Gives the Minority Leader His Opportunity.

And Asks Unanimous Consent to the Bill Being hard work explaining their action. The Put on Its Passage Amid Applause From Both Sides. The Meas-

#### ure is Passed.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 17 .- The unexpected happened in the House today of his constituents ask him why he voted when the bill to repeal the War Revenue taxes was passed unanimously without vored the repeal of the war taxes; in outcome of a challenge thrown down by would have been repealed long ago. Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, the mi- rule. In view of the solicitude of the nority leader, after the adoption by a mitted debate upon it until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, but cut off all opportunity to offer amendments except such third Congress had swallowed 649 amend-as had been agreed upon by the Ways ments to the Wilson Tariff Bill without and Means Committee.

The adoption of the rule had been pre- dignity of the House and the legislation ceded by a stormy debate, in the course of the country, he declared amid Repubof which the Democrats protested against the application of the "gag," which Mr. Hay, of Virginia, charged was meant to prevent a free expression, not but Mr. Richardson thereupon offered a only by the Democrats, but by some of motion to recommit the rule with inthe Republicans, attention especially directed toward Mr. Babcock, of Wisconsin, the father of the bill, to amend the steel schedule of the present tariff law. When the rule was adopted by a vote of 158 to 120,

bound and gagged. The debate to be acbound and gagged. The debate to be ac-corded under the rule, he declared, would be a farce because it could accomplish THE / DANISH nothing. Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, argued earn-

estly in favor of the adoption of the Even if other revenue reduction was advisable it should not stand in the way of the repeal of taxes gathered in the Treasury from the people, there to constitute a prize upon exploitation. Mr. Richardson closed the debate for the minority. In doing so he offered to yield half his time to any one on the Republican side who cared to oppose the adoption of the rule. He paused when he had made the offer, but no Republican posed of the treaty with Denmark ceding held a third caucus tonight to consider

arose. Smiling faces looked over at hint from across the aisle. "No gentleman on that side is opposed to this rule," said he sarcastically. "With your majority of forty it will be very easy then to adopt it but is it not strange that with such a majority such a rule should be necessary?" He insisted that there were HE KNOWS THAT DEBATE IS USELESS members on the other side who were restive under the demand of their constituents for a revision of some of the tariff schedules and that they would have

> gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. Babcock), he declared, could not go back to his constituents with the lame excuse he had offered on the floor. "This is his last opportunity," said he, "and the gentleman knows it. There will be no other opportunity to give his people relief and if he tries to explain his course let one graph of article 3 of the treaty reading as

for this rule." In conclusion Mr. Richardson stated that those on his side faa word of debate. This action was the fact, that if they had their way they ject to the stipulations contained in the

Mr. Dalzell closed the debate on the strict party vote of a special order for the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Ball) the consideration of the bill which per- regarding the situation in the House, he recalled how the Democrats in the Firty-; even having them read in the House. The

lican applause, were safe in the hands of the Republican party.

The previous question was then ordered being structions to report it back amended so as to open the bill for amendment under the five minute rule.

Mr. Dalzell immediately made the point that the motion was dilatory.

Speaker Henderson and Mr. Richard. son had a sharp exchange over the point Mr. Richardson, to emphasize of order which the speaker sustained, the fact that debate on the bill could ac The Speaker said a similar ruling had complish nothing, and that delib- been made by Speaker Reed in the 51st eration upon it would be fruitless, ask- Congress, also by Speaker Crisp and during the last Congress by himself. "But talls which are slowly arriving at Baku crevasse has appeared, whence immense placed upon its passage. Not an objec- subsequent to Speaker Crisp's ruling. Speaker Reed reversed the ruling," said "I sustain the ruling of Speaker Crisp," retorted Speaker Henderson smilingly. Mr. Richardson thereupon appealed from cial order agreed upon by that commit- the decision of the chair and Mr. Daltee. Mr. Dalzell explained the effect of zell moved to lay the appeal upon the the rule. This measure, he said, was table. This motion was carried, 165 to Upon the announcement of the vote Mr. that when the necessity for them ceased Richardson, the minority leader, sprang a surprise which ended the whole proceeding and put the bill immediately ment, Mr. Dalzell yielded thirty minutes upon its passage. Rising in his seat he "Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a request for unanimous consent. In view of the against the adoption of the rule, not, he fact that we are not permitted to amend the pending bill and in view of the fact that two days' debate is absolutely fruitless under this rule. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be put upon its passage now." (Applause on both sides.) Members looked at each other in smazement. Only a few of the Democrat. had knowledge of the contemplate coup and none of the Republicans had wind of it. The Speaker put the request and

# The Senate Ratifies Treaty, Agree on Resolution For an **Providing For Their**

### Acquisition.

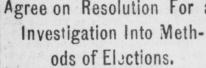
(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 17 .- Today in little more than an hour's time the Senate disto the United States for a consideration the question of Southern elections. The of \$5,000,000 the islands of St. Thomas, attendance was not as numerous as at St. ohn and St. Croix, composing the former gatherings. Speaker Henderson group of the Antilles, known as the Danish West Indies, and consummated a licans out of a total of 199 being present. transaction which has been under con- This was short of a quorum but the meetsideration since the administration of lng proceeded, with speedy and definite President Lincoln. enator Cullom, as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, made a

speech explaining the advantages of the acquisition of the islands and Senators questions relating to the disfranchise-Bacon and McLaurin, of Mississippi, said that while they could not endorse all the provisions of the agreement they would place no obstacles in the way of ratification.

Senator Bacon moved to amend the treaty by striking out the second parafollows:

"The civil rights and the political status of the inhabitants of the islands troduced: shall be determined by the Congress subpresent convention."

He based his opposition to this provision on the general ground that the Congentleman from Virginia (Mr. Hay) and stitution should extend to the islands bers, whose duty it shall be and who when they become a part of the United shall have complete power and authority States. He said, however, that the failsaid he would recur to some history. He ure to accept the amendment would not lidity of election laws and the manner of

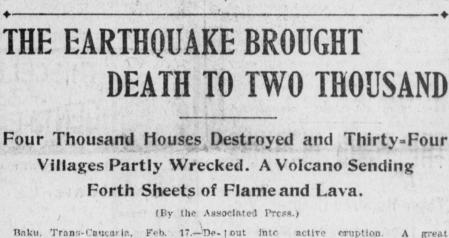


(By the Associated Press.) not attending and only eighty-six Repubresults, a resolution being adopted asking the House Committee on Rules to report a resolution for a special investigating committee of eleven members to consider

ment of voters. Representative Cannon, of Illinois, occupied the chair and in the absence of Mr. Loudenslager, Representative Tawnew, of Minnesota, acted as secretary. It was agreed at the outset that the vote should be taken at 9 o'clock. Representative Dick, of Ohio, then presented the following resolution as a substitute for that of Mr. Crumpacker, heretofore in-

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that the Committee on Rules report a resolution providing in substance that a select committee be appointed by the Speaker, consisting of eleven memto investigate and inquire into the va-

prevent his foting for the treaty, for he their enforcement in the several States,



or duty in repairing ships at Hong Kong. The President's message concludes as follows: "In consideration of the foregoing, but

specially of the gallant service rendered by Mr. Hobson in the sinking of the Merrimac in the harbor of Santiago during the recent war with Spain, I recommend the enactment of a suitable measure for his relief.

The bill introduced by Senator Gallin. ger authorizes the President "to transfer to the retired list of the navy, as Washington, Feb. 17 .- The Republican for disabilities incurred in the line of members of the House of Representatives duty, Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobsen, U. S. N., at the rate of pay provided by section 1588 of the Revised Statutes in the case of officers retired on account of incapacity resulting from long and faithful service.'

# THE DEBATERS CHOSEN.

#### The University Selects Its Men to Meet Johns Hopkins Deb .tors.

(Special to News and Observer.) Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 17 .- Mr Robert

R. Williams, of Newton, N. C., has been chosen by the Dialectic Society as representative in the Johns Hopkins debate. He goes into this debate with much experience, having debated with Georgia upon the same question-the trust question, and though defeated, it was the consensus of opinion that his speech was that of a scholar-masterly, to the point, patriotic.

Mr. D. R. Stern, of Scotland Neck, owing to his acknowledged debating abilthe Johns Hopkins contest. Mr. Stern, according to Cicero's conception of an and good speaker must be a great and ion, but it was inserted in the bill. good man.'

brains of this institution. And if they win or lose their defeat or victory will be ours. We are behind them; we have confidence in their abilities; we shall remain true to their poble efforts which have inspired them, to accomplish the

fruition of their noblest aspiration. The literary societies have given \$25 to the fund now being raised to erect a monument to Sir Walter Raleigh. The sccieties were unanimous in the opinion that this step should be taken.

Coach Ashenback and Capt. Holt are coming taseball season, and while they year.

Mr. C. A. Bynum, of Lincolnton, N. C. end Mr. R. W. Herring, of Chatham coun- now being made to the Agricultural Dety, have been selected as representatives partment from every ginner in the cotton in the Georgia debate. Mr. Bynum and belt and he ventured the opinion that

PERMANENT CENSUS OFFICE BILL WINS

Collection of Cotton Production Statistics Opposed.

MR. ALLISON FIGHTS HARD

Nevertheless Mr. Allison Loses and the Amendment Goes.

THE BULLETINS ARE TO APPEAR WEEKLY

Intormation From Ginners Will by Thus Given to the Public From the First of September to the First of

#### February.

#### (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17 .- After an extended debate the Senate today passed the bill establishing a permanent census office. The discussion related principally ity, like his colleague, was chosen by the to the collection and publication by the Fhilanthropic Society as its debater in Director of the Census of statistics respecting the production of cotton. Mr. oratory, is a good speaker: "A great Allison vigorously opposed the provis-

Several other bills of importance on These two yourg men represent the the calendar were passed, among them one extending the charters of national banks. When consideration was resumed of the permanent Census Bill, the pending amendment was that offered by Mr. Tillman, providing that the Director of the Census should issue monthly bulletins from October 1, each year, until and including March 1, on the production of cotton as reported by the ginners.

Mr. Allison opposed the amendment, principally because information concerning the cotton crop now was furnished greatly encouraged over prospects for the by the Secretary of Agriculture. He described in detail the methods pursued are not talkative they hinted that a win- by the Agricultural Department in obning team would grace the diamond this taining information concerning the production of cotton.

He pointed out that the returns were

tion was voiced and the vote was forthwith taken. Every vote, 27 in number, Mr. Richardson. was cast in the affirmative.

Mr. Dalzell, (Pennsylvania), from the Committee on Rules, presented the spepresented to redeem a pledge made when 123. the war revenue taxes were imposed. they would be repealed.

At the conclusion of his brief stateto Mr. Underwood, (Ala.), also of the said: Committee on Rules.

'The Alabama member protested said, because it provided for the consideration of a bill to reduce taxation, but because it prevented individual members from exercising their own judgment, or carrying out the wishes of their constituents as to what portion of the excessive taxes should be repealed.

Mr. Underwood said he did not think a general tariff revision should be made because such a revision, whether good or bad, would unsettle present conditions, and might lead to disorder. He thought waited a moment. Not a sound was that the proper method of reducing heard, "The chair hears none," said the duties at this time should be through re- Speaker, as he brought his gevel down ciprocity agreements made in pursuance of Congressional enactment and sent to both sides the applause rang out. In the clerk's desk, and had read an amendmen trepresenting his ideas in this par- the clerk by the direction of the Speaker ticular.

Mr. Ball. (Tex.), denounced the rule as but another step in the parliamentary evolution by which individualism in the leader, demanded the yeas and nays upon House was being crushed and a few, the final passage of the bill. men were enthroned as autocrats to dominate its will

The reason for the presentation of the rule, he declared, was because it was necessary to gag two Republicans on the floor and all the Democrats of the House. He referred to the report in the newspapers that the President even had become converted to the view that the "iron hand" was necessary to prevent a wholesome revision of the tariff. At this point Mr. Babcock, of Wiscontin, one of the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee, to whom Mr. Ball had referred, read a statement of his reason for favoring the adoption of the rule. It was to the effect that after consultation he and his colleagues did not consider it wise to jeopardize the passage of the repeal bill by complicating matters but he gave notice that at the first opportunity he would press for the consideration of his bill to amend the steel schedule.

pending rule would humiliate every mem- noted for its hotel facilities, giving comber on the floor because it prevented the fort and an excellent cuisine. His table offering of a single amendment to this It was such a display of cowardice as had never before been witnessed in with him. He leaves a wife and four House. (Democratic applause.) the When the bill went to the Senata it secretary of the Randleman Manufacturwould be debated and amended but by this rule the House would be deprived of its rightful function. It would but amphasize the growing opinion of the country that the House of Representatives simply was a machine to register decrees of a few men. When the popular branch of every legislative as- Smyth, postmaster of Atlanta, died today sembly in Europe was being given more of grippe. He was recently appointed for

raised his gavel. "Is there objection?" he asked. He with a whack. Then spontaneously from one moment all debate was wiped out and read the bill.

The verbal amendments were agreed to in gross. Mr. Payne, the majority

The bill was passed unanimously, 278 members voting "aye." The announcement of the result was applauded on both sides of the House.

sides of the House.

# Death of Mr. Ingold

(Special to the News and Observer.) Randleman, N. C., Feb. 17 .- Mr. F. N. Ingold, aged 62 years, proprietor of the Ingold eleven o'clock of heart disease. Honest, studying our history, to view the battleconscientious and just, he was liked by all classes and will be greatly missed by all the citizens of this county and the traveling public. Mr. Ingold has served the town faithfully in several offices, being Mayor for several terms and was a justice of the peace at his death. He was an officer on the old R. and D. R. R. system for several years and held for a number of years a responsible position in bankruptcy today, showing liabilities with the Southern Express Company. He at \$60,000, assets considerably less. Mr. Hay, of Virginia, declared that the has made the reputation of Randleman

was talked of by all the travelers who were fortunate enough to spend any time daughters and one son, Mr. F. Ingold, ing Company.

#### Postmaster Smith Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Feb. 17 .- Maj. William H.

power, he said, this House was being a second term.

from Shamaka, show that two thousand frames and streams of lava are being persons, mostly women and children, per- htrown out. The course of the river ished as a result of the earthquake there last week and that four thousand houses earth which had been dislodged by the were destroyed.

Thirty-four villages of the country surrounding Shamaka also suffered.

tood, a volcano near the village of of rescue. The Red Cross Society is ac-Marisy, eastward of Shamaka, has broken tive in alleviating distress.

believed in the Monroe Doctrine. Under and whether the right to vote of male that doctrine this country could not per- inhabitants of any of the States, 21 years, mit any European power to acquire the old, and being citizens of the United islands and we could not in fairness take States, is denied or in any manner this position and then ourselves refuse abridged, except for crime, and such comto buy them when they are for sale. mittee shall report the result of its in-The amendment was rejected without vestigation at as early a date as practi-

cable."

division. Senator Cullom said the provision af-

fecting the civil rights of the inhabitants favorable to the adoption of the resoluwas similar to the provision on the same subject in the Spanish treaty concerning Porto Rico.

Senator Cullom said that in taking the leaving the question of remedy to be deislands the United States would assume termined when the House was in posses- in hiding. no burden of debt, as by the terms of the sion of all the facts. Mr. Crumpacker cancelled.

soon as ratification could be exchanged of disfranchisement. Mr. Grosvenor, of unable to make any defense. and said that it would not be necessary Ohio, closed the debate by a speech in to delay that act until the appropriation Senator Cullom's motion to ratify then tain facts, there was no danger of was adopted by a viva voce vote

#### To Acquire the Battlefield of Bull Run drastic legislation on the subject.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 17 .- George Carr Round, of Manassas, Va. ,has submitted to the Secretary of War a memorial in six members would undoubtedly be acregard to the acquisement by the Govrnment of so much of the Bull Run battlefield as is occupied by monuments to and it was pointed out by these memthe dead, and so much of the adjacent bers that eighty-six affirmative votes. country as will enable the people of the House, died here tonight at United States and tourists from abroad, had been present. It also was stated by fields without trespassing upon private framing the resolutions that the investiproperty.

#### Petition in Bankruptcy.

(By the Associated Press.) Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 17 .- Edward Moon, a grain merchant, filed a petition

#### Nine Convicts Escape.

(By the Associated Press.) Jackson Miss. Feb. 17 .- Nine convicts escaped from Shelby farm, Bolivar county, today by sawing their way through the cage. Bloodhounds have been put upon the trail.

#### Advance in Sugar.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 17 .- All grades of refined sugars were advanced five points today.

junior class. Geonchaika has been altered in consequence of its bed being dammed with

earthquake. Batallions of guards and detachments of sappers with tents, have been dis-To add to the terror of the neighbor- patched to Shamaka to aid in the work class, Mr. M. H. Stacy.

Mr .T. A. Adams was selected by the Philanthropist Society as Vanderbilt debater. Mr. Adams is a self-made man, noted for his upright character and exalted integrity.

## Wounded.

The debate was brief and was entirely Pretoria, Feb. 17 .- One hundred and fifty mounted infantrymen, while pation. Mr. Dick supported it on the trolling the Klip River, south of Johanground that it was simply a preliminary nesburg February 12, surrounded a farm step with a view to ascertaining facts, house, where they suspected Boers were

A single Boer broke away from the agreement all claims held by Denmark concurred in this view and readily accept- house and the British started to pursue against the insular treasury would be jed the resolution in lieu of the one he had him. The Boer climbed a kopje, the first introduced, which proposed ont only British following. Inamediately a heavy Senator Cullom explained that under an investigation, but also fixed the reme- fire was opened upon them from three the terms of the treaty the United States dy, namely, a reduction of representation sides. The British found themselves in would take possession of the islands as in Congress proportionate to the extent a trap and in a position where they were

Eight of the British officers made a support of the resolution. He pointed out gallant effort and defended the ridge of money to pay for them could be made. that as this was a step merely to ascer- with carbines and revolvers until they were overpowered. The British had iwo creating the public impression that the officers and ten men killed, and several officers and forty men wounded before the force was able to fail back under

The vote was then taken and without a cover of a blockhouse. dissenting voice the resolution was agreed

## CURRY BUILDING DEDICATED.

# M. Curry and George Peabody

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 17 .- A large from the cotton States. audience attended the dedication exer-1 cises of the Curry Building at the State Normal and Industrial College this afternoon. Splendid addresses were made by Hon, J. L. M. Curry, Governor Aycock, George Foster Peabody, and others. Dr. Curry spoke feelingly of the great work being accomplished by the State Normal and paid a tribute to women of North Carolina. Governor Aycock made splendid argument for universal education and pleaded with his hearers to join in the fight to drive out isnorance. Mr. Peabedy congratulated North Carolina that she has such institution as Normal authirizing the Director of the Census to and spoke of pleasure he experienced in

#### Named by the President.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 17 .-- The Precident sent the following nominations to the Senate:

trouble. It appears that in June, 1900, Postmasters-Georgia, B. A. Lifsey, he was admitted to the naval hospital at Barnesville; Tennessee, William L. Trent, Yokohama, Japan, when, according to the + Knoxville.

records, he suffered from weakness of | Confirmed by the Senate: Tennessee, the eyes and retinitis, which infirmities A. W. Wills, Nashville,

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Mr. Herring are, in point of scholarship, the returns were as accurate as could among the most prominent men in the be obtained by human agencies.

Mr. Clay interrupted to say that he Mr. Chas. Ross, of Dialectic Society. had no idea that one half of the ginners and member of the last Legislature, was of cotton made reports to the Agriculawarded the position as representative in tural Department. the Vanderbilt debate. Mr. Ross should Mr. Culberson said that in November

indeed feel proud of the distinction thus, last the Agricultural Department issued an estimate of the cotton production of such a nature that the price of cotton rose immediately afterward.

Mr. Allison replied that the reports the production.

Mr. Allison maintained that if the producers of cotton had depended upon the figures of the crop furnished by the Agricultural Department they would not have been led into disposing of their cotton for a lower figure than it actually was worth.

Mr. Bacon interrupted to inquire of Mr. Allison whether he was seeking by his argument to save the amount of the expenditure involved by the amendment or whether he desired to postgone action upon the Census Bill.

"The suggestion in the latter part of the Senator's question," replied Mr. Allison, with evident annoyance, "I will say is unkind."

Mr. Bacon interrupted to say that his question was intended only as a bit of 'pleasantry."

"That is not a matter of pleasantry." retorted Mr. Allison. "The suggestion of the Senator that I am trying to postpone the passage of this bill it gratuitous."

Mr. Bacon disclaimed any intention to reflect upon Mr. Allison's motives, thus ending the incident.

Later Mr. Bacon inquired of Mr. Allison whether he, representing a cora State, realized more fully the importance of the postponed amendment to the cotton producers than all the Senators

Mr. Allison replied that he might be regarded as in the position of the jury. man opposed to his eleven associates, but that he would be satisfied whatever the result might be.

Mr. Money proposed an amendment to the amendment so that the bulletins should be issued weekly, beginning September I of each year, and extending to and including February 1.

The amendment to the amendment was agreed to and the amendment as amend. ed then was adopted without division.

Mr. Allison moved that the paragraph collect cotton statistics be stricken out, but the motion was lost.

The bill was then passed and the Senate shortly after adjourned.

#### Miss McKane Buried.

(Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 17 .- Miss Mc-Kane, who was fatally burned in the Charlotte Telephone Exchange,, was very popular in Charlotte, and her death is mourned by many. The funeral was held today from St. Peter's church.

South or elsewhere FOR HOBSONS RETIREMENT. Bill Introduced in the Senate Following the President's Recommendation

to. The caucus thereupon adjourned.

It was stated by members of the cau

cus that the unanimous action by eighty.

cepted by the Committee on Rules, not-

withstanding the absence of a quorum,

would have been a majority of a quorum

those who had been most instrumental in

gation could be conducted here in Wash-

ington probably without any necessity of

making personal investigation in the

(By the Associated Press)

today sent to the Senate a message rec.

ommending the retirement of Naval Con-

structor Richmond P. Hobson, and in ac

cordance with this recommendation Sena-

tor Gallinger immediately introduced a bill providing for Mr. Hobson's transfer

to the retired list. In his mossage the

Fresident gives as his reason the trouble

that Mr. Hobson has had since 1900 with

his eyes and recites the history of that

Washington, Feb. 17 .-- The President

contributing money to the College.

Splendid Addresses Made by Gov. Aycock, J. L

conferred when it is remembered that he efeated the mental giant of the Senior

issued by private concerns had estimated the cotton crop last year as much greater than it proved to be. Those reports had tended to keep prices down. He pointed out however, that the Agricultural Department was first to give to the public accurate information concerning

BRITISH CAUGHT IN A TRAP Twelve of Them Were Killed and Over Forty

(By the Associated Press.)

Republican party proposed to enact any