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MR. CLAY SPEAKS IN BEHALF OF FILIPINOS

Georgia Senator Opposed to Holding the Islands.

HE FAVORS INDEPENDENCE

Thinks a Happy Solution of the Present Complicated Situation Would Be a Just, Benevolent and Humane Government, Created by Natives.

Mr. Clay expressed the opinion that had it been declared at the beginning of the Philippines, the proposition would not have had half a dozen votes in the of the Philippine islands as a natural result of the war would have prevented the passage of the war resolution by poses of the war, he quoted President ing it the duty of this government to assist the people of Cuba to build up a ent and asked why should not the same declaration be made with regard to the

common sense way." He admitted the right of the governunwise and against the best interests of

the people of the United States. No R ght to Acquire Islands. He contended that we have not the islands in the sea, and govern the people of such territory without constitutional limitations. He said: "If we acquire this foreign territory,

same manner and in the same constitutional way we have dealt with territorial forms of government heretofore. of government for citizens of the United States and another form of government for a subjugated race. The inhabitants of this land were the inbabitants of Spain. They were ceded to us. When we assume sovereignty over those islands we expect allegiance from the Filipinos to our government and if we expect allegiance at their hands, then why are they not entitled to all the

rights and privileges of citizens of the United States. Mr. Clay described the islands and their inhabitants, contending that there can be no hope of American communities being built in that territory, capa ble of statehood. About the only sure result of an attempt to maintain government in the Philippines which he could see was that it would involve us

in future wars with foreign governments. He said: "We want to continue our friendly commercial relations with all of them We want no territory or population liable and likely to involve us in com

plications which may lead to war with any of these powers." Certain to Result In Wars.

Mr. Clay maintained that free nations cannot govern subject provinces. Even monarchies engaged in the colonial business have not found profit in extending their colonial possessions, which have cruel and expensive wars. The inevitable result of our entering upon such a policy must be a large increase in the voce. standing army.

"A happy solution of the present complicated situation," he said, "would be a just, benevolent and humane government, created by the people of the Philippine islands under the temporary direction and with the temporary assistance of this government-a Philippine government whose independence should be recognized just at soon as it is found capable of performing all international obligations. If it be wise and statesmanlike to outline our policy before the adoption of the peace treaty, what reason or logic can the friends of expansion give for silence on the policy of our government in dealing with our other

territorial acquisitions. Mr. Clay concluded by calling atten tion to General Leonard Wood's state ment before the military committee that it would require 50,000 soldiers for

Cuba, and said: "In my judgment the acquisition and retention of the Philippine islands means an army of 150,000 soldiers. I means the annual expenses of the army will increase from \$20,000,000 to \$200, 000,000. A large standing army means also that the pension list will be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000

Maniac Kills Blind Farmer.

CORRY, Pa., Jan. 24.-Ira Randall, STONER pounded to death last night with an ax, wielded by Emmel Bouton, 60 years old, a crazy resident of this city. Bouton had been in the insane asylum for a year, but was discharged some time ago, pronounced cured. Last night he became violently insane and attacked Randall with an ax, literally cutting him to

pieces. Bouton has been locked up. Changes In Sp dn's Army. MADRID, Jan. 24.—The ministry of war has decided to abolish the marshal, to retire half of the attached generals and to greatly reduce the number of

officers on the active list. Special Master Holds On. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 24.—The supreme court today overruled the motion of Attorney Genneral Monnet to oust Master Commissioner Brinsmaide in the Standard Oil case.

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IS THIS WHAT THEY PROMISED?

Educational and Property Qualifications for Voters to Be a Part of the Organic Law.

Below we give in brief the provis- (b)rn in the State of county of ions of the proposed constitutional, on the. day of in

amandments: Sec. 1. Provides for holding an and months and days of age; election in May, 1900.

Sec. 2. Every person qualified to and in the precinct (or ward Old Man and His Son Called to th vote shall have been actual bona fide or other election district) since..... resident of the State of North Caro- and I am not disfranchised by any of WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. -Mr. Clay of line for two (2) years, of the county the provisions of the Constitution of a shocking tragedy that occurred near Georgia, one of the Democratic senators one (i) year, and of the precinct or this State." who expects to vote for the ratification ward or other election district in Sec. 6. Provides that if the applicative here. At a late hour a party of of the treaty of peace, addressed the which he proposes to vote six (6) cant be not able to read and write as armed men, disguised as whitecaps, senate today on the general question of months next preceeding election; above provided, then he shall be en- went to the house occupied by old man territorial expansion. He made it very provided, that removal from one pre- titled to register and vote if he shall, Rustin and family and called to the inclear that nothing should be allowed to cinct, etc., to another in the same at the time he offers to register the mates to come out. Old man Rustin stand in the way of prompt ratification, county shall not operate to deprive actual and bona fide owner of proper- ance being the signal for a volley of

> forgery, embezzlement, rape, assault paid. with intent to commit rape, fornicacrime against nature, sale of cotton within prohibited hours, dueling, Sec. 7. No male person who was on

locomotives or trains, slander of innoment to acquire the Philippines and to govern them as any other territory be. cent women, seduction under promise resided or who prior to that time ciates sell the Waycross Air Line rail a brief as to the right of members on longing to the United States, but he of marriage, or an attempt to com- was a regularly enlisted soldier in road to J E. Wadley, S. L. Sweat, C. that commission to hold their places. contended that such a policy would be mit any of these offences, or of felony the army of the United States; and C. Grace, W. W. Beach and A. Ses. Representative Bailey of Texas, who right to acquire those islands or any the punishment may be imprison- Constitution; and no male person board of directors will be organized and other territory, either mainland or ment in the penitentiary, shall be who was naturalized prior to the first officers elected we must deal with the population in the manner prescribed by law. And it sess the educational or property are Lem Johnston, superintendent and

> prescribed, and as provided in ac- said date. cordance with this Article, and no

relating to suffrage, registration and State, etc.

der this Article and its sections. almost constantly involved them in shall be by ballot and all elections by this provision.

making under oath, administered to whom it was paid. him by the officer having in charge such registration, or by his deputy,

furnished by such officer. The said application shall contain and signed by him, in the presence of the registration officer or his deputy, without assistance or suggestion from any person or memorandum what-

ever, except the form of application nerein set forth. The application for registration

therein, to-wit: States. My name is; I was sembly.

the Filipinos the same promise of ulti- precinct, etc., from which he has re- valuation of not less than three hunmate independence that are held out to moved until six (6) months after such | dred (\$300) dollars on the tax lists of removal. But no person who has the current year in which he offers to frightened, and, presumably, attempted been convicted or confessed his guilt register, or on the tax lists of the pre-

the year of; I am now ... years

I have resided in this State since

but that this government should make any person of the right to vote in the ty assessed to him in the State at a shots, some of which struck him, bringto escape, but they, too, were fired upon the war that it was the purpose of this in open court upon indictment of the ceding year if the roll of the current country to conquer, acquire and annex following crimes: Bribery, burglary year shall not have been completed in any degree, larceny, receiving and filed, and on which, if the proper- has also passed away from the effects of senate. He believed that suggestion stolen goods, arson, obtaining money ty so assessed be personal only, all his wounds. of possible acquisition and annexation or goods under false pretense, perjury, taxes due thereon shall have been

This section also provides at length trious people. The better class of Milcongress. Discussing further the pur- tion and adultry, bigamy, incest, re- for oath, etc., to be made before the moving crop before paying rent or registration officer, etc., in cases the McKinley's message to congress declar- before satisfying liens thereon, dis- applicant for regis ration can neither large posse of determined men has Wheeler, who made a full and formal posing of mortgaged property with read nor write, and possessed of the been organized for the purpose of apgovernment that is free and independ intent to defraud the mortgagee, required amount of property to entitle prehending the guilty parties. him to do so.

The responsibility is in our hands gambling, conducting a lottery, in- January 1, 1867, or at any date prior Northern seed Potatoes and we must meet it in a practical, Juries to houses, churches and fences, thereto, entitled to vote under the shooting at or throwing into ears, Constitution or statutes of any State now prohibited by the laws of North no person, son or grandson of any sions, with J. S. Bailey also to become inaugurated the inquiry, was not pres-Carolina, or which may hereafter be such person not less than 21 years of associated with them. The final papers ent. The main interest attached to the prohibited, or of any crime whereof age at the date of the adoption of th's are to be executed and a formal transfer statement of General Wheeler, which permitted to vote or be deemed an day of January, 1900, shall be denied - It is stated that in all probability the elector, unless the said person shall the right to register and vote in this present officers will be retained by the be first restored to citizenship in a State by reason of his faffure to pos- be continued in its service. The officers shall not be necessary that any pun- qualification prescribed by this Con- general manager; F. M. Hawkins, aushment has been imposed to bring stitution; provided he shall have repersons within the prohibition of this sided in this State for five (5) years The Air Line is considered a fine cents per 100. section. Those under suspended next preceding the date at which he piece of property and under the new judgment are prohibited, as well as shall apply for registration, and shall management it will be improved and apply for registration, and shall have its condition generally. It extends from offering t vote shall be at the time, a terms of this Article prior to Sep. 1, present double daily passenger and mail rate from 19 cents to 15 cents, which legally enrolled and registered voter 1900; and no person shall be entitled service.

This section also provides for the person shall be allowed to vote who method which such persons shall pursue to secure the benefits of the above, The qualification of voters and the and provides also the outh he shall registration laws in force on the first take; also for a separate registration weeks. Only 24 days remain for the day of April. 1899, shall remain in of this class of voters, and all whose legislature to complete its work. There force until June 2, 1900, at which date names appear thereon shall be per- is really very little to be done in the all the provisions of the Constitution mitted to vote at all elections in the way of legislation, as it is understood

election, as contained in the Article, Sec. 8. Provides for the payment | be called, and it is expected to meet and as herein provided, shall go into of poll tax of all persons under the effect; and the General Assembly at age of 60 years; and provides that no its regular session of 1901, shall enact such person shall be permitted to general registration law to carry vote unless such payment is made on nto effect the provisions of this or before the 31st day of December of Article relating to the registration of each year for the two (2) years presuch voters only as are qualified un- ceding the year in which he offers to vote. All between 21 and 60 Sec. 4. All elections by the people not herein exempted come within has grown so rapidly and is now so

the General Assembly shall be viva It is also required by this section that the poll tax recept for said time ting it through the house. Sec, 5. Every person presenting shall be exhibited to the election himself for registration shall be able officer in the official form, or duplito read and write intelligently, and he cate in event of loss, or proof of payshall demonstrate his ability to do so ment of such poll tax shall be prowhen he applies for registration, by duced by the affldavit of the party to

Heavy penalty is imposed for changing or altering in any way one both of whom are hereby authorized of these receipts; and any tax collecto administer such oath, written ap-/tor, sheriff or other person who shall plication therefor upon a blank to be ante-date such shall be guilty of and director, Malcolm Johnston. The

Idiots and deaf and dumb or blind the necessary information to show persons are exempted; also persons that he is entitled to register and vote under 23 years of age who have paid mismanagement. and shall be entirely written, dated all poll taxes assessed against them. Sec. 9. This section provides the oath to be taken by office holders.

Sec. 10. Defines who shall be eligible to office. Also provides for the submission of this Amendment to the Constitution to the voters of the State, for ratification-"on the Tuesabove provided for shall be an exact day after the first Monday in May, copy of the following form, with the 1900." The election is to be conductproper names, dates and numbers ed and held under the same rules and substituted for the banks appearing regulations as are provided in the who escaped was run down by bloodlaw regulating elections in this State | hounds and captured. I am a resident of the State of North and in force May 1, 1899"-that is to Carolina and resident of the United say under the new election law to be passed by the present General As-

Cooke and Smith Acquitted. ATLANTA, Jan. 21. - Ernest W. Cooke, the New York engineer, and S. F. ago at the instance of John W. Taylor, have been acquitted of the charge of

conspiracy and larceny by Judge Blood-DECATUR, Ga., Jan. 2.1-Willio Da. ups, a 13-year-old boy residing at this place, broke one of his upper jaw teeth while eating dinner and bled to death in about 18 hours. Physicians were unable to stop the flow.

RALEIGH, Jan. 21.-Milard Moore, a white convict, has been convicted here of murdering Guard Shaw and given the death sentence.

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One Hundred Men Strike.

ATLANTA, Jan. 20 .- About 100 men Smith, a wealthy manufacturer, who are on strike at the Southern railway were arrested in this city several days shops against a reduction in hours. They had been working nine hours a day and when the management posted notices that eight hours would hereafter constitute a day's work, with a consequent reduction in pay, they walked

> Sheriff Fatally Wound d. SELMA, Ala., Jan. 20.—Sheriff Joe Lumpkin was shot three times and fatally wounded while trying to arrest Charley Nelson, an escaped negro, under sentence to be hanged for murder. A posse is soouring the country in search of the assassin and if caught he will probably be lynched.

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ALBANY, Ga., Jan. 24.—The details of

A grown son and daughter of the old

I's Old Owners to New.

Alamama Solons Have a Brief Tim

to Finish Their Work.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 24. - The

Receiver Asked For B. & L.

in the bill is the former general counsel

officers of the association and the attor-

no merit. It is alleged by Johnston that

nevs representing them say the bill has

the association has become insolvent by

Daring Break For Liberty.

made a bold break for liberty and suc-

dead in his tracks. The other negro

stream swings in close to the shore at

material, with narrow stripes, gray, red

and black; the jacket is striped in blu

and purple. The underskirt was of red

The Central to Reach Out.

right, Ala., to Pensacola, a distance of

118 miles. This would give it some-

Tax Commissioners Meet.

boots laced.

until next June.

ANDERSON, S. C., Jan. 24.-Two ne-

jured, and will recover.

Colquitt, Miller county, have been re-Inquiry Recently Ordered by

> GENERAL HIMSELF THERE Makes a Full Presentation of His

> an Army Officer. Washington, Jan. 24.-The inquiry as to what members were holding outside offices-originally intended to determine the status of Major General Wheeler and other members in the

presentation of his views, holding that he was entitled to sit as a member of the house while serving as a volunteer. Representative Hitt of Illinois, the member of the Hawaiian commission; Wayeross Air Line Transferred From Representative Moody, a member of the postal committee, and Representative WAYCROSS, Ga., Jan. 24 - A deal has Otjen of Wisconsin, a member of the

made within a few days, when a new was formally prepared.

Various Lines Entering Atlanta Make Further Reductions.

ATLANTA, Jan. 24.-The Scaboard Air Line has given notice that it will cut rates from Atlanta and Athens to Portsmouth and Norfolk from 25 cents to 20

The Southern gives evidence that it is in the fight to stay, for authority has been secured from the railroad commis-Sec. 3, Fovides that every person registered in accordance with the Waycross to Douglas and operates at sion to reduce the Brunswick-Savannah preserves the differential of 6 cents which originally existed between the on his rersoual application herein to register under this section after LEGISLATURE RECONVENES, rates to those points and Norfolk and

Portsmouth rates. The Central of Georgia again reduced to Savannah and the Georgia road and connections will name the same figures to Charleston.

general assembly of Alabama recon-The Central owns lines of steamers vened today after a recess of several from Savannah to Boston and New York, so that while other roads only receive a part of the rate the Central gets all, and, consequently, is able to carry cotton at a much less rate.

that the constitutional convention will ALABAMIAN READS A PAPER be called, and it is expected to meet all Prison Reform Congress Still at Work The joint committee to consider and

propose amendments to the revenue law has been in session in this city for the past three weeks and has completed its Representative Wallace of Madison introduced a resolution before recess in referred to the committee on rules. He says that the antiexpansion sentiment of penal and reformatory institutions. widespread that he feels that he will be satisfied in pushing his resolution, and of prisons for women in Massachusetts, thinks he will have no difficulty in getthanks of the congress were tendered to ATLANTA, Jan. 24 - A bill asking for a

receiver for the Atlanta National Building and Loan association has been filed in the superior court. Judge Lumpkin of the Whittier reformatory for girls. has granted a temporary restraining order and set a hearing for next Thurs- day was that of Miss Thom of Alabama, day upon the question as to whether he who described the results of her successwill make the injunction permanent and appoint a receiver. The plaintiff reformatory for negroes.

upon by the young man, Rice dropping Fire at Springfield, Tenn. NASHYILLE, Jan. 24 .- An entire block was destroyed in the heart of the town at Springfield, Tenn., last night. Loss MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 24.—The richly about \$10,000, covered by insurance. The following buildings were burned: dressed body of a young woman, prob-The People's bank, S. Strauss, clothing, ably that of one of the party lost in the wreck of the naptha launch Paul Jones, tional bank building, N. Rosenbaum, has been found by Captain T. M. Hunt & Tanner, Mrs. Archie Thomas Rickardo at Boca Ratone. The gulf and William Fielder.

that point. The dress is of soft woolen Debate on Army Bill Begun. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-The opening of the debate on the army reorganization bill attracted a large attendance in the flannel, the stockings black and the galleries of the house today. Mr. Mcrcer (Rep., Neb.) attempted to secure unanimous consent for setting aside COLUMBUS, Ga., Jan. 24.-According Feb. 1 for the consideration of public to all indications, the Central of Geor | buildings, but Mr. Mahon (Rep., Pa.) gia railway is to have an outlet on the objected.

gulf coast. It is reported here that the Coal Mining Rate Fixed. Central is to extend its line from Sea-PITTSBURG, Jan. 24.—The coal mining rate for the four large competing states of the country was agreed to by the thing for which, under the new conditions, the railroads are now contending join scale committee of operators and -a line to a port on the gulf of Mexico. miners today, and all that now remains is its adoption by the interstate convention. This will probably be done before

tax commission, appointed under the Left \$1000,000 to a Railroad. Ellis resolution to investigate and revise the tax system of Georgia, met in the senate chamber and organized by electing Messrs. E. L. Wight and Roland Ellis joint chairmen and B. M. Blackburn secretary. The board adjourned Ohio Southwestern railroad of \$1,000,-

DIRECTORS BEFORE A COMMITTEE ERWIN SLUDER, Teller.

the House Under Way.

Views, Holding Shat He Is Entitled to Sit In Congress While Serving as man, on hearing the firing, became

by the mob and struck down. The son died in a few minutes, and advices just ordered by the house of representatives received here state that old man Rustin The daughter is not dangerously in-The Rustins were respectable, indusarmy-was begun today by the committee on judiciary. The inquiry was ler county's citizens are at a loss to impublic and besides the members of the agine what could have actuated the whitecappers in their bloody work. A committee there were present General RAILROAD CHANGES HANDS.

just been closed by which Hon. L. John. | industrial commission, and Representain the United States wherein he then son, Captain J. S. Bailey and their asso of the industrial commission, submitted

COTTON RATE FIGHT HOT.

New white goods

In New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 24.—The prison reform congress continued its session today and opened with an interesting paper by Dr. Blake of Alabama on the necessity of separating prisoners afflicted with consumption from other inmates An interesting discussion followed. Mrs. Ellen C. Johnston, superintendent discussed very ably the question of providing separate prisons for women and gave the result of the operation of the Massachusetts law on the subject. The

Mrs. Adine Mitchell of California afterwards read a paper on the working One of the interesting papers of the ful efforts to establish and maintain a

Gallinger Wants an Inquiry. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. - When the senate convened today, Mr. Gallinger had a resolution passed which he intimated might show a scandal in connection with the management of the Washington asylum of this city, the responsibility for which he frankly placed at groes confined in the county jail here the door of congress. It provided for committee of the District of Columbia. ceeded in escaping from the prison, but Mr. Gallinger said there were 826 inone of them was shot and killed. Sam mates of the the institution. In the Rice, held for housebreaking, was killed workhouse for males there were 216 by the 16-year-old son of Calhoun Ham- bunks and 314 inmates. He deemed the lin, who discovered the fugitive and de- situation to be a disgrace to Washing manded his surrender. He attacked ton and calculated to bring reproach young Hamlin with rocks and was fired

ATLANTA, Jan. 24.—The new state night.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 24 .-Pierre Doquesne, who died in Paris some time ago, left an estate of \$5,000,-000 and a bequest to the Baltimore and

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