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THE DEBATES IN CONGRESS

One Minute Speeches in the House are Farces.

ATHLETICS IN ORATORY

A WARM SPOT PICKED OUT FOR SHERMAN.

Cut Off By the Gavel at a Critical Moment—A Genuine Stump Speech—Tillman's Illustration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—[Special.]—There is a great difference between a debate in the Senate and a debate in the House. When the now celebrated Teller resolution was under consideration in the Senate, the speeches were generally long and labored ones. Under the rules of that body a Senator may talk as long as he likes, and when a Senator once gets started as a usual thing he does not like to choke himself off. During the last day of consideration, however, by unanimous agreement the 15 minute rule was adopted, and all speeches were limited to a quarter hour each. The Senate is at its best while debating under this rule, and many of the addresses made on this question, both for and against the resolution, were models of compact, effective statement.

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The absurdity of trying to make a speech in two minutes was, however, pointed out by a number of friends of little General Wheeler. Having secured 10 minutes for himself, he asked to say when "trap" would go the gavel and the ambitious gentleman would have to sit down in the midst of a sentence.

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MONITOR AND MERRIMAC

THE GREAT BATTLE IS RECALLED.

Pension Asked for Lieut. Worden's Family—The Republic of Hawaii—A Te ritorial Building—Consideration of Appropriation Bills.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The attendance in the House today was small. The bill passed to ratify the act of the territorial legislature of Arizona, authorizing the erection of a public building.

Without further preliminary business the House went into committee of the whole, and took up the military academy appropriation bill.

The bill carried \$453,540, being \$186,769 less than the estimates, and \$26,036 less than is carried in the current law. It was arranged that the general debates should run two hours. Most of that time was consumed in discussing extraneous matters.

In the Senate today Morgan, Ala., presented an amendment to the resolution of White, California, declaring the republic of Hawaii, duly established and based upon the constitution is the rightful government recognized by the United States and other powers, and it was authority to conduct annexation arrangements with this government.

A communication was received by the Senate from the Secretary of War today, presenting the urgent necessity for immediate action to control the disorderly element in Alaska. Chandler New Hampshire, presented a memorial which called to the attention of the Senate the most thrilling story achieved by Lieutenant Worden in the navy, took part in the historic fight in Hampton Roads between the Monitor and the Merrimac.

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BIG FIRES IN SAVANNAH

The Beautiful and Costly Cathedral Burned.

HIGHLAND PARK BURNED

ONE OF THE CHIEF HOTELS OF AIKEN, S. C.

The Guests Driven into Other Hotels at Augusta—A Bad Blaze at Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 7.—A fire which originated in the Academy of Music this morning destroyed a half block of buildings, entailing a loss of about \$65,000 before being got under control. The fire spread to Lapres' confectionery behind and there communicated to the rear of the Bryn Mawr hotel. The flames also spread to Bacharach's furnishing store, Rutgers' School of Phrenology, Mirces' photograph gallery, the Gold Mine bath house, Smith's rolling chair establishment and a portion of the vitascope parlors on the board walk.

For a time it looked as though the Berkeley hotel, the largest hostelry on Kentucky avenue, would surely be destroyed. The guests hurriedly packed their clothing and prepared for a hasty exit, but the wind shifted, and this saved the hotel.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 7.—Highland Park hotel was burned to the ground yesterday morning. There were about 130 guests in the hotel and the house was full, in the very midst of its season.

The fire broke out about 5:30 yesterday morning in a little brick building in the rear of the Kings of the hotel, where the laundry and laundry and dressing room for the waiters was situated. The one-story brick building was joined to the hotel, a big three-story frame building of 185 rooms, by a small narrow wooden structure which the guests say might have been chopped away with axes and entirely cut off the fire from the hotel if there had been any intelligent direction of the efforts that were made to save the hotel.

The streams that were turned on it from the standpipe of the hotel ground was ineffectual. The hotel had been entirely refitted for this season at a cost of about \$70,000. The building was insured for \$75,000; furniture, \$25,000; engine, boiler and dynamo, \$3500. The losses are divided among all the leading insurance companies of the country, no policy being for more than \$500 and most of them for \$2500.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 7.—Savannah's cathedral of fire continued. At seven o'clock yesterday morning, damage to the extent of \$125,000 was caused by a conflagration which started in a warehouse on the wharf at the foot of Jefferson street. The heaviest loss was that of Charles A. Conklin & Co., of Atlanta, who carried a \$100,000 stock of hardware in a brick building at Montgomery and Williamson streets. Capt. John Elbert, chief of fire, had a warehouse valued at \$8000, no insurance.

The magnificent cathedral of St. John, the Baptist, the head seat of the Catholic church in Savannah, Georgia, is a mass of ruins. Fire was discovered by a motorman breaking out through the roof of the building shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday morning, but the alarm brought only a couple of hose wagons. When these arrived the fire was well under way, and the destruction was nearing completion.

The fire started in the organ loft and spread to the main floor, where it was the finest ecclesiastical structures in the South.

AN ODD APPEAL. Baton Rouge Citizens Want Louisiana to Run It.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—Nearly all the business and leading citizens of Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana, have joined in a petition, which will be presented to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention to meet in New Orleans, asking that the municipality be abolished and that Baton Rouge be placed under the absolute control of the State government, in the same way as Washington, Court Square, and the President and Congress.

Baton Rouge is a city of 15,000, with numerous lumber and other industries, and a shipyard, which has been difficult there because of the large number of negroes. The business men think the evil can be cured by abandoning self-government and placing the city under the control of the State government.

It is not likely that the Constitutional Convention will grant this request or that the State government will agree to operate the municipality of Baton Rouge.—N. Y. Sun.

For Violating Sanitary Ordinance. C. H. Gilreath, who was arrested on a charge of violating the sanitary ordinance, the charge being made by Sanitary Inspector Bird, was tried this morning before Police Justice Carter. He was found guilty and fined \$100 and a number of chickens under his house, 33 Depot street. Judgment was suspended until an opportunity was given the defendant to put the premises in good sanitary condition.

DOG PROBABLY MAD.

Interesting Correspondence Between Dr. von Ruck and Pasture Institute.

Last week The Citizen stated that a dog, supposed to be mad, had bitten a number of persons in the north-western portion of Asheville. Among those bitten was a child of the colored cook at Dr. von Ruck's. Dr. von Ruck was so impressed with the idea that the dog was mad, that he wrote a full account of its actions to Dr. Gibber, of the Pasture Institute, New York.

Dr. von Ruck also asked Dr. Gibber if it would not be possible for the remedies he used to be sent here to be used by Dr. von Ruck in the treatment of the child.

Dr. Gibber, in his reply to Dr. von Ruck, received yesterday, says that from the description given of the dog and its actions, the probabilities are that he was mad, and further says that treatment in Asheville is not feasible, but he could demonstrate the presence of rabies as the individuals might be able to pay.

It requires from 12 to 15 days before experimental inoculations upon other animals with virus from the spinal cord of the dog could demonstrate the presence or absence of hydrophobia, and adding that period to that which has already elapsed, would give but little prospect for successful treatment should the dog prove to have had hydrophobia.

Before the receipt of Dr. Gibber's letter inoculation of a guinea pig, into its brain, from the spinal cord of the dog which bit the child and was subsequently killed, was made yesterday at Dr. von Ruck's laboratory. The operation was successful, inasmuch as the animal survived, and it is apparently very great, but if hydrophobia becomes manifest, it will then be too late to begin the treatment.

EVERYTHING IN ASHEVILLE.

If You do not See What You Want Lift the Trap.

You can find anything and everything in Asheville. This is true because Asheville is a live, moving town with a "get there" movement on it along all lines. And Asheville is not proud, neither is it snobbish. It has a character of small towns conscious of their littleness.

Now, the finger of fun has been pointed at Asheville by some of her neighbors, because, a few years ago, a fox was caught on her streets. Asheville has lived to see that finger fall palsied at the sight of her growth and improvement.

Doubtless other fingers will rise at the announcement that an opossum has its habitation almost within a stone's throw of the court house. Yet this is the fact, and Asheville can always afford to face that.

During a recent drop in the temperature a lady and her servant went to the kitchen soon after nightfall for the purpose of cutting off the water in order to avoid a plumber's bill. The cut-off was under the floor and reached up a kind of trap door. The door was raised with some difficulty, and to the astonishment of the two a smiling opossum looked them full in the face. The claim is made that there was no screeching or other manifestation on the part of the woman—but the "possum retired in good order."

It is unnecessary to explain the presence of this "possum so close to the heart of North Carolina, Asheville, is a fact, and is perhaps there yet, so that if you want "possum when you come to Asheville it can be produced by raising the trap door and reaching for him.

HIT BY A CAR.

J. W. Voght Painfully Injured on Patton Ave.—Who is to Blame? J. W. Voght, a visitor, was riding on Patton avenue Sunday afternoon, and had reached a point opposite the Hotel Berkeley when the Patton avenue car and the Montford avenue car approached. The first passed and the second was near Mr. Voght's horse, when the animal took fright, turned and started towards Court Square, Cour Square, and the front of the Montford car. The horse was overtaken by the car and pushed along for a distance of about 40 feet. Mr. Voght fell to one side of the track, receiving painful bruises, as his horse went down.

The horse is so badly injured as to be worthless. It is said the motorman, James Weaver, was to blame.

Best Sugar Co. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The Buffalo Best Sugar company of Brant, Erie county, was incorporated today with a capital stock of \$500,000 in shares of \$100, to manufacture and refine beet sugar.

THE KILLING OF STRIKERS

Now Being Investigated at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

SHERIFF LATIMER'S CASE

AN EYE WITNESS TO THE SHOOTING.

He Saw the Men Fall, But Did Not Hear What They Had Said—Warring Attorneys Nearly in Contempt.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 7.—Hundreds of persons, anxious to hear what action Judge Woodward would take in reference to the sensational outbreak Saturday night at Wilkesbarre, Pa., and Lanahan, opposing counsel in the Latimer shooting case, when a number of strikers were shot, thronged the court room today. Judge Woodward spoke of the incident Saturday, saying that after he had left the bench before court adjourned, an altercation had arisen between two of the lawyers engaged in the trial, which the court did not fully hear nor realize the words used until they were seen in the newspapers.

"What we heard," said the judge, "was that we should have dealt with the lawyers as the affair deserved and if there is a repetition of it we shall punish the guilty parties for contempt of court."

The first witness today was Silas Jones, Justice of the peace of West Hazleton. He said he had seen a meeting of the deputies and strikers at West Hazleton and followed the deputies to Latimer. He saw Sheriff Marlin advance towards them with a paper in his hand. Some of them surrounded him and an altercation occurred, but the witness could not see exactly how the altercation commenced, or how it terminated. He heard a couple of shots fired, then a volley and saw several men fall. Two of the men fell near him dead.

THE BOAT CO. ICE.

A Cleveland Party Sail Out Into Lake Erie on a Floe.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 7.—Five workmen, who had started to walk across the ice from the new water works crib, five miles out in the lake, were rescued last evening by the fireboat Cleveland from the floe after an exciting experience. The men had started to walk ashore and when a mile out discovered they were on a detached ice floe and rapidly moving lakeward. After prolonged cries and waving their coats, they finally attracted the attention of a skater near shore, who telephoned to the fireboat.

After a hard battle, the Cleveland succeeded in crushing her way through the heavy ice and rescuing the men.

AMERICAN COMIC OPERA.

It Will Be Tried on Foreigners; Also Our Band Music. —CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—DeWolf Hopper and John Phillip Sousa are going to Europe to give American comic opera and American band music throughout the old world. All the members of Hoppers' opera company, "El Capitán," and all the members of Sousa's band are booked for the trip.

M. ZOLA'S TRIAL.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—The trial of M. Zola, who is being prosecuted by the government as the result of a letter which he wrote last December to the Aurore, strongly reflecting upon high officials connected with the Dreyfus case, opened today in the assizes court of the Seine.

The most keen public interest is manifested in the case. Hundreds of people surrounded the court, anxious to gain admittance. The police measures taken to insure order were most rigorous.

FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Christopher C. Wimblish is the survivor of customs for the port of Atlanta, Ga. The steamship Manitoba, with 59 reindeer and 87 Lap men and women for the Klondike relief expedition, has sailed from Alten, Norway.

A committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce has made a report, showing that harbor improvements in the South have lessened the trade of the metropolis. White people have so systematically boycotted Isaiah H. Loftin, the colored postmaster at Hoganville, Ga., that his income from the office has been reduced to 11 cents a day. John E. Pierce, ranchman and land owner at Galveston, announces that he has closed a deal with G. A. R. people whereby they take 25,000 acres of land in Matagorda county, Texas. New York Central has absorbed the Lake Shore & Southern Michigan railroads. There are rumors of a break between Cornelius and William K. Vanderbilt and the retirement of Dr. Dewey as president of the Central. The President has nominated J. Ethan A. Hitchcock, now minister to Russia, to be ambassador to Russia, the Russian government having conferred similar rank on Count Cassini, its new diplomatic representative to the United States.



Sudden Changes.

Such as are of frequent occurrence during the cold winter weather, are almost sure to bring on colds and coughs, unless prevented by carefully protecting vulnerable parts of the body. These colds when neglected lead to coughs and frequently to pneumonia and consumption—for all these and most ailments dependent upon an impoverished condition of the system a frequent use of Pure Cod Liver Oil is excellent—Dr. T. C. Smith keeps it plain and unadorned as well as in emulsions and medications at the Drug Store on Court Square.

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