

NEWSPAPER MEN WALK OUT AS MACON BEGINS TO SPEAK

"Buzz-Saw of Arkansas" Has no Friends Among Members of Press Gallery

THROWS HIS SLIME ON CAPT. R. E. PEARY

Attack is Quickly Resented by The Explorer's Friends in Fearless Speeches

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Representative Macon, speaking in general debate on the naval appropriation bill in the house tonight, made a sensational attack upon Captain Robert E. Peary, denouncing him as a "faker" and declaring that he "should be driven from the naval service."

The bitter word used by the member from Arkansas called out a quick reply from Peary's friends, Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, characterized Mr. Macon's speech as "unjust, outrageous and offensive."

He said there was always some one to be found to suspect every performance by men of genius and courage. He referred to Captain Hobson's exploit of the Merrimac and to Peary's victory at Manila bay.

"Hence like these," said Mr. Moore, "have not the time to stop and deal with every dog that barks at their heels."

Mr. Macon declared that Peary's whole story was "a fake pure and simple." He said his contempt for "fake heroes" was supreme and he intimated that he put the "hero of San Juan Hill" in the class.

At this point the newspaper men in the press gallery got up and left.

Mr. Macon denounced the Peary Arctic club and charged that it had maintained a paid lobby in Washington. He said the President Taft's judgment in this matter was not to be accepted, for he had congratulated Cook as heartily as he did Peary.

Playing his compliments to the editors of the New York Times and the New York Post, Mr. Macon characterized these as "unholy know-all tributes" and "peace-eyed pin-headed and patrician-infinitesimal."

Calling Him "Near Hero." He referred to Peary as a "fur trader," pictured him as "a self-proclaimed hero."

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HE URGES HELP FOR THE ROBT. E. LEE CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENT MOVEMENT

Dr. Denny of Washington and Lee Makes Speech in Its Behalf

UNIVERSITY GROWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Expressing the hope that the Robert E. Lee centennial endowment movement might be brought to a prompt and successful issue, Dr. George H. Denny, president of Washington and Lee university, addressed tonight, members of the Washington alumni of that institution at their annual dinner.

COSTLY BLAZE

ATHENS, Ga., Feb. 16.—The entire plant of the Empire State chemical company was destroyed by fire here tonight.

RUSSIA, TIRED OF LONG DELAYS MAY WAR WITH CHINA

Threatens to Bring Immediate Pressure to Bear on Slumbering Giant To Enforce Russian Rights.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Notice of Russia's intentions regarding China reached the state department today through the American embassy at Peking.

The Russian government promises the American embassy to acquit it with particularity of the indictment against China.

A great surprise to the diplomatic service in Washington, for although it was known that sharp issues had arisen between Russia and China over connecting claims of jurisdiction in Manchuria and elsewhere, commercial privileges in Mongolia, the situation was not regarded as critical, and it generally was believed that in view of the deplorable conditions existing in China as a result of the frightful famine and the terrible ravages of the plague, Russia would generously defer pressing claims to the extreme.

That war will not result from the latest move of the Russian government is the confident belief in diplomatic circles here, for it is generally understood that the Chinese are totally unprepared to meet such a foe as Russia at this juncture. So it is expected that China will appeal to the powers, including America, for fair play.

What amount of support she will receive cannot safely be foretold. It is pointed out here that our own government cannot act until it has examined the contentions on both sides, and before America could intervene in behalf of China it must first make sure that that country was guileless of such disregard of her treaty obligations as would warrant the Russian menace.

Should it be found that there is ground for such action, it is entirely possible that the state department may use its good offices to avert war or the working of great injury upon China by suggesting a reference of the issue between Russia and China to the Hague tribunal.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY WINS AGAINST RAY BILL FOR CHARTER FORFEITURE

Committee after Much Discussion Votes to Report the Bill Unfavorably

SAWDUST BILL LOST

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 16.—The Southern Railway company wins out in its fight on the Ray bill that would exact forfeiture of charter of the Tennessee and Southern railroad if the work of constructing the line from Franklin is not resumed and pushed to completion within a specified time.

The matter was aired before a lengthy joint meeting of the committees on corporations this afternoon. The Southern being represented by Henry W. Miller, assistant to the president. The committee voted to report the bill unfavorably and a minority report will be made.

The committee will offer a substitute giving the company ten years in which to complete the line.

Senator Hicks bill prohibiting throwing sawdust in any streams in North Carolina gets an unfavorable report from the house committee on propositions, the members of which considering this purely a question for local control.

JURY DISCHARGED IN THE LAMAR CASE

MACON, Ga., Feb. 16.—After being out more than 2 hours, the jury in the case of Lamar Washington of New York, who is suing for an eighth interest in the estate of his uncle, H. J. Lamar, of Macon, reported this evening that they were unable to reach an agreement and were discharged. While it was admitted by the defense that young Washington was left an eighth of his uncle's estate, it was contended that the condition named, that he obtain the consent of his aunt to any marriage engagement, he might make, was violated when he married Miss Lucille Osborne of New York several years ago.

CHARLOTTE MAY LOSE ASSAY OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The house today voted to insist upon the abolishment of the assay office at Charlotte, N. C. The senate provided for the continuance of the office. The conferees were unable to agree and the matter was put to a vote in the house with the result stated. The action will throw the matter back into conference again.

CIVIC LEAGUE THE CALCIUM OPERATOR

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RACE PREJUDICE IS STRONG IN NORTH SAYS SEN. BORAH

In Opposing Sutherland Amendment Idaho Senator Says That North Plays The Hypocrite.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—That prejudice against the negro is just as intense in the North as in the South and that the North plays the hypocrite in its contentions to the contrary, was boldly and bluntly asserted in the senate today by a republican senator. The speaker was Senator Borah of Idaho. His declaration regarding the negro was made at the close of a prolonged speech in opposition to the Sutherland amendment to the senate resolution providing for the selection of senators by popular vote. That amendment would have the effect of giving congress control of senatorial elections.

The Idaho senator's pronouncement on the race question made in response to the recent assertion of Senator Root that without the Sutherland provision the resolution would deprive the Southern negroes of federal protection in the exercise of the franchise. Mr. Borah dissented from the New York senator's views and in doing so used language which elicited congratulations from many senators.

Only Speaker. "The negro has been used as a political football as long as our own sense of decency and his developing intelligence will permit. We should no longer mistreat him, but we should have the courage to inform him as to the real situation. It does not benefit him to make him the subject of our sophomoric rhetoric. This colored race has advanced to the point where we may dispense with the perennial distribution of soothing syrup and give them solid food in the way of facts. We should tell him the truth and conceal nothing."

Negro Realities. "The negro is beginning to realize that white men of the North are of the same race as the white men of the South, and that in his blood is the virus of dominion and power. He should know that while his slave chains have been broken the chains of industry are being forged around him, and will continue to hold him unless he himself can break them. This badge was placed upon him by his Maker and it can be removed only by the negro himself, with the aid of those who have the courage to tell him the truth, which is that we have the power to guarantee to him the equal protection of the law and to protect him against discrimination. To attempt anything more would be ruinous to the colored man and demoralizing to the whole political body. He must work out the problem under the constitution. "When the exigencies of debate are over it will be found that no measure will be offered in the senate to protect the negro's right of the colored man anywhere. If those who are interested will turn to the constitution, they will find there the one universal rule of equality, the only rule to be applied to the negro, and the only rule under which we can legislate. If applied it will be proven to be the correct rule, the rule for all of us."

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PEOPLE OF MAINE WILL VOTE ON PROHIBITION

Question of Whether State Shall Continue Dry Comes Up In September

TIN SOLDIER WAREFARE STILL HOLDING WIRES

Ever and Anon Cometh News that Somebody Has Been Swatted in the Eye

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GOULD-GRAHAM

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Formal announcement was made tonight of the engagement of Jay Gould to Miss Annie Douglas Graham, at a dinner given by the latter's step father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Vos.

COULTON TRAINING

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16.—Johnny Coulton, who is to meet Frankie Conley in a 20 round go at the West Side athletic club here Feb. 26 for the bantam weight championship, arrived tonight from Chicago with his father and will resume training tomorrow. Conley arrived yesterday and is already in training. Both boys are to make 116 pounds three and one-half hours before the bout.

LEGISLATURE HAD DAY WITH BILLS OF A LOCAL NATURE

Matters of State-Wide Importance Are Still Waiting Solons' Pleasure

SENATE CONSIDERS FARM LIFE SCHOOLS

Bill by Taylor of Brunswick Would Reduce Number of Oil Inspectors

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 16.—The house devoted the day to grinding out bills mostly of the local kind on final readings. General Carr introduced a bill to create a tax commission and state board of equalization.

A bill by Taylor, of Brunswick, would reduce the number of state oil inspectors kept in the field by the state board of agriculture.

The house insisted on a reference of the Horns bill for the million dollar state building to committee on appropriations for the reason that the joint committee meeting at which it was announced that it received unanimous favorable report was very poorly attended.

The senate spent two hours debating Senator Boyden's bill appointing a state building commission and authorizing a million dollar bond issue to erect a state administration building, and voting to oppose the building. The friends of the bill have decided to offer a substitute tomorrow calling for a \$500,000 bond issue for this purpose. Senator Boyden wanted the building commission appointed by the governor, president of the senate and speaker of the house, instead of by the governor alone, as provided in the bill.

State farm life schools were considered by the senate today and further consideration will occur tomorrow. Several speeches, all favorable to state, were made today.

DECLARES THAT FAMILY LINES SHOULD BE TIGHTER

Dean Shailer Thinks That Children of Today Have Too Much Liberty

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 16.—"Children who can wheedle their parents into letting them act foolishly are being educated to bribe legislators into letting them act lawlessly. The American parent has proved unfaithful to the state, to say nothing about his children, when he has given his sons and daughters a monthly allowance and has let them do what they pleased."

So declared Dean Shailer Matthews, of the University of Chicago, divinity school in an address tonight at the closing session of the religious education association's convention. "Thrift," continued the speaker, "is all but extinct in the average American family. We not only live up to our income, but we live beyond it. Thrift may be bourgeois, virtue but we have not yet established a Utopia in which it would be unnecessary for our children to pay their bills."

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Charles F. Morek, a professional, though comparatively inexperienced aviator was forced to dive into the Hudson river with an aeroplane today while trying to fly from a point near the New Jersey palisades to Central Park on Manhattan Island. He narrowly escaped with his life.

The motor stopped when Morek was nearly a thousand feet above the river and about 100 yards from the Jersey shore. He dared not try to glide back to the palisades or to head for the New York side with power gone. Within sight of thousands he plunged to the river.

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FAIL TO AGREE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Conferees on the Indian bill failed to agree upon the amendment which would place in the treasury \$100,000 of the \$300,000 due to the Indians of the Colville reservation in Washington, pending the settlement of claims of attorneys against those Indians.

Another conference was ordered today. The attorneys' fifth case are former Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina, and Hugh Gordon, son of the late Senator John B. Gordon of Georgia. Some senators urged on the floor of the senate that these attorneys had been paid in full for the services and that their present claim is unjust.

BACK TO PENNSYLVANIA

PENNSYLVANIA, Feb. 16.—The state assembly today passed a resolution to the effect that the state should not recognize any claim of the federal government against the state of Pennsylvania.