

AN EARNEST PLEA

For Freedom for the Philippines by Senator Bacon.

OPPOSITION TO ANNEXATION

Based Upon Policy and Principle-The Same Treatment Should be Given the Philippines as the Cubans-Annexation Means Making Them Citizens or Vassals-The Spanish War Was Not to Right Their Wrongs-The Evils to Arise From Acquiring Distant Territory Pointed Out.

WASHINGTON, January 18.—The feature of today's session in the senate was a speech delivered by Senator Bacon, democrat, of Georgia, in support of his resolutions declaring that the United States would not assume sovereignty over the Philippine islands.

It is not to be believed that the government of the United States will, in the consequence of the nature of the principle of the right of self-government. It is incredible, nay, impossible, that the liberty-loving people of the United States will consent that by power of arms the dominion of this government shall be enforced upon a people who have avowed as an allegiance to no other power than that of God.

He quoted from the speech of Senator Foraker the statement that it was not the purpose to hold the Philippines permanently and said: "I am especially glad to have the assurance of this distinguished senator that our people should ever consent that these Asiatic communities should be admitted as states into the union, clothed with the power to assist in making laws for America."

Senator Bacon then entered upon an argument against the annexation of distant territory with a dense population of an alien and inferior race. He said: "If annexed, this territory must either be left to the natives as they are, or be admitted as states into the union, with their people as citizens entitled to equal rights and power with the citizens of other states, or the territory must be held as colonies with their people as subjects and vassals of the United States."

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who advocated the construction of a government cable. No conclusion was reached at the hour of adjournment, as the special order under which the house was operating today expired with the adjournment, and an objection was made fixing another day for its consideration. It goes on tomorrow until the committee can get another day or until a special order is adopted. The house at 5:15 o'clock p. m. adjourned.

THE RAGAN COURT-MARTIAL. The Order Issued—Composition of the Court—Set for Trial on the 25th Instant. Washington, January 18.—The detail for the court-martial which is to try Commissary General Charles P. Eagan on charges growing out of the statement before the war investigation commission in which he severely attacked General Miles was made public at the war department.

The court is made up of thirteen army officers of whom Major General Wesley Merritt is at the head, and a judge advocate, and it is to meet in this city on Wednesday, the 25th inst. It was ordered that 200 copies of the bill codifying re-enacting of North Carolina and submitted by Dr. P. L. Murphy, of Morganton, be printed, so that an intelligent consideration can be given the bill, which is lengthy and important.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE

Undoing Evils of Fusion Legislation.

MANY BILLS PROPOSED.

Resolution Looking to Impeachment of Judge Norwood—Special Committee on Various Investigations Appointed—A Bill to Provide Salaries for Solicitors—Justice Not to Have Jurisdiction of Concealed Weapon Cases. (Special to The Messenger.)

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UNFAVORABLE REPORT

On Repeal of Fayetteville Dispensary.

THE MATTER ARGUED

By Representatives of Both Sides Before the Legislative Committee—Decision of the Committee—An Address by Dancy, White and Other Negroes to the Negroes of this State—An Effort to Secure Cooperative Emigration Decried by a Close Vote. (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 18.—There was a large assemblage in the old state library this afternoon and evening to hear argument for and against the bill to favoring unconditional repeal of the law establishing the dispensary. The following are here to urge the legislature not to repeal the bill: Dr. J. W. McNeill, chairman of delegation; J. A. Oates, D. T. Oates, Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, David J. Bruce, W. H. Downing, J. Walter Smith, E. J. House, Q. K. Nimocks, ex-Senator McLaughlin, John McPherson, Rev. T. H. Leavitt, John Lamb. This delegation brought here petitions signed by 1,118 white men and 60 women.

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THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Decides Against Increasing Number of Superior Court Districts—Adopted Educational Bill—Ousted Fusionists Kicking. Messenger Bureau. Raleigh, N. C., January 18.

The democratic caucus decided against increasing the number of superior court judges. Up to a week ago it was thought to be pretty certain that the two criminal circuits would be abolished and at least two new superior court districts established. But to make this change would have ousted two good democrats, men of high character, who were elected criminal court judges, and to that idea was abandoned. It seems that there will be some changes made in the composition of the districts.

The normalists on education will, it is expected, recommend a bill which will make it the duty of county boards of education to distribute the public school fund so as to give each school in a county, white and colored, the same amount of school term each year, and making such appropriation of funds to have due regard to the grade of teaching required. In other words, negro teachers can be employed at say half the cost of white teachers.

Some of the supervisors of the penitentiary farms appear to be making a fight to prevent their being ousted. Your correspondent does not believe they have any show for retaining their positions, as some of them certainly hold no commissions. Under the law they are required to have commissions from the superintendent of the penitentiary. It is quite an interesting point. McCaskey, one of the supervisors dismissed, is here and was before the board of penitentiary directors today.

Fayetteville today sent a large delegation here to appear before the legislative committee in the matter of the bill to repeal the law establishing the dispensary for the county of Cumberland. It is evident that there will be a hot fight over this matter. The liquor men declare they will win. The legislature will be asked to establish a dispensary at Greensboro.

Mr. S. A. Fackler, Editor of the Messenger (Phila.) Hunter, Editor of the Minute (Cough Cure) has been acting quickly. Thousands of others use this remedy as a specific for La Grippe and its exhausting after-effects. Never fails. R. R. Bellamy.

THE PUBLIC PRINTING. Temporarily Assigned—More County Government Bills—Argument on Bills Before Committee. (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., January 18.—The joint committee on public printing, consisting of Messrs. Edwards and Broughton and E. M. Uzell, of Raleigh, for the present, next Tuesday the committee will definitely settle the question and it is desired that all printing houses in the state which will print bills shall appear before the committee Tuesday afternoon.

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