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HITCH IN THE PROCEEDINGS

Dockery - Bellamy Contest Stirs up Ill Feeling.

ULTERIOR MOTIVE OF SPEARS

Admission That Evidence is Being Collected for Prosecution of Wil- mington Citizens—Only Four Wit- nesses Out of Many Have Been Examined.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 28.—The taking of depositions in the contested election case of Dockery vs. Bellamy was resumed this morning, pursuant to adjournment at ten o'clock last night. So far only four witnesses have been examined, the frequent and sharp clashes between opposing counsel and exhaustive arguments on objections consuming the greater part of the time.

Assistant District Attorney Oscar J. Spears persists in attempting to elicit evidence regarding the November riot, and the contestee's counsel as persistently object to this irrelevant evidence. During a heated clash between Spears and Janus Davis, one of Mr. Bellamy's counsel, regarding this testimony, the latter very hotly and openly intimated that Spears' object was a double one and the impression of the general public that indictments of certain citizens were sought after was gaining strength, just as was given in these dispatches yesterday. Spears did not deny the intimation.

The hearing grows warmer with each session, and today Attorney Spears and Notary Howell, who was chosen by the contestee, had an exciting encounter. Spears made a rather offensive remark, which Mr. Howell resented; the lie was passed and the two clinched, when counsel separated them. The scene was one of confusion, and the commissioners took a recess of five minutes, after which Spears apologized and the hearing proceeded, though a damper was thrown upon the proceedings.

There are perhaps two more hard-ware men to examine, and then the examination of negro witnesses will begin. The evidence is accumulating slowly, but Spears has made several good points for his client. The witnesses examined so far have been introduced mainly to show that the whites were armed for the purpose of carrying the election by violence.

THE OREGON BOOND FOR MANILA.

The Big Battleship Sailed From Honolulu on the 20th of February.

Honolulu, Feb. 21.—The battleship Oregon and the distilling ship Iris sailed for Manila yesterday. The news of renewed hostilities at Manila stirred the officers to the greatest dispatch, and the work of repairing and coaling was prosecuted day and night. The cruiser Philadelphia sailed for Apia this afternoon.

The collier Brutus has arrived from Guam, and reports that the gunboat Bennington arrived there and raised the American flag. Everything was quiet. Commander Taussig, of the Bennington, has assumed the powers of government and was preparing to carry out surveys. Taussig, in a letter brought by the Brutus, says the Bennington reached Wake Island January 17th. A landing was made with difficulty, as the island is a low atoll whose outside coral wall is nearly vertical. A flagstaff was planted, the flag hoisted and saluted by the Bennington's guns.

House Will Pass the Hawley Bill.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Opposition to the Hawley Army bill has ceased in the House Committee on Military Affairs, and the bill will probably be reported tomorrow without amendment. The desire to prevent an extra session, and the pressure brought to bear on the House for the passage of the bill, have quieted opposition, and the bill will go through as it came from the Senate, including the Gorman amendment limiting the increase to two years from July 1st.

HERE'S FOR DURM.

Senate Votes Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars for a Public Building.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Senate held a night session, passing a batch of House public building bills, including Macon, Ga., Columbus, Ga., Bristol, Tenn., and Anniston, Ala., \$50,000 each. The Sundry Civil bill was passed with amendments for public buildings at Selma, Ala., \$50,000; Durham, N. C., \$75,000.

DEATH'S SUDDEN SUMMONS.

Citizen of Durham Called Without Warning, Visit of a Missionary.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 28.—Special.—Mr. T. A. Smith, who lived on West Main street, died without a moment's notice this morning. He was feeling unwell last night, but arose this morning as usual, and at seven o'clock fell to the floor and expired. Mr. Smith was about 39 years of age and was a native of Robeson county. The deceased leaves a wife and young child.

Rev. R. C. Morton, a missionary to Brazil, is in this city with the family of Dr. L. B. Turnbull, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Morton is supported entirely by the Presbyterian church here. He will sail for Brazil March 15. A farewell service will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at which time his friends will say good-bye and wish him God-speed in his work.

Company H of the Third North Carolina Regiment, (the Durham company) has made Col. J. S. Carr a present of a beautiful umbrella of unique design as a token of their appreciation of his many acts of kindness to them while in service.

Mr. W. M. Lewis, State secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in Durham today in the interest of his work.

Rev. C. J. D. Parker, pastor of the Second Baptist church in this city left today for his home in Hertford county to rest. He has been unwell for some time, and will remain at home until he has fully recovered.

Capt. S. A. Ashe, of Raleigh, was in Durham today.

The news that the boys of the First North Carolina Regiment are soon to be mustered out of service and allowed to return to their homes, was received in Durham with great rejoicing. The Durham Company will be given a royal welcome when they reach here. It is to be hoped that the officers will not be allowed to settle the mustering out order this time as they did one time before. Many of the officers receive more money now per month than they ever did before, and it is natural for them to want to hold on as long as possible. The enlisted men want to come back to civil life now the war is over, and the people in this section are awaiting anxiously for the day to come when they will be ordered back to their homes.

Mr. S. R. Carrington, who has been ill for some time, left this morning for Chase City, Va., to remain until his health is improved.

Mr. Jones Fuller, of Raleigh, has located in Durham and will associate himself with the law firm of Winston & Fuller.

Dr. N. W. Tracy, the temperance evangelist, delivered his last lecture on the whiskey habit here tonight. He will begin a series of lectures in Raleigh Thursday night.

Prof. Edwin Mims, of Trinity College, has gone to Little Rock, Ark., to attend the bedside of his father who is quite ill of pneumonia.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES READ.

February Meeting of the University Historical Society—Inter-Society Debate Saturday.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 28.—Special. The February meeting of the Historical Society held last evening in Gerard Hall was one of the most interesting on record. The following papers were presented before the Society: "A sketch of Captain Johnston Blakely," by Mr. H. M. London; "The Life of Cornelius Harnett," by Mr. M. Bellamy, Jr.; "The Connection of James Madison with the Constitution," by Mr. C. C. Brown, and "Col. Wm. Lenoir at the Battle of King's Mountain," by Mr. H. M. Wagstaff.

Dr. Battle, president of the Society, entertained the audience the last few moments of the hour with some of his charming reminiscences of University life.

Invitations are out for the eleventh annual Inter-Society debate here March 4. The query to be discussed is the Cuban annexation question and much interest is being manifested in the debate.

HANNA WHITEWASHED.

Senate Committee Decides That Further Inquiry is Unnecessary.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections today submitted its report declaring that the United States Senate is not called upon to take any further action upon the charges of bribery in the election of Mark Hanna to the Senate from Ohio. The committee concludes that no proof was submitted that Hanna was elected Senator through bribery; that he had no agents engaged in carrying on his canvass for the Senate who were directly or indirectly authorized by him to resort to corrupt methods, or to any form of wrong-doing; or that he had any personal knowledge of the facts of the Otis case.

Last Appropriation Bill Completed.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The General Deficiency bill, the last of the appropriation measures, was completed today by the Committee on Appropriations. It carries a total of \$21,089,385.

BUTLER STAVES OFF EWART CASE

Unexpected Champion of Ad- miral Schley.

ATWATER LEARNS THE ROPES

Takes Lessons from Strowd and Shuford—Warns Butler's Seat in the Senate Chamber—House Con- curs in Subsidy for Southern Fast Mail.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Special.—In the executive session of Senate tonight Senator Butler objected to fixing a time to take a vote on Ewart's case. He said he had no desire to delay executive business, but desired to further point out the weak points in Ewart's character as developed by the evidence.

The Sampson and Schley nominations then came up for confirmation. Mr. Butler objected to the order in which they were named, and entered into an argument to show that Schley had been purposely humiliated by the administration. He contended that Schley was the hero of Santiago and should be honored before Sampson.

When the Senate adjourned no agreement on Ewart's case or the Sampson-Schley case had been reached. Friends of Ewart attribute Butler's zeal for Schley to be for the purpose of delaying action on Ewart's case.

Raleigh's new Congressman, Atwater, is here the guest of Representative Strowd. He was on the floor of the Senate today sitting in Mr. Butler's seat and was shown about by Butler. He has been a daily attendant upon Congress and is being initiated by Strowd and Shuford into the mysteries of congressional privileges. He will remain here until Congress adjourns.

In the House this afternoon the Post-office bill came to the Senate, where an amendment had been put on carrying a subsidy for the southern fast mail. The House voted to concur in the Senate amendment by 142 to 88.

North Carolina members voted as follows: For subsidy—Linney, Against subsidy—Fowler, Shuford, Strowd, Skinner. Paired against—Kitchen. Absent and unpaired—Martin, Pearson, White.

When this measure was first up in the House several weeks ago, it was stricken from the bill. Congressman Catchings, of Mississippi, and Swanson of Virginia, are credited with the victory now. President Andrews, Passenger Agent Brown and a number of friends of the Southern Railway were in the House lobby while the vote was being taken.

REFEREE MANLY REPORTS.

Debts of North State Improvement Com- pany and Priorities of Creditors.

Winston, N. C., Feb. 28.—Special.—Mr. Clement Manly, referee, submitted his report to the court today in the case entitled Congregation of United Brethren of Salem and Its Vicinity vs. the North State Improvement Company. It is a lengthy document, covering in detail everything connected with the interests of the North State Improvement Company and such priorities as each creditor is entitled to, also the proportionate part of the purchase price of bonds sold by J. W. Fries, receiver. The total indebtedness of the company aggregates \$581,332.15. This report is entitled No. 1, as Mr. Manly will make another one to a subsequent court, giving proportionate part of assets derived from sale of bonds to which each particular creditor is entitled. This refers to bonds held by Dr. D. W. C. Benbow, of Greensboro, trustee, and conveyed by him to J. C. Mebane.

Winston shipped 1,694,958 pounds of manufactured tobacco during February.

Mr. Edward Clement, who died a few years ago, left a will conveying part of his estate to the Moravian Church. The widow dissented, and the case was argued before Judge Allen, who rendered a decision today that the will was valid. The case will now go to the Supreme Court.

The Man Who Made Hayes President Dead

New Orleans, Feb. 28.—J. Madison Wells, one of the most picturesque landmarks in Louisiana history, ex-Governor of Louisiana, ex-President of the Louisiana returning board, and the man who made Rutherford B. Hayes President, died today at his old home at LeCompte, aged 91. He was born on the plantation where he died, of one of the wealthiest and most aristocratic families in the South.

PORTO RICO TO BE MODERNIZED.

Colonial Commissioners Will Work the Island Over, Politically Speaking.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The board of insular advisers to the War Department, consisting of General Robert P. Kennedy, Major Charles W. Watkins and Hon. Henry C. Curtis, will sail on the transport Obdam direct for San Juan, Wednesday morning. A radical change in the plans of the board has been made, it being decided to confine the present trip of investigation to the island of Porto Rico, and not at this time to proceed to Cuba, as had been originally planned. The change of plans was recommended by members of the board themselves and was approved by Secretary Alger, and is dictated by the different state of affairs existing on the two islands. Porto Rico is an American colony, and its people have been very solicitous for immediate reform of civil government. They have sent several deputations here urging expedition in bringing order out of the crude conditions existing, and it is desired that as an American colony, the island should be put on a modern, systematized basis at once. The time to take up the revolutionizing of conditions in Cuba, so far as the scope of the board extends, is believed to be not quite ripe.

The work in Porto Rico will take between one and two months, and contemplate taxation, educational and municipal affairs generally. There will be no general report on the work save in the matter of instituting a general system of taxation, which now in its varying forms is largely based on income. On all other matters separate reports are to be made, and after concluding these recommendations on the question of Cuban reform will be taken up.

SHOOTING AT SALISBURY.

Two Men in Jail for an Affair That May Be Sui Generis.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 28.—Special.—A shooting affair, which will probably result fatally, occurred here about 11 o'clock last night. A. D. Shuping and David Mooney called at a boarding house kept by P. F. Hedrick and asked to see him. Hedrick had retired, but dressed and came out to them. After some conversation between the parties two pistol shots were fired by Hedrick. Shuping received a ball in the right lung. He was taken to Whitehead & Long's sanitarium. Hedrick and Mooney were arrested and are now in jail. The preliminary hearing of the men arrested was postponed until the result of Shuping's wound is known. Shuping is regarded by Dr. Long in a precarious condition tonight.

POLITICAL SENSATION.

Democratic Leaders Advise the Re-elec- tion of Senator Quay.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—Congressman Sibley tonight gave out a remarkable series of letters from Democratic Senators and Congressmen, advising Quay's re-election, if it were impossible to elect a Democrat. Copies of the letters have been sent to every Democrat in the Legislature, and there is danger of a break to Quay at any time. Among those who sent letters were Senators Jones of Arkansas, Vest of Missouri, Gray of Delaware, Morgan of Alabama, Tillman of South Carolina, and Representatives Livingston of Georgia and Bailey of Texas.

Missing Steamer Stranded.

Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 28.—The fishing schooner Mandego, Captain Corkum, which arrived here today, reported that the overdue German steamship Moravia, bound from Hamburg for Boston, was ashore and broken in two on Sable Island. Captain Corkum said he sighted the wreck February 15th. There was no sign of life aboard or near the stranded vessel, but quantities of wreckage line the shore. Captain Corkum said he believed the Moravia's crew had probably been lost in the storm. The Moravia carried a crew of forty five men.

The Pope Has a Feverish Cold.

Rome, Feb. 28.—A report is current here that the Pope has been taken suddenly ill and that the usual audiences at the Vatican have been suspended. His Holiness is suffering from a severe feverish cold. His temperature is 100.4 degrees. He has pain in the chest of a rheumatic character. Dr. Lappini, his physician, will pass the night at the Vatican.

Close Vote in Spanish Senate.

Madrid, Feb. 28.—The government had a narrow escape from defeat in the Senate today on the bill authorizing cession of the Philippines to the United States. The measure was passed, but the government had a majority of only two, the vote being 120 to 118.

Kipling's Condition Not Improved.

New York, Feb. 28.—A bulletin issued late tonight said: "Mr. Kipling has, on the whole, not gained during the day, though the respiratory function has so far improved that the use of oxygen is no longer necessary. The influence of persisting inflammation in the upper lobes is still manifest."

WILD RUMORS FROM MANILA

Reported Fighting With Ger- man Ships of War.

BUT IT WAS ALL FABRICATED

Germany Gives Proofs of Her Desire for Friendly Relations—Otis Send a Reassuring Dispatch to the War Department—The Killed and Wounded in Recent Fighting.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Additional proofs of Germany's desire to show that no ill will is borne toward this country by the Berlin government were given the State Department today. These evidences of good faith were particularly gratifying because they came when the air was full of sensational rumors about occurrences that had they proved true, would have brought on war. The State Department was officially informed today that the cruiser Kaiserin Augusta had been ordered from Manila to Tien Tsin, China, where Germans were being assaulted, and the fact that the department was informed indicates that the German government desired the United States to understand that no fear was felt that the Manila authorities were able to protect German lives and property. With the departure of the Kaiserin Augusta no German war ship will be left at Manila.

Another proof of good will was a request to the Secretary of State that in the absence of German war ships from Apia the United States government represent Germany in Samoa. The request caused surprise, but a cordial assent was given.

Wild rumors were circulated today. The first was that Americans had evacuated Iloilo, which had been occupied by Germans. The next was that one of Dewey's ships had been sunk. Then rumors came thick and fast. Dewey had fired on a German war vessel; a German had fired on Dewey, and Manila by was full of wrecks before the reports ceased. Not a word of confirmation came from Dewey or Otis, and the stories were set down as stock-jobbing canards.

Encouraging Report From Otis.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The War Department has received the following dispatch from General Otis under date of Manila, February 28:

"A battalion of the Twenty-third Infantry sailed for Cebu on the 26th inst. A battalion of California volunteers will sail for Negros tomorrow. Everything quiet here for the past three days."

This message gave the government the greatest encouragement in regard to the Philippines situation that has been felt for several days. It is now believed that fears of foreign complications were groundless. Calm consideration has shown that anxiety was due almost entirely to the message from Dewey about "political reasons," demanding the presence of the battleship Oregon at Manila. As nothing further on that subject has been received from Dewey, and Otis has not said anything in his reports about danger of foreign meddling, the authorities are now satisfied that they had nothing to fear on that score.

Casualties Since the Fires.

Manila, Feb. 28.—Capt. David S. Elliott and one private of Company G, Twentieth Kansas, were cruelly wounded this morning at Caloocan. Insurgents in the neighborhood of Manila are believed to be running short of ammunition, as their firing by night has considerably slackened. American troops are under orders never to take the initiative, and to reply to insurgents only when their firing becomes unusually active. There has been recent improvement in American trenches all around the line, making them practically impregnable. General Miller has prohibited the sale of intoxicants at Iloilo.

Regimental Losses Since the Fire have been as follows:

Killed—Twentieth Kansas, 2; First Montana, 1; First Washington, 1; Twenty-third Infantry, 1; Second Oregon, 1.

Wounded—First Montana, 15; Thirtieth Minnesota, 13; Twentieth Kansas, 9; First South Dakota, 5; First Washington, 4; Third Artillery, 4; First Nebraska, 3; Tenth Pennsylvania, 2; First Idaho, 2; First California, 2; Twenty-third Infantry, 1; Second Oregon, 2.

Manila Railway Suspends Operations.

London, Feb. 28.—The Manila Railway Company has received a cable dispatch from Manila, dated February 27th, saying that the railway has ceased working as a means of public conveyance, Americans using the line

for the purpose of conveying troops to Caloocan. The railway was not damaged by the recent fires.

The Filipino agent in London says he has received advices from Iloilo saying that the British consulate at Iloilo has been burned. These advices further state that Filipinos at Cebu have only retired to the hills at the request of foreign residents to avoid bombardment of the place by Americans, the foreigners promising to intercede with the Americans in behalf of the Filipinos with a view of getting Filipinos' rights respected.

COTTON TRUST PRESIDENT.

John E. Searles in Charlotte—African Methodist Bishops in Session—Death in the Street.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 28.—Special.—Mr. John E. Searles, President of the American Cotton Company, and Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, are here. Mr. Searles was, until a few months ago, secretary of the sugar trust, but has given up that position and will hereafter devote himself to improvements in the methods of cotton baling and the handling of cotton. His company owns the patent of the round bale, and they are seeking to introduce it all through the South. Mr. Searles says plants are already in operation or now under construction that will put up a million bales of cotton next year.

The board of bishops and general officers of the African M. E. Zion church, who represent churches in nearly every State in the union, the West Indies and Africa, met in Grace colored church here this morning. They will be in session several days.

Mr. Will R. Robertson, who has just returned from several weeks' stay in Havana, says Cuba is, at this season of the year, the prettiest country he ever saw. He saw Gen. Gomez, the Cuban leader, and says he seems to be an affable old gentleman, but you would hardly take him to be a great soldier.

Mr. W. P. McLaughlin, formerly of Covington, Ky., who came here a short time ago to be chief of construction of the Bell Telephone Company's corps here, died suddenly on the street yesterday of hemorrhage of the lungs. He had been at Asheville for his health, but was supposed to have recovered. The remains were sent to Kentucky this morning.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson was the recipient of many marked courtesies during her stay in Washington. She was one of the most notable women at the President's reception to the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a special reception was given her by the North Carolina Society, which embraces many of the most prominent Carolinians at the capital.

Messrs. E. B. Springs and O. P. Heath, who recently bought the Ghester cotton mill, will, in the near future, erect a spinning mill there, to have 10,000 spindles and cost something over \$60,000.

MANY PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Sixty-two Bills in the List Passed by the House.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The House today passed 62 public building bills which were favorably reported a fortnight ago by the committee of the whole, with the single exception of the one at Bluefield, W. Va. Dockery, of Missouri, Maddox, of Georgia, Payne, of New York, and Barret, of Massachusetts, representing economists on the floor, had slight support in their efforts to defeat the same. The bills passed today imposed a total obligation on the treasury of \$8,552,900, exclusive of \$1,750,000 for the New York custom house.

The House agreed also to the conference report on the Postoffice appropriation bill after an hour's debate on the special appropriation for facilitating the mails on southern railroads. The House agreed with the Senate to continue the appropriation.

Among the bills which passed the House were those for buildings at Columbus, Ga., \$50,000; Macon, Ga., \$75,000; Anniston, Ala., \$50,000; Bristol, Tenn., \$50,000; Winston, N. C., \$50,000 and Elizabeth City, N. C., \$50,000.

In the Senate, House bills were passed for buildings at Brunswick, Ga., \$50,000, and Elizabeth City, N. C., \$50,000.

ANOTHER WAR ITEM.

Great Britain Will Ask Indemnity for Sub- jects Killed at Manila.

London, Feb. 28.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Stanhope, Radical, asked the government whether its attention had been called to the death of British subjects at Manila, and whether the circumstances thereof were such as permitted friendly representations to be made to the United States to procure pecuniary compensation for the families of those whose lives were lost.

Mr. Broderick, representing the Foreign Office, replied that the British consul at Manila had reported the fact and would doubtless furnish a full report, when the government would be able to decide what course to take.