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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

North Carolina Members Considered in the Distribution -- Black Burn Favored.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Special.—The North Carolina members as a rule fared well in committee assignments. They were assigned to the following committees: Agriculture, Irrigation of Lands, Education, Blackburn District of Columbia, Education, Education (No. 2)—Expenditures in the War Department, Claims, Education, W. W. W.—Naval Affairs, Agriculture—Manufactures, Census, Agriculture—Election of President and Vice-President, Pay—Retirement in the Civil Service, Expenditures in the Treasury Department, Small-Mercantile Marine and Fisheries, Expenditures on Public Buildings, Thomas—Public Buildings and Grounds. In the assignments W. W. Kitchin, Albert Small, Thomas and Blackburn were Senator Fritchard put in for Blackburn, and as he was prominent in Henderson's first election as speaker his word had weight. The Census Committee will be one of the most important in this Congress, while Naval Affairs and Public Buildings will figure largely in the public eye. The Merchant Marine will have the ship subsidy bill before it. For new members Claude Kitchin, Pou and Moody did quite well.

The Prominent Committees Complete

Washington, Dec. 10.—Speaker Pennington today announced the House committees for the fifty-seventh Congress. The most important of the 50 are: Agriculture, No. 1, Robert W. Taylor of Ohio, James R. Mann of Illinois, Lewis Powers of Maine, Charles L. Klapp of New York, Walter L. Smith of Louisiana, Joseph H. Gaines of West Virginia, A. F. Fox of Mississippi, S. J. Bowie of Alabama, Geo. F. Burgess of Texas. Elections No. 2, Martin E. Olmstead of Pennsylvania, James M. Miller of Kansas, S. L. Powers of Massachusetts, Geo. Sutherland of Utah, Frank D. Carter of New Hampshire, E. Littlefield of Maine, Jas. M. Robinson of Indiana, Henry D. Green of Pennsylvania, John J. Feely of Illinois. Elections No. 3, Edgar Weeks of Michigan, M. E. Driscoll of New York, Knickerbocker of Vermont, Spencer Blackburn of North Carolina, Summers L. Weeks of Pennsylvania, C. R. Schmitt of Maryland, Frank A. McClain of Mississippi, C. B. Randall of Texas, J. T. Johnson of South Carolina. Judiciary, Geo. W. Ray of New York, Joe J. Jenkins of Wisconsin, Richard Wayne Parker of New Jersey, Jesse Overstreet of Indiana, D. S. Alexander of New York, Vespaasian Warner of Illinois, Chas. E. Littlefield of Maine, Julius Kahn of California, Lot Thomas of Iowa, S. L. Powers of Massachusetts, Robert M. Nevin of Ohio, David A. Dearmond of Missouri, Samuel W. T. Lanham of Texas, Wm. Elliott of South Carolina, David H. Smith of Kentucky, Wm. H. Fleming of Georgia, Henry D. Clayton of Alabama. Banking and Currency, Chas. N. Parker of New Jersey, Ebenezer J. Hill of Connecticut, Geo. W. Prince of Illinois, Adin B. Capron of Rhode Island, Wm. A. Callahan of Kansas, Jesse Overstreet of Indiana, Wm. C. Lovering of Massachusetts, Walter L. Smith of Iowa, J. Gill of Ohio, Wm. H. Douglas of New York, Robt H. Forrester, Jr., of Pennsylvania, W. Jasper Talbert of South Carolina, Jno. S. Rhea of Kentucky, Jno. R. Thayer of Massachusetts, Elijah B. Lewis of Georgia, C. A. Patey of New York, L. P. Padgett of Tennessee. Interstate and Foreign Commerce, William P. Hepburn of Iowa, Loren Fletcher of Minnesota, James S. Sherman of New York, Irving P. Wagner of Pennsylvania, Charles P. Joy of Missouri, John B. Corliss of Michigan, James E. Stewart of New Jersey, James R. Mann of Illinois, William C. Lovering of Massachusetts, Frank L. Combs of California, Emmett Tompkins of Ohio, Robert E. Davey of Louisiana, William C. Johnson of Georgia, Robert W. Davis of Florida, Dorsey W. Shackelford of Missouri, W. H. Ryan of New York, William Richardson of Alabama. Rivers and Harbors, Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, Walter Reeves of Illinois, Blackburn B. Dorener of West Virginia, Howell P. Bishop of Michigan, Ernest A. Peterson of Pennsylvania, Page Morris of Minnesota, Delva S. Alexander of New York, Thomas H. Tongue of Oregon, George P. Lawrence of Massachusetts, James H. Davidson of Wisconsin, James MacLachlan of California, Rufus E. Lester of Georgia, John H. Bankhead of Alabama, Philip DeMculloch of Arkansas, Stephen M. Sharkey of Florida, Thomas H. Ball of Texas, J. E. Rausch of Louisiana. Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Chas. H. Grosvenor of Ohio, Albert J. Hopkins of Illinois, James R. Young of Pennsylvania, William S. Green of Massachusetts, Edward S. Minor of Wisconsin, Fred C. Stevens of Minnesota, Wesley L. Jones of Washington, Joseph W. Fordney of Michigan, Frank C. Wheeler of Maryland, E. B. Veiland of New York, Charles E. Littlefield of Maine, Thomas Slight of Mississippi, John H. Small of North Carolina, Robt. W. Davis of Florida, Allen L. McDerroft of New Jersey, O. H. P. Belmont of New York, John S. Snook of Ohio. Agriculture, James W. Wadsworth of New York, E. S. Henry of Connecticut, William Connell of Pennsylvania, Chas.

TARIFF FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Committee Measure Perfect and Ready to Be Rushed Through Congress.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A Philippine tariff bill was agreed upon by the Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee today. The bill was subsequently introduced in the House by Chairman Payne and will later be considered by the full committee and reported to the House. The bill in full is as follows: "An act temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippine Islands and for other purposes. "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That the provisions of an act entitled 'An act to revise and amend the tariff laws of the Philippine archipelago,' enacted by the United States Philippine Commission on the 1st day of September, 1901, shall be and remain in full force and effect.

"Section 2. That on and after the passage of this act there shall be levied collected and paid upon all vessels coming into the United States from the Philippine archipelago which are required by law to be levied, collected and paid upon vessels coming into the United States from foreign countries; provided, however, that until the 1st day of January, 1905, the provisions of law restricting to vessels of the United States the transportation of passengers and merchandise directly or indirectly from one part of the United States to another part of the United States shall not be applicable to foreign vessels engaging in trade between the Philippine archipelago and the United States.

"Section 4.—That the duties and taxes collected in the Philippine archipelago in pursuance of this act, less the cost of collecting the same and the gross amount of all collections of duties and taxes in the United States upon articles imported from the Philippine archipelago and upon vessels coming therefrom shall not be covered into the general fund of the treasury of the United States, but shall be held as a separate fund and paid into the treasury of the Philippine Islands to be used and expended for the government and benefit of said islands.

"Section 5.—That when duties prescribed by this act are based upon the weight of merchandise deposited in any bonded warehouse duties shall be levied and collected upon the weight of such merchandise at the time of its entry.

"Section 6.—That all articles manufactured in bonded manufacturing warehouses in whole or in part of imported materials or of materials subject to internal revenue tax and intended for exportation from the United States to the Philippine Islands, and all articles subject to internal revenue tax and intended for exportation from the United States to the Philippine Islands shall, when so exported under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury may prescribe, be exempt from internal revenue tax and shall not be charged with duty except the duty levied under the act upon imports into the Philippine Islands.

Date for Coronation.
London, Dec. 10.—At a session of the privy council today King Edward definitely fixed June 26, 1902 as the date for his coronation. It was also decided that Parliament will meet January 16.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A marriage license was issued today to J. C. S. Blackburn of Kentucky and Mrs. Mary E. Blackburn of this city.

Debate Begun on the Isthmian Canal Treaty

Lodge Makes the Opening Speech—Knox to Be Confirmed as Attorney General.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Senate met at noon today. Forty-five minutes were occupied in presenting bills, memorials and petitions. No other business was done, and at 12:45 the Senate went into executive session to consider the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Senator Hoar presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, recommending the confirmation of Attorney General Knox. He made a brief statement referring to the protests against confirmation as made by the Antritrust League, but said that after giving careful attention to this representation the committee had decided to recommend confirmation. No opposition was voiced, but action on the nomination was postponed by common consent.

The Senate then, before taking up the Isthmian Canal treaty, proceeded to pass upon other nominations, of which there are an exceptionally large number before the Senate. Senator Lodge spoke in favor of the treaty, saying that all objectionable features of the last treaty had been removed; that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, standing so long in the way of a canal, had been removed; that the change in Article I was of material importance. He said the concessions were ample for the United States' interests. An adjournment without further con-

The Bonine Case Drawing to a Close

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Bonine case is fast nearing its ending. The defense rested at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Arguments to the jury will begin tomorrow. Dr. Carr was on the stand again today. He described to the jury the manner in which the shot could have been fired and was given the pistol by the district attorney to further illustrate. The witness attempted to show that a thumb could have pulled the trigger during the struggle, and Mr. Gould insisted that Dr. Carr take the pistol and place it in such a position as to show exactly how the chest wound was made. Dr. Carr is a heavy man with short arms, and found much difficulty in holding the weapon so that it would inflict the chest wound as in the case of Ayres. He said that in his opinion the chest wound was the first inflicted and that muscular power would have continued thereafter for 30 seconds.

Washington the Scene of Another Mysterious Crime

Washington, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, a fashionable dressmaker, who resides at 1117 K Street North West, was found in her room at an early hour today in an almost dying condition. She had been brutally assaulted by some unknown person. The case promises to give the detectives as much if not more trouble than did the Kenmore mystery. Her skull had been fractured, her jawbone broken and her left ear almost severed from her head. The seat of a piano stool is believed to have been the weapon used by the woman's assailant. It was evident that robbery was not the motive of the assault as money and valuables were untouched.

THE CABINET

Carnegie's Gift to Education and Legislation for the Philippines.

Washington, December 10.—President Roosevelt today informed the members of the cabinet of the gift which Andrew Carnegie has offered to make for the benefit of higher education and scientific research in the Philippine Islands. The cabinet officers discussed the matter at some length, but it was decided to withhold from the public the details of the plans until the leaders in both Houses of Congress can be consulted and their views on the subject learned. Secretary Root occupied a large part of the time of the meeting with a statement regarding the Philippine tariff legislation growing out of the insular decision. The administration is in favor of the Lodge bill, which is of course practically an expression of the views of the administration. The efforts at Philippine legislation in the House are not viewed with favor by most members of the cabinet. Secretary Root is anxious that legislation affecting the islands should be prompt, and his statement this morning was devoted to urging the necessity of the maintenance of the existing tariff in the archipelago and the continuance of the Dingley act provisions in the United States.

NEW ORLEANS RACES

New Orleans, Dec. 10.—The results of the races here today follow:
First Race—Fyrro 3 to 2, Mm. Washt 8 to 1, Master 8 to 1. Time, 1:25.
Second Race—Bean 6 to 1, Padich 20 to 1, Piedrich 3 to 2. Time, 1:55.
Third Race—Banish 3 to 2, Prince Blazes 3 to 2, Woodrice 8 to 1. Time, 2:00.
Fourth Race—Lou Woods 6 to 5, The North 8 to 1, Serpent 3 to 1. Time, 1:17.
Fifth Race—Echodalq 15 to 1, Alpaca 6 to 5, Braw Lad 3 to 1. Time, 1:16.
Sixth Race—Waterhouse 8 to 1, Utop 6 to 5, Eva Rice 2 to 1. Time, 1:46.
Entries for Today
First Race, 2 year old, 1 mile—Rose of May 109, Dandola, Little Spout 106 each, Amote 103, The Way 92, Winnra King, Tatus, Hay Hunter 89 each.
Second Race, selling, 1 mile—Dandy, H. Lexington, Pirate 105 each, Beuesath, Azu, Edwin Lee, Whisper Low, Monmouth Boy 102 each, Jim W. 100, Edna Bergin 97, Mr. Pomeroy 96, Frank L. Jane Wood 93 each.
Third Race, steepchase, short course—Corrillo 15, Orant 145, Harve B. 135, Diver, Golde Link, Chiefon, Manheim 130 each.
Fourth Race, handicap, all ages, 5/8 mile—Savoy 120, St. Cuthbert 107, Frank Kenny 106, If You Dare 102, Myrtle Van 93, L. Jack Horner 94, Fleiron, Choise, J. G. Ford 95 each.
Fifth Race, selling, 1 mile—Felix Bard 109, Jessie Jarboe, John Grigsby 105 each, J. McCartry 101, Trebor, Blue Lick 100 each, Free Pass 97, Bar Frietchie 96, L. Chorister 90.
Sixth race, selling, 1 1/4 miles—J. Steadman 108, Eugenius S. 100, C. Irvin Mayer, Barbee 98 each, Daggar 98, Little Elkin, Dalkeith 97 each, Farday 96, Hja 94, D. Lorane 89.

JUDGE HUGHES DEAD AT AN ADVANCED AGE

Richmond, Dec. 10.—Judge Robert William Hughes, one of the oldest and ablest lawyers of the Old Dominion, for twenty-four years judge of the United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, died at his home in Abingdon today. He was in the 82d year of his age. Judge Hughes was born in Powhatan county, Va., June 8, 1821, and was educated at Caldwell Institute in North Carolina. He was successively editor of the Richmond Examiner, the Washington Union, The Richmond Register and the Richmond State Journal. He was, while connected with the latter publication, called to account by William E. Cameron of Petersburg, who afterwards became governor of Virginia.

BILL FOR A NEW REVENUE CUTTER

What Our Members Are Doing at the National Capital
Washington, Dec. 10.—Special.—Mr. Thomas today introduced a bill for a new revenue cutter to navigate the waters of Neuse river and Albemarle and Pamlico sounds. It appropriates \$175,000 and is recommended by Secretary Gage. He will urge this bill strongly and also the one for the public building at Goldsboro. Mr. Blackburn was today granted four days leave of absence. Messrs. Bellamy, Knuttz, Pou, Small and Blackburn are absent from the city. Senator Simmons and all the North Carolina members in the House will leave next Saturday for home to spend the holidays. Postal route service has been established at Burgaw, Pender county, with James F. Croom as carrier. A pension of \$8 is granted to Julia Lamberson, at Canetuck. Yancey Backner is appointed postmaster at Buckner, Madison county, vice Eli Ballard resigned. Election Committee No. 2 is the one before which Mr. Thomas' contest will be tried. It is regarded as a fair committee. The general impression here is that Mr. Thomas will retain his seat. It will give ex-Senator Butler, Fowler's counsel, an opportunity to inveigh against North Carolina election laws and to vent his spleen against the Democratic State organization, but that is believed to be all that will be accomplished by the two Populists. Blackburn—gold stockings and all—lands in White's shoes on the District Committee.

A MAD SEPOY MAKES TROUBLE

London, Dec. 10.—Major General Creagh cables to the India office from Tientsin under yesterday's date as follows: "I deeply regret that a mad Sepoy killed two sepoy and wounded a third. Owing to the numerous people about he escaped in the dusk toward the German line. He shot two Germans and wounded a third. German guards killed the murderer and another man and wounded three more. I do not blame the Germans, who naturally did not understand the situation. I have expressed the deepest regret to the German general.
Washington, Dec. 10.—The President today nominated to the Senate Charles H. Darling of Vermont to be assistant secretary of the navy, vice Frank W. Hackett resigned.