

SIMMONS SCORES A DECIDED HIT

His First Speech in the Senate Attracts Favorable Notice and Commands Attention

BY THOMAS J. FENCE

Washington, March 31.—(Special.)—Senator Simmons delivered his initial speech in the Senate today and for nearly two hours held the undivided attention of his colleagues. He discussed the oleomargarine bill, delivering an able and forceful argument in opposition to the measure.

When he had concluded Senator Simmons was surrounded by his colleagues who heartily congratulated him. Among these were Senators Hatcher of Tennessee, Patterson of Colorado, Money of Mississippi and Clay of Georgia. Republicans were no less hearty in their compliments and Senator Proctor of Ohio and Senator Proctor of Vermont among the first to congratulate him.

The compliment paid Senator Simmons by Senator Money of Mississippi should be a source of pride to every North Carolinian. I was with Senator Money when he congratulated Senator Simmons. "Your speech today," the Mississippiian declared, "is the ablest that has been delivered in this debate and is one of the best that has been made at this session of Congress."

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GOVERNMENT FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Favorable Report Made on the Bill by a Party Vote

Washington, March 31.—The Senate Committee on the Philippines today completed consideration of the bill providing a form of government for the Philippine Islands and authorized Senator Lodge to report it to the Senate, after voting down the Democratic substitute by a party vote.

The report of the majority says the bill is intended to establish a permanent government. It also makes provision in regard to the various specific matters of the greatest and most immediate importance for the welfare and development of the islands.

The first clause of the bill gives the sanction of Congress to the existing government, but modifies that government to provide as rapidly as possible for the extent of requiring confirmation by the Senate of the appointment of members of the commission and of the principal civil officers of the Philippines.

The bill also provides that as soon as a general and complete peace shall have been established a census of the people of the Philippine Islands shall be taken, containing all the information necessary to enable Congress to establish intelligently a permanent, popular, representative government for all the islands.

TOOK FRENCH LEAVE

A Ball Player Leaves Charlotte for Kansas City

Charlotte, N. C., March 31.—Special. It has developed here that Robinson, third baseman of the Philadelphia American League team, has taken his departure without telling his friends good bye. Robinson left Friday night.

RIGHTEOUS VERDICT

Public Opinion in Elizabeth City as to the Guilt of Wilcox

Suffolk, Va., March 31.—Special.—Notwithstanding so many people at a distance cannot understand how James Wilcox was convicted on the evidence most Elizabeth City folks regard the death sentence as righteous and think it will stand. Solicitor ward said today in part: "The notice of appeal has been served on me and the case will probably be heard in the Supreme Court in August next."

Forty Lives Lost by Floods in Tennessee

Nashville, Tenn., March 31.—The loss of life by the flood in middle Tennessee and north Alabama is estimated at 40. Thirty-five deaths have been reported from the different water swept regions.

ARMED MEN AFTER A FIENDISH NEGRO

A Gates County Crime That Gives Promise of a Lynching Affair

Suffolk, Va., March 31.—Mounted men and an armed posse on foot are tonight scouring Gates county, N. C., for trace of Thomas Early (a negro) aged about 35 years, who is accused of criminally assaulting Pearl Perry (white) the sixteen year old daughter of Shadrack Perry.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

Some Future Events That Are Regarded as Reasonably Certain

Washington, March 31.—It is understood that the President has practically decided to appoint Henry White, present secretary of the United States in London, ambassador to Italy, to succeed George V. Messersmith of Massachusetts, who has placed his resignation at the disposal of the President.

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"That the pending bill will be referred to an appropriate sub-committee with instructions to report to the full committee a bill as an amendment to the tariff law providing that all wood pulp suitable for or adapted to the manufacture of printing paper and all printing paper suitable for or adapted to printing of newspapers, periodicals or books, and all materials and ingredients used in the manufacturing of the same, when imported into the United States shall be exempt from duty."

Amendments offered by Mr. Tawney to postpone the operation of reciprocity until next December, take the internal revenue tax off of the by-products of beets, and to make the duty on sugar above number 16 Dutch standard 1.825 cents per pound were lost.

On the Richardson amendments all the Democrats voted in the affirmative, all the Republicans in the negative. Another amendment that was lost was by Mr. Swanson, providing that the immigration, exclusion and contract labor laws of Cuba shall not apply to the United States.

The bill will not be taken up in the House until next week. Messrs. Tawney and Morris of Minnesota and other beet-sugar leaders declare they will oppose it to the end. It will be their endeavor to force a vote on the amendment for the reduction of the differential on refined sugar, but their plans are not yet completed. They still say that 35 Republicans will hold out with them and that if the bill is passed it will have to be with the aid of Democratic votes.

Pou Flings Defiance at the Republicans

"The belief is expressed on all sides that the presidency of this great republic goes to the party which can raise the largest amount of money. I care nothing for your ridicule. It shall not seal my lips. My resolutions have been referred to the Committee on Rules. I challenge that committee to inaugurate this investigation. The solemn fact remains that there is one real danger to this republic. It overshadows us all, like a dark cloud. Neither party can defend itself by saying that the other party is guilty, nor can the individual shift responsibility upon his party organization. This danger, this threat, this ever-present menace to liberty is the corrupt use of money in elections."

A TENDER SUBJECT

Cold Lead in Return for Jokes About Easter Hats

Chicago, March 31.—Because a number of boys made remarks about the Easter hats worn by two girls who were accompanied by two young men, George Stranz, 16 years old, and Stanley Goblinski, 18 years old, were mortally wounded by one of the men who made his escape. During the excitement the two girls and the other man disappeared.

Stranz and Goblinski were standing on a street corner when the two couples passed. Goblinski is said to have made a complimentary remark about the hats the girls wore. The escort of one of the girls objected and Goblinski repeated the remark, insisting at the same time that no insult was intended. Without a word of warning, it is said, the man drew a revolver from his coat pocket and fired four shots into the crowd. Only two of the bullets took effect. Goblinski was shot in the right breast.

Goblinski and Stranz were hurried to the county hospital, but attending physicians say they have little hope of their recovery.

Deaths from Cholera

Manila, March 31.—There have been 72 deaths from cholera up to date, one board of health is enforcing rigid quarantine regulations. This is seriously interfering with commerce, but is a necessary precaution.