

# NATIONAL CONGRESS

## The Senate Spent the Entire Day in Discussing

### THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL

#### CIVIL SERVICE LAW CONSIDERED IN THE HOUSE.

#### Strongly Denounced by the Republicans—The Naval Appropriation Bill Receives Considerable Attention.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—In the Senate today a resolution was offered by Mr. Mills (Democrat, of Texas) and was agreed to requesting the President to furnish a statement of the facts concerning the arrest, imprisonment and death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz in a Cuban jail.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report from the Secretary of State as to persons claiming to be American citizens, who were captured on board the Competitor. Referred to the committee on foreign relations. The report contains nothing new, Secretary Olney stating "practically all the information called for by the resolution" had been submitted to the Senate Jan. 22 last and that since that date nothing had taken place of consequence either in the way of information received or correspondence exchanged.

Practically the entire day was consumed in discussion of an amendment in the Indian appropriation bill for the opening to settlement of the Uncompahgre Indian reservation in Utah, containing over 2,000,000 acres. The amendment was resisted by Mr. Vilas (Democrat, Wisconsin), principally on the grounds that it was in the interest of rich corporations who were engaged in the business of extracting asphaltum and gilsonite from the lands which were then to be leased for twenty-five years, a royalty of so much per ton to be paid to the government. This was fought by Mr. Brown (Republican, Utah) as entirely at variance with the mining laws of the country and with the interests of the people. It was defeated; and then the original amendment, somewhat modified, was agreed to. That one paragraph was the only paragraph which the Senate made in this appropriation bill. It was laid aside at 29 and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business and shortly afterward adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a. m.

The House, late this afternoon, ran unexpectedly into an interesting and possibly significant discussion of the civil service law. It came about by the consideration of a bill to amend the revised statutes, so as to give the governor authority to appoint certain territorial officers.

It was participated in by a dozen members or more, nearly all of whom criticized and condemned the civil service law, finding its only defenders in Representative Hodges (Republican, Penn.) and Walker (Republican, Mass.).

Mr. Grosvenor (Rep., Ohio) denounced the law as a "sinuous, infamous conspiracy upon the government," and expressed the opinion that a tide was rising in this country, which would sweep away the present system of civil service. He denounced the system as a humbug, and said the reason why the Democratic party did not repeal the law when it had the power, was that it did not have sense enough.

Mr. Brosius deprecated the sentiments of Mr. Grosvenor and of the Republican applause, which their utterance evoked, saying that, in view of Major McKinley's well-known attitude toward the merit system, it seemed to him "a fleshing of a sword in the heart of the President-elect." The bill that started the debate was passed.

Most of the session was spent in consideration of the naval appropriation bill. Mr. Barrett (Rep., Mass.), criticized the bill for its failure to make appropriation for what he deemed to be one of the most important parts of the service, the construction of dry-docks, and he moved an amendment authorizing the construction of a new dry-dock at the Boston Navy-Yard, to cost not exceeding one million dollars. He made an extended speech in support of the amendment, which was followed by a long and somewhat acrimonious debate, but it was finally defeated, only about half a dozen members supporting it. The bill was passed as it came from the committee on Naval Affairs.

Senate Bills were passed granting a pension to the widow of the late General Thomas L. Casey, Chief of Engineers, with an amendment reducing the amount from \$75 to \$50 per month; also authorizing the Montgomery, Hayneville and Camden Railway Company to build a bridge across the Alabama river between Lower Peachtree and Mary Bluff.

At 5:15 P. M., the House adjourned until to-morrow.

### REFORM PRESS ASSOCIATION

#### MEETS IN NATIONAL CONVENTION AT MEMPHIS.

Gen. Coxe a Delegate—After Careful Investigation Ex-President Vandervoort is Vindicated.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 24.—The members of the Reform Press Association met to-day shortly after 10 o'clock. J. S. Coxe, of Massillon, Ohio, reached here to-day, and is taking an active part in the proceedings. This morning's session was hardly started when Secretary Parker, of Louisville, threw a bombshell into the delegates. He stated that serious charges had been made by the Nebraska State Association against ex-President Paul Vandervoort. He was charged with being a Republican spy in the Populist ranks.

Mr. Vandervoort, in an impassioned speech, demanded that a committee be appointed to investigate the charges. After considerable discussion, a committee consisting of Mays, of Washington; McDowell, of Tennessee; and Ferguson, of Texas, was appointed.

The afternoon session opened with the report of the Committee on Charges against Vandervoort. It declared that not a single charge made had been "sustained, and that the attack was prompted solely on account of Vandervoort's refusal to agree to support the national fusion of Bryan and Sewall, made in the Presidential canvass of 1896, but that he did support the Bryan and Watson ticket, with the so-called Democratic party, and which we hold had a perfect right to do. Secretary Edgerton charges that General Vandervoort is a Republican, and not a Populist, and to sustain his charge, recites that fact that he held office under the appointment of a Republican administration in 1895."

The committee meets with a letter from Edgerton, using his influence to procure the aforesaid appointment, also that the Nebraska law requested police commissioners to be chosen from the two dominant parties, and that Vandervoort went in as the Populist representative. The committee eulogizes Vandervoort and condemns his accusers for their failure to agree to support the national fusion of Bryan and Sewall, and face the accused. The report was adopted unanimously.

The balance of the afternoon session was devoted to hearing a stream of elaborate resolutions, one set of which favored amendment of the constitution of the United States to bring about government ownership of railroads, telegraphs, etc., along the line of the usual Populist doctrines.

### EPISCOPALIAN CONVOCATION

#### AT WINSTON-SALEM, AND MANY ABLE DIVINES ARE THERE.

A Number of Pleasant Social Events by Societies and Schools of the Twin-City—Personals.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 24.—The Episcopal District Convocation is now in session in this city. A sermon and sacrament was administered by Rev. J. F. Murdoch, D. D. The session will continue three days.

Biblical instruction will be a special feature by Rev. J. C. Davis, D. D.

Addresses will be delivered by various clergymen. Thursday will be Missionary Day, especially devoted to woman's work, and the session will close Thursday night.

The King's Daughters of Delphine Circle gave a Martha Washington tea last night, the rooms were very prettily decorated in bunting and flags, in fact Old Glory was everywhere.

The party was a great success notwithstanding there were so many other exercises going on in the city. Quite a nice sum was realized, which will be spent on the Delphine Home which is most worthy purpose, as it is for girls, and is doing much good.

The sales of leaf tobacco continues heavy, as the weather is damp, and enables the planter to put it on the market.

The outlook for building is very bright, though it is early as yet to tell much about the changes that may yet take place.

Mr. R. L. Vernon, Traveling Passenger Agent for the Southern Railway, spent last night in the city.

The Hesperian and Euterperian Literary Societies of Salem Female College gave a most interesting entertainment last night, and was repeated again tonight. The chapel was festooned with flags and presented a perfect holiday effect. The hundreds of beautiful college girls who sat on a raised stage facing the audience, looked charming; and banked as they were by beautiful flowing palms in the background, made a most pleasing picture. The Academy is noted for new and novel entertainments, but if anything this excelled all preceding ones, for everything that was done seemed so new and original. The girls seemed to sing better, seemed to be as if they were inspired in the various roles in which they appeared. The entertainment consisted of three parts. First a miscellaneous programme of half an hour or more. This was followed by a short play (a farce), setting forth the trials of the housewife in selecting a cook. The third part was a number of pieces by the graphophone, indicating how this instrument can exactly record the human voice, all the tones of the various musical instruments, even a full orchestra or a brass band. The hall was crowded, the audience was highly appreciative and the evening a great success in every respect.

Lehigh University baseball team, of Pennsylvania, will cross bats with the University team of our State on Easter Monday, April 19th. Even as long away as it is, the lovers of the sport are discussing the event with great pleasure.

Mr. J. E. Buxton, of this city, is spending a few days at the capital.

Mrs. J. N. Williamson, of Graham, spent last night in the city. She went to Martinsville, Va., this morning to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Spencer.

The Swiss Bell-ringers gave a very pleasing entertainment at the Armory last night for the benefit of the Forsyth Riflemen.

Mr. R. T. Gray, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in the city visiting relatives.

### Senatorial Confirmations.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

L. C. H. Schlemm, of New York, to be United States Consul at Cape Haitien, Hayti.

Postmasters: E. J. Martin, Meridian, Miss.; J. P. Wilson, Huntington, Tenn.

### Supreme Court.

Opinions were handed down as follows on Tuesday afternoon:

Guano Company vs. Hicks, from Northampton, certiorari denied.

Livingston vs. Land Company, from Pitt, affirmed.

Person vs. Montgomery, from Franklin, error.

State vs. Hinnant, from Wilson, no error.

Nichols vs. Railroad, from Bertie, affirmed.

Britton vs. Ruffin, from Bertie, new trial.

Froelich vs. Froelich, from Halifax, affirmed.

# INTERESTING NEWS NOTES

#### TELLING OF THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN DURHAM.

James R. Mallory Dead—Durhamites in Raleigh—The European Party Heard From.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 23.—For some months la grippe and death have been an epidemic in Durham, and many homes have been saddened by their invasion. This morning there is crape on another door. At 6:30 Mr. Jas. R. Mallory died at the residence of his brother, J. T. Mallory, head of the Mallory-Cheroot Company, after a protracted illness. Deceased was of advanced age, unmarried, and had spent the most of his life in the West. He came here about a year ago, and has lived with his relatives since, to whom it is said he leaves quite a sum of money.

Henry Lockhart, a negro who played the extremely pious racket here for several years, and who finished a term in the workhouse on Saturday last, was again arrested today by Deputy Sheriff Harward on a capias taken out upon an old indictment, and is again a charge upon the county boarding house.

Ex-Judge R. W. Winston is in Charlotte on business.

Mrs. J. J. Baldwin, Miss Annie Faral and J. W. Walker, Jr., left today for the Newbern fair.

Attorney V. S. Bryant and W. T. Meadows went to Raleigh on the morning train.

Jas. A. Cheek, of Hillsboro passed through to Raleigh on the 10:52 a. m. train.

A cablegram from Cook & Son, the tourists, announces that the Durham party composing Rev. L. B. Turnbull, Miss Ida Ruth Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Watts, arrived safely and in good health at Gibraltar on Sunday evening last.

Tomorrow at 10 a. m. in the First Baptist Church, Mr. Charles L. Haywood, of Wilmington, will lead to Hymen's altar Miss Zoia Lee Riggsbee of this place, the accomplished daughter of A. M. Riggsbee, and sister of R. A. Riggsbee, so prominent in Wake county's treasurer's office the past two years.

Yesterday the Register of Deeds issued license for the marriage of Mr. Nash Harris and Miss Ella Strayhorn, and also to R. T. Weatherspoon and Miss Lula Page.

### Civil Court.

The civil cases are being disposed of very slowly on account of the arrangement of the docket.

The case of W. C. Cram vs. Gordon L. Cram was postponed until Friday.

In the case of W. J. Edwards vs. S. & R. R. Co. et al, damages amounting to \$975 were awarded the plaintiff, the jury deciding that a contract existed between Edwards and the railroad which was broken by the latter. Mr. Edwards was train dispatcher and was dismissed before his term expired. He sued for the remainder of his salary with interest and won the suit.

The case of A. G. Bauer vs. the N. C. R. R. Co. for damages in the accident which befell Mr. Bauer in Durham sometime since, was compromised and the plaintiff entered a judgment of retractit.

Thad. H. Pleasants vs. the R & A. Air Line R. R. Co., and Eugene G. Glenn vs. the R & G. R. Co., were both continued.

Dillie Ann Perry was granted a divorce from James Monroe Perry for abandonment.

The following cases will be tried to-day: Packard & Field vs. Chas. McKimmon et al.

B. F. Montague vs. Squire Williams. Hattie N. Dillon vs. City of Raleigh.

Thos. G. Cheatham and wife et al. vs. J. C. Marcom, administrator.

### Board of Education.

Tuesday the Board of Education composed of Gov. Russell, Secretary of State Thompson and Superintendent of Public Instruction Mebane, met in the Governor's office. The only business before the Board was the nomination of three directors of the State Normal and Industrial School at Greensboro, as three of the present director's terms now expire. In the place of these gentlemen Mr. E. A. Moyer of Pitt was chosen from the first district, Mr. J. A. Blair of Randolph from the fourth, and Capt. A. S. Peace of Granville from the fifth. These nominations are subject to confirmation by the Senate.

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Wash Bowls and Pitchers	.....1 47
Cups and Saucers, per set	.....25
Cups and Saucers, per set	.....38
Cups and Saucers, per set	.....47
Cups and Saucers, per set	.....48
Dinner Plates	.....78
Dinner Plates	.....54
Dinner Plates	.....47
Dinner Plates	.....87

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