

IS ARMED AT MILES

Says Lodge of Provision Regarding Officers' Pay.

RAISES BREEZE IN SENATE

Scheme to Limit Pay of Retired Officers Who Serve With Militia Condemned by Some Senators—Proctor Proposes Plan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—In connection with the consideration of the Army appropriation bill there was an animated discussion in the Senate today of the assignment of General Miles to service in charge of the Massachusetts state militia.

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When the provision relating to retired officers pay was reached, Lodge moved to strike it out, saying that it was aimed at General Miles, who had taken office in connection with the militia of Massachusetts.

Proctor thought the provision should be omitted from the bill because it was wrong in principle. He did not agree that it was aimed at General Miles.

Proctor suggested the following substitute for the House provision:

That heretofore retired officers who are in connection with the organized militia in the several states and territories, upon the request of the Governor thereof, receive their full retired pay and also compensation of quarters, unless Government quarters are available, and shall receive no further pay allowance, provided that a Lieutenant Colonel shall receive the full pay and allowance of a Major on the active list.

Fulton contended that the amendment did not remedy the evil which Lodge said it had the effect of rectifying.

Nelson said the real desire is to place officers in position to get not only their full pay, but also an additional \$300 or \$350 from the states.

The latter replied that General Miles is getting more from Massachusetts, that he had refused it.

The oath of office as a Senator was administered to Knox for the short term closing on March 4, and his credentials for the long term, beginning on March 4, were presented by his colleague, Penrose.

Alger also presented the credentials of Burrows for the six-year term beginning next year.

On motion of Hale the Senate postponed the hour of meeting tomorrow until 1 o'clock, to permit Senators to attend the wedding of the daughter of Senator Warren.

In connection with the provision for the support of a provisional regiment of native troops in Porto Rico, Call called attention to the fact that Secretary Root had recommended the discontinuance of that regiment.

The House passed the bill extending the Presidential succession act, so as to include the Secretaries of Agriculture and Commerce and Labor, in the order named.

"With this torrent," he would insist that Baker be required to confine his remarks to the bill.

The House then passed the Military Academy appropriation bill.

Wadsworth (Rep. N. Y.) reported the agricultural appropriation bill, and gave notice that he would call it up tomorrow.

The House nonconcurred in the Senate amendments to the fortification appropriation bill, and it was sent to conference.

WILL ARGUE CASE TODAY. All Evidence on Smoot Investigation Has Been Taken.

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Judge Taylor, counsel for the protestors, declined not to offer any evidence in rebuttal.

Chairman Burrows, after brief discussion between counsel, ruled that arguments should be begun tomorrow, and the time limited to five hours on each side, with leave to file extracts from the testimony.

It had been expected by the defense to use Senator-elect George Sutherland as a witness, but after a consultation before the committee convened it was decided to close at once.

OPPOSES DOMINICAN PROTOCOL. Senator Bacon Says It is Stretch of President's Power.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Senate committee on foreign relations today discussed the resolution introduced by Senator Bacon asking information from the President relating to the recent arrangements with Santo Domingo.

Senator Bacon said that it is impossible for the United States to establish such a protectorate except by treaty approved by the Senate and to make such an arrangement with Santo Domingo under guise of a protocol was unwarranted.

Investigate Steel Trust. House Committee Acts Favorably on Little's Motion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The House committee on the Judiciary today authorized a favorable report on the resolution introduced by Little (Ark.) directing the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to investigate the iron and steel industry in the United States.

MANILA, Jan. 25.—Rear-Admiral Folger, commanding the cruiser division of the Asiatic fleet, is expected here today from Cebu on his flagship, the Baltimore.

Would Refund Duty on Seed Wheat. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Secretary Shaw has sent a letter to both houses of Congress recommending the refund of the duties paid on imported wheat when used for seed.

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