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## THREATS ARE CARRIED OUT

Democrats Said They Would Block Legislation and They Proceed to Do So.

## PARTY FEELING RUNS HIGH

Overtures From Republican Side Rejected and It Seems That Little Business Will Be Transacted.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The democrats of the house today carried out their threat of yesterday that if Butler was unseated they would do everything in their power to block legislation until congress expires, March 4.

Today was another stormy session, prolonged from 11 o'clock this morning until 7 o'clock tonight. One roll call succeeded another and at every pause party passion manifested itself in bitter and acrimonious denunciation. Two special rules were brought into expedite appropriation bills, and continue the legislative day of yesterday in order to reduce as much as possible the minority's power to obstruct legislation.

During a debate on the rule, the democrats voted a condemnation of what they denominated as yesterday's outrageous action of the chair.

Republicans declare that they were willing to accept the responsibility for what they have done and explained the necessity of the drastic rules presented today. Daisell said that unless this course was pursued democrats could consume 137 hours, or the 27 legislative days on the roll call on the senate amendment to the appropriation bill.

Friends of the omnibus public building bill, who yesterday were threatening to defeat the rules if they were not modified to include their measure were placated by a promise which it was understood was given, that their bill voted be covered by special rule to be brought in later.

Even with special rules in operation, getting appropriation bills into conference was a tedious and laborious process, and eight hour session and 13 roll calls being necessary to get a sundry civil bill military academy and postoffice appropriation bills into conference and to adopt a conference report on the Indian appropriation bill.

All overtures from the republican side to democrats to induce the latter to abandon their filibuster have been fruitless and there is every indication that they will continue their present tactics to the end of the session.

## GERMANS PILLAGED SHIP

So Say Venezuelans, but Report Is Denounced as Utter Fals.

New York, Feb. 27.—The Venezuelan authorities in Puerto Cabello, says the Caracas correspondent of the Herald, after receiving the warship Restaurador, which had been seized by the blockading powers, have made an official report regarding the transfer and condition of the vessel. The report reads in part:

"The Germans before delivering the Restaurador had sacked her in a ruinous manner. They carried off silverware, covers, curtains, electric light globes, kitchen utensils and even copper clasps from the ship's sides. The machinery was purposely left out of order. It was necessary to employ mechanical engineers for 24 hours in order to place the Restaurador in a condition fit to go to sea. The pillage of the ship was scandalous."

German officials declare that the charge of the Venezuelan officials is false and declare that the ship was not robbed; on the contrary they say that Germany had spent \$1200 in repairing the Restaurador and had left 150 tons of coal on board of her without asking a cent.

## MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

President Roosevelt Urges Amelioration of Trade Relations With the Philippines.

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt today sent a message to the senate calling attention to the commercial conditions existing in the Philippines, and quoting from Governor Taft, who believes that a substantial reduction in the tariff levied against Philippine goods, coming to the United States, should be made.

The president earnestly asks that the matter receive the immediate attention of congress, as he says, there is imminent danger of a famine in the islands. He asks for action in the tariff matter not merely from a standpoint of wise governmental policy, but as a measure of humanity. The president says that calamities which have befallen Filipinos could not have been avoided by human wisdom. He hopes that the economy relations of the islands with the United States will be put on a satisfactory basis and that the future prosperity of the islands be assured.

## PASS APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Motion to Take Up Anti-Trust Measures Not Carried.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The senate today passed the naval and military academy appropriation bills. Blackburn secured a vote on his motion to take up the Littlefield anti-trust bill, but the motion was lost by 23 to 35.

The senate was in executive session from 1 to 5:15 p. m.

When the doors were reopened a number of bills were passed without objection. The immigration bill was considered and a number of amendments made to meet the various senators' views, but the bill failed on a vote by objections from New England senators who feared it would exclude French-Canadian labor.

## ROBBED A POSTOFFICE

Bisbee, Ariz., Feb. 27.—Two masked men robbed the postoffice at Turnhouse. They held up the postmaster,

## THRILLING TRIP ON ICE

Young Women Assisted Exhausted Men From Imprisoned Steamer to Mainland.

St. Johns, N. B., Feb. 27.—A party of travelers has just reached here after a thrilling experience on the ice. The party was led over 13 miles of ice floes from an imprisoned steamer to Pictou Island and thence to the mainland by two young Boston women.

The steamer Minto which runs from Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island became ice bound Monday. Among the 50 passengers on board were two young women named Dent, who had received word that their parents were dying in Boston. When they realized the situation of the Minto they expressed a determination to start out for the mainland on foot. Another young woman and four young men also were willing to join in the undertaking.

The party left the steamer shortly before noon Monday. The sun's rays on the ice proved almost blinding, and after the party struggled along for some time, one of the young men sank down from exhaustion. The remainder of the distance, however, was finally covered, although the young women were constantly obliged to assist the exhausted men. They reached the island at 9 o'clock in the evening.

After passing the night on the island the remainder of the journey was made to the mainland Tuesday, where the Boston women caught the train. The members of the party belonging to St. John reached here today, greatly exhausted.

After remaining on the ice 48 hours the Minto managed to work herself free. She then ran over to assist her sister ship, the Stanley, which has been imprisoned in the ice floes for over six weeks, and managed to put 40 tons of coal on board. The Minto has arrived at Georgetown, Prince Edward Island.

## PRESIDENT IS PURSUED

Elective Executive Defeats Sierra Who Escapes From Field With 400 Men.

Washington, Feb. 27.—A cablegram received at the navy department today from Admiral Glass dated yesterday aboard the New York, announced the arrival of his flagship and the Boston and Marblehead at La Union, Salvador yesterday. He said that communication by telegraph with Amalpa was interrupted and reported further as follows:

"Battle on the mainland on February 22 has taken place, resulting in the total defeat of Sierra, who escaped with 300 or 400 men. Bonilla in pursuit, Capital is in the possession of latter's adherents. Fighting supposed to be practically over. All quiet here. The American interests unperturbed."

## PREPARING FOR WAR

Detachments of Soldiers Are Being Assigned to Positions.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The steamer San Juan from Panama and Central American ports, brings news regarding the war situation. Passengers from Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras tell of bands of fighting men hurrying in one direction and another, and passengers from Guatemala speak of war preparations being rushed in every part of the republic. The government of Guatemala has established a strict censorship of all mail.

P. Mulholland, who came from La Union, in Salvador, says that a large number of Salvadoreans have been shipped in small boats to Amalpa to take service under the banner of Bonilla.

R. A. Weiss, a Seattle mining engineer, says that in Nicaragua he saw a detachment of Nicaraguan soldiers at Leon on their way to assist Sierra.

The San Juan passed the American squadron on February 18 off Lizard Point. The cruiser New York signaled and reported all well.

## SHERIFF INDICTED

Plead Not Guilty to the Charge of Embezzling Funds.

Baker City, Feb. 27.—Sheriff A. H. Huntington was arraigned in circuit court this afternoon on an indictment charging him with embezzlement of \$10,000 of the tax money of Baker county.

He entered a plea of not guilty. The case was continued for the term. C. H. Whitney, Sheriff Huntington's deputy, who was also indicted for embezzling county funds, will be arraigned tomorrow.

## KIPLING'S LATEST

He Makes Poetry Out of Mission of Chamberlain to South Africa.

London, Feb. 27.—The Times this morning publishes a poem by Rudyard Kipling in celebration of Mr Chamberlain's mission to South Africa. It begins:

"Where my fresh turned furrows run  
And the deep soil glistens red  
I will repair the wrong that was done  
To the living and the dead."

## FOUR NATIONS ARE INVOLVED

Two Claimants for Presidency of Honduras Drawing to Their Aid Assistance From Outside States.

Panama, Feb. 27.—News has been received here that forces under the command of General Nicasio Vasquez sent by President Zelaya of Nicaragua to help President Sierra of Honduras to cope with the revolution begun by Senor Bonilla who was elected president of Honduras, but whose election was afterward disputed by President Sierra, have occupied Choluteca city, 88 miles south of the Honduras capital. El Tegucigalpa, while General Anisito Ortiz with elements given by Senor Regalado, the retiring president of Salvador, has invaded Honduras by way of Seseuntepe, to assist Senor Bonilla in his revolution.

Bonilla himself, after landing arms at Elacotun, a small port on the Gulf of Fonseca, between Amalpa island and La Union (Salvador) has occupied the town of Octopee, 50 miles north of San Salvador and is now advancing towards San Antonio del Norte, to attack the Honduran departments of Comayagua and La Paz, leaving his rear guard protected by the forces of Retiring President Regalado has placed on the frontier of Salvador and Honduras.

The Nicaraguan foreign minister who was sent to Salvador to induce President Regalado to aid the revolutionary movement against President Estrada Cabra of Guatemala has been unsuccessful in his mission and has returned to Nicaragua with the Guatemalan would-be revolutionists under General Leon Castillo and also with the 3000 rifles that President Zelaya had sent for the use of Salvador against Guatemala. The president of the Honduras congress Dr. Alvarado Hanzano, President Sierra's minister of state, Alvarado Guerrero and numerous members of the Honduran congress have arrived at Amalpa to seek refuge from Sierra's alleged persecutions.

## BIG STRIKE IN LOS ANGELES

All Building Trades Unions in the City Threaten to Walk Out.

Los Angeles, Feb. 27.—A combined walkout and lockout of union metal workers has taken place in the principal shops in Los Angeles, where cornices are manufactured and other metal work is done. All union metal workers in the city are out of work. The trouble is said to be the forerunner of a general strike of union labor organizations in the various building trades. The men have asked for an increase to \$4.50 per day for certain journeymen and the employers have agreed to the raise, on condition that the employers be privileged to introduce a sliding scale of wages for various workmen, according to their ability. The union men are not satisfied with this arrangement.

## REGULARS HOBBED WITH DEMS.

Faction Willing to Concede If Unionists Are Beaten.

Dover, Feb. 27.—The regular republican members have prepared for submission to their democratic colleagues a proposition to the effect that if the democrats will unite with the regulars in electing a regular republican to the long term senatorship, the regulars will agree to leave the short term senatorship vacant and will unite with the democrats of the senate in assisting the house to repeal the voters assistant law and also unite with the democrats in throwing out of the senate the contest of Geo. E. Magee, Union republican, for the seat of Senator Thomas W. Jefferson, democrat.

The democrats met in caucus this afternoon to consider the proposition, but reached no conclusion.

## TRANSFERRER TO ST. LOUIS

French Official Will Conduct All Arrangements for His Country.

St. Louis, Feb. 27.—Jules Boufve, chancellor of the French embassy at Washington, has been temporarily transferred to St. Louis as a representative of his government at the exposition during the construction period of the grand trianon, the national platform and the installation of the French exhibits.

M. Boufve has been directed to secure headquarters in the world's fair city with a view to conducting all relations between his government and the exposition company. His duties here begin on May 1.

## ATLANTIC SCHEDULE ARRANGED

Days for Sailing Are Set for the Oceanic Lines.

New York, Feb. 27.—Regarding a dispatch from London that beginning with May steamship tickets issued by the International Mercantile Marine company will be good on any steamer of the combine, it was said yesterday that the Atlantic Transport liners would go out on Mondays, the North German Lloyd liners on Tuesdays, The American line ships and the regular White Star mail steamers on Wednesdays, the Hamburg-American liners on Thursdays, the White Star combination ships of the Cedric class on Fridays and the Red Star liners on Saturdays, says the World today.

"The question of interchangeable tickets has been under consideration," said Second Vice-president James A. Wright, "but nothing has yet been decided upon. As for rates, a schedule was adopted when the combine was organized and there will be no change."

## BUTCHERY IN SOUTH CHINA

Imperial Troops Ambushed by Rebels and Every Soldier Is Killed.

Pekin, Feb. 27.—Advices received here today show that 500 Imperial troops were caught February 13 in an ambush in the Yang Yung pass by the rebels of the province of Wwang in south China.

All the soldiers were killed and the rebels captured large supplies of arms which the troops were taking to the hospital garrison of Chi Yuen.

The official reports admit that the rebellion in Kwangsi is increasing, and has spread over the border into the Province of Hunan.

The Viceroy of Hunan has sent troops to the boundary to check the rebels' advance.

## REBELLION INCREASING TO ALARMING EXTENT AND ARMIES ARE BEING SENT TO QUELL DISTURBANCES.

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