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AMENDMENT DISAPPOINTING.

BRUSSELS, March 12.—Premier Schollart last night announced the amendments to the Colonial bill which are designed to carry out his promises giving parliament control of the Congo budget. The amendments proved disappointing, however, for they fail to provide for the suppression of the native labor tax. The radicals and socialists have decided to oppose the treaty of annexation.

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JUBILEE PROCESSION.

VIENNA, March 12.—There is great rejoicing here because of the announcement just made that Emperor Francis Joseph has sanctioned a great jubilee procession by Viennese citizens, permission for which was countermanded some time ago on account of the Emperor's poor health. The emperor has now promised personally to review the procession.

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Rev. W. Seymour Short, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, returned from the metropolis last evening.

TO PROTECT FORESTS.

South America is beginning to show the world that she recognizes the value of her natural resources by taking up the question of forest preservation. The Republic of Columbia has already outlined a forest policy and now the people of the Argentine Republic have taken up the discussion of forestry and its application to the management of the country's rich hardwood timber areas. Up to the present time the subject of forestry has received but little consideration in the various South American States. Most of these countries have large areas of forested lands, but owing to the fact that they are so remotely situated and that they are composed mainly of broadleaf species which are too hard for ordinary building and construction lumber and hence not in very great demand, they have not as yet been extensively lumbered. As an illustration of this

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tee as confirmatory of his suspicions against the Electric Boat Company the incident related by to the committee on rules wherein an intimate friend of his, a large manufacturer in his home town, told him (the manufacturer) had promise of a large order if he (Lilley) would vote for the submarines, and that a lawyer of his own city came to Washington and stayed with him and endeavored to influence him in favor of the Electric Boat Company.

Mr. Lilley called the attention of the committee to the fact that his charges do not embrace the accusation or inference that any member of congress had been actually bribed or knowingly participated or been influenced by wrongful efforts on the part of the electric Boat Company to secure legislation. His purpose, he said, was to set on foot and assist the carrying out of an investigation which he believed if properly conducted, would show that wrongful methods had been used by the electric Boat Company to secure legislation in congress. Mr. Lilley said he was now prepared to furnish the committee with the addresses of all witnesses whom he desired to have called. He said that whether money had been improperly used to secure legislation in the interest of the Electric Boat Company could be shown only by the examination of the officers, attorneys and agents of that company and a careful scrutiny of the company's books, vouchers, checkstubs and accounts.

"I now insist," said Mr. Lilley, "that you summon witnesses Isaac Rice, president of the Electric Boat Company; Elihu B. Frost, vice-president; Maurice Barnett, treasurer; August Treadwell, assistant treasurer, and that they be required to lay before the committee documentary evidence in their possession. The calling of these witnesses is necessary to disclose methods used by the company to secure legislation and money disbursed by it.

"I never knew," continued Mr. Lilley, "of an important and successful investigation begun by informing the parties to be investigated of the precise character of the evidence they would or could be produced to show their corrupt practice.

"And having informed this committee on my responsibilities as a member of congress of the witnesses, exhibits, etc. and from who and which can be obtained the necessary information to show that the charges now being investigated are and — it is for this committee and not for me to determine whether or not these witnesses shall be brought before the committee and examined. A conspiracy to corrupt public morals or unjustly influence legislation of official action cannot be proved by the testimony of one witness. The practices are not conducted in open day or in public views. Their methods are secret and the aim always is to so carry on such an effort that no proof will be left from which their real character can be disclosed. Not being an attorney and not in any way experienced in developing and presenting testimony, I am not qualified in person to examine witnesses and therefore I requested that I be placed in a position to develop the facts. This request has been by the committee refused.

"The witnesses I have named to the committee are nearly all officers, attorneys, agents and representatives of the Electric Boat Co., or have been such and they are the persons — if any — who have been engaged in the improper efforts to influence congressional action, if any such improper efforts have been made. They are what the courts recognize as reluctant and adverse witnesses and the facts resting in their knowledge alone cannot be fully brought to light except by careful and thorough examination of each witness by an attorney qualified to conduct such examination.

"The committee on rules, in its resolution under which this committee is acting, has said to the country that you are to investigate the charge made by me. However incorrect this statement may be it is nevertheless the official statement of the resolution under which this committee is appointed. I had supposed that it was the function of this committee to sit here as judges and not to act as prosecutors or defenders, and therefore that the orderly and effective procedure would be to have witnesses examined in the first instance by some other than a member of this official tribunal.

"The suggestion of your committee

that the line of procedure in dictated by you is in accordance with the well established precedents of both houses of congress is not in accordance with my conception of the precedents.

"So far as I am individually concerned, I am ready to obey any order by this committee requiring me to be a witness before it but in doing so I state upon my responsibility as a member that in order to fully bring out the necessary evidence and substantiate the charges the order of the examination of witness should be otherwise arranged and such testimony as I may be able to give should be presented in the natural order and subsequent given, such as would be presented by counsel learned in the law.

"I ask your honorable committee whether or not after consideration of what I have just stated the committee still adheres to its determination to prohibit me from calling the witnesses and presenting their testimony under the examination of my attorneys.

This request being denied by committee through Chairman Boutell Mr. Lilly said:

"I now feel as though I am relieved of responsibility in regard to this investigation. I submit myself to the direction and orders of this committee. I still protest there would be detrimental to a thorough and complete investigation to have my testimony taken at this time for by so doing you would advise the parties charged with improper actions in influencing congressional action in such a manner as would enable them to prepare for a possible defeat of the purpose of the investigation. I now waive service of summons and if you now order me to do so, I will take the stand as a witness."

Mr. Lilley also told of other efforts to influence him through promises made to his constituents and of efforts influence other congressmen to influence him in an indirect way.

"I also wish to say" said Mr. Lilley "as to the facts influencing to introduce my resolution that in my resolution that in my judgement, under special and exclusive legislation the Electric Boat Company and its predecessor already have received from the U. S. an excessive profit of more than \$1,000,000 for the construction of its submarine and that under the proposed legislation now pending it will receive a profit of more than \$1,000,000 in excess of what ought justly and fairly be paid for construction of submarines provided for and that this fact can be substantiated by your committee by calling as witnesses the expert officials and constructors in the navy department."

Mr. Lilley said that investigation would also show that the submarines already constructed by the Electric Boat Company for the U. S. government or now under contract as well as those provided for in pending legislation, are inferior in type, speed, power, armament and efficiency to those now in the possession of and under contract for construction for foreign governments.

Mr. Lilley reaffirmed the statement that in his resolution of investigation he has cast or intended to cast no reflection upon the official conduct of any member of the naval committee or of the house of representatives.

"I realize" he said, "that there is a wide distinction between the fact of actual corruption of a member of congress and the effect upon his legislative action induced by such influences as can be brought to bear by parties desiring favorable legislation; my desire has been and is only to bring to the public attention to congress and of the country the improper method that have been employed by the Electric Boat Co. and which tend to discredit the integrity of the house of representatives and the community.

"Having made these statements to your committee and bowing to your decision that you are to conduct this investigation without further assistance or my attorneys, I am now prepared to answer so far as I can any questions you may desire to ask."

When he completed his formal presentation he was questioned at length by Representative Olmstead of the committee, who was designated by Chairman Boutell to perform that service.

During the afternoon session Representative Richmond P. Hobson testified that he had been approached by a man representing the Electric Boat Company, who told him if he would

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NOTED OREGON STATESMAN REGAINS HEALTH IN EAST

Hon. Shiller B. Herman, distinguished statesman and legislator of Portland, Oregon, who was recently on an eastern trip, is among those strongly in favor of L. T. Cooper, in the discussion over Cooper and his medicines, which has raged for the past year in cities visited by the young man on his educative campaigns, as he calls them.

Cooper was explaining his new theories and medicines to Boston people during the Oregonian's visit to that city, and in a recent interview Mr. Herman said: "My trip East accomplished more for me than I ever believed possible. It has actually been the means of restoring my health. While in Boston I heard a great deal about this man Cooper and his medicines, and one morning I talked with a Boston banker who told me that he had been relieved by Cooper's medicines after 10 years' chronic dyspepsia. For the past 20 years I have been a fearful sufferer with nervous dyspepsia. It has been so bad that it all but forced me to resign from the legislature.

"I was feeling wretchedly that morning, and I made up my mind to try the medicine. I had seen leading physicians without number both East and West. They had been unable to help me in the least, and I no more believed this Cooper medicine could help me than it could bring a dead man back to life. I really don't know why I bought it. It was like a drowning man clutching at a straw.

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seen them at the door of the house office building, at the hotel and in the House of Representatives. He said he did not protest as long as they confined their attentions to him, but when they began to shadow the members of his family he consulted Major Sylvester, the chief of police, who told Lilley he would have the detectives arrested if Lilley desired. The committee adjourned until Monday.

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