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DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Tuesday, March 7.

Without determining any question of policy in regard to the Santo Domingo treaty, the senate decided today that the treaty should be reported as so far possible from the committee on foreign relations and the entire question fought out in executive session. A number of senators are confident

S treaty will be ratified within a reasonable time. The president today sent long list of nominations to the senate for its approval.

The Santo Domingo treaty was practically perfected today by the senate committee on foreign relations, so far as phraseology is concerned and without regard to the principle involved in the procedure proposed by the treaty. A number of amendments have been

The president today sent a message to the senate giving his reasons for wanting the treaty ratified.

A large batch of consular and diplomatic appointments were confirmed as an additional lot received.

Thursday, March 9.

The senate was in session but seven minutes today and adjournment was taken out of respect to the congress.

the late Senator Bate, of Tennessee. A committee of 12 senators was appointed to make preparations for the deceased senator's funeral in the chamber at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Friday, March 10.

The Santo Domingo treaty was today reported favorably to the senate.

The only legislative business trans-

Senator Bate, of Tennessee. Gorman introduced a resolution providing for the payment of the funeral expenses of Senator Bate, which was immediately adopted.

At the conclusion of the Bate funeral ceremony the senate adjourned until 12:00 noon.

Monday, March 13.
The senate will do its utmost to con-

plete the Santo Domingo treaty and adjourn this week. This was manifested when the treaty was taken up in executive session today. For more than an hour the senators discussed ways and

means and finally agreed to meet at 1 a. m. daily in order to give time for full discussion of the measure and still adjourn by Saturday. It is conceded that, if the vote were delayed beyond that time a quorum of the senate con-

not be maintained. One amendment was presented today, providing that such expenses as may be incurred by the army and navy shall be paid from the revenues of Santo Domingo. N

Vote on Treaty Soon.
Washington, March 13.—Many senators are indulging in speculation as to

the length of the session required to take action on the Santo Domingo treaty, and whether party lines will be drawn taut when the treaty comes to a vote. Thus far it has not developed that either party will

fact, so much difference as to the fate of the treaty has been manifested that it is not believed there will be any attempt to line up the forces.

terday, but nearly all of those who were in their committee rooms expressed the opinion that, if there should not be a line-up, and they are agreed that one is not likely, the treaty will be brought

Four of His Ships Useless.

London, March 10. — According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, a telegram from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, not yet published, states that four of his warships

are incapacitated for firing because they are too heavily armed, and that the problem of coaling has become so difficult that he feared he would be unable to proceed to the Far East. Reports are current at Dover that all the ships

Need Not Decide Question Yet.

Washington, March 10. — There is authority for the statement that the question as to whether the Isthmian canal shall be made a sea-level waterway or constructed on the lock system

need not be determined at the outset of the work. In fact, it is stated that work could progress for five years or more before this matter would necessarily be decided and without in any way extending the scope of contract.

Alaskan Telegraphs Work Well.
Washington, March 10. — General Greely has received a report of the

operations of the Alaska telegraph systems during January. The wireless work runs uninterruptedly 107 miles across Norton sound, and the land lines are 1,500 miles in length. Various

interruptions from snow and severe storms averaged, however, less than three hours per station, which is only one-sixth of the interruptions in January, 1904.

Russia Pays North Sea Claims.
London, March 10.—Count Benken-
dorff, the Russian ambassador to Great
Britain, today paid \$325,000 to Foreign
Secretary Lansdowne in settlement of

the North sea claims, and the incident was thus closed.