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sition of the house to increase the the direct outcome of the situation salaries of senators and members to which has developed from the scarcity \$7,500 per year, and those of the vice- of cars throughout the country about president, speaker and members of which so many complaints have the president's cabinet to \$12,000 per reached the commission and of the year. The vote in the senate on this appeal made to the president about ten question stood 53 yeas to 21 nays.

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The following is the vote on the of the national demurrage convention passage of the bill:

son, Beveridge, Brandegee, Bulkely, the commissioners would discuss the Burnham, Burrows, Carter, Clark suggestions to the president, but it is (Mont.), Clark (Wyo.), Clarke (Ark.), known that among the recommenda-Crane, Cullom, Daniel, Dick, Dilling- tions discussed were those penalizing ham, Dubois, Dupont, Flint, Foraker, the railroads for unnecessary delay in Fulton, Heyburn, Hopkins, Hale, Gal- moving loaded cars under certain conlager, Frye, Foster, Kittredge, Knox, ditions and some plan for an inter-Latimer, Lodge, Long, McCumber, Mc- change of cars. Eenery, Millard, Money, Newlands, Nixon, Overman, Penrose, Pettus. Piles, Scott, Simmons, Smoot, Spooner, Sutherland, Teller, Tillman, Warner, Warren-53.

Nays; Bacon, Berry, Blackburn, Burkett, Carmack, Clapp, Clay, Culberson, Frazer, Hansbrough, Hemenway, LaFollette, McCreary, Mallory, Nelson, Patterson, Perkins, Rayner, Stone, Taliaferro, Whyte-21.

dress in the senate in support of his child labor bill.

Theodore Shonts has resigned as chairman of the Isthmian canal com- William J. Oliver of Knoxville, Tenn., fused the offer was increased to \$10,mission, which will take effect March can enter into a satisfactory arrange- 000. Senator Dryden denies any ac-4. Mr. Shonts resigns to become presi- ment with some other contractor who quaintance with Palmer, who is now dent of a rapid transit company in is financially responsible, he will be dead. Dryden says no one was autho-New York. It is thought that John given the contract for the construc- rized to make any such offer for him. THE BADGER, 721 Third St., Milwaukee, Wis. F. Stevens, canal engineer, will become tion of the canal. The fact that the the active chief in the canal work.

vestigate the Brownsville, Texas, affray, out of which the discharge of the negro troops grew, without ques- Oliver." tioning "the legality or justice of any act of the president in relation to or connected with that affray."

The senate has accepted the propo the car shortage question. They are days ago by the executive committee

held at Chicago for legislation in be-Yeas: Aldrich, Allee, Ankeny, Ben- half of reciprocal demurrage. None of

> The senate investigating committee will begin taking testimony on the Brownville, Texas, affair February 4.

white house tonight it was decided to reject the bid of Oliver & Bangs who proposed to complete the construction of the Panama canal for 6.75 per cent Senator Beveridge delivered an ad- of the total estimated cost, insofar as Anson N. Bangs of New York City is that five years ago he was approached concerned. While no official statement by Thomas Palmer and offered \$5,000 was given out at the white house, it to vote for John F. Dryden for United can be authoritatively stated that if States senator, and that when he re-McArthur-Gillespie company of New

York, whose bid for the construction The senate passed a compromise of the canal was 12.5 per cent were Foraker resolution authorizing the represented at the conference, leads committee on military affairs to in- many of the interested parties to believe that a combination may be formed between that firm and Mr.

This interesting dispatch was sent out by the Associated Press: "A long report has been received by Immigration Commissioner Sarin reply to Senator Spooner, and made San Francisco, regarding the 434 Japgent from Commissioner North, at anese immigrants who arrived there on the steamer Korea from Honolulu. It disclosed among other things that a number of the immigrants were those who originally had gone to Hawaii as a result of the work of the immigration societies in Japan in inducing their emigration. When evidence is obtained to the effect that such is the case the immigrants are not allowed to land. Further information bearing on the arrivals on the Korea is awaited by the immigartion officers here. "The dispatch of Commissioner North shows that of the Japanese aboard the ship 160 had left Japan as late as December, and 366 of them had departed from that country for Hawaii during 1906. The commissioner had a careful examination made of seventeen whose cases he thought should be looked into, particularly, and thirteen of them were found to be contract laborers. One hundred and sixty-two of the Japanese said they were going to work for a railroad, but on "being pressed to state specifically what road they were unable to say. "The recent arrivals, the commissioner says, are such as have been guaranshoulders. Stomach and Kidney troubles. This teed work in Hawaii from one to three years by the immigration societies in Japan. On their arrival at Honolulu they are met by labor agents from the mainland who offer them higher wages than they were promised and they come to San Francisco."

compel the enactment of the naval personnel bill at this session." Mr. Hale says that a combination of naval officers has been formed to bring influance in behalf of this battle upon senators.

Robert L. Taylor was formally elected by the Tennessee legislature to succeed Senator Carmack.

An Associated Press dispatch from Havana follows: "A commission appointed by the government has turned in a report to the effect that Dr. Matias Duque, who is in charge of the hospital for contagious diseases, has probably discovered a cure for leprosy. Two lepers were turned over to the doctors several years ago for experimental purposes and today these persons have no exterior traces of the disease. Dr. Duque's experiments have been along the line of what he terms "the red mangrove tree" treatment. He claims to have discovered this treatment as a result of his study to find An Associated Press dispatch says: a cure for his sister, who suffered "After an extended conference at the from leprosy, and whom he has succeeded in curing.

> Former Assemblyman Holman of New Jersey made affidavit, claiming

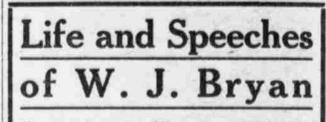
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Senator Tillman delivered what the correspondents call a "flery speech" necessary to go into executive session.

Senator Russell A. Alger, who was secretary of war under President Mc-Kinley, died of heart failure at Washington, January 24.

An Associated Press dispatch says: The interstate commerce commissioners have at the request of President Roosevelt, prepared a series of principles, which in their opinion should form the basis of any legislation which may be recommended to congress on



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Senator Hale introduced in the senate a resolution for the purpose of checking naval officers from "lighting a fire under senators and members to

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