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pany that had failed to secure the contract brought mandamus proceedings in the supreme court of the District of Columbia. The house members engaged in a six hour's debate and finally voted to permit the house members of the committee to obey the summons. The senate gave positive instructions that its members were not to respond to the summons. The senators take the position as many members of the house did that the court had no right to interfere with the business affairs of congress. Several senators raised the point that Justice Wright was possibly in contempt with the senate to have it issue the summons.

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the Wright brothers. The medal was created in 1908 in commemoration of Professor Langley and his work in aerodynamics.

A resolution asking the secretary of state to inform the house whether twelve cotton-growing states had representation in the diplomatic and consular service in the foreign countries that purchase American cotton, particularly the United Kingdom, France and Germany, was introduced by Representative Hull of Tennessee.

The house committee has reported favorably the Hayes bill providing for the exclusion from the United States of the laboring classes of Japan and other races.

Charles E. Magoon has declined the office of vice governor of the Philippines.

On the proposition that the government loaned tents for use at the annual encampment of confederate veterans at Mobile, Ala., in April, Senator Heyburn of Idaho made a bitter speech denouncing the resolution. The resolution was adopted, however, with every senator present voting for it except Heyburn.

An Associated Press dispatch says: "The necessity for the passage at the present session of congress of good laws for the protection of the natural resources of the United States is the keynote of a report just made to the National Conservation Association by Gifford Pinchot, the recently chosen president of the association. Mr. Pinchot takes up in what he calls 'a spirit of constructive criticism' the nine bills relating to the conservation of natural resources introduced into congress on January 18 on behalf of the secretary of the interior, one of which has been reported from the senate public lands committee, while the other eight are still in the hands of the committee. Mr. Pinchot calls upon the members of the association to put forth strong efforts to have enacted into law the bill on the withdrawal of public lands, which has been reported from the committee by Senator Nelson after it had been amended, as a result, in part, at least, of conferences between the committee and officers of the conservation association. This bill, Mr. Pinchot thinks, should have the 'unqualified support of the members of the association.' Of the other eight bills, he believes that some merely require amendment, while others must be recast altogether. The coal bill and the phosphate, oil, asphaltum and natural gas bill, he reports, are fundamentally sound in principle, but need some amendment."

Gifford Pinchot charges that his successor in the forest service is shutting off the instruction of forest rangers. George P. McCabe, solicitor for the department of agriculture, characterizes Pinchot's charge as "absolutely untrue."

Representative Burton Harrison of New York criticized Secretary Knox for the part he had played in the Nicaraguan affair. He also criticized the secretary of state for some of the diplomatic appointments that had been made. "The French mission was vacant for months until a man of proper calibre could be found," he said. "Take Austria, where a man (R. C. Kerens) has been sent to represent the United States after having his fitness for the position measured chiefly by the size of his campaign contribution. Take the English mission. After that position had been declined publicly by a noted educator, (Dr. Eliot)

it has been offered by a New York newspaper to Paul Morton and if Mr. Morton is appointed that act will be to award a self confessed violator of law and it will become patent to all the world that the path of the rebater is to lead to the foot of the throne." This difficulty in finding good men for foreign missions, Mr. Harrison said, was the result of the destruction of the diplomacy by the ocean cable. "Today the ambassadors are too often messenger boys in silk knee breeches and swords who spend their time being photographed as the hosts of royalty or in playing the part of 'hands across the sea,'" declared Mr. Harrison. "To an active, virile man such a position would seem impossible." Into this atmosphere of decency Mr. Knox had injected a breath of fresh air by the suggestion of "dollar diplomacy," or the policy of valuing foreign representatives by the amount of cash they turn into the channels of American trade, said Mr. Harrison. "This dollar diplomacy will no doubt cause a thrill of horror in the minds of those ambassadors who spend their days in the society of people where the mere mention of trade is vulgar," added Mr. Harrison sarcastically. He said he was glad that some sort of useful occupation had been found for ambassadors.

A sub-committee of the house, composed of six members, has voted unanimously not to give the rank of rear admiral in the navy to Commander Peary.

The senate committee on the Hawaiian Islands has adopted a resolution providing that the question whether the sale of liquor shall be permitted in the Hawaiian Islands shall be left to the Hawaiian people themselves.

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recipients of these sums was explained when Senator Brackett arose and pleaded with the contestants not to smirch the names of those who could not possibly appear to defend themselves. The man who, Moe said, sent him to Albany with this \$6,000 to distribute to three legislative leaders also is dead. He was Frank Conger, brother of the senator, and at the time these events occurred vice president of the bridge company."

A poll of the Nebraska republican editors made by the Chicago Tribune shows: For Cannon for next speaker, 14; against, 190. For Aldrich-Cannon tariff, 25; against, 175. The poll of the independent editors in Nebraska stands: For Cannon for next speaker, 2; against, 48. For Aldrich-Cannon tariff, 1; against, 48.

The French trans-Atlantic steamer Chanzey was wrecked on the reefs near the island of Minorca and all but one of the 157 people on board perished. The sole survivor was an Algerian customs officer, Marcel Rodel, who was rescued by a fisherman.

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