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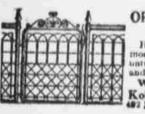
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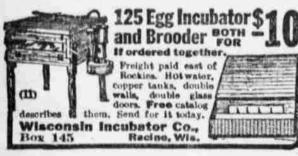
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The sub-committee of the senate committee on foreign relations other property rights of American citizens.

The first provincial committee in the Philippines has instructed the President Taft.

Senator Sutherland of Utah proposed a bill for a memorial amphitheater in Arlington national cemetery.

Senator Kenyon of Iowa has declared in favor of Senator Cummins for republican nomination for president. He said that the Iowa vote will eventually be thrown to Mr. Taft and that Cummins will probably be the nominee for vice president.

Representative Cary of Wisconsin, a republican, has introduced a bill Swager Sherley, will probably win providing for government ownership out. of the telegraph lines.

The fourth assistant postmaster general has made a report showing bergh resolution for an investigathat the receipts from the rural mail tion of the money trust to the comroutes for last year were \$7,570,000 while the expenditures run up to \$37,130,000, making a deficit of about \$30,000,000. There are at present more than a million miles of

President George S. Dearborne, of tariff on steel, iron, lead, zinc and The discussion lasted from 4:30 consumed by Representative Oscar W. Underwood and other members of the ways and means committee who explained the bill.

One amendment of a minor charagreed to recommend ratification of acter was ordered by the caucus. the general treaty negotiated by the This adds baling wire to the free United States with other nations for list. Mr. Underwood believed that the protection of trademark and the measure as originally drawn included this sort of wire, but he did not object to making sure. Representative William R. Smith, of Texas, wanted to put pig lead on the free list, and Representative William about 15 to 10 per cent ad valorem. Both of these amendments were defeated overwhelmingly.

> resolution against the public buildings bill, but the fight that was due on this subject was postponed by a Mr. Fitzgerald, who is backed in his desire for economy by Speaker Clark and the other democratic leaders, including Representative

Representative Jefferson Levy, of New York, tried to get consideration for a resolution to refer the Lindmittee on banking and currency, taking it away from the rules commit-

action might be misconstrued. Representatives Rucker, Taylor and magnitude." and Martin, of Colorado, made a vigorous effort to have the proposed these items, but their efforts were this connection he said: unavailing. The proposed duty on pledge.

port by the committee on contingent expenses on his resolution providing for an investigation. He said that the limitations of the proposed inquiry to 1904 should not be construed as a confession that there had not been improper practices before that period.

Referring especially to the campaign of 1908, Mr. Culberson said that the contributions to the democratic fund had been made by 74,000 persons with \$5,000 as the largest. while those of the republican fund were made by 123,330 persons, with Charles P. Taft, brother of the republican presidential candidate, at their head with a donation of \$110,-000. Among the contributors mentioned were Ambassadors Reid and Kerens and Minister Larz Anderson.

In the course of his speech Mr. Culberson referred to the fact that George B. Cortelyou in the 1904 campaign had held the position of chairman of the republican national committee while he was secretary of commerce and labor, and intimated that Mr. Cortelyou had taken advandelegates of Pangasinan province to A. Cullop, of Indiana, wanted to do tage of the secrets of corporations vote against the indorsement of the same with steel rails, which in whose affairs might be investigated the Underwood bill are reduced from under the federal law, to procure money for the campaign.

> "It has been estimated," he said, "that the enormous and unconscion-Representative John J. Fitzgerald, able sum of \$11,000,000 was raised of New York, chairman of the ap- and probably expended that year by propriations committee, offered his the committee of which Cortelyou was chairman. The very size and audacity of this fund, if approximately correct, smacks of extortion, recess of the caucus. It was stated profligacy and corruption. Who by several prominent members that contributed, and where did it come from?"

> > Mr. Culberson declared there should be an inquiry to answer these questions.

He went into some detail regarding the newspaper charges that the late E. H. Harriman had raised the fund of \$260,000 to which he himself had contributed \$50,000 in support of the republican ticket in the campaign of 1904. He declared that within the past few weeks an effort had been made to clear up this tee, which is now considering it. He charge and added: "This attempt to unload upon the dead the oblo-The iron and steel schedule was quy of this disgraceful transaction rural mail routes and the average explained by Representative Under- which is said to have changed 50,wood in an extended speech. Though 000 votes in the city of New York 24.19 miles. During the past year it was apparent that many members alone, may be significant in several 577 routes were added, making the favored placing steel rails on the ways. It may be the common and free list, it was argued that, pend- ordinary case of malefactors waiting ing the investigation of the steel for the absconding or death of wittrust by a house committee, such nesses, or it may presage a political movement of national consequence Contending that his resolution did not go back of 1904, Mr. Culberson duties on lead and zinc increased. said this was due to the necessity of All of them declared they were fixing a limit and was not because of pledged to their constituents for the fact that money had not been higher tariffs than those proposed on corruptly used prior to that time. In lead in the bill is 25 per cent, zinc of them afterwards attaining the in blocks 15 per cent, and zinc ore vice presidency and then the presiis placed on the free list. Represen- dency, laughed and rejoiced in 1880 tatives Rucker and Taylor asked to around the banquet board that 'soap' was potential to elections. It is well remembered how James B. Foster, president of the republican league in 1888, would have fried the fat out duced in the house and brought up force campaign contributions. Honest and patriotic men will never cease to recall the shame and mortificalows: Demanding an investigation floaters were organized into blocks and 1908, Senator Culberson, of that year. Nor have campaign am-Texas, in the senate made sweeping bassadors been only recently measured by fat contributions, for the other years. Indirectly he charged Hyde is fresh in the memory of the In response to questions from charged that former President said that the figures regarding campaign contributions had been taken ule, providing for a reduction of the in anticipation of an unfavorable re- fairly well authenticated, but ex-Mr. Culberson's address was made added his conviction that they were





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The senate adopted a resolution offered by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska asking by what authority of law or treaty troops were recently sent to China.

A petition to dissolve the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., on the ground that it is a monopoly in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, was presented to Attorney General Wickersham.

The census bureau's cotton ginning report shows that up to January 16 more than 14,000,000 bales had been ginned, which is nearly 3,000,-000 more bales than at the same period a year ago.

President Farrell, of the United States Steel corporation, stated before the Stanley investigating committee that the steel corporation had severed all relations with the International Harvester company five or six years ago.

Senator Bradley has introduced a bill providing for tolls on foreign ships passing through the Panama canal.

A special dispatch to the Louisville Courier-Journal says: Harmony reigned at the caucus of the house democrats, which unanimously indorsed the Underwood metal sched-

The bill making general reductions of from 30 to 50 per cent from the Payne-Aldrich bill will be intro-

An Associated Press dispatch folrepublican committee for those and that foreign ambassadorships were well informed." bestowed as a reward for campaign contributions, and inferentially he money in politics.