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the secretary of the interior, on the ground that Mr. Steenerson was not a legal member of the tribe.

An Associated Press dispatch says: President Taft has been asked to issue his Arizona statehood proclamation on Lincoln's birthday, February 12. The request came in a telegram to the White house, announcing that the election returns were on their way to Washington. Arizona became a territory during Lincoln's administration.

A Washington dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: After amending the child labor bill so as to prohibit the invasion of private residences in quest of information that measure was passed by the senate, 54 to 20. The negative vote was cast by Senators Bailey, Bryan, Chilton, Culberson, O'Gorman, Overman, Paynter, Smith (Maryland), Stone, Thornton, Tillman and Watson, democrats, and by Senators Burnham, Clark (Wyoming), Gallinger, Heyburn, Nixon, Oliver, Wetmore and Works, republicans.

The bill authorizes the creation of a bureau in the department of commerce and labor for the collection of information pertaining to the welfare of children and child life.

Special authority is given to investigate questions of infant mortality, the birth rate, orphanage, juvenile courts, desertion, diseases, accidents, occupations, legislation and kindred subjects.

The provision expressly forbidding the invasion of domestic privacy by agents of the bureau furnished the principal subject of contention. The point was raised by Senator Thornton of Louisiana, who offered an amendment prohibiting agents of the proposed bureau from entering private dwellings without the consent

of the occupants. In presenting the modification Mr. Thornton inveighed in strong language against the right of an official to enter private homes. "Law or no law, it is not going to be done in my home," he said vigorously.

The amendment was lost by the vote of 30 to 42, but its defeat was followed immediately by a similar provision offered by Senator Culberson which failed by the close vote of 36 to 37.

This advance in the affirmative vote encouraged the supporters of the amendment, and while Mr. Culberson was framing the provision in different language several brief speeches were made.

In its new form the Culberson amendment prevailed 39 to 34.

It reads: "No official or agent or representative of said bureau shall over the objection of the head of the family enter any house used exclusively as a family residence."

The Washington correspondent to the Associated Press says: President Taft has suspended Commissioner of Indian Affairs Valentine's recent order which prohibited insignia and religious garb at school exercises in the Indian schools.

In a letter to Secretary of the Interior Fisher which was immediately forwarded to the commissioner, the president ordered Mr. Valentine's action held up until a hearing could be given to interested parties and a conclusion reached in respect to the matter after full consideration. The correspondence was made public recently. The president said the question was one "of great importance and delicacy," as to which the commissioner had not consulted either with Secretary Fisher or himself. The president said:

"I fully believe in the principle of the separation of the church and state on which our government is based but the question presented by

this order is of great importance and delicacy.

"They arise out of the fact that the government has for a considerable period taken over for the use of the Indians certain schools heretofore belonging and conducted by distinctive religious societies or churches. As a part of the arrangements then made the school employes who were in certain cases members of religious orders, wearing the distinctive garb of these orders were continued as teachers by the government and by rulings of the civil service commission or by legislative action they have been included in the classified service under the protection of the civil service.

"The commissioner's order also necessarily amounts to a discharge from the federal service of those who have thus entered it. This should not be done without a careful consideration of all phases of the matter or without giving the persons directly affected an opportunity to be heard."

Catholic interests made rigorous complaint against Commission Valentine's order, which directed that those who could not conscientiously comply would be given a reasonable time to make arrangements elsewhere than in the Indian schools.

Congressman William R. McKinley of Illinois, was elected chairman of the republican congressional committee.

An Associated Press dispatch says: The house of representatives avoided going on record on presidential third terms. Just at the moment when the Slayden resolution, aimed primarily at Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, seemed about to pass, a shrewd parliamentary turn by Norris of Nebraska displaced the measure from further consideration. It may be revived later in the session, but its position of vantage on the house calendar was lost.

Mr. Slayden, a Texas democrat, introduced the resolution some time ago. It sought to express the "opinion of the house" that the example of Washington in retiring after a second term had by universal concurrence become the time-honored custom of the country, the violation of which would be fraught with peril to free institutions. The resolution was called up recently with but little warning and there was a quick matching of wits. Suspension of the rules was required to pass the measure and to suspend the rules a "second" had to be considered as ordered. Mr. Sims of Tennessee objected to the "second," and a vote by tellers on ordering this parliamentary move was necessary. The republicans in hurried conferences had determined not to vote on the resolution, thus putting the democrats in the position of passing the measure by a party vote, and, in the opinion of a number of them, indicating fear of Mr. Roosevelt as the republican nominee.

Hence the bulk of the democrats decided not to vote for the "second," and it was defeated, 90 to 51. Four republicans, however, cast their votes for the "second." Former Speaker Cannon led the way and was followed by Mr. McCall of Massachusetts, who had planned to speak against the third-term idea; Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania, "father of the house," and Mr. Higgins of Connecticut. With the "second" defeated, Mr. Slayden was forced, amid a burst of applause, to withdraw his motion for suspension of the rules. The resolution was returned to the committee on elections.

Washington dispatches say that friends of Senator La Follette had held a conference and decided that on account of the senator's poor

health he ought to retire from the presidential race. Medill McCormick, heretofore a La Follette man, issued a statement saying that progressive republicans ought now to support Roosevelt in order to beat

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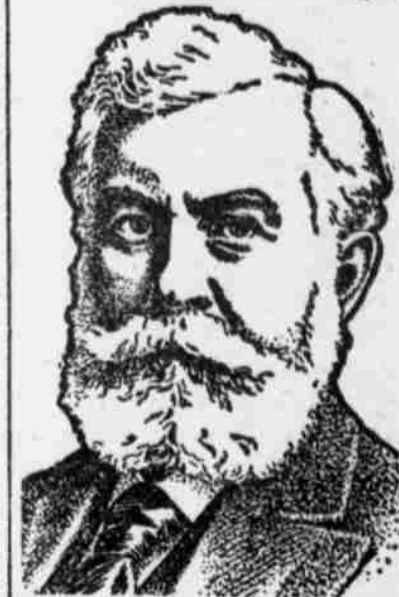
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