

TOM REED'S DICTUM

Speaker Sends Indian Bill Back to House Committee.

PUTS INDIAN CONGRESS IN JEOPARDY

Several Members of Committee Hostile to Project.

GREAT HUSTLE ALL AROUND NECESSARY

Thurston, Allen and Mercer Propose to Fight it Out.

DUE TO THE FREE HOMESTEAD RIDER

Friends of that Measure Find Themselves Very Neatly Circumvented by the Big Man from Maine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram)—An unexpected turn has sent the Indian appropriation bill back to the full committee on Indian affairs of the house instead of conference, as was supposed.

It is unfortunate for the Indian congress amendment that such a course should have been taken, forcing, as it does, the whole subject of an appropriation for a congress of the Indian tribes before the Indian committee, a number of members of which are known to be hostile to the measure.

PORT CROOK BOULEVARD.

Either the commissioners of Douglas and Sarpy counties and the South Side Improvement club have been working on the boulevard between Fort Crook and Omaha, in a most mysterious manner, or else Captain Sam R. Jones, assistant quartermaster, department of the Pacific, is just waking up from a nap.

Secretary Cox of the government board said today that every department was actively at work assembling their exhibits for the Omaha exposition and that every member was enthusiastic in predicting the finest exhibition ever made by the government.

LOADS ON RESERVATIONS.

Senator Allen introduced a bill today for the establishment of ordinary wagon roads and animal trails across Indian reservations at the option of the secretary of the interior, provision being made, however, that trails shall not be actually used for agricultural purposes.

Heavy Penalty for Evading Their Provisions.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The Reichsanzeiger is about to publish the instructions for carrying out the decree regulating the imports of American fruit.

Pronounce Hoffman a Wonder.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Josef Hoffman related today on the steambship Trave from Bremen for America.

Outlaw Taken Refuge in a Mine.

TEHRAN, Feb. 15.—The first-class British battleship Victorious, which sailed from Malta on February 11 for China, and which went ashore outside the bar while entering this port, will have to discharge its coal and probably its guns before it can be started.

LORD NEVILLE GETS FIVE YEARS.

Seton of British Nobility Sentenced to Penal Servitude.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the central criminal court today Lord William Neville, fourth son of the marquis of Abergavenny, was placed on trial, charged with fraud in connection with the cult of "Sam" Lewis, the money lender, against Lieutenant Spencer Clay to recover £11,125 due on promissory notes cashed by Lord Neville, and pleaded guilty of fraud, but asserted he was not guilty of forgery.

SPAIN WILL SEND ANOTHER NOTE.

Surprise to Be Expressed at Attitude of United States.

MADRID, Feb. 15.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram)—The minister of foreign affairs today drew up immediately a note in reply to the one presented yesterday by Minister Woodford. It is understood that the Spanish note will express surprise at the American government having expected explanations concerning a private letter of its late representative, considering that the government cannot be responsible for the unauthorized and unwarranted assertion by De some implying a lack of sincerity of Cuban home rule.

BANK OFFICIALS ARRESTED

Cashier Salisbury and Assistant Held Under Bail at Hot Springs.

CHARGED WITH REMOVING BANK'S ASSETS

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MISSOURI IS MUCH IN EVIDENCE.

Imperial State Hunting Hard for an Exposition Exhibit.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram)—Missouri will have a building at the Omaha exposition that will be a credit to the state and an exhibit of varied and valuable products that will make every Missourian proud when he goes to the great show.

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska—Show or Rain, Cloudy, North Winds.

1. Indian Congress Bill in Jeopardy.

Various Items of Interest.

2. Outline of Government Exhibit.

3. Telegraph Cases on Trial.

4. Editorial and Comment.

5. Senate Talks About Railroads.

6. Council Bluffs Local Matters.

7. General News of the Farther West.

8. Bishop of Kentucky Lectures.

9. Reviews of Recent Publications.

10. Commercial and Financial News.

11. Customs News of the Country.

12. Weird Tales of the Rail.

TEMPERATURE AT OMAHA.

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BATTLESHIP MAINE BLOWN TO PIECES

Uncle Sam's Floating Arsenal Completely Wrecked in Havana Harbor.

ONE HUNDRED MEN KILLED AND MANY OTHERS WOUNDED

Pride of the Navy Torn Asunder by an Explosion, the Cause of Which is in Doubt—Captain Sigbee is Wounded and Reports the Accident to Washington Officials—Spaniards Take the Injured Men Board Their War Ship and Care for Them.

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—At a quarter of 10 o'clock this evening a terrible explosion took place in the harbor of Havana, Cuba.

The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the houses.

The correspondent of the Associated Press says he has conversed with several of the wounded sailors, and understands from them that the explosion took place while they were asleep, so they can give no particulars as to the cause.

The wildest consternation prevails in Havana. The wharves are crowded with thousands of people. It is believed the explosion occurred in a small powder magazine.

At a quarter of 11 o'clock what remains of the Maine is still burning.

Captain Sigbee and the other officers have been saved. It is estimated that over 100 of the crew were killed, but it is impossible as yet to give exact details.

Admiral Montefiore has ordered that boats of all kinds should go to the assistance of the Maine and its wounded. The Havana firemen are giving aid, tending carefully to the wounded as they are brought on shore. It is a terrible sight.

General Solano and the other generals have been ordered by Captain General Blanco to take steps to help the Maine's crew in every way possible.

The correspondent of the Associated Press has been near the Maine in one of the boats of the cruiser Alfonso XII and seen others of the wounded who corroborate the statement of those first interviewed and state that they were already asleep when the explosion occurred.

Captain Sigbee says the explosion occurred in the bow of the vessel. He received a wound in the head. Orders were given to the other officers to save themselves as best they could.

The latter, who were literally thrown from their bunks in their night clothing, gave the necessary orders with great self-possession and bravery.

At 11 o'clock the Maine continues burning. The first theory was that there had been a preliminary explosion in the Santa Barbara (magazine) of powder or dynamite below the water.

Admiral Montefiore believes that the first explosion was that of a grenade that was hurled over the navy yard.

SIGBEE IS HEARD FROM.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The secretary of the navy received the following telegram from Captain Sigbee:

"Maine blown up in Havana harbor at 9:40 and destroyed. Many wounded and doubtless more killed and drowned. Wounded and others on board Spanish mail-of-war and Ward line steamer. Send lighthouse tender from Key West for crew and few pieces of equipment still above water. No one had any other clothes than those upon him.

"Public opinion should be suspended till further report. All officers believed to be saved. Jenkins and Merritt not yet accounted for. Many Spanish officers, including representatives of General Blanco, now with me and express sympathy. SIGBEE."

The officers referred to in the above dispatch are Lieutenant Friend W. Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Darwin R. Merritt.

From the wording of the dispatch the navy thinks it is possible the officers were on shore at the time of the accident.

The secretary of the navy received another dispatch from Key West at the same time with the above, but its contents were not made public.

The orders for the lighthouse tenders were at once sent to Key West in plain language, thus avoiding the delay that would have arisen from the use of a cipher.

Paymaster Charles W. Littlefield, who is given in the list of officers of the Maine, has been recently replaced by Paymaster Ryan. Littlefield is now in Washington.

Secretary Long received Captain Sigbee's dispatch but a few minutes before the Associated Press dispatches from Havana were handed to him.

He received the news with apparent calm and his first act was to comply with Captain Sigbee's request that assistance be sent from Key West. He immediately wired Captain Forsythe at Key West to proceed with the naval tender Fern to Havana harbor. He then sent for Captain Dickens and the two discussed Captain Sigbee's brief telegram.

No other naval officers were present and besides the secretary and Captain Dickens the naval colony here is ignorant of this disaster, the greatest which has befallen the American navy since the disaster in Apia many years ago.

The secretary is inclined to believe that most of the officers of the Maine were on shore at the time of the accident, as it was still early in the night.

While neither the secretary nor Captain Dickens is inclined to discuss the probable cause of the accident, several suggestions were ventured upon. They believe that it may have been caused by a fire in the bunkers, heating the bulkhead near a magazine, or that an accident might have occurred while inspecting high explosives for torpedoes.