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attended with as much promise. Such over-

the surrender of the smallest speck of ter-

Colonel Barry Lenves Manila.

Colonel Wilbur, formerly adjutant general

of the Department of the East, at New

York, will succeed Colonel Barry as adjutant

general of the troops in the Philippines.

For Inspection of Nursery Stock.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- The nursery

tock interests of the country have been

represented here of late in an effort to se-

Coutelle is Much Better.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.-A letter was re-

improved so rapidly that he will be able

to leave the sanitarium within a few weeks

Havana Collection Report. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The War de-

DISPOSED TO AMEND TREATY

Property Considered

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- The senate com-

mittee on foreign relations met today to

United States deems necessary will be

Nearly the entire time of the committee

was consumed in listening to an elaborate

thoroughly familiar with the subject of the

It is learned that the text of the Hay-

Pauncefote treaty was the work of the State

cepted the document just as it was drawn,

it is expressed is chargeable entirely to the

Comment of Paris Paper.

relations of England and America and the

ratification of the abregation will consti-

ould contribute more to cement the new

Train Robbers' Sentences Affirmed.

ST PAUL, Minn., Feb. 7.—Judge Lewis of the supreme court this afternoon filed a de-ision affirming the sentences of the men onvicted for fiolding up a Great Northern rain sixteen months ago. It was alleged that the wrong men had been convicted and hat the men who hold up the train were ow in the penitentiary of Missouri.

Desperado Cook Dies at Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y. Feb. 7.—"Bill" Cook, who was sentenced in 1895 to forty-five cears' imprisonment in the Albany peri-centiary, died there tyday from consump-tion. He was once one of the most noted desperadoes of the Indian Territory.

born accord between the two nations."

statement from Senator Morgan, who

Essential.

Fortifications for Protection

entirely recovered.

ure legislation against the spread of the

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INTER-OCEANIC LINE the Pacific side of the Ishmus have not been

Southern Pacific is Credited with Devising Another Transcontinental Road.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7 .- The Record will say Plans for a easily piece of construction work that practically will bring about another transcontinental line are being made the Department of the Pacific and of the by the Southern Pacific company. A line from some point in south California to Salt Lake, or to some more westerly place of On his arrival in this city he will be asthe Central Pacific, is in mind, and the signed to duty in the office of the adjutant

building of a part of it, unless something general.

unexpected happens to change the plans, will be begun in the spring. Last year the Southern Pacific had surveyors at work laying out the most desirable rcute southwestward from Salt Lake to a connection with the Southern Pacific in California. It is said that the company has made arrangements whereby the Carson & Colorado road, which extends from Keeler, in the eastern part of southern California, to Carson City, Nev., in part

High officials of the Southern Pacific, while not desiring to discuss the matter for publication, admit the essential features body today reported a bill providing a sysof the scheme. They will not say where tem of government inspection of such stock | Flora A. Darling was favorably reported to- cause it was inconvenient for him (the witthe termini of the line will be, but they of way has been filed in the government shipment. land office. That the Carson & Colorado is a party to the scheme is regarded as certain, because of the fact that D. O. Mills, who is practically the sole proprietor of the California-Nevada line, recently has been elected to the directory of the South-

## TO INVESTIGATE RATE CUTTING

Commerce Listens to Grain Men's. Complaints.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7 .- Rate cutting on grain \$1.097.154, making an average daily collecis to be investigated by the Interstate Commerce commission. Ex-Governor Fifer, J. D. Yeomans and J. T. Marchaud of the commission have visited Chicago and conferred with a delegation of Chicago grain shippers. It is said that the men representing the government were impressed by the claims made by the grain men and promised co-operation. It is the old story of discrimination against the smaller dealers and in favor of the strong ones of the grain trade

Considering Shinners' Grievances. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.-The classification committee of the Trunk Line association met a character as to indicate the defeat of the mittee on foreign affairs. Critics declare today to consider the numerous complaints treaty, but that it would be amended there that the State department, which is said to made by local and western shippers at pub. seems to be little doubt. One of the amend- have prepared the treaty and which was man government that the Samoan treaty, lie hearing on January 22, last, relative to ments proposed is that the whole of the accepted by Lord Pauncefote without so

In addition to Commissioner Goldard there favoring this change that there is no need were present F. H. Kingsbury, Pennsyl- of keeping alive any portion of the old vania railway: George E. Terry, New York treaty. Another change suggested is in re- ratify a treaty which took away from the Central; H. B. Chamberlain, Erie railway; gard to the protection of the canal. The P. H. Flynn, Delaware, Lackawanna & treaty declares there shall be no fortifica-C. A. Blood, Lackawanna; C. S. tions, and it is said this will prevent the Wright, Baltimore & Ohio; H. E. Billings, United States from erecting batteries which Lake Shore; David Brown, Grand Trunk; are by some considered absolutely neces-S. B. Knight, Wabash; H. P. Chapin, Boston | sary in view of the insurrections that occur & Albany; H. H. McLeod, Hamilton & Day- from time to time in South American counton; J. Lowrie Bell, Jersey Central; Percy tries. It is possible that this language will Todd, West Shore; J. E. Childs, Ontario & be modified so that such protection as the Western, and others.

After the adjournment of the meeting afforded along the route of the canal. Commissioner Goddard stated that the committee had been carefully considering the grievances of the shippers.

Brown as Stilwell's Successor.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7 .- It was stated on high affecting it. There was little or no expreseral manager of the Burlington system, will that it was a very important subject and be elected president of the reorganized Kan- would need careful consideration. sas City, Pittsburg & Gulf read.

LAND BUYING IS DIFFICULT department. The British government ac-

in Purchasing Coaling Stations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- State depart- prised at the amount of criticism that has ment officials maintain silence respecting the been directed against the treaty, but feel maintaining a military force at those points mooted proposition to purchase the Danish confident that it will be consummated, pro- or along the line of the canal are particu-West Indian islands for a coaling station, viding it is not amended, especially as to larly obnoxious. The privilege of maintain-It is gathered, however, that something the fortification clause. It is insisted by ing a small police force along the line of the has been done in a quiet way by the gov- the officials that an amendment on that ernment in anticipation of the adoption of point would completely defeat the treaty the isthmian canal project by congress. The and it is intimated that the objection will object has been a double one, first, to se- be two-fold, first, from the British govern- Thirty negative votes will defeat ratificacure an advantageous option from Den- ment, and second, from the president himmark, and, second, to procure information self. as to the possibility of acquiring these. The president is said to regard the neu-iclands so as to meet the inquiries of the tralization scheme as completely obviating committees of congress, which will have the necessity for any fertifications for the to do with the bill. Mest of the "feelers" canal, for by the terms of that arrangement lengthy brief in support of his bill grantthis direction have been thrown cut in every one of the maritime powers will Europe and there is good nuthority for the pledge itself to use its army and navy, if Colonel J. M. Stotsenborg. He has included statement that much difficulty will be ex- nood be, to preserve the absolute neutrality in it extracts from General Otis' report perished by the governments of the United of the canal, and fortifications will be un- with reference to the First Nebraska's serv States and Denmark in reaching an agree- necessary. ment satisfactory to both sides, woon after the needed legislation is secured from con-

Efforts made to accure like facilities on

## "A Gentle Wind of Western Birth"

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Bee, Feb. 7, 1900. CONGRESS FAVORS THE WEST

Number of Bills Reported in the Interests of

This Section. NI BRASKANS COME IN FOR GOOD SHARE

Expected to Be Built Soon-Committee Reports Favorably on Surket's Bill for Resurvey.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 - (Special Telegram.)-Senator Teller, from the committee claims, reported favorably his bill the payment of certain claims. The bill provides for the reimbursetion of natural curiosities and objects of election of 1893, but they were checked. interest in Vellowstone National park and the government during the building of the posure."

homestead entries, but for some cause or stand. other have not perfected their entries, may take second entry. Congressman Burket, from the committee

on public lands, reported favorably his bill providing for resurvey of township numtures as have been made to the government bered thirty, west of sixth principal of Ecuador have developed an aversion to meridian, in Frontier county, Nebraska. From letters filed with this report it is carned that the bill is to correct an alleged error in the government survey of the above described township. From statements WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Lieutenant Colmade by parties owning land in this townonel Thomas H. Barry, assistant adjutant ship and also from surveyors who have atgeneral, who has been adjutant general of tempted to correct the difficulty it would seem that there is a hiatus between the Eighth army corps at Manila for several eastern ranges of sections running north and months, left for home today on the Grant.

lost land.

reating what Burket in his report calls

Additions to Omnha Postoffice. Supervising Architect Taylor stated today San Jose scale and other parasites which inbe begun during spring. It is the inten- afterward purchased by Clark through Bickgeneral. After conferences between them and the Agricultural department and the tion of the department to let the building ford. ouse committee on agriculture the latter entire instead of piecemeal as heretofore. Senator Thurston's bill for the relief of coming from abroad and also that of Amerday. The bill appropriates \$15,683, in satishave admitted that an application for a right lean growth when intended for interstate faction of all claims against the governelved today from E. P. Boutelle, a brother authorities and destroyed. It is in satisfacof Representative Boutelle of Maine, stating tion of her claim against the government

that the condition of the congressman has that the amount is appropriated. Senator Allen presented an amendment to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$75,000 for the construction of a public building at Norfolk on the site recently purchased by the government, for which \$10,000 was ap-

partment made the statement today that the propriated by the Fifty-fifth congress. Prof. Harrington Emerson, formerly total collections for the port of Havana for teacher of German in the University of Nethe 301 working days of the year 1899 was braska a number of years ago, is in Washngton for the purpose of appearing the committee on interstate and foreign commerce in behalf of the scheme to build a Pacific cable line via Unalaska,

Representative Stark introduced a bill inreasing the pension of James N. Black of Belvidere to \$60. Eratus Young, auditor of the Union Pa

ific, is in the city. Canal Treaty Criticised.

There is pronounced opposition to the consider the Nicaragua canal treaty. The treaty between the United States and Great discussion was animated. While some op- Britain relative to the Nicaragua canal, position was manifested it was not of such which developed today in the senate comclassifications in freight matter for Clayton-Bulwer treaty shall be abrogated. much as changing a comma, has been once It is said by members of the committee more overreached by an English diplomat. Several republican senators unhesitatingly United States the right to fortify a canal if necessary. They resent the assumption, which they say constitutes the basis of the treaty, that Great Britain had any equal rights in the canal with the United States, They argue that so far as the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is concerned, it is and has long been a dead letter, so far as the 1sthmian canal was originally affected by that convention, because the provisions relating to the canal in that treaty were never carfulfillment, and that so far as other pro-Nicaragua canal proposition and all treaties, a dead letter, because Great Britain deliberately violated them, and still continues to authority today that William C. Brown, gen- sion of opinion from other senators save violate them, and therefore the treaty itself bas long been dead.

They hold that the ghost of this dead treaty has been conjured up by the British ambassador simply to enable his country to become a party to a transaction entirely beyond its jurisdiction, and one in which it Uncle Sam Not Meeting with Success so the responsibility for whatever is cen- has no right to a voice. These are the gentained in the treaty and the form in which eral objections to the new treaty heard at the senate end of the capitol today. The department. Department officials are sur- provision forbidding the United States from fortifying approaches to the canal and from canal is laughed at as contemptible. The outlook is that a vigorous fight against the ratidication of the treaty will be made. while it will require fifty-nine to

ratify Mrs. Stotsenberg's Pension.

Congressman Burket has prepared and filed with the committee on pensions a ing a pension to the widow of the cs, also letters and telegrams of Generals MacArthur, Olis and Stotsenberg, covering a period from the beginning of hostili-PARIS, Feb. 7.-The Temps this afternoon ties to the date of Colonel Stots nberg's

The abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer The The remains of Lieutenant Edward Tay treaty marks a date in the history of the lor. Twenty-first infantry, who was well known in South Dakota, having been stationed at Fort Sully for a number of years, its the opening of a new era. Nothing will be interred at Arlington on Saturday. Lieutenant Taylor lost his life in the Philippines. Mrs. Taylor, wife of the deceased. and her sister, Mrs. T. P. Estes of Pierre S. D., have arrived here and are guests of Representative and Mrs. Barber of South

> L. A. Collins was today appointed post master at Gifford, Hardin county, la., and It probably will look in at San Domingo, as E. G. Chase at Rogerville. Benton county, there have been indications that the Amer-

the postoffice at Ziskov, Yankten county, Mail will be sent to Lesterville. For Protection of Our Interests.

today introduced a resolution in the senate PUTS PETTIGREW IN PLIGHT requesting the president to detail so many naval vessels as in his judgment may be necessary to maintain a strict neutrality and maintain our commercial rights in Portuguese waters, in South Africa, during the progress of the British-Boer war.

DIG UP ANCIENT HISTORY Attempt to Bring the 1893 Election Into the Clark In-

ventigation. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.-The first witness called before the senate committee, on privileges and elections today in its investigation of the election of Senator Clark of Montana was George E. McGrath of the Civil Service commission, located at Chicago, He was in 1892 and 1893 editor of a news-1885 and 1886 in preserving the forma- defense to investigate the Montana senatorial

governing, after it was declared a national Faulkner and Mr. Foster showing that they President Schurman and Admiral Dewey rican republic was an independent governreservation, \$7,780. The bill also appro- expected to prove by Mr. McGrath that in through the statements of Aguinaldo. Pet- ment, notwithstanding Great Britain's claim riates \$738.25 to John Breitling of Nebraska 1893 he had been in a caucus of Daly's tigrew replied sharply, repeating much that of suzerainty. for commissary stores furnished by him at friends and that Daly had then a-ggested he has said heretofore, but principally re-Clinton, In., in 1862 to United States troops the defeat of Mr. Clark for the senate by Iterating the statements which had called stationed at that place. To Henry T. Clarke getting some one to go to Mr. Clark for forth the denials of both President Schurof Omaha it appropriates \$2,999 for value money and failing to accomplish this purpose man and Admiral Dewey. and rent of buildings at Fort Crook, used by to put up the money himself for an "ex-This, it was asserted by counsel. was the scheme carried out by Mr. Daly of the South Dakota senator which he de-The committee on public lands of the through Mr. Whiteside in 1899, showing sired to lay before the senate. The letter house reported favorably on Congressman malice tenaciously held by Daly. The point stated that the charge was absolutely with- in the Transvanl, yet Great Britain refused Mondell's free homestead bill, which pro- was argued at length by counsel on both out foundation. vides that persons who have heretofore com- sides and the committee went late executive muted homestead entries may take second session to decide it, Mr. McGrath being entry and also where persons have made temporarily withdrawn from the witness

> When the doors were reopened Chairman Chandler announced that the committee had decided to exclude for the present the testimony relating to the senatorial campaign of

Powell Black, a member of the Montana legislature, was then recalled. He denied all the testimony of Whiteside and Rector connecting his name with bribery and efforts at bribery in connection with the senatorial He said in contradiction of Whiteside that

etories concerning him as untrue. Walter M. Bickford was next called. He had been one of Clark's active agents in petent to be summoned as a witness. outh through the township about six miles the senatorial campaign of 1898-99, and his length and ninety-one rods wide, thus

Mr. Bickford said that he was at present he expected that the specifications for the lived at Missoula, where he was a law partenstruction of the addition to the Omaha ner of Mr Stiff, speaker of the house of postoffice would be ready about February representatives, and a prominent witness Advertisements would be at once pub- for the presecution in the Clark case. Bicklished inviting bids for the completion of ford was first asked concerning his engagethe structure. He said that the department ment of Stiff to examine the title of the figures upon completing the structure in property owned by H. W. McLaughlin of the will be used as a link in the proposed fest plants, fruits and nursery stock in sixteen months and hoped that work would Montana legislature, which property was

> The latter said it was an ordinary business transaction, Stiff being employed beness) to perform this service nimself.

Bickford said that at a subsequent time nent. While on a flag of truce boat, given he had talked with Stiff concerning the lat-Mrs. Darling by General N. P. Banks, when ter's candidacy for the house speakership. he was investing New Orleans in 1864, her He had never, however, at any of these conproperty was seized by order of the military versations told Stiff that there was an understanding that McLaughlin should vote for Clark for the senate. He had at one time prior to the McLaughlin transaction talked with Stiff concerning the senatorial election. He had broached the subject and inquired of Stiff how he felt on the subject. "I asked him how he felt toward Clark." said Bickford, "and he replied that he knew of no reason why he could not vote for Clark if he should be the nomince of the democratic legislative caucus.

"Mr. Stiff told me that he bad aspirations for the district judgeship of that district and garbled and I charge that we attacked an cald that he wanted to so shape his course ally and made a compact with slavery." as a member of the house as not to injure hence. I then thought him friendly to Dewey's letter to Senator Lodge had been Clark.

IS AGREEABLE GERMANY

Bundesrath and Reichstag Will Ratify the Samoan Trenty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Assurances have reached the State department from the Gerwhich was ratified by the United States ratification of the Bundesrath and the Reichstag within a week. There is said to be the German legislative branch.

In anticipation of the exchange of final senate. ratifications some attention is being given by our government to the future of the islands which we acquire under the terms tained that the passage of the pending bill of the treaty. The naval officers who have been on the island of Tutuila recently in connection with the work of building the 1896 and declared the leader of the convenwharf and establishing a coaling station in the harbor of Pago Pago have been called upon for reports as to the social, political and physical features of the islands. They ried out and have long been impossible of have stated that there are at present about 1,500 people on the island of Tutuila, owing visions of the treaty go, they also have been allegiance to about three chiefs. The principal chief is named Mangum. The people are different from the inhabitants of the other Samoan islands, being particularly peaceable in disposition, and they have been involved in the revolutions in the islands only through the coercion of some of the elements of the larger islands of Upola and Savail. During the last conflict between Malictoa and Mataafa about 500 or 600 of them were carried across to Upola by Captain Sturdee, one of the British naval commanders, on his war ship. They were re turned subsequently to Tutuila on the col-Her Brutus by Captain Cottmar. The population is unique in the fact that

oul is reputed to be a devout Christian. They are so orthodox that no one person could be induced to come aboard one of the American ships on Sunday, while bug may destroy a potato vine, but it canall of them go to church. This condition not create one. is owing largely to the influence of the French missionaries.

DIRECT ELECTION FOR SENATORS. Minority Report for Change of Sys-

tem Without Approval. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- A minority report has been made to the house on the bill for election of senators by the people. It concurs with the principle of the bill, but urges direct elections without awaiting legislative approval for a change of system, as proposed by the majority.

The report states that there is a "widepread public demand for the election of schators in part impelled by a sense of righteous indignation aroused by accusations of criminal methods sometimes employed by gentlemen whose ambitions lead them to seek a seat in the United States senate.

Under such circumstances Messrs, Rucker and Zeigler, who sign the report, say the time has come when the exalted position of United States senator shall not be open to the auspicion of being purchasable.

Machins to Stop at San Domingo. WASHINGTON, Feb. sailed today from La Guayra for San Juan. icans there would be reassured at the sight An order was issued today discontinuing of an American man-of-war.

STOPS THE COUGH. and Works Of the Cold. Laxative Brome-Quinine Tablets cure a WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Senator Penrose cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price, 25c. Those invited to meet the guests of the

His Statements Branded as Yalse in Letter from Schurman.

EPISTLE READ IN SENATE BY DEPEW

President of Former Philippine Commission Denies that He Said Agninaldo Was Honest-Dewer's Word or Fillnino's.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- A lively tilt beween Depew and Pettigrew was the feature principal feature being the speech of Shaf n the early proceedings in the senate topaper in Buite, Mont., which he said sup- day. Depew read a letter from President the British-Boer war under the provision ported Mr. Daly. He was also secretary Schurman of the Philippine commission of The Hague treaty. The diplomatic bill ment of the state of Wyoming for ex- of the democratic state central committee. flatly contradicting statements made by Pet- as passed carries \$3,743,908. penses incurred during the years of 1884. An attempt was made by counsel for the tigrew in a speech several days ago, and then commented methods of the South Dakota senator in in- offer of mediation an unfriendly act. In reply Statements were made by ex-Senator troducing the evidence of such men as to questions he insisted that the South Af-Depew said he had received a letter from Prof. Schurman with regard to the charges

Schurman's Letter of Denial.

The letter is as follows:

say to you that it is applied foundation. Very truly yours,
J. G. SCHURMAN.

Depew in commenting on the matter said that at the time this speech of the it was not true that he had been "fixed" by senator from South Dakota was being de-Mr. Steele and he denounced all of Rector's livered President Schurman was in the city assisting in the preparation of the report of the Philippine commission and was com-

Admiral Dewey, whom the senator quoted name, next to that of Wellcome, has been in support of his charges, was also in the city at his residence and was most easily most frequently mentioned by the prosecuaccessible. He might have summoned both President Schurman and Admiral Dewey a resident of Butte, but that he had formerly and any statements they made with reference to the matter would be unquestionably accepted by the American people as true. Depew referred to the letter of Admiral Dewey presented by Lodge denying the statements of Aguinaldo, saying either party to the conflict, its kindly offices lutely denied the statements attributed to them. Before the statements of Dewey and made?" persisted Shafroth. Schurman the charges of Pettigrew disap-

> the American troops. Aguinaldo's Government in His Hat. the entire willingness of this government "This whole transaction," said Depew, in to act, if properly requested by the parties conclusion. "is nothing better than Aguin- engaged in the conflict, there can be no ques aldo's government, the seat of which is in Aguinaldo's hat.

Depew, replying, said: "It is well known that this government through the Philippine commission, offered money for the rifles for the insurgents, but no rifles were turned in except a few that had been captured and given to friendly

and what information is sent to us is not be said be appointed at any Pettigrew thought it unfortunate for the published, as in it the admiral, he said, had

admitted just what he had charged. Hoar asked Depew if he had understood Aguinaldo as honest. He had read a verbatim address of President Schurman, in which he had said Aguinaldo was honest. Depew replied that he had no further in-

formation than was contained in President Schurman's letter. It was the intention of Chandler, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, to call up the Quay case today, but senate about a week ago, will receive the he yielded to the unanimous consent agreement to take up the pending financial bill. simply announcing that during any full in stated today that they could not vote to practically no opposition to the treaty in the financial debate he would bring up the Pennsylvania senatorial case before the

> ·Turner of Washington then entered upon a discussion of the financial bill. He mainwould be a deliberate blow to silver. praised the democratic national platform of tion of that year was himself an inspiration and a platform and that the next campaign would be that of 1896 over again. Bate of Tennessee followed in a speech in favor of bimetallism and in opposition to the

> proposed gold standard. Allen, Aldrich and Spooner. Allen, who spoke next, said the money question was the most momentous before the people today and declared his adherence coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1. He

asked Aldrich if he had not admitted in 1893 that money could affect prices. "Yes," replied Aldrich; "I never expressed any other opinion, here or elsewhere." "It was maintained by the republicans in 1896," said Allen, "that there was no power

in the constitution to affect or create val-"That is quite another thing," interposed Spooner.

Allen-Oh, I beg your pardon Spooner-The power to destroy does ot involve the power to create. A potato

Allen (speaking with some feeling)-1

Comparing the house bill and the senate substitute, Allen said: "The man who drew tain Oberlin M. Carter, corps of engineers the house bill at least had the courage of U. S. A., for work alleged to have been his convictions; but the man who drew the done by the company in connection with senate measure had great craft and no moral improvements in Savannah harbor and Cumcourage. The bill is one of spoliation and berland Sound, Georgia. confiscation and to increase and perpetuate the national debt. I have no hesitation declaring it to be my solemn conviction that it is the purpose of this bill to forever per-

petuate the national debt. In answer to a question from Allen, Aidrich shid: "This bill does not change the status of our silver money, our greenbacks or our treasury notes, and it confers upon no bank or institution or bank currency any rights or privileges which they do not now Allen (sareastically)-It's a very harm-

less measure. Aldrich-I should have said, rather, that t is a very beneficial measure. Without having concluded his remarks Allen, at 5:20 p. m., yielded the floor and the senate adjourned.

Judzes Dine with McKinley. WASHINGTON. Feb. 7.-President and Mrs. McKinley gave a dinner tonight at the White House to the members of the supreme court. Owing to the large number present the tables, handsomely decorated

with great bunches of roses, primroses and

carnations, were set in the main vestibule.

evening included members of the judiciary committees of both houses of congress and others. The list of guests included Senator and Mrs. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Dawes and Representative and Miss Dol

SHAFROTH WANTS MEDIATION

Colorado Congressman Thinks Provisions of The Hagne Treaty Could Be Applied.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- The house finished the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill today, passing it substantially as it came from the committee. There wa some desultory discussion of the Philippine question and the war in South Africa, the toth of Colorado in favor of mediation in

Under The Hague treaty Shafroth con caustically upon the tended that England could not consider an

While the British were demanding relief in the South African Republic, he said, 3,000 Dutch residents of British Guiana, born upon British soil, who are not allowed to hold office in the executive, legislative or judicial colonies of the government, were petitioning for relief. Their cases were almost analogous to those of the cutlanders to listen to the Dutch in her own colony. Shafroth said he did not advocate

armed intervention or even mediation, but

The letter is as follows:

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1999.—Dear Senator
Depew: I see from page 1,362 of the Congressional Record that Senator Pettigrew,
speaking of myself, says:

"The letter is as follows:

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"The theory of the unit of the matter is that he tried to bribe the insurgents, as near as we can ascertain, and falled; but they would not take gold for peace."

Had this preposterous statement been made anywhere else I should not have paid any attention to it, but as it was made in the senate of the United States I desire to say to you that it is absolutely without foundation. Very truly yours. committed and to report to the house in order that the United States might go to war every time the kin of any of our constituents were oppressed. Shafroth, who again obtained the floo

after Gresvenor concluded, was interrupted by William Alden Smith of Michigan, who asked if the gentleman from Colorado knew whether the kindly offices of the United States had been offered in the Boer-British Shafroth replied that he did not. "But

he added, "I would thank God if such were the case." He asked if Mr. Smith had any information upon the subject Smith replied that he was not authorized to speak for the administration, but that if

our government was requested to act by that both Dewey and Schurman had abso- would be willingly placed at their disposal. "Do you know that such an offer has been "Such information would be peared as Aguinaldo's army vanished before through our diplematic channels in London

and Pretoria," responded Smith. "But o

Pettigrew, who had listened attentively to TAFT STATES HIS PLANS

Will Return to America After Fin ishing His Work in the Islands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Judge William H Filipinos by American officers, in order that Taft, who was vesterday appointed president they might be turned in so as to get the of the new Philippine commission, will leave price offered for them. It is quite as well | Washington tonight for his home in Ohio known that the Schurman commission of To a representative of the Associated Press fered Aguinaldo what amounted to \$5,000 a the judge today stated that he would not year if he would lay down his arms.
"I charge," Pettigrew continued, "that the and that on his return to this country h remain in file islands longer than two years facts of this question are being withhheld would resume the practice of law. He would ernor general of the Philippines.

the commission was a most difficult one, but \$2 the chances for his nomination two years administration that the whole of Admiral he had strong hopes of being partly instrumental in giving to the Filipinos a civil government and a code which would secure to them the fullest possible measure of liberty and security to life and property. This that President Schurman did not regard he thought was worthy the ambition of any man, and although he did not doubt that the work in contemplation would be beset by many serious difficulties that fact did not deter him in the least. No great work had ever yet been accomplished without hin draces, and he felt sure that the end sough: fully justified the effort. He had no ulteriomotive, he said, in accepting the president of the commission, and he had no other thought than to return to the practice of his profession at the end of the two years, which he believed would be occupied in completing the work in hand.

> M'CALL STANDS OUT ALONE Not Agree with Other Repub licans on the Porto Rico

> Toriff Bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- It developed today, in connection with the Porto Rice tariff bill, that the republican majority of the ways and means committe was no unanimous for the measure, or for the prin ciple it involved as to the government of territorial acquisitions, and that Representative McCall, republican member of the committee from Massachusetts, had pre-

pared a strong dissenting report. When the ways and means passed on the bill last week Mr. McCall withheld his vote, the understanding being that he had not yet given that careful at tention to the issues involved necessary to permit him to vote either way. In other respects the vote was on party lines. the republican members except Mr. McCall voting for the bill and all the democrate against it. The ways and means committee at its meeting today reached an understanding that the debate on the Porto Rico bill would begin on the 15th inst. and last one week.

Contractors Sue Government. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- The Atlantic Contracting company, J. F. Gaynor, prostdent, has filed two suits in the United States do not like to be made the butt of a jest of court of claims against the United States, this kind. This is a serious question with one for \$709,797, and the other for \$249,342 These suits have grown out of the contracts entered into by the company with ex-Cap

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