

Mr. Hepburn's violent remarks were due to his temper and not his calm judgment. Here the matter rested.

After this incident there was an encounter between Mr. Mann, of Illinois, and Mr. Gaines, of Tennessee. The occasion of the quarrel was more or less obscure, turning on an alleged affront offered by Mr. Mann to Mr. Gaines's sensitive Southern sentiment.

The Tennessee statesman, with that thrilling footlight manner for which he is famous, denounced the slight aimed at his section as "devoid of common decency, courtesy and gentility."

Mr. Mann in return could only resort to irony. "If that remark," he retorted, "had come from any other member than the gentleman from Tennessee, it would deserve a reply; but from him it needs no answer."

This rejoinder brought a universal roar, relieving the incident from any further suspicion of seriousness.

On the final vote the opposition to Mr. Hepburn's measure melted hopelessly away, and the bill was passed, 225 to 45.

The announcement was received with a whirlwind of applause from the floor and galleries.

Those who voted "No" were:

- Acheson, Dougherty, Littlefield, Burton, Fletcher, Neville, Cannon, Gillett (Mass.), Tucker, Clark (Mo.), Graham, Stratton, Coker, King, Stewart (Wis.), Cowherd, King, Thayer, Dabell, Lester, Thayer, DeArmond, Levy, Vandiver, Lacey, Littauer.

TEXT OF THE BILL AS PASSED.

The text of the bill as passed is as follows: Be it enacted, etc., That the President of the United States be and he is hereby authorized to acquire for the States of Costa Rica and Nicaragua...

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defence of these possessions will fall to the Navy, and the work of surveying them will familiarize the officers with every detail of the matter that directly affects the efficiency of the fleet, but the efficiency of our naval personnel in time of war.

The arguments to which we have alluded may seem sufficient to demand that the work be assigned to the Navy as a measure of National defence, but we have in addition the obvious fact that the Navy has the necessary fleet and trained personnel now on the scene ready to do the work. Very sincerely yours, C. H. STOCKTON, Captain, U. S. N., President.

BUSINESS IN THE SENATE.

PETTIGREW AND TURNER ATTACK THE ADMINISTRATION—THE CLARK CASE.

Washington, May 2.—Consideration of the Army Appropriation bill in the Senate today developed a debate on the treatment of the volunteer soldiers sent to the Philippines that at times was bitter.

Mr. Turner, of Washington, made a vicious attack on the Administration because of the accommodations furnished to the volunteers on the transports returning from the Philippines. He was followed by Mr. Pettigrew, who in a long speech violently arraigned the Government for not discharging the South Dakota volunteers when their time had expired.

Before the consideration of the Army bill, on which no progress was made, Mr. Mason delivered a speech on the investigations made by the Committee on Manufactures, of which he is chairman, into the adulteration of food. He strongly urged that Congress should take immediate action to remedy existing evils.

Just before adjournment a sharp colloquy occurred over the proposed consideration of the resolution to unseat Mr. Clark, of Montana, which incited the unanimous recommendation of the Committee on Privileges and Elections which was sharply contested.

Mr. Hoar gave notice that to-morrow, at the conclusion of morning business, he would move to proceed to the consideration of the resolution declaring Mr. Clark not entitled to his seat.

Mr. Bates said sufficient time had not been had yet by Senators to consider the case. He was assured by Mr. Hoar that proper time would be granted without a doubt.

Mr. Chandler said that reasonable time would be given, but unreasonable delay would not be submitted to.

Mr. Bacon said there might be a difference of opinion as to what constituted reasonable delay. "The Senator," he said, "evidently desires to rush this question to a vote, but it is too important a matter for hurried action. I know of no man who has had the courage to do this until now, and I do not believe any Senator desires unduly to delay consideration of the resolution."

Mr. Stewart suggested that there ought to be no attempt to rush the matter, as it would require a record of the testimony in the case and the testimony in the Senate that would require Senators to examine them at their leisure.

Mr. Hoar said the statement of Mr. Stewart could be taken only as a threat to have the three volumes of testimony read in the Senate. He had heard Mr. Hoar say that he would not attempt to do this, and he would not do it.

Mr. Hoar said that he would demand a debate and a definite action if such tactics were resorted to. He then adjourned the Senate adjourned.

COAL CONTRACTS FOR THE NAVY.

PROVIDING SUPPLIES IN EVERY FOREIGN PORT LIKELY TO BE VISITED BY AMERICAN WARSHIPS.

Washington, May 2 (Special).—Rear-Admiral Bradford executed contracts today to supply coal to warships in every foreign port likely to be visited by American naval vessels for the next year. These ports include nearly all the important harbors on the globe, except those in the actual possession of the United States where the Government maintains its own ports.

The contracts stipulate that the coal shall be of the best quality and that the price shall be fixed by the market quotations, but in many cases the price is fixed by the contract. The contracts are made with great firms that practically control the supply of various parts of the world and fix a maximum price for the commodity at each port for United States National vessels. A clause gives the United States the benefit of any fall in the market.

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AN INVALID'S LIFE WORK.

CHARLES A. CHEEVER DEAD—PARALYZED FROM INFANCY, HE GAINED FAME AS AN INVENTOR.

A New-Yorker died yesterday who all his life accomplished results under a handicap that seemed actually prohibitive and overwhelming. Paralyzed from his waist down, his physical development stunted at an early age, weighing not more than seventy pounds at manhood, unable to set his feet on the ground, obliged to be borne about in the arms of an attendant everywhere he wanted to go, Charles A. Cheever's indomitable spirit carried his frail and shrivelled body far toward the front in the race with his fellow men for success, for wealth and for distinction.

Invention was his hobby, but, unlike most inventors, he had business ability enough to grasp the commercial rewards which the world owed to the creations of his fertile brain, and although it was reported that one time he did lose considerable money, he left, it is said, a comfortable estate.

Mr. Cheever died at the home of his father and mother, John H. and Fannie D. Cheever, at Wave Crest, Far Rockaway, yesterday morning. He was in his forty-eighth year. Death came unexpectedly. He was attacked by the grip about a week ago. While his illness was severe, it was not the cause of his death. He died from heart trouble. Mr. Cheever was an interesting man and his life was unique in many respects.

Possessed of an active brain, determination, energy, pluck, and a faculty for organization, he utilized every power to the utmost. He was particularly interested in the development of electricity and the major part of his life was devoted to the exploitation of electrical inventions which he patented. Many of them, while not fundamental in their character, so improved the invention of others that they were generally adopted.

He obtained patents on electric grill drills, electrical appliances for elevators, telephone appliances and electric fire engines. The larger part of his patents were for improvements to telephones. It is said that his patented inventions numbered more than one hundred.

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AGED MINISTER FOUND DEAD.

HE LIVED ALONE, COOKING HIS MEALS AND CARING FOR HIMSELF.

The Rev. James W. Bonham, eighty years old, a retired Episcopal minister, was yesterday afternoon found dead in his home, No. 75 East One-hundred-and-eighty-st. He had lived alone on the first floor of the apartment house there for six years, cooking his meals and caring for himself, with the exception of some little attention from Mrs. Quinn, the janitress. He is said to have no family in this city, but is supposed to have two grown sons in the West.

Mr. Bonham was last seen alive on Monday night. Mrs. Quinn did not disturb him Tuesday morning as she thought he was unwell, but knocked at his door yesterday. Receiving no response, she sent for a friend of Mr. Bonham, in the Bible House, Astor Place. A young man went to the house, but as he could not get into Mr. Bonham's apartment, he called the janitress, who opened the door through the transom. The body of Mr. Bonham, partially dressed, was lying on the floor. The doctor, who responded to an ambulance call said that the man had been dead for a day or two, and that death was due to heart disease, supposed to be old age. A policeman was stationed to watch the body until the arrival of the Coroner and the Public Administrator.

OFFICERS AND MASTERS DINED.

NINTH DISTRICT ENTERTAINS AT THE GERMAN MASONIC TEMPLE—SOME OF THE GUESTS PRESENT.

The masters of the Ninth Masonic District last evening at the German Masonic Temple, No. 220 East Fifteenth-st., gave a dinner to the officers of the Grand Lodge and others.

Some of the guests present were: Grand Master Wright D. Pownall, of New York; Grand Master-elect Charles W. Mead, of Albany; Deputy Grand Master-elect Albert D. Crandall, of Brooklyn; Junior Grand Warden Frank H. Robinson, of Horneville, N. Y.; Grand Secretary Edward M. L. Ehlers, of New York; Past Grand Master William Sherer, of New York; Past Grand Master John Williams, of New York; and Past Grand Master William Williams, of New York.

The dinner was served at 7 o'clock. District Deputy Grand Master Frederick Zimmer presided and made the opening speech. He was followed by Grand Master Pownall, Grand Master-elect Mead, Deputy Grand Master-elect Crandall, Past Grand Masters Junior Grand Warden Robinson, Jacob E. Eidl and his assistants, District Deputy Grand Master Williams, and Past Grand Master Williams.

The committee in charge was composed of Jacob Eidl, Julius Heidermann, H. J. Schreiber, Leopold Friesen and John D. Strohmman.

GRAND LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS.

MR. POWNALL DECLINES TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE—MONEY FOR OTTAWA SUFFERERS.

The Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of the State of New York, continued its annual convention yesterday morning at the Masonic Temple, Twenty-third-st. and Sixth-ave. Grand Master Wright D. Pownall presided, but during the election of officers in Past Grand Master-elect Albert D. Crandall, of Rochester, took the chair. Mr. Pownall was elected Grand Master, but declined the office. The following officers were then elected: Grand Master, Charles W. Mead, of Albany; Deputy Grand Master, Albert D. Crandall, of Brooklyn; Junior Grand Warden, Charles W. Mead, of Albany; Senior Grand Warden, Judge Frank H. Robinson, of Horneville; Grand Secretary, Edward M. L. Ehlers, of New York City.

The report of the committee of the Grand Master of the sum of \$2,000 was voted for the relief of sufferers from the Ottawa fire. A telegram was sent at the request of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, telling him of that action.

The report of the committee on Deceased Brethren, by the Right Worshipful and Rev. George Van De Water, the Grand Chaplain, was described as a notable document. A special tribute was paid to the memory of Alexander H. Hobart. The afternoon session lasted only half an hour. An adjournment was taken to this morning.

YACHT RACING FIXTURES, 1900.

Owing to the Atlantic Yacht Club not arranging its program of racing for the season, it has not been possible so far to give a complete list of the racing fixtures, and with several dates in the subjoined list the word "probably" is added to proposed race days of this club, because in these cases they have only been announced as probabilities.

May 16, Saturday—Huguenot Y. C., special regatta. May 17, Sunday—Huguenot Y. C., special regatta. May 18, Saturday—Larchmont Y. C., opening day. May 20, Wednesday—Harlem Y. C., annual regatta. May 20, Wednesday—New Haven Y. C., opening regatta. May 20, Wednesday—Atlantic Y. C., opening day and regatta. May 20, Wednesday—Penauque Corinthian Y. C., opening regatta. May 20, Wednesday—Brooklyn Y. C., opening and review. May 20, Wednesday—Mansuet Bay Y. C., annual regatta. June 2, Saturday—Knickerbocker Y. C., opening regatta. June 2, Saturday—Brooklyn Y. C., special regatta. June 2, Saturday—Atlantic Y. C., special regatta. June 12, Tuesday—Atlantic Y. C., annual regatta. June 13, Wednesday—Atlantic Y. C., smaller classes regatta. June 14, Thursday—New York Y. C., fifty-fourth annual regatta. June 16, Saturday—Larchmont Y. C., spring regatta. June 16, Saturday—New York Y. C., Glen Cove Cup races. June 21, Thursday—Sawannah Corinthian Y. C., special regatta. June 22, Friday—Sawannah Corinthian Y. C., special regatta. June 23, Saturday