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IMPORTANT TOPICS

How the Statesmen Were Engaged Yesterday.

TALK OF SILVER.

The Western Union Telegraph-Tariff Talk Begun—The Chinese Question Up.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The chair laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Navy transmitting for information copies of the drawings and reports of the recent survey of the Nicaragua canal route made by civil engineer Menocal of the navy.

WHAT ARE PRIVATE PAPERS.

Mr. MORRIS'S remarks were very brief, and when he had concluded Mr. Callahan asked him to furnish the papers called for by the Senate, was a denial of the rights of the Senate to inquire into the management of public offices. Reply as to the remarks of the Senator from West Virginia, Mr. Kennis, as to what constituted private papers, Mr. Callahan said, "the instance or relevancy of papers must be judged by their substance. If the President has removed no officers except for cause such papers must be filed, indeed such documents had been filed by the present administration."

Mr. Callahan then read the celebrated confidential letter of Postmaster-General Vilas showing that direct evidence was required in such cases. He stated that the Postmaster-General stated that he spoke for the President. If such papers were now on file the Senate was entitled to them and the President was bound to furnish them.

Mr. Maxey followed Mr. Callahan. He opposed the resolution and urged that the majority of the committee. However much the issue might be disclosed, he said the subject was not to be discussed or removed of officers.

It was an attempt to do indirectly what he could not do directly. The report of the majority Mr. Maxey characterized as simply a stump speech signed by the majority of the committee. A complaint, he said, was made in that majority report that 643 suspensions had been made under this administration. The committee had no right to say that Mr. Maxey said, was that there had not been ten times 643.

A REPUBLICAN STATEMENT. Following Mr. Callahan's speech Mr. Dolph took the floor in support of the majority report. The first consideration to which Mr. Dolph addressed himself was that involved in the question of the discharge of a man from the Army committed to the hands of a State. A complaint, he said, was made in that majority report that 643 suspensions had been made under this administration. The committee had no right to say that Mr. Maxey said, was that there had not been ten times 643.

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Prospect of a Speedy and Long Settlement.

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WASHINGTON OCCURRENCES

Gen. Crook Denies a False-Indian Rumor.

SENATORIAL WILL.

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