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## MR. DALZELL ANGRY

### Denounces Action of Democratic Members

### "ASININE AND IDIOTIC"

### Sweeping Cloture Rule Adopted by the House

Very Little Power Left to the Minority—Dalzell Asserts That Purpose of Rule is to Expedite Business—Hears Conversations Occur Between Members During the Session But the House Finally Settles Down to Business.

Washington, April 4.—By adopting a sweeping cloture rule in the House of Representatives today the republicans left to the democrats only very limited powers. No longer can a filibuster be conducted against sending to conference bills with senate amendments; no longer can a motion to close debate be amended or discussed and no longer can a motion to adjourn take precedence over a motion to take a recess.

In presenting the rule Mr. Dalzell characterized the Democratic filibuster of the last few days as "asinine, idiotic and a disgrace to grown men of full stature."

The democrats were afforded no opportunity to talk on the proposition and were ridden over rough shod. They tried to get even a time afterwards by various ways seeking to amend the District of Columbia appropriation bill and then forcing divisions of the house, but the republicans, observing the tactics that were being pursued, secured a ruling from the chair that all the motions were dilatory. From that time on for the remainder of the session the House resumed its wonted aspect and business proceeded in an orderly manner.

One of the few privileges left to the democrats was to force a roll call on adjournment and this they did, but to no avail as the motion carried overwhelmingly and adjournment was held at 5:36 p. m. adjourned until Monday.

After Mr. Williams, the minority leader, had forced a roll call on the adoption of the journal Mr. Dalzell presented the rule. When the reading of the rule was concluded Mr. Williams asked:

"Will the minority have the usual twenty minutes to discuss this rule?" Mr. Williams inquired.

"They will not," curtly replied Mr. Dalzell.

"I just wanted the House and the country to know that fact," Mr. Williams remarked.

Mr. Dalzell then reiterated his statement made yesterday that the purpose of the rule was to expedite House business; "to release the House from the grasp of this idiotic filibuster inaugurated by the gentleman from Mississippi."

Mr. Dalzell said the rule would enable the majority "to enact and make into law the great supply bills upon which the existence of the country depends."

Mr. Dalzell, referring to the Democratic filibuster, said:

"Now the gentleman from Mississippi says he has not indulged in a filibuster. Does he believe he can fool the people of this country by any such statement as that? Does he believe that the people can be persuaded that any principle is involved in a demand for the yeas and nays on the adoption of the journal and then vote for its adoption? Can any man conceive a more asinine performance than that?"

"Does the gentleman believe he can fool the people of this country into believing that there is any principle involved in demanding the yeas and nays on a motion to consider and pass the great supply bills on which the existence of the country depends?"

He enquired if Mr. Williams believed he could persuade the people that there is any principle involved in a call for the yeas and nays on a motion to adjourn at half past nine o'clock at night?"

"Mr. Payne had been criticised," he said, "because he had spoken of this performance as 'puerile'." "Puerile," he said, "it is childish, imbecile, a disgrace to grown men of full stature."

Referring to the story related by Mr. Williams yesterday in which he spoke of his "Mammy" telling her "little Johnny" not to be afraid of a Chinese dinner gong, Mr. Dalzell contemptuously exclaimed: "Now think of that same 'little Johnny' rising to a motion to adjourn."

"Little Johnny," he said, "is unwilling to take his dolls and dishes and go home without the exhibition of this last piece of statesmanship in calling for the yeas and nays on a motion to adjourn."

He then peremptorily moved the previous question on the resolution.

Speaker Cannon put the question and declared the motion carried and immediately got into a lively controversy with Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams protested that he had requested a division of the vote, but the speaker held he was too late. After an exchange of opinions on the subject, Speaker Cannon resorted to the unusual course of having the stenographic notes read to justify his contention that Mr. Williams was too late with his motion.

"Those notes tell a lie," Mr. Favrot Louisiana, shouted and several democrats appealed to Mr. Williams to stand firm, but Mr. Williams said:

"I admit, Mr. Speaker, that I am in fault and not the speaker."

"You are not in fault," Mr. Favrot asserted. "That statement is not true." Mr. Williams forced a roll call on the adoption of the rule and it was adopted, 133 to 119.

Consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill then was resumed after another roll call.

Mr. Henry, Texas, moved to amend the bill by striking out the first six words. The amendment was lost, and it thereupon became evident that the democrats would place every obstacle in the way of the bill.

One after another they verbally offered amendments. Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who occupied the chair announced his purpose to not entertain any amendment not in writing.

Immediately Mr. Mann, of Illinois, arose with a pro forma amendment to strike out the last word. The democrats as a man demanded that he be required to put the amendment in writing, whereupon Mr. Dalzell curtly notified them that he would use his own discretion as to that.

Mr. Mann then moved to close the debate on the paragraph but the democrats exhausted all their parliamentary rights before the motion was carried.

The democrats sent up their amendments in writing. Some of them struck out a few words while others a whole clause. They all were voted down. Finally Mr. Gardner, of Michigan, made the point of order against the last amendment offered, remarking that the amendment was dilatory. The chair sustained the point.

"I appeal," shouted Mr. Leake, of New Jersey. This brought Mr. Payne to his feet with a point of order that the appeal also was dilatory and the chair sustained him.

Mr. Sulzer got the floor and commenced to denounce "gag-rule" when he was shut off by Mr. Dalzell, on a point of order by Mr. Vreeland, of New York.

The democrats then availed themselves of their right to make pro forma amendments to ask explanations, and one after another got up and caused Mr. Gardner to reply. They also forced repeated divisions of the House and votes by tellers.

Throughout the remainder of the day a little or no obstruction to the District bill was offered. When it was finally laid aside considerable progress had been made.

Following a roll call on adjournment which was forced by the democrats, the House adjourned until Monday.

### IN COMMAND OF FLEET

Rear Admiral Thomas Transfers His Flag From the Minnesota to the Connecticut.

Santiago Cal. April 4.—Rear Admiral C. M. Thomas, acting commander in chief of the Atlantic battleship fleet today transferred his flag from the Minnesota to the Connecticut which carried Rear Admiral Evans' ensign on the long cruise from Hampton Roads and which rejoined the fleet in Magdalena bay late last night after bringing Admiral Evans to Santiago.

With the elevation of Admiral Thomas Rear Admiral Sperry becomes second in command of the fleet, and it is stated that when the ships set sail from Magdalena bay the Alabama, his flagship, will be at the end of the second squadron.

Target practice at Magdalena is ended. It is the general belief that one of the battleships has surpassed the record recently made by the Maryland of the Pacific squadron. The battleships and armored cruisers are in the same class as the computation of target records.

The fact that none of the big armored ships from the Atlantic has broken the Maryland's record does not mean that they have not done splendid work. In fact, it is declared the scores when given out at the navy department in Washington will show a higher average percentage of hits per minute than ever before attained by the navy.

The Kentucky, Virginia, Connecticut, Louisiana and Minnesota are looked upon as likely to head the list of Atlantic ships. Some of the ships, it is believed, will be found to have made the wonderful record of averaging more than six hits a minute, the gun, this average including the scores of the big 8-inch and 12-inch turret rifles. Record target practice with the target anchored 300 yards away at the apex of a triangle, really means a test in the facility of firing. It is not the number of hits that count.

The auxiliary cruiser Buffalo which arrived yesterday with mail from the fleet left for Magdalena bay again at 1 o'clock this afternoon carrying the mail to the fleet.

In spite of the increased cost of living it costs no more this year to dream about summer vacations than it ever did.—New York Mail.

## CLOSED ITS DOORS THE ANTI-TRUST LAW

### Fifth Avenue Hotel Goes Out of Existence

### A HISTORIC LANDMARK HEARD BY COMMITTEE

### Notable Party Gather to Bid the Old Place Farewell

Was one of the Most Famous Hostleries in City—Noted As Headquarters of Republican Party of New York—Amen Corner Had Made and Unmade President and Governors.

New York, April 4.—At midnight tonight the Fifth Avenue Hotel, one of the most famous hostleries of the city ended its existence of half a century but not until the old timers had once more sat upon the plush covered seats in the amen corner and once more breathed an acquiescent amen to the words of the "easy boss" whose political plans, there promulgated, gave the spot world renown. In the old days Tom Platt was secretive. Tonight he confessed that the amen corner had "made and unmade presidents." Chauncey Depew spoke with caution when a part of the inner circle in days gone by. Tonight he fairly boasted that he had known governors, "who thought they did things from the executive chamber, but they were done from the amen corner."

It was a jolly, half sorrowful party that gathered to bid the old place good bye.

After forty-nine years of life as a hotel, during half of which time it served as the headquarters of the republican party of the state, the house is to be torn away to make room for a monster office building.

Brought to the entrance in a wheel chair and further assisted by a friend on either side, Senator Platt tottered to the amen corner and again heard the shouts of "Platt! Platt! Platt!" The aged senator was affected but managed to speak for some moments to the crowd that surged about him which was kept from pressing too closely upon the sacred spot only by a cordon of police.

Senator Platt said in part: "Any effort, the very slightest, to express what I feel at the thought of the removal of the historic landmark which was my home for all of thirty-three years would compel me to take my seat in silence, so I must avoid that subject and assume a cheerfulness which I have not got. This noble edifice, in its day, one of the most imposing in our city, even now in its majestic simplicity is good to look at. The Fifth Avenue Hotel has entertained in its day a larger number of the great of the earth, whose plans for social and commercial enterprises and improvements were here matured and executed than has any other house in America, but perhaps its chief fame will remain in its long association with the republican party. The sentiment born of the large experience and considerable judgment of the popular leaders who composed the republican organization and who habitually assembled here, and from here dispersed throughout the state with a common purpose and an harmonious understanding has made and unmade presidents and governors; has determined party platforms and policies both in the state and nation and has exercised a controlling influence upon affairs for a period of time within which the republican party achieved its greatest successes and the people of the state their largest measure of prosperity. That is a glory which will be associated with the spot for many years to come."

Then there were cries for "Chauncey" and Senator Depew stepped upon the historic bench. "I have sat on this bench on and off for forty years; I have heard many great questions discussed as to what was the capital, and the capital has always been found in this corner. I saw Blaine, Conkling, Grant and Arthur sit here. I have seen this corner filled with men in uniforms; but at other times by men who wanted to be decorated with uniforms. I do not believe there ever will be a spot in the state or country where so much of influence and power will go out to make for history as the amen corner."

Contributions to Catherine Kennedy Home

Contributions to the Catherine Kennedy Home for February and March: Mrs. Wilder, oranges, eggs, potatoes; Mrs. Robt. Ruark, oranges; A friend, coffee; Mrs. Jake Solomon, books; Mr. J. A. Montgomery, oysters, ham; A friend, turkey, soup; Mr. Sam Bear & Son, coffee; Mrs. B. F. Hall, oysters; A friend, coffee; Mr. Will Rehder, carnations; Mr. J. Hicks Bunting, drugs; Mr. R. R. Bellamy, drugs; Mr. J. A. Springer, ice.

The monthly meeting will be held at the Home on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

See the fine Millinery at Rehder's.

## END OF A MURDER TRIAL

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### Inspecting Moving Picture Shows—No Hool Weevil in North Carolina—Sales of Fertilizers About Normal.

### MISS ROOSEVELT AT THROTTLER

Brought Train Into Atlanta Six Minutes Ahead of Schedule.

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"I'm sorry it's over with," she said to Engineer John T. Still, when the train slowed down and came to a stand still under the shed. "This has been the jolliest hour of my whole life. I guess I'm the only president's daughter who ever ran an engine."

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Turning, Mr. Still saw the daughter of the president of the United States on the tender of the engine.

Engineer Still stretched forth his big hand and lifted her to the seat near him. "I suppose you'd like to run the Mogul," he asked.

"Oh! If you would be good enough to let me," answered Miss Ethel. A minute later her palm had closed over the throttle.

"Now pull open the lever," said the engineer. Miss Ethel pulled with all her might and off rolled the train while she laughed delightedly at what she had done.

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WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Miss Roberson Perishes in Flames That Destroy Her Home

Raleigh, N. C., April 4.—When in response to an alarm early today the fire department at Beaufort, N. C. reached the residence of Miss Henrietta Roberson, the building was enveloped in flames and all escape cut off. The woman was burned to death and the building destroyed.

Miss Roberson was one of two sisters who made the confederate flag which was taken from the Tenth North Carolina regiment by the Fourth Rhode Island and which was returned by the latter to the state of North Carolina at a noted celebration here in June, 1905.

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Anna Gould is evidently willing to give the whole blame family a chance at her fortune.—Detroit News.