

VERBAL BATTLE WAS ANIMATED.

Senate Handles a Very Ticklish Question Without Gloves.

SAMPSON, SCHLEY, WHICH?

**question as to Which of the Two
Should Receive Promotion Re-
garding the Naval Battle.**

Washington, Jan. 23.—The entire executive session of the Senate today was devoted wholly to the discussion of the promotion of Admiral George Dewey and other naval officers engaged in the Spanish campaign over the heads of officers who were more senior in rank.

The controversy was then postponed for twenty days, after a vote had been taken to call for the records of the many important hearings upon the conduct of all officers by the advancement.

The question arose over the resolution of which Senator Schley was the author. For those documents, as well as for the records of the debate, the records for the advancement, but the resolution was modified so as to recognize the recent vote.

The final vote was taken by Mr. Hale laying his resolution on the table, and this was done.

After the vote, Mr. Sampson rose to speak without further division.

For three hours previous to this, however, an estimated half hour, which involved many interests, and participated to a large number of men, the Senate first over the general policy of promoting these officers over others, who were characterized as quite as good, if not better, than those whom they were deprived of such active participation in the war, and second, as to the relative merits of Sampson and Schley.

The method of the administration was defended by Mrs. Hale, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Lodge.

Senator Wellington was especially anxious in his advocacy of the claims of Admiral Schley and his present position, and it was decided that he should not be preferred over Schley, he and his Democratic colleague, Mr. Gorman, made the statement that if the Senate did not accept the bill, it would demonstrate beyond a possible question the fact that Schley and not Sampson deserved the battle promotion.

The committee on naval affairs took

nineteen minutes over the resolution.

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Athens, Jan. 23.—There have been fresh earthquakes shock today in the interior of the Philippines, particularly in the provinces of Aklan and Panay. In the interior of Messina the Indians came.

In the town of Kyrenia a number of British subjects were killed yesterday when a steamer exploded this afternoon, injuring many. In one village fifty children were injured.

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Birmingham, Eng., Jan. 23.—At the annual banquet of the Birmingham chamber of commerce this evening the Duke of Devonshire, president of the council of ministers, said it would be safe to presume that the commanding officer in the British army of partition of Persia had no anxiety that the relations of the queen and foreign countries would develop a condition which might prove as dangerous as that which was investigating connection had developed in connection with the army here.

Senator Lodge voted in favoring this policy, adding to the Duke of Devonshire, "I hope you will be able to have some information made available to the Senate, to show that the conduct of the Duke of Devonshire was not in accordance with the facts."

"I think," said his Grace, "that the traditions of etiquette at the foreign office demanded it would be impossible for me to do otherwise." He added, "I think we have understood the Duke of Devonshire, and the friends of the latter have learned that they intended to make a reverse movement with the British and come in as a direct opposite to that made by the French and Spanish. But I am afraid the Duke of Devonshire in the beginning, it was reported that these facts were causing them some trouble."

The Duke of Devonshire said that they had nothing to fear from having all the facts known. Extending his hand to the Foreign Minister, he said, "I hope you will be able to have some information made available to the Senate, to show that the conduct of the Duke of Devonshire was not in accordance with the facts."

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British Ambassador on Fire.

Lisbon, Jan. 23.—The British ambassador, Bernard Hall, Captain Hartwell, with several members of his staff, were compelled to leave their residence in the early morning because of a fire which had broken out in the building shortly after breakfast.

During the night, the fire was extinguished, but the ambassador and his wife were unable to sleep because of the smoke.

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