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had heretofore been discussed only in executive session. The news travelled rapidly through the Capitol, and the galleries were soon filled with interested listeners.

It is reported that Senator Edmund has of late changed his mind on the subject of secret sessions, and that he now favors the consideration of the President's nominations in open session, and that he will make a speech in support of Mr. Platt's open session resolution.

The debate on the bill for the relief of Fritz-John Porter was begun in the House on Thursday, and by special order the debate is to continue without interruption after the morning hours every day until Thursday next, when it will be closed by the previous question.

A large delegation of Indians, from Indian Territory, are here to protest against the passage of the bill providing for allotment of their land in severalty. The President gave his third State dinner on Thursday evening in honor of the Justices of the Supreme Court, and on Friday evening entertained the Diplomatic Corps.

On Thursday evening the final reception of the present Chinese Minister, Cheng Tsao Ju, prior to his departure to his native land was given. Nearly all of the members of the Diplomatic Corps were present, as were also the members of the Cabinet and many Senators and Congressmen.

During several years past there has been a disagreement between the professors at the Naval Observatory and the officers of the Navy over the control of that institution, and that the officers of that service should have charge of the work, while the professors claim that it is purely a scientific institution, and should be controlled by scientific men.

A site for a new observatory was bought by the Government, but no appropriation for the building has been made by Congress owing to the disagreement, that has existed as to its management.

The American Academy of Sciences, to whom the question was referred, have recently submitted a report, in which, after reviewing the history of the institution, they hold that it has long since ceased to perform any distinctive naval functions, and that it properly should be placed in charge of civilians, and should be known now as the National Observatory.

Now that the status of the institution has been established, it is expected that Congress will provide for the erection of suitable buildings.

Hancock At Rest. NEW YORK, February 14.—The ceremonies incident to the obsequies of the late Major General Hancock in this city yesterday were noteworthy for their extreme simplicity.

A great concourse swarmed around the Norristown depot as the funeral train rolled in, and, stretched up Main street, the spectators stood massed along the sidewalks, vast opposing banks of solemn, eager faces.

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A Blasphemer's End. On Thursday a week a patent medicine pedler named Samuel Motter, aged 55 years, entered a bar room in Millersburg, and during a discussion upon religious subjects dared the men present to engage in an impoverished Lord's Supper.

Governor Seymour Dead. UTICA, N. Y., February 12.—Ex-Governor Seymour died at exactly 10 o'clock to-night at the residence of his sister Mrs. Roscoe Conkling.

Catherman's Hearing. SUNBURY, Pa., Feb. 11.—The adjourned hearing of Charles Catherman, the young man from Lewisburg, charged with robbing the mails, was called up by United States Commissioner J. H. McDewitt at 10 o'clock this morning.

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