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Review of the Work of a Day in Congress.

MORGAN'S SPEECH WAS PROSY

His Defense of the Cubans Lacked Oratorical Fireworks Necessary to Arouse Enthusiasm—Consideration of the Indian Bill in the House.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The continuation of the speech of Senator Morgan (Dem., Ala.) in the Senate today in support of the concurrent resolution for the recognition of Cuban belligerency did not arouse a particle of the excitement and enthusiasm which the first part of the speech, last Thursday, together with the other speeches of that day aroused. It was too much of a historical and academic recital, interspersed with the reading of too many letters and reports (for the most part tedious and pretentious) to attract attention or to arouse enthusiasm. The only forcible parts of it were these: "Mr. Morgan expressed his astonishment that, in view of the Spanish atrocities in the island of Cuba, the republic could sit indifferently by, knowing the facts, and not unsheath the sword, and strike to death the brutal monarch who infested them. And he declared that the American people could go no further in their forbearance without a stain on the national honor." He will finish his speech tomorrow.

The resolution of Mr. Lodge (Rep., Mass.) for an inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the recent bond issues was taken up and discussed till the close of the morning hour, when it went to the calendar without action. In opposing it, Mr. Lodge's speech characterized it as a "stab in the dark," and as having no foundation, but "the wails and complaints of disappointed bondholders."

The Senate today confirmed the following nominations: John H. Harlow, of Missouri, and William G. Rice, of New York, to the office of commissioners; William W. Baldwin, of New York, to be third assistant secretary of state.

EDUCATION OF INDIANS.

The perennial contest over the appropriation of money for the education of Indian children at contract sectarian schools came up in the House today in the course of the consideration of the Indian appropriation bill, and was fought out in an hour and a half.

The result was that by a vote of 92 to 64 provisions were inserted in the bill that the interior shall make contracts with present contract schools for the education of Indian pupils to an extent not exceeding 50 per cent of the amount so used for the fiscal year 1896, was stricken out on motion of Mr. Linton (Rep., Mich.) and an amendment inserted prohibiting the secretary of the interior from spending any of the money appropriated for education in a sectarian institution under existing conditions only (the bill as amended).

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