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# ROOMMATE OF LING CONFESSED

## Chinaman Arrested at West Galway Under Terrific Pressure of the "Third Degree."

## TELLS HOW ELSIE SIGEL MET DEATH

**First Drugged with Chloroform and then Strangled—Saw Ling Preparing to Place the Body in the Trunk—Described Everything Except the Actual Commission of the Crime—Real Murderer Not Yet Caught.**

New York, June 22.—Baited and intimidated by detectives, threatened with prosecution and confused with rapid-fire questions, Chung Sin, one-time roommate of Leon Ling, told this afternoon of Elsie Sigel's murder. Under the terrific pressure of the "third degree," the little Chinaman admitted that he had seen the body in Leon Ling's room over the Eighth avenue chop suey restaurant, that he had touched it while it was still warm, that he had smelled drugs and had watched Leon Ling's preparations for placing the body in the trunk, where it was found partly decomposed on Friday night last.

**Denied Any Implication in the Crime.**

In fact, Chung Sin, if what was learned at the criminal courts building is correct, described almost everything concerning the murder of Major General Franz Sigel's granddaughter except the actual commission of the crime. He denied any implication in it, and protested stoutly that he was ignorant of the whereabouts of Leon Ling, the supposed murderer. But after the inquisition he was taken before Coroner Harburger and held in $10,000 bail in the house of detention to await the inquest.

**Persistent Hammering Brought Confession.**

Chung Sin is 35 years old, and a native of Canton. He was arrested yesterday morning at West Galway, N. Y., a small hamlet near Amsterdam and was brought to New York this morning in custody of Detective John Forbes. Immediately after his arrest up state and all during the trip by train to this city he was plied with questions, bullied, persuaded and entangled in a mass of significant questions. It was not until late today, however, that his spirit was sufficiently broken or sufficient inducements offered, as the case may be, for him to cast aside the veil of stolidness that he had maintained and tell of the death of the young missionary which has aroused the whole country. Then, smoking cigarette after cigarette to quiet his nerves, the Chinaman told brokenly, but with brutal bluntness, of the girl's death. He was surrounded at the time in the office of Assistant District Attorney Theodore H. Ward by detectives from headquarters, who had previously put him through a grilling. Mr. Ward and District Attorney Jerome also were present, and from what can be learned it was Mr. Jerome himself who finally drew the story from Chung Sin's lips. He was told that Leon Ling had been captured and had laid the blame upon his (Chung Sin's) shoulders. This, together with the persistent hammering at the prisoner, brought the confession. It was made partly in English and partly in Chinese, for there was an interpreter present, and was taken down by stenographers. No statement of his was made public, but the more salient facts of the confession soon became known about the building.

**Drugged and Strangled.**

From the man's story it is apparent that Elsie was first drugged with chloroform and then choked to death. She was killed apparently on the night of June 9, although Chung Sin appeared a little mixed in his dates. But he says that early in the morning of June 10 he heard a strange noise in Leon's room, adjoining him, and, looking over the transom, saw the girl lying on the bed with a bloody towel over her mouth. He passed through the room, he says, to go out to wash his hands, and as he did so felt of the body, which was still warm.

**Placed Body in a Trunk.**

Afterward he went down to the chop suey restaurant, below, and then returned to the room. Leon in the meantime had covered the body with a blanket up to the chin, and had pulled a trunk to the middle of the floor. This trunk Leon was calmly emptying preparatory to placing the body therein. The rope with which the body was bound was lying on the floor at the time, according to Chung Sin. Once again he went down stairs, said Chung Sin, where he remained until Leon called him. When he entered the room the body was not visible, having been bound with the rope and placed in the trunk.

At this point of the story the Chinaman was asked sarcastically if he had not assisted his pal in putting the body in the trunk.

Chung Sin started perceptibly, but said that he had had no hand in it.

"I didn't see her no more," said Chung Sin, "and when I asked Leon how she died, he said she had bitten her tongue and died to death."

Leon told him, Chung Sin added, that he was going to send the trunk to Jersey City, thence to Europe. As a matter of fact, it lay untouched in the stuffy little room until Sun Leong, proprietor of the restaurant below, noticed the odor about the building and summoned the police.

**Declined to Say Just What Happened in the Room.**

Until Chung Sin's complete account is made public it will not be explained why he saw the dead girl and the preparations for the removal of the body with such apparent unconcern at the time. Also, despite the repeated interrogations, he declined to say just what happened in the room when the girl was murdered. He admitted having heard a scuffle in the room during the night, and told of Elsie having arrived on the previous afternoon, the day when she disappeared from her home.

"Did Leon take her there, or did she go of her own accord?" he was asked.

"She went there alone," he replied.

"Was she in love with Leon, or Leon in love with her?" was another question.

At this Chung relapsed into silence, and then only smiled and shook his head. He indicated, however, that the girl had sought out the Chinaman.

**Explains His Sudden Disappearance.**

Taking up his own case, Chung Sin explained his sudden disappearance after the murder by saying that he had been employed by a well to do New Yorker, at whose country place near Amsterdam he was arrested yesterday. Chung says that he accepted this position in order to get out of town, having hurried from the scene of the murder in fear and sought out his brother in Chinatown, who procured him the position. He admitted having borrowed $200 from Chun Gain, proprietor of the Port Arthur restaurant in Chinatown, who is also held in connection with the case. Incidentally, he said that Leon Lin and Chu Gain had come to blows over the girl in Chinatown some weeks ago. The police theory is that Leon killed the girl because of her attentions to Chu Gain.

**No Clue to Ling's Whereabouts.**

The confession today serves but to clinch the already prevalent theory that Leon Ling killed the twenty-year-old girl, who was introduced to the way the Chinese live through her mother, now in a sanitarium crazed with grief. It does not, however, so far as can be learned, throw any light as to where the murderer is at present or the route which he took in his flight from the city, and the police throughout the United States and in many foreign ports are looking for the English-speaking oriental. Chu Gain, who was arraigned in the Tombs police court this morning, and discharged by a magistrate, was later re-arrested at the instance of Coroner Harburger and held in $1,000 bail by him as a material witness. During his examination by the coroner, Chu Gain, who speaks English very well, threw some interesting side lights on the case. He readily furnished bail after the examination. Three other Chinamen are still held as important witnesses.

**Many Things Learned Which Will Assist in Capturing Ling.**

Neither Mr. Jerome nor the coroner discussed Chu Sin's confession.

"I am aware of the nature of this testimony," said the coroner tonight, "but I cannot make it public." The district attorney has done effective work in handling the man and has learned many things which undoubtedly will assist in the capture of the murderer.

The confession in full will be placed before the grand jury.

One other arrest was made in the case tonight. A Chinaman who was mysteriously skulking about the Eighth avenue restaurant, which has been closed since the discovery of the murder, was captured by a policeman who has been on special duty there. The man had a key to the place, but declined to explain his mission. He gave the name of Joe Kay.

**Chinatown Stirred to Its Depths.**

Chinatown is stirred to its depths by the murder, and those among the Chinamen who have been converted to Christianity profess to be co-operating with the police in every possible manner. The Oriental club in Mott street, an organization composed of a number of leading Chinese, has offered a $500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderer.

### MORE OF THE CONFESSION.

**Actual Description of How the Crime Was Committed.**

New York, June 22.—More of Chung Sin's confession became known late tonight, giving the actual description of how the murder was committed.

"Elsie Sigel, the girl, was on the bed," said the Chinaman, while his hearers drew closer in horrified suspense, "and Leon was bending over her. A handkerchief was sticking out of her mouth and I saw the blood on it. She was fighting with him, but he only pressed the handkerchief harder into her mouth. Finally she struggled no more and lay still and Leon stood up and looked down at her."

Those who heard this recital were almost overcome with the thought that Chung Sin could have stood by in an adjoining room without raising a hand to prevent it.

One version of the Chinaman's confession, it is said, he admitted helping Leon Ling tie the trunk, although denying that he aided him in placing the body in it. He also admitted giving most of the money which he borrowed from Gain to Leon Ling to aid the latter in his flight from New York.

### HOTTEST JUNE 22D ON RECORD IN NEW YORK.

**Everybody Suffered — More Than Twenty Heat Prostrations — Two Suicides.**

New York, June 22.—It was sizzling hot here today—90 in the shade at noon and humid. Everybody suffered; the East Side fairly panted, and thousands took suburban car rides or a jaunt down to Coney and nearby beaches.

According to weather bureau records today was the hottest June 22 on record here. Thermometers registered as high as 91 at three p. m. with humidity at 47. Toward evening, however, the clouds gathered and a few rain drops fell, and as dusk came a fresh breeze pushed down the mercury and brought relief.

More than twenty heat prostrations occurred during the day in the great city, and at least two suicides were indirectly caused by the high temperature. Herbert Van Name, a passenger conductor from Binghamton, N. Y., whose train reached Jersey City last night, cut his throat early today, and Peter Sien, out of work and irritated by the heat, hanged himself in a basement.

**Death Sentence Commuted to Life Imprisonment.**

Washington, June 22.—President Taft today commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death imposed on Henry L. Schrifogle, alias "Ducky Holmes," convicted of the murder of Mrs. Mary A. Hamilton on November 29, 1907. He was to have been executed next Thursday.

**Work Begun on Cape Cod Canal.**

Sandwich, Mass., June 22.—In turning a spadeful of earth at Bournedale, half-way across Cape Cod, today, August Belmont of New York declared that a formal beginning had been made in the construction of the long looked for Cape Cod canal, and said that it would surely be pushed through to completion.

**Died at Age of 112 Years.**

Sedalia, Mo., June 22.—Mrs. Elizabeth Fix, aged 112 years, probably the oldest white person in Missouri, died at Smithton today. She was a native of Kentucky.

# Cabled Paragraphs

Great Marlow, Eng., June 22.—Edward John Gregory, R. A., president of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colors, died here today.

La Granja, Spain, June 22.—Queen Victoria gave birth to a daughter at 6.25 a. m. today. The mother of the king and the mother of the queen were at the latter's bedside.

Christiania, June 22.—Walter Wellman and the other members of the expedition that is to make an attempt to reach the north pole by balloon left here today for Tromsoe, on their way to Spitzbergen, where it is purposed to make the start.

St. Petersburg, June 22.—Prince Gregory Lvoff and M. Pollner, chairman and secretary of the United Zemstvo organization, will leave St. Petersburg this week for America to study immigration and transportation conditions in that country. Prince Lvoff will remain several months and M. Pollner one year in the United States.

### GARBAGE REDUCTION PLANT.

**New Bill Makes It Possible for By-Products Co. to Get Into East Lyme Under Good Conditions.**

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Hartford, June 22.—Some time since there was arranged by representatives of the Niantic and other shore people, the Niantic Menhaden Fish Oil and Guano company and other interests concerned in this subject of the establishment of a garbage reduction plant in East Lyme and the conduct of the business of the fish mill that a bill should be reported by the committee on public health and safety, at one of whose sessions the arrangement was made, a modification of the Gadbois bill which would make it possible for the Menhaden company to go on with its business in its present plant, but not to develop or move to other parts of East Lyme, Old Lyme or Waterford, and shut out all garbage plants from these towns. The Bridgeport By-Products company, which has for some time past been making determined efforts to get into East Lyme, was not represented in this arrangement or a party to it.

When representatives of the latter concern discovered what had been done there was consternation in their camp and they have since been busy. The result of this activity became known today when it was learned that Representative Bishop of New Haven, a member of the committee, has gone back of the fact that his committee was practically a party to the arrangement mentioned and has drafted a new bill which will make it possible for the By-Products company to get into East Lyme under conditions better for it than any which have prevailed heretofore, even though the law under which the effort to do this was made last year was drafted by its attorney two years ago.

The new bill provides that whenever any city shall have decided upon a method of garbage disposal by reduction and wishes to establish a garbage reduction plant in some other town, it shall give notice of this and shall have the matter heard by a commission to consist of the health officer and selectmen of the town into which it is desired to go. When this commission has rendered a decision any party aggrieved may appeal to the state board of health, which is to have the power to render a decision on the matter that will be final. The garbage which is carried to any such plant must be so transported in accordance with all of the laws of the state regarding sanitation and proper receptacles and arrangements and the plant for its reduction must be equipped with the latest and best models of machinery for its handling there on a sanitary basis, in accordance with the orders of the state board of health.

While this bill provides for appeals from the decision of the primary commission by any party who may be aggrieved, and this includes cottagers or anyone else, such a bill is highly objectionable to the shore people in those towns, as well as the people of Niantic and other parts of the town of East Lyme, who have been trying so hard to keep this garbage plant out of their town and to keep the fish mill now there, which was such a nuisance last summer, within bounds such that the operation will not interfere with the summer trade and the development of the resorts along that part of the Sound shore.

The fight over this matter promises to be a sharp one, and it is likely that the Niantic Menhaden Fish Oil and Guano company will be found ranged alongside the East Lyme people and the cottagers in favor of keeping the garbage plant out under the bill which its representatives agreed to before the committee and on the basis that the chances of this bill's finally passing are much better than those of the bill prepared by Mr. Bishop so plainly in the interest of the Bridgeport concern.

### FIFTY-EIGHT HOURS A WEEK

**Working Time for Women and Minors —Bill to Be Reported This Week.**

Hartford, June 22.—The efforts of the merchants who fought to have the unit of working time for women and minors changed from ten hours a day to fifty-eight hours a week seem to have been successful in the main. The joint committee on labor has prepared a bill to be reported in the senate this week which provides that fifty-eight hours shall be the unit of working time and that merchants may shorten the days of work of their employes during the other days of the week for the sake of keeping them at work longer hours on Saturday. But in the bill there is a provision that merchants must in no case have their shops open or their employes at work later than 10 o'clock any evening unless the latter work in shifts. In such cases the 10 o'clock limit is not operative.

The bill also removes the 10 o'clock limit for the week before Christmas. This phase of the bill was strongly opposed by the Consumers' league.

**Two Men Drowned at Cheshire.**

Cheshire, Conn., June 22.—Edson Brooks, 30 years old, and a Polander whose name is not known were drowned in the old Mixville reservoir while in bathing tonight. The Polander could not swim and went in beyond his depth, dragging down Brooks, who went to his assistance. The bodies were recovered and taken to Cheshire. Brooks leaves a mother and several brothers and sisters.

**James B. Gentry Pardoned.**

Harrisburg, Pa., June 22.—Governor Stuart today approved the action of the state board of pardons which last week recommended that a pardon be granted to James B. Gentry, the actor who killed Madge York of the "Baggage Check" company in Philadelphia in 1895.

**Don Carlos Said to Be Ill.**

Madrid, June 22.—According to the Imparcial, the pretender to the Spanish throne, Don Carlos, who is now living in retirement at Varese, Italy, is suffering from cerebral paralysis. Rumors that he was in poor health have been regularly denied by the Carlist organs.

# Hide Schedule Senate Vote

**AFTER SEVERAL AMENDMENTS HAD BEEN DEFEATED.**

**15 PER CENT. AD VALOREM**

**Agreed to by the Vote of 46 to 30—Committee's New Lumber Schedule Presented.**

Washington, June 22.—Late today the senate reached the voting stage on the hide schedule, and after several amendments had been defeated, the admendment of the finance committee fixing a duty of 15 per cent. ad valorem on hides was agreed to by the vote of 46 to 30.

This is the rate of the present law, but under the rulings of the treasury department is applicable only to hides weighing more than 25 pounds.

The house placed all hides on the free list, but the committee restored the Dingley policy of adding them to the dutiable list. The senate sustained its committee.

Senator McLaren undertook to have the provision amended so as to make the duty applicable to hides weighing less than 25 pounds, but failed, his amendment being voted down 31 to 48. An amendment by Mr. Stone, placing not only hides, but many of the products on the free list was also lost.

**New Lumber Schedule.**

Just before adjournment for the day at 7 o'clock Senator Aldrich on behalf of the finance committee presented the committee's new lumber schedule and also a number of amendments relating to linoleum and oilcloth. The committee proposed a rate of $1.50 per thousand on sawed lumber, which is a 50-cent increase over the house rate. Neither the lumber nor linoleoum schedules were acted upon.

**Plea for a Tariff for Revenue.**

Previous to the balloting more than six hours was devoted to speech making, beginning at 10 o'clock with an argument by Mr. McCumber for a duty on hides, in which he was sustained by Messrs. Gamble and Heyburn. They took the position that the effort to make hides free was solely in the interest of the manufacturers, and Mr. McCumber contended that this was a monstrous injustice growing out of the protective system. Mr. Burton and incidentally Mr. Page supported the free hides policy, the former in a speech of some length. He declared that the beef trust obtained all the benefit to be derived from a high duty.

One of the features of the day was a speech by Senator Taylor of Tennessee, which attracted much favorable attention and established good nature. Mr. Taylor pleaded for a tariff for revenue and took a decided position against free raw material.

### MAID OF ORLEANS IN HARVARD STADIUM

**Miss Maude Adams and a Company Numbering 2,000 Persons.**

Cambridge, Mass., June 22.—The experiment of producing Schiller's Maid of Orleans beneath starry skies, with close approach to the historic detail surrounding the bright figure of the fifteenth century, was carried out with considerable success tonight in the extensive arena of the Harvard stadium, by Miss Maude Adams and a company numbering about two thousand persons.

At the suggestion of the Germanic museum at Harvard, the spectacle was made possible through a realization of the resources of the largest amphitheater in the country, by John Alexander, the Parisian "American," with Miss Adam's personality and talent as its inspiration. The performance was undertaken for the benefit of the museum and the greater part of the working force of the Frohman syndicate became actively engaged in its production.

More than 15,000 people massed tier above tier saw what was intended to be a nearer approach to the German poet's idea of Joan of Arc, and the eventful scenes in her brief career, than Schiller's drama itself is, surrounding the French maid of Domremy.

The beauties of Schiller's lines and the magnitude of the plan of reproduction combined to make the few hours in the stadium the period of intense pleasure. The prospective was truthfully maintained throughout, from the little pastoral scene in Joan's father's home, with the flocks of living sheep and actual trees of the forest, to the splendor of the French court, the clash of the English and French armies, the coronation pageant, and the death scene in the cathedral.

The motley crowds of serfs and valets were made up of Harvard students. Men of the state militia marched as archers and spearmen in the French and English armies. Horsemen from militia batteries clattered into the arena in coats of mail of nearly five centuries ago, while able actors in armor tramped the greensward and clashed in duels in the most realistic manner. And though all the scenes threaded the slim figure of Miss Adams as the French maid, first in a homely peasant's dress, then brilliant armor and seated on a milk-white charger, and finally in the knightly costume which at last became her shroud.

### SORT OF VOCAL DERBY EVENT.

**Sangerfest at Madison Square Garden —Imperial Stakes.**

New York, June 22.—Behind a canvas screen which eliminated the eye as a factor in the judgment, ten sensitive ears listened critically tonight to the final and most important competition of the sangerfest at Madison Square Garden. It was a sort of vocal derby event of a four days' festival which has brought thousands of German-Americans together here from almost every city in the east that boasts a Teutonic population.

The "stakes" in tonight's event were not only royal but imperial, for the trophy for which five glee clubs sang was offered by William, king of Prussia and emperor of Germany. Each clubsang "Warnung Vor Dem Rhein," a pleasing but difficult piece which sounded a father's warning to his son against the gay life of the Rhine.

The winner of this event and several other prize contests will be announced tomorrow.

# Connecticut Legislature

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING TIME FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT.**

**JULY 15 FINAL ADJOURNMENT**

**Tuberculosis Bill to Take Effect on Its Passage—Toll Bridge Over Thames, Unfavorable Report.**

Hartford, June 22.—The senate was called to order at 11.30 by President Pro Tem. Brooks. Prayer by Chaplain Sexton.

**Date of Final Adjournment.**

The senate concurred with the house in passing under suspension of rules a resolution fixing July 15 as the date for final adjournment.

**Reports of Committees.**

Public Health and Safety—Favorable on substitute bill concerning spitting in public places. Calendar.

Judiciary—Unfavorable on bill concerning corporations engaging in business not authorized by charter or articles of association; concerning persons or corporations engaging in business prohibited by law. Reports accepted and bill rejected.

**Taxation of Oyster Grounds.**

The committee on shell fisheries reported a bill authorizing the governor to appoint a commission to investigate the taxation of oyster properties and appropriating $10,000 for the compensation and expenses of the commission. Calendar.

**Tuberculosis Bill.**

Senator Middleton offered an amendment to the tuberculosis bill providing that the act shall go into effect on its passage. The amendment was adopted under suspension of rules and the bill as amended passed.

**Town Management of Schools.**

On the motion of Senator Brinsmade the senate adopted the amendments passed by the house to the bill relating to the town management of schools. The bill as amended was passed.

**Salary Increased.**

On the motion of Senator Searls the bill increasing the salary of the secretary of the state board of health to $3,000 a year was passed.

**Fish and Game Bills.**

The committee on fish and game reported favorably on two substitute bills. The first bill related to the hunting of gray squirrels, and it empowers the selectmen of any town, on the application of twenty electors, to prohibit the hunting or killing of the squirrels.

The other bill allows the catching of pickerel in trout brooks.

The reports were tabled for the calendar.

**Against Old Saybrook Bridge.**

The committee on appropriations reported unfavorably on the bill making an appropriation of $500,000 for the construction of a bridge over the Connecticut river between Old Saybrook and Old Lyme.

On the motion of Senator Alsop the report of the committee was tabled.

**Bank Commissioners' Salaries.**

The committee on banks reported a bill increasing the salary of each bank commissioner to $3,500 a year and allows $750 for necessary expenses. The commissioners may employ a clerk at a salary of $2,000 a year and a stenographer at a salary not exceeding $1,000 a year and the clerk and stenographer are allowed $500 for expenses. The comptroller should apportion the salaries and allowed expenses of the bank comomissioners and of the clerk and stenographer employed by the bank commissioners among the several banks, savings banks and trust companies in proportion to the aggregate amount of the capital and deposits of each. The comptroller shall provide an office in the capitol for the bank commissioners.

Tabled for calendar.

**Boys to Chartered Institutions.**

Senator Searls called from the table the bill to provide for the commitment of boys between the ages of 7 and 16 years to chartered institutions and moved its passage.

Adjourned.

### THE HOUSE.

Mr. Burke of Manchester called the house to order at 11.30, being greeted with applause, and Chaplain Countryman offered prayer.

Shortly after the house started in Michael Kenealy of Stamford appeared and was greeted with warm applause. He appeared weak after his recent operation.

**Unfavorable Reports.**

Labor—Concerning Italian and other alien laborers, commissioner of the labor bureau to appoint person to tell such laborers of their right of contract. Mr. Hitchcock of Woodbury explained the bill. The report was accepted and the bill rejected.

Excise—Concerning limitation of licenses, covered in another bill; report accepted and bill rejected. Concerning disposal of moneys received from liquor licenses changed amount going to the county; report accepted, bill rejected.

**Business from the Senate.**

Banks—Concerning banks and trust companies; report accepted, bill rejected.

Capitol Furniture and Grounds—Concerning statue of Lafayette, change of reference to committee on appropriation.

Labor—Concerning mediation and arbitration (unfavorable report); report accepted and bill rejected.

Roads, Bridges and Rivers—Concerning maintenance of toll bridge over Thames (unfavorable report); petitioners leave to withdraw.

**Favorable Report.**

Banks—Amending an act concerning compensation of presidents of savings banks and establishing salary scale according to the deposits. A savings bank whose deposits exceed $400,000 may pay not exceeding $300 a year, etc. Calendar.

Excise—Concerning the limitation of licenses to sell liquors. This is a substitute for an original bill which would limit saloons to one for every thousand population. Excepting renewals, the substitute practically limits to one for every 500 population.

Education — Concerning grounds of the state normal school at Willimantic. Calendar.

Appropriations—For current expenses for the Norwich hospital; for a nurses' home at the Connecticut hospital for the insane; appropriating for the maintenance of the ferry at Lyme. Calendar.

**Misbranded Food.**

Dr. Knight of Salisbury called from the table a bill dealing with the changing of drugs or foods. He explained the bill as to allowing druggists to sell certain drugs approved by the federal law under a certain ruling.

**Public Utilities.**

After the order of the day had been disposed of Mr. Scott of Plymouth introduced a resolution extending the time in which the joint select committee on public utilities shall report.

Mr. Scott said that a resolution would probably be put in Wednesday defining the time.

Mr. Lyons of Thomaston opposed passage till date was settled.

Mr. Chandler said he understood that after an executive session of the committee this afternoon a date would be decided upon.

The resolution was passed and Mr. Hayes of Waterbury made a motion that the resolution be immediately transmitted to the senate.

Adjourned.

### FINAL ADJOURNMENT GOSSIP.

**It is Said That Business Cannot Be Finished Before August 15.**

Hartford, June 22.—Recent developments in the house seem to give promise of an early adjournment and the taking of a recess until next fall or winter, possibly from July 15 to December or January 1st, despite the fact that the house last week refused to adopt such a plan.

Members of the house seem to have changed their minds as to the advisability of a summer recess since the action of last week, having in mind the large amount of business that still remains to be done before the final adjournment, and since the meeting of the committee chairmen today adjournment over the warm season has become more acceptable to the senate, some of the members of which believe that the house will take a recess within two or three weeks, leaving the senate with no option other than to follow suit.

The reports of the committee chairmen presented at a conference with Senator Searls and Representative Burnes were staggering in their revelation of the number of important matters which yet remain for action on the part of the general assembly. The dilatory policy which has prevailed during the session has left the committees with dozens of measures of great moment not yet reported. A majority of these have been acted upon in executive session, but in many cases, especially as regards the business in the hands of the judiciary committee and those on excise and public health and safety, there are redrafts of measures to be favorably reported that remain to be repaired, all of which will take considerable time.

Despite the fact that the senate concurred with the house today in fixing July 15 as the date of final adjournment, it seems to be the consensus of opinion that there is not the slightest chance of completing the work by that time and that it would not be possible even if all the business still to be done had been reported and stood on the calendar of either branch. Senator Searls is doubtful if final adjournment could come either Aug. 1 or 15 and is unwilling to say when he thinks the business of the session can be concluded.

In the meantime some of the senators and a few of the members of the house are planning to leave the state, while others are bearing grimly on so as to prevent the passage of measures that do not meet their approval. Senator Searls is positive in the statement that he leaves the state July 16. Senator Blakeslee has passage to Europe booked for the middle of next month; Senator Goodwin is planning a trip to Europe in July, while others have vacation plans. If there were prospects of the general assembly being brought to a close by the first of August these senators might be willing to change their plans, but the outlook is seemingly so hopeless that they are unlikely to do so unless there is a decided change.

# Condensed Telegrams

**A Kidnapper at Khabarovsk** killed the father of the stolen boy and committed suicide.

**Orville and Wilbur Wright** began preparations at Fort Myer for the official tests of their aeroplane.

**Henry A. Wise decided** to go to Paris to be present at the examination of witnesses in the Panama libel suit.

**Advices from Bogota** strongly indicated that there had been a revolution in Colombia and that General Reyes was a fugitive.

**A Committee of the Trustees** of Brown university formally recommended that the institution become non-denominational.

**A Despatch from Paris** says that M. Borrelly of Marseilles discovered about the same time as Mr. Daniel the comet recently found.

**Patrolman Dillon,** was put on trial in the supreme court, Brooklyn, on the charge of murdering Louis Probber, son of a grocer at 217 Myrtle avenue.

**The State Department** has received assurances from Pekin, Paris and Berlin that American bankers will obtain a share of the Chinese railway loan.

**Arthur P. Heinze** demurred on technical grounds to his indictment for obstructing the administration of justice, and Judge Ray took the arguments under advisement.

**The British Steamship Hartipool** arrived at Shields badly damagtd by collision with a steamer off Dover. There seems to be no doubt that this is the vessel which the Red Star liner Zeeland struck.

**Silver Jubilee of Rev. M. A. Sullivan Celebrated at Hartford.**

Hartford, June 22—The silver jubilee of Rev. M. A. Sullivan, who has been pastor of the Immaculate Conception church for the past 25 years, was celebrated at Foot Guard hall tonight by members of his parish and friends. The exercises in the hall were preceded by a street parade of the Catholic societies of the city. Among the gifts received by Father Sullivan were two checks, one for $1,500 from the members of his parish and the other from the T. A. B. of the state, the amount of the latter not being made public. Among the speakers were Mayor Edward W. Hooker, ex-Mayor W. F. Heney and Gov. F. B. Weeks.

**One Death and Sixteen Prostrations in Boston.**

Boston, June 22.—One death and 16 prostrations in Boston due to the heat were officially recorded up to 11 p. m.

Mrs. Genevieve A. Dodge, an invalid aged 45 years, of Leominster, died in a wheel chair at the South station as she was about to board a train for home.

At Portland, Me., the government station recorded a maximum temperature of 93 at 2.30 p. m.

# THE TAX UPON NET EARNINGS

## Finishing Touches Put Upon the Proposed Tariff Bill Amendment

## NIGHT CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE

**For Two Hours the Corporation Tax Measure was Viewed from Every Angle—Provisions of the Terms of the Measure as Finally Agreed Upon—Penalty for Making False Report to Revenue Agents.**

Washington, June 22.—Gathered about the banquet board in the state dining room at the White House tonight, the guests of President Taft were the leading lawyers of the close administration circle and all of the republican members of the senate finance committee. They were assembled to put the finishing touches upon the proposed amendment to the tariff bill laying a tax of 2 per cent. upon the net earnings of corporations. A draft of the proposed amendment was presented by Attorney General Wickersham and Senator Root, who had been charged with its preparation.

The conference following the dinner resulted in a complete agreement upon all the details of the amendment.

The president's guests tonight were Attorney General Wickersham, Senator Root, Secretary of State Knox and Senators Aldrich, Burrows, Penrose, Cullom, McCumber, Flint, Smoot and Lodge.

**Two Hours' Discussion.**

The statesmen sat down to dinner in the state dining room at 8 o'clock. No business was discussed at the dinner, but for two hours afterwards the corporation tax measure which had been prepared in the form of an amendment to the tariff bill was viewed from every angle.

All agreed not to make the form of the amendment public until it is ready to be introduced in the senate as a finance committee amendment to the tariff bill.

**Terms of the Measure.**

The terms of the measure as finally agreed upon, although not yet whipped into form, provide that all corporations having capital stock and organized for profit shall pay a tax of two per cent. upon their net earnings. Corporations coming within that designation will be compelled to make returns to an especially named agent of the bureau of internal revenue of the treasury department, giving the amount of their gross receipts, capital stock, bonded indebtedness and all other visible debts. Separately from the returns, the corporations will be compelled to report the amount of their net receipts, after deducting their general and ordinary running expenses, interest on bonds up to the amount of the capital stock of the corporation, interest on notes and other forms of tangible indebtedness and any actual loss that may have been incurred in business, which loss was not made up by insurance, salvage or other form of return. As has been stated before, the two per cent. tax will apply to all corporations organized for profit, but each corporation will be allowed a $5,000 exemption, which means that the tax will not be collected except upon the earnings in excess of $50,000.

**Penalty for Making False Report.**

Any corporation which makes a false report to an agent of internal revenue who has been designated to collect information regarding earnings or has made a fraudulent return upon any of the subjects covered by the law will be subjected to a penalty. The amount of this penalty is the only feature of the bill which was not decided tonight. The tax will be collected upon the entire amount of preferred and common stock of every corporation and upon the bonds of a corporation if they exceed the total amount of capital.

It is intended that the tax shall become operative immediately upon the passage of the law. The life of the measure was made indeterminate.

**First Tax Collectible June 1, 1910.**

The present years' tax will be collectible June 1, 1910. It was decided at the conference tonight that all incorporated insurance companies organized for profit shall be brought within the terms of the proposed corporation tax law. This will not exempt so-called mutual insurance companies, which are admittedly or which can be proved to have been organized as profit-taking institutions. Neither will it exempt fraternal insurance concerns which come within the interpretation of the law. Estimates given tonight place the probable amount that would be raised at from $26,000,000 to $30,000,000.

### TEXAS BANK ROBBED IN TRUE FRONTIER STYLE.

**Genteel Highwayman Secured $8,100 in Currency and Escaped.**

Fort Worth, Tex., June 22.—In true frontier style, a highwayman described as genteel in appearance today rooted the branch banking house of the Waggoner Bank and Trust company in the heart of Fort Worth of $8,100 in currency and escaped. The robbery was the most daring attempted in Texas in years. Cashier Walter King was alone in the bank at the closing time, balancing the business of the day, when a man walked in. This man approached the window of the cashier's desk. King looked into the barrel of a revolver.

"Make a move or a noise of any kind and I'll kill you," was the greeting Mr. King received.

Seizing the roll of bills, the man backed out of the door, covering King with the revolver. King ran to a telephone as he saw the man walking down the street and mingling with the crowds with an air of unconcern.

The police reached the scene five minutes later, but the robber had disappeared. At the time of the robbery several hundred persons were near the building and many noted the arrival at the bank and the departure of the man, but his manner was so bland that he did not arouse suspicion.

### BIG MEAT ORDER GIVEN.

**British War Department Places Order for 1,000,000 Pounds.**

Chicago, June 22.—An order for 1,000,000 pounds of beef was received from the British war department in London yesterday by one of the large stockyard firms. This order is regarded as indicating the complete reinstatement of this country's meat supply on its former solid basis, as it is the second received since the packing disclosures of four years ago.

The first order was issued in February for 3,000,000 pounds for July delivery.

**Stock Exchange Firm of Smith & Holran Makes Assignment.**

New York, June 22.—Elliot C. Smith and Frank P. Holran of the New York stock exchange firm of Smith & Holran of 36 Wall street made an assignment this afternoon for the benefit of creditors. The business done by the firm was comparatively small and it is understood it has no outstanding obligations on the stock exchange. The liabilities are estimated at $20,000 and the assets at about $5,000, though with the stock exchange seat added this latter sum would be increased approximately $35,000, considerably more than the liabilities. The firm was organized only last year. Mr. Holran was the board member.

**Cannot Be Made the Basis of a Law Suit.**

Providence, R. I., June 22.—The publication of a person's photograph for advertising purposes without his permission cannot be made the basis of a law suit, according to a decision of the supreme court handed today by Chief Justice DuBoise in the case of James N. Henry vs. Cherry & Webb. The defendants published a photograph of Mr. Henry and a party of friends in an automobile as a means of advertising automobile coats.

**92 Degrees at Boston.**

Boston, June 22.—After dropping from yesterday's maximum of 88 degrees only as far as 71 early today, the temperature turned upward again and during the afternoon the official thermometer at the weather bureau reached 92.5. This is the highest point recorded in Boston since July 12 of last year. As usual, the temperature on the street was several degrees higher than that at the top of the Federal building. A number of prostrations were reported.

**Steamship Arrivals.**

At Hamburg: President Lincoln, from New York.

At Genoa: Batavia, from New York.

At Copenhagen: United States, from New York.

### HOUSE SAYS FIVE MAY PARDON A CONVICT.

**Substitute for Bill Concerning Connecticut Board of Pardons.**

Hartford, June 22.—At 12 noon today the order of the day in the house, a substitute for a bill concerning the board of pardons, was taken up. The committee on the judiciary through Chairman Burnes of Greenwich had reported favorably. The bill provides that five of the members must concur in order to make their judgment operative, instead of the entire board, as at present.

After lengthy debate, at 1.16 the vote was put, and the speaker announced the vote in favor of the bill. His announcement was doubted. When the tellers had reported the figures were given as follows: Yea 99, nay 86.

### RECORD CORN CROP.

**Slight Falling Off in Wheat, Says Kansas Expert.**

Topeka, Kan., June 22.—Secretary Coburn of the state board of agriculture issued a crop bulletin yesterday showing the condition of the most important crops on June 16. He finds that the wheat conditions average 92.3 per cent. This, according to those accustomed to estimate such matters, means a yield close to 80,000,000 bushels of wheat. The corn condition is 88 per cent., the highest since 1902. The report says that the general average for wheat for the state at the same time last year was 92.92.

Harvesting has begun in some portions of the state and with favorable weather it may be expected to progress rapidly.

### ALLOWED TO DOCK AT COLON.

**Cuban Steamer Oteri Had Trouble with Authorities.**

Colon, June 22.—The Cuban steamer Oteri, which has been anchored in the roadstead here for some days, owing to complications which arose over her embarkation of Spanish canal laborers for Brazil, was allowed to come to one of the docks today. She took on board 240 European laborers who had served their time on the canal, and sailed this afternoon for Brazil. W. G. Spiller, the owner of the steamer, who had engaged to embark 500 laborers, was today fined $500 for violation of the emigration laws in shipping these men without permission of the authorities.

The United States gunboat Marietta arrived here this afternoon from Boca del Toro.

### EXPRESS SAFE LOOTED.

**Armed Bandits Secured $5,000 at Green Bay, Wis.**

Green Bay, Wis., June 22—Two armed bandits entered the night office of the United States Express company here at 2 o'clock this morning, and compelled the man in charge to open the safe. They obtained $5,000.

**Wright Aeroplane Ready for Flight.**

Washington, June 22.—The propellers were set in place on the Wright aeroplane at Fort Myer today. With the exception of the motor, the machine is practically ready for flight.

Tomorrow, the two brother aviators, assisted by their mechanic and the men of the signal corps, will install the motor. It will probably be impossible for Orville Wright to make a flight before Thursday or Friday, unless the motor should be found to require little "tuning up."

**Accidentally Shot His Brother Dead.**

Woodbury, Conn., June 22.—Frederick Johnson, 9 years old, was shot and instantly killed late today by his brother, Charles, 12 years old. The boys were in the front yard of their home, Charles having a gun, which he had brought from the house, under his arm, and in attempting to change its position it was discharged. The charge of shot entered Frederick's back, severing the spine and penetrating the lungs. The coroner will make an investigation in the morning.

**250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the Founding of Norwich, July 5th and 6th**