



MRS. NEWTON IN COURT THIS TIME SHE WOULD DIVORCE THE "CAPTAIN."

Says Former Adventurer Is on the Staff of the Governor General of Canada.

"Captain" Montague N. Newton and his wife, Jeanette Newton, formerly Miss Warner, both of whom have had considerable newspaper notoriety, are again in the limelight.

Mrs. Newton applied to the Supreme Court yesterday for permission to serve her husband by publication in a divorce suit which she has brought against him.

Although it would seem incredible in him, Mrs. Newton says that the "captain," who she recently was released from prison in London, where he served twenty months for conspiracy to defraud, is now aide-de-camp on the staff of the Governor General of Canada, at Ottawa.

Mrs. Newton has had her own troubles. Her last unfortunate experience was in March, 1908, when she was arrested, charged with the larceny of several pieces of valuable jewelry from her friend, Mrs. Evelyn M. Bell, of No. 58 Central Park West.

Mrs. Newton was married in 1904 at the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

In the year after their marriage Mrs. Newton had her husband arrested for abandonment. He had deserted her six months after they were married, and was then living at the Hotel St. Regis, where he was arrested.

He said that in a moment of mental aberration through drink he had accepted the marriage proposal of the woman.

"Captain" Newton was a typical adventurer. He cut a swath at the St. Regis, where he stayed with two friends, who called themselves "Prince Formoso" and "Baron von Koenig."

The "captain" was a big man, with a military bearing and commanding presence. He used to boast of his friendship with Lord Lansdale, and said that he had been a member of the South African Cape Rifles in the Boer war.

Members of the Rifles denied that Newton was ever a comrade. He said that he was a salesman at the time of the arrest for abandonment, but he seemed to derive his livelihood principally by acting as guide for visiting Englishmen.

Newton then went to London, where, with Joseph D. Fisher, he was arrested on November 11, 1907, for conspiracy to defraud Mrs. Newton. Fisher was sentenced to a month in prison.

Newton recently finished his twenty months' sentence. His wife tried to locate him here, so that she could serve him in her divorce action. But inquiry at the St. Regis and of Fisher failed to reveal his whereabouts.

Mrs. Newton says in her moving papers that she read in a New York newspaper of July 7 that her husband was on the military staff of the Governor General of Canada.

While "Captain" Newton was serving his sentence in London Mrs. Newton was arrested for the theft of seven pieces of jewelry from Mrs. Bell, which she pawned. For several days her family was a mystery.

Mrs. Newton was known as "Mrs. Newman" and "Mrs. Norton." When her identity became known Mrs. Newton, who was evidently a woman of refinement, said that she was the sister of Mrs. Robert P. McDougal, of Orange, N. J., whose husband was secretary of the Cotton Exchange.

She has a son by a former marriage, who was then fourteen years old, and, according to the story told, she was hard pressed financially to keep him at school. Mrs. Newton promised to redeem the jewelry from pawn and restore it to Mrs. Bell.

She also got some notoriety in 1904 by causing the arrest of a boarding house mistress, who held her trunk for a board bill of \$150.

Mrs. Newton bases her suit for divorce on her husband's alleged misconduct at the Hotel Lincoln with an unnamed woman.

SMALLPOX GERM FOUND.

Microbe, of Animal Origin, Discovered in Rio.

Rio de Janeiro, July 17.—Dr. Oswaldo Cruz, director general of the Brazilian sanitary service, announced to-day at the Academy of Medicine here that the microbe of smallpox, which is of animal origin, has been discovered by bacteriological researches at the Oswaldo Cruz Institute.

MONOPLANE AN ENTRY.

Bleriot's Machine Will Be Handled by a Pupil in Hudson-Fulton Events.

Paris, July 17.—Mr. Beck, chairman of the aeronautic committee of the Hudson-Fulton centenary, has arrived here to arrange with M. Bleriot, the French aviator, for a Bleriot monoplane to take part in the aviation events in connection with the centenary celebration.

The machine will be manned by one of M. Bleriot's pupils. Other French aviators probably will enter.

BLOWN INTO THE SOUND.

Yachtsmen Escape Death in Gasoline Explosion on Boat.

William Creighton, commodore of the Morrisania Yacht Club, was blown overboard last night when the gasoline tank of his 30-footer Commodore exploded off Clason's Point.

"Jimmy" Doyle, a singer of some local fame beyond the Harlem River, and said to have been at one time well known in Chinatown, dived into the waters of Long Island Sound to extinguish the flames by which his clothes were being consumed.

Creighton had invited a party of a dozen men and women on a sailing trip last evening. When the launch reached Clason's Point the party decided to go ashore for refreshments.

It was after they had landed and Creighton and Doyle were taking the launch to a mooring that the explosion occurred. Both men said that they did not know how it happened.

The first thing Creighton knew, he said, he was swimming in the Sound. Police Captain McCauley saw the accident from the pier, and he and Patrolman O'Brien put off in a rowboat, but were unable to get the men into their boat until a life guard came to their assistance with boathooks. Neither victim of the explosion was seriously burned.

ELIS AGAIN SHAKEN.

Many More Persons Killed or Injured—Relief Trains Sent.

Athens, July 17.—There were further severe earth shocks in the province of Elis to-day. Two persons were killed and fifty were injured at the village of Uposisti, where lava is flowing from a fissure in the ground. Some of those injured have died. Practically all the houses in this village have collapsed.

Four persons have been killed and twenty-four injured at Dardania. The village is in ruins. Other villages, including Liopepi and Maringki, also suffered severely, but the death roll is not known. Relief trains are now on the way to the stricken region. The people of the stricken villages are living in the open.

Reports from the prefects in Elis show that the casualty lists in Thursday's shocks are not so large as at first feared. Twenty-three bodies have been recovered from the ruins of Havari, where more than two hundred and fifty houses were demolished. Eighty persons were injured at this village. Three persons were killed at Pochlodi and ten were injured at Anafiva. The shocks caused more or less damage at other points but did not result in casualties.

FATALLY INJURES BOY AND FLEES.

Chauffeur Who Ran Down Buffalo Led Believed To Be Under Arrest.

Buffalo, July 17.—Robert Thies, twelve years old, was struck by an automobile in Main street this afternoon, receiving injuries which resulted in his death at the Emergency Hospital to-night. The driver of the car did not stop after striking the lad. He sped on down Main street, finally abandoning the car on a side street. The police obtained from the garage a description of the man who had taken the automobile out and telegraphed it broadcast.

At 10 o'clock to-night Mr. Taylor, chief of detectives, said that the chauffeur had been arrested in Rochester. The man under arrest is William Krulwitsch, who came here recently from New York.

BIT PIECE FROM OFFICER'S NOSE.

Man Aiding Arrested Friends Mutilates Patrolman.

Patrolman Joseph Sweeney, of the West 125th street station, during a struggle yesterday evening at the corner of 124th street and Eighth avenue, lost part of his nose, the end of it being bitten off while he was trying to arrest a man who had interfered with two of the officer's prisoners, who had been arrested for fighting.

The brutal attack upon Patrolman Sweeney was but one of a series of attacks made by the prisoners and two of their friends upon that officer, and Patrolman McCue, who was aiding him. The officers, however, landed all four prisoners in the station, where one who said he was Joseph Wells, of No. 290 West 122d street, was locked up on the charge of mayhem.

EXPRESS CAR ROBBED.

Part of the Stolen Goods Found Along the Track Between Hoosick Falls and Troy.

Troy, N. Y., July 17.—An express car attached to the Boston sleeper on the Boston & Maine Railroad, due here at 2:45 this morning, was robbed between Hoosick Falls and this city.

CROKER'S MONEY IN IT

REPORTED OF BRADLEY-GAFFNEY-STEERS CO.

Foreign Capital Interested, It Is Said, in Subway Project to Rival Interborough.

Reports were afloat in financial circles yesterday that the Bradley-Gaffney-Steers Company, the rival of the Interborough in proposing subway routes, which will cost about \$100,000,000, is to be financed by foreign capital, and that Richard Croker is heavily interested in the enterprise.

Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, is said also to be "in sympathy" with the project, although Murphy and ex-Alderman Gaffney, his brother-in-law, are said to be at odds just at present.

Railroad men and those interested in the transit situation here were inclined to give some credence to the stories. There has been no authoritative statement regarding the financial responsibility of the Bradley-Gaffney-Steers Company, which, from what is known of it, seems to be purely a "political" concern, whose members have some standing as "political" contractors. Little doubt has ever been expressed, though, about the ability of the concern to handle the lucrative subway contracts if it got them, since it went about the business in a way which meant to the knowing that it would get them or force the Interborough to unwanted activity and concessions to the demands of the travelling public.

The opinion always has been that the Bradley-Gaffney-Steers Company had behind it a syndicate of wealthy men of the political-financial throng which has flourished in this and other large cities, whose identity and financial ability would be made known at the proper time.

The reports in circulation yesterday had it that the possibilities of the subway situation were grasped by the Bradley-Gaffney-Steers people about a year ago, and that they began then to endeavor to get capitalists interested. Finding that nobody of much size here wanted to embark in the venture, they sent a "C. & D." message to Richard Croker—so ran the story—and he got some wealthy Europeans into the scheme.

His recent trip to America, ostensibly merely a pleasure jaunt, really was a business trip connected with this subway affair, it was reported. Not much confirmation of the reports could be obtained from officials of the subway concern. Ex-Alderman Gaffney said his people had the capital, as would be disclosed at the proper time. If it did come from Europeans or foreigners, that was no crime, was it? Belmont got the money with which he built the present subway from the Rothschilds, or so everybody supposed, anyhow. It was quite possible that a representative of the company did go to Europe to dig out capital, and that Americans being abroad helped him. That, too, was no crime. Anyway, the capital was there, and the people behind the concern were all right, as would be proved when necessary.

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COW COSTS TWO LIVES.

Two Men Fatally and One Seriously Hurt in Pistol Fight.

Union, Miss., July 17.—An old cow, worth hardly \$50, caused the killing of two men, the fatal injuring of two more and the seriously wounding of another here to-day.

E. J. McDonald and Peter McDonald, his brother, were killed, and Cornelius Chisolm and Joseph Miller were fatally shot. Murphy McDonald, the son of E. J. McDonald, was seriously wounded.

The fight was between the McDonalds on one side and Miller and Chisolm on the other, two factions which have quarrelled for many years. The old cow had outlived her usefulness as a milk producer, but both Chisolm and the McDonalds claimed her ownership. Miller and Peter McDonald started the quarrel in front of the Union Bank. Revolvers were drawn and the shooting begun.

Chisolm and E. J. McDonald came up about this time and joined in. Peter McDonald fell first and Miller was the next. E. J. McDonald and Chisolm for a while shot desperately until both fell, McDonald dead and Chisolm mortally wounded. Murphy McDonald, who appears to have been a would-be peacemaker, was shot during the fusillade.

All the men in the fight were prominent in this part of Mississippi. Indications are to-night that no one will be left alive to answer to the law for the tragedy.

WOMAN KNOCKS MAN DOWN.

Pittsburg Girl Saves Boy from Beating—Prefers Charge of Assault.

Pittsburg, July 17.—Miss Annie Wright, of Pearl street, East End, soundly thrashed this evening J. A. Brown, a Dachman street business man, whom she saw beating a messenger boy in the employ of the J. V. Aurens company here.

Jacob Stalsky, the messenger, passed a saloon in front of which Brown was standing. The man made a kick at the hats the boy carried, but lost his balance and fell, spraining a wrist. He jumped to his feet and struck at Stalsky.

Miss Wright ran across the street, and with a right-hand hook sent Brown to the sidewalk. He scrambled to his feet and hurried into the saloon. Soon afterward Brown had the boy arrested, on a charge of assault. Miss Wright then went to the police station in behalf of the boy and preferred a charge of assault against Brown.

EDISON AS A RAINMAKER.

Vivid Electric Storm Follows the Inventor Into Winsted and Breaks Drouth.

Winsted, Conn., July 17.—Thomas A. Edison's arrival here at 7 o'clock last evening was heralded by the worst electrical storm this section has experienced this summer. For several weeks every one here had hoped and prayed for rain. It remained for Mr. Edison to break the drouth, and his entry into Winsted was a signal for a heavy downpour, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning and terrific thunder claps. Four houses were struck, but none of the inmates was injured.

Mr. Edison, who came here in his automobile, accompanied by Mrs. Edison and a son and daughter, remained overnight, and left early to-day for his son's camp near Bridgewater, N. H.

CRASH ENDS "JOY RIDE"

GIRL MAY DIE; HER FIVE COMPANIONS INJURED.

Car Hits Tree in Long Island Road and Occupants Pitch Out in All Directions.

In the wind-up of a "joy ride" early yesterday morning, when a touring car smashed with terrific force into a tree in the South Country Road, on the outskirts of Islip, Long Island, Miss Alice Ryan, seventeen years old, of No. 254 East 122d street, was probably fatally injured, and her five companions, two women and three men, were more or less seriously hurt.

About 8 o'clock ex-Sheriff Frank D. Creamer of Kings County was driving in his car to his country place at Islip, when, at a point on the road near St. Mark's Episcopal Church, he saw the touring car dashing toward him at a high rate of speed. The occupants of the automobile seemed to be entirely indifferent to the fact that they were bearing down directly upon him and he started to hug the side of the road, when the oncoming car made a vicious swerve and shot diagonally across to the other side.

With a lurch the machine smashed into a tree, the collision overturning the car and sending the occupants flying to the ground. Miss Ryan, who was on the outside of the front seat, struck the tree, and was tossed over a picket fence. When medical assistance arrived it was found that she was suffering from concussion of the brain and serious internal injuries. Her right leg was torn open from the knee down and her right arm and face were a mass of bruises.

Others injured. Miss Florence Litt, eighteen years old, of No. 14 West 135th street, received injuries of the right arm and side, and Miss Alice Mitchell, of No. 244 East 106th street, had several bad cuts and bruises. The three men were more fortunate. They are Peter Rooney, of No. 161 State street, Brooklyn, who was at the wheel when the smash-up occurred. His ankle was injured and he was suffering from bruises, as were also his companions, Norman Phelan, of No. 9 Beach Hill, Brooklyn, and Joseph G. Gersner, of No. 207 Franklin avenue, Brooklyn.

So far as the authorities could learn, the three young women had never met their men companions until early yesterday morning. On Friday night the girls went to Coney Island, and while there accepted an invitation from three young men to take a ride down to Patchogue in a taxicab. The party was a merry one, and it was early yesterday morning when they started on the return trip from Patchogue to New York.

About eight miles from Patchogue the gasoline gave out and the party alighted. While they were considering how they would get to New York, where the young women were employed as saleswomen in a department store, the three Brooklyn men came by and offered to take the girls along. The invitation was accepted. Rooney, who is a chauffeur, proceeded, it is said, to do "stunts" with the machine, when one of his companions tried to take the wheel from him, which caused the automobile to swerve and run into the tree.

Miss Ryan's injuries were so serious that Coroner Savage decided to hold the three men. Persons who saw the car pass said it was handled with great recklessness, to the apparent merriment of the occupants, the young women joining in the laughter as Rooney again and again drove as closely as possible to passing vehicles.

Both Rooney and Gersner are married. As soon as they had received medical assistance Miss Ryan's companions and the three men showed great reluctance in disclosing their identity. The car, which was wrecked beyond repair, was a Lozier.

MISS RYAN'S SISTER NOT SURPRISED.

Mrs. John Meehan, a sister of Miss Ryan, said last night she was not at all surprised at the news that her sister had been in an automobile accident. Alice, she said, who is only seventeen years old, had been going out on automobile rides a good deal of late, and on the objection of her family left No. 254 East 122d street on Friday night to go elsewhere to live. She left no address. She was employed as a cashier in the Fourteenth Street Store.

Mrs. Meehan disapproved of the friendship of Alice for Florence Litt, eighteen years old, who lives with her mother at No. 14 West 135th street. Mrs. Litt said last night that Florence had left the house on Friday night, saying that she and two girl friends were going for an automobile ride with three young men of their acquaintance.

Miss Mitchell is an orphan, and keeps house for her uncle, Thomas Weldon, a laborer. Neither Mrs. Meehan nor Mr. Weldon had been informed of the accident last night. Neither of them had ever heard of the three men who were with the girls.

Phelan is a piano player in a Coney Island resort. A checkbook he had shows that he has considerable money. Rooney and Gersner are chauffeurs, said to have been in the employ of the Brooklyn Interboro Garage Company, which owned the car that was wrecked. The three men were held in \$1,000 bail for trial on the charge of reckless driving. Up to a late hour last night they had failed to get bondsmen.

Mr. Hammond is accompanied by the following men: Lloyd Mills, of New York; Dr. C. L. Lindsay, of Lakewood, N. J.; G. E. Palmer, of New York; C. W. Davis, of New Jersey, private secretary of Mr. Palmer, and A. J. Carter, private secretary of Mr. Hammond.

ANOTHER JOY RIDE FATAL

Young Men Drive Surrey Into Pedler's Wagon—One Killed, 3 Hurt.

Paterson, N. J., July 17 (Special).—Four young men, on last night for a "joy ride" in a double seated surrey, dashed into a pedler's wagon, and all were tossed into a ditch. One of the victims, William Gery, died an hour later at the General Hospital.

Ray Ball, of No. 193 Godwin street, Frank Murray, of Auburn street and Twelfth avenue, and Cornelius Breen, of No. 26 Godwin street, were the other victims. All were seriously injured, but will recover, the physicians say.

The pedler's wagon was driven by Nicholas Quick. He was thrown into the roadway, but not seriously injured. Both rigs were wrecked. The horses ran away, but escaped injury.

TRAIN TOSSES AUTO.

Deputy Sheriff Killed and Two Companions Badly Hurt.

Edward Hurley, a deputy sheriff of Nassau County, was killed and Arthur D. Tappan and Allan Terry were seriously hurt early yesterday morning when Tappan's high power automobile crashed into the "over" express on the North Shore branch of the Long Island Railroad at Shore branch of the Long Island Railroad at the Thomson avenue crossing in Long Island City. The fourth man in the car, Horace C.

POLICE CHIEFS KILLED.

Alleged Picture Gallery Thief Shoots Paris Detectives.

Paris, July 17.—Deputy Chief Blot and Inspector Nugat, of the detective department were shot and killed to-night by a man named Delaunay, whom the police had been hunting in connection with thefts from picture galleries. Delaunay committed suicide.

POLO PLAYER HURT.

E. L. Stokes, Hit in Head by Ball, Taken from Field Semi-Conscious.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Long Branch, N. J., July 17.—Captain E. L. Stokes, of Philadelphia, was seriously hurt while playing polo on the Rumson campus this afternoon with the first team of the Devon club. The accident which caused his retirement occurred in the fourth period, when a ball driven by Randall Keater, of the Rumson Free Booters, struck him behind the ear.

Dr. Edward Fahnestock, who was watching the game, hurried to the injured player's side, and after a few minutes Captain Stokes walked with assistance to the clubhouse, where he collapsed. He was removed to-night to the home of Perran Borden in a semi-conscious state. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Frances Stokes. Before leaving, Dr. Fahnestock spoke hopefully of his patient's recovery. H. Jones, who took Captain Stokes's place, was unseated in the ninth period, but was not hurt.

The game, the first of a series for the Rumson Challenge Cup was won by the Free Booters with a net score of 13 to 6.

ANOTHER CROP FAILS.

French Peasant Girls Refuse to Sell Their Hair.

[Special by French Cable to The Tribune.] Paris, July 17.—Another crop besides wheat which has failed this year is that of human hair. July is the month when the human hair merchants come to France from the United States and England to visit the towns and villages of the Limousin, of Brittany and Auvergne, where the annual hair markets are held. High prices are paid in New York and Chicago for postiches of French growth, which are best suited for the requirements of the present fashion of large hats and of the latest modes of coiffure, but the peasant girls of Limoges and Brittany have now abandoned the national bonnet which hitherto concealed their short heads, and this season they refuse to sell their hair, saying that they need it for their own use.

This strike of the peasant girls has given a disastrous setback to the French trade in human hair, and the dealers, unable to do any business in France, are leaving here for the Tyrol and other countries. C. I. E.

BANKS SHOW GREAT GAIN.

Resources Increased \$757,668,263 Since July 15, 1908.

Washington, July 17.—An increase of \$102,848,820 in total resources between April 28 and June 23 last, an increase of \$757,668,263 since July 15, 1908, and total resources and liabilities of \$9,471,732,663 represent the position of the national banks of the United States as announced to-day. The statement gives the reports to the Treasury Department under the call of the Controller of the Currency for a statement of condition on June 23. Their loans and discounts, according to the complete returns, increased by \$2,772,647 since the date of the previous call, in April, and \$420,297,385 since July 15, 1908.

Compared with the April call, the banks make this report of increases:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes United States bonds, deposits, and other resources.

The only decreases reported in resources or liabilities are \$7,123,449 in legal tenders and \$2,660,200 due to national and state banks and bankers.

The banks have more than \$804,000,000 in specie and almost \$102,000,000 in legal tenders; their capital stock paid in aggregates more than \$637,000,000, their surplus fund is \$391,000,000, and their undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, are \$216,233,127.

FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR MINES.

John Hays Hammond Closing a Deal for La Blanca Property in Mexico.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Pachuca, Mexico, July 17.—John Hays Hammond arrived here to-day for the purpose of closing a deal for the purchase of the famous La Blanca mines, situated near Pachuca. The consideration involved is said to be \$5,000,000 in gold.

Mr. Hammond denied that he is representing the Guggenheim interests in the transaction. He said that G. E. Palmer, of New York, is associated with him in the proposition to purchase and operate La Blanca mines.

Mr. Hammond is accompanied by the following men: Lloyd Mills, of New York; Dr. C. L. Lindsay, of Lakewood, N. J.; G. E. Palmer, of New York; C. W. Davis, of New Jersey, private secretary of Mr. Palmer, and A. J. Carter, private secretary of Mr. Hammond.

HAD LETTER OF CREDIT: WAS HELD.

Former Secretary of German Embassy Detained at Ellis Island.

Otto Grumach, who said he was formerly assistant secretary of the German Embassy at Belgrade, was taken to Ellis Island yesterday by the immigration officials on his arrival in the second cabin of the Hamburg-American liner Amerika. The young man said he came here to make a study of America and that his father in Germany was wealthy. He had \$7 in cash and a railroad ticket for the West.

Grumach which had a letter of credit and showed papers by which his father had arranged for him to draw \$1250 a week while travelling for twelve weeks in the United States. It is thought that Grumach will be released to-day.

VOLENTRE BALLOONIST BADLY HURT.

Freeport, Long Island, July 17.—Michael Conroy, thirty years old, of Springfield avenue, Newark, N. J., volunteered to take the place of a regular balloonist to-day, and made an ascension at the old Club Grounds, but something went wrong with the apparatus, and it came down to the ground after it had reached a height of about one hundred feet. Conroy was so severely injured that he is laid up at the South Shore Hospital here with a fractured right arm and possible internal injuries.

ORDER YOUR WINES FOR THE SUMMER Before going to the Country. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., New York.—Adv't.

PRESIDENT WINS.

SAY CONFERREES HIS DOWNWARD REVISION STAND APPROVED.

To Get Free Hides, Iron Ore, Coal and Oil, with Many Reductions—Flood of Congratulations.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, July 17.—That the President's car was correctly attuned when he informed a delegation of "stand pat" Republicans yesterday that he heard "the call of the country for downward revision of the tariff" has been amply manifested to-day by the flood of dispatches which has poured into the White House all day congratulating him on the position he has taken, by the congratulations and expressions of cordial approval of members of Congress and by the reluctant admission of many of the most extreme protectionists that Mr. Taft will win in his effort to obtain abolition of the duty on hides, iron ore, coal and petroleum and the reduction of the duty on lumber by one-half.

All the conferees expect the President to win, having told him that they would cheerfully support the reductions he asks if he would obtain the votes necessary to effect the adoption of the conference report, as was told in these dispatches this morning. "We will do our part, and it will only be necessary for you to speak out," was in substance the assurance given to the President by the conferees day before yesterday. Yesterday he spoke out in no uncertain terms and to-day the result is obvious.

It should not be forgotten that the reductions demanded by the President in the case of raw materials will carry with them reductions in finished products, as, for instance, in the case of hides. The House cuts the rates on the products of hides as follows: Sole leather, 75 per cent; shoes, 40 per cent, and uppers, 25 per cent. These reductions were accepted by the Finance Committee, and it was only after the Senate had restored the Dingley rate of 15 per cent on hides that the Finance Committee recommended the increases on their products, which were adopted. Even then the Senate did not restore the Dingley rates on the products. If, as is generally expected, the conference committee restores hides to the free list, it will, of course, restore the House rates on their products, and so the President will have won the decrease on sole leather, shoes and uppers enumerated.

So, too, in the case of lumber. The Senate has already reduced the House rates on most sorts of finished lumber by 25 per cent, but it is probable that some further reductions will be made in the paragraphs relating to shingles, laths, etc.

The conferees have already accepted the House reduction on pig iron and made a reduction on scrap, so that free iron ore would hardly carry any further reductions in the metal schedule.

MANY REDUCTIONS ALREADY MADE.

The President's position has, however, exerted a material influence on the work of the conferees all along the line. The exact rates fixed by the conferees are being zealously guarded by the majority of instances, but it may be asserted, without violation of confidence, that the reductions made by the House have been accepted by the Senate conferees in a far larger number of cases than is popularly supposed, and that this has been the natural result of the gently applied but not less firm pressure which the President has exerted ever since the tariff bill went to conference.

There are, of course, the usual number of irreconcilables in both houses of Congress. There are a number of Senators who insist that they can never vote for the tariff bill if it contains the reductions demanded by the President. The Senators from Wyoming, for instance, are greatly incensed at the demand for free coal. They declare that their state is the greatest coal producing commonwealth in the West, that it supplies the great smelting interests at Butte and other points, and that the mines will be driven out of business if the Canadians are permitted to send their product into this country free of duty. They assert that J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, owns several coal mines in Canada, the product of which he can lay down at the smelters as cheaply as they can deliver their coal. On the other hand, the argument of the Wyoming Senators is somewhat weakened by the fact that a brother of Senator Clark, of Wyoming, is understood to be the owner of the largest two coal mines in that state.

The West Virginia Senators are breathing fire. They are interested in petroleum, coal and lumber, and Mr. Elkins and Mr. Scott are indignant at what they term the President's free trade doctrines. Senator Piles, of Washington, is seriously opposed to the House rate of \$1 a thousand on lumber, and unless the President sees his way clear to exempt mutual insurance companies from the corporation