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IRONTON, MISSOURI

We and Japan being satisfied, y low literature may as well fade awa...

It will be noted that "Carmen S... va," the Roumanian queen who has de...

So now Hatty Green's son wants to take a trip in an aeroplane and be...

Polar explorers do not have to go down to the basement and tell the janitor what they think of him.

When a man asks the reason for polar expeditions he shows that he does not read the magazines.

Lots of girls nowadays write to the magazines instead of asking their mothers.

Lincoln's head on the new cent pieces will probably give all a chance to turn an honest penny.

Whatever is said about pasteurized milk, the pasturized cow is better than the one that is fed on baled hay the year round.

King Edward is said to have his "double" in a private citizen who closely resembles him, as has the prince of Wales.

Canada, the United States and Mexico are preparing to do what they can to make North America worth saving to posterity.

King Edward forgot to mention the suffragettes in the speech from the throne. And he used to be such a ladies' man!

The fleet jackies not only were brought home again, but they were paid \$500,000 in gold for coming! Great country, this.

A New Orleans man is suing five men who forcibly cut off his whiskers. "Ingratitude, thou marble hearted fiend!"

A Windy City preacher declares chad is here on earth. And, being a Chicago man, he ought to know what he is talking about.

A California man was not awakened by his wife's screams, which frightened away a burglar. Some men have presence of mind even in their sleep.

They have a "silence room" exclusively for women in one of the churches. After a little practice the women hope to be able to use it.

A woman has challenged a leading member of the Duma to fight a duel, and a good many Japs would be inclined to bet on her if the affair could come off.

The new remedy for heart trouble is called Oxpropylendilisoamllamine. We only mention it to bring joy to the hearts of printers and proof readers.

Royalists have been doing a little rioting in France. But over there they treat that sort of thing with the same tolerance with which we look on the occasional outbreaks of college lads.

Now the Mauretania has done the run from Liverpool to New York in four days and 17 hours. In a generation or two ships are likely to be jumping across.

Michigan evangelist, who has been talking against divorce for many years, now applies for one. Maybe he just needs it as evidence how terrible it is.

The Swedish diet has voted for woman suffrage. Any legislative body with that name ought to give the sex that does nine-tenths of the world's cooking what it wants.

New Mexico proposes to tax widowers \$25 a year and bachelors only \$10 a year. Evidently it is figured that it will be easy to get the larger sum out of a man who has once been married.

A special appeal has been made to Americans for contributions on behalf of an effort now being made to erect at Montpellier, France, on the ground of the National School of Agriculture, a monument to the late Gustave Fox, the French horticulturist.

Jersey justice law has ruled that if a woman wearing high French heels is hurt in getting off a car she cannot recover damages. Here is another illustration of how poor women are trampled upon by the masculine foot of oppression.

King Alfonso of Spain is undertaking to negotiate a marriage for King Manuel of Portugal with a niece of King Edward of England. Alfonso himself being married to a niece of Edward, this activity looks like enthusiasm for the family. Or is it that misery loves company?

It is not likely that Solomon built his temple of cement, yet we are told that it went up without the sound of a hammer or any implement of iron.

For the last ten years William Bidolph Cross of Cook street, Chester, England, who died recently, was engaged in the construction of his own coffin, made of empty match boxes. It is of the ordinary shape, and much patience and skill have been bestowed on it. There is, of course, an inner shell of wood, on which the match boxes are glued.

Prof. Schiaparelli, the head of the Italian expedition in Egypt, is making headway in his investigations of the necropolis of Asin. Some 200 Egyptian tombs are at work, and a great number of funeral objects are being constantly brought to light.

One eminent scientist puts the maximum size of the earth at 100,000,000 years; another at 15,000,000,000. But, then, after you have passed the first hundred millions a little matter of 14,999,000,000 more is not hard to swallow.

COOPERS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

JURY'S VERDICT SETS PUNISHMENT AT TWENTY YEARS IN PENITENTIARY.

DEFENDANTS WILL APPEAL CASE

Declare Judge Made Mistake in Not Accepting the Original Verdict at Time Sharpe Was Freed.

Nashville, Tennessee. — Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and his son Robin, a 25-year-old lawyer, were Saturday found guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of former United States Senator Edward Ward Carmack, in this city, on November 9 last. They were immediately sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary.

The verdict will be appealed at once. Attorneys Anderson and Washington paved the way for this action Friday when they compelled Judge Hart to record the exact words of the jury in reporting the verdict of acquittal in the case of Sharpe. By order of the court Clerk Haley entered the words:

First Verdict of the Jury. "We, the jury, find John D. Sharpe not guilty as charged in the indictment, but as to the two defendants Cooper, we report that we are hopelessly tied."

With this as a text, the appeal will be taken. The defense will also hold that the judge erred in not at that time discharging the jury. They will argue to the higher courts that sending the jury back after such a report with an admonition that they would have to agree was coercion, and that this denied the accused fair trial of a free trial guaranteed by the constitution.

Verdict General Surprise. The verdict was a general surprise, as it was thought that the jury, which had been out since Wednesday morning, was hopelessly deadlocked.

After polling the jury, Judge Hart discharged the jurors and remanded the prisoners into the custody of the sheriff.

Judge Hart has decided to fix bond for the defendants at \$25,000 each, which they are expected to give soon.

John Sharpe, who was indicted with them on the charge of complicity before the fact, was acquitted Friday.

During the day the foreman told the court there was no possibility of an agreement as to the Coopers could be reached. Judge Hart, however, sent the 12 men back, advising them to arrive at some sort of a verdict. The jury had already deliberated 49 hours.

As soon as the jury had retired Anderson made a motion for the discharge of Sharpe.

"Are there any other charges against Mr. Sharpe?" asked Judge Hart.

"There are not," said Attorney General McCann, who seemed still stunned with the development in the case.

Court Tells Sharpe to Go. "Mr. Sharpe, you are free to go," declared Judge Hart, and the former sheriff left the courtroom, going to the room of his brother, Vernon M. Sharpe, clerk of the court, where he was given a warm welcome by his friends.

Sharpe's acquittal gave general satisfaction, as nearly everyone in Tennessee believed his arrest was a mistake. They felt that he had nothing to do with the killing and it was freely predicted that the fact that the state had him indicted would hurt its case. He was prominent in Davidson county politics for many years and has many friends.

17 Hurt in Texas Wreck. San Antonio, Texas.—Seventeen passengers were injured, two fatally, when the eastbound Southern Pacific passenger train, No. 10, ran into an open switch and crashed into a switch engine on a sidetrack in the yards at Sanders, 303 miles west of here.

Four Children Perish in Fire. Bristow, Oklahoma.—Four children of M. C. Palmer, near Newby Okla., were burned to death in a prairie fire early Thursday which destroyed the family residence. Palmer and his wife and one son escaped.

Asbury College Burned. Louisville, Kentucky.—Two hundred students had narrow escapes when fire destroyed the Asbury Methodist college at Wilmore, Ky. John Varcere of Newbern, Tenn., was seriously hurt. Loss, \$75,000.

Train Robber Identified. Denver, Colorado.—William St. Clair arrested at Fort Collins with Frank Potts as a suspect, was Thursday identified by two mail clerks as one of the men that held up and robbed the Rio Grande passenger train near here February 13.

Cuba Rebels Surrender. Havana, Cuba.—Sergeant Cortes, the leader of the insurrectionists and his whole band surrendered Thursday night to the civil authorities of Remedios, in Santa Clara province.

Fifth Death After Train Runaway. Montreal, Canada.—Mark Cunningham, engineer of the Boston & Maine train which telescoped the Windsor street station here, died early Thursday, making the fifth fatality to follow the accident.

Railroad Employees Are Witnesses. Rochester, New York.—Fourteen Pennsylvania railroad employees have been subpoenaed to appear at Buffalo, March 29, in the federal court in connection with Standard Oil rebating cases.

Will Join Roosevelt in Hunt. Menominee, Michigan.—Fred Stephenson, who is now in Mexico, has accepted an invitation from former President Roosevelt to join the African hunting expedition. Mr. Ste-

ROOSEVELT IN RETIREMENT.



PARTY LINES TO BE ELIMINATED

HOUSE MEMBERS WILL FIGHT FOR INTERESTS OF HIS HOME DISTRICT.

YALE GREET'S PRESIDENT.

Followed by Many Hundreds of Students Who Insist on Him Making a Speech.

TARIFF DEBATES TO BE SHORT

Minority Leaders Favor Inheritance Tax, Philippine Free Trade and Maximum and Minimum Features of Payne Bill.

Washington.—That party lines will be eliminated during the consideration in the house of the Payne tariff bill, was indicated by the action of Representative Broussard of Louisiana, in withdrawing from the meeting of the minority members of the committee, because he differed with their views on the tariff.

With few exceptions, each member of the house will fight for the interests of his home district. There is little prospect of any lengthy general debate on the bill and the consideration of the bill under the five minute rule for amendment will be proceeded with as soon as possible, probably by the end of the present week. Unless a "gag" rule for the prevention of an unlimited amendment under the five minute rule is brought in, the minority members of the ways and means committee will not report a separate bill.

Minority Will Criticize. Their report will be drafted by Minority Leader Clark, and will severely criticize the wool schedule in the new bill.

It is contended by the Democrats that it has not been cut sufficiently to place it on a revenue basis. There probably will be numerous amendments offered and heated discussions affect in them are anticipated.

The inheritance tax, Philippine free trade, internal revenue and maximum and minimum features of the new bill are endorsed by the minority leaders and there has been much favorable comment upon the measure by Democratic congressmen.

Champ Clark Thursday, declared that he had not sufficient time to look into its provisions to enable him to comment upon them.

One Killed in Hotel Fire. Tonopah, Nevada.—Isaac Pisek, was burned to death and six others were burned or injured in a fire which destroyed Lindsay's hotel and two adjoining buildings at Miller, near here, early Thursday. The fire broke out in the hotel dining room during a dance and caused a great panic. Pisek was rescued, after heroic work by some of the merry-makers, but soon died.

Moonshiner Wounded in Battle. Ozark, Ala.—A pitched battle between moonshiners and federal deputy marshals near Elmsville Friday Herman Evans, who was operating a still, was dangerously wounded and an associate who took part in the battle escaped.

Mind is Blank Three Years. Los Angeles, Cal.—J. J. Driscoll, 66 years old, who says his home is in Brockton, Mass., and that he has been wandering for three years with his mind a blank, suddenly came to his senses Friday while walking along Spring street in this city.

Mme. Modjeska, Condition Critical. Los Angeles, Cal.—The condition of Mme. Helena Modjeska, the famous tragedienne, is considered critical and little hope is held out for her recovery. The hear trouble has grown worse and constitutes the most dangerous feature of her condition.

Suspect is Charged With Murder. Pueblo, Colo.—"Ray" Gordon, the cowboy who lived with Peter Dieter, a young Chicago rancher who was believed to have been murdered here, was Friday charged with the murder and a reward of \$500 was offered by the county for his arrest.

White Man Lynched. Elkins, W. Va.—Joe Brown, who shot and probably fatally injured Scott White, chief of police of Whitmer, W. Va., was taken from jail here early Friday morning and lynched by a mob of 50 men. Brown is a white man.

Illinois Central Indicted. Chicago, Ill.—The federal grand jury in session here Friday returned an indictment against the Illinois Central railroad for a violation of the federal quarantine law.

Senate Has a Minute Session. Washington, D. C.—The senate was in session just eight minutes Friday. The census bill was received from the house and referred to committee, and George T. Oliver, of Pennsylvania, was sworn in as senator.

Waiting for Money From Home. Niarritz.—Many America and English visitors at southern France resorts having failed, owing to the strike of postmen to receive their customary remittances, have been reduced to want.

Policeman Shoots Wrong Man. Chicago, Ill.—Policeman Alexander Scott of the Twenty-second street station Friday night shot and killed Joseph Finn, a laborer, whom he mistook for "Pickles" Gilroy, a man being sought by the police.

House Hears Tariff Bill. Washington, D. C.—For four and a half hours the house of representatives Friday listened to the reading of the tariff bill, which was concluded. It was the only business transacted.

Taft's Brevity is Liked

Disposition in Both Houses to Dispose of Tariff Bill in Briefest Possible Time.

Washington, D. C.—If President Taft could have heard the expressions of satisfaction over his first message to congress he would undoubtedly have plumed himself upon getting off with the right foot foremost.

The message is one of the shortest on record. Examination of messages of the past directed to congresses called for the consideration of the tariff show that it is far and away the briefest of its kind. Even President McKinley who was given to weighing his words with greatest deliberation, and rarely to sending a message to congress unless he believed some real emergency existed, seldom equaled the brevity of Taft's message of Tuesday.

The satisfaction with which members of the United States senate received the message evidenced by the smiles of Senator Aldrich, Senator Hale, Senator Cullom and all the old conservative leaders in that body. When it was concluded with scarcely more than five minutes consumed in its reading, the satisfaction of the senate was evidenced by audible applause. In the dignified senate such a demonstration is most unusual.

"LIAR," MEANS FIGHT.

Georgia Court Holds Damages Cannot Be Recovered—Act is a Breach of the Peace.

Atlanta, Ga.—To call a man a liar in the state of Georgia is a breach of the peace and means a fight declares the state court of appeals in a decision handed down Tuesday.

The lower court which refused damages to W. M. Rumsey, who sued W. A. Bullard for \$100 for calling him a liar is reversed, the opinion by Judge Powell, concluding:

"Being to the manor born the judges of this court take judicial cognizance of the fact that in Georgia, to call a man a liar, even without threatening him with a weapon most generally means a fight. There may be exceptions to this rule, but they are exotic and find little nourishment on Georgia soil and under the southern skies."

FIND SEELEY'S BODY.

Publisher of the Red Bud, Ill., Democrat Missing Since Sunday Found in River.

Red Bud, Ill.—The body of Gus Seeley, publisher of the Red Bud, Illinois, Democrat, for whom a search was made throughout Monday, was found Tuesday in the Okaw river six miles from Red Bud.

Seeley went duck hunting last Sunday. Early Monday the boat in which he started, with one oar in it, was found floating down the Okaw river several miles from Red Bud.

Suit Involving Many Acres.

Chandler, Okla.—A suit brought by Senator Robert L. Owen, involving the title to 35,000 tracts of land, valued at two million dollars, had its first hearing Tuesday. The suit was filed in behalf of a number of Indian who when they became of age, claimed their allotments which had been sold by their guardians.

Senate Committees Not Assigned.

Washington, D. C.—The assignment of senators to committees has not been concluded, and may not be until two or three more meetings are held. The committee on committees of the senate was in session more than three hours Tuesday, but the end of their work is not yet in sight.

Attempts to Assassinate Mayor.

Pass Christian, Miss.—Two unknown men Monday night attempted to assassinate Mayor E. J. Adams. One of the men was bending over Mayor Adams, with an upraised knife, when Mrs. Adams awoke and screamed. The men were frightened off and escaped.

Great Western is Reorganized.

New York, N. Y.—The plan of reorganization of the Chicago & Great Western railway has been completed. It provides for the authorization of \$50,000,000 first mortgage four per cent bonds of which \$17,000,000 will be reserved to retire outstanding divisional bonds.

Forger Gives Himself Up.

Alexandria, La.—Saying his conscience hurt him E. K. May, who is wanted for forgery at Mountain Grove, Missouri, walked into the sheriff's office here, and gave himself up. He was taken back to Missouri Tuesday.

Bank Robbers Routed.

Bland, Mo.—Three men who attempted to dynamite the safe of the Bland National bank Tuesday were routed by citizens after a lively fight in which many shots were fired.

George Kemp Held to Grand Jury.

Bloomington, Ill.—George P. Kemp of Lamar, Mo., was bound over in bond of \$1,500 here Tuesday on the charge of passing fraudulent paper in trading for a Missouri farm, securing a dairy concern in exchange.

State Treasurer is Arraigned.

Salt Lake City.—Former State Treasurer James Christiansen was arraigned Tuesday on charge of having embezzled \$70,000 of state funds. He was allowed to withhold his plea and the case was indefinitely continued.

Tobacco Men Try to Form Pool.

Winchester, Ky.—The district board of the Kentucky Burley Tobacco society adjourned Tuesday night after an all-day session in which plans for pooling the crop of 1909 were discussed, but final action was deferred until the next meeting on June 8.

Railroad Cave-in Kills Five.

Ottawa, Ont.—Five men were killed and a sixth had a narrow escape in an accident at a railway construction camp 20 miles from Latouche, Quebec.

TARIFF BILL ADDS TO THE REVENUE

PAYNE'S MEASURE TO REVISE DINGLEY ACT MAKES REDUCTION ON NECESSITIES

A GRADUATED INHERITANCE TAX

Measure Expected to Increase Customs Receipts \$40,000,000 Annually—Issue of \$250,000,000 Treasury Certificates.

Washington, D. C.—Full members of the house committee on ways and means, including Democrats as well as Republicans met at 10 o'clock Thursday for the formal consideration of the Payne tariff bill which saw the light for the first time in the house Wednesday.

The senate committee on finance at the same time began formal consideration of the bill.

General debate will be postponed until Monday, if Mr. Payne's present program is followed and after that time the measure probably will be before the house for from ten days to two weeks.

This plan of operation is slightly different from that which has been followed in the consideration of other tariff bills of recent years and it had been expected that the Democratic members of the committee would be afforded more time than is now contemplated for the consideration of the bill in committee. It is still possible that if they insist upon delay and succeed in presenting good reasons for their request, they may be accommodated.

Revenue Increased 20 Per Cent.

Downward revision, maximum and minimum provisions which impose an average maximum duty, 20 per cent in excess of the present tariff and numerous provisions by which it is estimated that the revenue to the government will be increased forty or fifty million dollars are salient features of the new tariff bill which was introduced in the house Wednesday by Representative Sereno E. Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee.

The recommendations made by President Taft that an inheritance tax be provided and that a limited amount of tobacco and sugar be admitted free from the Philippines are included in the bill. The limit on sugar is placed at 300,000 tons, on wrapper tobacco at 300,000 pounds, filler tobacco at 3,000,000 pounds and 150,000 cigars in one fiscal year. The measure also provides for the issuance of Panama canal bonds to the amount of \$4,000,000 to reimburse the treasury for the original purchase of the canal, and re-enacts the provision for the issue of treasury certificates, the amount being increased from \$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000.

Coffee on the Free List.

While there is no duty imposed upon coffee, tea is taxed 8 cents when imported from the country where it is produced and 9 cents when from other than the producing country. The internal revenue tax on cigarettes weighing over three pounds per thousand is increased from \$3 to \$3.60 and on those weighing less, from \$1.00 to \$1.50, while the tax on beer and whisky is undisturbed.

A cut of 50 per cent is made in the steel and lumber schedules, and iron ore, hides, tallow, cottonseed oil and works of art, more than twenty years old, are placed on the free list.

Tariff on Leather Goods Reduced.

The tariff on boots and shoes is reduced 40 per cent and on other leather manufactures in proportion. The pottery schedule remains about the same, but the duties on window and plate glass of the smaller sizes are increased, while the duties on the larger sizes are reduced.

The tariff on wool of the first and second class, used principally in clothing, is not disturbed, but on wool of the third class, known as carpet wool, it is reduced on the cheaper grades. A 5-cent reduction is made in the duties on shoddy and waste, while wool tops are assessed 6 cents a pound more than the duty on scoured wool, which is unchanged.

Wood Pulp on Free List.

The recommendations for placing wood pulp on the free list and reducing the duties on print paper, with certain restrictions, made by the Mann committee of the house, are incorporated in the bill.

The duty on refined sugar is reduced .04 of a cent a pound and on dextrine 1/2 cent a pound. A reduction of 1 cent a pound is also made in the duty on starch, with the exception of potato starch. Zinc in ore is assessed 1 cent per pound for the zinc contained. The tariff on pig-

TARIFF BILL IN BRIEF.

Duties are removed or lowered on necessities and increased on luxuries as follows: Coffee—Placed on the free list.

Sugar—Five-cent reduction per 100 pounds for refined.

Shoes—Reduced 40 per cent. Lumber—Reduced 50 per cent. Steel—Reduced 50 per cent. Iron—Reduced from \$4 per ton to \$2.50.

Iron Ore—Placed on the free list. Zinc Ore—Changed from 30 per cent ad valorem to 1 cent per pound.

Zinc in Pigs—Reduced from 1 1/2 cents to 1 cent per pound; in sheets, from 2 cents to 1 1/4 cents per pound.

Lead Ore—Reduced from 1 1/2 cents to 1 cent per pound. Furs—Increased from 20 per cent ad valorem to 27 1/2 per cent ad valorem.

Cigarettes—Increased. An inheritance tax modeled after the New York law is the most sweeping change proposed in the bill.

No change is made in tax on beer.

Iron is reduced from \$4 to \$2.50 per ton.

The principal increases are made in the duties on lemons, cocoa and substitutes for coffee, coal tar, dyes, gloves and coated papers and lithographic prints.

As was expected, the new tariff bill is made on a maximum and minimum basis, with the provision that the maximum rates are not to go into effect until 60 days after the passage of the bill.

The reciprocity provisions are contained in the paragraphs assessing duties on bituminous coal and coke and agricultural implements, by which these articles are given entry free of duty when imported from countries which permit the free importation of these articles from America.

Inheritance Tax Provision.

The inheritance tax provision of the bill is similar to the New York state law. It provides a tax of 5 per cent on all inheritances over \$500, that are collateral inheritances, or in which strangers are the legatees. In cases of direct inheritance the taxes prescribed are: On \$10,000 to \$100,000, 1 per cent; on \$100,000 to \$500,000, 2 per cent; and on those over \$500,000, 3 per cent. It is estimated that \$20,000,000 annually will be derived from this tax.

The maximum and minimum provisions of the bill will do away with the necessity of continuing the foreign trade agreements. The abrogation of these is provided for in a section which authorizes the president to issue notices of the termination of these agreements within 10 days after the bill goes into effect. The French agreement would, therefore, terminate immediately, while the German agreement would remain in force for six months. The time that must intervene before the operation of the other reciprocity agreements would become effective ranges from three months to one year.

A provision in the bill is designed to meet the conditions resulting from the patent laws of Great Britain, which require that patentees must manufacture their articles within Great Britain. This provision applies the same rules to patents taken out in this country by aliens as applies to Americans in the country of the aliens.

Drawback privileges are extended by the bill and the method of valuation on articles upon which the tariff imposes an ad valorem duty is broadened for the purpose of preventing the practice of under-valuation.

The bill contains about 100,000 words and is therefore twice as large as the Dingley law. It represents the judgment of the committee based on over 8,000 pages of printed testimony, 30,000 letters and all known statistics bearing on the subject.

Passes for Taft and Sherman.

Chicago.—When President Taft and Vice-President Sherman wish to take a run out to an American or National League baseball park next summer they will present at the gate an embossed ivory pass case with their monograms in gold on the back. President Johnson of the American League announced that the National Baseball Commission had decided on passes of this kind for the nation's chief executives.

Substitute is Knocked Out.

Columbus, Ohio.—Owing to an injury to his hand, Marvin Hart was unable to go on Wednesday night with Mike Schreck, William Schuller of Louisville, who took Hart's place, was knocked out in the second round.

Annual Bench Show Opens.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The annual bench show of the Duquesne Kennel club opened in this city Wednesday with 925 entries, representing 39 different breeds of dogs from kennels in all parts of the country.

Long Trip in Small Boat.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo.—Ernest W. Sauritz, an American, arrived here a few days ago from Jacksonville, Fla., by way of Porto Rico in a small boat of two tons, named Cora.

40,000 Patriots in Line.

New York, N. Y.—St. Patrick's memory was honored Wednesday in New York City by a parade, in which forty thousand persons were in line. The line of parade was more than six miles long.