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HOUSE MEMBERS SAY THEY HAVE CANNON ON THE HIP

Insurgents Declare They Will Split Republican Camp.

GET CHANGE IN RULES

Propose to Make it Necessary to Call All Committees Once a Week.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The insurgents against the present rules of the house are leaving Washington for their homes jubilant over the progress they have made in stirring up an insurrection in the republican ranks. They will tell their constituents that before the end of the session the rules will be amended.

One Change Certain. Some of the most optimistic claim this is all that is necessary to get relief from the present rules. The call of the committees would enable the committee to get before the house all important bills of various kinds and would remove the speaker of liability to the charges of preventing legislation which was demanded by the people.

Both Houses Adjourned. Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate adjourned at 12:50 until Jan. 4. Washington, Dec. 19.—The house adjourned at 12:14 till Jan. 4.

LAST TO SUFFER

Trust Witnesses on Tariff Declare Lower Duties Would Not Affect Them Much.

BUT WOE TO INDEPENDENTS

Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of Board of Directors of Steel Corporation Heard at Washington.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—"If you protect our competitors you leave us above protection, and I believe that the United States Steel corporation should make public its affairs and submit to government control," was the remarkable declaration of Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, at the hearing before the house ways and means committee yesterday. "This is radical," he added, "but remember that I am not speaking for the steel corporation in saying this."

Proved Good Witness. Mr. Gary, like Charles M. Schwab, who appeared before the committee Tuesday, was an admirable witness, giving much information and submitting to a severe cross examination. His testimony in substance showed that the tariff is needed more as a protection for the independent steel manufacturers than for the steel corporation. Like Mr. Schwab, Mr. Gary declared that the reduction of the duty on certain steel products would compel the steel companies to reduce the cost of labor.

Corporation Can Care for Itself. He said that the competitors of the steel corporation needed protection but that the corporation could take care of itself.

"Suppose this committee were to wipe out the steel duty entirely, the United States Steel corporation would

MRS. RITTMAN GAINS OFFICE BY COURT'S ACT

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The validity of the election which made Mrs. Rose D. Rittman high chief ranger of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters was affirmed by Judge McEwen in the superior court here today.

still survive?" inquired Representative Champ Clark of Missouri. "I cannot say," replied Judge Gary. "but I am of the impression that if we did we would have a monopoly of the market in this country. I don't think we could make a reasonable and fair profit if the tariff were put on that basis."

Packers Don't Need Tariff. A. R. Union of Armour & company, the first representative of the larger meat packers to appear before the committee, also was a witness yesterday. He declared that it would make no difference to the concerns he represents if the tariff on hides is lower, raised, or taken off entirely. He said that the tariff has added from 90 cents to \$1.10 to the value of hides. He asserted that the farmer received the entire benefit of this increased value.

Mr. Union said that the statement that the packers control the tanning as well as the packing business is inconsistent.

BANQUET FOR FLEET AT COLOMBO, CEYLON

Planters Present Americans With 15 Pounds of Tea and Pay High Compliments.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 19.—The chamber of commerce and the Planters' association of Ceylon last night gave an official banquet in honor of the officers of the United States Atlantic battleship fleet.

Colonel Sir Henry Edward McCallum, the governor of Ceylon, in a speech said it had been the good fortune of Ceylon to accord a warm welcome to the fleet and that its presence would be instrumental in the continuance of peace. The prosperity of Australia, Hongkong, and the Straits Settlements were due, he said, to the crown colony government, and America would have adopted this system in the Philippine islands had its constitution permitted. Governor McCallum paid a tribute to the exemplary behavior of the American crews ashore.

In the presentation of 15,000 pounds of tea to the officers and men of the fleet, the chairman of the Planters' association expressed his profound admiration of the unparalleled achievement of marshaling the American fleet in a stately procession from sea to sea.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE WINS IN MISSOURI

No Law to Prevent Healing of Sick. Court Decides in Kansas City Test Case.

Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 19.—There is no law in Missouri prohibiting the practice of healing members of the Christian Science church according to a decision handed down today in the circuit court. In the case brought to test law Mrs. Lena A. Jacard and Theresa M. Haywood, prominent Christian Science practitioners of Kansas City, were charged with violating the laws that make it an offense to practice medicine or surgery or treat the sick for pay without a license.

TELEPHONE GIRLS GO OUT

Rockford Operators Say They Want Time to Fix Hair.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 19.—Declaring that their hands were slapped by an assistant supervisor if they tried to arrange their hair or collars while working at the switchboards, one-half of the force of the Central Union telephone operators went on strike yesterday. They demanded better treatment by supervisor operators and double pay for Sundays and holidays. Manager Eby says the charges of hand slapping are ridiculous, and that the places of the strikers have been filled.

Indianian a Football Victim.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 19.—Frank Hanum of this city died yesterday at Seattle, Wash., of injuries received in a football game. He was 26 years old.

Indiana Educator Dead.

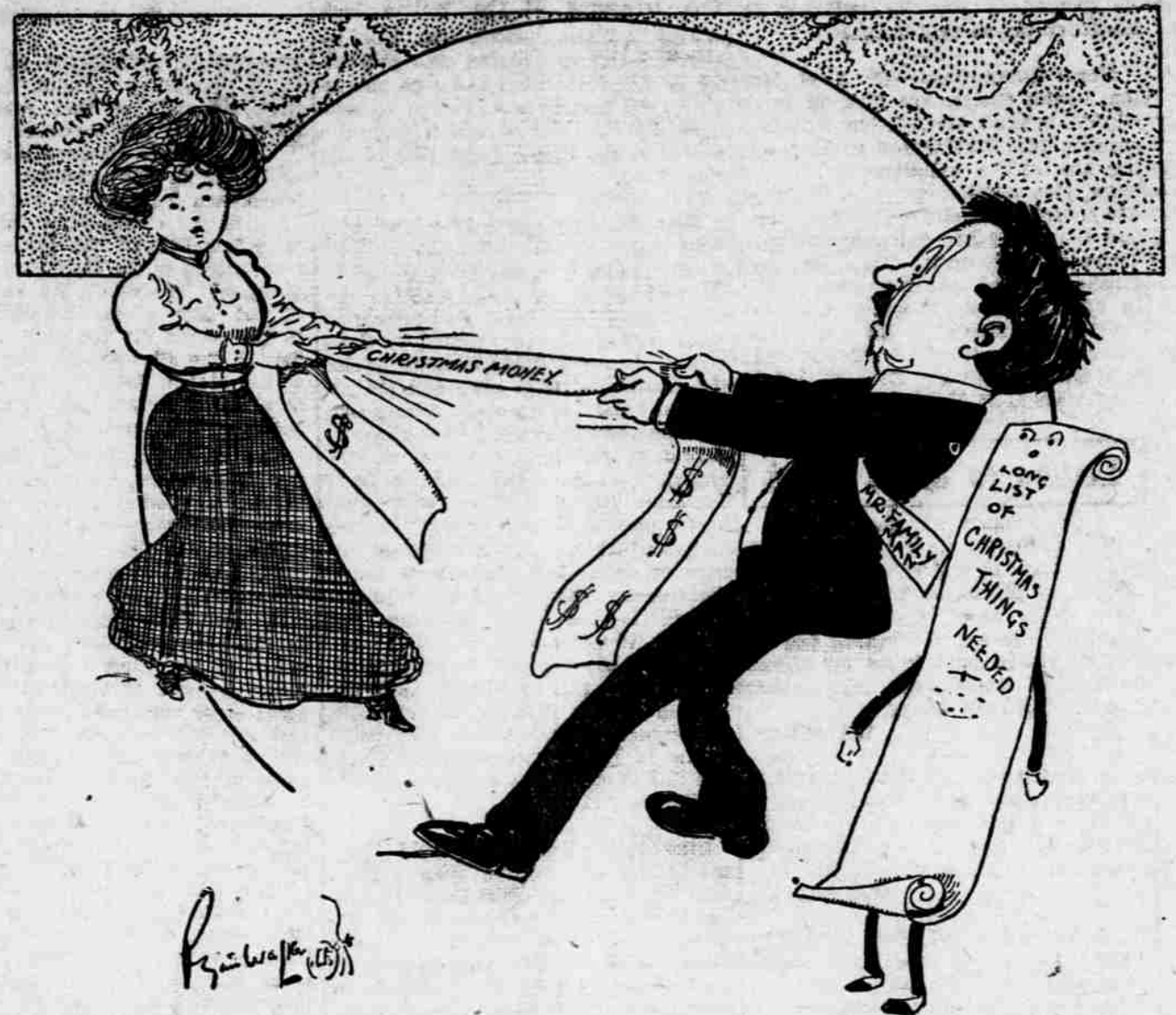
Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 19.—Dr. Thomas Gray, vice president of Rose Polytechnic institute, died today after a long illness.

Yesterday in Congress

Washington, Dec. 19.—Following is a summary compiled from the official proceedings of the work of both houses of congress yesterday:

SENATE.—The senate was not in session. HOUSE.—Because of the general exodus of members for their homes for the Christmas holidays, the attendance was far short of a quorum. Nevertheless, a good deal of business was transacted. This consisted mostly of the passage of war claim bills, some of them giving rise to considerable discussion. At 4:47 p. m. the house adjourned.

The stretching out their holiday money as far as possible—a "before Christmas" stunt most of us do.



MUFFLED PLEA FOR LIFE ANSWERED BY SHOWER OF NIGHT RIDER BULLETS

Colonel Taylor, Companion of Dead Man, Gives Graphic Story of Murder of Captain Ranken by Tennessee Outlaw Band.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 19.—In the trial of the night riders for the murder of Captain Ranken, Colonel R. Z. Taylor, his companion, today recited in minute details the story of the hanging and shooting of Ranken and his own escape from death at the hands of the murderous band. The aged witness made a most profound impression. He said that while Ranken was hanging by a rope to a tree, the latter made a muffled appeal for life, which was answered by a fusillade of bullets from the night riders.

State Makes Progress. Union City, Tenn., Dec. 19.—At the end of the first day's testimony in the night rider trial the state had made material progress. It had introduced testimony covering the murder of Captain Ranken and supporting an identification of two of the prisoners as members of the masked band. The prisoners, unkempt, scowling and silent, paid little attention to the proceedings. Only once did they betray emotion. One witness, sworn into the band against his will, testified that the only part of the oath he remembered was the part that provided they would kill him if he revealed anything. At this a sardonic grin spread over the features of the prisoners.

REPUBLICAN MACHINE IN NORTH CAROLINA THRIVES

BY TAY. (Special Correspondent of The Argus.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—The "republican machine" of democratic North Carolina is worthy of the attention of the entire nation. It is a striking illustration of "business in politics." The machine is a business organization through and through. It does not really care a continental about high tariff, low tariff, or any other kind of tariff. The men at its head spend a certain amount of money to remain in power, with the expectation of having the investment returned with a large profit.

Profitable in Hostile State. One unskilled in high republican politics might wonder how a republican machine could find it profitable to be in "business in a democratic state." This is the answer: Under a national republican administration the federal patronage—the privilege of naming the men to fill federal positions within the state—goes to the state republican machine.

The right to name federal judges and marshals, etc., is a valuable right. For instance, a railroad traversing the state—a large factor in the republican machine—was able to have its attorney, J. C. Pritchard, made a federal judge for life. When North Carolina passed a 2-cent passenger rate law Judge Pritchard promptly issued an injunction restraining the state from enforcing it.

The machine was also able to have one of its leaders, James E. Boyd, made a United States district judge,

BLOW UP SAFE AT SHERRARD

Robbers Gain Entrance to Postoffice and Make Way With Stamps and Money.

TAKE ABOUT \$400 IN ALL

Explosion Is Not Heard and Burglary Is Not Discovered Until Morning—No Trace of Men.

Sherrard, Ill., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Sherrard postoffice was entered by robbers this morning, shortly after midnight, and about \$400 in stamps and money secured by blowing open the safe. The robbers secured about \$200 worth of stamps, but the amount of cash taken cannot be definitely determined until the accounts have been checked.

The robbers gained entrance to the building through a rear window, which they pried open. The safe was blown to pieces with a heavy charge of explosive, presumably nitro-glycerine. No one noticed the explosion, which in any other than a mining town would have attracted attention. The mining company frequently explodes charges of dynamite under ground, and even had the explosion set off by the safe-blowers been heard, it would not likely have attracted any attention.

Leave Tools in Haste. The robbers took everything of value

HOPES TO CONVICT TRUST ON ITS OWN STATEMENTS

In the safe. In their haste to escape they left behind them their tools, with which they gained entrance to the building. Dogs were heard barking excitedly about 1:30 this morning, and possibly their noise was inspired by the flight of the robbers. No trace of the men who robbed the office has as yet been found, although it is assumed that they made their way to Rock Island, using either a handcar or a railway velocipede, one of which was maintained here by the mining company.

Police Make Search. The robbery was reported to the city police this morning by Postmaster E. G. Danielson, and a search was instituted for some trace of the men. No description of the men could be secured. The Sherrard office has of late been in charge of G. W. Bell, under Mr. Danielson.

TO START A BANK

Henry E. Agar, Indiana Man Whom Woodmen Traced, Prospered in Texas.

LIVING A RESPECTABLE LIFE

Says He Had Determined to Begin Life Over Again and Did Not Know Insurance Was Collected.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 19.—Henry E. Agar, who disappeared Jan. 23, 1907, and is alleged to be an embezzler and forger to the extent of \$125,000, has been living a respectable life in Texas nearly ever since.

When arrested, he, with others, was preparing to open a bank in San Benito. As A. B. Connors of the real estate firm of Connors & Purvis, was one of San Benito's foremost citizens, and his arrest was a shock to that community.

Employer Skeptical of Charge. He also was secretary of Colonel Alba Heywood, a prominent business man. Colonel Heywood refused to believe the charge on which Agar was arrested and instituted habeas corpus proceedings to obtain his release. Agar, however, confessed, and told the story of his disappearance from Indiana. Agar was thought by everybody here to have been drowned near Mount Carmel, Ill. He was aboard the steamer Lafayette on the night he was last seen. The evidence that he fell into the river was so strong that his wife collected the insurance policy on the theory that he was dead.

Determined to Start Life Anew. Agar told Colonel Heywood that while standing on the ship that fateful night, he was accidentally knocked off, but was picked up by a houseboat a few minutes later. The next morning, realizing he was facing ruin, he decided to take advantage of the opportunity and get away. A short distance farther down he left the houseboat and made his way to Louisiana, determined to start life anew. Under the name of Ralph A. Connors he got a job with Colonel Heywood.

He quickly rose in the estimation of his employer and went with him to Jennings, Tex., then to San Benito, where he also engaged in business for himself. He said he was not aware that his wife had attempted to collect insurance money. Mrs. Agar, who up to yesterday maintained that her husband was dead, now thinks the man in Texas is Agar, having received a message from his lawyer there. She is holding intact the insurance money paid her and is ready to return it.

RAMMED STEAMER SINKS AT NEW YORK

Thirty Members of Crew Are Rescued By Boats of the Other Vessel.

New York, Dec. 19.—Amid pounding seas and a heavy mist the British freight steamer Daghestan, outward bound for Marseilles, was sunk last night outside the harbor by the tramp steamer Catalone, owned by the English and American Shipping company of London. That no lives were lost was due to the prompt action of Captain Glover of the Catalone in lowering lifeboats. His men put out in the rough seas and went to the rescue of the 30 sailors aboard the stricken vessel. The Daghestan after being rammed settled so rapidly that some of its crew were compelled to jump into the sea.

Cuts Off Fingers to End Thefts. Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 19.—W. Bero, arrested on a charge of theft yesterday, chopped off his fingers, saying, "These fingers will steal no more."

Attorney General Hadley Springs Coup on Harvester Combine

IN ACTION TO OUST IT

Rests Case After Only Company's Witnesses Have Been Heard.

Jefferson City, Md., Dec. 19.—Attorney General Hadley announced today he has notified attorneys for the International Harvester company that the state will present no further testimony in the ouster suit which the attorney general is prosecuting against the concern on the ground it exists in violation of the anti-trust laws of Missouri.

Would Attack Own Statements. The case for the state will thus rest upon the evidence of officials of the defendant company; only, no other witnesses having been called by the prosecution. If the defendant interests wish to offer testimony it will be placed in the shameful position of attacking the statements of its own officials.

CONGRESSMEN NAME CENSUS OFFICIALS

Rule Prevailing Heretofore Will Be Followed, Favored Candidates Taking Examination.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The appointment of clerks and other employees needed for work on the 13th national census will be congressional patronage as in the case of the taking of the previous censuses. Senator Long, chairman of the committee on census, today reported the senate and house bill providing for non-competitive examinations to be held throughout the country by means of the civil service machinery but based on the form of examination to be prescribed by Director North of the census, and confined to persons designated by senators and representatives.

TAFT CABINET IS ALL CHOSEN, REPORT SAYS

Cincinnati, Dec. 19.—A Times-Star, Augusta, Ga., special says: "When Philander C. Knox comes to Augusta to discuss with the president-elect the makeup of the remainder of the new administration cabinet Taft will ask him to approve of Myron T. Herrick, former governor of Ohio, as secretary of the treasury. This fact can be stated as coming from authentic sources."

"When Knox arrives here Taft will submit to him for his inspection and approval the following cabinet list: Secretary of State—Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania. Secretary of the Treasury—Myron T. Herricks of Ohio. Attorney General—George W. Wick-ersham of New York. Secretary of War—Charles Magoon. Secretary of the Navy—William Loeb of New York or Charles A. Thompson of New York. Secretary of the Interior—Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, Washington. Postmaster General—Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts. Secretary of Agriculture—James M. Wilson of Iowa. Secretary of Commerce and Labor—George A. Knight of California."

BURLINGTON BUYS A COLORADO LINE

New York, Dec. 19.—Leading interests in the Colorado & Southern Railroad company announced today the sale of the road to the Burlington Railroad company.

Life Term for Woman. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, convicted of conspiracy in the dynamiting of the home of Judge Ogden in this city, was sentenced today to imprisonment for life.