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## INSURGENTS DEMAND NEW RULES IN HOUSE

**Movement now Organizing to Demand Changes in the Rules which Makes the Speaker More Powerful Than the President—Senator Gardner Says He is More Interested in Rules Than Speaker.**

Washington, Nov. 27.—An insurgent movement among the Republican members of the next congress to demolish the present house rules is now organizing. Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, Senator Lodge's son-in-law, issued a statement today: "I shall not decide how to vote on the speakership until I know the names of the candidates. Personally, I am more interested in a change of rules than in a change of the speakership."

## WILL FIGHT TO PUT STEEL ON FREE LIST

**Champ Clark, Democratic Leader, Says Steel Men are Making False Claims—Murder Billik Bursts into Tears when Told Mother is Dead—Writes Son Pathetic Epistle Before She Dies.**

Chicago, Nov. 27.—When the news of his mother's death in Cleveland was brought to his cell, Herman Billik burst into tears. "My poor mother, I know she could not stand it. I got a letter from her only yesterday and I knew that she was dying when she wrote," he declared. The letter he showed was the most pathetic of many similar epistles. "I don't believe they will hang you," she wrote, "or there is no justice in the world."

## WAGNER IN ITALIAN CAR WINS AUTO DERBY

**In Terrific Speed Contest Frenchman Passes Rivals and Wins by Narrow Margin, Smashing Speed Records—Nazzaro Leads Until He Bursts a Tire and Delay Makes Him Third—Crowd at Course.**

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 27.—Six score of Italian horses, 120 horsepower, crowded and racing in the cylinders of a motor car plunging through changing fog and sunshine at 100 miles of speed, the fastest by the experienced hands of Louis Wagner, Thursday won the most spectacular, the 1908 and the fastest international automobile race ever held in this country. Fate played a game of hide-and-seek with three grim and hooded figures that sat behind big steering wheels and throttles and fought with skill and daring for an advantage of seconds at the finish of the more than six hours of driving through the stifling fumes of burning oil, into storms of sand and gravel thrown up by the flying wheels of the car ahead at risk of life and limb, for the honor of a trophy cup and a purse of gold.

The three drivers who clung together, from the very start were shuffled about like so many cards as the flying cars were reeled away. For a time there was a fourth figure in the leading column, but when little more than a minute separated the first from the last of the cars in the whirl, ring, quagga, a captive of fortune sent one pitching from the road. Out of the mass of wreckage, Fritz Erie, who had been driving the German Benz, No. 19, was taken with a broken nose and a broken jaw. Still the struggle continued and it was not until the last minute of the last lap that the tide of victory turned to Wagner.

Nazzaro, the wonderful Italian driver, holder of world's records and winner of countless contests, who had along tenaciously to a narrow margin of lead for more than a hundred miles, hesitated long enough at the supply pits to change a weakening tire, and lost. The treacherous rubber tubing had burst as he was about to enter the home stretch and the three minutes of delay that followed sent the grand prize winner of last

year and his Fiat No. 6 from first to third position. Hemery, in a German Benz, No. 8, favorite of the following of automobile racing, took second place. It was not until the official time was announced that the actual winner was known; that Wagner had hauled himself to victory by the slender margin of 56 seconds. Hemery was the first to finish the 16 laps of the race and enthusiastic thousands hailed him as a winner with out head of the six minutes grace which Wagner held, Hemery being sent away at the start at 9:52 in the morning and Wagner not getting the word to go until 9:58.

The minutes of waiting after Hemery had driven the big Benz car over the finish line seemed like hours to the adherents of the missing car and like emotional ecstasies to the men who had already made the journey but had not yet won. It was just as the fits of the flying minutes were ticking itself away that the host of the bugles and the waving of red watchmen's flags set up a roar of "our champion" from a wildly excited crowd of spectators. "Wagner, Wagner, Wagner!" cried the crowd, and pitching down the straight way with the steadiness of a locomotive, the red car tore for the finish line, the big white number "14" glowing from the radiator and from the sides of the hood to tell that there was no mistake in the identity of the driver.

Wagner drove a remarkable steady race. He stopped several times for supplies and once seemed to be in serious trouble right in front of the grandstand. Something was wrong beneath the car and down under the maze of cranks and wheels the machinist pounced as soon as the brakes had brought the sliding car to a stop.

The rules of the race barred the men in the cars ascending any outside help whatsoever and Wagner and his machinist made quick repairs unaided. Just before climbing back in,



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## TROOPS LEAVE

**Following Sale of Tobacco Night Rider Troubles End and Soldiers are Recalled**

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 27.—Following the sale by the Burley Tobacco society of the pooled tobacco crops of 1906 and 1907, which brought the expected end of the night rider troubles, Adjutant General Johnson ordered the withdrawal of practically all of the troops in the district where they have been in service for a year. A small detachment will be maintained for a while in Murray and Eddyville.

## PUT BAN ON MARYLAND

**Agricultural Department Quarantines the State on Account of Foot and Mouth Disease.**

Washington, Nov. 27.—The agricultural department today quarantined the whole state of Maryland on account of the foot and mouth disease. Secretary Wilson says the disease was brought in from Detroit by the way of Buffalo.

## JUDGE NOT IMPLICATED

**Vice President of Ohio German Insurance Company Confesses to Irregularities.**

Toledo Nov. 27.—Frederick D. Prentice, vice president and secretary of the Ohio German Fire Insurance company, against which ouster proceedings are pending in the circuit court, has made a full confession to the state superintendent of insurance C. C. Lemert, and other state officials. That the confession is now in the hands of the state authorities was admitted here last night.

In his confession which was verbatim, but which was transcribed by stenographers, Mr. Prentice says the irregularities and falsifications of records were made with his full knowledge. The statement, the state

**BILLY'S MOTHER DIES.**  
Cleveland, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Barbara Billik, mother of Herman Billik, the condemned Chicago murderer, died at her home here this morning. Falling since her son's conviction, the final blow was a pathetic letter she received from him Wednesday.

authorities say, does not implicate Judge Michael Donnelly, president of the company, or former Superintendent Miles. It is said that it was largely due to the efforts of the latter that the investigation which developed the irregularities was started.

The state authorities say there is little chance for the company to be saved, and it was announced last night that Judge Lemert will ask for the appointment of trustees. It is estimated by the state authorities that it would take nearly \$500,000 to clean up the affairs of the company and start over again with a clean slate.

It is said Al. L. Chapman of the insurance firm of Barker, Frost & Chapman of Toledo will be named as trustee for the Ohio German.

## ATTEMPT LIFE OF EMPRESS

**Amsterdam Hears That Dowager Empress of Russia Has Narrow Escape**

Amsterdam, Nov. 27.—Amsterdam court circles hear an attempt on the life of the Dowager Empress of Russia failed by the narrowest margin. An Anarchist reached the side of the royal carriage, and was pulling a revolver when seized by a policeman. The empress is still under a doctor's care.

## GOV. SMITH ENTERTAINS FOR FLEET OFFICERS

Manila, Nov. 27.—Twelve hundred men of the fleet are being cared for under cover today, a driving rain making it impossible to have the outdoor program. Governor General Smith gave a reception of 2,000 in honor of the admiral and officers of the fleet.

## RUSSIAN COUNSEL THREATENED WITH DEATH

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Attorney Rigby counsel for the Russian government in the Rudovitz extradition case, caused a sensation at the hearing before the United commission today when he produced a letter threatening his life unless he dropped the case.

## NW SENSATION IN PARIS MURDER CASE

**Minister of Justice Puts Prosecution into New Hands—Madame Steinhil, Accused of the Murder of Husband and Also of Late President Faure, Weeps and Refuses to Eat—Now Look for Accomplices—High Officials Involved**

Paris, Nov. 27.—Another sensation resulted in the Steinhil-Faure mystery this afternoon when Minister of Justice Blandy withdrew the proceedings from Magistrate Boucard and detailed Examining Magistrate Andre to conduct further inquiries. Weeping and groaning in solitary confinement is Mme. Steinhil, accused of the murder of her husband and of the late President Faure. All attempts to make her take nourishment fail. M. Hamard, chief of the detective bureau, declared today that there is no doubt of her guilt but he insists that she had an accomplice. "I think one brain conceived and several hands carried out the murder."

## WANTS TO RECLAIM THE CITY OF ZION

**Overseer Says He will Make Offer to Federal Receivers—Zion City is Placarded with Pleas for Funds—President of Hayti will Fight American Intervention—Establishes Press Censorship.**

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Overseer Volviva, successor to Dowie as the head of the Christian Catholic church today announced that he would offer the federal receivers now in charge of the property \$1399,000 for Zion City. Zion is today plastered with placards urging the faithful to contribute toward the fund to rescue the city from the hands of the world.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Nov. 27.—President Nord Alexis will oppose American intervention in Hayti by every means in his power. He has established what amounts to a censorship on all news from the troubled district so that apparent tranquility can be indicated. Directed agents in France do everything in their power to influence the French sentiment in the favor of a "Let Alone" policy here.

## LAMPHERE GUILTY, GIVEN FINE AND LONG SENTENCE

**Jury Finds LaPorte Man Guilty of Arson—Court Immediately Fines Prisoner \$5,000 and Sentences Him to State Prison for Long Term—Defense Claiming Verdict Should Have Been Either Death or Acquittal, Will Carry Case Higher.**

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 27.—Lamphere is calmly preparing today for a journey to the state prison in Michigan city. His attorney will ask the court to prepare a motion for a new trial. "The verdict of guilty of arson is ridiculous," he said this morning. "If Lamphere is guilty at all he is guilty of murder. He should have been acquitted."

His attorneys declare Lamphere could not be tried again for murder on account of the finding of the jury and because he was improperly convicted of arson because of the court's instructions.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 27.—Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children, by setting fire to the Guinness home, April 28, was found guilty last evening of arson by the jury which had the case since 5:30 last night. Within five minutes after the verdict was reported, Judge Richter had sentenced the defendant to the state penitentiary at Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to 21 years.

Lamphere will be taken to Michigan City today to begin his sentence.

The verdict was reached within half an hour after the jury had returned from supper. Word that an agreement had been arrived at was conveyed to Bailiff Mathis, who at once telephoned Judge Richter and the attorneys in the case. The lights in the big courtroom were turned on and within 15 minutes the courtroom was packed. Lamphere was brought over from the jail and at 7:20 the jury filed into the courtroom and took its place in the jury box. Deputy Sheriff Antles sat directly back of Lamphere and three bailiffs watched him carefully. When Judge Richter asked the jury

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