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PARTY FEELING RAN HIGH.

Mr. Butler, of Missouri, Unseated and Mr. Wagoner Takes His Place in House of Representatives.
Washington, Feb. 27.—Amid scenes which recalled the exciting days of the Fifty-first congress, when party feeling ran fiercely and the hall of representatives rang with denunciation of the alleged "high handed methods" of the majority, James J. Butler, of Missouri, was yesterday unseated by the house and C. R. Wagoner was seated in his place.

The democrats had decided at their caucus in the morning that if this case was called up they would prosecute a filibuster from now until March 4, regardless of consequences to legislation, and they began the fight as soon as the gavel fell at noon. Roll call followed roll call and it took over three hours to approve the journal of Wednesday's proceedings. Then when the decks were cleared the case was called.

A spirited debate of two hours followed and finally, after repeated roll calls the case was brought to a vote. The democrats then attempted to block things by leaving the hall, but enough absentees finally were brought in to make up the necessary quorum. The closing chapter was dramatic. Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who was in the chair, declined to recognize a demand for a division and Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, stood in his place and denounced his course in unmeasured terms amid the jeers of the republican side. The handful of democrats present were overridden roughshod and Mr. Wagoner was seated.

MANY PASSENGERS INJURED.

Street Car on Cleveland, Elyria & Western Railway Goes Over a Steep Bank.

Oberlin, O., Feb. 27.—Car No. 65 of the C., E. & W. Ry. Co., was wrecked before the quarry switch and Henrietta, five miles west of here, just before 6 o'clock last evening. There were over 20 persons in the wrecked car, and although about 11 of them received bruises and some were seriously injured, they all miraculously escaped death.

The heavy car left Oberlin at 5 o'clock, bound for Norwalk and well filled with passengers. Just before reaching Henrietta Center, there is a fine stretch of well ballasted track, and at one place there is a strip of embankment about 20 feet high. The car was bowling along at the rate of 40 miles an hour, when the forward wheel on the front truck broke nearly in two. The car bumped and lurched and then, plunging down the embankment, the rear end whipped around and snapped off a heavy trolley wire pole at the bottom. The front end of the car buried itself, and the awful momentum carried the rear end up into the air and over in a complete somersault, the car coming down on its side. The rear trucks went spinning down the track.

Everything was done so quickly that the passengers had no time to think of jumping. They were tumbled about in the car and jammed around with the loosened seats.

DR. GATLING DIES.

The Inventor of a Famous Gun Passes Away Suddenly.

New York, Feb. 27.—R. J. Gatling, inventor of the Gatling gun, died here Thursday at the home of his son-in-law, Hugh O. Pentecost.

Dr. Gatling died very suddenly in the arms of his daughter, Mrs. Pentecost. At 1:15 o'clock Dr. Gatling returned home from a trip down town on business at the offices of the Scientific American. Being 84 years old, accustomed to resting after any physical effort, he told his daughter he would lie down. Shortly afterwards he commenced to breathe heavily and a physician was called and administered strychnine, but to no avail, and Dr. Gatling died in his daughter's arms a few minutes afterwards.

Dr. Gatling besides the gun which bears his name, invented a number of agricultural implements and a gun metal. Although he graduated from Ohio Medical college he never practiced medicine.

METHODIST JUBILEE.

President Roosevelt Talks to Followers of Wesley at a Mass Meeting in New York City.

New York, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt was the chief speaker last night at a great mass meeting in Carnegie hall held "to do honor to the character and labors of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, scholar, missionary, philanthropist, preacher, gentleman." The meeting was held under the auspices of the new York thank offering commission, which has had charge of the local work of the twentieth century thank offering fund of \$20,000,000 that has been raised by Methodists.

The hall was crowded to the doors and hundreds were unable to gain admittance.

An Infamous Traffic.

St. Louis, Feb. 27.—The Post Dispatch says: Startling disclosures of a system of traffic in young women under police protection are to be made by the grand jury as a result of a raid on resorts which began Thursday under the direction of Circuit Attorney Folk. There are said to be many agents in country towns about St. Louis who daily send recruits to St. Louis, luring them from home with promises of lucrative employment.

May Reuse Registration.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 27.—Attorney General Carson has advised Insurance Commissioner Durham that he is at liberty to refuse the Knights of Modern Maccabees of Michigan the right of registration solely upon the ground of the close similarity in name and title to that of the society already registered in Pennsylvania. The Michigan organization recently applied to the insurance department for permission to register and do business in this state. Commissioner Durham referred the matter to the attorney general.

KNAPP CONFESSES.

Murdered Five Women, Two of Them Being His Wives.

Strangling Was a Favorite Method of Getting Rid of His Victims—The Criminal Is From Hamilton, O.—Has a Mania for Murder.

Indianapolis, Feb. 26.—Albert A. Knapp, formerly of Hamilton, O., was taken by the police yesterday from the home of his bride on a charge of murder.

Hamilton, O., Feb. 27.—Alfred Knapp, the self-confessed murderer, made a long statement last night at the jail. He adhered to his written confession and added some points. Of these, the most interesting relates to the fate of his first wife, Emma Stubbs, whose fate has been overlooked. Knapp declares that she is still alive and is now in Louisville, Ky. He says that she got a divorce from him. Another chapter was added to Knapp's list of confessed crimes, when he asserted that he was implicated in several holdups here last December. Knapp was asked why he committed his various crimes and how he felt when he was choking a woman to death.

He said: "I can't tell. I was seized with an irresistible desire to choke them and I can't help it. I could not let go when I once began, even if I wanted to. I never feel any remorse, only a feeling of satisfaction when I know that they are dead. I used my hands in every case, except that of Mary Eckert. I choked that woman with a towel but I could have done it with my hands. I got acquainted with Mary in Dayton, through an advertisement, and when she went to Cincinnati I visited her at her room and choked her to death one night."

Every doctor who has seen Knapp here agrees that he is a moral pervert, similar to "Jack the Ripper," except that he finds satisfaction in choking women and children.

Five murders, the victims of which were all women, and two of them his wives—such is the revolting record of Knapp, given Thursday in a sworn confession by the murderer before Mayor Bosch.

After his confession Knapp admitted that he had repeatedly assaulted women. He said: "I met the Littleman child in the lumber yard and choked her to death when she made an outcry."

Knapp is now suspected of strangling three women at Evansville, Ind., and to have killed women elsewhere. He was in the Cincinnati house of refuge when 17 years old and new records are being discovered almost hourly.

GREAT CONFLAGRATION.

Fire in the Heart of Cincinnati Causes a Loss of \$2,000,000.

Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—More than half of the best square in Cincinnati was destroyed by fire yesterday. The square bounded by Vine, Fourth, Walnut and Third streets was conceded to be the most solidly constructed portion of the city. That half north of Baker alley, with the exception of the Carlisle building at the southwestern corner of Fourth and Walnut streets is in ruins, while the American Book Co.'s publication house, the Woodrow printing works, the Zumbly box factory and other concerns on the south side of Baker alley are also burned out.

The fire was discovered in Pike's opera house at 1:30 a. m., and it was 1:30 p. m. before it was fully under control, although all the departments of this city and the fire departments of surrounding towns were constantly pouring streams on the conflagration.

While the property loss is the largest in the history of the city, it is believed there was no loss of life, although two men who lodged in the Pike opera house building are still missing.

Manager Hunt of the Pike opera house, has secured Robinson's opera house and will finish his bookings for the season. One of the heaviest losers is the Henrietta Crossman company, which was at the Pike this week and lost everything, even the safe with the receipts from a crowded house Wednesday night.

In some of the 32 law offices that were burned were documents that cannot be replaced for pending litigation and property rights. The fire was such that few office safes withstood it. The total loss is estimated at from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, which is distributed among the occupants of three large office buildings and other structures.

A Protest Against Smoot.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, on Thursday presented to the senate a protest signed by Rev. J. L. Lellich, representing the Ministers' association of Salt Lake, against the seating of Reed Smoot. The statement, which is sworn to, declares that Smoot is a polygamist and now has a plural wife.

Alleged Embezzler Is Located.

Kansas City, Feb. 27.—A warrant was sworn out yesterday for the arrest of Charles L. Conine, of this city, national secretary and treasurer of the United Brotherhood of Leather Workers and Harness Makers. Conine is charged with embezzling \$5,676 belonging to the union. Conine has been national treasurer of the union for the last three years. He left Kansas City August 16, 1902. An investigation of his books, it is alleged, disclosed a shortage in his accounts. No trace of Conine could be found until Wednesday.

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

President Roosevelt Tells Legislature that Philippine Tariff Bill Should be Passed at Once.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The president, late Friday afternoon, sent the following message to the senate:

"I have just received a cable from Gov. Taft which runs as follows:

"Necessity for passage of house tariff bill most urgent. The conditions of productive industry and business considerably worse than in November, the date of last report, and growing worse each month. Some revival in sugar and tobacco prices due to expectation of tariff law. The interests of Filipinos in sugar and tobacco are extensive and failure of the bill will be a blow in the face of those interests. Number of tobacco factories will have to close, and many sugar haciendas will be put up for sale at a sacrifice if the bill will not pass. Customs receipts have fallen off this month one-third, showing decrease of purchasing power of islands. General business stagnant. All political parties, including labor unions, most strenuous in petition for tariff bill. Effect of its failure very discouraging."

"Vice Gov. Luke Wright endorses in the strongest manner that Gov. Taft has said, and states that he has the gravest apprehension as to the damage that may come to the islands if there is not a substantial reduction in the tariff levied against Philippine goods coming into the United States. I very earnestly ask that this matter receive the immediate attention of congress and that the relief prayed for be granted.

"As congress knows, a series of calamities have befallen the Philippine people. Just as they were emerging from nearly six years of devastating warfare, with the accompanying destruction of property and the breaking up of habits of peaceful industry, there occurred an epidemic of rinderpest which destroyed 90 per cent. of the carabos, the Filipino cattle, leaving the people without draft animals to till the lands or to aid in the ordinary work of farm and village life. The extent of the disaster can be seen from the fact that the surviving carabos have increased over ten-fold in value. At the same time a peculiar oriental horse disease became epidemic, further crippling transportation. The rice crop, already reduced by various causes to but a fourth of its ordinary size, has been damaged by locusts, so that the price of rice has nearly doubled.

"Under these circumstances there is imminent danger of famine in the islands. Congress is in course of generously appropriating \$3,000,000 to meet the immediate needs; but the indispensable need is the resurrection of productive industry from the prostration into which it has been thrown by the causes above enumerated. I ask action in the tariff matter, not merely from the standpoint of wise governmental policy, but as a measure of humanity in response to an appeal to which this great people should not close its ears. We have assumed responsibilities towards the Philippine islands which we are in honor bound to fulfill. We have the specific duty of taking every measure in our power to see to their prosperity.

"The first and most important step in this direction has been accomplished by the joint action of the military and civil authorities in securing peace and civil government. The wisdom of congress at the present session has provided for them a stable currency and its spirit of liberality and justice toward them will be shown in the appropriation now substantially agreed upon of \$3,000,000 to meet the pressing, immediate necessities; but there remains a vital need that one thing further shall be done. The calamities which have befallen them cannot be completely repaired, but the suffering can be greatly alleviated and a permanent basis of future prosperity assured if the economic relations of the islands with the United States are put upon a satisfactory basis."

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Increased Interest Is Displayed by Purchasers of Iron and Steel Products.

New York, Feb. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Milder weather not only accelerated the demand for many lines of merchandise, but relieved the pressure for fuel which threatened to become a serious matter, and incidentally facilitated efforts to reduce the freight congestion. With no other retarding feature business fully maintains a gratifying position.

Increased interest has been displayed by purchasers of all products of iron and steel, giving a decidedly firmer tone to the market and, in many instances, quotations have advanced. One of the definite changes was a rise of \$2 a ton in wire products, and a new ore schedule averaging over 25 cents a ton higher.

This makes every step of the process more expensive to the independent producer, ore, pig iron, coke, wages and freights having reached a higher position. To the leading producer, however, the situation is less disturbing, as most of these factors are under one control, and it will be possible to hold prices of finished steel at a fairly conservative position.

Failures this week numbered 211 in the United States, against 215 last year, and 28 in Canada, compared with 35 a year ago.

Jailed for Contempt of Court.

Indianapolis, Feb. 28.—During the hearing of the case of Charles Kelso, of New Albany, charged with contempt of the federal court in ignoring the receiver appointed for M. Zier & Co., Judge Anderson imposed a sentence of 60 days in jail against Charles Kelso, the receiver appointed by the Floyd circuit court; ten days in jail for Thomas Smithwick, the custodian appointed by Kelso for the property; 20 days against Raymond J. Morris, sheriff of Floyd county, and ten days against Claude Sittason, the deputy sheriff.

CLUBBED TO DEATH.

Edwin Burdick, of Buffalo, N. Y., Is the Victim.

Indications Point to the Fact that the Assassin Was Well Acquainted with Mr. Burdick and that the Victim Struggled with Murderer.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Edwin L. Burdick, president of E. L. Burdick & Co., and of the Buffalo Envelope Co., was murdered early Friday at his home on Ashland avenue, in one of the finest residence sections of the city. The theory at first advanced, that the crime was the work of a burglar, was abandoned as the police probed deeper into the case, and, while they claim to have several important clues, no arrest has been made.

Mr. Burdick was last seen alive Thursday night at 10:30, when he bade the other members of the household good night and started for his room, apparently with the intention of retiring for the night. Friday morning his body, clad in an undershirt, was found lying on a couch in a small room off the lower hall, used by Mr. Burdick as a smoking room. The body was covered with a rug and a number of sofa pillows. The couch was saturated with blood and the walls and floor of the little den were bespattered with brains and blood. The head had been crushed with some blunt instrument.

Chief of Detectives Cusack took charge of the case. A thorough examination of the house and its occupants were made. Nothing of value was missing. The outside door was locked and the spring lock was in its place when the servants got up in the morning. The inner door was ajar. A kitchen window was partly raised, but there were no marks on the snow outside or upon the window sill to indicate that anyone had entered there. All the other windows and doors of the house were securely fastened. That shattered the theory of an unknown intruder.

Some interesting discoveries were made in other parts of the house. To begin with, no weapon could be found anywhere. The body was clad only in an undershirt. At the foot of the couch were found the drawers and stockings. The trousers and other articles of clothing which Mr. Burdick had worn were in his bed room on the floor above. The bed had not been occupied. On the table in the smoking room the detectives found a bottle partly filled with whisky and the remains of a light lunch. Members of the family declare that Mr. Burdick never partook of the food of which the lunch was composed and never drank liquor while eating. In this connection Chief Cusack gave out the following statement:

"From what investigations I have made I would conclude that Mr. Burdick was called down stairs by a ring or a knock at the door after he was ready for bed, for he was clad only in his underclothing. He evidently admitted some one he knew well and took the visitor into the den for a talk, and to partake of the luncheon found there.

"There are signs of a struggle. The fact that the fingers of Mr. Burdick's left hand were broken indicates that he put up his hand to ward off a blow which he saw coming.

"The body was covered with a rug and several pillows, so that nothing could be seen but the blood which flowed from under the pile."

The force which the blows that killed Mr. Burdick were delivered seems to preclude the possibility that a woman delivered them.

Mrs. Burdick, the murdered man's wife, left home two months ago, with the intention, it is said, of not returning. On December 5 proceedings for divorce were filed in the county clerk's office by Mr. Burdick. It is understood that Mrs. Burdick went to Atlantic City.

REPUBLICAN EDITORS.

Made No Declaration as to the President's Southern Policy—Officers are Elected.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Strong opposition to the endorsement of the president's so-called "southern policy" was developed at yesterday's session of the executive committee of the Republican Editorial Association, where the real interest of the convention centered. Robert Mitchell, of North Carolina, the only outspoken opponent of President Roosevelt at the convention, who was not a member of the committee on resolutions, stated plainly to the members that he would oppose in open session any endorsement of the president's policy in regard to the negro question. When the resolutions were presented to the convention, no mention of disfranchisement or other southern questions was made.

It was decided that the name of the association shall be "The National Republican Editorial Association of the United States."

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John A. Schleier, New York; vice presidents, Charles Emory Smith, Pennsylvania; W. S. Capeller, Ohio; George C. Rankin, Illinois; J. M. Chappelle, Massachusetts; Stuart E. Reed, West Virginia; secretary-treasurer, A. O. Bunnell, New York.

French Protocol Is Signed.

Washington, Feb. 28.—M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, and Mr. Bowen, the Venezuelan plenipotentiary, signed a protocol yesterday for the settlement of the French claims against Venezuela, by a joint commission to meet at Caracas and for the reference to The Hague tribunal of the contention of the allied powers for preferential treatment in the satisfaction of their demands. The French protocol, which is the sixth convention Mr. Bowen has signed, is identical, save as to parties, with that of the United States.

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