

## SHEPARD WINS AND HE WEEPS.

He Applauds the Verdict of  
the Jury Returned in  
His Favor.

## QUETED BY A POLICEMAN

When He Heartily Wrings the Hand  
of Each Jurymen.

Bob Ingersoll Takes Occasion to Rub  
It In Hard in His Closing Speech—He  
Admits That It Wasn't Wrong for  
the Elder to Get Drunk if He Wanted  
to, but He Shouldn't Vent His Spite  
on an Employee—A Reputable News-  
paper Office Not the Proper Head-  
quarters for Swearing and Drinking.

(SPECIAL TEL-GRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—"Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the clerk of the Supreme Court, circuit, Part II, this afternoon.

"We have," answered the foreman, rising.

"What is your verdict?"

"We find for the defendant."

Colonel Elliott F. Shepard clapped his hands and jumped to his feet and yelled

"Good!"

"Sit down!" ordered the court policeman, and the Colonel sat down and shed tears.

Judge Parker discharged the jury and Colonel Shepard rushed to the jury box and warmly wrung each jurymen's hands, weeping.

The lawyers made the usual statutory motions for a new trial, time for motion and allowance for costs—5 per cent of the amount sued for was allowed to the defense—and the court was adjourned. Colonel Shepard wept Judge Parker and thanked him, weeping, and Judge Parker looked as if he wished he were somewhere else. Then the Colonel wrung the hands of his attorneys, wiped his eyes and departed weeping.

Ingersoll's Great Closing Speech.

When the case of Frank S. Gray against Colonel Shepard for \$18,000 for breach of contract to keep him five years as business manager of the *Mail and Express* was resumed in the morning, Judge Parker's order that no spectators than could be seated should be admitted caused nearly riot in the lobby of the court house, so great was the desire of hundreds to hear Colonel Ingersoll. Proceedings were opened by Mr. Parsons, who began summing up for the defense at 10:40 o'clock and spoke just one hour. He said he had no wit, no humor to tickle the jury's fancy, and he intimated that Colonel Ingersoll had been imported into the case because of his reputation for ability to say hard things of his fellowman. He also put a rod in pickle for himself by accusing Colonel Ingersoll of profanity.

"Some men do not swear," said Mr. Parsons. "I do not, and you, gentlemen of the jury, do not. Perhaps my friend here (pointing to Colonel Ingersoll) does."

How Fagan Bob Rubbed It In.

When Colonel Ingersoll arose his face was a very grave expression. "It seems hardly possible," he said, "for me to appear in any case without some gentlemen of the other side saying something to make himself a little unpleasant or create in the minds of the jury just a little prejudice. It was hardly fair to say that I was employed because I have the reputation of saying hard things about everybody."

That reputation, I will admit that I have had the habit of saying what I think."

Mr. Ingersoll here clasped his hands and gazed at the foreman of the jury with an expression of injured innocence that was positively touching.

"I have never been accused of being a professional pecksniff," he continued.

"What I have honestly believed, and I have plainly said, that is all. And I never before heard that I had any reputation for speaking harshly of my fellow men. Neither was it quite fair to say that I was a Presbyterian (the Colonel was grinning). I do not understand that the Presbyterian creed is out of trial here."

A Presbyterian by Profession.

"I have no word to say against the defendant in this case because he is or is not a Presbyterian. I do not know what he is. All I know—and it is as far as anybody can safely go after having heard him testify—is that he professes to be a Presbyterian. (Laughter and hanging of the gavel by the Judge.) I have not the slightest prejudice against him on that account, and I would detest myself if I could use the present opportunity to say one word against him on account of his religious belief and because he happens to differ from me. I would detest myself."

No lawyer has any right to say anything against the opposite party, or against any witness that he does not firmly believe to be true, and any lawyer that will attack the witness or attack the party simply for the sake of gaining the victory is simply a dog that men hire and set upon other men. I am not that kind of a dog."

Some of the charges of dishonesty Colonel Ingersoll ran over and dismissed as fantastic.

The Charge of Incompetency.

"The next charge," he went on, "is the man was incompetent. H—m. Let's see." Colonel Ingersoll began reading from Colonel Shepard's letter to the *Journalist*:

DEAR JOURNALIST: You ask me to say a word about FRANK S. GRAY's connection with the *Mail and Express*.

"Who asked him? He went west and stayed in Chicago until he outgrew that city."

"So Mr. Gray is incompetent, is he? I tell you, any fellow that ever outgrew Chicago is a competent man. You go out there and try it and see."

Colonel Ingersoll read that part of the letter in which Mr. Shepard said that through the efforts of Mr. Gray the *Mail and Express* had been compelled to double the space required for its business. "He says, when I asked him about it, that it might hurt him to admit that his business had doubled since Gray got there, so he hedged and said that 'we needed more room.' Let me read you some more. 'Since he has been here \* \* \* swearing and drinking have retreated into Theaters alley.'

"I should judge from this that their headquarters had hitherto been in the *Mail and Express*. (Laughter.) But since the advent of Mr. Gray the swearers and drinkers have retreated to Theater alley."

The State of the Man's Mind.

"I love him," the letter says. Now I simply say that that letter written at that time, when there was no suit in the horizon, shows exactly the state of the man's mind then, and there is no form of words that he can use on the witness stand under oath that will convince you that when he wrote that letter he regarded Gray as dishonest, incompetent or incapable and you know as well as I do."

Well, recollect, that is the 15th of June. Did Gray ever swear before that?"

## ONE MORE SESSION.

The Monetary Conference Next Tuesday May Adjourn to June.

MESSRS. JONES AND ALLISON SPEAK

England Ought to Be as Interested in Silver as This Country.

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN CAPITALS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—The committee appointed by the International Monetary Conference to consider the various projects submitted to the conference have adopted a report in which they state that they continued themselves to the study of general principles and the details of the details necessary to give the several proposals effect.

Sensor Jones, of the United States delegation, made a strong speech to-day in favor of bimetalism. He said that the enemies of silver and of every measure of currency reform are the very men who directed attention to the appreciation of gold. In nature, money is a function rather than a material. That function, created by law, is vastly more important than the material upon which the money function is conferred. The fact that during the period when science was the busiest, railways and other works were constructed and wages and prices advanced, disproved the contention that a fall in prices is due to scientific development reducing the cost of production.

It would reduce fluctuations.

American bimetalists do not claim that making the two metals legal tender would secure stability in prices, but they assert that free coinage over a wide area would result in fluctuations in the values of gold and silver being inconsiderable. They fully admit that the demands of the myriad-peopled East might, in case of a harvest failure, so increase the demand for silver bills as to bring silver to a slight premium over gold, but the fact that competition for whichever metal became the standard for the other would maintain the values of the metals inter se, had not been questioned at the conference.

The monometallists of Lombard street, when confronted with this argument, spoke of the danger of silver being sold for more than its value, which would swamp the market for silver with bills sufficient not only to overtake the monetary demand for Europe, but also to inflate the silver currencies of 600,000,000 Orientals. Evidence taken before the British Royal Commission in regard to India, showed that the rupee today purchases as much in India as it ever did. The Indian farmer gets more rupees for the 30 shillings gold which his wheat realizes in London to-day than he did for the shilling ten years ago. How could our people in America market their crops in the face of such competition? A Greater Source of Silver than America.

India's indebtedness to Great Britain compelled her to sell annually in London more than 80,000,000 ounces of silver—more than was produced by all the mines in America. Can it be said, then, that England has no interest in the silver question? He would not complain of the attitude of France, which is already amply provided with silver currency. The fall of prices in England is driving farms out of cultivation and putting the landed interest into the hands of mortgage companies.

Whatever might be the result of the conference if some measure of relief is not willingly adopted in the near future, they might rest assured that ultimately, in spite of the craft and cunning and wiles of the wicked, the great producing masses of the civilized world will crystallize into law their primal will.

M. Aillard, of the Belgian delegation, then spoke in support of his own plan, which proposes an international agreement for the purchase on common account of stocks of silver, against which treasury notes shall be issued by the contracting States, none of which will be obliged to use the silver thus purchased or to modify its existing currency legislation; the treasury notes to have international circulation. M. Aillard complained of the obstructive tactics of the British delegates.

Sensor Allison speaks with warmth.

Sensor Ouma, of the Spanish delegation, and M. Raffalovich, of the Russian delegation, urged the American delegates not to press a vote on the main question at the present stage.

Short speeches were made by Prof. Andrews and Senator Allison, of the United States delegation. Senator Allison spoke with some warmth. He said that he and his colleagues do not ask a vote on the main question. They fully appreciate the cordiality with which the question has been approached by all sections of the conference. The proposals already presented to the conference are of such a character that they would, if adopted, impose a heavy burden upon America. The American delegates could not make concessions without compensating amendments. He believes the true ratio between gold and silver is 15 to 1, and he wished to repeat that if there is any intention to resume the conference later, the United States will be willing to go as far as possible, with due regard to its own just interests, to satisfy the expectations of Europe. He promised that the United States would accept any scheme that met with general approval.

The next, and probably the last session for the present, will be held Tuesday. A proposal will then be made that the conference adjourn to June 6, without dissolving.

RIBOT WINS A VICTORY.

His French Ministry Supported by a Majority of the Deputies.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—At a Cabinet meeting to-day M. Bourgeois, Minister of Justice, announced that he would oppose in the Chamber of Deputies the proposal of M. Pourquert de Boisserin to invest the Panama Investigation Commission with judicial powers. In the Chamber to-day the Government demanded the immediate discussion of the proposal. M. Brisson, President of the Panama Committee, strongly urged that the committee be invested with judicial powers, and attacked M. Ribot, the new Premier, and M. Bourgeois, the Minister of Justice, in severe language for opposing the proposition. M. Bourgeois answered in a firm and temperate tone.

The debate was the most exciting of the session, and the desire of some of the Bourgeois to break up the Government was so manifest that it disgusted many of the Republicans who might otherwise have voted for M. Boisserin's proposal. Upon one division the Government was supported by a vote of 424 to 122. On the conclusion of the debate the Chamber, by a vote of 271 to 265, refused to discuss the Boisserin clauses. This action was tantamount to a vote of confidence in the Government.

DAVITT TO LOSE HIS SEAT.

The South Meath Case, on Intimidation, Furnishes the Precedent.

DUBLIN, Dec. 15.—The petition against the election of Michael Davitt as member of Parliament for North Meath, on the ground of clerical intimidation in his behalf, came up for hearing to-day at Trim.

The counsel for Mr. Davitt intimated that, in view of the recent division of the court in the South Meath election case, condemning the pastoral which Bishop Nulty issued against the Parmenters, Mr. Davitt does not desire to contest the petition. The judges stated that they could only act on evidence presented in the case. The hearing, therefore, proceeded.

Glove and Handkerchief Cases.

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## SENATOR GIBSON DEAD.

A Long but Almost Painless Illness Ended by a Peaceful Death—Civil and Military Career of the Most Learned Statesman of the South.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Dec. 15.—After a lingering but apparently painless illness, Senator R. L. Gibson died at 3:10 P. M., to-day. At the time of his death he was surrounded by the members of his family and several close friends. Senator Gibson passed away as if he had merely gone to sleep. There was no struggle, no suffering. He had been confined to his bed here since

November 12, his death being expected daily. His remains will be buried in Lexington, Ky., by the side of his wife.

While yet a Senator from Vermont, George F. Edmunds was regarded as the most erudite Northern statesman in Washington. His prototype in this respect in the South was Senator Randall Lee Gibson, of Louisiana. This distinguished statesman was born September 10, 1822, at Spring Hill, near Versailles, Woodford county, Ky. He was carefully educated, and was graduated with high honors as law from the administration of President Pierce. The Senator studied law in the Tulane University of Louisiana.

In 1855 he declined the Secretaryship of Legation to Spain. He enlisted as a private soldier in the Confederate army, though the son of a rich sugar planter. At the close of the struggle he had risen to the rank of General. The story of his achievements in the field reads like a romance. In the defeat of Hood at Nashville he successfully covered the retreat, and in Canby's campaign against Mobile Gibson was detached with 3,500 men to Spanish Fort, where he held the National forces at bay for two months, and then withdrew his entire command under the cover of darkness, treading a pathway only 15 inches wide through the darkness. He lost his fortune during the war, but has made it up by practicing law at New Orleans.

At the time of his death he was a rich man, and lived in fine style in New Orleans until his mortal illness prompted him to seek relief at Hot Springs. His wife was a highly educated woman. Much of her childhood was spent at Hot Springs and Paris. She was a famous circle beauty of New Orleans, and came of one of the best families in the state.

Mr. Gibson was elected to the Forty-third Congress, but was defeated in the Forty-fourth and three succeeding Congresses. His term as a member of the House of Representatives was from March 3, 1885, to March 3, 1887. He was well equipped for the duties of a legislator, and was a powerful speaker in English, French and Spanish. He was a member of the Louisiana bar, and was a member of the Louisiana bar, and was a member of the Louisiana bar.

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