

MUCH MYSTERY OF NO AVAIL

Extraordinary Secrecy in Regard to the Condition of Mr. Blaine.

AN OLD RULE NEGLECTED.

In the Case of No Other Sick Statesman Was the Public Deceived.

The Result Has Been the Opposite of What Was Wanted by the Family—Death Very Near at Hand for a Long Time—Mr. Blaine in a Constant State of Stupor—The Great Statesman Living on His Old Vitality—He May Live for Weeks, but It Would Be a Wonder if He Did—The Scope of Speaker Crisp's Proposed Tariff Plans—The House in a Quandary Over the McGarrahan Claim.

CRISP'S TARIFF PLANS

Outlined by His Lieutenant on the Floor of the House—He Guarantees a Great Saving to Every Manufacturer, Except a Certain Increase in the Price of Sugar.

WHILE LAMPE READS 21,000 WORDS IN THE PROSECUTION'S BEHALF

HIGHER CRITICISM IS ATTACKED. The Defense's Use of the Word Essential Is Unjustifiable.

A PLEA FOR THE BIBLE'S INERRANCY

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—To-day's session of the New York Presbytery, sitting in judgment on Prof. Charles A. Briggs, charged with heresy, was devoted entirely to the closing argument for the prosecution, delivered by Rev. Joseph J. Lampe, D. D.

ANARCHISTS' LAWS

Their Code Discovers in Spain—No Law but That of the Social Revolution to Be Recognized—Three Petards Esploited With Disastrous Effects.

TAXES TO BE RAISED

On Whisky, Sugar and Perhaps on Incomes if Uncle Sam IS ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY.

SCROFULA 12 YEARS

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eral years, while the disease was sapping his strength and tearing to pieces his nerve tissue. This same vitality keeps him alive in his present strain, when most other men would have succumbed long ago. It may keep him alive for several weeks. He rallies from the attacks of this enemy as he did from his political enemies of old, but the one antagonist with which no one is able to cope successfully will surely defeat him in the future, and the state funeral which will be the magnificent pageant of his death will be far more impressive and majestic than any that could have been made in his honor. He is not even excepting the inaugural procession at whose front he fully expected at some time in his life to ride.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—[Special.]—"We can frame a tariff bill which will save from \$100 to \$150 a year to every family of as many as five persons," said Representative Catchings, of Mississippi, Speaker Crisp's lieutenant on the floor, to-day. "It that case, a similar tax on sugar would not be felt by the people. The proposition to relax this commodity would, I suppose, meet with considerable opposition at the outset, but as it is the net result which must be looked at, and as the saving to the people would be much greater on other things, I think that a tariff on sugar offers the best means of raising a large revenue without at the same time imposing a burden which would be felt."

In answer to a question as to whether the sugar bounty can be repealed, Mr. Catchings said: "Certainly, it can be repealed at any time. This was the decision of the United States Supreme Court on an even stranger case than this. A good many years ago, when the salt wells of Michigan were first discovered, the Legislature of that State passed an act giving a bounty for a certain number of years on all salt produced within the State. On the strength of this large capital was invested and salt factories put in operation. A subsequent Legislature repealed the bounty and the question of its power to do so was finally brought before the Supreme Court, which decided that there was no contract involved. "In that case capital had been attracted by the promised bounty. In the case of the sugar bounty it was merely a gratuitous gift by Congress to an industry already in existence. I favor the repeal of the sugar bounty, but in its stead I want to see a tariff placed on the commodity."

"And how about the steamship subsidies?" "We shall have to keep on paying them," was the reply. "For in this case contracts have already been entered into under the law by the Government, and the rights of the steamship companies exist not in the law, but in the contracts. As for the continuing contracts for the work of improving rivers and harbors, they will also stand, for the same reason. All we shall have to do will be to keep the Appropriations Committee up to the point where it will provide enough money to meet the estimates, and I anticipate little trouble on that head."

TOO RICH FOR THEIR BLOOD. Justice to the Extent of \$20,000,000 Is Almost Too Expensive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—[Special.]—The prospects for the passage of the bill sending the famous McGarrahan claim to the Court of Claims grow less encouraging by the evidence of the day by day. The bill has developed unexpected opposition in the Senate. If it passes the Senate it will encounter Holman in the House, who professes to have discovered that instead of the modest sum of about \$3,000,000, the Court of Claims is practically invited to fix the amount at about \$20,000,000.

Everybody admits that "Billy" ought to have something that he has been treated in the most shameful manner, and so on, but while Mr. Holman and his friends would be willing to do justice to the extent of two or three millions, justice to the extent of twenty millions is too rich for their blood.

STRENGTHENING THE ACT. Senator Cullom Has Two Important Amendments to the Inter-State Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Cullom to-day introduced in the Senate two bills that are intended to strengthen weak points in the Inter-State Commerce act. The first compels the testimony of witnesses before the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The other bill defines the word "line" as used in the Inter-State Commerce law, and construes it to mean a physical line, whether one railroad or two or more connecting railroads, or part railroad and waterway, when both are used under a common control.

The words "any common carrier" are construed to mean one or more than one such carrier, and each common carrier to any contract shall be held individually responsible for rates over such lines in which it is interested.

WOMEN CHARGE FRAUD. They Think the General Manager of Their Company Has Been Pocketing Profits.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Wholesale charges of fraud and of robbing the public are made in a bill filed to-day. The complainants are Sarah W. Pratt, Vice President of the Illinois Woman's Press Association, and Mary French Swarthout. The defendants are the Woman's Columbian Laundry Company, Sallie M. Moss, Susan M. Harlowe, Mary Parsons and Walter McBride.

It is claimed that under the contract McBride, the general manager of the company, has been taking one-half the amount paid in for subscriptions to the capital stock and has already pocketed \$15,000 in this way. It is alleged the company has inserted misleading advertisements in the papers, and that it is not prosperous or ever likely to be prosperous. On the other hand, it is said McBride and one or two others have been manipulating the company for their personal profit.

Holiday Excursions via Pennsylvania Lines.

December 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, 1902, and January 1st and 2d, 1903, excursion tickets at low rates will be sold from stations on the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh to various points in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and West Virginia. Return coupons valid until January 3d.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In regard to the investigation of the Treasury by the Ways and Means Committee, Chairman Springer said to-day to an Evening News reporter: "We have begun the investigations by calling upon Secretary Foster for the information asked for in the resolution. We want it to include the whole half fiscal year ending on the 31st inst., so that comparisons may be made easily with the shorthands made in preceding or subsequent similar terms. I do not expect that we shall be able to get any reply before the middle of January, but as soon as it comes we shall at once start to work upon the examination of it. If the Secretary's reply is not as full and explicit as we desire, or if there are matters in it which require in our opinion explanation, we will call Secretary Foster before us to question him upon the matter. This may not prove necessary, however, for the Treasury officials are sworn officers of the Government and are not apt to deceive means whereby to add additional revenues in some way or other, whether by tariff, an increase of the whisky tax, a tax upon sugar or upon incomes."

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