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RECIPROCITY BILL PASSES

House Ratifies Measure by Vote of 221 to 92.

LONG AND BITTER DEBATE

Legislation Now Goes to the Senate, Where Its Fate Is In Doubt—Almost Solid Democratic Vote For It.

The McCall bill, embodying the administration's reciprocity agreement with Canada, was passed by the house of representatives, 221 to 92. President Taft received the news of the big vote in the house with great satisfaction.

A majority of the Republicans present voted against the measure, the division being 78 ayes and 87 nays. The Democratic vote was 143 ayes and 5 noes. A majority of the Republican insurgents present voted for the bill.

The McCall bill now goes to the senate. What its fate will be in that body is problematical at this time. President Taft believes that if a filibuster can be avoided and a vote taken the bill will pass. He is insistent that the senate shall act one way or the other, and has indicated that he would call an extra session of congress if it does not do so.

The passage of the bill in the house came at the end of a long debate which at times was as bitter as any that has been heard on the floor of that chamber in years. The fight was confined almost wholly to the Republican side. Democratic members joined in from time to time and taunted the majority members for their lack of unity.

The Democratic leaders also said that the reciprocity agreement was good Democratic doctrine and declared they were glad to welcome President Taft and many of the house Republicans into the Democratic fold. The suggestion came from the Republican side that Mr. Taft and Champ Clark might be rivals for the next Democratic presidential nomination. Mr. Clark claimed that in a contest of that sort he would win "hands down."

A final vote was reached only by the application of a cloture rule, that shut off all amendments and even dispensed with the reading of the bill. This proceeding was decided upon only after Mr. McCall, in charge of the bill, had failed to get unanimous consent to do away with calendar Wednesday. If that had been secured, he said he would have been glad to let the debate continue for another legislative day.

The Republicans opposed to the bill fought the rule to the very last, denouncing it in caustic language. They directed their fire especially against the Democrats and accused them, on the eve of going into power in the house, of enforcing a "gag rule" as drastic as anything against which they had so eloquently inveighed in the past.

Oklahoma City State's Capital. The Oklahoma supreme court, in a decision rendered, declared that Oklahoma City is to be the permanent capital of Oklahoma. Adherents of Guthrie say they will appeal to the United States supreme court.

Locomotive Blows Up; Kills Six. The boiler of a Missouri, Kansas & Texas locomotive exploded in the round house at Smithville, Tex., killing six employees.

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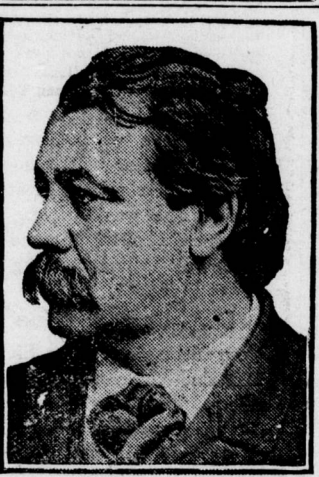
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SENATOR CLAPP.

Presents Resolution to Probe the Copper Trust.



ASKS COPPER TRUST PROBE

Senator Clapp Offers Resolution to See if Law Isn't Broken.

Investigation of the copper trust is contemplated in a resolution introduced by Senator Clapp in the senate.

The resolution directs the attorney general to make inquiry concerning the relations between the United States Metal company and the Amalgamated Copper company and the Anaconda Copper company, with a view to determining whether the relation does not constitute an unlawful merger in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The resolution was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

RUSSIAN FANATICS IN FRENZY

Congregation Vows Not to Sleep, Eat or Drink Until Priest is Sent Back.

Fanatical scenes are being witnessed in Tsaritsyn, Russia, where the whole Greek Catholic church is suffering self-imposed deprivations in protest against the transfer to another parish of the priest Heliodorus, the reactionary leader.

Recently the holy synod announced the transference of the priest from Tsaritsyn to the diocese of Tula. The announcement threw the parishioners into a religious frenzy, and with Heliodorus they took a solemn vow not to sleep, eat or drink until the order of the holy synod has been rescinded. Thousands of persons are cooped up in the church, where a service with lighted candles continues uninterruptedly day and night. Many of the worshippers are on the point of suffocation and the suffering of all is distressing to see.

Heliodorus is a peculiar character. In 1907 he was credited with leading the "Black Hundred," the lower stratum of the reactionary forces, in Voronezh province. He is bitterly anti-Semitic and patriotic to a degree that has not been described as insane. He is not only followed blindly by those among whom he ministers, but frequently has been the recipient of marks of favor from Emperor Nicholas himself.

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ACCUSED MAN WAS TO WED HER

Reading Police Point to This as Motive For Wife Murder.

SHOT AND BURNED VICTIM

Officers Declare Vanaman Deliberately Planned to Kill His Wife to Wed Girl He Courted in Nearby Town.

Matthew E. Vanaman is under arrest in Reading, Pa., on the charge of shooting and burning his wife, who was at first thought to have been burned to death by the explosion of an oil stove in her home early on Monday morning. The police say their evidence points to a deliberately planned murder.

The authorities declare a motive is revealed by the remarkable story of Miss Ella Wessner, twenty years of age, of Blandon, who came to the district attorney's office.

Learning that her persistent wooer was a married man, Miss Wessner was overcome with grief as she told Assistant District Attorney Dumm that Vanaman had courted her during the past four months and promised to wed her at Wilmington, Del., the second week in March. The girl kept her own counsel and her wedding trousseau had been prepared for the coming wedding.

"We will keep our wedding a secret," he told me, were the words the girl told Assistant District Attorney Dumm. "Then we will go west to live," he added.

The lack of money was the only remaining obstacle in the way of the husband. When he called at the Homeopathic hospital Monday night to secure legal proof from the physicians of his wife's death in order to secure payment of insurance funds, he was confronted with the charge of wife murder, and the only retort from him as he gazed upon his wife's corpse at the morgue later was: "I wonder how the bullet wounds got in her head?"

All efforts to secure a confession from him failed and he maintained a serene composure in the face of a strong chain of circumstantial evidence. An examination of the husband at the hospital revealed additional evidence which made possible subsequent developments. His wallet contained an address which led to the location of Miss Wessner, at Blandon, and a receipt for 20 per cent of the cost of what afterwards proved to be the wedding ring which he had purchased for his unsuspecting future bride. The only remaining evidence which the authorities have not secured is the revolver which caused the death of Mrs. Vanaman.

The authorities think the husband, under pretense of feeling unwell, lay on a couch downstairs until he was sure that his wife and baby were asleep. Their theory is that at about 3.30 a. m. on Monday he crept to his wife's bedside and shot her as she slept.

"The bedding was saturated with kerosene," said Assistant District Attorney Dumm, "and can be smelled plainly," he added. "The oil stove which the husband claims exploded is not damaged, even after having been thrown from the window."

TAFT KEEPS HAZERS OUT

Vetoes Resolution by Congress to Re-instate Dismissed West Pointers.

President Taft sent to congress a message vetoing a joint resolution authorizing him to reinstate nine former cadets of the West Point military academy.

The cadets were discharged upon conviction of having violated the law prohibiting hazing.

Customs Fraud Discovered.

A well laid scheme devised to defraud the customs of Santa Domingo, which are supervised by the United States, has just been laid bare by customs officials in New York city, it appears from a statement authorized by Collector of the Port William Loeb, Jr. The scheme involved the packing of costly merchandise in boxes such as those in which dried fish are usually shipped and the shipment to Santa Domingo of such boxes mixed with those in which fish really were packed.

State Postmasters Named.

The president nominated the following postmasters: Augustus M. High, Reading, Pa.; Joseph W. Pascoe, Easton, Pa.; William Pearre, Cumberland, Md.; William C. Birley, Frederick, Md.

She Saw Lafayette.

Mrs. Cornelia D. Burnley, who was present when Marquis de Lafayette visited the University of Virginia in 1825, is dead in Charlottesville, Va., at the age of ninety-three.

FAMILY OF SEVEN KILLED BY GAS

Father, Mother and Five Children Found Dead.

BRIDE-ELECT ONE OF VICTIMS

Deadly Fumes From Tube Detached From Gas Stove Filled the House and Overcame Family in Their Sleep.

Seven persons, including the father, mother, three sons and two daughters, were asphyxiated by gas in their home at 1 Pearl place, in the rear of 228 Christian street, Philadelphia.

The dead are: Hyman Berkowitz, forty-two years old, a fruit huckster; Mrs. Rose Berkowitz, forty years old; Minnie, eighteen; Michael, twelve; Israel, nine; Rebecca, seven, and Paul, five years old.

The family was killed by the accidental loosening of a rubber gas tube from a gas pipe running across the main living room, and the flooding of the house with the illuminating gas. Not one of the family was able to get out of bed before being overcome by the fumes, although the three youngest children showed evidences of having tried in a feeble manner to escape the overpowering gas.

A particularly sad feature of the deaths was that of the oldest child, the daughter Minnie. She was to have been married within two or three days to Louis Weinstein, a merchant. The girl's trousseau was all finished and was found hanging on the second floor, covered with cloth to protect it from dust.

The Berkowitz family retired early. The father did not return home until after one o'clock. In the main living room down stairs is a gas stove in one corner under a window. From it there is a pipe which extends across the center of the room. From this pipe a rubber gas tube had been attached which ran to the stove in the corner.

Berkowitz, the evidence showed, in crossing the room on his return home, accidentally kicked the gas tube and detached it from the pipe and thereupon allowed the gas to escape with full force.

He went upstairs to bed and left the door to his room, where he slept with his three sons, and the alcove where his wife and her two daughters slept, wide open. In a short time the gas, which escaped with full force out of the pipe, had filled the house.

To all appearances no one made any attempt to get up when the escaping gas reached them. The smaller children showed evidences of a struggle, as if partially awakened, but were not successful in getting away from the fumes. The youngest child, Paul, was half out of bed, but was the only one to have made any move apparently.

Their bodies were not found until J. Marvin, a constable and collector, went to the home to collect the rent for the month. He pounded at the door and later hammered on it, but there was no response.

He then went next door to the home of Samuel Smith. Smith told Marvin that he had not seen the Berkowitz family, and, fearing that something had happened, gave Marvin a key to the Berkowitz home. Mrs. Smith accompanied Marvin to the house, as did Rose Miller, who lived one door away.

Upon opening the door the investigators were almost knocked over by the rush of escaping gas. The gas jet was found turned wide open. After it had been turned off the people hastened upstairs and there found the seven people unconscious and apparently dead.

433 Members in Next Congress.

There will be 433 members of the house of representatives in the Sixty-third congress, as compared with 391 in the present house.

The bill reported by Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, from the census committee, providing for reapportionment on this 433 basis, was passed by the house.

The Crumpacker bill—the senate will acquiesce as a matter of course—provides an increase of forty-two members. The states of Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah and West Virginia will gain one member each. The states of Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Texas and Washington will gain two members each. California and Oklahoma will gain three members each, and Pennsylvania will gain four. New York will gain six, and all the others remain as at present.

The total of 433 was selected because it was the lowest number that would prevent any state from losing a representative.

PRINCE OF WALES.

Heir to British Throne Has the Measles.



Prince of Wales Has Measles.

Edward, Prince of Wales, and his brother, Prince Albert, have been attacked with measles at the naval college at Dartmouth, England, where there is an epidemic of the disease. The condition of the princes causes no anxiety.

Coal Gas Killed Engaged Couple.

Carbon monoxide (coal gas) poisoning killed Grace Elosser and Charles E. Twigg, who were found dead in the parlor of the Elosser home, in Cumberland, Md., on Dec. 31, the day before they were to be married, according to the reports of two chemists who tested the blood of the two victims.

Heretofore the authorities have maintained that the couple met their death by cyanide of potassium, the coroner's jury rendering a verdict to that effect.

The reports of Dr. Charles Glaser, of Baltimore, and Dr. R. L. Lynch, chief chemist of the health department of the District of Columbia, the chemists employed by State's Attorney Robb, were made public.

The reports are against the theory of cyanide poisoning and agree that death in each instance came from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is a gas supposed to have been given off by a stove in the Elosser parlor. Dr. Glaser's report is at great length, while Dr. Lynch's came by telegram and says samples show the presence of carbon monoxide, and that death was undoubtedly due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

TWO MAIL POUCHES STOLEN

Contained Checks and Bank Paper Worth \$500,000.

Two mail pouches, which contained checks and other bank paper valued at \$500,000, were recently stolen at Thalman, Ga., where the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railway crosses the Seaboard Air line.

The pouches were dropped from the A., B. & A., to be picked up by the Seaboard. Before being picked up, however, some one made off with the pouches.

One pouch was stolen on Jan. 19 and the other on Jan. 31, but postal inspectors who have been working on the case delayed making the thefts public. The inspectors so far are absolutely without a clue.

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TWO BOYS 17 TO

State Library HANG FOR MURDER

Each Found Guilty in First Degree at Georgetown.

Without the least visible show of excitement and with stolid and immobile faces, Earl Hugo Brown, alias Henry Williams, and James Sharp, two colored boys, each seventeen years old, convicted of murder, faced Chief Justice Pennewill in Georgetown, Del., when he sentenced them to be hanged in the New Castle workhouse on May 19.

The crime for which the boys will give their lives is the murder of John Rogers, son of a farmer for whom the two lads worked. The murder was one of the most atrocious ever committed in Sussex county and occurred last June.

In company with the colored lads, young Rogers, sixteen years old, went into a field to "sucker" corn. He took his gun with him to shoot birds, and after a short hunt returned and gave his gun to one of the colored boys and told him to go hunt while he took a nap nearby.

The plan to kill Rogers was laid in the woods while he slept. The two colored boys walked up behind the sleeping lad and blew his head off. After killing him one went to the farm house after a shovel and both dragged his body about 400 yards through a woods into another field.

Digging a shallow hole, they buried the body, hid the gun and shovel and returned to the house to eat supper with the parents of their victim. They told of the missing boy having gone hunting and helped search all night for Rogers. Early in the morning the body was discovered and the boys confessed to the killing.

CREATE CHILDREN'S BUREAU

Senate Passes Bill to Investigate Child Life.

The senate passed the bill creating a bureau to be known as the children's bureau, under the department of commerce and labor. Senator Flint, of California, is the author of the measure.

The bureau is to be under the direction of a chief, whose salary is to be \$4000 a year, and is directed to "investigate and report on all matters pertaining to the welfare of child and child life, and shall especially investigate the question of infant mortality, the birth rate, physical degeneracy, orphanage, juvenile delinquency and juvenile courts, desertion, dangerous occupations and accidents and diseases of children, employment, legislation affecting children in the several states and territories and such other facts as have a bearing upon the health, efficiency, character and training of children."

Maine May Vote on Prohibition Again.

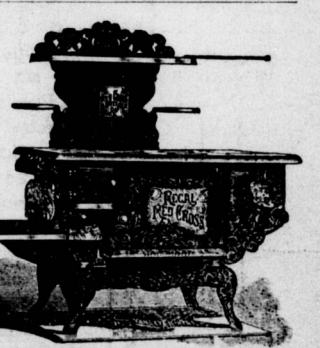
The Maine senate, in session at Augusta, voted, 23 to 7, to re-submit to the people the existing amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. The vote was on strictly party lines, except that Senator Chandler, Republican, voted with the Democrats, who are in the majority. The resubmission resolution will go before the house.

New Cuban Minister.

The Cuban senate has confirmed the appointment of Don Antonio Martin Rivero as minister to the United States.

Cutting Down Trees Cost Town \$4800.

Because the borough of Conshohocken, Pa., changed the grade of a street and cut down twenty-six maple trees belonging to William Hollowell, a jury gave him a verdict of \$4800 against the county. Mr. Hollowell had planted the trees fifty years ago.



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