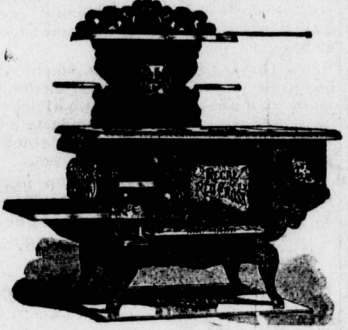


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Washington, April 26. — The announcement by the Department of Justice that it intends to investigate the cotton pool with a view to bringing criminal prosecution against those concerned marks a new departure by the Attorney-General in applying the Sherman anti-trust law to alleged monopolies and conspiracies in restraint of trade.

Majority Leader Merritt made what was considered the most sensational speech, declaring that Congress had a sinister scheme in mind when it framed the amendment. "The real purpose of this measure, shouted Mr. Merritt, "is to levy upon the resources and wealth of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania in order to get money with which to dig out creeks and rivers and to build post-offices for the cities of the West and South."

KLOPSCH FUND INQUIRY.

Hugh Relief Collections in Private Account, Subject to Check. New York, N. Y., April 25.—John C. Earl, for twenty years the confidential man of the late Louis Klopsch, editor of the Christian Herald, stated that the vast charity funds collected through the agency of that periodical were all deposited in Dr. Klopsch's own private bank account.

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Albany, April 26.—For five hours there raged in the Assembly a fierce battle over the Murray bill pledging the State to a ratification of the Federal income tax amendment.

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Body of Late Samuel L. Clemens Buried at Elmira. New York, N. Y., April 25.—The simplicity which marked his life attended the funeral of Mark Twain in the Brick Presbyterian Church, Fifth Avenue and Thirty-seventh street.

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Boy Who Strangled, Then Burned, Little Ruth Wheeler, Sent to the Chair.

New York, N. Y., April 26.—Albert W. Wolter was convicted of murder in the first degree at his trial for the outraging, strangling and burning of fifteen-year-old Ruth Wheeler March 24 last.

This was the verdict brought in by the jury and as the words of Foreman William V. Kulp cut through the dead silence in the packed courtroom, the eighteen-year-old boy heard them without the twitching of a muscle.

There had been no defense worthy of the name. Wolter's one witness had been absolutely discredited, and his own appearance on the stand went for nothing except to show the iron nerve of the stolid young German.

BIG COTTON FIRM FAILS.

Liabilities of Alabama House \$2,500,000; Assets, \$500,000. Decatur, Ala., April 25.—The cotton firm of Knight, Yancey & Co., one of the largest in the South, with offices in Decatur, Mobile, Huntsville, Birmingham and other cities went into voluntary bankruptcy here.

SOCIALIST TAKES OFFICE.

Mayor Seidel of Milwaukee at Once "Cleans House." Milwaukee, April 25.—The government of Milwaukee, which for more than a decade, with the exception of two years under Republican rule, has been controlled by Democrats, passed into the hands of Social-Democrats.

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