

THE NEWS.

Domestic

The Norwegian bark *Heslan*, from Montevideo for Pensacola, is aground ten miles west of Pensacola, with prospects that she will be a complete wreck.

The Connecticut Senate adopted a resolution requesting the state delegation in Congress to oppose the proposition to lay a federal inheritance tax.

The factory occupied jointly by the International Button Company and the M. B. Shantz Button Company, Rochester, N. Y., was damaged by fire.

H. M. Tilford was elected a director of the Standard Oil Company at New York, succeeding his brother, W. H. Tilford, who died recently.

The State legislature of Connecticut has passed an act incorporating the National Council of Congregational Churches of the United States.

The main building of the Easton Foundry and Machine Company at West Easton, Pa., was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Rev. William Bellar, the oldest minister in the Ohio Methodist Conference, died at his home at Columbus, aged eighty-seven years.

Maldonado Florenzo, a 19-year-old student at the Valparaiso University, is dying from a deep wound in his throat, inflicted by a bullet.

Fourteen Pennsylvania Railroad Company employes have been suspended in connection with Standard Oil rebating cases.

Fire broke out in the laundry-house of the Western Penitentiary, partially destroying the building.

The forty-sixth joint ballot for Illinois United States Senator gave Hopkins, 76; Foss, 18; Shurleff, 18; Stricker, 33.

The boys' dormitory, dining-room and music hall at Ashbury College, Wilmore, Ky., were destroyed by fire.

Three men were killed in the explosion of the plant of the Cour d'Alene Powder Works at Wallace, Idaho.

Mrs. Cyrus Soudley, of Albany, Pa., was found by her children hanging in the garret of their home.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, New York, decided that a moving picture is a "stage representation" within the meaning of that term in the copyright law.

The question arose in a suit brought by Harper & Bros. and Klaw & Erlanger against the Kalem Company, manufacturers of moving-picture films, to enjoin them from producing exhibitions of "Ben Hur."

Heron Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador at Washington, sent a message to Police Commissioner Bingham concerning the vigorous efforts of his government to find and punish the murderers of Lieutenant Petrosini.

Miners in the Scranton district are conducting a campaign of reorganization, and meetings are being held nightly in different localities for the purpose of getting the men back into line.

A fire escape crowded with fifty women began to give way during a fire panic at 112 Prince Street, New York, the women being rescued by firemen.

Prof. Isaac V. Flagler, well known as an organist and composer, died in Auburn, N. Y., aged seventy years.

Fifteen thousand persons attended the funeral of Gen. William J. Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs.

The National Wholesale Grocers' Association will hold their annual convention in Detroit in June.

Net earnings of the United States Steel Corporation show a decrease of over \$65,000,000.

The Cambria Steel Company has made a cut of 10 per cent. in wages, affecting 18,000 men.

Foreign

European powers are reported all in favor of Italy's proposition to summon a European conference to act on the Balkan situation, and France, Great Britain and Russia have presented a joint note to Serbia to find a basis of negotiations with Austria-Hungary.

The Italian Foreign Minister assured United States Ambassador Griscom that every precaution was being taken to protect W. H. Bishop, American consul at Palermo, Sicily, who had received threatening letters.

The naval scare in England is revived by rumors that the government is considering the purchase of three warships of the Dreadnought type, now being built in England for Brazil.

The three-sided treaty of Colombia, Panama and the United States, which entails Colombian recognition of the independence of Panama, is meeting with much opposition.

The controversy between the non-Christian students of the American College at Beirut and the faculty of that institution has been settled for the present.

English importers of American meat will test the legality of the local government board giving health officers absolute authority to condemn meat.

Robert Tanner, aged 45 years, and his little son and daughter were asphyxiated by gas at their home in Toronto, Canada.

The letter carriers have now joined the striking telegraphers and telephone operators in France, and the capital is virtually cut off from all communication with the outside world.

Commutives of the Boston and Maine Railroad dashed into the station at Windsor, Canada. A woman and two girls were killed and a number of persons were injured.

Captain Lavastada, who was arrested at Remedios, Cuba, for complicity in the uprising in Santa Clara Province, was killed while attempting to escape.

A sergeant of police and two policemen in Vladivostok, Russia, were sentenced to death for the murder of a rich nobleman.

The transport *Lozan*, which went ashore on a reef near Honolulu, was floated, and proceeded on her way to Manila.

An academy of aviation has been founded in Munich, where experiments will be made with all kinds of airships.

A band of hostile Moros attacked a detachment of constabulary under Lieutenant Perkins in Mindanao.

THE COOPERS ESCAPE DEATH PENALTY

Sentenced to Twenty Years in the Penitentiary.

BOTH RELEASED ON \$25,000 BAIL

Counsel For Defense Questions the Legality of the Verdict—Six of Jury Had Been in Favor of the Death Penalty and One Stood For Acquittal—The Case May Never Be Tried Again—Friends of the Coopers Besiege Court Clerk in Effort to Go on Bail Bonds.

Events Of The Day.

The verdict of the jury was a great surprise in view of Friday's announcement that there was hopeless division as to the Coopers.

The defendants took the sentence without emotion, but Colonel Cooper's daughters broke down later in jail.

A motion for mistrial because of the partial verdict brought in Friday was overruled.

Bail was fixed at \$25,000 each, pending a decision on a motion for a new trial.

There was great rejoicing over the outcome of the trial at Columbia, the home of Senator Carmack, and his grave was decorated with flowers.

The verdict is generally regarded as a vindication of Tennessee's honor.

Nashville, Tenn. (Special).—"We find the defendants, Duncan B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper, guilty in the second degree and fix their punishment at 20 years in the penitentiary."

This verdict, brought in by a jury which has been in the box for more than two months, stamped guilt on the slayers of former Senator Edward Ward Carmack, editor of the Nashville Tennessean, and ended one of the most historic trials ever held in the United States.

Colonel Cooper and son seemed stunned by the verdict. They were accompanied to the courtroom by Colonel Cooper's daughters, Mrs. Lucius Burch and Mrs. Beverly Wilson, and Mrs. James C. Bradford, his sister-in-law. The boys seemed to fall even more heavily upon the ladies than upon the defendants, but all bore up bravely under the stunning pronouncement and did not give way to tears in the courtroom.

An intense situation prevailed in Judge Hart's courtroom when the jury filed in at 9:30 o'clock to make known the results of their long deliberations. There were only a few persons in the room, as decision was not expected so early in the morning.

Foreman E. M. Burke read the verdict, with trembling voice, and apparently in great haste, until J. M. Anderson, attorney for the defense, entered motion for a mistrial because of the partial verdict brought in by the jury in the case of John D. Sharp.

This motion was overruled. Mr. Anderson then asked for bail pending the hearing of the court on a motion for a new trial, and the defendants were released on \$25,000 bail each.

A rush ensued to sign the bail bond. Many prominent and wealthy men insisted on getting their signatures on the paper until the aggregate amount amounted to nearly \$1,500,000. The clerk in the Criminal Court was fairly swamped. In vain he protested over and over again that more than enough sureties had been signed, but the invariable answer was: "We want to put our names on the bond, too." It seemed as though every friend of the Coopers considered it incumbent upon him to sign the bond.

When there was no more room for names at the foot of the document the new bondsmen indorsed it across the face until it was difficult to decipher the signatures.

The motion for a new trial will probably be heard within two weeks. After their release the two defendants, accompanied by relatives, went to the home of James C. Bradford, a brother-in-law of Colonel Cooper and one of the attorneys for the defense.

GIRLS LOST MANY BONBONS.
Candy Trust Shows Swains Spent Less Money Last Year.

New York (Special).—When the late Mr. Hamlet said "Sweets to the sweet" there was no such thing as a candy trust; but there is something akin to one now, and it is called the American Caramel Company.

That company made a statement of its earnings for the past year, and disclosed the sad fact that they were only \$135,350, a loss of \$270,000, as compared with 1907.

Not only did the trust lose all that money, but the girls of the country lost hundreds of thousands of boxes of bonbons which, if times had been more prosperous, they would have had. But now, the officials of the company say, business is picking up and the candy kids are spending more money and the tariff on sugar may be reduced, and there you are.

Two Hit In Triangular Duel.
Clarendon, Texas (Special).—An unidentified man is dead and Floyd Autrey, of Fort Worth, is dying here as the result of a three-cornered fight with pistols on a Fort Worth and Denver train near Elgin, Texas. That Autrey and his cousin, Fred Garrett, of Fort Worth, killed the other participant in the fight and threw him out of a coach window in indicated by the finding of a body near Estelle bridge by the police.

Sues Son Of Harvester King.
Santa Barbara, Cal. (Special).—That Stanley McCormick, son of the "harvester king," is mentally unable to manage his affairs is the allegation made by his wife in support of her petition to the Superior Court here to have him declared incompetent and a guardian appointed to look after his person and estate. McCormick came to Santa Barbara for his health, and for a time seemed to improve. Recently, however, it was believed that his faculties were failing.

TAFT'S FIRST MESSAGE SENT TO CONGRESS

Asks Immediate Consideration of the Dingey Act.

The Successful Party in the Late Election Is Pledged to a Revision of the Tariff.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—In special message, containing just 340 words, including address, signature and date line, President Taft urged upon Congress the necessity for the speedy enactment of a tariff revision law, while at the same time urging careful consideration of the schedules to be changed or made.

The President made no detailed recommendations in the message, pointing to his inaugural address for his views on the subject of revision. He urged, however, that Congress dispense with less important legislation, in the interest of the business part of the country, which, he said, is withholding much of its activity pending the passage of the new tariff law.

Mr. Taft's First Message.
The message, Mr. Taft's first communication to Congress as President, is in full as follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives:

"I have convened the Congress in this extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the Dingey tariff act. Conditions affecting production, manufacture, and business generally have so changed in the last 12 years as to require a readjustment and revision of the import duties imposed by that act. More than this, the present tariff act, with the other forces of government revenue, is not sufficient to meet the needs of the country, and it is necessary to provide for the authorized expenditures. By July 1 next the excess of the expenses over receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$190,000,000.

"The successful party in the last election is pledged to a revision of the tariff. The country, and the business community especially, expect it. The prospect of a change in the rates of import duties always causes a suspension or halt in business, because of the uncertainty as to the changes to be made, and the effect of the tariff on the highest importance that the new bill should be agreed upon and passed with as much speed as possible, consistent with its due and thorough consideration. For these reasons I have deemed the present to be an extraordinary occasion, with the meaning of the Constitution, justifying and requiring the calling of an extra session.

"In my inaugural address I stated in a summary way the principles upon which, in my judgment, the revision of the tariff should be conducted, and indicated at least one new source of revenue that might be properly resorted to in order to avoid a future deficit. It is not necessary for me to repeat what I then said.

"I venture to suggest that the vital business interests of the country require that the attention of the Congress in this session be chiefly devoted to the consideration to the new tariff bill, and that the less time given to other subjects of legislation in this session the better for the country.

"William H. Taft, of the White House, March 16, 1909."

The message was read to the Senate immediately after its assembly. It was received with expressions of approval by the senators, who like not only its brevity, but also its expression of the President's confidence in the special session should be confined as much as possible to the consideration of the revision of the tariff. The message was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Prolonged applause greeted Secretary Latta when he read the message to the House with the message. During its reading members listened with the greatest attention, and at its close there was a whirlwind of hand-clapping.

The first business of the House was the report of the committee appointed to wait on the President. Representative Olmstead (Rep., Pa.) announced that the President desired to congratulate the membership upon their prompt organization.

The message was then read. It produced a great enthusiasm and favorable comment in the House than had accompanied its reception and reading in the other body.

GIVES UP A THRONE.
Wife Of "King" Murray Prefers Civilization To Savage Royalty.

Lafayette, Ind. (Special).—Christmas Island, in the Pacific Ocean, near Singapore, will have to find a new king, for its present ruler, John Davis Murray, a Purdue University graduate, was married recently in London to a woman who prefers civilized domesticity to savage royalty. Murray will therefore abdicate.

His college friends received this information from him. Murray, as manager of a phosphate company's interests on Christmas Island, had been made king of the island, that he should have sufficient authority over the natives.

Three Die In Family Fight.
Ratom, N. M. (Special).—Three persons are dead as the result of a fight between two cousins—Antonio Dujillo, a coke worker, and a man named Bartole. Dujillo shot Bartole, who took refuge in the home of his brother, Francisco Bartole. Dujillo fired into the house and killed Mrs. Francisco Bartole. Francisco Bartole then plunged a knife into Dujillo's body, killing him instantly. Francisco's brother died later in a hospital.

Coolidge Quits Treasury.
Washington (Special).—It was officially announced that Louis A. Coolidge, of Massachusetts, has resigned as assistant secretary of the treasury. It is understood that he will be succeeded by Charles Dyer Norton of Chicago.

Strike High-Grade Oil In Mexico.
Salina Cruz, Mexico (Special).—Private advices from Frontera, State of Tabasco, say that a strike of high grade oil at Camp Salina, in the Macapana River District, is causing a serious situation.

REAL REVISION BY NEW TARIFF BILL

Tea Is Taxed, But No Duty Placed On Coffee.

PROVIDES AN INHERITANCE TAX.

Lumber Charges Cut In Half And Hides Put On Free List—Opposition Gathering Data For Fight—Senator Hale Has Protest On Wood Pulp Already—Discussion Begins Monday—Revenue Of \$300,000,000 Claimed By Payne.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The new tariff bill, for the consideration of which Congress was called in extraordinary session by President Taft, was introduced in the House of Representatives Wednesday afternoon by Chairman Payne, of the Ways and Means Committee.

The measure was referred to the Ways and Means Committee, which will favorably report the bill to the House without so much chance as the dotting of an I or the crossing of a T. The Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee were not allowed to see the Republican measure before its introduction, met to analyze the bill and determine their attitude toward its provisions. Whatever the result of their deliberations the Republicans have a majority of the committee and will vote to report the Payne bill without amendment.

The "standpat" element is not satisfied with the bill because it can be truthfully said that the changes recommended are, as a whole, in the direction of a revision downward rather than upward. Iron ore is placed on the free list, duties on iron and steel manufactures are materially reduced, and there are reductions on tin plate and steel rails. The duty on timber is cut in half, from 1 cent per cubic foot to 1/2 a cent per cubic foot, and the same is true of lumber. The tariff is removed from hides, duties on manufactured leather are reduced and 40 per cent. reduction is made in the duties on shoes. There is a reduction of five-one-hundredths of a cent per pound in the duty on raw sugar.

Three Men Killed.
Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—A fast passenger train on the Atlantic Coast Line jumped the track at Pikeville, a flag station between Goldsboro and Wilmington, shortly after midnight, killing the engineer and fireman and Brakenham Offert, conductor. W. H. Newell and several passengers were seriously injured.

School Segregation Bill.
Phoenix, Ariz. (Special).—The Legislature has passed over the Governor's veto a bill to segregate colored children in the public schools.

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BIG WATER TANK BURSTS

Dynamiters Suspected of Causing Flood Which Sweeps Upon Parkersburg.

Water Famine Threatens As Town Supply Is Gone—Four Fatally Injured.

Parkersburg, W. Va. (Special).—By the bursting of two huge water tanks, which, it is believed, was the work of dynamiters, three persons were killed, four fatally injured and many less seriously hurt. The tanks held the whole of the city's water supply, which is now cut off, and a water famine is threatened.

Rushing down hill the flood swept away houses, knocking them against one another and throwing the occupants from their beds into the icy water. When searching parties went through the ruins later in the morning they found the remains of Walter Wazley, his wife and their small child. The flood came just before daybreak, at 5:30, before the hillsides had awakened for the day.

Twenty houses were demolished and 20 more flooded. St. John's Lutheran Church, which was ruined, acted as a bulwark against the worst of the flood and saved many houses from being swept away and the lives of those in them.

Mrs. John Maloney, who was carried 50 yards in her half demolished home, had both legs broken and is reported to be dying. Eichel Jones, with her father and mother, was carried a great distance. She may die, while her parents escaped with a few scratches.

Mrs. Kate Carnes, an invalid, was badly bruised and shocked, and will probably die. Clara Jones, colored, had her collarbone broken, was hurt internally and may die.

Blanche Hollander, colored, has a broken leg and contusions on her body. Many others sustained minor injuries.

The bursting of the tanks was due to an explosion of some kind, and it is believed to have been the work of some ignorant, who blew up the tanks with dynamite or some other explosive. An investigation is now being made.

That more people were not killed seems little short of a miracle. Four or five houses were swept from the side of the hill into the street. One was carried a distance of nearly 100 yards.

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\$10,000 Demanded For Return of Millionaire's Nephew.

LAD WAS TAKEN FROM SCHOOL.

William Whittia, Son Of A Prominent Sharon (Pa.) Attorney And Former Candidate For Congress, Disappears—Called From Studies And Told His Father Wanted Him—Parent Receives Letter From Kidnappers And Adopts Their Plans To Communicate With Them.

Sharon, Pa. (Special).—Ten thousand dollars ransom is demanded for the return of William Whittia, Attorney James P. Whittia's eight-year-old son, who was spirited away from school here by an unknown man, furnishing a mystery which the detectives of the country are being asked to solve. Accompanying the demand for ransom is a covert threat that the boy will be killed unless the money is produced. Hundreds of telegrams and telephone messages have been sent to the police of various cities, asking their assistance in the search for the boy and his abductors. The first fruit of these came when Chief of Police Crain of Sharon in received word that the rig in which the lad was taken away had been recovered at Warren, Ohio, with the child's hat on the buggy seat.

All the zeal of the police and detectives is now being centered at the region lying about Wren, and those in charge of the chase think that the kidnapper has but slender chance of escape. To the boldness and openness of the abductor is attributed his success in getting the child out of Sharon without exciting serious suspicion.

Attorney and Mrs. Whittia are among the town's leading residents. The former is a brother-in-law of Frank H. Buhl, the multi-millionaire steel man. At 9:30 o'clock A. M., a stranger drove up to the East Whittia school house, where young Whittia is a pupil, in received word, and told the janitor, Wesley Sloss, the lad was wanted at once at his father's office. Sloss conveyed the message to Mrs. Anna Lewis, the boy's teacher, who dismissed the child. As she was helping him in to his classroom, the kidnapper, half jokingly, "I hope that man does not kidnap Willie." The man in the buggy had a dark complexion, dark hair and a stubby mustache. He was stockily built. He spoke excellent English and was evidently American.

When Sloss appeared with the boy the stranger smiled and helped him up to the seat beside him. He then drove off in the direction of Mr. Whittia's office. Several persons say a confederate joined the kidnapper before he had left the town.

Little was thought of the incident and there was no belief a crime had been committed until the lad