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Miss Baird Tells How She Saw Electrocution.

NEVER WILL FORGET THE HORROR

She Says Mrs. Farmer Showed Amazing Fortitude and Never Faltered For a Single Second.

Auburn, N. Y., March 30.-Miss Ag nes Baird, one of the five women wit nesses at the electrocution of Mrs Mary Farmer, gives the following de scription of the scene in the death chamber in the prison here:

"As soon as we entered the death chamber Captain Patterson went to the condemned row door, tapped four times with his stick, and the door opened.

"Heading the death march to the chair were Father Hickey and his as sistant. Preceding Mrs. Farmer were Mrs. Dunnigan and Miss Gorman. A ghostlike color overspread Mrs. Farm er's face. She had chosen a neat fitting black dress for her death. Below the right knee was a slit which made easy the applications of the leg

"Her eyes were closed. Her lip. moved constantly in prayer, her voice subdued, but the supplication "Jesus, Mary and Joseph" being plainly audi-

"Her arms were strapped, electrodes were snapped to the leg, arm and head in seconds, the women witnesses in stinctively shielding the murderess from the gaze of the male witnesses as the electrodes were adjusted.

"Warden Benham gave a signal, and the full voltage was sent through Mrs. Farmer's body. The figure started forward, tightening the straps, and then shot upward several inches.

"As the thunderbolt of volts entered the body an unearthly gasp escaped her lips. I shall never forget the sound. It was unlike anything I ever heard. It lasted only a second or two, but I never wish to hear it again.

"A deep flush overspread her face and her neck began to swell perceptibly. A livid whiteness then set in. It was the final shade of death.

"The fingers of both hands snapped toward the palms after the shock and remained that way. The lever released. Executioner Davis stepped from his cage and placed his right hand on the muscles of the neck. Slight flutterings were found.

again the shrouded figure bolted up- police. ward. The second shock lasted only five seconds. Again the doctors placed their stethoscopes to her heart, and again the hand of Electrician Davis American Government Will Foil Move pressed the neck.

"Again the full current was driven into the body. There was no sound. The body again became rigid and relaxed. The triple shock quickly destroyed all signs of life.

"Mrs. Farmer showed the most amazing fortitude. She never faltered a second. She walked deliberately, with closed eyes, into eternity. I think she proved the bravest woman I ever heard of."

In her last hours Mrs. Farmer wrote and signed the following statement exonerating her husband, who is also under sentence of death for the murder of Mrs. Brennan:

"My husband, James D. Farmer, never had any hand in Sarah Brennan's death nor never knew anything about it till the trunk was opened. I never told him anything what had happened. I feel he has been terribly wronged.

"James D. Farmer was not at home the day the affair happened; neither did James D. Farmer ever put a hand en Sarah Brennan after her death."

Fifteen Villages Submerged Near Ra-

dom, Russian Poland. St. Petersburg, March 30. - Thirty persons were drowned at Radom, Russian Poland, by the sudden rising of the river Vistula, which has reached the highest point since 1852. Fifteen villages in the vicinity of Radom are

submerged. Inundations in southern Russia have been greatly increased by the continuance of high temperature, and the melting snow and ice threaten further great damage. Railroad traffic is demoralized

Cortelyou Begins New Work. New York, March 30. - George B. Cortelyou, former secretary of the treasury, took up his new duties as president of the Consolidated Gas company of this city.

WARSHIPS VOTED DOWN.

British Government's Policy Is Indorsed by Parliament.

London, March 30 .- By a strict party vote of 353 to 135 the house of commons refused to express lack of confidence in the government's naval pol-

The motion on which the notable debate hinged was proposed by Arthur of the house from Hants. It set forth "that, in the opinion of this house, the declared policy of his majesty's government respecting the Immediate provision for battleships of the newest type does not sufficiently secure the safety of the empire."

A. J. Balfour and Mr. Lee accused the cabinet of incompetence and demanded that eight Dreadnoughts be laid down immediately. Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, reproached their opponents for making a party question of the most vital matter of the country's foreign relations.

Secretary Grey dwelt on the diplomatic aspects of the British-German rivalry and the hopelessness of expecting any cessation of the race for armaments, and he predicted eventual European bankruptcy if it continued.

Election Against Government. London, March 30 .- While the house of commons was debating the navalquestion the voters of Croydon elected to parliament Sir R. T. Hermon-Hodge. Conservative, who advocated the building of eight warships. The vote was:

Sir R. T. Hermon-Hodge, 11,989; J. E. Raphael, Liberal, 8,041; Frank Smith, Laborite, 886. The Conservative majority is regarded as a protest against the naval pol-

DISORDER IN PERSIA.

icy of the government.

Revolutionists Led by Panoff, Journal-ist Soldier of Fortune.

St. Petersburg, March 30.-The Russian consul at Meshed, a holy city of northeastern Persia, where anti-Russian disorders have broken out, has telegraphed for troops to strengthen the guard at the consulate and protect the lives and property of Russians. A detachment of Cossacks will be sent across the frontier.

The revolutionary movement in this part of Persia is largely controlled by the journalist and soldler of fortune, Panoff, who was expelled from Teheran by the Russian consul at the shah's request for sending out discreditable dispatches concerning the monarch. Since then Panoff has openly joined the revolutionists.

Panoff, who claims to be a Bulgarian, before going to Persia was prominent in Armenian revolutionary organization, which has ramifications in America. Later he led a band in Macedonia, but retired under suspicion of selling information to Austria and "The stethoscopes of Drs. Gerin and Russia, and is now reported to be Spitzka quickly found other evidences marked for vengeance by the Arme-of life, and both stepped back again. nian organization for betraying a list Then quickly there was a spark, and of the leaders to the Russian secret

NO CASTRO VESSEL FOUND.

For Revolt.

Washington, March 30. - Advices from Antwerp, Belgium, say the reports received here that Cipriano Castro had chartered a vessel in Antwerp for revolutionary purposes in West Indian waters, led to a diligent search in an effort to locate the vessel, but investigation has failed to reveal any evidence of such a charter.

Two considerations will determine the attitude of the United States government toward Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, who is now on the high seas en route for Trinidad. They are: "Does Castro intend to make a fight to regain the presidency?" and "Can he control the necessary funds to start a revolution?

In case the state department believes Castro does mean to fight and has the funds at his command every effort will be made to check him in his enterprise, although officials do not see how the United States government can consistently interfere in the internal affairs of Venezuela.

THIRTY DROWNED BY FLOODS FLAYS "BIPEDS IN BREECHES"

Lecturer Says 27,000 Women In New York Support Men.

Chicago, March 30,-John Temple

Graves in lecturing here said: "There are in New York city, by actual count, 27,000 women who by the sweat of their brow are earning a livelihood for those bipeds in breeches otherwise known as men. In Washington we see the spectacle of masters of finance and politicians who are seeking to raise the tariff on articles of necessity to women. If women had the right of the ballot would they dare trespass on those precincts?"

Joe Gans Has Consumption.

Denver, March 30 .- Joe Gans, former world's champion lightweight pugllist, has developed tuberculosis of the lungs and may never again be seen in the

Attack Made Upon Him on Board the Hamburg.

Former President Lands In the Azores and Is Driven Through the Chief Town by the Governor.

London, March 30 .- A dispatch to the Standard from Horta, in the Azores, says that when the steamer Hamburg arrived it was learned that an attempt had been made aboard on the life of ex-President Roosevelt, but that it was frustrated and his would

be assailant placed in irons. The Hamburg put into Horta only to leave the mails. The vessel left after a six hours' stop for Gibraltar by way of Porto Delgado.

A. De Freitas, governor of Horta, went out to the Hamburg and welcomed Mr. Roosevelt, after which the members of the Roosevelt party were taken ashore by the governor and driven through the town.

With the exception of one or two days when the sea was a little rough the Hamburg had pleasant weather from New York.

Mr. Roosevelt did not discuss politics with any of his fellow passengers. ing expedition into Africa. He promenaded the decks every day.

Mr. Roosevelt attended a dance on board the Hamburg Saturday evening. He did not dance, but his son Kermit danced with several young women.

Gibraltar Will Welcome Roosevelt. Gibraltar, March 30.-The coming of Theodore Roosevelt to Gibraltar on Saturday has aroused great interest

Richard L. Sprague, the American consul, will entertain the former president, and General Sir Frederick Forestier Walker, governor and commander general of Gibraltar, and the principal civil, naval and military authorities have been invited to meet him.

The German East African Steamship company has been asked to have the steamship Admiral, on which Mr. Roosevelt will travel from Naples to Mombasa, stop at Messina for three hours in order to permit Mr. Roosevelt to visit the earthquake ruins.

Relatives to Meet Him at Naples. Rome, March 30.-Among the Americans who will meet Theodore Roosevelt when he arrives at Naples on Sunambassador to Italy; Mrs. Rushforth, Mr. Roosevelt's cousin; Miss Carew, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, and Francis B. Keene, the American consul at Geneva. who was a classmate of Mr. Roosevelt at Harvard

SUFFRAGE LEADER BUSY.

Mrs. Catt, Head of the Movement, Speaks to German Women.

Berlin, March 30.-In an effort to rouse the women of Germany to greater interest in the worldwide movement for woman suffrage Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, spoke today to a great mass meeting of women in this city.

Mrs. Catt's appearance here was part of her program leading to the part of her program leading to the bag, \$2.232; Bernida, per bbl., \$5.50a6.75; part of next month. She has been touring Germany and parts of Austria-Hungary in behalf of the suffrage fowls, 17a174c.; old roosters, 12c.; ducks, Hungary in behalf of the suffrage cause and reports gains in many sec-

frage cause has heretofore been supported only by the Social Democratic party, which makes equal suffrage for both sexes one of its regular platform

OPERATORS' NEW PLAN.

They Will Insist on Miners Going Back

to Scale of 1900. Shamokin, Pa., March 30 .- From an-

thracite operators in close touch with President Baer of the Reading railway and Morris Williams of the Pennsylvania Coal company it is learned that unless officials of the United Mine Workers of the three anthracite districts sign another three years' agreement, the same as the one now in force, the coal companies will insist on all conditions reverting back to

This will mean the abolition of the sliding scale and a reduction of 20 per cent.

President Lewis will have a conference with the operators at Philadelnhia next week.

KING PETER TO ABDICATE.

Ruler of Servin Said to Be About to Give Up His Throne.

London, March 30. - Special dispatches from Beigrade state that King Peter of Servia is getting ready to abdicate. It is said that the king, with his family, including Prince George and Prince Alexander, is preparing to leave Belgrade and take up his residence in Switzerland.

A dispatch from Rome says that King Victor Emmanuel has received a letter from Belgrade to the effect that King Peter and his sons are going to leave the country. King Peter suggests that the youngest son of Prince Nicholas of Montenegro take the crown of Servia.

The king of Italy, according to the dispatch, does not oppose the abdication of King Peter, but will urge that Peter's son, Alexander, succeed him. A dispatch from Vienna says that an influential party in the Servian parliament is agitating against the Karageorgevitch dynasty, the family of King Peter, and discussing either the Duke of Teck or Prince Arthur of Connaught as possible successors to the throne.

JUST LIKE SHOOTING COWS.

African Beasts Are Tame, Says Returned Hunter.

New York, March 30.—"President Roosevelt will find hunting in East Africa much like shooting cows," said Dana Estes, the traveler, who has returned from a trip on which he covered much of the territory which will be the scene of the ex-president's hunt.

"I saw from the railway trains tens of thousands of wild animals-ante-He would only talk of the forthcom- lopes and more than fifty varieties of similar game, zebras, ostriches, etc.all as fearless of the dashing railway train as the ordinary American herds of sheep and cattle. They were within a few hundred yards of the train, took part in the entertainment and and most of them did not lift their heads. A few of the more frisky animals would kick up their beels and look at the train as American cows and calves would do. There are, of course, lions, tigers and other savage beasts which will fall by Mr. Roosevelt's hand."

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Closing Stock Quotations.

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New York March 29.

Money on call was 2 per cent; time money and mercantile paper unchanged in rates. Closing prices of stocks were:

Amal. Copper. 74% Norf, & West. 994.

Atchison... 105½ Northwestern 181

B. & O... 112% Penn. R. R. 133%

Brooklyn R. T., 74% Reading ... 134%

Ches. & Ohlo... 697% Rock Island... 25.

C. C. C. & St. L. 75

D. & H. ... 176

Southern Pac... 133

Erie... 274% Southern Ry. 2644

Market Reports.

WHEAT — Steady; contract grade, March, \$1.55a1.26. CORN—Dull; March, 7154a72c. OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, natural,

BUTTER-Steady; receipts, 4,398 packages; creamery, specials, 31a314c, (official 31c); extras, 304c; thirds to firsts, 21a 22c; held, common to special, 20a29c; process, common to special, 17a24c; west-

ern factory, 19a194c.; western imitation creamery, 20afic.
CHEESE - Firm; receipts, 672 boxes; state, full cream, special, 16a17c.; small, fancy, 154c.; large, fancy, 154c.; good to fine, 154c.; winter made, best, 144c.;

fancy, 1842c; winter made, best, 144c; common to prime, 13a144c; skims, full to specials, 25a124c.

EGGS - Firm; receipts, 17.374 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy, selected, white, 24c.; fair to choice, 21a brown and mixed, fancy, 214220; to choice, 20a21c.; western, firsts,

POTATOES-Steady; domestic, old in bulk, per 180 lbs., \$2.50a3; per bbl. or bag, \$2.25a2.85; European, per 168 lb. bag, \$2a2.35; Bermuda, per bbl., \$5.50a6.75;

6c.; geese, 921015c. DRESSED POULTRY - Firm; fowis, tions.

The suffrage movement is backward in Germany, owing to laws which have long debarred women from political activity of any sort. The suffrage cause has heretofore been supl7al8c.; geese, No. 1, 12al4c.; capons, 24a

> HAY AND STRAW—Quiet; timothy, per hundred, 60a85c.; shipping, 55a574c.; clover, mixed, 55a75c.; clover, 50a60c.; rye straw, \$1.05al.15; small bales, 21/c. less on

MILLIONAIRE GOES INSANE.

Son of Swift, the Packer, Is Sent to

Chicago, March 30. - Herbert L.

Sanitarium.

Swift, millionaire son of the late Gustavus F. Swift, founder of the great packing firm of Swift & Co., was adjudged insone by a commission of physicians and sent to the Kenilworth sanitarium.

The petition was filed by Robert C. McManus, a lawyer for Swift & Co. Judge William L. Bond, accompanied by Dr. J. R. Houston and Dr. Hugh Patrick, went to the Swift home, where the hearing was held. Louis F. Swift, a brother, testified that Herbert Swift had threatened to kill himself and members of the family.

FREE TEA == TAFT. INDIANS SCATTER.

President Also Favors Re- Grazy Snake's Band Closely ductions on Necessities.

He Approves of It In Principle, but Believes More Schedules Should Be Revised Downward Than Upward.

Washington, March 30 .- It is gradually becoming known that President Taft is not entirely in favor of the Payne tariff revision measure as at present constituted.

One of Mr. Taft's congressional callers who talked tariff with the president on leaving the White House declared that the chief executive heartly favored free tea, coffee, lumber, hides, iron ore, petroleum-and, in fact, the entire removal of taxes from the necessities of existence. The president would have a readjustment downward of the schedules on gloves, spices, stockings, etc.

At the same time Mr. Taft is not inclined to interfere with the making of the new tariff laws at this juncture. Those best qualified to judge say that the president intends to leave all congressional matters to congress and does not intend to dictate to that body what it shall do, At the same time he takes advantage of the calls made upon him by senators and representatives to state anew in response to their requests for suggestions his own position and the policy to which he believes the Republican party is committed.

It is too early in the fight for the president to feel called upon to present specific views as to the various schedules. The broad general policy of reducing the tariff on the necessities of life-the imports that go to help feed and clothe the great masses of the people-is the one that appeals to the president and the one which he is said to feel hopeful that congress will adopt.

President Taft believes that the system of taxation to be adopted to meet the growing deficiency in the treasury should be one calculated to cause the least friction. It is for this reason that he strongly favors the inheritance tax idea. The collection of such a tax is easy and comes from unearned states and might cause some friction between the national and state governments. This is the argument made to the president against it.

The president does not believe that a stamp tax would be a great burden upon the people. A stamp tax at this time would not go to the extent of the war tax imposed in 1898. Such a tax would be far better, it is declared at the White House, than the imposition of such a tax or duty on foodstuffs as would cause unrest and anxiety on the part of the general public.

President Taft has let it be known that he approves the Payne bill in principle, but he believes more schedules in the Dingley tariff should be revised downward than upward. His message to congress shows how averse he is to imposing his personal views as to the tariff upon congress, and he intends to adhere to his policy in this respect. His only utterances to members of congress on the subject have been in response to their direct requests for his views as to certain things

NEW AIRSHIP RECORD.

Count Zeppelin Takes His Dirigible to Height of 6,000 Feet.

Friedrichshafen, March 30. - Count Zeppelin's dirigible airship, the largest in the world, established a new record by rising to a height of 6,000 feet. Not an accident marred the remarkable flight, the huge craft rising and descending like a bird.

The airship is 445 feet long, with a diameter of forty-nine and one-half feet. It has three motors, each of 145 horsepower. Its speed is as high as fifty-five miles an hour. The airship is fitted with wireless and has powerful searchlights.

SPRINGFIELD, O., GOES "DRY."

Temperance Forces Win by Eleven Votes Out of 17,831.

Springfield, O., March 30.-With the heaviest vote in local history, Clark county voted "dry" by eleven majority in the local option election. The total vote cast in the county was 17,831. The election affects ninety-seven sa-

loons in the county and three brewarles

Pressed; Many Captured.

WOULD CHANGE PAYNE BILL UPRISING NEARING THE END.

Militia and Deputies Force Redskins to Break Up Into Groups. Crazy Snake Is Still at Liberty.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 30 .-- & detachment of Crazy Surke's band of belligerent Indians was surrounded by deputy sheriffs near Crazy Snakek home, and a lively skirmish ensued. One Indian was killed, eight redskins were captured, and the remainder fled. with the deputies in pursuit. There were about twenty-five.in the band. The deputies after trailing them for some distance finally forced them to take refuge in the house.

Advancing from all sides, the poss fired a volley at the frail house. The Indians rushed out, scattered among the trees and made a defense. The posse, firing steadily, advanced and routed the band. None of those captured is seriously injured.

Crazy Snake's band apparently has broken up into numerous small groups Each Indian is trying to accomplish his own escape without regard for the grand dreams of the chieftain, to realize which they were called together Sunday by the smoke of signal fires-All efforts at organized resistance seem to have been dropped.

The militiamen seemed well able to cope with this latest phase of the situ-ation, however. They, too, scattered in bands, invaded the hilly wooded region of the Creek Nation in a deter mined effort to hunt down both leaders and members of the war party The wisdom of this policy became evident, for at an early hour today the soldiers had captured more members of Crazy Snake's forces, among them Little Tiger, a subchief.

As fast as they are captured the Indians will be hurried to the militia camp at Hickory Grounds. By this means the soldiers expect to avoid a pitched battle, but they regard it as probable that numerous small engage ments will be fought. The whereabouts of Crazy Snake re-

personally he has succeeded in reaching the Tiger hill range and is there supported by some of his chief sup

The end of the uprising is believed to

mains unknown, but it is believed that

if he is in command of the renegades

be near at hand. N. Y. CENTRAL GUILTY.

Railroad Made to Pay Fine of \$10,006

For Rebating. New York, March 30.-In accordance with the United States supreme court's decision overruling demurrers interposed to indictments charging the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company with giving rebates in connection with the transportation of cooperage supplies the company entered a plea of guilty to ten of the twelve counts in the indictment before Judge Holt in the United States cir-

cult court. A fine of \$1,000 on each count, or \$10,000 in all, was imposed and paid.

PIERS BURN AT HAVANA.

Hamburg-American Liner Is Set on Fire and Her Crew Flee.

Havana, March 30.-Two piers of the Havana Central railroad were totally destroyed by fire of incendiary origin. The total damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Hamburg-American line steamer Altenburg, which was lying at her pier discharging her cargo, was unable to get away. Tugs could not render her assistance on account of the dense smoke, and the crew of the steamer was compelled to abandon her and take refuge on the adjacent pier. It was thought at first that the steamer would be totally destroyed, but the fire was controlled after damaging the

vessel to the extent of \$80,000. Both piers, which contained a vast amount of miscellaneous freight, were consumed, practically nothing in the warehouses being saved.

The crew of the German cruiser Hamburg, which entered the harbor while the fire was in progress, rendered much assistance in towing light-

ers out of reach of the flames. A number of lighters were cut loose and were blown to sea by the strong southerly gale, threatening destruction to the steamers and other craft an-

chored in the harbor. Some of the vessels hoisted their anchors and shifted their position to escape the peril. Several blazing barges drifted to the mouth of the harbor, being stranded off Morro castle.