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Bill to Reduce Representation Will Not Pass.

WHY PLATT PUT IT IN

New York Republicans Favor Drastic Action.

CONGRESS TO MAKE INQUIRY

Crumpacker Resolution to Ascertain Facts as to Southern Congressional Members Will Probably Be Adopted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—In spite of the fact that Senator Platt, of New York, has introduced a bill providing for a reduction in the representation in Congress of the Southern States, nothing at all of this kind actually will be done by the present Congress. As to the future, there is another story to tell.

Meanwhile, it is likely, and even probable, that the House of Representatives will pass the Crumpacker resolution, which is not of itself to reduce the representation of the Southern States at this time, but merely provides that a special committee of the House be empowered to conduct an investigation and report as to the extent to which citizens of the United States are denied the right to the ballot by the law of any state.

Senator Platt's bill created a sensation with the Southern people, because of his prominence as a New York leader and because they feared the Republicans intended to tamper with the bill at the present session of Congress. In point of fact, the bill is not Senator Platt's at all. It was prepared by the Constitutional League, of which Warner Miller, of New York, is the leading spirit, and was introduced at the request of that organization, and practically without consultation with the Republican leaders in Congress.

Not for This Session.

Neither Senator Platt nor any one else believes the bill can be or should be taken up at this session of Congress. The time is so short between now and March 4 that it will be the easiest thing in the world for the Democrats to kill the bill as it stands in the Senate.

Besides that, Senator Platt's bill is framed on purely an arbitrary basis. That is to say, no evidence has ever been submitted to Congress tending to show the extent to which the negroes have been disfranchised in the Southern States.

Arbitrary Exercise of Power.

If the Platt bill were to come up on its merits, assuming that Congress is ready to enforce the terms of the second section of the 14th amendment, it would be successfully attacked by most of the lawyers in Congress on the ground that it was an arbitrary exercise of power and that it assumed without a shred of evidence to limit representation on the Southern States. For instance, the Platt bill cuts off a Representative in Arkansas and one in Texas. It so happens, however, that neither one of these states has any laws restricting suffrage for any reason whatsoever.

Feeling Favors Investigation.

While it is true, therefore, that no one expects to reduce the representation of the Southern States at the present session of Congress, or even in the immediate future, there is a distinctly different feeling as to the desirability of passing the Crumpacker resolution providing for an investigation. It so happens the resolution can be passed without the slightest difficulty by the leaders of Congress desire to have this done.

In the last Congress the Republican caucus, by a large majority, endorsed this proposed inquiry. The resolution as proposed by Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, merely constituted a special committee to be composed of 13 members of the House, whose duty it should be to investigate the election laws of all states in the Union so as to make a report to Congress as to the extent to which suffrage was being restricted by property, educational or other qualifications.

Can Report in Short Time.

If the inquiry be pursued on this basis it is said it can be begun and ended in a short time, so Congress will have before it an efficient compilation of the election laws of the different states, and census figures indicating the extent to which the more operation of laws of the South, without regard to the arbitrary action of election officials, have resulted in disfranchising either negroes or any class.

It is believed President Roosevelt personally favors the passage of the resolution providing for a committee inquiry. He so expressed himself to a good many people a year ago. Although it is probable he may have changed his views as to the wisdom of taking any action at the present time, it can be asserted positively he has not changed his opinion as to the question of the abstract right of wrong of enforcing the second paragraph of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution.

Republicans Approve Plan.

An informal canvass of the House of Representatives, made since the opening day on Monday, seems to show a large majority of the Republican rank and file in favor of the idea of a special committee to investigate the subject. An equally large majority favors a reduction of the representation merely as an abstract proposition, but almost an equal number are opposed to action on the ground that the fourteenth amendment was intended merely to assist in the reconstruction of the South and that conditions have developed there since which render it inadvisable to enforce the provisions of that amendment.

Republicans Approve Plan.

This resolution inquiry, which is all that Representative Crumpacker proposes at the present time, is in complete harmony with the paragraph of the Republican platform adopted in Chicago last June, which says:

"We favor such Congressional action as shall determine whether by special discrimination elective franchise in any state has been unconstitutionally limited."

The action of the special committee,

If it is appointed, will be merely to carry out this clause of the platform declaration, leaving it to future Congresses to determine whether the delegates at Chicago were wise when they declared that in case such limitation of suffrage was established they demanded "that representation in Congress and in the Electoral College shall be proportionately reduced as directed by the Constitution of the United States."

BELATED RUSSIAN COMMENT.

Press Reviews Roosevelt's Message in a Friendly Tone.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—The newspapers here are just beginning to make belated comments on President Roosevelt's message to Congress. Its reception generally is favorable. The Novo Vremya considers that, generally speaking, the particular importance, "an endorsement of Imperialism and the Monroe Doctrine being expected from Mr. Roosevelt." The paper, however, criticizes the President's idea that the United States is doing its share in keeping the peace works on the old theory of preparing for war.

"His countrymen," it says, "will find it very expensive, just as Europe has, but possibly it is the only way. If the Utopian theories were realized and the civilized powers disarmed, humanity would fall into the depths of barbarism. No means have yet been found for insuring respect of international law except armed force."

With regard to President Roosevelt's statement on the subjects of Kishinef and the passports of American Jews, the Novo Vremya says:

"When Congress enacts a stringent immigration law of such undoubted merit, it will pass the Crumpacker resolution, which is not of itself to reduce the representation of the Southern States at this time, but merely provides that a special committee of the House be empowered to conduct an investigation and report as to the extent to which citizens of the United States are denied the right to the ballot by the law of any state."

SHORT SCHOOL DAYS FOR YOUNG

New York Board Will Consider Adoption of Three-Hour Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A report is being prepared by Superintendent Maxwell for presentation to the Board of Education, which, it is said, will be the first step toward the adoption of a three-hour day for the younger children in the lowest grades in all the elementary schools of this city.

The Board of Superintendents has been investigating as to the relative results obtained by full-day classes, part-time classes, morning classes and afternoon classes in the first two school years, since the beginning of November. The investigation was begun as a result of a proposal to cut down the school day in these grades generally by eliminating certain studies.

President Tift, of the Board of Education, said in reference to the scheme:

"While a five-hour day is probably good to keep children off the streets in some parts of the city, I believe in short school days for younger children. I would give every child educational facilities as great as possible, but not so great as to interfere with proper mental and physical growth. More than three hours class work daily makes the children restless."

RECEIVE BLESSING OF POPE.

American Pilgrims Make Gifts in Gold Amounting to \$17,000.

ROME, Dec. 12.—The American pilgrimage, led by the Right Rev. Charles E. McDonnell, Bishop of Brooklyn, N. Y., was received this morning by the Pope in the Clementine Hall of the Vatican. Bishop McDonnell presented the pontiff with \$500, the Peter's Pence offering of the Brooklyn diocese, and Mr. John L. Barrett, the bishop's secretary, presented the Pope with \$2,000 as the offering of the priests of the same diocese. The Pope thanked them warmly, saying he was most grateful to the pilgrims for coming to Rome from such a great distance, and blessed all of them and their families, giving the priests present permission to extend the papal benediction to their flocks.

Affairs in Eastern Samoa.

TITUALA, Samoa, Nov. 29, via San Francisco, Dec. 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—At a general meeting of the natives, convened by the Commandant, the people of Manua were represented by leading chiefs from the islands for the first time since the United States took over the eastern portion of Samoa. The chief speakers at the meeting urged the establishment of a legislative council, and wanted to know why the Commandant should make laws without the consent of the chiefs. They also wanted the whole of the custom duties, etc., collected in the islands paid over to them, notwithstanding the fact that the revenues are expended in the improvement and formation of roads throughout the islands.

The Commandant and the Secretary of Native Affairs recently paid a visit to Manua and found matters most satisfactory. The natives under Tamama are building school-houses and making roads without any desire for compensation.

It has been unanimously agreed by the people that the government should handle the copra crop next year and dispose of it in the United States.

Peace is Made in Paraguay.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Peace agreements between the government of Paraguay and the revolutionists were signed Sunday, on board the Argentine cruiser El Plata, according to a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres. Juan B. Gaona will be elected President. It is said he has accepted the office only after much entreaty by partisans of the government, as well as by the revolutionists. Gaona is a banker and business man who has never taken part in politics. The Cabinet will be formed of members of both parties.

Rear-Admiral Ralph Aston.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Rear-Admiral Ralph Aston, U. S. N., retired, died at his home in Brooklyn today of a complication of diseases, after an illness of two weeks.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

HANAN SHOE

REGISTERED

SKELETON IN COURT

Used to Trace Course of Bullet Killing Caesar Young.

STATE MAKES STRONG POINT

Coroner's Physician Is Sure Wound Was Not Self-Inflicted—Now Certain Nan Patterson Will Make a Defense.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A headless human skeleton played an important part in the trial of Nan Patterson for the murder of Caesar Young today. The gruesome exhibit was made use of in the examination of Dr. Philip O'Hanlon, the Coroner's physician, who performed the autopsy on Young's body. The skeleton was used to decide the course of the bullet after it entered Young's body. The prosecution contended it had gone straight to the spine, which the state lawyers believed proved that Young did not kill himself.

Assuming that Young, with the pistol in his right hand, had crossed it over his chest and shot into his left side, the prosecution contended that the bullet would have traveled to the left. The fact that it flew straight inward to the spine was advanced as proving that the wound was not self-inflicted. Dr. O'Hanlon was positive the bullet had taken a straight course to the right.

Lawyer Levy, for the defense, tried to gain an admission that the muscular covering of the ribs at the point of entrance of the bullet may have deflected its course, but Dr. O'Hanlon declared that there had been no deflection until the bullet struck the spine.

Dr. O'Hanlon testified that he had found powder marks on Young's fingers. His testimony as to the course of the bullet was corroborated by Dr. Rigms, of the Hudson-street Hospital, who testified that the driver of the cab lifted the trap and looked in after the shot was fired.

Justice Davis said from the bench that a gross impropriety had been committed by a newspaper in publishing what purported to be the views of the wives of the jurors concerning the case. He cautioned the jurors not to discuss the testimony, even in their own families.

Stories of a sensational turn were current today when the trial resumed. According to the story, Hank subpena have been obtained, and it is said that even a blank petition for a writ of habeas corpus has been filed in, should an arrest make its immediate use advisable. This startling turn in the case was occasioned by the intimation of the state that a person who advised and engineered the escape of J. Morgan Smith, the actress' brother-in-law, and his wife, was being prosecuted on a charge of conspiring to defeat the ends of justice.

It is stated that the state will take at least two more days to submit its evidence. That a defense will be offered is now considered certain, in view of the fact that a number of witnesses, including three who claim to have witnessed Young shoot himself, have been subpoenaed.

Boys Dig Out of Jail.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Using a piece of

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broken brass handle of a bureau drawer and the rung of a chair broken off to a point as tools, Austin Logan, aged 15, and Oliver Jones, 14 years of age, have dug their way through a 14-inch wall of the fourth floor of the Four Courts' building, where they were confined in the matron's room, and crawled through the opening and escaped. After being at liberty for several hours, the boys were recaptured and taken to the Four Courts, where they were locked in one of the cells.

MEXICANS TRY TO TAKE SALOON

Though Shot in Four Places Arizonan Kills Two of Assaulters.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 12.—Three deaths have occurred up to this time as the result of a shooting affray in W. J. Crowl's saloon at Silver Bell, a mining camp. The dead are Jim Fagan, a well-known prospector of this section, and two Mexican miners, Crowl, who was shot in the light, is lying at the point of death.

The tragedy was caused by a gang of intoxicated Mexicans, invading the saloon and beginning indiscriminate shooting. Fagan was shot in four places, but himself killed two of the Mexicans before he died. Six Mexicans are in jail.

Ames' Jury in Deadlock.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of ex-Mayor Ames, who is on trial for the first time charged with illegally receiving money from women, reported today that they could not agree. The court sent back word that there was no word for them, which meant that they must remain out the rest of the day.

Bondsman Take Over Office.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 12.—County Treasurer Frank Obenchain has been missing for two weeks. Today his bondsman took possession of the office. It is known that there is a shortage of \$60,000.

Iowa Postoffice Robbed.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 12.—Robbers entered the postoffice at Reinbeck, Ia., during the night and stole \$200.

Salvation Army Work in Transvaal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Commissioner George Kibbey, of the Salvation Army, accompanied by eight members of his family, has arrived here on his way to Chicago, where he will take up headquarters as commander of the Western Department. The commissioner has had charge of the Salvation Army work in South Africa since before the beginning of the Boer war. Army work there since the conclusion of hostilities, he said, has received a new lease of life, but is not yet wholly in good order, because much Army property was lost.

MORE SALARY FOR PRESIDENT

Stewart Introduces a Bill Fixing It at \$100,000 Per Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senator Stewart today introduced a bill to fix Presidential and Congressional salaries. It proposes to raise the salary of the President to \$100,000 a year, of the Vice-President and Speaker of the House of Representatives of \$50,000 each, and each Senator, Representative and Delegate to \$10,000. It is provided that the bill shall take effect on March 1, 1905.

No Russian Expedition to Persia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—The report that Russia has sent a new expedition to Southern Persia is denied.

Two Per Cent Dividend Declared.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company announces a dividend of 2 per cent, payable January 1. This makes 74 per cent paid in dividends this year.

Deemed Stain on His Honor.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—Captain Clado, who was arrested December 9 for criticizing the High Admiral, Grand Duke Alexis, and the Admiralty, demands a trial by court-martial, declaring his arrest on the ground of distorted facts is a stain on his honor.

Lipman, Wolfe & Company

A CORRECTION—In yesterday's advertisement we stated that the price of "The Castaway," by Hallie Erminie Rives was \$1.08. This was an error as the price is only \$1.00. Every copy contains the author's autograph.

More News From the Holiday Store

This holiday store is too big to be taken in any other way than piecemeal. There's altogether too much to begin to describe at one time. There's something for everybody—for papa, for mamma—for brother, for sister—everything we show bears the hallmark of excellence and is sold for as little as is compatible with quality.

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Perhaps you number a baby among those you wish to remember on Christmas, and don't just know what to give. Here are a few suggestions that will help you.

Hand crocheted worsted Booties 12½, 15¢, 20¢, 25¢ and up to \$1.75.

Worsted Afghans and Robes \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and up to \$7.00.

Worsted and Silk Mittens. Prices begin at 20¢ and go to 65¢.

Infants' Silk and Woolen Veils at 25¢, 30¢, 50¢, 59¢.

Hand crocheted Worsted Sacques, 30¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢ and up to \$2.25.

Silk and Worsted Slippers. Prices range from 65¢ to \$1.25.

Worsted Leggings. Prices range from 35¢ to 65¢.

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Holly Box Stationery, special 15¢.

Hand-painted Box Papers, 65¢ to 85¢.

Child's Fancy Box Paper, 25¢ to 60¢.

Christmas Cards, 2¢ to 10¢.

Christmas Booklets, 3¢ to 50¢.

Fancy Ink Wells, \$1.00 to \$10.

White Tissue Paper, 10¢ dozen.

Fancy Disk Blotters, \$1.25 to \$4.00.

Fine Pearl Handle Pens, 25¢ to \$2.50.

Paper Doll, large, in box 40¢.

Fancy Little Boxes, 10¢ to 50¢.

Sealing Wax Sets, 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00.

Autograph Albums, 5¢ to \$1.00.

Photograph Albums, 50¢ to \$6.00.

Gold and Silver Paper, 5¢ sheet.

Colored papers, 2 sheets for 5¢.

Dutch Hand Blotter, 45¢.

Gift Hints From the Notion Store

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Fine Razor Straps, 39¢ to \$1.75.

Fine Razors, \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Gillette Safety Razors, \$5.

Horn Handle Knives, 25¢ to \$2.50.

Pearl Handle Knives, 25¢ to \$3.00.

For a Woman

Fancy Hose Supporters, 25¢ to \$2.50.

Sewing Sets, 75¢ to \$2.50.

Fancy Work Baskets, 25¢ to 90¢.

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