

HOUSE AT ISSUE WITH ROOSEVELT

Adopts Secret Service Resolutions.

PRESIDENT HAS COME-BACK

Ready for Legislators With Another Broadside.

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED

Perkins and Four Other Members to Investigate Statements in Message Which Members Consider Reflect on Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Amid a profound silence the House of Representatives today adopted unanimously without debate a resolution offered by Representative James Breck Perkins, of New York, referring to a special committee of five members the question of what should be done with that portion of the President's message which castigated Congress for limiting the activities of the Secret Service. This committee will report to the House.

Following are the members of the committee: James B. Perkins, New York, chairman; Edwin Denby, Michigan; John W. Weeks, Massachusetts; John Sharp Williams, Mississippi; James T. Lloyd, Missouri.

Refers to Dignity of Congress.

In presenting the resolution Mr. Perkins made a brief statement, saying he was satisfied that the House would not hesitate to take such action as the dignity of that body required. He said that some of the President's expressions were unfortunate.

Mr. Perkins said that the statements by the President could not be lightly regarded, as they might impair the usefulness of the Congress, that undue bitterness might argue a lack of proper self-respect.

Only once in the course of Mr. Perkins' impressive remarks did the House applaud. At that juncture Mr. Perkins said he yielded to no man in his respect for the President or his administration. He said that the President's message was a broadside, and that the House should not be misled by the report that the White House had let it be known that Congress would take any action with respect to the strictures in the message. Today it was rumored, but no basis could be found for the report, that the White House had let it be known that another broadside on Congress on the question at issue.

The committee appointed by the Speaker to consider the matter is recognized as one of weight and dignity. Representatives Denby, of Michigan, and Weeks, of Massachusetts, are recognized as friends of the Roosevelt administration and of the President himself. Chairman Perkins, while not ostentatiously prominent at the White House, is regarded as a man of ability and integrity. John Sharp Williams, late minority leader in the House, and Representative Lloyd, chairman of the Democratic Congressional committee, are the Democratic members. The House does not now expect to hear from the committee before next week.

Will Report Before Holidays.

Mr. Perkins has called a meeting of the committee for tomorrow afternoon. He said that he expects to be able to bring in a report before the holiday recess of Congress.

Republican Senators today considered what action should be taken by the Senate concerning the message of the President, and it was practically decided to permit the resolution to be brought in by some Democratic Senator.

Resolution of the whole subject by the Senate committee on appropriations.

VICTORIA FEARS JAPANESE

Appeals to Dominion Government to Abrogate Treaty.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 11.—A resolution adopted last night at a mass meeting presided over by the Mayor and addressed by G. E. Barnard, Dominion member-elect, was telegraphed to Ottawa today urging the abrogation of the treaty arrangement with Japan and legislation for the exclusion of Asiatics.

Mr. Barnard called attention to the dangers, both to Canada and the United States, following the greater increase of the population in the Orient than on this continent, of permitting Asiatic immigration.

NO HOPE FOR CLEMSON

Lake Steamer and Crew of 24 Finally Given Up.

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 11.—The steamer *Walla*, ship of the *Clemson*, which was lost in the recent storm on Lake Superior, brought here today two batches of the ill-fated vessel, which were found on White Fish Point. All hope for the *Clemson* crew of 24 men has been abandoned.

"JUNGLE" AUTHOR RISES IN WRATH

Refuses High Price for His Vegetarian Meal.

Leaves St. Francis Dining-Room in Haste and Begins Epistolary War With Manager.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Upton Sinclair, the author, who is strictly vegetarian in his diet, found that simple life as seen at the St. Francis Hotel is too expensive for him. Because a waiter charged him 25 cents for a little plate of shredded wheat biscuit, he rose in his wrath and inaugurated an epistolary war on the swell hotel. The author ordered the biscuits without reading the price on the menu card. When he saw his bill, his anger was stirred.

"What?" roared the author of "The Jungle." "Twenty-five cents for a plate of shredded wheat biscuit? Twenty-five cents for that simple meal!"

"Can't help it, sir," the waiter explained, "it's on the bill, sir, and we can't change it, sir; it's the price of the house, is it?"

"The price of the house, is it?" the author burst forth; "then it's the price of extortion. I won't stand for it; I won't pay it!"

He left the dining-room in wrath and sent a written protest to the manager. Negotiations are still in progress.

MAN BETTER THAN SHEEP

Court Quotes Jesus' Rebuke in Deciding Against Railroad.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—"How much, then, is man better than a sheep?" The rebuke of Christ to the Pharisees is cited in a rebuke to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company in a decision by Justice Stafford of the District Supreme Court, sustaining a demurrer by F. E. Goldenstein, injured in the service of the company, to the company's plea that he had bargained away his right to damages by accepting relief benefit.

The court declares that as a railroad cannot secure immunity by a clause in a bill of lading for livestock, so it cannot kill and maim employees with impunity because it provides a hospital kept up chiefly by the men whose lives are in its charge.

SENDS MENACING LETTERS

Threats to Citizens Receive Messages of Threats.

TELLURIDE, Colo., Dec. 11.—Letters threatening them with death have been received by a dozen persons in Telluride, including several prominent in business and social circles. The letters are in the handwriting of a woman and the author is believed to be insane, as no demand is made for money or valuables. The police have taken up the matter and a strong effort will be made to locate and arrest the woman.

In some instances the same persons have received as many as six letters. The recipients are City Marshal Runnels and Mayor Heltenhouse.

SAVIOR HOLDS UP TOWN

Insane Man Starts to Save Town by Robbing Stores.

EDGEWATER, N. J., Dec. 11.—Shouting that he was "John the Baptist" come to save the world, an aged insane man held this town in terror for nearly an hour this afternoon. He rushed down the main street, waving a revolver and shouting, held up half a dozen citizens, robbed the tills of three business establishments and exchanged many shots with a hastily formed posse.

After a chase of a mile he was shot twice by his pursuers and captured. His wounds are not serious.

TAKES UP FRENCH DUELING

Members of New York Athletic Club Adopt New Game.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The French method of dueling is a mode, in which wax bullets are used, is to be taken up as a sport by the New York Athletic Club.

The code is to be strictly observed at all competitions and tournaments, even down to the careful examination of weapons. Masks will be worn by the contestants to protect the face and eyes and the scoring will be recorded against a white tunic worn over the chest.

HENEY TO SPEAK IN EAST

Noted Prosecutor to Lecture Before Many Reform Clubs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Roosevelt has received word that Francis J. Heney, the San Francisco "graft" prosecutor, will be able to come East in January and keep engagements to make speeches before reform clubs in a large number of cities between San Francisco and New York. Mr. Heney also will confer with the President.

GETS CONCESSION FOR PHILIPPINES

Taft Compromises With Committee.

SUGAR TRUST COMES DOWN

Consents to Free Admission of 300,000 Tons.

TOBACCO TRUST PACIFIED

President-Elect Favors Compelling Manufacturers to Testify—Will Hold Veto Club Over Heads of Senators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The tariff hearings before the ways and means committee will continue throughout the short session of Congress and President-elect Taft will have further conferences with the committee. A compromise has been reached regarding the tariff on Philippine sugar and tobacco as a result of the conference yesterday between Mr. Taft and the majority members of the committee. That the House of Representatives will pass a bill which will revise thoroughly the present schedules is generally admitted.

At yesterday's conference Mr. Taft did not discuss any particular schedules, but expressed the desire to take up some schedules at some future time. He also favored action on the part of the committee that would bring before it those manufacturers who have expressed their views publicly on the tariff question, as well as any persons who could furnish valuable information in regard to the proposed revision. Chairman Payne said tonight that Andrew Carnegie was the only witness who has been subpoenaed up to the present and it, therefore, will be necessary for the committee to hold further meetings after the Christmas holidays.

Revision Up to Senate.

With Mr. Taft and the House in favor of a tariff law which will meet present conditions and materially revise present duties, mainly downward, the discussion of the situation centers in the possible action of the Senate. While some assert the Upper House will not attempt to make any radical changes in the House bill to such an extent that Mr. Taft would be likely to veto it, this latter possibility, it is believed, may have the effect of getting through the Senate the bill which the House accepts. It is considered likely that the extra session of Congress will last late into the summer.

While Mr. Taft favors free trade with the insular possessions without any re-

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CABLE GROUNDS, LIGHTS GO OUT

Accident Throws Entire City in Darkness.

Short Circuit Occurs at Station D., Williams Avenue and Knott Street and Causes Much Trouble.

For ten minutes last night at about 8 o'clock the street cars stopped running, the lights went out, and the downtown portion of the city groped in darkness, an account of the grounding of a cable in light station "D" of the Portland General Electric Company, at Williams Avenue and Knott Street. The residence districts on both sides of the river, down as far as St. John were similarly discommoded for from 15 minutes to an hour.

The trouble was caused by the burning out of a cable carrying 30,000 volts, leading from the Cazadero generating plant to station "D". This had the effect of grounding the entire system, and machines in the various lighting stations were "kicked" out of commission. The accident was not of a serious character and was remedied without much expense.

The "trouble department" of the company was besieged with appeals. In the center of the city, where the lights were out for the shortest time, the effect of the eclipse was perhaps more noticeable. In all public places, except those with their own lighting plant, every hotel, theater, restaurant, store or office building was without lights.

At the regular theaters the performances had not yet started, but in the vaudeville houses the sudden darkness interfered with the performance. At the Grand the gas was turned on and the show proceeded without delay. At Pantheus the house remained in darkness. A vaudeville performer named McCloud cleverly saved the performance by singing all the old parodies he knew. At the box office was a long line of people waiting to get in, and Manager Johnson lighted the one candle that could be found and produced enough light at the box office window to enable the public to separate themselves from the price of admission.

BOOST GOVERNMENT CABLE

British and Colonial Officials Want Empire to Own System.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The movement in favor of government ownership of submarine cables received a substantial impetus at a meeting held at the Mansion House this afternoon. The Lord Mayor of London presided, and among those present were representatives of the various lines interested.

The speakers were unanimous on the necessity of a uniform system of cabling throughout the empire, that should be available for the masses, and Mr. Leites, the Canadian Postmaster-General, and Mr. Collins, the Australian representative, pledged their respective governments' support.

Mr. Leites declared that public opinion in Canada and America was in favor of lower cable rates between America and the United Kingdom. A state-owned cable across the Atlantic would immediately reduce the cable charges between England and Canada by 50 per cent, he declared, and be the harbinger of a Pan-Britannic system encircling the globe.

WROTE THREATS MERELY AS JOKE

'Knight of White Death' Confesses.

FASCINATED BY CONAN DOYLE

Seeks Sherlock Holmes Among Chicago Police.

NEVER WENT FOR MONEY

Driver of Grocery Wagon Steals Bones and Coffin Nails From Cemetery to Make Practical Joke More Realistic.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The mystery of the "Knights of the White Death" letters, which were recently sent to various clergymen and prominent citizens in this city, with the threat that unless they left large sums of money at designated spots, they would be put to death, was cleared up tonight, when William Pollard, 22 years old, driver of a grocery wagon, was arrested and confessed to having sent the missives as a joke. Pollard blamed Conan Doyle's stories of crimes for his exploit.

Just Experiment on Politics.

Fascinated by the novelist's lurid pictures, Pollard declared he had determined to see how they would work out in the hands of the Chicago police. So he organized the "Knights of the White Death" and with a Sherlock Holmes fancy wrote out a bundle of letters, decorated with skulls and cross-bones. The demands for money, he said, were simply added to enliven the mystery, as he never went to see whether the money was left or not. He sent coffin-nails and trimmings with the letters. Pollard said in his confession: "How did I get the human bones and the coffin trimmings? That was easy. When they dig a new grave in Calvary Cemetery, the graves are so crowded together that the side of an old grave often caves in and portions of the interior fall into the new excavation, which is then thrown out with the new sand. At night I gathered these."

All-Night Vigil Delights Him.

"After I had sent the coffin handle to Rev. Mr. Waters I was afraid they would trace it to Calvary Cemetery because of the cross on it. Besides those sent to clergymen, I sent letters to Assistant Chief of Police Schaeffer, telling the latter to leave \$100 in the confessional box of St. Charles's Church. I was delighted when I read that Dr. Dixon, the detective, stood waiting almost all night for the White Knights to appear for the money."

HILL IS ADMIRER FOR HIS ABILITY

Even Kaiser Has Change in Sentiment for American.

Diplomat and Foreign Secretary Tell Why New Man Is Regarded With Affection.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Foreign Secretary Schoen's complimentary reference to Ambassador Hill in yesterday's Reichstag debate was thoroughly in accord with the views which are widely and freely expressed by other German officials.

"Ambassador Hill's short residence in Berlin," said a diplomat, a member of the Government, today, "has already sufficed to enhance his prestige enormously. He is respected and admired for his abilities and also liked for himself. In the few months since he arrived he has made for himself an enviable position among diplomats here."

Foreign Secretary Schoen's declaration that Mr. Hill is held in esteem by all the German officials, "high and low," is interpreted as an indirect reference to the present attitude of the Kaiser. The remark came in reply to a speech by Deputy Hausmann, who said that Ambassador Hill is a man of great intellectual gifts and that men of this type are greatly to be preferred in such positions to mere millionaires.

SPREE LEADS TO FORTUNE

Property Bought While Drunk Makes Purchaser Rich.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—A spree that ultimately netted its owner in the neighborhood of \$30,000 was related in Judge Mack's court today as part of the evidence resulting in the court setting aside the will of the late Joseph Willis at the request of his widow, Mrs. Bertha Willis.

Willis, it was related, while intoxicated some years ago, bought a piece of West Side real estate for \$400. When he became sober he regretted the deal, thinking some one had taken advantage of his condition. He investigated, however, and decided to make the best of what he considered a bad bargain. He made sufficient improvements to pay taxes and a little profit. The property today is appraised at \$30,000.

In setting aside the will, Judge Mack found that the testator was of unsound mind when the instrument was executed.

BIGAMIST GIVES SELF UP

Surrenders to Stockton Police, Acknowledging Crime.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 11.—Albert G. Gillman, declaring he had a wife in Boise, Idaho, and one in Sacramento, who he married last month, gave himself up as a bigamist to the local police today. He stated that in 1904 he had married Mrs. Helen Newcomb, at Boise, Idaho.

In 1905 he left her, so he declared, and came West, and at Sacramento, on November 12, this year, he married Mrs. Mary Fleemer. Gillman added that he was stricken by remorse, had made his peace with God, and wanted to be punished according to law.

COBBLER GETS FORTUNE

But Will Continue Work, Rather Than Become Loafer.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—William J. Perrey, a cobbler working at his trade in a little four-by-fifteen-foot shed in the water in South Main street has been suddenly raised from his humble station to a position of affluence by the inheritance of his wife of \$100,000 in dividend-paying stocks and a promise of \$300,000 more on May 1.

Perrey says he will not give up his trade just yet, as he has always worked for his living and "would seem mighty hard to lie around idle."

CONTROL ALL PINE TIMBER

Big Lumbermen of Middle West Organizing Huge Trust.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 11.—The lumber interests represented by the Weyerhaeuser, O'Brien & Cook, of St. Paul, and Duluth, and Edward Hines, of Chicago, are here working on the formation of a lumber company which will control practically all the pine in North America. The greatest secrecy is being observed, but it is known that the deal is almost finished. The transfer of the Duluth, Virginia & Rainy Lake Railroad is said to be the only obstacle.

WILL INQUIRE INTO RATES

Interstate Commerce Commission to Decide Value of Upper Berth.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The Interstate Commerce Commission, it was announced today, has decided to resume the investigation into the reasonableness of some of the rates charged by the Pullman Company. The complaint is an old one, made by George C. Loftus, of St. Paul. Commissioner Lane will begin the hearing here next Monday. An originally drawn, the complaint holds that less should be charged for an upper berth than for a lower.

Official Investigation Ends.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.—Official investigation into the death of Francis D. Hirschburg, who was killed mysteriously Tuesday, ended last night with the open verdict of the Coroner's jury.

ALLEGED BRIBES WERE OFFERED

National League Umpires Offer Proof.

COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE

Efforts to Throw Championship Game to Be Probed.

NAMES OF BRIBERS KNOWN

Persons Who Offered Klem and Johnstone Money Named in Affidavits—Prosecution of Offenders Will Follow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Even more sensational than the tumultuous close of the recent National League playing season were the closing hours of the league's annual meeting here today, when charges of attempted bribery of the umpires who officiated at the game that decided the championship of 1908 between New York and Chicago at the Polo Grounds, October 8, were sprung, and the magnates appointed a committee to probe them, even intimating that criminal prosecution might follow. Although it is known that the league has been considering the subject in executive session, the matter first came into official notice when President Pullman formally presented it and a statement was drawn for the purpose as follows:

Were Offered Bribes.

"When the National League had apparently transacted all of its business at its meeting Thursday, December 10, 1908, and after the league had received an official call from the representatives of the American League, Mr. Pullman called attention to a matter which the undersigned considered not only of the utmost importance to the league, but to organized baseball as well. He stated that Messrs. Klem and Johnstone, the umpires who had officiated at the game played between the New York and Chicago clubs at the Polo Grounds, on October 8, 1908, had submitted to him certain signed statements that an effort had been made to bribe them with respect to their duties pertaining to that contest.

"In one of these statements the name of the person who approached the umpire was given, as well as the names of persons whom he claimed to represent. In the other statement the names of the persons who approached the umpire were not given, this umpire stating that they were strangers to him.

Will Make Investigation.

"We are of the opinion that a most thorough and searching investigation of this entire matter should be made, in order to maintain the high standard and honesty of the game throughout the country and, if possible, to punish all persons connected with the disreputable proceeding.

"We desire also at this time to commend the actions of the umpires, Messrs. Klem and Johnstone, in absolutely refusing to become parties to this contemptible act, by their action again.

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