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BOUTELLE'S SPEECH

Speaker Cannon's Presidential Boom Given Impetus.

PLAIN PEOPLE WILL VOTE

His Remarks Were Based on the Fact That Today Was the 34th Anniversary of Speaker Cannon's First Speech in the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Speaker Cannon's Presidential boom received a marked impetus today in the House when Boutelle brought the subject to the fore as a climax to a half hour's speech. His remarks were based on the fact that today was the 34th anniversary of Cannon's first speech in the House. Boutelle spoke with enthusiasm and when he closed with the remark that within the next two months, the "Plain people of the country would join the voters of Cannon's district in conferring upon the nation's final honor," the speaker was given a great demonstration. There was keen disappointment on all

sides when the speaker made no reply. He stepped from the rostrum and amid wild cheering retired to his room while the House considered the pension bills. Most of the day was taken up by the discussion of the bill to provide for the next census.

MARBLE CUTTERS TO STRIKE

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Wholesale monument dealers in this city who have been watching the situation predicted yesterday a general strike of the cutters and allied unions against the quarry men beginning March 1, which will extend throughout New England marble and granite district and affect the trade all over the country. The differences between the quarry owners and their employees, the wholesalers say, includes in addition to a dispute over wages, which the men want increased, a demand for the continuation of the Saturday half holiday throughout the year. A general strike, it is said, would practically stop the sale of New England marble and granite for tombstones. Middlemen do not carry a surplus stock and the retailer buys as he sells, while the quarrymen at present have at present only a small supply on hand. The quarries are well unionized and a strike would very likely, it is said, tie up the whole industry in this section.

HOPELESSLY INSANE

May Never Be Taken Back to England for Trial.

WAS CHARGED WITH PERJURY

Claimed Intimate Acquaintance With Prominent People Long Dead—Told First of Disappearance of Body of A. T. Stewart.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—That Caldwell, who has been declared an incurable paranoiac and was yesterday taken to the Manhattan hospital for the insane on Wards Island, was preparing another statement with which he expected to startle the world, is the opinion of his daughter, Miss Georgine Caldwell. For years Caldwell has claimed intimate acquaintance with prominent men long since dead and has declared in several cases that he was able to solve mysteries which have never been solved. He first came into prominence by a story he told relating to the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the body of A. T. Stewart, and later claimed personal knowledge of facts tending to prove the contentions of claimants to the estate of the Duke of Portland. It was in the latter case that he testified in London and was charged with perjury. The British consul in New York will make a separate examination into Caldwell's condition before withdrawing the application for his extradition. Caldwell possesses several trunks filled with newspaper clippings and documents and for several days prior to his being taken to the insane hospital pored over them constantly, hinting at a new mystery, which he was about to reveal which would be even more startling than any of the others he has told about.

BUTTON PICTURE.

Woman Crushed to Death by Train Identified by Husband's Picture.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Through the picture of her husband on a button she wore on her dress, the mangled form of Mrs. Margaret Wilson, wife of John Wilson, was identified last night. She had been crushed to death by a Northwestern Railway passenger train at Elizabeth street on Sunday evening. Besides the picture of her husband, Mrs. Wilson carried nothing that might identify her. The body was so crushed that the features were unrecognizable. Last night Mr. Wilson saw his likeness without name in a newspaper, accompanied by an account of the death of the unknown woman. He immediately went to the county morgue and claimed the body as that of his wife.

RANGE SHIP FOR FLEET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The navy auxiliary steamer Buffalo, Captain C. F. Pond, U. S. N., in command, will leave here tomorrow evening for Magdalena Bay to make ready there for the big fleet. The Buffalo is carrying stores, ammunition and targets for Admiral Evans' battleships and also mail for the officers and men. The Buffalo will act as range ship for the big ships during their target practice.

The Buffalo will reach Magdalena Bay about two weeks ahead of the fleet and the officers of the auxiliary steamer expect they will require all of that time to do the work that they should have finished before the fleet arrives. Under Captain Pond's direction the targets at which the battleships will shoot will be placed, the distances measured and other data gathered all ready for the fleet when it swings into the Mexican bay.

FIRE IN FORTIETH STORY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—"The highest fire in New York" was put out last night by policemen and firemen. It was only a blaze from a plumber's fire pot, but it was on the fortieth floor of the New Singer Building something like five hundred feet above the sidewalks and was extensive enough to be noticed by thousands on East and North River ferry boats and the Brooklyn Bridge.

EXPENSIVE FURNITURE.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 18.—In capital conspiracy trial today former Governor Pennypacker testified that extraordinary precautions had been taken to safeguard the commonwealth in the payment of bills by requiring the architect and superintendent of the grounds to certify them and have the contractor make oath as to their correctness. Pennypacker admitted that he did not know that \$1,000,000 had been paid to Sanderson without the approval of the board and that on January 10, 1905, \$2,000,000 had been paid him in excess of Huston's estimate for furniture.

ASTORIA THEATRE.

The Clay Clement Company that is to appear at the Astoria Theatre on Saturday evening, February 22, is direct from New York and Astoria will have the distinction of being the opening city for this company, which is a most excellent organization and the same play and company that played New York last season for \$2 will be seen here for \$1.50.

DECISIONS IN CASES.

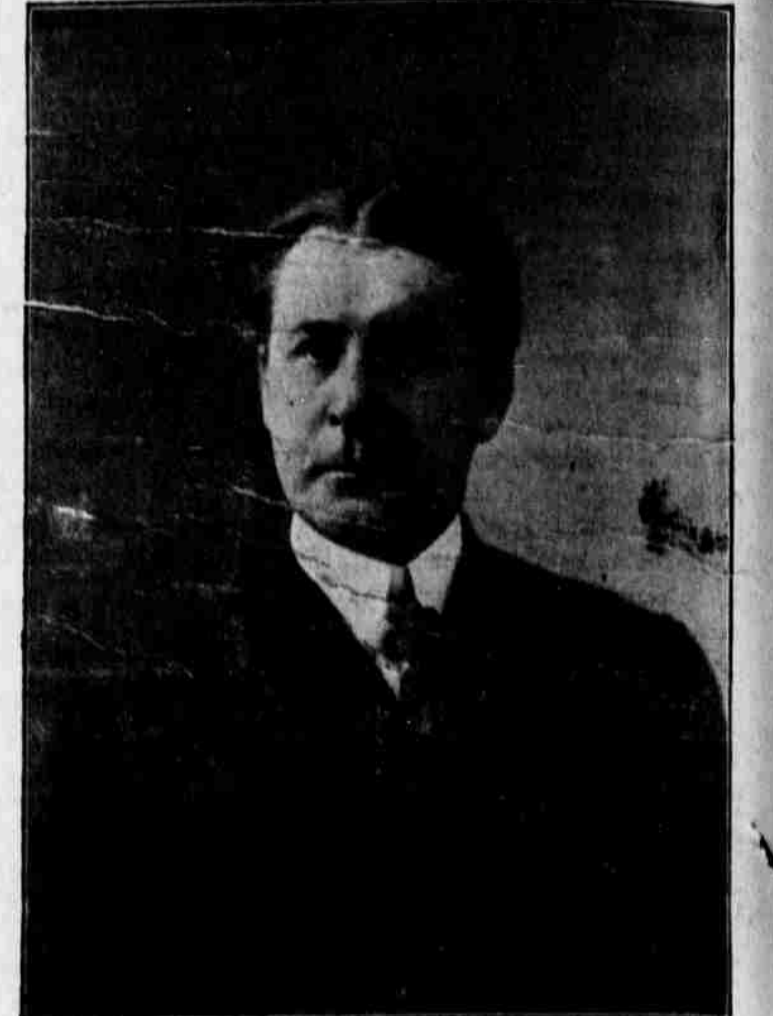
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Decisions as follows were handled down in four appealed cases in the United States District Court of Appeals yesterday:

R. F. Laffon and W. J. Sutherland, creditors of the bankrupt Greek Boy Mining Company, against Henry Ives, trustee in bankruptcy, and Charles H. Pearce, a creditor. Appeal had been taken from the district court of Montana and judgment was reaffirmed. James McCloskey against the Pacific Coast Company, an appeal from the district court of Alaska from the judgment of that court, granting a preliminary injunction in a suit involving littoral rights; judgment affirmed.

The Alder Company against Bridget Fleming, administratrix of the estate of William F. Fleming, deceased, an appeal from the circuit court of Montana, where a jury awarded \$6000 damages on account of the death of Fleming, a miner. The case was taken up on a writ of error and judgment was affirmed.

The court reverses the decision of the district court of Washington on the appeal in the case of Frank Waterhouse and Capt. James Carse, who were fined for refusing to deport a boy named William Schmitz on the British ship Olive Bank when ordered to do so by the secretary of Commerce and Labor.

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RUSSIA TO BUILD NAVY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—The commission of naval defense has almost finished its discussion of the plans for the rebuilding of the fleet. It is rumored that many of the officials are advocating the construction of big and small battleships and a mosquito fleet, but the report of the commission will not be made public before its submission to the duma. The chief competition for the plans for four battleships, the construction of which is to be begun this year, had been closed, the competition between the Russian firms being Vickers Sons and Maxim of England. Representatives of the Cramps and the Newport News Shipbuilding Company visited Russia to investigate the possibilities, but they departed last week, finding they said the conditions were impossible from an American point of view.

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