

REVISE RAILROAD AND TRUST LAWS

TAFT CONFERS WITH ADVISERS ON AMENDMENTS.

PUT COMMISSION AT WORK

Plans Are Designed to Relieve Interstate Commerce Commission of Much Work.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 24.—President Taft and several members of his cabinet discussed many changes to be recommended in the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws. Attorney-General Wickersham presented to the President a tentative draft of several of the proposed changes, which Mr. Taft in part approved. The final framing of the amendments to the interstate commerce and the anti-trust laws will be left to the commission designated by the President. The attorney-general will take to the commission, which is to meet in New York August 3, a definite statement of the President's wishes in the matter. This will form the main feature of his forthcoming message to congress.

One of the subjects tentatively disposed of was an amendment to the interstate commerce act looking to a proper financial supervision and restriction to prevent excessive issues of securities by railroads. Plans approved by the President are designed to relieve the Interstate Commerce Commission of much of the work that is now heaped upon it.

American Lowers Record in France.
Rheims, Aug. 24.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, and M. Paulhan, representing France, divided honors of the second day of aviation week, the former in a thrilling flight just before dusk, in which he lowered the speed record for the



GLENN H. CURTISS.

course, which measures 6 1/5 miles, to 5 minutes 35 1/5 seconds; the latter making two impressive high altitude flights of 49 1/2 and 56 1/2 meters, respectively, in the endurance test for the prix de la Champagne.

HOME OF TROPHIES DONE

Congress Spends \$3,500,000 to House Roosevelt Gifts.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The largest and most ornate building in the United States has been completed just in time to receive the unique trophies from the hunt gathered by ex-President Roosevelt in Africa and now about to be unpacked in this city. This building of granite with floor space of approximately 9 1/2 acres and costing \$3,500,000, has been erected by Congress for the National Museum, and is today being put in order. It is likely that rooms on the first floor will be the future home of the Roosevelt specimens. As soon as the 82 pelts gathered by Mr. Roosevelt are taken from the cases they will be tanned for preservation "for all time."

Forger Finally Captured.

Portland, Or., Aug. 23.—J. H. Hamlin, wanted for forgery, who has been sought for several years by the detective forces of the entire Northwest, the American Bankers' Association, the Washington Bankers' Association, the Oregon Bankers' Association and the authorities of Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho, was captured in this city yesterday, where he had been living for some months past.

Spanish War Veterans to Meet.

Chicago, August 23.—Spanish war veterans will gather from all parts of the country during the week of September 6 to attend national encampment which this year it is the fortune of the northwest to entertain, Tacoma having been selected as the place for the first gathering.

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A CLEVER RECTOR.

How He Got All the Young Men to Church on Sunday.

"Many interesting stories are told of Bishop Wilmer of Alabama, who was noted for his wit and sharp replies," said a clergyman. "A story which is considered characteristic of the man was told by a Virginia minister."

"When Bishop Wilmer was rector of the little Protestant Episcopal church at Upperville, Va., he was much worried by the nonattendance at service on Sundays of the majority of the young men of the community. On inquiry he found that instead of going to church they were in the habit of playing marbles for stakes. Marbles in those days, it must be remembered, was a much more serious game than it is now, occupying much the same position in the realm of sports as do billiards and pool in these days."

"Bishop Wilmer, then a parson not well known, determined to break up this practice. He himself had been an expert marble player in his boyhood. Accordingly one Saturday he came across a number of the young men engaged in a game. The good bishop asked several questions and finally challenged the lot to play him for 'kisses.' They readily consented."

"Much to their astonishment, the young minister won steadily, and soon they had to go to the stores to replenish their stock. Toward the close of the afternoon Mr. Wilmer had won every marble in the town of Upperville. Putting his 'winning' in a bag, he remarked as he walked away, 'Now, gentlemen, since you can't play marbles tomorrow I hope to see you all at church.' And he did."—Washington Herald.

SERVED THE TERRAPIN.

Crossed the Ocean to Supervise One Course of a Dinner.

George W. Harvey, the inventor of steamed oysters and a famous restaurant keeper, was once the hero of an incident that in some respects made the exploits of Lucullus and other noted gourmets of ancient Rome look cheap and commonplace. He made a 6,000 mile journey to cook or supervise the cooking of a single course of a dinner.

A wealthy Englishman noted for his love of good living while on a visit to Washington was given a dinner at Harvey's, at which terrapin formed the piece de resistance. It was the first time the Englishman had encountered the famous Maryland delicacy, and it made an instantaneous and profound hit with him. He decided that he would introduce the dish to his London friends and at once entered into negotiations with Harvey to come to London and do the cooking.

Harvey named his price, and it was accepted without a murmur, although it was a stiff one, as he was a very portly man and did not like to travel. At the appointed time he engaged his passage for England, took a sufficient number of live terrapin along with him and sailed for London. He supervised the preparation of the turtles in the kitchen of his generous employer, saw that they were cooked and served properly, collected his £200 honorarium and his expenses, and took the next steamer back to New York.—Exchange.

The New Kind.

Among the passengers in a parlor car attached to a southern train leaving Washington were a reticent individual desirous of reading his paper and a talkative person equally desirous of engaging the reserved one in conversation. At first the reticent man took the questions of his neighbor in good part, returning short but polite answers. Finally, however, he grew somewhat irritated at the persistence of the other.

"The grass is quite green, eh?" was the idle query that next came from the garrulous one as he gazed through the window.

"Quite," said the bored one, with a smothered growl. "But, then, consider what a change it is from the pink and mauve grass we've been having lately!"—Harper's Weekly.

Encouraging.

It was Bilkin's wedding day, and he was teasing his young brother-in-law. "Well, Johnnie," he said solemnly, "I'm going to take your sister a long way off and have her all to myself, where you won't see her any more."

"No; really, are you?" said the lad curiously.

"Yes, I am. What do you think of it?"

"Nothin'. I can stand it if you can."—Pearson's Weekly.

Generous.

"What's your fare?" asked old Flintskin of his caddy the other day and was met with the stereotyped reply:

"Well, sir, I will leave that to you."

"Thank you; you're very kind," said old F., buttoning up his pockets and walking off. "You're the first person who ever left me anything yet."—London Fun.

Not at First.

"When you first saw Niagara falls did you feel that almost irresistible impulse to throw yourself over the precipice that so many experience?"

"No. I hadn't seen my hotel bill yet."—Cleveland Leader.

Quite Simple.

"What will you do with your money when you die?"

"I shall leave it to my children."

"But suppose you have no children?"

"Then it will go to my grandchildren!"

Pence is not mere tranquillity, for tranquillity may be indifference.—Duffield.

UNCANNY GUIDES.

When the Gallows Was Used as a Landmark in England.

The old time guidebooks in England were by no means cheerful reading. A journey from London to East Grinstead, a distance of five or six and twenty miles, would have taken the horseman just three gibbets, and it was just as likely as not that from one or the other of them a body would be swinging in the wind.

Up till the beginning of the nineteenth century the gallows was almost as frequent a landmark as finger posts or public houses have become now. The traveler approaching York is directed by the guidebooks to "turn round by the gallows, and thence wind-mills" and the road out of Durham is "between the gallows and Crookhill." Going out of Wells you "cross the tross and pass by the gallows."

A number of such directions can be gleaned from the old books for the guidance of travelers a hundred years ago, and as these interesting objects were put up and the dead bodies of malefactors left upon them for the special edification of footpads and highwaymen there was a suggestive-ness about them that must have given a special pliancy to cycle touring if it had been in vogue at that time. London News.

OLD ENGLISH COOKERY.

A Lively Feast With Much Delight and Pleasure.

A study of Robert May's "Accomplish Cook," published in 1665, will serve to dispel the delusion fostered by many foreign critics that English cookery lacks variety. One of May's recipes is for the construction of a ship of confectionery, with guns charged with actual powder, and a castle of pies, containing live frogs and birds. After giving directions as to the firing of the guns he proceeds:

"This done, to sweeten the stink of the powder let the ladies take the eggshells full of sweet waters and throw them at each other. All danger being seemingly over, by this time you may suppose they will desire to see what is in the pyes; when, lifting first the lid off one pye, out skip some frogs, which makes the ladies to skip and shriek; next after the other pye, whence come out the birds, who, by a natural instinct, flying in the light will put out the candles; so that, what with the flying birds and skipping frogs, the one above, the other beneath, will cause much delight and pleasure to the whole company."—London Chronicle.

The Ancient Greek Theater.

The performance at Athens, in ancient Greece, began at dawn, and, as several pieces were produced one after the other, these performances lasted the whole day. On the days the performances were given all work was suspended, business put off, imprisoned debtors were set free and arrests strictly prohibited. Long before sunrise thousands of people assembled, and outside of the theater noisy crowds of men, women and children congregated, all bent upon enjoying themselves and eager to obtain the best seats. Many of them brought their food with them, and in order to stimulate the enthusiasm of the people copious quantities of fiery Greek wine were given to impecunious citizens by wily authors, who endeavored thus to buy the applause of a discriminating public.

Real Sea Serpents.

In New Caledonia sea serpents are frequently seen and sometimes captured. They are curious creatures, the head being very small and scarcely distinguishable from the body and the tail being formed like an ear. In length they are generally between three and four feet. In the jaw there are tiny glands containing poison, but as the mouth is very small it is difficult for them to bite, and the natives handle them fearlessly. M. Kernogant, a European traveler, witnessed an experiment at Noumea which shows under certain conditions the sea serpent can do deadly work. A rat was caught in a trap, and its tongue was grasped by a pair of pinchers and placed in the mouth of a sea serpent. The serpent immediately bit it, and the rat died in four minutes.

Lopped It Off.

Towne—Has he sent you a check for your services? Browne—Yes, but it isn't for the amount I expected, although I sent him a bill. Towne—Your writing's bad. Maybe he didn't decipher the amount. Browne—I'm afraid he did decipher it. I wrote \$100 very plainly, and he sent \$10.—Philadelphia Press.

The Tamper.

"Yes, sir, I belongs to de army of de unemployed."
"Want a week's work?"
"No, I couldn't desert from de army."
"Then just pretend you're on a furlough."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Point of View.

"You sang off the key?" exclaimed the musical director reproachfully.

"Sir," replied the young but haughty soprano. "What you mean to say is that your orchestra occasionally failed to harmonize with my voice."—Exchange.

A Limited Brother.

"What does you think of beln' up on high?"

"It's all right, I reckon, but you runs a terrible risk of gittin' dizzy."—Atlanta Constitution.

No man can own any more than he can carry in his own heart.—Chicago Tribune.

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