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WASHINGTON LETTER. H
 that most interesting event ourumbt of Constine the he the conviction of labor leader for contempt of an injunctio sentenice. Possidert Gompers wa viee president Mitchell $n \mathrm{in}$ ne months, and Secretary Morri son six months, Thesentence wan
imposed by Judge Wrizht who was appointed judge of the Su preme Court of the District o
Columbia by President Roose velt on the rerommendation of senotor Foraker abont three
years ago. Judge Wright'- decisoccupying seventr type-written hours in the delivery. Its lan guage was remarkable in its very stroug and positivearraignmen arrogant attitude of the delendants and their defiance of $t$ he
court in which their cause had been pending." The decision of the court is discussedeverswhere cided effect upon the future rela tions of organized labor. Many telegrams and letters are pour-
ing In upon the President frot labor leaders throughout $t$ h f
country who appear to think country who appear to think
that he can interfere premptori ly with the action of the court
Such iaterference on the part the ex-entive is, of course, out of the question. He can, if he de
sires to do so, exercise his par doning power, but not until the
sentence has matured and $t$ h sentence has matured and the
condemned are behind the bars Inasmuch as Gompers, Mitchel and Morrison have taken an ap
peal and will probably carry heir case to the Supreme Cour of the United States, President
Roosevelt will have no opportuhoosevelt win have no opportu-
nity to act on the case, but it may come before I'risident Taf on a petition for pardon. It can
not be predicted, of course, what not be predicted, of course, what
Julge Tait will do after he be comes President Thift, but thos Who have been looking up the d
sisions of Judge Taft while on the United States Bench, hav leader to jail for contempt and that the man served his sentence If Messrs. Gompers, Mitehell and ed determination to refuse to ask lor pardon, it is believed that
President Tatt will act cousist President Tatt will act consist
ently and in a line with the de cision of Judge Tait.
While it is pretty well under
tood that Congress will donot tood that Congress will donot nonths remaining of this ses sion, than pass the appropria
tion bills, and that the tarif question will be put off until the special session for its considera
tion is convened, it is neverthe tion is convened, it is neverthe
less a fact that this question i important that other ques. tions are mlnified in comparison.
Daring the recent tariff discussion before the Ways and Mran Hammitter, the Presid nt of the
Harvester trust testified that so faras he wasconcerned, all du ies on agricultural implement might be removed. This trust, it appears, produce more tha n
half the total supply of agricul tural implements made in the United States and has aloo arge export trade. It has n ueed of protection and not with
standmg the high urices paid to its empioyees, it san make and sell cheaper than any of its competitors, here or abroad. The
president of the trust advises a duty of 20 per cent. on import rom any country which did not give the United States the low est tarify. It is a curious fact $t \cdot \mathrm{ha}$
tried
this great trust, the steel "trust, as represented in Mr. Carnegie's
testimouy, and othergreat trusts appear to be indifferent to proufacturers who are solicitons for The tariff investigatioushare deThe tariff investigations have de-
veloped an interesting situation in this respect. Representatives of the trusts avow that they can of the trusts avow that they can
get along without a protective tariff but that the smaller manufacturers would not fair so well
One automobile manufacturer One automobil manufacturer
asked that the tariff on automomobiles should be reduced one-
half. Mr Payne and Mr. Dazizell tried for a long time to gut his but the nearest they could got was his answer that it would contribute to a better feeling all
around to have a lower tariff. It is evident that the state of tariff opinion in the country is very
different nor from what it was when the Dingley bill was pass-
The President and his friends the Army and the Navy are
orking might and main for the improved condtions in the military and naval services of the
United States. The President will not be able to persuade much in the way of legislation during the short two short months romain-
ing to him in the White Honse, but it is probable, indeed almost
certain, that his snceessor will take up the work where he will be compelled tc leave it off and car ry out much-needed reforms. The
present Secretary of the Navy, Mr Newberry, is accomplishing something without the assist-
ance of an act of Congress; and ance of an act of Congress; and
the Chief of Stafi of the Army, coubtless takes his initiativ
rom the Commander-in-chief, is doing all he can to make th rankof the Army more efficient He is encountering opposition,
as might be expected. Many Aras might be expeeted. Many A
my officers between the ages 40 and 50 , some of them old and some of them younger, course, recalcitrant against th

to command the Army in Cuba and who spent hifs time on his back groanmg with beat, gout, and obesity during the activeop
erations that preceded the cap$\frac{\text { ture of Santiago. }}{\text { Marked For Death }}$


## WII ihe Moon Stand Patt (Charlotte News.)

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The province of the newapaper
is world-wide and we see no spec
is world-wide and we see no spec-
ial reason for complaining that
the Washington Herald and otb- the Washington Herald and oth-
er equally errudite and conserva-
tive tive journals should take an oc Or, to be more pointed, we seeno impropriety in our present de
termination to mildly chastise with the Herald, one of the creaAstronomical prognoticators have a hunch that the moon is
growing peevish over the rou tine of ex Atence, and is contem plating a change of base, which
will end, we are informed by the high-browed seers, in a mad plunge into the boundless and unfathomed precincts of infini-
tude. Tired of the same old trail the moon proposes to venture farther in pastures green; togodi
rections not gone before-to see
a few of the sights space offersiu other words to quace ofterssome waltz around dear old
eartin, and sow a wild oat or arti, and sow a wild
two, for variety's sake.
Curiosity is Curiosity is one of the beset
ting sins of femininity ting sins of femininity, so the and, as for us, accepting in go
faith the undenied charge, faith the undenied charge, we
maryel at the conservatism and patience displayed by good Luna through the past several mill-
rons of years. In fact, we do not rons of years. In fact, we do not
feel inclined to chastise in tones moduly harsh the perfect!y natural and ever-to-be expected era-
ving displayed in her latest ving
There are times, though, when we are of the opinion it is wisest
to squelch certam inclinations, to put the iron heel on the neek of lougings; that is, where oth-
ers are concerned in the outers are concerned in the out-
come. Hence we venture the hope that the moon will bear quietly the pangs meident upon pursu-
ance of the same old stale and boring promenade.,
We really think it is up to the moon to stand pat Tnere's no use upsetting the general order
of things iust to appease a mild curiosity to see what's on the one of the weaknesses of her sex. They of the high brows and long hair do tell us that the sad sea waves are directed by the moons
unseen, though all-powerful influ
ence, and goodness knows we
have no desire to spe the salty
deep reign on us. In such a baleful event things nautical as well as agricnitural and otherwise
would undoubtedly go to the bow-wows, and as for us person-
aily, we are in no mood to experience the thrills such a cata-
For these and other reasons, as the lion of the dry goods box
would say, we think it is up to the monn to calm her perturbed breast, to forget all her wild vag-
aries and to resign her restless melf to stay on the job. By the fathful discharge of daty she
won tor herself many admirers, and we see no special reason for and we see no special reason
shaking all of her friends for mere will-o-the-wiop fancy. Wo see trouble ahead, too, for good
Lana, if this side-stepping expeLana, if this side-stepping expe-
dition is taken. The aetherial dition is chuck full of orbsand orbblue is chuck full of orbsand orblets and the astronomers tell us
some of them, if lined up in an some of them, if lined up in an
avoirdupois contest, would make avoirdupois contest, would make
the world look like thirty cents. If the moon goes straying about among these big lights of the
heavens in the rule of the vag. rant she is likely to come to eye. We should regret to hear such mishap befalling the moon, for, as for ourselves perwonally,
we are fond of the moon, and ev-

nia brought on by excessiye mas
ticatlon of piffered ham, would
have no ear into which be might watches are ruined
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watch is two costly an article to
entrust to any one who may entrust to any one who may
claim the title of Watchmaker. Durfng my manv years of busi ess attention to the careful repairing and adjusting of watches brought to me and have bought none other than the best mater-
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