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A BRILLIANT NAVAL SPECTACLE EFFORT TO ROB EXPRESS CAR ROBIN COOPER A GOOD WITNESS

After Encircling the World in a Cruise Three Masked Men Enter Express Young Defendant is Subjected to a of Over Forty Thousand Miles, Last-ing Fourteen Months, the Atlantic Freet Combined Squadrons, Seven Miles Long, Pass in Review Before the President's Yacht—Each Ship's Guns Boom a Salute Which is Answered by the Thousands Crowding the Water Front to Witness the Votable Event-The President Visita the Flagships and Warmly Welcomes the Returning Men.

Fort Monroe, Va., Feb. 22.-"Not until some American fleet returns victorious from a great sea battle will by Bell Telephone to The Observer. there be another such home-coming, another such sight as this. I drink to the American navy."

This was the toast of President conclusion of the review and the cer- repulsed and fled without securing emonies attending the welcome home any booty. of the American battleship fleet. He The robbers entered the car while again the toast was pledged.

"When the fleet sailed from San any booty. Francisco, Mr. President," replied Admiral Charles S. Sperry, "you sent us ing that bloodhounds be sent to be a message saying that ours was a put on the trail of the highwaymen, heavy responsibility and a great hon- but none were to be had. A further or. That we have to-day fulfilled the message this morning said that responsibility makes this the proudest Sheriff Haynes and a posse of depumoment of our lives. I say 'we' ad- tles and citizens were pursuing the visedly in speaking of the fleet, for no three men. At this hour no arrest has one man could have done what has been made so far as is learned here. been done without the loyal and willfleet."

THE PRESIDENT ENTHUSIASTIC. Thus briefly the commander-inwhich of the returning ships made his official report to the command-inchief of the army and the navy.

The President was in the same joyous mood as when the ships set sail 14 months ago and to those who had that notable departure of the first real battle squadrons ever gathered under the American flag, he constantly expressed his enthusiasm the safe and trlumphant return of the fleet which was despatched was too hazardous for any such body of ships to undertake.

'Do you remember the prophecies of disaster?" asked the President pile, which was started at 50 cents, "Well here they are," he added, pointing to the ships, "returning after 14 months without a scratch. Isn't it among the local and foreign buyers magnificent?"

President expressed his appreciation tion, also landed heavily prestige which the cruise of the fleet cents a pound. has given to the American navy by making visits to the four divisional the Connecticut, the Louis- 10.16 cents. iana, the Georgia and the Wisconsin.

detachments of bluejackets from all of about 6,500,000 other ships of that division and previous season. the same as true of the companies on the other flagships. the Connecticut with the crew manning the rails or drawn up at attention on the quarterdeck and afterbridge, with the band playing the "Star Spangled Banner" and the forward gune firing a salute of 21 guns in his honor, the President passed first down the long line of officers along the starboard rall and had a word of cordial greeting for each and every one.

Previously on the Mayflower he had said a personal word of congratulation o all of the flag and commanding officers. Among them were many warm personal friends of the President and these he fairly embraced after the formalities of their first salute had ended. Constantly during the reception on the Mayflower the President would take Admiral Sperry by the arm confidential chat. On the Connecticut the President climbed upon the barbette, or steel foundation of the after turret, with its protruding 12-inch rifles and in the shadow of those great guns he briefly addressed the crew.

In order to reach the shelf of the Barbette, some five feet above the deck, the President had to step first upon a water hydrant. His foot slipped when he made the initial attempt and he narrowly missed a fall which might have proved serious. As he finally made the gun platform the crew cheered lustily. The President interspersed his prepared remarks freewith asides, and he particularly caught the fancy of the men when he told them he was immensely satisfied with the gunnery work thus far ac-

"You have done water." said the President, "but what I want to see next year is a target practice under the conditions in rough

water. The bluejackets on the after bridge started the cheering which was caught up by thew hite-gloved officers. "For if you ever have to fight," con-

choose your water." Target work is the subject nearest the sallor's heart to-day. The men are enthusiasts on anything appertaining to it, and the rivalry between the different ships both at record and battle practice is intense. The men cheered gain when the President declared that this was the first "battlefleet" ever to circumnavigate the globe and that any other nation that attempted s similar performance must fellow in the footsteps of America.

The President spoke as follows THE PRESIDENTS REMARKS. Admiral Sparry, Officers and Men gaw you thrilled with pride as the hulls of the mighty warships lifted more, above the horizon. You have been in northern and southern hemispheres; four times you have crossed the line; you have steamed through all the great oceans; you have touch- in to have a new manufacturing plant, ed the coast of every continent. Ever E. L. and E. V. Crouch, practical meall the great oceans; you have touchyour general course has been west-chance, are at the head of a new fac-ward; and now you come back to the tury to manufacture tables and do

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FLEET PASSES IN REVIEW BOLD HOLD-UP ATTEMPTED DEFENSE WELL PLEASED

Car on Sanford and Mount Airy Train While it is Taking on Water in Wild and Rugged Section near Mount Airy, but Messenger Tom Hubbard Uses Bis Gun and the Highwaymen Flee-One of Them Believed to Have Been Wounde Number of Shot Exchanged by the Robbers and the Trainment-Winston-Salem Called on For Blood-hounds, But None Are Available— Sheriff and Posse Go in Search of the Bandits.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 23, 2 a. m .-Three masked men attempted a bold hold-up of Express Messenger Tom Hubbard, who runs on train No 731 Roosevelt to-day as he stood radiant. between Sanford and Mount Airy, last ly happy in the cabin of the graveful night at 1:50, four miles on this side little cruiser yacht Mayflower at the of Mount Airy, but the bandits were

was surrounded by the admirals and the train was standing at the Ararat captains of the 16 world-encircling tank taking on water. They called on day was John D. Sharp, another of vessels brilliantly attired in all the Hubbard to throw up his hands, but the defendants gold lace and paraphernalia of spe- instead of doing this he sniffed out cial full dress uniform, and every the light and reached for his pistol. glass was raised in response to the A number of shots were exchanged President's suggestion. "We stay-at- by the four men, and it is believed home also drink to the men who have that one of the bandits was wounded. made us prouder than ever of our Hubbard was not hit. The robbers country," added the President, and became alarmed at the noise made by the firing and fled without securing

A message was received here ask-

The place where the hold-up was ing co-operation of every man on the attempted is a wild and rugged point, with the river running beside the track, and the getting away of the bold trio was an easy matter.

TOBACCO BRINGS 60 CENTS.

Unusually High Price Paid For Fine Wrappers at Winston-Salem.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Feb. 22. — Sixty however, that Carmack turned his cents a pound for leaf tobacco is head just as the second shot was fired. made here by Mr. W. S. Tilly, of the could turn his head far enough to per-Rock House section. This is the mit the ball to enter the median line highest price paid on the warehouse of the neck on a straight line. The under his orders on a cruise which it floor for many years, and of course State pushed Sharp hard up to nearly President-elect Taft will reappoint Mr. was too hazardous for any such body it was an exceptionally fine grade of 6 p. m., then asked that a continuance Seawell. In this event the confirmation wrapper that brought this very high There were 194 pounds in the figure. on the Piedmont warehouse floor. To the men and junior officers the Mr. J. P. Slaughter, of the same secand the thanks of the country for the offering, his best grade bringing 56

The market has already sold 21,-000,000 pounds at an average of The entire volume of sales here will, it is estimated, aggre-On the Connecticut were gathered gate 23,000,000 pounds for the season, The farmer is the well-fixed citizen hereabouts, particu-Coming aboard larly when he is a tobacco grower,

NIGHT SESSION OF HOUSE,

Spicy Debates on Local Liquor and Fish Bills Keep the Members From Taking Naps. Special to The Observer.

Raleigh, Feb. 22 .- The night session of the House was enlivened with spicy debates on local fish and liquor questions, with the result that the bill to regulate the placing of stationery nets Neuse and Trent rivers, Pamlico ounty, was sent back to the committee; and the Buncombe bill of Mr. Weaver, tightening the prohibition law in that county with the purpose of preventing the near-beer establish'ments of Asheville from selling intoxicating liquors under cover of their legitimate business, was tabed amid applause. The Buncombe bill called forth a vigorous protect from Mr. Morton on account of the provision allowing search of premises

The Burke county bill had passed prohibiting illegal sale of liquor after Mr. Sigmon had removed the section allowing search of premises for possession of more than two and a half gallons. Mr. Weaver offered an amendment to his bill that made a regular search warrant necessary in order to examine premises after complaint made, but still the opponents were not satisfied and after long bebate killed the bill. 2 .

WINSTON-SALEM MAN ROBBED. Walter Lassiter Victimized in Union Square Park, New Yor Night, Losing His Watch,

Special to The Observer. New York, Feb. 12.-Walter Lass! ter, who said he was a native of Winston-Salem, a salesman visiting

this city on business and was stopping at Hotel Churchill was robbed of a solid gold watch and chain to-night in Union Square Park. In reporting the robbery to the police, Mr. Lassi-ter said that the robbery took place

He declined to give the name of the firm with which he was con-nected, but declared that he had talked with the Governor about the III late this afternoon and the heen visiting New York at intervals trouble for the past ten years and had never "Hou een victimized before.

Trained Nurse Has Appendicitis, Special to The Observer.

Davidson, Feb. 22.—The many friends of Miss Gussie Booe, who for some time past has been training as a nurse in the Charlotte Sanatorium, will be sorry and yet interested to Carmack's office, after learn that she is to undergo an opera- and armed yourself?" tion for appendicitis to-morrow in the Admiral Sparry, Others and account of the Battle Fleet; Over a year has Queen City. Mrs. Boos, per mother, passed since you steamed out of this went down this afternoon to be with harbor, and over the world's rim, and her at the time. Hardly any one here harbor, and over the hearts of all, who know that Miss Boos had been suffering from the attack for ten days or mack?

New Woodwork Factory at High Point.

High Point, Feb. 22.-High port from which you set sail. This special woodwork. All the arrange-ments have been made, machinery placed and work will begin this work

Bitter Cross-Examination Lasting Nearly Four Hours in Which State's Efforts to Break Down His Special to The Observer. Testimony Are in Nain-dis Cool-ness Under Fire Exasperates the At-

Impression With the Jury-Sharp Also Makes a Good Impression, But But Important Points Are Unshaken -Examination Not Finished. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 22 -- When ourt adjourned to-night in the midst

Sharp, the honors were even between the State and the Jefense in the Cooper sharp trial for the slaying of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack. Young Robin Cooper, under a bitter cross-examination of nearfour hours, held his own with ease. played an inclination to be absolutely fair that evidently impressed the jury and just as evidently exasperated Attorney General McCarn. The next witness and the only other one of the

Sharp told his story well under direct examination and made a good im-But he was turned over to Attorney Garner, of Maurice county, for cross-examination. Mr. Garner has somewhat of a reputation in his own county for clever work but he was an unknown quantity in Nashville. When court adjourned for the day the defense's counsel drew a long breath and were no longer in doubt as to Garner's ability. His cross-examination is of the rapid-fire order.

SHARP MIXES TESTIMONY.

John Sharp is a man of high temper and Garner soon had him beside himself. He contradicted himself on many minor details but never on the more important particulars. Once he got on dangerous ground. On direct examination Sharp swore that he saw the killing and that "Carmack fell after Robin Cooper had fired three

One of the bullet wounds, a necessarily fatal one, pierced the Senator's neck within one-sixteenth of an inch of the spinal cord and came out un der his tongue. As Sharp swore that Carmack was facing young Cooper, siming at him, this wound would be impossible to reconcile with the statement.

On cross-examination Sharp said, "going some," and that is the record He did not explain how the Senator mittee argued that it would be best to This is the mit the ball to enter the median line next session, and their wishes prevailed. be granted until to-morrow when it will not be delayed was allowed.

Sharp left the stand with a sigh of relief. His faithful little wife, who in court, sprang up to meet him and cheered him with smiles and words of encouragement.

ROBIN COOPER UNDER FIRE. imited to a speaking acquaintance. General McCarn then began

ccupied a cell have you?" Objection sustained

"Only once. I got a pardon for

"Your service then was principally see Governor Patterson and pardon board? "I appeared before both." He said

Linder got 15 years and served about The drift of the questions was evident-to show Cooper's connections with Governor Patterson and how in-

finential they were. Attorney General McCarn suddenly switched to the day of the tragedy. "When did you telephone Burch, your sister, to find your fath-

"Yes, sir."

"Still your father had only left you moment before?" When did you learn that your father was armed?"

"When he reached my office that morning. Several revolvers were brought in and Robin was asked which one his

father had carried on the day of the shooting. not know," he said. "The nickel-plated one looks like it. ,I only glanced at it."

TALKED WITH GOVERNOR PAT-TERSON.

The State's contention is that the gun said to have been found near Carmack's body was in reality Colonel Cooper's, substituted for the one

Carmack carried. Young Cooper said the automatic evolver he shot Carmack with was the first one of its kind he ever held n his hand. It developed too that while looking for his father the day of the tragedy Robin met Governor Patterson and walked through the were from Atlanta. The engine and he refers to the necessity for some act of two years ago so that com-Arcade with him at the Governor's baggage car turned completely ever contribution from Panama to Colom-pulsory attendance may be ordered request. This was not testified to on and the passenger coaches turned on bia as her proportion of the public upon petition of a majority of the para public comfort station in the Arcade with him at the Governor's direct examination.

> "How often had you talked to Gevernor Patterson that day?" "Twice. Once in front of the Tu-

"And were you armed then? "No sir. I got the revolver after I saw the Governor the first time." "You had an animated conversation with Governor Patterson across from Carmack's office, after which you went

"You suggested your uncle, James Bradford, to arrange the difficulty?" "Yes."

"You knew Bradford hated Car-"I knew he did not admire him."
"Do you know whether there is

any reason why Mrs. Eastman or Charles Warwick or Carey Folk should perjure themselves to deprive you of your life or Hherty?" "I do not."

FATHER MADE NO THEEATS. The lawyers for the defense were fighting teach of these questions (Continued on Page Four).

Murder in the First Degree is the Charge Against the Alleged Slayer of Steve Watson-Preliminary Examination Held Yesterday at Wades-

boro.

Wadesboro, Feb. 22 .- Justices Little and Rogers, stiting together, heard torney General and Leaves a Good testimony in the preliminary trial of J. L. Fox, charged with the murder Loses His Temper While Under of Steve Watson, here to-day. The Cross-Fire—Tangies Minor Details, hearing occupied the entire day and throughout the time the court house was crowded. The entire town is wrought up over the case. The State of the cross-examination of John D. did not put the negro woman, who is supposed to have been an eye-witness to the tragedy, on the stand.

After hearing statements of examining physician and coroner, three railroad men, who were in the store at the time of the shooting were called-They agreed in their testimony, which was that they had seen Fox and Watson in the store and that they saw Fox go into the wareroom and they heard three shots. They saw a woman run from the wareroom through store They started to leave, but were called back by the proprietor and went into the wareroom, finding the dead body of Watson. No one had seen Watson go into the wareroom. Beside the body a hat such as was worn by Fox was found and also a pair of gold eyeglasses like those he wore

The coroner testined that Fox when arrested at home couldn't find his hat and glasses. The defendant didn't ofter any testimony and the justices held Fox to the next term of court without allowing him ball. Murder In the first degree is charged.

MR. SEAWELL GOES OVER.

Senate Judiciary Committee Agrees
That Federal Judgeship Appointments Should Stand Without Confirmation and No Nominations Will Be Considered This Time.

Observer Bureau. Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Feb. 22.

The confirmation of H. F. Seawell goes over. The Senate judiciary committee met this morning and agreed that the five appointments of Federal judges should stand without confirmation. No nominations will be considered this time. Senator Fulton, of Oregon, asked that an exception be made in the case of Seawell. Mr. Overman added that he would like for the North Carolinian to have a hearing. Senator Simmons expressed a however, that Carmack turned his desire to be heard before any action was taken, but other members of the comlet all important appointments alone until It is generally believed here that

WAS ONLY JOKE, SAYS WILKINS. has never missed a minute at his side Black-Hand Letters Sent in Spirit of Fun, Prisoner Declares—Is Still Being Held For Trial, However.

Special to The Observer. Goldsboro, Feb. 22.-Charlie Wil-Before cross-examination began kins, the white man who was arrest-canal had brought upon himself "vili-decided unanimously to report favor-tance, though indirect." He pointed to his relations out that the professional teacher Robin Cooper testified to his relations of trying to secure money from Mr. with Carmack, which, he said, were J. W. Cole, a merchant of this city, by mited to a speaking acquaintance.

The cross-examination by Attorney a statement to-day saying it was all a joke and it was his purpose to take "As a matter of fact, you have never the money back to Mr. Cole and tell him it was only a joke. Though the affair is couched under the pseudonym

In reply to questions witness said of the "Black Hang, there is who seriously believes that there is an organized band of this character in the community, but, on the contrary, the community, but, on the contrary, and the community of the "Black Hang, there is enly in the House, by Representative Lovering, of Massachusetts."

True loyalty to this great entermore the community of the "Black Hang, there is an organized band of this character in the community, but, on the contrary, the community is a superior of the "Black Hang, there is an organized band of this character in the community, but, on the contrary, the community is a superior of the "Black Hang, there is an organized band of this character in the community, but, on the contrary, the community is a superior of the "Black Hang, there is an organized band of this character in the community, but, on the contrary, the community is a superior of the community is In reply to questions witness said of the "Black Hand," there is no one the community; but, on the contrary, it is believed that the apprehended culprit simply used this signature in hope of more effectually intimidating his intended victim.

Wilkins is now in jail awaiting the arrival of a trial efficial of the United States, when he will be given a hearing.

DR. WILLIAM BULL DEAD.

Noted Cancer Specialist Passes Away Savannah, Ga., Feb. 22,-Dr. Will-

liam Tillinghast Bull, the cancer spelalist, who came here recently from New York, died at Wymberly. of Hope, at noon to-day. "And you wanted your sister to keep ban failing for a week and became unconscious at noon vesterday. The following official announcement of his death was made by the attending sur-geon, Dr. W. B. Crawford, who was for years his assistant in New York: "Dr. Bull passed away quietly at noon to-day. The end was due to odeme of the lungs. For the past few days his condition had gradually grown weaker.

Dr. Bull's body left to-night for New York City. Funeral arrangemments will not be made until after the arrival of the body in New York. Mrs. Bull was with him at the time of his

ENGINEER SCALDED TO DEATH.

W. J. O'Neal Loses His Life in Wreck of No. 25 at Harbins, S. C.—Fire-

man Fatally Injured. Greenville, S. C., Feb. 22 .- In the wreck of Southern Railway, express No. 35 from Washington to Atlanta, at Harbins, a block office 50 miles south of here, early to-day, Engineer W. J. O'Neal was scalded to death and Fireman Joe Clay, negro, was injured so badly that he will die. Both men their side. No passengers were in-jured. The track was obstructed un-No passengers were in- debt of Colombia." sengers were transferred around the

Another Rumor of Cotton Mill For High Point. Special to The Observer

High Point, Feb. 22.-High Point strange to say, has never had a cotton factory in late years. It is ru-five years after 1913, the \$250,000 mored that some of the leading business men here now have the establiance to Colombia direct. In other lishment of such a factory under serious consideration.

New Equipment For the Southern. Atlanta, Ga., Feb 22.-J. S. B. hompson, assistant to the president of the Southern Railway, announced here to-day that an order had been placed by the Southern road for

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—Monte Atgan at the end of a 20-round bout this

LIVELY SCENES IN THE HOUSE. THIS HONOR PAID WASHINGTON

Have Been Heaped Upon Him For His Recent speech on the Canal. Mr. Raincy Again Takes the Floor -Declares That Only the "Least Objectionable Features" Have Been Attacked-Again Denounces Cromwell and the Tafts-Mr. Burton Replies to the Charges, Bitterly Assairing Mr. Rainey For "Conjuring Up Wrongs and duttressing Them With Slander and Falschood"-Demands Proof of the Charges,

SENATE SUMMARY. For two hours and a half yesterday the Senate discussed the postal savings bank proposal but an attempt to reach an agreement as to a day for voting on the measure that Senator Carter, of Montana, is urging, failed. The reading by Schator McLaurin, of Washington's farewell address con-

sumed the first hour of the session. Senator Aldrich obtained the consent of the Senate to a resolution contin ping the committees of the Senate as they now exist until their successors are chosen in the next regular session. The agricultural appropriation bill was taken up. The Senate adjourned at 4:40 p. m.

HOUSE SUMMARY. A second speech by Mr. Rainey, of

Illinois, reiterating his former statements concerning the Panama canal, and a bitter arraignment of Mr. Rainey by Mr. Burton, of Ohio, furnished the principal incidents in the House of Representatives yesterday. After the Illinois member had spoken for an hour in further denunciation of William Nelson Cromwell, Mr. Burton took the floor to make reply. He vigorously defended Mr. Cromwell Charles P. Tuft, President-elect Taft and others whom Mr. Rainey on a former occasion had made objects of his attack. Mr. Rainey, he said, had furnished no proofs of wrong-doing in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal franchise, but instead had conjured up wrongs and buttress ed them with slander and falsehood thereby placing himself on a level with "the scurvy politician." He challenged Mr. Rairey to get from behind the protection afforded him by the constitution of the United States and rules of the House, and make his charges in the open.

Mr. Lovering, of Massachusetts, joined in the discussion and insisted that Mr. Rainey had proven nothing.

The incident was closed by a declaration by Mr. Cockran, of New York, that persons whose reputations were attacked in the House should have an opportunity to defend themselves in the same place.

Following the sending of the army and Indian appropriation bills to con-ference, consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was resumed, and it was pending when the House at 6:12 p. m. adjourned.

Washington, Feb. 22.-Asserting that his recent speech in the House relative to the purchase by the United States government of the Panama almost without a parallel in the of the Senate committee on education, "may exercise great indirect political history of that body." Representative for a more equitable apportionment of influence by the encouragement that history of that body," of Illinois, Rainey, in the House of Reperentatives a general remarks were based was obtained from "ex-convicts and blackmailers," was obtained this accusation having been made op-enly in the House, by Representative

prise," Representative Rainey said, able \$41,000 more than this year. Sev-"means that you must expose and de-nounce all kinds of graft in connection with it in order to avoid the pitfalls into which the French companies fell, and I propose to do this whether it meets with the approval of the next President of the United States or not. I want to say to all those who are taxation for a four months' school, spending so much time abusing me and this year lacked \$41,000 of get-that I have not yet commenced this ting enough from the second \$100,000 fight. I have only trained my guns to have the full term.
on some of the least objectionable THE LEADING I

features in connection with Panama matters.

als speech on this floor." be just as entirely unexpected them when it comes.

Continuing Mr. Rainey said: ent efforts to conclude a treatry be-

CROMWELL'S TREATIES.

Referring to these as the "propos ed Cromwell treaties," Mr. Rainey asa mystery as the switch was properly seried that Mr. Cromwell proposes to set. treaty as to impose upon this country an additional burden of \$1,250,000. 'And he proposes that this sum shall e taken from our Treasury and paid, not to Panama, but to Colombia. addition to that he proposes that for It is ru- five years after 1913, the \$250,000 words by the treaties of which he is so proud. Panama deprives herself for five years of her fixed source of revenue and consents that it be paid to Colombia, and the United States contributes from its treasury \$1,250.-000 and pays it to the Treasury of Colombia. I know of no precedent Colombia. I know of no precedent for Mr. Cromwell's treaties. No peo-

> "The situation Mr. Cromwell is en-"The situation Mr. Cromwell is en-deavoring to force by the treaties is destroying landmarks, presuming that get away from the "conservation"

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Smarting Under the Criticisms That Senate and House Have Long and Important Sessions-Upper Passes Bill to Allow Freight Trains to Pass Through State-Lower Branch Spends Much Time in Committee of the Whole Revenue Bill-General Educational Bill Gets Favorable Consideration From Joint Committee-Refunding Bonds Bill Ready For Signature Sunday Law Passed

Saved From Amendment by Its Age
—Committees Have a Very Busy Afternoon. pecial to The Observer. Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Both branches of the General Assembly adjourned o-day in honor of Washington's Birthday after long and important sessions the Senate having received several important new bills and passed the

House bill allowing solid car through freight trains to pass through the State

on Sunday; and the House spent

much time in committee of the whole onsidering the revenue bill. A bill introduced by Semator Or-mond to amend Article 8 of the consillution relating to corporations other han municipal is designed to relieve the Legislature of the considering of innumerable local bills that now enumber the calendars and consume the greater part of the sessions. This to be accomplished by delegating to the Secretary of State, the county ommissioners and other local author-

that now must receive the attention of

tties the control of various

FREIGHT TRAIN BILL PASSED. The Senate discussed at considerable length the House bill allowing through freight trains to pass through the State on Sunday, and passed it by a good majority so that it remains now government.
only for it to be enrolled for ratifica- FIRST PROFESSION THE MINIStion. Its passage was urged especialfor the reason that it would put North Carolina roads on a better competing basis with roads of the North and West and with water lines. REVENUE ACT CONSIDERED.

The House made a start in the consideration of the revenue bill in committee of the whole. Amendments sion of knowledge by the press, the in the interest of the old soldiers were disappearance of the simple village. offered from the pensions committee life, have contributed radically to for increasing the ad valorem tax from change the position and influence of 4 to 7 cents for this purpose and the the ministry in the community, poll tax from \$1.29 to \$1.38. Action "During the administration of the community." on this was left open. ing picture shows, the amounts rangpopulation. caused the section to be passed over

falling due in June, 1910.

A bill introduced by Representative Crumpler proposes to validate marriage ceremonies heretofore solemnia-

ed by unordained ministers FAVORABLE REPORT FOR EDU-The joint committee on education delivered to-day the second \$180,000 and amending the he ought to give to the young man o school law, and lengthy speech in reply to the charges Doughton's act increasing the appro- pursuit of politics." that the information upon which his priation of the first \$100,000 to \$150,

000. The bill rearranging the apportionment of the second \$100,000 vides that the fifty-four counties recelving aid will raise by special taxation \$55,000, receive from the apportionment \$79,000 and will have enteen only of these counties will get more from the State than they raise by taxation, and thirty-seven raise as much taxation as they will receive from the State. Under the present law these fifty-four counties have been raising nothing by special

THE LEADING PROVISIONS.

Among the main provisions of the bill amending the general school law OTHER CHARGES IN STORE. are the payment out of the general has an injurious effect, but fortunately Representative Rainey declared school appropriation of part of the such injustice is generally remedied. that he did not attack the canal but salary and expenses of the superin-simply attacked the graft connected tendent of colored normals and superwith the enterprise. He asserted that visions of teachers' training work for Representative Lovering had not at- white teachers, fixing a maximum of tempted to deny a single fact he had \$1,200 in addition to what he receives contributed to the preservation of the stated, but after making his charges, for work in the colored normals out health of all the people. He pointed proceeded to eulogize William Nelson of the appropriation for those schools; out that the profession had been ex-Cromwell. "I never heard until he the repeal of all special acts changing alted by its great discoveries and by made his speech that any persons the method of apportioning the coun-were trying to get Mr. Cromwell to ty school fund for the benefit of cerpurchase any alleged evidence of the guilt of Mr. Cromwell," he said. "I method of apportioning city and counknew nothing of any attempt to sell ty funds uniform; changing the terms actual results, accomplished by many any story to the Democratic national of members of county boards of edutechnical professions, Judge Taft concommittee until the gentleman made cation to two, four and six years, so sidered in extent the profession of as to have the term of only one expir-Mr. Rainey further stated that the ing each two years instead of all sense the profession of government. evidence he produced in support of three; guarantee of a county instihis charge of graft in connection with tute in every county at least once in lected to carry on governmental the buying of the canal, nearly all every two years, and not oftener; giv-was obtained from Panama. Then ing authority to use any accumulated he added: The attack I made was balance of the blennial appropria-entirely unexpected, and the next attack I make upon these gentlemen will the end of the biennial period for be just as entirely unexpected by establishment of new libraries; restoring to the high school appropriation the \$5,000 annually set aside for main-"Mr. Cromwell, in the speech made tenance of the Eastern Training him through Mr. Okott, of New School by act of 1907; making avail-York, has seen fit to discuss his pres- able for the high schools the entire \$50.000 appropriation in that Both men twen Colombia and Panama in which amending the compulsory attendance meet the requirements of the situa-engine and he refers to the necessity for some act of two years ago so that coments of the children, without an election, the county board not being required, however, to order such comulsory attendance on such petition unless it deems it wise, or it may hold the election if it prefers, and it may order it on petition for a white district and decline to order it for a colored district or it may order it of its own motion without petition or election where small enrollment and attendance furnish evidence of its need.

ANCIENT LAW TO REMAIN. Senator Means' bill to amend the Sunday law of 1741 so as to change the punishment for work or play of fine to misdemeanor subject to and imprisonment, held the before the Senate judiciary mittee on insistence of Colonel Means, who feared there was a disposition to stifle his bill. He insisted that the present law, old as it is, in a diseighty new passenger, express and fully completed a revolution have eighty new passenger, express and fully completed a revolution have of the Almighty as to the Sabbath address delivered to day of the Almighty as to the Sabbath address delivered to day of the Almighty as to the Sabbath address delivered to day weeks.

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Senator Lockhart asked if there reigned the tendency in our gone was not a Biblical command against ment in recent times, as he said.

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FOX HELD WITHOUT BAIL. RAINEY AND BURTON CLASH BOTH HOUSES ADJOURNED PROFESSIONS AND POLITICS

"PENN" STUDENTS HEAR TAFF

The President-Elect Delivers the Principal Address at the Washing-ton Birthday Exercises at the University of Penusylvania-Takes For His Subject, "Present Relations of the Learned Professions to Political Government"-Education and Independent Thinking Baye Changed the Position and In-Have fluence of the Ministry, Once the Highest Authority-Tne Teacher's Relations Are of Utmost Im-portance—Pays a High Tribute to the "Father of His Country."

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Hon. Wif-Taft, President-elect of the lam H. infied States, to-day was the principal speaker at the exercises in the University of Pennsylvania congem-orative of the birth of Washington. He chose for the subject of his ad-dress the "Present Relations of the Learned Professions to Political Gov-ernment." He discussed at consider-able length the influence which the learned professions, in this day, bave upon national and municipal govern-ment. He outlined luminously the part each of the important profes-sions plays in a government by the

people and compared their influence, one with another. In brief part, he said. "It is the duty of every citizen to give as much attention as he can to the public weal, and to take as much interest as he can in political matters. Americans generally have recognized these duties, and we find active in political life, men representing all professions, all branches of business and all trades. I propose this morning to invite your attention to the present relations of each of the learned professions to politics and

TRY. "The first profession is that of the ministry. Time was when the minister of the community was the highest authority as to what the law should be and how it ought to be enforced; but the spread of education and independent thinking, the wide diffudisappearance of the simple village

"During the administration of Mr. The provision Roosevelt, and under the influence of for secrecy as to lists of income taxes certain revelations of business immorwas stricken from the bill after a ality, the conscience of the whole lengthy discussion. Section 28 was country was shocked and then nervamended so as to carry taxes for mov- ed to the point of demanding that a better order of affairs be introduced. ing from \$5 for towns of 2,500 to \$50 In this movement, the ministers of for those in towns of 10,600 or more the various churches have recognized A proposition for the the call upon them to assist, and they owns to collect as much as one-third have been heard in access much more effective than ever before in The House passed the Senate bill to-day in keeping us advised of the for \$3,500,000 bonds to refund bonds conditions among Oriental races is the falling due in June, 1910. leaders of these missionary branches of the churches are becoming some of our most learned statesmen in respect.

of our proper Oriental policies." Judge Taft, discussing teachers, said that "their relation to politics and government is of the utmost impornfluence by the encouragement that college age and life in the study and

POWER OF THE PRESS.

To the writer, in whatever capacity he may labor, Judge Taft attributed great influence, either for good or ad. Referring to the newspaper press

'Its power of public instruction is very great; but when it panders the vulgarest taste for sensationalism and becomes entirely irresponsible in its influence for good, its pernicious tendency is obviated only by er of the people to protect themselves against it by a safe discrimination and a healthy skepticism. The close relation between journalism and politics no one who has been in the slightest degree familiar with the course of a popular government, can ignore. The unjust cole sometimes given through laundiced editors and correspondents has an injurious effect, but fortunately

TRIBUTE TO PHYSICIANS. JudgeTaft paid a high tribute to the profession of medicine, because it had Its assistance in the expansion of our government in the tropics and in the

construction of the Panama canal. After mentioning the great good, in the law, which, he said, "is in a wide work, because the executive faculty was a very marked attribute of the modern lawyer. While he that there were defects and weaknesses in the profession of the law, he regarded it as the most important in its relation to political ment. In conclusion, he said:

THE OCCASION AND THE MAN. "National exigency seems to call forth the men peculiarly during the great civil war. Such Washington in the revolution, the anniversary of whose birthday this university appropriately makes its festal day. He was not a law-yer or a doctor or a minister. He was a leader of men. His pure, disinter-ested patriotism, his freedom from small jealousies, his marvelous com-mon sense, his indomitable perseverance and patience, and his serenity and calm under the most trying circumstances, gave him the victory which could be traced not to brilliant genius or professional training, but to that which, of all things is the most to be pursued and desire

-to his high character as a man. JUDGE PARKER AT VIRGINIA.

Eminent New Yorker Speaks at the Exercises at Charlottesville—Ar-From the Conservatism of Wash Sincerity the

Note of Washington's Character,

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