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TOOK A GLASS WITH CANNON

But Only One, Say Witnesses Who Saw Roosevelt at Reception of Former Speaker.

NEVER SWEARS, SAY CLOSE ASSOCIATES

One Sip of Beer at Milwaukee His Experience with that Beverage, Asserts Witness.

By Associated Press. Marquette, Mich., May 31.—Examination of witnesses in the libel suit of Theodore Roosevelt against George A. Newitt proceeded with speed today.

The character of the evidence introduced during the forenoon was unvarying in character to the effect that Col. Roosevelt always has been very abstemious.

The witnesses who testified personally were Joseph E. Hayless, of Sault Ste. Marie, who testified to having read the alleged libelous article; W. Emlen Roosevelt, a first cousin of the plaintiff; Frank Tyree and James Sloan, secret service men, and William P. Shaufoele, a railroad man, who handled one of the Roosevelt itineraries in Ohio.

Depositions of Albert Shaw, the editor; George B. Cortelyou, former private secretary to President Roosevelt, and later in his cabinet; Lawrence H. Graham, a newspaper man, and George Roosevelt, whose father is a cousin of the plaintiff, were read by Attorney Van Benschoten.

Marquette, Mich., May 31.—W. Emlen Roosevelt, first cousin of Theodore Roosevelt, who is probably more familiar with the life of the former president than any other of the witnesses in the Roosevelt-Newitt libel suit being tried here, testified today to the abstemiousness of the plaintiff.

Mr. Roosevelt was preceded on the stand by Jos. E. Bayless, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., who identified the alleged libelous article in the happening "Iron Ore" as one he had read. This affirmation was practically all that was required of him, as it was introduced to show that the allegations of drunkenness against Colonel Roosevelt had general circulation.

Emlen Roosevelt said he was 56 years of age and said that his father and the father of the plaintiff, who were brothers, had been closely associated in business.

The examination was very brief. It was announced there would be an afternoon session of court.

"What has been your association with your cousin?" asked Attorney Pound for the plaintiff.

"Closely associated with Roosevelt. Very intimate. I have been with him for two weeks at a time. When we were boys we lived near each other. Later I was with him on hunting trips. I was with him both times when he was sworn in as president. I made trips with him in the Mayflower, the government boat placed at his service. I have been in a position to know every detail of his public and private life."

"What has been your observation through your senses of smell and sight as to whether he was a drinking man?"

"My observation was that he is not a drinker."

"Has he ever been under the influence of liquor?"

"Never, so far as I observed."

"What has been his habit in reference to profanity?"

"He does not use it."

The witness was excused without cross examination.

William Loeb, Jr., collector of customs of the port of New York, testified he first met Colonel Roosevelt when the latter became governor of New York. During the seven and one half years of the Roosevelt administration, Mr. Loeb said he was associated with the president, first as assistant secretary to him and later as his secretary.

Mr. Loeb said he saw Colonel Roosevelt as president every day, including holidays.

FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF FRISCO BEGUN

Speyer & Co., Representing French Holders of 65 Million of Bankrupt System's Bonds, and B. F. Yoakum in Battle for Big Property.

By Associated Press. New York, May 31.—Members of the international banking firm of Speyer & Co. had a conference today with New York lawyers who will cooperate with Frederick W. Lehmann of St. Louis as counsel, to determine a plan of action in a fight to bring about the dismissal of at least one of the receivers appointed for the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad and the substitution of a man to represent the interests of the bondholders. Mr. Lehmann is expected to be here early next week and will soon return to St. Louis, where the receivers now in charge of the road were appointed, and that legal proceedings would be begun early next week.

James Speyer has cancelled an intended trip to Europe and will remain here to look after the interests of the holders of the \$65,000,000 Frisco bonds which Speyer & Co. floated, and for whom, it is said on behalf of the firm, it feels a responsibility.

Dispatches from Paris say that French investors in the bonds are very indignant that the receivers should have been appointed without consulting the bondholders of the road and proposed to send representatives to this country to follow the reorganization proceedings.

Railroads Conciliatory At Latest Conference

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, May 31.—Announcement is made by the corporation commission today that a conference was held Thursday and Friday with freight traffic managers of North Carolina lines in a further effort to reach an agreement as to the adjustment of interstate rates to North Carolina points and that the commission was

Little Girl Dies in Arms Of King; Struck by Train

By Associated Press. Madrid, May 31.—According to General Azena, chief of King Alfonso's military household, the young king recently figured in a tragic incident near Utrera, while traveling in the royal train. One of two little girls who had been playing on the railway line was struck by the train and badly injured.

King Alfonso looked from the window and upon seeing the wounded took a little liquor in milk.

"In the last 15 years would it have been possible for Mr. Roosevelt to have gotten drunk, not only once, but frequently?"

"It would have been impossible."

"What about porter, beer and ale; did he drink it?"

"I never saw him take malt."

The attorney for the plaintiff next directed attention to the reception given by Speaker Cannon on the occasion of his seventeenth birthday.

"Did you go with the president to this reception?" asked the lawyer.

"The president, myself and Mr. Sloan, the secret service man, left the White House to go to the dinner at 9 o'clock. I also came home with him."

"What was his condition as to sobriety?" asked Attorney Pound.

"Sober."

"Did you see him take a drink during the hour he was there?"

"I saw him go with the speaker and drink a glass of champagne."

"Yes, one."

"Leaving the reception and going to the White House, will you tell the jury whether he was under the influence of liquor?"

"Absolutely not."

Witness referred to a record kept by the White House usher and then testified that Col. Roosevelt returned to the white house at 11:20 p. m.

GIVES MILLION TO EDUCATION

Andrew Carnegie Places Big Sum at Disposal of Vanderbilt University

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., May 31.—Chancellor J. H. Kirkland of Vanderbilt university announced today that a proposition had been made by Andrew Carnegie to provide a million dollars for the benefit of Vanderbilt's medical department. Of this sum \$200,000 will be given the university at once for the erection and equipment of laboratories. The income from the remaining \$800,000 will be paid annually for the support of the department, through the Carnegie corporation. A condition of the donation provides that the direction of the educational and scientific work.

The offer has already been reported to the executive committee of the board of trust and accepted by it. The action of this committee is to be ratified at the annual meeting of the board of trust on June 16, at which time the governing board of seven will be selected. It is provided that the chancellor himself be one of the seven.

The gift is the largest single gift ever made the university. To the interest of Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie foundation, is ascribed the handsome donation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOARD ACCEPTS Educational and Scientific Work of School Must Be Directed by Separate Board.

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MANY IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE AT MONTREAL New Road, Residences and Boarding Houses, Club Rooms, Etc.

Special to The Gazette-News. Montreal, May 31.—The improvements in progress at Montreal are progressive rapidly and the visitors of 1913 will find Montreal more attractive than ever before. Among the improvements made since last year, the most important are a fine road built from the Montreal gate to and around the hotel, the Christian Workers home, which is built on one of the most beautiful sites in the grounds above the Alba hotel overlooking the lake and valley below; a score or more of attractive cottages, three large boarding houses, the beautifying of the grounds about the Alba hotel, the club stand for the ball ground and club rooms for the boys, an attractive gate house affording shelter and protection for visitors while entering the grounds, and not least the contract has been let for the development of a hydro-electric power which will cost about \$15,000 and which will afford ample electricity for the entire Montreal grounds with all of the dwellings and boarding houses. This development will be ready for use, according to the statement of the contractor, about the middle of July. This is one of the most important improvements made on the Montreal grounds and is the last of the foundation developments to give Montreal all the modern conveniences of a city. With fine water system, sewerage system, electric plant and good roads, the most expensive conveniences of a city will have been provided.

During the month of June Montreal is most beautiful; it is a vast flower garden, the laurel, the rhododendron, the azalea, the calycanthus and galax are in full blossom, the ferns and almost a countless variety of flowering shrubs abound. The atmosphere is transparent, fragrant and delightful in the extreme. For this reason all of the boarding houses will open the first of June and the hotels will open June 10, a week earlier than usual.

Those who wish to visit Montreal for rest, recreation and the charm and beauty of this mountain scenery would do well to time their visit not later than June 10. The conference period begins July 8 and continues until August 28. The program provided is of high order and will doubtless attract large crowds.

Tainted Beef Causes Plomaine.

(By Associated Press) Columbia, S. C., May 31.—A special to the Record from Lamar, S. C., this morning says: P. B. McLendon, keeper of a boarding house, his wife and five boarders were taken violently ill last night with plomaine poison. Doctors were hurriedly summoned and after remaining with the sufferers all night were believed to be out of danger this morning. It is supposed that tainted beef was the cause of the disease.

COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO LOBBY CONVENES Senate Judiciary Members Begin Search for Men Wilson Accused.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 31.—The senate judiciary committee met today to begin the hunt for the tariff lobby that President Wilson has declared threatened the integrity of the tariff bill. Acting Chairman Sherman did not expect the sub-committee to begin the examination of witnesses until next week, although several senators were prepared to submit names.

Members of the committee today were planning to ask the senate to extend the 15 days allowed to 20.

FEDERALS DEFEAT CARRANZA FORCES

Surprise Little Army Near Laredo and Inflict Heavy Loss, Scattering Opponents—American Prominent in Fighting—Popularity of Diaz Wanes.

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It is said that among the federals is one American, Paul Mason, who with

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Infected Water Is Cause Of Pellagra, Say Experts

(By Associated Press) Rome, May 31.—Pellagra, the mysterious skin disease prevalent in tropical climates, which has baffled medical experts for nearly 200 years, is caused by infected water according to Professors Scala and Alexandri of the Institute of Hygiene, in Rome. The scourge has long been ascribed to the consumption of bad corn, but according to the professors' announcement they have found that in the districts of Italy where the disease is most prevalent, the water is infected with flint stone in colloidal solution.

The professors declare that the theory of the maize famine is altogether groundless. They are endeavoring to induce the authorities to proceed with a thorough examination of all the water in the infected districts and rid Italy of thousands of cases annually.

The professors have found that infected water may easily be made safe for drinking purposes by putting into it a quantity of carbonated chalk.

PRIZE FIGHTER IS SHOT IN DUEL ON STREET

"Jumbo" Wells Dying from Bullet Wounds—Man and Woman Escape.

By Associated Press. New York, May 31.—Charles Hubbard, a prize fighter known as "Jumbo" Wells is dying at the New York hospital from nine bullet wounds which apparently he received in a duel with an unidentified man early today. A taxicab in which Hubbard, another man and a woman were riding, left an all-night restaurant on Broadway for a trip to Chinatown. At thirty-eighth street the cab was stopped and the two men stepped out, armed with pistols. While the woman looked on they exchanged shots until Hubbard fell.

His opponent, believed also to have been wounded, got into the cab with the woman and disappeared before witnesses could call the police.

Hubbard is an Australian fighter who came to this country several years ago. He has appeared in most of the local clubs but has never won any important bouts.

DESTROY BIG STILL Brookford Man Is Bound Over for Bigamy by Recorder at Hickory

By Associated Press. Hickory, May 31.—In Burke county Revenue Officers D. A. Kanipe and Jolly, accompanied by Possemen H. W. Jones and Charles Denton captured and destroyed a large illicit distillery. The 75-gallon copper still and worm, 12 large fermenters containing 200 gallons of beer, 18 bushels of meal, one doubler, one flask stand, jugs, mash sticks and other fixtures were confiscated. When the officers destroyed the still the owners were not anywhere to be seen. They stayed at the place for six hours after destroying the still in the hope that the owners would show up, but had to leave without getting a clue to the owners. The guide who found the still walked 15 miles to notify the officers.

Finley Phelps, of Brookford, was bound over to court by Recorder Blackwelder to answer to the charge of bigamy. This case was brought up by the one tried here several weeks ago. The prosecuting attorney, after trying the Serrones case, began an investigation which resulted in finding another in the same family having two wives. Phelps came to Brookford from Lenoir where it is alleged he had been married for several years to Louisa Hall, whom he claims had left him. After being here some time he was united in marriage to Susie Serrone, without having obtained a divorce. It is said from his first wife.

GOUX TAKES 500 MILE RACE IN FRENCH PEUGEOT Wishart in a Mercer Finishes Second, and Guyot Comes Third.

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, May 31.—A French car, the Peugeot, driven by Jules Goux, a Frenchman, won the third annual 500 mile race at the motor Speedway here today. Spencer Wishart, an American car, finished second, with Charles Merz, in a Stutz, also an American car, a close third. Albert Guyot, a Frenchman, driving the English car Sunbeam, came in fourth. The winner's time was 6:31:32.45, an average of 76.59 miles an hour. Last year's time was 6:21:06.

COMING TO ASHEVILLE Raleigh Men Arrive Here Monday to Observe Methods of the Health Department.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, May 31.—Raleigh will seek to learn from Asheville how to run its sanitary department, Commissioner of Public Safety King, sanitary inspector Upchurch and Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health, will visit Asheville Monday. They leave here tomorrow.

FOR CURRENCY LEGISLATION

Wilson Favors Early Enactment to Protect Country from Attempts at "Artificial Disturbances."

By Associated Press. Washington, May 31.—Senator Tillman today made public a letter from President Wilson, in which the president declared for currency legislation at the present session of congress. In that portion of the letter referring to currency the president wrote: "This is the time to pass currency legislation and I think we are in a sense bound in loyalty to the country to pass it, so that any attempt to create artificial disturbances after the tariff shall have become law may be offset by a free system of credit which will make it possible for men, big and little, to take care of themselves in business."

Senator Tillman, in a letter to the president had enclosed one from Representative Johnson of South Carolina, urging immediate currency reform. Representative Johnson took the position that "certain influences and men" were desirous of seeing the tariff revision followed by stagnation and hard times.

"We ought to have a banking system that will enable the government to prevent, or at any rate, check in its incipency a monetary panic," Representative Johnson wrote.

When Senator Tillman gave out the correspondence today he accompanied it with a prepared statement in which he began by declaring that the republicans were fighting to retard tariff legislation and to retard or prevent entirely currency reform.

"In my judgment it is of vital importance to the future success of the democratic party that we should have currency legislation as soon as possible," said he.

"We ought to force the fighting on the tariff and drive it through the senate under whip and spur, just like it was driven through the house."

"We ought to begin promptly to inaugurate changes in the currency and banking laws which will make it possible for men, big and little, to take care of themselves in business. We have too many multi-millionaire, and too many paupers. The division is not just and equal and the people know it. And they have commissioned the democratic party to right these wrongs."

Senator Tillman's statement added that the "game" of the republicans was to retard or prevent tariff or currency legislation at this congress in the hope of turning the democrats out of power at the next elections and controlling the legislative situation during the remainder of President Wilson's term.

Representative Johnson also issued a statement urging immediate currency reform, declaring that if it were now delayed, it would not be accomplished until the regular session of congress in 1914.

Increased senatorial representation on the democratic congressional committee was discussed today by a conference between Chairman Lloyd and Secretary Page of the committee and a committee of five senators. President Wilson favors a plan to have on the reorganized committee a senator from each state where senators are to be elected by direct popular vote in 1914. According to the committee's information these states are: Kentucky, Kansas, Ohio, Oregon, Arkansas, Florida, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Alabama, Nevada, North Carolina, New York, Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina, Georgia, Maryland, Arizona, Missouri, Colorado and Louisiana.

To Investigate Vocational Education. Appointment of a commission of nine to study plans for a federal system of aid to vocational education was endorsed today by the senate committee on education and labor. The committee recommended passage of the resolution introduced by Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia under which a commission appointed by the president would report to congress in December. It is intended that the report shall form the basis for a bill similar to the Smith, Page, Lever and other bills before the last congress.

Finance Committee at Work. Senators on the finance subcommittee grinding on the tariff bill continued at work today. The subcommittee working on administrative features considered the possibility of amending the "anti-dumping" clause to take in articles on the free list and worked on a modification of the provision to compel foreign manufacturers to show their books to American custom agents. Several nations have protested against it.

Guthrie Takes Oath of Office. By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, May 31.—George W. Guthrie of this city, the newly appointed ambassador to Spain, took the oath of office before Judge Joseph H. Bullington, in the United States court here shortly after noon.