

MAY HAVE CLUE TO ASSASSIN OF NEW YORK DETECTIVE

New Orleans Police Think They Have Track of Important Evidence

NOTORIOUS MEMBERS OF THE BLACK HAND

Aldermen Deplore Death of Officer, Murdered Unarmed When Killed.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, March 16.—In response to a request from Inspector McCafferty of New York, the New Orleans detective department has secured evidence which may prove of much value in running down the assassins of Lieutenant Petrosino of the New York police department.

A report has been forwarded to the New York police department detailing the departure of three Italians from New Orleans for Italy about the same time Petrosino sailed. Their names are being withheld from the public. They are declared to have been connected with the workings of the so-called blackhand here.

According to the authorities here these men returned to Italy by way of New York and should have reached Palermo previous to Petrosino's assassination.

Local Mafia Involved. The name of another Italian who was driven from New Orleans following the activities of the police in the celebrated Lamana case, in which the young son of a wealthy local Italian was put to death by reputed agents of the so-called blackhand, was given to the New York department.

Inspector O'Connor of the New Orleans police department declared tonight that he does not doubt that a branch of the Mafia in New Orleans is furnishing aid to the Italian branch of the organization as reported in Rome.

"I can make no definite statement about this tonight," he said, "but it is possible that the efforts of the de-

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PRESIDENT TAFT'S MESSAGE A MODEL OF TERSE BREVITY

Is Something of A Novelty After Seven Years of Diffuseness

JUST TELLS CONGRESS TO REVISE THE TARIFF

Leaving Ways, Means, Details to Pleasure of Law Makers.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 16.—President Taft's message was received by the senate and house today with demonstrations in both bodies. The message was as follows:

"To the senate and house of representatives: "I have convened the congress in this extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the Dingley tariff act. Conditions affecting production, manufacture and business generally have so changed in the last twelve years as to require a re-adjustment and revision of the import duties imposed by that act. More than this, the present tariff act, with the other sources of government revenue does not furnish income enough to pay the authorized expenditures. By July 1 next, the excess of expenses over receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$100,000,000.

Recalls Pledges. "The successful party in the late election is pledged to a revision of the tariff. The country and the business community, especially, expect it. The prospect of a change in the rates of import duties always causes a suspension or halt in business because of the uncertainty as to the changes to be made and their effect. It is therefore of the highest importance that the new tariff bill should be agreed upon and passed with as much speed as possible consistent with its due and thorough consideration. For these reasons, I have deemed the present to be an extraordinary occasion.

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SOUTH BEGGED FOR PROTECTION LIKE YANKEE BROTHER

Hearings Seem to Prove that Tariff is After all A Local Issue

CLARK DISGUSTED WITH CONFRERES

Declares They Encourage Republicans to Lift Duties Higher Each Time.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 16.—Although the southern states are not represented on the sub-committee of the ways and means committee which framed the tariff bill, the democratic members of the full committee made every effort, during the hearings which preceded the deliberations of the republican members, to bring out every important fact regarding the articles named in the tariff which are produced in the south.

The influence of the American Sugar Refining company, the so-called sugar trust, on the cane sugar industry was interestingly discussed by Colonel D. D. Colcock, of New Orleans, representing the New Orleans Sugar exchange. Mr. Colcock declared that the American Sugar Refining company refines about sixty per cent of the sugar refined in this country and admitted that the company dictates the price which it pays for cane sugar in Louisiana.

Trust Fixes Price. "Is not the value of the cane sugar in Louisiana, the price of it for refining purposes, practically fixed by the American Sugar Refining company and not by the markets of the world?" asked Representative Underwood, of Alabama, while Colonel Colcock was on the stand. "Not practically, but absolutely," replied the sugar man. "Therefore, isn't it a fact that last year the Louisiana sugar producer sold his sugar to the refining company at a price largely below the world's price, with the tariff duties added?" pursued Mr. Underwood.

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CHALONER IN DEFENSE OF AN ABUSED WIFE ACCIDENTALLY KILLS HUSBAND

Fleeing to Him For Protection She is Followed and Beaten in His House; In Scuffle Which Ensued Pistol Goes Off. Chaloner Fully Exonerated by Jury Has Had Most Extraordinary Career.

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 16.—John Armstrong Chaloner was this afternoon fully exonerated of all blame in connection with the death of John Gillard, who was struck in the temple and killed by a bullet from Chaloner's pistol for the possession of which the two were contending. The victim was an Englishman who came to Virginia about two years ago from Australia, and was living within three miles of Chaloner's counting home, "The Merry Mills," near Cobham, this county. His wife, yesterday sought Chaloner's protection from her husband, who had beaten her and threatened her life. She had arrived at "The Merry Mills" in advance of the man, and with her children was waiting in the dining room to tell her story when her husband entered and assaulted her with a pair of heavy tongs.

At this point Chaloner and Ernie G. Money, who was with him, entered the room and interfered. The Englishman was in a frenzy and during the scuffle Chaloner drew his pistol to restrain him. The man seized the pistol and tried to turn it on his wife. In the scuffle it was discharged with fatal results. A magistrate was at once summoned and made acquainted with the facts. He held an inquest this afternoon at which the widow told the story of her husband's brutal treatment. She was positive that her husband discharged the pistol in an effort to kill her, and other testified to this fact. Her fourteen-year-old son, who was present at the tragedy, said that his father had fully determined to kill his mother and that he would have succeeded but for Chaloner. "The body was kept at "Merry Mills" all night in the position in which it was when death ensued, and the jury, consisting of substantial farmers, made a searching investigation and came unanimously to the decision that death was due to accident which occurred during an effort to save the life of Mrs. Gillard. At the time of the inquest the room still showed evidences of the great struggle. The woman's hat was in one corner of the room and hair pins were scattered about the floor. The tongs, bent from the blows, were bloody and contained clumps of hair. Mrs. Gillard showed evidences of her bad treatment. Her head was badly cut in many places and her clothes were torn. At the inquest she told how her husband had frequently mistreated her and that when- ever she tried to escape to seek pro-

tection he would over-take her and force her to return. Gillard was about forty-five years of age and was of powerful build. Chaloner had frequently befriended him, as he was in poor circumstances and only recently had offered to give him a mule so that he could get around the country better. After the adjournment of the inquest this afternoon, Gillard's body was placed in a coffin and removed to his late home near Campbell's, from which the funeral will take place tomorrow morning. John Armstrong Chaloner has had a picturesque career in the past few years. He is the former husband of Amelie Rivers, now Princess Troubetzkoy. Mr. Chaloner was confined for some time in an insane asylum in New York state, and leaving that institution after a hard fight for his liberty sought restoration of valuable property of which he claims he was illegally deprived during his incarceration. Legal proceedings in his fight for recovery of a fortune are still pending and promise sensational development at the trial which is expected to be held about September 1 next. He recently had his name changed by legal process to the old form of the name Chanier.

JUDGE HART TAKES DAY TO GET INSTRUCTIONS READY FOR COOPER JURY

Charge Will Be Long One, Covering Every Phase of Murder Case

GOES TO JURY TODAY

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 16.—Another one of those tedious delays which have marked the Cooper-Sharp trial for the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack prevented Judge Hart from charging the jury today. Attorneys on both sides fairly swamped the court with requests for instructions and compelled him to go over much of the work he had completed. It was nearly midnight tonight when he finally dictated the last paragraph. The stenographer had promised to have it transcribed by 10 a. m. tomorrow. Judge Hart will then go to court carefully reading it to the jury about noon. The charge completely makes about 30,000 words, probably the longest set of instructions ever given to a jury in Tennessee. It covers the entire range of the case, the various theories and explains exhaustively and simply the law. Attorney General McCarran was quite sanguine of a conviction. "I look for a disagreement as far as John Sharp is concerned," he said, "but nothing can save the others from conviction. Our case against Sharp was weakened by the absence in Colorado of a cousin of Sharp's, who was at the application for bond, swore that as Sharp turned away from the scene of the shooting there was a smile of satisfaction on his face. If this witness would be able to come back Sharp would suffer with the others."

The jurors are chafing under the delay and can be heard pacing restlessly up and down the large room in which they are confined. When it became apparent today that the charge would not be completed Judge Hart ordered the twelve men taken out for a walk, which they seemed to enjoy immensely.

KILLS GUEST OF HONOR.

(By Associated Press.) PENSACOLA, Fla., March 16.—In the midst of merry-making A. B. Gebhardt shot and instantly killed John Waxwell here shortly after midnight this morning. Gebhardt was host at an entertainment given in Waxwell's honor. The shooting was accidental and was due to Gebhardt giving an illustration of how he would defend himself from the attack of a high-

PINCHOT IN MIDST OF HIS ENEMIES BOLDLY DEFENDS HIS SERVICE

Asks Colorado Legislature to Co-operate With Him Forest Work

WANTS TO BE FRIENDS

(By Associated Press.) DENVER, Colo., March 16.—Invading the heart of the country which has been opposed to the policy of the government forestry service, Gifford Pinchot, government forester, in an address today before the legislature of Colorado vigorously defended his administration from the assaults made against it. After declaring that he had no apologies to make for the policy of the forest service, Mr. Pinchot stated that no backward step would be taken in any salutary policy adopted.

Mr. Pinchot's address was in response to an invitation from the joint assembly. His opening statement was replied to by State Senator Elias M. Ammons, an opponent of the policy of the forest service. Mr. Pinchot made a rejoinder to Senator Ammons' address. In his opening declaration, Mr. Pinchot said that the forest service is anxious for co-operation with every interest not antagonistic to the public welfare which uses or can use the national forests. He had come out here, he stated, not only to declare his principles but to state also that he proposed to stand by them. He said that he would treat every complaint made with a view to avoiding misunderstandings, prevent injustice, promote development and carry forward in co-operation with the people of Colorado a policy which means so much to them and future generations. "If the regulations are found to work badly," he pointed out, "they should be changed. If the law is unjust it should be amended, but until it is amended the forest service is bound to execute it in the best way it can."

Mr. Pinchot declared that he was authorized by the new administration to say that the general policy of creating and maintaining national forests may be regarded as definitely fixed and that the general lines of policy for which the forest service stands are endorsed and will be supported by President Taft. "What I have come here to do is to establish such relations with the people of Colorado who use the national forests and are affected by them, and will be for the best interests of the state and nation. "The forest service exists not only to protect the national forests. It exists just as much to develop the national forests and the states in which they lie.

NO TELEPHONE MAIL OR PETIT BLEUS FOR PARIS DURING STRIKE

Mail Sacks Are Left Unopened in Postoffices; Strike Spreading

KICK AGAINST 1 MAN

PARIS, March 16.—The indications tonight that the strike of the telegraph, telephone and postal employees will swell to serious proportions tomorrow. The widely varying estimates of the opposing sides renders most difficult an accurate summary of the situation, but it is certain that at the present moment the postal, telegraphic and telephonic services throughout the country are demoralized. With exception of the United States France is practically cut off from foreign communication. Mail sacks are arriving in Paris from the principal centers, but they have not been sorted and millions of letters are delayed. A basis for the increase of the general strike is found in the action of the telephone operators at the various exchanges who have voted to quit tomorrow while the letter carriers have adopted resolutions. The far-reaching effect of the movement is seen in the vote of the employees and attaches of the ministry of post and telegraphs to go out in sympathy with telegraphers. Meetings have been held at Lyon, Lille, Havre and Brest in support of the strikers. At Brest the men have decided to work the minimum; at the other places they will probably abandon their keys.

The whole cry of the strikers is centered in opposition to M. Simeyan, under secretary of posts and telegraphs. It is stated every where that Secretary Simeyan's resignation would be followed by the instant ending of the strike.

RALEIGH VOTES FOR NINE MONTHS SCHOOLS

RALEIGH, N. C., March 16.—The election for a special tax of fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars of valuation and forty-five cents on the poll to maintain the schools of Raleigh township for nine months, in place of six, was today won by the schools which polled 1,154 votes out of 1,849 registered, over coming the registration by 458 votes. The opposition polled only 345 votes. The deficiency in funds was caused by the voting out of the liquor dispensary and for two years the schools have had only a six months term. The increase applies to next year's term as the schools are now closed.

"UNCLE JOE" AND CLARK EXCHANGE AMENITIES

Left Handed Compliments at Long Range, Says Speaker Has Paresis

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 16.—Speaker Cannon and Champ Clark, the minority leader of the house, swapped tart remarks about each other at the white house today. The speaker called upon the president early in the morning, and when he was leaving the executive offices made this answer to a question as to the fight in the house yesterday. "The amendments to the rules greatly improved them. All this stuff about the speaker being a czar is the purest tommy rot. There has never been a time when the majority could not control the house. What they wanted to do was to make a committee of fifteen czars dominated by Champ Clark and La Follette. That is also tommy rot. La Follette is a fake."

When Representative Champ Clark called on President Taft later in the morning he was told what the speaker said, he answered briefly: "Uncle Joe has paresis." Mr. Clark would not comment further except to say that the amendments to the rules amount to very little.

UNCLE SAM NOT NEEDING CHARITY YET AWHILE

Has a Few Loose Coppers Still Left in His Jeans to Buy Cheese

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 16.—Declaring the treasury outlook is better than it has been before in months, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Coolidge today authorized a statement giving figures to show a marked improvement, so far as government receipts are concerned. The statement in part follows: "There is no foundation for the widely circulated report that the payment of over fifty million dollars of claims against the government now due has been postponed by the treasury for want of ready cash. On the contrary, the department is abreast of demands upon it in honoring requisitions, and no necessary payments are postponed for future action. "So far from the treasury being in a desperate way, the outlook is better today than it has been before in months. The revenues for the first fifteen days of March have been \$26,430,756 as against \$26,785,256 for the corresponding period a year ago, an improvement of over 27 per cent, while the excess of expenditure over receipts for the same period has been \$1,509,243, as against \$4,374,743, an improvement of over 65 per cent. The revenues for the first fifteen days of March were greater than for any corresponding period in the past five years. "The excess of expenditures over receipts for the fiscal year to date is \$8,871,223, which is slightly in excess of the estimate of Secretary Cortelyou at the beginning of the last session of congress. "The new administration comes into office with the general fund of the treasury in as good condition as it was at the beginning of the administration which has just come to an end."

WELSH AND DONOHUE. NEW ORLEANS, March 16.—Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight champion and Young Donohue of Boston fought ten rounds to a draw before the Park View Athletic club here tonight.

CANNON BEGINS HIS OLD DOMINEERING RULE IN THE HOUSE

Appoints Committees Without Consulting Democrats as to Minority Members

TRIES TO PUNISH MINORITY LEADER

Democrats Greet Announcement of Each Name with Loud Hisses and Guffaws.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 16.—The second day's session of the sixty-first congress in the house of representatives found the members in a much calmer mood. The tension was noticeably relaxed, and a feeling of general good fellowship was apparent. The drawing for seats was the first business.

As a special compliment Messrs. Bingham, of Pennsylvania, the "father of the house"; Sherwood and Keller, of Ohio; Payne, of New York; Clark, of Missouri; Tawney, of Minnesota; Livingston, of Georgia; Speer, of Connecticut; the oldest member of the house, DeArmond, of Missouri and Talbot of Maryland were allowed to select their seats without reference to the result of the drawing. A storm of laughter at the expense of Mr. Clark, of Missouri, was created when he suggested that the democrats who were forced to occupy the so-called "Cherokee strip" to the extreme right of the speaker be allowed to choose seats in the last tier and not be compelled to "mix up" with the republicans. In view of the alliance of the republican insurgents, and the discussion on the question of modifying the rules, the humor of the suggestion became at once apparent, but it nevertheless prevailed.

Committee Announced. Speaker Cannon announced the following committees: Rules—The speaker, Dalsell, of Pennsylvania; Smith, of Iowa; Clark, of Missouri; Fitzgerald, of New York. Committee on Ways and Means—Payne, of New York; Dalsell, of Pennsylvania; McLean, of Massachusetts; Hill, of Connecticut; Boutwell, of Illinois; Woodham, of California; Caldwell, of Kansas; Forney, of Michigan; Gaines, of West Virginia.

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TREACHERY IS CHARGE GOOD DEMOCRATS HURL AT OTHER DEMOCRATS

Failed to Abide by Caucus and Went Over to Enemy in Rules Fight

WILL CLOSE UP GAP

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 16.—After a stormy debate tonight over the alleged failure of twenty-two democrats of the house to abide by the party caucus on the rules fight, the house democratic caucus decided to have a select committee draft more stringent rules to govern future caucuses of the party. This committee will be selected by Chairman Clayton. The adoption of this resolution was preceded by one of the most bitter debates heard in a democratic caucus for several sessions over a resolution directing minority leader Clark to approve Speaker Cannon's appointment of Representative Francis Burton Harrison of New York and Representative Broussard of Louisiana as democratic members of the committee on ways and means. Both men voted for the Fitzgerald amendments to the house rules yesterday. Mr. Broussard voted with the republicans on other questions during the rules fight. During the debate on this resolution the alleged bolt of democrats was discussed. Representative Keller of Massachusetts defended his course in voting for the Fitzgerald amendment. "My people wanted some relief from those rules and I was willing to give them what I could get," he declared. "Questions were asked of him by several members. Finally the Massachusetts man shouted: "The democratic party will not amount to much until it gets more men from the north in it." Representative Harrison said that he believed he was not bolting in voting for the Fitzgerald amendment. "I would vote the same way under similar circumstances," he added. "But I am always willing to abide by the caucus of my party. I attended the caucus last night that adopted the resolution placing with the minority leader the approval of all committee assignments of democrats. I shall abide by that action. He was greeted with loud applause.