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# REPUBLICAN RANK AND FILE OPPOSED TO CANNON'S RULE

Swamped Their Representatives With Letters Protesting Against Him

UNPOPULAR AMONG WESTERN PARTY MEN

Are Surprised to Find That President Taft is One of His Supporters.

(Spesial correspondent of The Citizen)
(BY TAV.)

WASHINGTON. March that the smoke of battle is lifting. and our old friend "Uncle Joseph" is revealed behind the marble speaker's stand with gavel in hand-still in charge of the making of laws that rule 80,000,000 people-politicians are asking "How much damage has the republican party sustained?"

Not a few believe the retention Cannon as speaker is one of the best things that could hav happened so far as the democrats are concerned. His success in winning over the "insurgents" is taken to mean that he dominates the republican party which includes President Taft particularly. In the next congressional election Speaker Cannon is almost certain to be an issue. The democrats will be in a position to assert that a vote for a republican is a vote for Cannon. Unless Uncle Joe changes wonderfully, he is expected to make enough campaign material for the democrats to enable them to win in a walk.

Taft With Him.

The fight over the change of the rules developed a peculiar situation. More republicans wrote letters to their congressmen protesting against "Uncle Joe" than democrats. The average republican voter, particularly in the west, considers Speaker Can-non a weight on the party, and their was unbounded when they heard that President Taft was in reality working hand in hand with Cannon instead of being "at outs" with him as he was made to appear previous to election. As a result there is fast developing an anti-Cannon faction of no small proportions.

Thousands of anti-Cannon letters have poured into the congressional postoffice since the adjournment of paper man that those were the successful paper man that the successful paper man that the successful paper man that those were the successful paper man that those were the successful paper man that the successful paper m siderable prominence in their home

further consideration. (Continued on page Four)

CRUEL PUNISHMENT

Four Hours as Penalty

For Framing It

(By Associated Press.)

HOUSE INFLICTS UPON

SHARP ACQUITTED---NO AGREEMENT AS TO THE COOPERS

Mistrial Is Likely But Judge Hart Sends The Jury Back To Deliberate Further.

(By Associated Press.) NASHEVILLE, Tenn., March 19.-

When the jury today returned a ver- Judge Hart adjourned court until 2 dict of acquittal for John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of former Sharp, accompanied by his wife and United States Senator E. W. Carmack sister-in-law, father and mother, the and declared it was "hopelessly fied latter two reaching the jail after the up as to the Coopers," it was genefally verdict, went to the room he had occonceded that the end of the famous cupied for several months in the jai case had been reached. Nothing and there held a little re-union with daunted by the expressive firmness of the Coopers. As he left the court Foreman Burke's declaration of a disagreement. Judge Hart sent the of John, remarked: "This is not the Foreman Burke's declaration of a dis-agreement, Judge Hart sent the twelve men out for further deliberation and announced that he would not discharge them until he was absolutely convinced that an agreement could not be reached.

Judge Hart fully expected a verdict today. Several times during the morning he consulted with one of the jury deputies and when he had concluded the day's docket at noon he sent to ask the jurors if they had anything to report. The reply "nothing" came back. Evidently the judge had some information, however, for he ordered the prisoners brought in to court and instructed the sheriff to 'carry in the jury.'

Sharp Discharged. Instead of S. J. Hyde, to whom the charge was given, E. M. Burke, the first man chosen, carried the papers and acted as foreman. In response to the judge's question as to whether a verdict had been reached. Burke replied, "we are tied up tight as to the Coopers, but we find John D. Sharp not guilty." The verdict as to Sharp was an-

nounced at 12.32 p. m. "Is there any reason, General Mc-Carn, why John Sharp should not be

discharged?" asked the court. "None, your honor." "Mr. Sharp, you are discharged from custody, acquitted," said the court with a smile.

Sharp sat stolid and indifferent. Not so with his wife. When she had grasped the significance of the verdict her eyes filled up and she caught her hands and seemed about to break

report was hopelessly tied."
Not Final Verdict.

"I do not recall the exact language, but I am told by the clerk and a newspaper man that those were the words.

I sent the jury back for

PETTY OUARREL LEADS

The defendants counsel advised to gether a while and assented.

end of this case. Jury Worn Out.

The jurors looked tired and worn and ill at ease. From the loud talking heard in the room they have been having a strenuous time. They are chafing under the restraint too, but evidently are conscientious in their determination to vote with their convictions. They sent word to the sheriff late this afternoon that their room was poorly ventilated, that the plumb ing was defective and that several of the men were ill from the confine-ment. The room is quite small and ment. the sheriff decided to let them sleep tonight in the quarters in the jail set aside for a woman's hospital, but which has no tenants at present.

The jurors put in the afternoon de-liberating, but after supper at 6 p. m devoted the balance of the evening to amusing themselves with cards and

History of Crime, The Cooper-Sharp trial has been on of the most remarkable murder cases

in the history of the south. Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, a former officer in the Confederate army under Forrest and a man very prominent in democratic state politics once lived at Columbia, Tenn. In that town also resided Edward Ward Carmack, a young lawyer who also did some newspaper work. Cooper bought The Nashville American and induced Carmack to come to Nashville as its ed-Whether the men ever were in thorough accord, is a disputed point. husband's left arm with both her Carmack's friends say not. Colonel Cooper swore on the stand that they were close friends until Governor "We want the exact words of the jury recorded," said Judge Anderson, of the defense, "We understood the report was hopelessly tied." who killed the senator, supported the

latter Malcolm R Patterson was governo of the state at the time of the Carmack-Taylor fight, and he announced his candidacy for re-election. Carmack, just beaten for the senate, was The speaker and his rules have been more potent than a two-thirds far as D. B. and Robin Copper are June and the fight between the men

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PRESIDENT TAFT SITS

Listens to Tariff Bill For Asks Leave to Procure Wit- Enjoys the Merriment of a Yale Dinner as Much as Youngest There

ELI AT FESTIVE BOARD

SOME FEW ESCAPED WOMAN SHOT IN CHAIR HADLEY TELL STORIES

WASHINGTON, March 19.-For four and a half hours the house of dead bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Warren songs of the football team and load reading of the tariff bill which was the only business transacted. It was rifle bullets in their breasts were good old Yale, drink her down." perhaps the dreariest legislative ses- found at their home, ten miles cast President Taft was greeted tonight sion of any held by that body in re- of Tionesta, Forest county, today. The as the first Yale president of the cent years. The monotonous tones of the reading clerks had a depressing effect on most of the members, some of whom early in the morning almost blown off. It is believed Waltook to the cloak rooms and lobby ton killed Briggs and his wife and York, was served at the Waldorf Asback of the speaker's desk, while then committed suicide. Walton was toria. back of the speaker's desk, while others left the building for the day. It remained, however, for Mr. Sims of Tennessee to inject even a breath of life into the proceedings. He first winted the reading of the He first winted the reading of the bill dispensed with asserting that it was farcial when no one was paying any atention to it. This proposition was objected to and a short He first winted the reading of the bill dispensed with, asserting that it ing any atention to it. This proposition was objected to and while afterward he asked unanimous consent that the bill be put on its passage, saying it was evident no opportunity would be afforded to amend the measure in the house To this suggestion Mr. Mann. of Illinois.

objected.

There was no further interruption o'clock. The body of Briggs was entirely to an enlary to the Briggs was enlared to the Briggs the enlary the enlary to the Briggs the enlary to the Briggs the enlary to the Briggs the enlary the enl and when the reading had been con- found near a barn from which he cluded the house at 4.55 p. m., adjourned, until Monday noon. George T. Oliver took the eath of en

Pennsylvania immediately after the another room. senate met today. Mr. Oliver was accompanied to the desk of the preside. CONSENTS TO HEAVY VERDICT. sons at Yale, the president declared ing officer by his colleague, Mr. Penand the oath was administered by Mr. Frye, president pro tempore. A consent verdict for \$2,750 against ... And, he added, "it is a great.

The census bill was received by Governor Comer of Alabama for the deal better to leave office with the the senate from the house and re- killing of J. D. Biles by the governferred to the committee on the cen- or's automobile was awarded here

# ITSELF UNUSUAL AND TO DOUBLE CRIME AND DOWN WITH SONS OF OLD SUICIDE OF MURDERER

nesses, and Goes to Kill His Prosecutors

(By Associated Press.)

OIL CITY, Pa. March 19 - The was to have taken place this morning, president tonight exceeded anything injuring his nip. While alone for a Walton asked permission of the con- of the kind over seen in this city, moment after receiving surgical at stable to return home that he might Large squads of blue coated policesecure witnesses and the request was men were thrown about the hotel. granted. He went to his home, took Inside the corridors fairly swarmed He was a man forty-eight calibre Winehester rifle with detectives, secret service men ty, Virginia. was evidently coming when killed Mrs. Briggs was killed in the kitch-

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 19 .today. The governor's chauffeur was takes, the opportunities for failure.

After being in sessaion eight min- en route to the depot to meet the or, if not failure, of a dead level of ntes the senate adjourned until Mon- governor when the accident bappen-

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 19 -- With

Mr Taff confined himself almost The body of Briggs was entirely to an eulogy of Vale and of Yale spirit, which he declarhad been a guiding influence in his life, since the time he was six years old. Mr. Taft spoke largely in remoffice as United States senator, from Walton was found on a chair in iniscence of his own days at college and those of his father. Not conhis father had sent the boy of a dead

friend through the college. plaudits of your countrymen than to enter it. The opportunities for mis-

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Still On The Job



#### FOLLOWING UP POSSIBLE CLUES TO KIDNAPPERS OF THE WHITLA BOY

Report of Clue at Cleveland Sends Boy's Millionaire Uncle Hurrying There. Parents Are Afraid to Divulge Contents of Letter Because of Threats to Kill Lad Contained Therein

(By Associated Press.)

son of Attorney James P. Whitla, of this city, who was kidnapped terday morning from school and tak-en away by his abductor or abductors in a buggy, left on o'clock train tonight for Cleveland. It has been reported from that city that two men and a boy answering the description of the kidnappers and their victim have been seen consequently the supposition is that Mr. Buhl has received word which makes him believe his nephew is in Cleveland or that vicinity. The buggy in which the child was taken from this place was located at War-ren, Ohio, and as the Cleveland pap-

ers among those specified in which sentences in addition to those made SHARON, Pa., March 19.—Frank the demand of the kidnappers for a public. One alleged remark is "our H. Buhl, the millionaire uncle of \$10,000 ransom should be answered perceptibilities are as keen as your Whitla, the eight-year-old by a personal advertisement, all evicenter about the Lake city.

Mr. Whitla, the father of the missing boy was away from his office for a time today and returned late this afternoon bespattered with mud as if he had been driving over country roads. He said nothing had been learned regarding the boy or his cap-

The lawyer and his close friends and assistants in the kidnapping investigation refuse to give out for pub-licity a letter received from the kidthe letter contained some striking search.

perceptibilities are as keen as yours dence seems to indicate that devel- threatened instant death to the boy opments in the mysterious case will should the letter be made public or shown to detectives, according to reports here haupa A reached here today to assist in the

search for the boy.

CLEVELAND, March 19. -Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire uncle of Willie Whitle, arrived here tentant from Sharon and immediately assumed charge of the hunt for his nephew Accompanied by a detective Clerk Doughtery they departed in an It is said, however, that automobile in a continuance of the

#### DR. ELIOT MAKES PLEA FOR CIVIC EDUCATION

Each Child Should be Train ed For Calling Which He Must Follow

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 19. -Dr harles W. Eliot, retiring president of Harvard university, tonight, speak ing in the hall of the house of rep resentatives, under the auspices the alumni of the University of South Carolina, made an eloquent plea that the state give each child "its own best chance," and so train its youth that they should be best fitted for the callings which they wanted to follow and which as individuals in a great democracy, they must follow.

Dr. Eliot said that the modern methods of education were far superior to those of sixty years ago The methods had changed from the deductive method, dependant memory and discrimination, to the inductive method, based on actual observation and influence. The modern system, he mails taught the dent to do, not primarily to know.

Education he held, should be all rected towards the end of training a nation's youth on masse, for the du-ties of citizenship. It is hindered in this by every change which tends to decrease the physical and mental door industry to Indoor work.

provision be made by the states for educational inspiration coming from

HURT-FINISHED THE JOB. aptain George Harrison Kidd, fift tention, he got a revolver and sho himself in the head, dying instantly swarmed He was a native of Fredericks coun



WASHINGTON, March 19 .- Fore and Sunday, moderate to brisk east

### LYENS MURDER CASE IS ARGUED TO JURY

Former Sheriff Testifies As to Details of Killing in Drug Store

(By Associated Press.)

mer sheriff W. E. Lyens and his son scrobusty wounded. Chief of Police Archie, charged with the murder of Fleming Smith, and the case will men at 1.30 o'clock this morning and probably go to the jury tomorrow, lynched. Brown was hanged upon a The court from was crowded with telegraph pole. speciators until a late from tenight of Mayor Washington White, of Mayor Washington White, of Whitmer, remonstrated with Brown

The ex sheriff made his first statement today. On the witness stand he drew a revolver and shot White and state the mountains. He was said that he and Archie had been followed by a passe of citizens, captained by Smith another they wished to make any purchases in the drug Smith was at work that Early today it seemed that the they had said me and were fearing whole town was aroused and Brown

"Shoriff, did you come to see me hanged

Lives t stilled that he replied show ed, will recover and at the same instant formed to west. South because a shot gan at him crai terms of imprisonment. that he and Arene dropped to their harred just as Smith fixed. Then said Li-ns, he and Archie advanced to ward Smith, Bring and attempting to got past Smath, who should cut off their exit Smith the witness said, lost his PINEHURST, N. C., March 19. with the shot gum.

BASEBALL BETTER

Angeles today states that President Massachusetts, with hithe Connection 'omisker will offer fielder Jones a man won on the home green two up. salary larger than that given any. The remaining survivor in this di-member of President Taff's cabinet" vision is John E. Porter, of the Al-League Club this mason. 000 as the price of his services, not with any idea that he would get it but as an intimation that his business interests are paramount.

BRYAN FORTY-NINE.

LINCOLN, Nyh., March 19.-In the state.

#### EXCONVICT LYNCHED FOR SHOOTING CHIEF

Resented Being Rebuked for Police Will Recover

(By Associated Press.)

ELKINS, W. Va., March 19 -- Jo JESCP, Ga. March 19. Arguments with Brown, said to have been an were begin today in the trial of for- ex-convict who had evening shot and

Omegrow morning

The ex-sheriff made his first state—for using offensive language. Brown WHAT YOU EAT MAKES

was quietly taken out of juli and Chief of Police White, it is believ

Brown is said to have served sev-

FOR FINALS TODAY

(By Associated Press.)

motion as if to draw a revolver, tournament advanced to the critical Lyens then struck man over the head stage with today's semi-final round fact matches ruing in all of the eight distantes. Thirty-six hole find rounds in all divisions will conclude the tour hament tomorrow. THAN THE CABINET day centered in the president's or first displien and an exciting match be (By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Match 19.—A special bury Golf Club, Connection, and Clapatch to The Bully News from Low L. Becker, of the Woodland Golf Club minage the Chicago American legheny Country Club, Pennsylvania, Jones is who defeated G. A. Miller, of the Deheavily interested in timberlands on troit Golf Club, four up and two to the Parifle coast and has named \$20, play.

> HIGH POINT BANQUETS. RALEIGH, N. C., March 19.-The

High Point, was a notable event. Fifteen visitors were present from cognition of his forty-ninth birth- outside cities and among the prominday, William Jennings Bryan was to ent guests were Senators J W. Ball-fluids to assimilate all the foods that night the guest of honor at a ban-sy of Texas. Lee S. Overman, of people habitually pour into their quet tendered him at the Lincoln Au- North Carolina, President W. W. Fincast: North Carolina: Rain Saturday ditorium by prominent democrats and ley, of the Southern railway, and Impersonal friends of Lincoln and over migration Agent M. V. Richards, of the Southern Railway.

# LUMBER AND HIDE SCHEDULES WILL CAUSE STRUGGLE

South and West May Unite to Retain Protective Duty On Lumber

BUT WILL SPLIT ON LEATHER SCHEDULE

Rice Growing States Disturbed By Provision for Free Entry of Product.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 19.-There s a general disposition in the house to eliminate as far as possible any academic discussion of the tariff. Members on both sides are desirous of having as little general debate as possible and as much time as is practicable for the consideration of the bill under the five minute rule for amend-

When the Dingley bill was before in the house to the discussion of the while it is likely that a rule will be brought in to limit the time for considering amendments, it is believed that sufficient time will be allowed for the consideration of the whole bill under the five minute rule.

The main contention is to be over the cut made in the duty on lumber. It is understood that the southern representatives are almost unanimous y in favor of retaining the present duty of two dollars per thousand feet. They will have the support of many members from the northwest and Pa-cific coast states.

Fight on Leather.

Hides and leather manufacturers lebate. An earnest effort will be made by the democrats to have shoes and other leather products, reduced at least five or ten per cent and to have boots and shoes, according to the new per cent advalorem. While this is a reduction of ten per cent advalorem it is contended by those who favor further reductions that the shoe men themselves have admitted that they could stand a reduction of five or ten per cent more if hides were admitted free. The representatives of western states will make an earnest effort to have a duty of fifteen per cent again placed on hides.

The Louisiana delegation met today to consider the effect that the free trade provision for the Philippine islands would have on the rice industry in the United States. They will enleavor to have the minority report of the ways and means committee favor Bad Language. Chief of a small duty on rice imported from tied to free entry restricted, as has been don ewith sugar and tobacco, A. committee composed of Senator Fosand Representatives Broussard and Pulo was appointed to consult with General Clarence Edwards, chief if the insular bureau of the war deartment, regarding the Philippine ice importations.

Oil Tariff. In explanation of the retention of the countervailing duty clause on pe-(Continued on page Four)

YOU DRINK WHAT YOU DRINK---YOU'RE CRAZY

Scientists Give Boozers Choice of Vegetable Diet or Funny House

DEVIL AND DEEP SEA

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 19 .- "If you have a strong appetite for King Alcohol and tobacco and want to be ured of the habit, just cat a vegetait diet for six months."

This was the advice given today by Dr. D. H. Kress, of this city, in an oldress cutified "Dyspepsia and Its Relation to Inchricty" before the American society for the study of alcohol and other drug narother. He discussed the cell effects of an excessive diet and declared that ver eating leads to drunkenness. "If ou would not become a drunkard," aid Dr. Kress, "quit eating meat." The drink habit is becoming a

urse to this nation because its people are over-fed by the pampering of a morbid taste which later finds its annual banquet of the High Point relief in a narcotic, declared Manufacturers' club held tonight at H. Benton, of Chester, W. Va. lief in a narcotic, declared Dr. G. "Men of today" he asserted, "are verfed from the cradle to the grave. Nature pours out just sufficient

people habitually pour into their

Dr. Benton stated that scientific men now believe that many people drink because they are insane,