

FINDING FLAWS IN THE PROVISIONS OF TARIFF BILL

Cuban Reciprocity Clause May Cause Complications With Other Nations

WEST IS OPPOSED TO THE DRAWBACK

South In A Flutter Over Importations of Rice From Orient.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 20.—That the Payne tariff bill would bring about a great international tariff war if enacted, because of the section which continues in operation the Cuban reciprocity treaty is one of the arguments that is being made against the measure. It is urged that foreign countries which would otherwise agree to give the United States the benefits of their most favored nation clause in return for the minimum scale of duties provided in the Payne bill will not consent to the Cuban reciprocity provision in the most favored nation clause of the American tariff and will therefore refuse to enter into a low tariff agreement with this country.

"GUILTY" VERDICT OF JURY AGAINST THE TWO COOPERS

Offense Second Degree Murder And Punishment is Fixed At Twenty Years.

(By Associated Press.)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 20.—Guilty of murder in the second degree—punishment twenty years imprisonment—this was the unexpected verdict rendered by the jury against Col. Duncan B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper when court opened today. The jury yesterday acquitted John D. Sharp, indicted with the Coopers for the slaying of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack.



Coopers, Father and Son, Convicted by Jury Yesterday.



RENEGADES OFFER LAME APOLOGY FOR BREAK FROM PARTY

Georgia Members Who Blocked Only Chance to Change Rules Tell Why
ACTED ACCORDING TO THEIR JUDGMENT
Ingenuous Excuses for Their Defection From the Caucus Decision Given.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 20.—For the first time since their democratic brethren in the house began to criticize them for voting in opposition to minority leader Clark during the consideration of the Fitzgerald amendments to the rules of the house last Monday the six Georgia members tonight made an explanation of their course. They are Livingston, Howard, Brantley, Edwards, Lee and Grimes.

STUBBORN FIRE ON SOUTH MAIN ST. WRECKS BEAUMONT CO'S. STORE

Resisted All Efforts of Firemen For Two Hours, and Practically Ruined Stock of Beaumont Furniture Company; Rice Miller Paint Store Next Door Was a Grave Danger Point

Fire, believed to have originated in the basement of the Beaumont Furniture company on South Main street late in the evening was discovered burning fiercely at 11:30 last night when alarms were turned in from various quarters which summoned the entire fire department. Great clouds of black smoke were at that hour pouring from every window in the building, and hung over the center of the city like a pall.

EXPLAINS HOW JEWEL BAG HAPPENED TO BE IN HER POSSESSION

Atlanta Woman Arrested for Theft Gives Plausible Account

MEANT TO REPORT IT

NEWARK, N. J., March 20.—Mrs. Frances J. Ridley of Atlanta, Ga., who was arrested on Thursday charged with having retained a hand-bag containing valuable jewelry belonging to Mrs. Andrew Albright, which she found on a train, issued a statement today showing how she came into possession of the bag and what were her intentions regarding it.

SIDELIGHT ON METHOD OF ADVERTISING THE ROOSEVELT FAMILY

Mr. Roosevelt Admits That He Authorized Use of Article in Paper

ALSO MANY PICTURES

(By Associated Press.)
OYSTER BAY, N. Y., March 20.—Ex-President Roosevelt's testimony in the suit of a photographer who seeks to recover \$5,000 from The Town Topics Publishing company for the publication of three photographs of the ex-president in the book, "Fads and Fancies" was taken by deposition here today.

MAY ARREST WOMAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING AFFAIR

Reports However are Vague and Nothing Definite Has Been Learned

CLUES PROVE FALSE

(By Associated Press.)
SHARON, Pa., March 20.—One of the three members of the Pennsylvania state constabulary who has been in and about Sharon for the past two days assisting the search for the kidnapped boy, Willie Whittle, and who has been shadowing a woman from Youngstown, Ohio, tonight called upon Martin Crane, chief of police of this city to ask the aid of the Sharon police in securing the arrest of the woman.

ANNOUNCE CHANGES IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

Ambassador at Rome and Minister to Argentine Are Decided Upon

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The following contemplated changes and appointments in the diplomatic service were announced following a conference between the president and Secretary Knox tonight.

FIVE MINERS KILLED BY FUMES OF POWDER

Mine Swept as by a Whirl Wind by Explosion and Many Injured.

(By Associated Press.)

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 20.—Five men were killed and a score injured in an explosion at the Sunny-side coal mines near this city this afternoon.

AN AMERICAN FOILED ZELAYA'S WAR PLOT

Mr. Gregory Probably Prevented a General Central American War

(By Associated Press.)

MEXICO CITY, March 20.—A letter mailed from Acapulca over a fortnight ago and received here today pretends to give the inner history of the disturbances in Central America. According to the correspondence the vigorous stand of the American state department is alleged to have prevented the overthrow of the government of President Figuerola in Salvador.

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CHRISTIAN REID GETS THE LAETARE MEDAL

Notre Dame, Ind., March 20.—The Laetare medal, symbolical of the Golden Rule which has been conferred by the pope of Rome since the thirteenth century upon members of the laity that have performed signal service to religion and humanity, is to be given by Notre Dame university this year to Christian Reid, a novelist, whose home is at Salisbury, N. C.

PRESIDENT BACK HOME

WASHINGTON, March 20.—President Taft arrived in Washington from New York early today. The party was immediately driven to the white house in the Taft automobile.

FIREMEN HURT

WORCESTER, Mass., March 20.—Four firemen were injured, one seriously, in a fire which destroyed the plant of the Wright Wire company on Hammond street today causing a loss of \$100,000.

SPARTANS GIVE ELIOT KEY TO CITY GATES IN EXCHANGE FOR WISDOM

Aged President of Wofford Presents Him to an Audience of Educators

FELICITOUS ADDRESS

SPARTANBURG, S. C., March 20.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot was the guest of Wofford college and the citizens of Spartanburg today. He spent seven hours here on his way to Asheville. He addressed a large crowd of representative citizens in the auditorium of the college his theme being public spirit and its best manifestation, which he said, was an endowed college. The presidents of female colleges of the Carolinas who are holding their annual convention were in the audience.