

ORATORS HAPPY IN
CHANCE TO DEBATE
TO THE GALLERIES

Unrestricted Talk A Blessed
Privilege to Cannon's
Puppets in House

GAG TO BE APPLIED
IN FEW MORE DAYS

Meantime Statesmen Can
Bask in the Radiance of
National Publicity.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—A vol-
untary admission by Mr. Vreeland, of
New York, that he was to some extent
responsible for the retention in the
Payne tariff bill of the countervailing
duty on oil, was the climax of the
day's discussion of the tariff in the
house today. Mr. Vreeland had said
down for some time and heard vari-
ous insinuations that that duty which
some have characterized as a "joker,"
was to be levied solely in the interest
of the Standard Oil company. This he
denied and explained that his action
was in response to requests from
thousands of his oil producing con-
stituents and in behalf of five hun-
dred thousands and others engaged
in the same business. The debate on
the oil schedule called forth some
bitter criticism of the Standard Oil
company by Mr. Kusterman, of Wis-
consin, and others.

In the course of the day numerous
speeches were made touching the tar-
iff question generally and many of the
schedules in particular. The argu-
ments from the democratic stand-
point were for a tariff for revenue
only, while the republicans spoke at-
tacked such schedules as those on
wood, wood pulp and print paper, and
crude petroleum.

At 6:05 p. m. the house adjourned
until tomorrow, when according to
general understanding a decision will
be reached to meet thereafter at 10
o'clock and remain in session until 5
p. m., at which time a recess will
be taken until 8 p. m., and the de-
bate continue for three hours. In all
likelihood general debate on the bill
will conclude about Wednesday of
next week.

Galleries Crowded.
A heavy wind and rain storm today
did not have any appreciable effect on
the attendance in the house of rep-
resentatives where the tariff discussion
(Continued on page Six.)

MRS. LORILLARD
SEEKS SURCEASE
OF LIFE'S VANITY

After Attending Brilliant Recep-
tion Commits Suicide in Bath-
room of Her Home.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—Weary
of the gay whirl of society and face
to face as she believed with years of
physical suffering, Mrs. Pierre Lorillard
jr., aged forty-nine, wife of the
tobacco magnate, committed suicide
by asphyxiation at her home near the
fashionable Dupont circle in this city
today. Her tragic death has shocked
the first social circles of the capital as
has nothing else in years.

In spite of the coroners certificate
of death by suicide, members of the
family declared that Mrs. Lorillard
died of heart failure. The death was
made more dramatic by the fact of its
occurrence only a few hours after
Mr. and Mrs. Lorillard had been the
guests of Mrs. Richard Townsend at
a dinner given in honor of Lady Paget.
In fact, it is believed, that as soon as
Mrs. Lorillard arrived at her home
shortly after midnight this morning,
she began to prepare for her death.

About 8:30 o'clock this morning the
butler in the Lorillard mansion detected
an odor of gas. The origin of the
fumes was traced to Mrs. Lorillard's
apartments. Opening the door to the
bath room, just off her suite, the but-
ler was horrified to behold the body
of the mistress of the house stretched
lifeless.

Her face was turned to the mat on
the floor. The alarm brought Mr. Lor-
illard from his apartments across
the hall. He and the butler carried
the body to Mrs. Lorillard's room. Mr.
Lorillard attempted to revive his wife
by means of artificial respiration. The
doctors summoned resorted to every
scientific method to restore life, but
after an hour's effort gave up in de-
spair.

Family Is Reticent.
Shortly afterward Dr. J. Ramsey
Nevitt, the coroner, visited the Lorillard
home and ordered deputy coroner
Glazebrook to perform an autopsy
upon the completion of which Dr.
Nevitt issued a certificate of death
by suicide, by gas poisoning. He said
later that gas was escaping from one
or more jets in the bath room when
the body was discovered, and that the
condition of lungs indicated death by
gas poisoning.

Extreme reticence is being main-
tained by the Lorillard family and all
others who possess information concern-
ing the sudden death. Only a few of
the most intimate friends have been
admitted to the home since the

news spread of Mrs. Lorillard's death.
Inquiry at the residence met with the
declaration that Mrs. Lorillard had
not committed suicide. "She died of
heart failure," retorted the servants.
Mrs. Lorillard left a note which the
coroner has seen but which Mr. Lorillard
has declined to have made pub-
lic.

Mrs. Lorillard was subject to fre-
quent attacks of despondency, it is
said.

Was in Good Spirits.
The last person to see Mrs. Lorillard
alive was Mr. Lorillard. He bade
her good night as they separated to
go to their apartments, after return-
ing home about midnight from the
Townsend residence. Mrs. Lorillard
was seemingly in the best of spirits.
She had joined freely in the social
festivities of the evening at the Town-
send home, where had gathered the
Brazilian ambassador and Mme. Na-
buco, the Danish minister and Coun-
tess Moltke; the Secretary of the Navy
and Mrs. Meyer, Senator and Mrs.
Lodge, Senator and Mrs. Aldrich,
Senator Root, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Edincoff
of Boston, Lady Clifford of England,
Colonel and Mrs. Collin Campbell and
Colonel and Mrs. McCawley, Mr. and
Mrs. Clarence Moore, Hon. Maude
Pauncefoot, Commodore Rodgers,
Rear-Admiral Cowles and Captain
Archibald Butt, military aide of the
president.

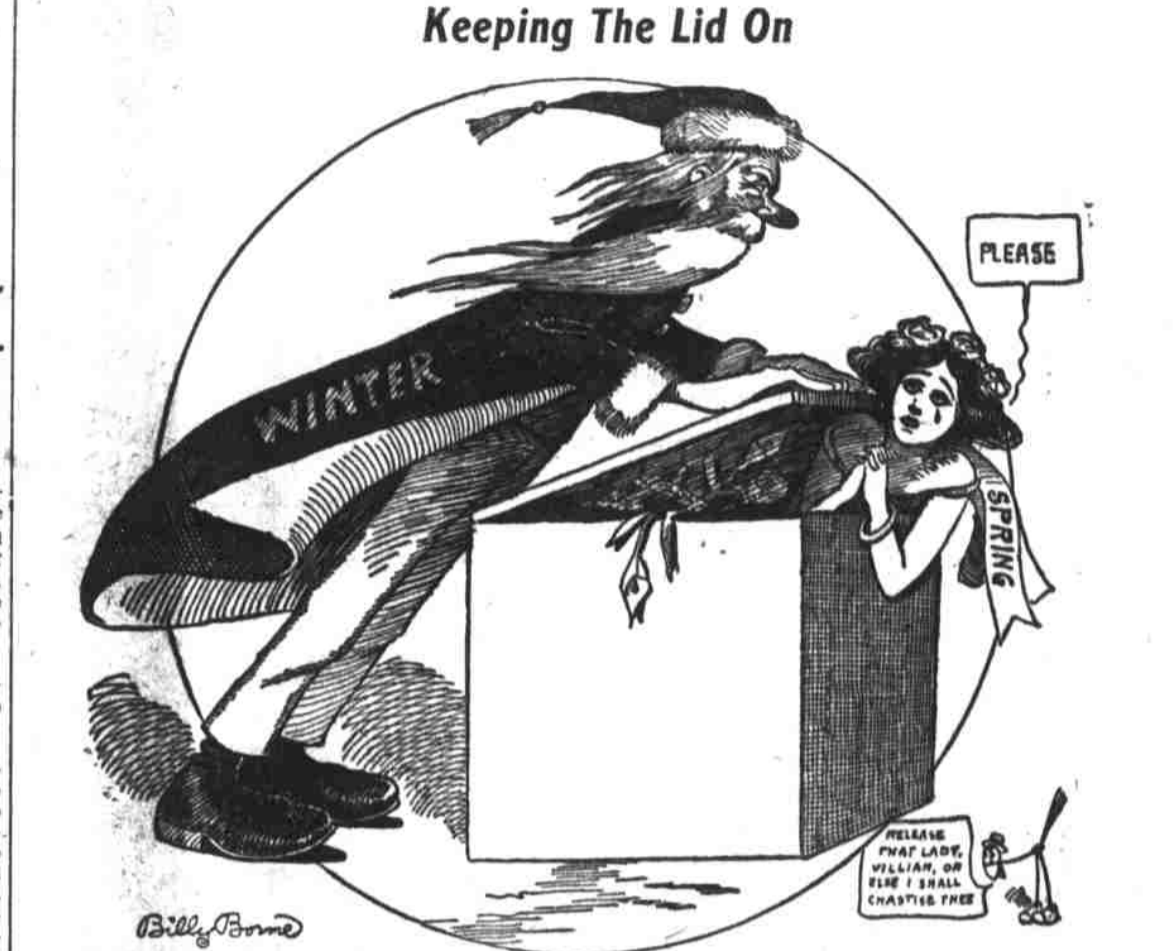
Mrs. Lorillard had disrobed after
arriving home and when found, her
body was clothed in a dressing gown.
The dog collar of diamonds she wore
at the dinner had been removed before
she went to the bath room, but the
costly circle of diamonds that adorned
her hair had not been displaced.

To Entertain Yesterday.
The Lorillards have lived at the
Hillyer Place since January. Immedi-
ately preceding that time Mrs. Lor-
illard was in Europe.

Mrs. Lorillard before her marriage
in 1881 was Miss Caroline J. Hamil-
ton. She is survived by two sons, one
of whom is now traveling in the Or-
ient and the other is in college in
New York.

Invitations were out for a luncheon
today at the Lorillard home, but were
recalled immediately.

Dr. M. F. Cuthbert, the family phy-
sician, when seen tonight, held aloof
(Continued on page Four)



MYSTERY OF DEATH OF WOMAN MAY
DEVELOP INTO SUICIDE OR MURDER

Clues Indicate That Dead Woman Killed Herself and Tried to Incriminate a Former
Rival With Her Last Breath; Parties Are All Prominent Socially;
Family Believes She Was Murdered

(By Associated Press.)
VINCENNES, Ind., March 25.—The
sensational poisoning case, wherein
Mrs. Russell Culbertson, who died to-
day from a dose of carbolic acid which
she had swallowed or had been forced
to swallow remains shrouded in mys-
tery tonight.

If, the police say, Mrs. Culbertson
committed suicide, she carefully and
cleverly arranged the scene of the
tragedy so that suspicion of murder
should be thrown upon another woman,
who, she knew had been her
husbands sweetheart before her own
marriage with him. This woman the
police have tried to find today.

The husband of the dead woman and
the members of his family insist that
Mrs. Culbertson was murdered.
They point out that a deep bruise on
her hip and bruises on her arm, show-
ing finger prints are conclusive proof
that she had a desperate struggle
with her assailant.

DEBONCE CAPITAL
RING'S PROCEDURE

Mass Meeting of Citizens
Pledge Enthusiastic Sup-
port or Ticket

(Special to the Citizen.)
RALEIGH, N. C., March 25.—To-
night another notably great mass
meeting of citizens was held here in
interest of good government and to
protest against Raleigh's democratic
executive committee calling a snap
primary and allowing only four days
registration. Nathaniel Dunn presi-
dent. Speakers were Joseph Daniels,
J. W. Bailey, Alexander Stromach, I.
S. Wynn, people's nominee for mayor,
W. H. Pace, William A. Cooper and
William H. Battle.

Resolutions were adopted by rising
vote denouncing the action of the city
democratic executive committee in or-
dering a primary in eight days and
registration without notice as "outra-
geous treatment of democratic citi-
zens and contrary to all precedent,
manifestly unjust and obviously to
prevent full and fair expression of
opinion."

GALE AT NORFOLK.

(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, Va., March 25.—The
severe gale sweeping over Norfolk
harbor and Hampton Roads today,
the wind reaching a velocity of forty-
two miles an hour, sank three large
mud-scoops and blew two others
ashore at Sewalls Point. The hull of
the steamer Ocean View, which had
just been raised at Willoughby Spit,
preparatory to rebuilding, was again
sunk, with the machinery of the
wreckers.

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HAREBRAINED PRINCE
SACRIFICES THRONE

Accused of Murder of Ser-
vant He Renounces Suc-
cession; Leave Country

(By Associated Press.)
BELGRADE, March 25.—George,
crown prince of Serbia, has renoun-
ced his right of succession to the Ser-
bian throne. This action is the result
of a bitter press campaign in which
the crown prince was accused of being
the cause of the recent death of
one of his servants, a man named
Kolakovitch.

In a letter to Premier Novakovitch
this morning the crown prince an-
nounced that he has taken this step
rather than rest under the suspicion
of having murdered his servant, who
died recently, and that by the renoun-
cement he foregoes all special privi-
leges and immunities that attach to
the person of the heir to the throne.
Continuing he expresses his willing-
ness to proceed abroad for a lengthy
sojourn.

The action of the crown prince was
apparently taken without consulting
any one, and even the king, his father,
was not aware of it until the
premier visited him with the prince's
letter in his hand.

The general public is highly pleased
with the renunciation of the prince
and hopes it will mean his permanent
obliteration. The prince's wild career
and contempt for law has scandalized
the country. Alexander, the prince's
younger brother, is much more intelli-
gent and would be a much more ac-
ceptable heir to the throne.

ARRANGING PROGRAM
FOR BIG CONVENTION

Gathering of Teachers at
Moorehead Expected to
Be Best Ever Held

(Special to the Citizen.)
RALEIGH, N. C., March 24.—The
program for the 26th annual session
of the North Carolina Teachers' As-
sembly at Moorehead City June 15 to
18 is nearly completed and the out-
look is for by far the most interesting
session in the history of the associa-
tion. Among the most distinguished
speakers will be Governor W. W.
Kitchen of North Carolina; Hon. J. D.
Eggleston, state superintendent of
public instruction of Virginia; Mrs.
Ellen P. Richards of the Massachu-
setts Institute of Technology, and
president of the National Home Economic
association and all of the more promi-
nent educators of this state. The
Woman's Betterment association for
public schools and grounds is to be
in annual session at the same time.
Mrs. W. R. Howell of Goldsboro is
president of the Woman's Betterment
association and Mrs. E. E. Moffitt of
Raleigh is secretary. The president
of the North Carolina Teachers' as-
sociation is Superintendent Thomas R.
Fount of Greensboro, and the secre-
tary is R. P. W. Connor of Raleigh.

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inquest, but neither was introduced as
a witness. All the parties to the affair
are prominent in their respective com-
munities. Cleveland Russ being taken
to jail at Whiteville tonight, but no
violence is feared.

WILL OPEN TIDEWATER.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 25.—It was
announced here today that the official
opening of the Virginia railway, H. H.
Roger's new coal road, will take place
on April 3, when the first train load
of coal is to be brought from Deep-
water, W. Va., will arrive at the ter-
minal a Sewalls Point, near Norfolk.
The road is 443 miles in length and
has cost approximately \$40,000,000.
About half of this amount, it is said,
has been put up by Mr. Rogers per-
sonally.

WHITLA KIDNAPPERS
TAKE THEIR ARREST IN
SPIRIT OF LEVITY

Crack Jokes With Reporters
While Mob Hoots and
Jeers Them

SHE LOVED THE CHILD

CLEVELAND, O., March 25.—With
hoots and jeers ringing in their ears,
James H. Boyle and his wife, arrested
here as the kidnapers of little Wil-
lie Whitla, of Sharon, Pa., were es-
corted by police to a train at 5:25 to-
night for Mercer, Pa.

This practically closes the case as
far as Cleveland is concerned, as fur-
ther action will be taken by the
Pennsylvania authorities. However,
the Cleveland police have a club over
the heads of the boy, in a joint in-
dictment returned today charging
James H. Boyle and Helene Boyle,
alias Faulkner, with blackmail. This
charge is based on the payment of
\$10,000 ransom by J. P. Whitla for the
recovery of his son, Willie, here
last Monday.

As the prisoners alighted from the
wagon at the station a great throng
surged about them and it was with
difficulty that a path was cleared to
the coaches. As Boyle and his wife,
each accompanied by two patrolmen,
walked through the train shed the
crowd greeted them with hoots and
jeers. That Mrs. Boyle had nothing to
do with the actual kidnaping of
Willie Whitla was the statement made
today by the woman and her husband.

Mrs. Boyle apparently was in good
spirits, but her husband maintained
his indifferent manner, having little to
say. Most of the questions asked were
addressed to Mrs. Boyle, and all eyes
in the small circle of listeners gazed
at the attractive woman.

"Why don't some one look at Mr.
Boyle?" asked the chief jailer.
"He is not so charming," came the
quick reply from Mrs. Boyle. Then
the man prisoner caused a general
laugh by paying his wife this compli-
ment:

"Mrs. Boyle has three leather med-
als from tan shoes for being charm-
ing."
Mrs. Boyle dealt a report that
she had been on the stage. "But
maybe I'll get the chance now," she
added merrily.
"He is a dear child and I really
hated to part with him," she said.

JUDGE SCORES NEGRO
RAGE IN SENTENCING
MURDERERS TO DEATH

Says Indians Were not Guilty
of More Cruel Atro-
cities

FOUR WERE INVOLVED

(By Associated Press.)
POWHEATAN, Va., March 25.—
Judge HUNTER today sentenced to
death Isham and Joe Taylor and
Lewis Jenkins, who were convicted
yesterday of having murdered Mrs.
Mary Elizabeth Skipwith and Walter
G. Johnson. They will be electro-
cuted April 30 in the penitentiary in
Richmond.

William Brown was today on
trial for murder, and John Brown,
his father, will be tried tomorrow
for arson and burglary, both capi-
tal crimes in Virginia. John Brown
is the man sentenced last evening
to fifteen years imprisonment for
complicity in the Skipwith murder
plot.

In sentencing the prisoners Judge
Hunter said:
"I would be fast to my convictions
of duty if I failed to utter some
words of warning to your people.
The savages who once roamed
over this land never planned a mas-
sacre with more cold-blooded pre-
meditation or executed it with more
heartless cruelty. You were not
strangers to the man or to the aged
and helpless old woman you murder-
ed, but you lived almost at their
door and fed upon their bounty. You
came to their door in the night time
and with the voice and language of
fiends you called the man to the
door and shot him down, brained the
good old lady with an axe, dragged
her body down the steps like the
carcass of a slaughtered beast, and
burned them up in their own dwell-
ing, in all likelihood whilst still alive."
"The most discouraging and shock-
ing feature of it is that so many of
you in the same neighborhood could
be induced to engage in it; that it
could be conducted with such pro-
found secrecy, and regarded by your
people with such indifference. Viewed
in that light it assumes a
dark and sinister aspect," marks
an epoch in the history of your race
and furnishes a sad commentary on
the human mind.

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CASTRO SEES VISIONS
AND DREAMS DREAMS, OR
ELSE JUST SEES THINGS

Imagines Himself a Second
Napoleon and Goes Back
to Start Revolution

DESTINEY CALLS HIM

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, March 25.—Cipriano Cas-
tro, former president of Venezuela,
left this morning for Bordeaux.

At the railroad station Senor Cas-
tro confided to a small group of Ven-
ezuelan admirers his intention of re-
establishing his power in Venezuela by
a revolution should this be necessary.
After entering the car he leaned from
a window and spoke with an earnest-
ness and passion which left no doubt
that he was convinced that he was
another Napoleon returning from Elba
to reconquer his country. "Like
Francis I, all I want save honor," Cas-
tro declared. "I am going back to
Venezuela. My country needs me, and
my mission is there."

He spoke bitterly of the treachery
of Juan Vicente Gomez, whom he left
as vice-president and who has since
been made president of Venezuela and
predicted that those now in control of
the state would drive the country in-
to bankruptcy.

Castro denounced as lies the stories
of his fabulous wealth and said he
was not even rich enough to remain
in Europe, where, furthermore, life
had no attractions for him. His im-
passioned nature, he explained, year-
ned for activity and forced him again
into the tumult. As the train pulled
out of the station Castro's parting
words were:

"I believe that God and destiny
call me back to Venezuela. I intend
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though it involves revolution."

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cast: North Carolina: Fair Friday
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minishing northwest winds becoming
light and variable.

SHERIFF'S POSSE
IN BLOODY BATTLE
WITH NEGRO BAND

Conflict Raged for Two Days
Leaving Three Blacks
Dead, Many Wounded

WHOLE SETTLEMENT
DEFENDED THIEVES

Fought Like Indians Through-
out the Night While Officers
Pressed Closer In.

(By Associated Press.)
GUTHRIE, Okla., March 25.—On
the scene of the famous creek Indian
uprising of last year at Hickory set-
tlement, three negroes were killed,
five wounded, and forty-one captured
in a battle between twenty deputy
sheriffs and 100 negroes. The fight-
ing began late Wednesday and con-
tinued with interruptions until 10
o'clock today.

Five deputies went from Henry-
etta, eighteen miles north, to the
negro settlement to arrest cattle
thieves, thought to be concealed in
the house of one of the negroes.
They were met at the edge of the
camp by a party of armed negroes,
who refused to allow them to enter.
The deputies persisted and were fired
upon. Being outnumbered, the five
deputies fled.

A few hours after the first clash a
larger posse, heavily armed, reached
the settlement. Some one fired a
shot and the fighting was on. When
night fell the excitement increased
and negroes roamed through the
woods firing and yelling.

Fought Indian Fashion.
The fight continued as a series of
skirmishes throughout the night. The
negroes advanced gradually from tree
to tree as the deputies advanced,
firing steadily. Reaching the settle-
ment the negroes barricaded them-
selves in the huts and could not be
dislodged.

At daybreak firing ceased and
neither party made another move un-
til 10 o'clock when the deputies re-
newed the attack on the negroes who
now numbered 100 against 20 depu-
ties. About three hundred shots were
fired in the last encounter, when the
two negroes were killed and Deputy
Sheriff Fowler injured.

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