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HAGUE TRIBUNAL WILL ARBITRATE IMPORTANT CASES

United States Will Submit Newfoundland Fisheries & Veneuelan Disputes

WILL ADD TO PRESTIGE OF THIS GREAT COURT

Has Never Before Had Matters of Such Moment Submitted by Great Nations.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 4 .- Again

the good offices of the International Court of Arbitration at The Hague are to be invoked to settle important international disputes, this time in enatters in which the American government is vitally interested. It will not be the first occasion in which recourse has been made to that august tribunal in issues in which this government has figured, the cases of the Plous fund of the Californias and of the "preferred creditors" of Venezuela which were awarded preferential treatment following a blockade of her ports, both having been passed on by the court and each of importance to the United States. Neither of them, however, are regarded as of as great consequence as that, primarily, of the interpretation to be placed on article one of the treaty of 1818 touching the rights of Americans to fish in the waters of Newfoundland and, secondarily, the issues to be arbitrated as a result of the agreement recently reached between Mr. Buchanan, the American special commissioner and President Gomez, of Venezuela, both of which are to go to The Hague

Fisheries Dispute

compromise negotiated by Secretary Root with Ambassador Bryce which incorporates the fisheries dispute to be arbitrated, has been ratified by the senate and the two nations interested have agreed on the arbi-tration. In submitting to The Hague so important a principle as that inboth the American and the British governments are giving that tribunal a prestige in the initial stages of its existence which is regarded diplomatically as an international occurrence of the first magnitude and one calculated to have great influence in in-(Continued or page five.)

MAY SEND BATTLESHIP TROOPS GUARD RUINS UP THE MISSISSIPPI TO OF FT. WORTH TO STOP RECEIVE HER PRESENT LOOTING BY THIEVIES

Caused Loss of Two Million Dollars.

(By Associated Press)

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 4.-To a party of small boys and a care ed action is to be taken practically of the diminishing supply of pulplessly thrown cigarette is generally by the entire congressional delega- making woods and the consequent inlessly thrown cigarette is generally credited the fire of yesterday which destroyed property in South Fort Worth valued at two millions of doing dark, caused the death of one person. J. J. Newton a bank employe, the serious injury of six others, rendered 300 families homeless and will cause the temporary idleness of several hundred workmen employed in the manufacturing plants and business by the entire congressional delegation. Mississisppl, Louisiana, crease in the cost of paper, the serious problem which awaits solution is whence will come our future paper supply? Interest in the matter lied in the fact that everybody uses paper and it is presented in its serious aspect when one considers that the destruction of our pulp-making woods and the consequent increase in the cost of paper, the serious problem which awaits solution is whence will come our future paper supply? Interest in the matter lied in the fact that everybody uses paper and it is presented in its serious aspect when one considers that the destruction of our pulp-making woods and the consequent increase in the cost of paper, the serious problem which awaits solution is whence will come our future paper supply? Interest in the matter lied in the fact that everybody uses paper and it is presented in its serious aspect when one considers that the destruction of our pulp-making woods and the consequent increase in the cost of paper, the serious and it is presented in its order. manufacturing plants and business partment.

district is under the guard of state troops to prevent looting and although worn out by their continuous labors, the entire fire-fighting force of the city is still engaged in extingulating, finally, the burning embers which with the wind still high, spasmedically spring into a blaze. This morning a mass meeting of citizens was held and relief committees named. However, because of the fact that the burned residences was populated largely by those in comfortable circumstances, the monetary relief needed will be small.

The fire stated at May and Tucker streets. Driven by a gale blowing from the southwest, the flames quick-live streets and of the flames quick-live streets. Driven by a gale blowing from the southwest, the flames quick-live streets and only a few hundred from the southwest, the flames quick-live streets.

Send the flattleship Messissippi to stant supply of wood pulp for making paper under the present methods fortest under under the probable, however, they state that office the vessel undergo to crossing the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi river. Those in favor of having her sent to Natcheau and the vessel can go up the river, at least as far as that city. With absolute safety.

Those who object to sending the wood produced from spruce trees, and wood produced from spru

ly spread to adjoining buildings.
After eating its way through the residence district, after reducing to ashes 200 pretentions dwellings, three church buildings, the Broadway Pres-

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ILLICIT STILLS ON INCREASE UNDER **PPOHIBITION LAW**

Revenue Department Declares Asheville District One of Those Most Prolific of Moonshine.

which has taken such a stronghold about 6,700 persons were arrested. particlarly in the South, has resulted tenced to prison. Since July 1st, of the internal revenue laws in the distillation of illicit whiskey.

Recent reports indicate that in day, 1908. many Southern states especially in Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina there has been greater activity on the part of the lawless mountain element, who always have been trouble-some to the revenue agents, than in many years. These three states now have laws prohibiting distilleries from operating within their borders. In Alabama the law went into effect on July 1, 1908, in Georgia on Jan-uary 1, 1908; and in North Caro-lina January 1, 1909. Many legiti-mate distilleries have moved to Florlda and other states where the inh!bition does not exist. Whiskey being more difficult to obtain in a legitimate way has greatly increased the profits of illicit distilling with the result that the activities of the internal revenue bureau at this time is largely directed towards the mountain sections of these three states.

Thousand Destroyed.
In 1908 there were 1,130 illicit stills destroyed; in 1907 there were ing from a prairie fire destroyed sevbut the returns for tht nine months present fiscal year show a decided increase in the number de-stroyed, the number so far reported this year being 1.017 with the probability that by July 1st, that number will have been increased to approximately 1,300.

The section of the South where there is the most activity among the embraces so-called "moonshiners" the Atlanta district, where it is reported 120 stills were seized and de-stroyed in December last. The Ashuville, N. C., district is another section that has to be constantly looked after. as do those of Columbia, S. C., and Louisville, Ky.

At Atlanta the collector has seven teen deputies; at Asheville fifteen, and at Columbia twenty-eight; most of them constantly employed in raiding work. In addition nearly eight hun dred possemen have been employed from time to time in the last few months, with a number of guides.

The records of the last eight years WASHINGTON, April 4.-Officials shows that casualties to officers and of the internal revenue bureau of the men employed in raiding was only treasury department are of the opin- eleven. four of the raiders having ion that the temperance movement been killed. During this same time in certain sections of the country, and a large proportion of them sonin increasing the number of violations there has been only one casualty, that of Deputy Marshal J. C. Millins, of Kentucky, who was killed during a raiding expedition on Christma

INSANE ASYLUM BURNS PATIENT PANIC STRICKEN

All Rescued by Attendants. Building Caught From Prairie Fire.

(By Associated Press.) WOODWARD, Okla., April 4.-Six

hundred insane persons were in danger of death today when flames start eral buildings of the state insane asylum at Fort Supply.

The fire broke out in the laundry building shortly after the inmates had returned to their quarters from the noon meal. The asylum fire department was ordered out and every effort was made to conceal from the patients the fact that the building was burning. A woman, seeing the fire however, excitedly gave the alarm. Atendants then rushed among their charges and narrowly averted a panic

The fire spread from the laundry to the pharmacy supply building and threatened the asylum itself. The innates yielded to the entreaties of the attendants and kept good order when the danger was greatest.

By hard work the firemen saved the various ward buildings.

There was no loss of life. bles, laundry, pharmacy and employes quarters were destroyed. The loss is

DISCOVERS A PROCESS OF MAKING PAPER FROM PITH OF CORN STALKS

Fire Started by Cigarette, Also to Demonstrate That By-product Almost Pays for Expense of Manufacture, Paper is Fine in Quality

LOSERS WELL TO DO MEYER IS DOUBTFUL SUPPLANT WOOD PULP

(Py Associated Press.)

Ships of Heavy Draught

Can Pass Bar in Summer

Opposition has arisen to the in-

from the southwest, the flames quickly spread to adjoining buildings.

After enting its way through the and would have the first opportunity residence district, after reducing to of their lives of seeing a modern. ands would have the first opportunity deavor to encourage the production of of their lives of seeing a modern spruce forests. battleship.

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The yards of the Texas and Pacific railroad were next in the pathway of the fire. The round house, repair shops, coal chutes and several hundof state, but of continents.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 4.-Concert- WASHINGTON, April 4.-In view

All of today and tonight the burned tention of the navy department to the flattieship Messissippi to troops to prevent looting and although the flattieship on the extreme south of the paper under the present methods for enough spruce forests standing in the

May Uuse Corn Stalks.

Aside from the sentimental reas- The experiments, now being conducte



Who Will Come to Asheville in July to Dedicate St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

STANDARD OIL IS NOW IN STRUGGLE TO EXIST

Great Suit For its Dissolution Begins Today. Evidence Makes Small Library of Several Volumes Which Court Will Not Attempt To Read

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, April 4. Commencing udges comprising the United States circuit court of this district, will hear arguments in the important case in which the United States government seeks the dissolution of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey involving an interpretation of many of phases of the Sherman act,

Seldom if ever has such a mass of evidence been compiled in a single The record, including the exhibits, already exceed 7,000,000 words, all taken by one stenographer, Robert S. Taylor, of St. Paul. Printed. the evidence is more voluminous by several volumes than a set of the En-Brittanica. The major portion of the testimony was taken in New York city, John D. Rockefeller and John D. Archbold having been

among the witnesses, So large is the record that even a perusal of its digest by the court is impossible and much-will depend on the summaries presented by the atorneys of the respective sides. It is side about five days for final argu- alleged combinations or

INVOLVES GREAT INTERESTS.

WASHINGTON, April 4.-The hear omorrow the full beach of four ing in the case of the United State against the Standard oil company, of New Jersey, which begins in St. Louis tomorrow, is one of the most important and far-reaching civil actions that has ever been tried in this coun try. The bill of complaint on behalf of the United States, charging a vio was filed in November 1996. The Standard Oll company of New Jersey the parent organization, together with its various subsidiary corporations and seven individuals (John D. Rockefel-William Rackefeller, Henry N. Flagler, Henry H. Rogers, John D. Achbold, Oliver H. Payne and Charles M. Pratt) are charged with having entered into an agreement to restrain commerce among the several states, to monopolize trade in the purchase of petroleum, in the shipment and transportation of petroleum by pipe line. The United States seeks to en-

expected the court will grant each act looking to the carrying out of the ment, which far exceeds the usual and to dissolve the Standard Oil com-

BURNED TO DEATH IN HER HISTORIC HOME

of Many Notable Events in Virginia is in Ruins

(By Associated Press.) WINCHESTER, Va., April 4.--Miss Virginia Carter, the young daughter Rees B. Carter, was burned to leath in a fire which destroyed het iome "Yellow House," at Rest, this ounty, and one of the most histori structures in the state. Both 51r and Mrs. Carter were badly burned laughter. They are expected to re-

tevolutionary and Civil war times. leneral George Washington stopped here while on his way to Braddock's cellef at Fort Duquesne, and during the conflict between the states it was the home of Miss Rachel Wright, whose information to General Sheri-ian was of such value to the Federal army during his valley campaign that ongress voted her a gold medal in appreciation of her services. rigin of the fire which destroyed this historic pile is unknown.



forth Carolina: Fair warmer,

YEGGMEN DYNAMITE JAIL AND MAKE ESCAPE

to be Headed for Ashe ville-Reward Offered.

(By Associated Press.)

GREENVILLE, S. C. April 4. Barber Moore, allas. Tenness Dotch" and George Barton, allegeveggman" mingham, Ala., and who was brought ere by postoffice inspectors on March to on a charge of having committed a futile attempt to save their state, escaped from the county fall by dynamiting the floor of the cell arly today.

The night guard declares the men did mended mercy. not pass him and that he was awake off night. Indications are that the the cell occupied by the prisoners.

The local police officers and the special agent of the Southern italiway company were notified by wire to be on the lookout for the two eggmen who escaped from Greenville jail early yesterday morn-A description of the two men given. One of them is short and rather stout with a Jewish cast of countenance and the other has but one arm. A reward of one hundred are has been offered for their apprehension. They are supposed to have come in the direction of Ashe-

TRAIN ROBBERS KILL.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 4 .-George Housley, a negro brakeman was instantly killed early this morn- er traced to Cotton; that Hopkins furf the few hours of his stay at Naples ing in Bessemer by robburs. The robbers had entered a freight car which had just stopped at the depct and the conductor, hearing a noise, lay; Tuesday fair; moderate to brisk sent Housley back to investigate. The 1 men escaped.

REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHARESCORED BYREFORMLEAGUE

Office Holding Fraternity form Cliques for Perpetual Succession

TAFT RECOGNIZES THESE CONDITIONS

Is Quoted as Saying It Would Have Been Accustomed to Be Better for Party to Appoint Democrats.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK. April 4.- The report

of a special committee of the nation al civil service reform league on the political activity of federal holders which has just been made public says in part:

Charges of coercism of office holders by the president to secure the nomination of a particular candidate have been inquired into, but evidence to sustain those charges is wholly lacking. President Roosevelt's appointment lists for a considerable period were, with his permission, examined. From those lists it would appear that presidential appointments convention orior to the in the usual manner on the recommendation of senators, congressmen and others claiming the patronage of the offices involved.

President Roosevelt took a decided step in advance toward checking the evils resulting from the activity of office holders in politics by his order of June 3, 1907, amending the civil service rules by forbidding employees in the competitive service from taking part in political management or in political campaigns. This order was enforced in the last campaign. It was found that of the delegate

the Chicago convention federal office holders constituted one in ten ern states nearly one in three, and of some Southern states more than half. These office holders were political, that is, outside of the Juris diction of the civil service net, and in most cases their appointment was subject to confirmation by the United States senate,

Indiana Machine In Indiana the republican organization has been for years controlled by what is known as the Fairbanks machine. The head of the machine all the time has been Joseph S. Keaiing, United States district attorney. In the seven years during which he has held office, he has devoted much time and effort to building up and strengthening that machine. It covers both state and federal politics. It forced the nomination of the re-cently defeated candidate for gov-

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THREE FOUND GUILTY OF LADIES WILL STREW MURDERINGOR. SMITH; SENTENCED TO PRISON

Second Degree, Other Get Lighter Sentences

ONE PHYSICIAN'S SON. STAY WILL BE SHORT.

(By Associated Press)

RALEIGH, N. C. April 3 .- After murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond, Va., this morning brought in "Yellow House" was more than They drilled holes in the work gree against Earl Cotton, Tim Holder-woo hundred years old and was the floor of the jall with a drill made field and E. A. Hopkins, otherwise scene of many notable events during of an unmbrella handle. It is be-known as "Red" Hopkins. With releved that they had outside belp gard to Hopkins, the Jury recom-

Judge Lyon of the superior court sentenced Cotton to thirty years in drilling was done from a cellar under the penitentiary, the full limit, holding him as the leading spirit in the in the employ of Cotton at his cafe, and because of testimony that he was of good character, was sentenced to only ten years in the penitentiary "Red" Hopkins was sentenced to two rears.

On the morning of November 15 1908, the body of Dr. Smith was found at the edge of a rock quarry in the eastern auburbs of Raleigh. An investigation developed the fact that on to the night of November 14 he had been seen apparently drunk in Cotton's have their flags and bunting ready to cafe. Evidence produced by the state dress ship on the first appearance of showed that Dr. Smith had been the Hamburg. Mr. Rooseyelt will drugged to death with chloroform for not likely remain on board the Hamthe purpose of obtaining his watch, burg long after its arrival, as he will ring and diamond pin which was latnished the chloroform; that Cotton No fixed program has been arranged administered an over-dose which as in all probability the ex-president caused the victim's death, and that will have decided views as to what he Holderfield took the body in a hack wishes to do. Mr. Roosevelt will

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BEND PLIANT KNEE THOUGH NO FAVORS FOLLOW FAWNING

Members Still Run to White House and Beg Somebody to Boss Them

NCIDENTALLY KEEP TAPT IN HOT WATER

Rooseveltian Domination and Still Expect it.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Despite is not escaping trouble with congress office Mr. Taft is exceedingly anxious that made a proper tariff bill shall be passed at the earliest possible day, but he doesn't want to mix in the factional squabbles in senate and house. Like a man in quicksands, though, he appears to be getting deeper for all his efforts to keep out.

There appear to be a great many members of congress who are unwilconstitutional duty of enacting legialation. They want the president to tell congress what to do. Therefore they flock to the white house either for instructions or for support in their contentions. A member of congress will go to the white house and explain his pet tariff project to the president. If the president fails to violently de-nounce the project and kick the pro-jector out of the executive office, the member goes back to the capitol and spreads the word about that he has secured the administration's support.
Other members "fall for" the story and in their eagerness to court white house favor line up in support of projects to which Mr. Taft never intended to commit himself.

tion that the administration is utterly opposed to it and lose no time in putting out reports to the effect.

Get Him Both Ways.

Thus they get the president both

three in five that the matter in troversy is one to which Mr. Taft is supremely indifferent, but he is repre sented as being first on one side and then on the other. The thing started even before the extra session. fight over the rules the president's support was claimed by both the Cannon organization and by the insur-gents. As a matter of fact, Mr. Taft ernor. Kealing was a delegate to didn't care a continental what fules the last national convention and had the house adopted for its own governcharge of the Fairbanks candidacy. ment and didn't regard the matter as A considerable number of federal any of his business. What he did

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ROSES UNDER FEET OF MIGHTY LION HUNTER

"Yellow House" the Seene Notorious Crooks Supposed Leader Gets Full Penalty for Neapolitans Will Welcome Our Teddy With Great Masses of Flowers.

(By Associated Press.)

NAPLES, April 4 .- The steamship eing out all night the jury in the Admiral, which is to carry ex-Presicomerous postoffice robberles in this trial of the three young men for the dent Roosevelt to Mombasa, is lying in the harbor decorated with flags, and the special quarters set aside for Mr. Roosevelt and his party are al ready showing evidences of the we come which awaits him. Numero gifts of flowers for the distinguish American have already been sent the ship, and tomorrow the remer brance of the German emperor, in the shape of great masses of carnations, typical of the German colors will be placed in Mr. Roosevelt's cab-

The Hamburg is expected here near noon, and the former president will be greeted on board the steamer by the representatives of the city council, and a party of ladies who will literally strew his path with roses. The German consul-general will extend the personal greetings of the emperor, and Ambassador Griscom will represent the hundreds of Amer-

icans who have gathered at Naples. The American yachts in the harbo

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