

HAGUE TRIBUNAL WILL ARBITRATE IMPORTANT CASES

United States Will Submit Newfoundland Fisheries & Venezuelan 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 matters in which the American government is vitally interested.

The 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 arbitration.

Also to Demonstrate That Ships of Heavy Draught Can Pass Bar in Summer

Fire Started by Cigarette, Caused Loss of Two Million Dollars.

LOSERS WELL TO DO

(By Associated Press.) FORT WORTH, Tex., April 4.—To a party of small boys and a carelessly thrown cigarette is generally credited the fire of yesterday which destroyed property in South Fort Worth valued at two millions of dollars.

Fire Spread Rapidly. The fire started at May and Tucker streets. Driven by a gale blowing from the southwest, the flames quickly spread to adjoining buildings.

ILLICIT STILLS ON INCREASE UNDER PROHIBITION LAW

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

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 4.—Officials of the internal revenue bureau of the treasury department are of the opinion that the temperance movement which has taken such a stronghold in certain sections of the country, particularly in the South, has resulted in increasing the number of violations of the internal revenue laws in the distillation of illicit whiskey.

Recent reports indicate that in 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 troublesome to the revenue agents, than in many years.

In 1908 there were 1,130 illicit stills destroyed; in 1907 there were 1,139 and in 1906 there were 1,376, but the returns for the nine months of the present fiscal year show a decided increase in the number destroyed, the number so far reported this year being 1,917.

The section of the South where there is the most activity among the so-called "moonshiners" embraces the Atlanta district, where it is reported 120 stills were seized and destroyed in December last.

MEYER IS DOUBTFUL. Also to Demonstrate That Ships of Heavy Draught Can Pass Bar in Summer

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 4.—Concerted action is to be taken practically by the entire congressional delegation from Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee to send the battleship Mississippi to Horn Island, Miss., to be presented with a silver service, the gift of the people of the state.

Opposition has arisen to the intention of the navy department to send the battleship Mississippi to Horn Island on the extreme south of the Mississippi coast on May 11th, next, to remain there until about the 15th, upon the ground that officials of the navy department were adverse to having the vessel undergo the danger of crossing the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi river.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon Secretary Meyer to induce him to change the original presentation place. The Lakes-to-the-Sea Deepwater association, believing that to send the battleship up the Mississippi would be an argument in favor of their cause, are lending their support.

The records of the last eight years shows that casualties to officers and men employed in raiding was only eleven, four of the raiders having been killed. During this same time about 6,700 persons were arrested, and a large proportion of them sentenced to prison.

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 starting from a prairie fire destroyed several 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.

By hard work the firemen saved the various ward buildings. There was no loss of life. The stables, laundry, pharmacy and employes quarters were destroyed. The loss is \$75,000.

By-product Almost Pays for Expense of Manufacture, Paper is Fine in Quality

SUPPLANT WOOD PULP

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 4.—In view of the diminishing supply of pulp-making woods and the consequent increase in the cost of paper, the serious problem which awaits solution is when will come our future paper supply?

Experts declare that there are not enough spruce forests standing in the United States to furnish a future constant supply of wood pulp for making paper under the present methods for conservation and waste. It is probable, however, they state that there exist sufficient spruce forests in this country and Canada which, if protected by reasonable conservation, will furnish a sufficient supply of spruce wood for paper making for all time.

May Use Corn Stalks. Experts of the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, have been making a careful investigation to see what can be found to take the place of wood for the manufacture of paper and whether the necessary plant is at hand or whether we will have to hunt the world over for it.



CARDINAL GIBBONS 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 tomorrow the full bench of four judges 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 the phases of the Sherman act.

Seldom if ever has such a mass of evidence been compiled in a single case. 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 Encyclopedia Britannica.

BURNED TO DEATH IN HER HISTORIC HOME

"Yellow House" the Scene of Many Notable Events in Virginia is in Ruins

(By Associated Press.) WINCHESTER, Va., April 4.—Miss Virginia Carter, the young daughter of Rees B. Carter, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her home "Yellow House" at Rest, this county, and one of the most historic structures in the state.

"Yellow House" was more than two hundred years old and was the scene of many notable events during Revolutionary and Civil war times. General George Washington stopped here while on his way to Braddock's relief at Fort Duquesne, and during the conflict between the states it was the home of Miss Rachel Wright, whose information to General Sherman was of such value to the Federal army during his valley campaign that congress voted her a gold medal in appreciation of her services.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Forecast: North Carolina: Fair warmer; Monday: Tuesday fair; moderate to brisk south winds.

REPUBLICANS OF SOUTH ARE SCORED BY REFORM LEAGUE

Office Holding Fraternity form Cliques for Perpetual Succession

Taft Recognizes These Conditions

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

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 4.—The report of a special committee of the national civil service reform league on the political activity of federal office holders which has just been made public says in part: Charges of coercion 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 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.

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 B. Keating, United States district attorney.

THREE FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING DR. SMITH; SENTENCED TO PRISON

Leader Gets Full Penalty for Second Degree, Other Get Lighter Sentences

ONE PHYSICIAN'S SON.

(By Associated Press.) RALEIGH, N. C., April 3.—After being out all night the jury in the trial of the three young men for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond, Va., this morning brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree against Earl Cotton, Tim Holderfield and E. A. Hopkins, otherwise known as "Red" Hopkins. With regard to Hopkins, the jury recommended mercy.

On the morning of November 15, 1908, the body of Dr. Smith was found at the edge of a rock quarry in the eastern suburbs of Raleigh. An investigation developed the fact that on the night of November 14 he had been seen apparently drunk in Cotton's cafe. Evidence produced by the state showed that Dr. Smith had been drugged to death with chloroform for the purpose of obtaining his watch, ring and diamond pin which was later traced to Cotton; that Hopkins furnished the chloroform; that Cotton administered an over-dose which caused the victim's death, and that Holderfield took the body in a hack.

BEND PLIANT KNEE THOUGH NO FAVORS FOLLOW FAWNING

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

INCIDENTALLY KEEP TAFT IN HOT WATER

Have Been Accustomed to Rooseveltian Domination and Still Expect It.

(By Sheldon S. Cline.) WASHINGTON, April 4.—Despite his pacific intentions, President Taft is not escaping trouble with congress. Mr. Taft is exceedingly anxious that a proper tariff bill shall be passed at the earliest possible day, but he doesn't want to mix in the sectional squabbles in senate and house. Like a man in quicksand, 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 unwilling that the body shall discharge its constitutional duty of enacting legislation. 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.

Thus they get the president both going and coming. The chances are three in five that the matter in controversy is one to which Mr. Taft is supremely indifferent, but he is represented as being first on one side and then on the other. The thing started even before the extra session. In the fight over the rules the president's support was claimed by both the Cannon organization and by the insurgents.

LADIES WILL STREW ROSES UNDER FEET OF MIGHTY LION HUNTER

Neapolitans Will Welcome Our Teddy With Great Masses of Flowers.

STAY WILL BE SHORT.

(By Associated Press.) NAPLES, April 4.—The steamship Admiral, which is to carry ex-President Roosevelt to Mombasa, is lying in the harbor decorated with flags, and the special quarters set aside for Mr. Roosevelt and his party are already showing evidences of the welcome which awaits him. Numerous gifts of flowers for the distinguished American have already been sent to the ship, and tomorrow the remembrance of the German emperor, in the shape of great masses of carnations, typical of the German colors, will be placed in Mr. Roosevelt's cabin.

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 Americans who have gathered at Naples. The American yachts in the harbor have their flags and bunting ready to dress ship on the first appearance of the Hamburg. Mr. Roosevelt will not likely remain on board the Hamburg long after its arrival, as he will doubtless wish to make the most of the few hours of his stay at Naples. No fixed program has been arranged as in all probability the ex-president will have decided views as to what he wishes to do. Mr. Roosevelt will

