

EIGHTEEN REBELS MAKE BRAVE STAND AGAINST SOLDIERS

For Three Hours Small Band Holds Attacking Force at Bay

COMSTOCK, Tex., Jan. 12.—More than twenty men were killed in a desperate battle between the Mexican federal soldiers and a small party of insurgents on the bank of the Rio Grande opposite this place yesterday.

MRS. SCHENK WAS TIRED OF HUSBAND WHEN HE GREW OLD

Was Woman Against Woman When Trained Nurse Took Witness Stand

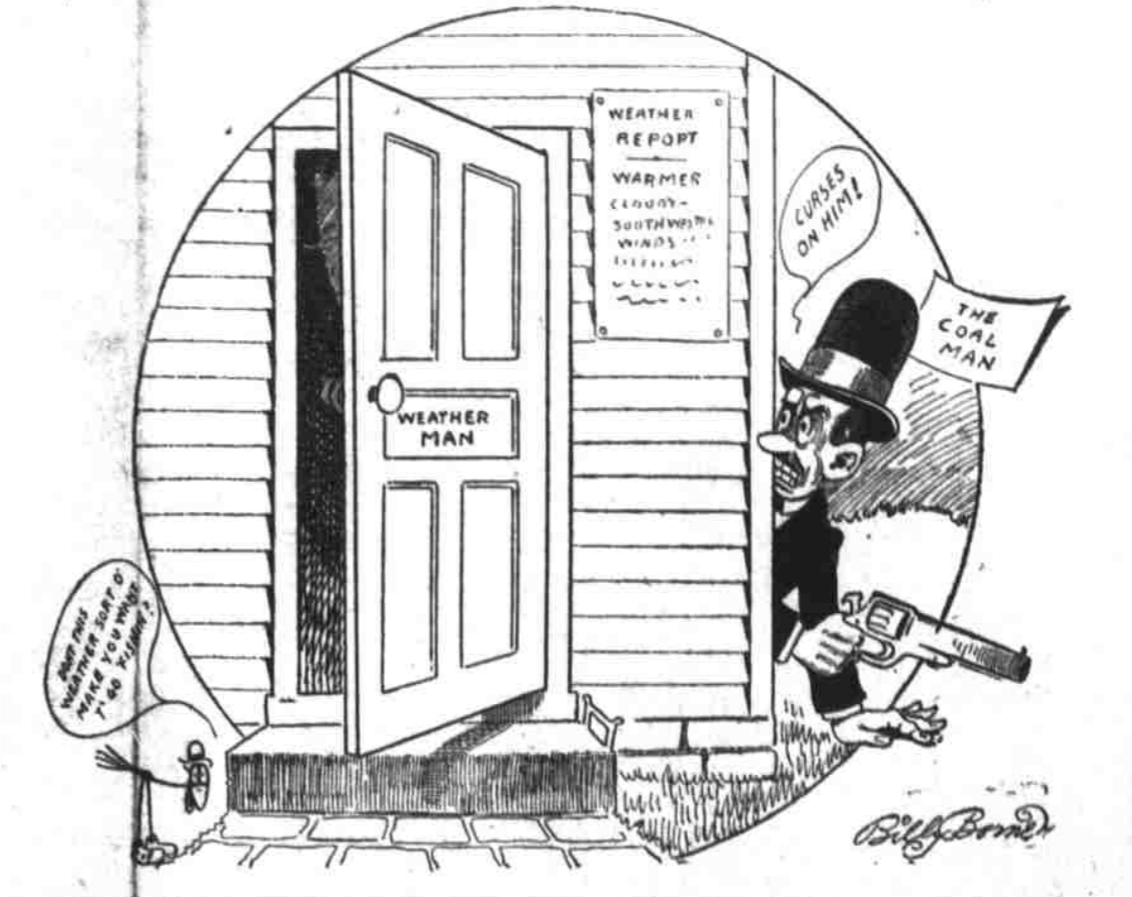
WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 12.—It was a woman against woman at today's session of the Schenk trial, when Alma J. Evans, a professional nurse, testified against Laura Farnsworth Schenk and described the circumstances that influenced her to suspect that John O. Schenk was being poisoned by his wife.

MANY MAINED AS EXPLOSION OF GAS WRECKS BUILDING

Crowded Five and Ten Cent Store Torn Asunder by Explosion

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 12.—Five dead bodies and twelve more or less seriously injured is the result of an explosion of natural gas here today. It wrecked a well filled five and ten cents store, setting fire to and destroying the building, before the flames were checked, damaged nine other structures. The explosion blew out the front wall of the building, tearing down telegraph and electric light wires which hung about spluttering and hampering the attempts at rescue work.

If This Warm Weather Keeps Up.



ROCKEFELLER WAS A GENIUS SAYS ATTORNEY PLEADING FOR STANDARD

Before Supreme Court Great Oil Trust Claims That it Has Never Been a Monopoly Nor Endeavored to Restrain The Oil Business of The United States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Standard Oil attorneys today argued before the Supreme court of the United States against the proposed dissolution of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, as violative of the Sherman anti-trust law. For three hours John G. Milburn, of New York, addressed the court. Tomorrow Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, will present the government's side of the controversy. The arguments will not be concluded until next Tuesday.

DEMOCRATS WERE CONSISTENT IN THE VOTE FOR CANNON

There Was no Principle Involved in Recent Fight on Rules

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—A statement outlining the view of the democratic party in the house as to the meaning of the recent rules fight setting forth the precedent that would have been set if the democrats had voted to over rule Speaker Cannon at that time, was issued today by Representative Champ Clark, the democratic leader of the house, and probable speaker of the next congress. The statement follows: "There is a tempest in a teapot about how the democrats voted on Monday on the question of sustaining Speaker Cannon's ruling. Some of the papers have been charging that the democrats reversed their action of the 19th of March, 1910. This is an entire mistake. Every democrat who made speeches on the proposition pending on the 17th, 18th and 19th of March, 1910, took particular pains to state that the precedents were in favor of the speaker's ruling on that occasion and what we were then doing was revolutionary in its character. "I used this language on that occasion. There is no use in mince matters about it. It is a revolution. Individually, I am not afraid of revolutions for people of our blood always revolutionize in the right direction. Was a Difference "The difference in the situation is that in March, 1910, we were fighting to accomplish a great result, namely, to liberate the house from the domination of an oligarchy of five of white speaker's rule. In fact, in the same phrase of the day, he was it. "That was the committee on rules. The deposition of that old committee on rules—composed of five men, of which the speaker was chairman—had become intolerable, and we were entirely justified in upsetting all the precedents that were ever made to emancipate ourselves. "The question last Monday was an insignificant squabble between Judge Fuller, of Illinois, and Hon. James R. Mann, of Illinois, both republicans, neither one an insurgent, each determined to have his own way. Each one had a bill that he wanted to get up, and that is all there was to it. There was no principle involved whatever. By our votes we said that the speaker's decision was sustained by the precedents and we also said by our votes that the matter in controversy was not of sufficient consequence to revolutionize the house. "There is no inconsistency whatever in our votes in March, 1910, and last Monday. The speaker can get all the pleasure out of it he wants, which is very little, I think. The appeal from his decision was taken by a rampant republican, Hon. Joe Holt Gaines, of West Virginia, a stand-patter of the stand-patter. If the democrats had over ruled the speaker by their votes and thus creating a precedent, then in the 62nd congress the republicans could have used this precedent thus established to strike each day with various amendments to the rules and by this conduct prevent any tariff legislation or any remedial legislation of any character."

IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE PRESIDENT TAFT URGES FORTIFICATION OF CANAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Taft today sent a special message to congress urging the fortification of the Panama canal and recommending that an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the initiation of the work on the proposed defenses be made at the present session of congress. "The canal when completed," said the president in his message, "will afford only a convenient route for water communication between our Atlantic and Pacific coasts and virtually will be a part of the coast line of the United States. Its assured possession and control will contribute to our peace, safety and prosperity as a nation. In my judgment it is the right and duty of the United States to fortify and make capable of defense the work that will bear so vital a relation to its welfare, and that is being created solely by it and at an expenditure of enormous sums. "The president forwarded to congress with his message a modified report of the special army and navy board, which reduces the estimate of the cost of fortification of the canal from \$19,546,543 to \$12,475,328 as modified. "The board recommends that the armament at Panama shall consist of eight 14-inch rifles; twelve 6-inch rifles and twenty-four 12-inch mortars. It is recommended that the permanent garrison in time of peace on the isthmus shall consist of two companies of coast artillery, four regiments of infantry, one battalion of field artillery, and one squadron of cavalry. "THREE MONTHS FOR RETAILING "VALDOSTA, Ga., Jan. 12.—John A. Manser, a wealthy fruit dealer here, pleaded guilty to three counts of selling liquor today and was fined a total of \$1,750 with an alternative of two years on the chain gang. He paid the fine, which sets a new record for heavy penalties for liquor selling here.

GOVERNOR DIX WILL NOT TAKE ACTION IN EMPIRE STATE SENATORIAL FIGHT

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—A parallel between the United States senatorship situation in New York and New Jersey, suggested by some who are trying to make Governor Dix declare himself on the problem now confronting the legislature does not appeal to the New York governor. Governor Dix was asked tonight if he would maintain his silence if he believed the interests of the state were in danger. "In such a case," he was asked, "would you not follow the example of Dr. Woodrow Wilson and publicly declare your opinion?" "I do not agree with Governor Wilson," was the reply. "I think the legislature of New York state is simply able to cope with the question. They are answerable to their constituents and must take the consequences of their decision. "A statement that he intended to confer with Charles F. Murphy to learn at first hand the sentiment of the New York county democracy regarding the senatorship was all Governor Dix said today which showed an active interest in the contest. When this conference would take place he could not say. "I don't think the situation demands a word from me," said the governor tonight. "If any of the candidates come to me I will discuss the subject with him, but thus far none of them has visited me on such an errand. "The pressure upon the governor to abandon his neutral attitude is increasing every hour. Friends of Edward M. Shepard went to the executive chamber today in increasing numbers. Thomas M. Osborne, the new forest, fish and game commissioner and one of the governor's closest associates, said today that the governor was master of the situation and hinted that he might have something to say if a crisis is reached.

RAILROADS WILL SUSPEND ALL ADVANCES IN RATES PENDING FURTHER HEARING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Official announcement was made by Judge Clements, acting chairman of the interstate commerce commission, at the conclusion of the arguments on the eastern rate case today of the further suspension of rates in official classification territory from Feb. 1 until March 15. The suspension was made voluntary by the carriers in order to afford the commission additional time to discuss and consider the problems presented to it. The likelihood is that there will be a similar suspension of the advances in rates by the carriers in western trunk line territory, official announcement of which will be made at the arguments of that case to be heard next Monday by the commission. As soon as a conclusion is reached it will be announced, in order that the railroads and the shipping public may adjust themselves to it, or take such other action as they may deem desirable. Final statements by counsel for the carriers, largely in response to arguments presented by attorneys for the shipping interests were submitted to the commission. The burden of the statements was that the carriers shown, through an increased operating expense, the necessity for increased income, which in the circumstances, could be obtained only through the advance in freight rates.

COMMITTEE DECIDES TO MAKE PEARY REAR ADMIRAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Captain Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, was today formally approved in his claim for congressional recognition at the hands of a sub-committee of the house on naval affairs. The sub-committee at an executive meeting, from which the two principal opponents of Captain Peary, Messrs. Roberts and Mason, were absent, adopted a favorable report to the full committee on the Bates bill, which extends the thanks of congress to Peary and retires him with the rank of a rear admiral in the engineer corps of the navy. Captain Peary now is 53 years old and the action, if approved by the house full committee and agreed to by the senate, will place him immediately on the retired list with about the same pay (\$6,000) as he is receiving as a captain on the active list. The report probably will arouse a lively discussion when it reaches the house.

CLAN OF STEPHEN JOHN IS ON TRIAL AT WADESBORO

WADESBORO, N. C., Jan. 12.—Another chapter in the Gypsy troubles was written today when Stephen John and his brothers were given a preliminary hearing before Justices Benton and Little on the charge of assaulting King Emil Mitchell and others of his clan. The hearing attracted a large crowd and was a regular "circus." It has not yet been concluded and will go through tomorrow. The Patterson memorial cup, offered by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston-Salem, for the best literary done by a North Carolinian during the past year, was awarded to Mr. R. D. W. Connor for his "Life of Cornelius Harnett." This cup was first awarded several years ago to the lamented poet, John Charles McNeill. Tonight Hon. Thomas J. Jarvis delivered an address in which he urged that a million dollars in bonds be issued for a great fire-proof state building on capitol square, saying that this could be done with an annual tax of only two-thirds of one per cent on the property assessment of the state. "BLOUNT STILL LEADS "JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 12.—With about four-fifths of the vote cast in Tuesday's election accounted for, W. A. Blount maintains his plurality of N. P. Bryan and J. N. C. Stockton in the senatorial race. The vote unaccounted for is very light and will probably not be learned until the official canvass. Blount's vote is 16,719; Bryan's 7,346, and Stockton's 6,465.

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BANKER ON TRIAL

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 12.—The Fourth day's proceedings in the trial of Wm. Adler, former president of the defunct state national bank, charged with misappropriation of the bank's funds in the United States Circuit court today were taken up by investigation of the collateral on which Adler made several loans.

FAIR advertisement featuring a cartoon of a man with a pitchfork and a sign that says 'FAIR'.

PRESIDENT ADVOCATES ESTABLISHING TARIFF COMMISSION AT ONCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Significant progress was made today in the movement for the creation of a permanent tariff commission. Not only did President Taft in an address at the banquet of the National Tariff Commission association openly endorse the Longworth bill characterizing it "as a conciliatory measure embodying all the important features that are necessary to make the commission effective, but early today he summoned the republican members of the ways and means committee to the white house and urged them to harmonize their differences. "There are those who oppose the existing tariff and criticize it severely," said President Taft. "There are those who uphold it as a fair measure on the whole. Now it is necessary to have a commission to study the situation and to make recommendations. (Continued on Page Two)