

Weather.

Washington, March 16—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Wednesday: Fair tonight and Wednesday; frost tonight; light winds.

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ORGANIZATION RECEIVED HARD JOLT IN HOUSE

Both Sides, However, Claim the Victory in the Insurgent Contest

CANNON MAKES CLAIMS

Insurgent Republicans and Democrats Who Joined Forces to Defeat the Regulars to a Large Extent Made Good—Regulars, However, Find a Loophole in the Fitzgerald Amendment, Which They Seize With the Desperation of a Drowning Man Grasping for Life Preservers—The Minority, Under Champ Clark, Has Not Given Up the Fight But Claim Victory.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, March 16—The republican organization of the house yesterday received a hard jolt, if not a positive defeat in its effort to adopt without amendment the rules of the sixtieth congress. The insurgent republicans and the democrats who had joined forces with them for this occasion made good, to a large extent, their threats to defeat the regulars of the more or less grand old party, but in the very hour of what seemed to be their utter defeat a loophole of escape was offered when the allies offered an amendment to the rules which would have meant total rout for the organization had it prevailed. Representative Fitzgerald offered an amendment providing for the establishment of a unanimous consent calendar, preference to be given the minority on motions to commit, so that bills favorably reported may be reconsidered by a two-thirds instead of a majority vote and the prevention of favoritism by the rules committee in special cases. The regulars seized this proposition with the desperation of a drowning man grasping at a life preserver and the resolution was adopted. Unless further amended, therefore, the rules of the last congress will be in operation during the present session.

The minority, however, under the leadership of Champ Clark, have by no means given up the fight. They claim that yesterday's results were, in fact, a victory for them, since they compelled the organization to accept amendments to the rules, even though these amendments were not all they fought for. Speaker Cannon, of course, also makes claim to victory, and indicated that William Jennings Bryan had interfered in the interest of the changes and spoke of the adoption of the Fitzgerald substitute as a triumph over the Bryan forces, saying that the conservative democrats who really wish legislation had practically stood for the old rules with the Fitzgerald amendment added.

"It was," said the speaker, "a protest by conservative democrats against populism and all kindred things." It remains to be seen if the confidence which the speaker displays is either justified or sincere.

The chief satisfaction to be derived from the result of yesterday's fight, as viewed by the business and other interest aside from that of politicians, is that it does not leave the house rudderless and inefficient on the eve of tariff legislation and this is prime consideration with those who are anxious that business conditions throughout the country shall not be violently disturbed.

CURTIS JETT CONFESSES.

Says He is Guilty of All the Crimes Alleged Against Him.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Lexington, Ky., March 16—Curtis Jett, who is serving a life-sentence for the assassination of James B. Murcum and "Jim" Cockerill, has given out another confession in the Frankfort penitentiary in which he says he is guilty of all the crimes laid at his door.

He declares, however, that he has gotten religion and that God has pardoned him for every bloody deed, and calls on Governor Willson to do likewise.

Grippe in Parliament.

(By Cable to The Times) London, March 16—The grippe epidemic is spreading. Forty members of parliament are ill and bad ventilation in the house of commons is blamed.

TAFT SEND HIS SPECIAL TARIFF MESSAGE TODAY

Message is Remarkable for Its Brevity, Being Much Shorter Than Expected

PROMPT ACTION URGED

Conditions Affecting Business Have So Changed in Last Twelve Years That Revision is Necessary—Party is Pledged to it and Country and Business Community Expect it—Prospect of Change in Rates Causes Halt in Business and General Uncertainty—Therefore of Highest Importance That New Bill be Agreed Upon Without Delay.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, March 16—The following message on the tariff, which is remarkable for its brevity and much shorter than had been anticipated was sent to congress by President Taft at noon today.

To the senate and house of representatives: I have convened the congress in this extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the Dingley tariff act. Conditions affecting production, manufacture and business generally have so changed in the last twelve years as to require a readjustment and revision of the import duties imposed by that act. More than this, the present tariff act, with the other sources of government revenue, does not furnish income enough to pay the authorized expenditures. By July first, next, the excess of expenses over receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$100,000,000.

"The successful party in the late election is pledged to a revision of the tariff. The country, and the business community especially, expect it. The prospect of a change in the rates of import duties always causes a suspension of halt in business because of the uncertainty as to the changes to be made and their effect. It is therefore of the highest importance that the new bill should be agreed upon and passed with as much speed as possible consistent with its due and thorough consideration. For these reasons, I have deemed the present to be an extraordinary occasion, within the meaning of the constitution, justifying and requiring the calling of an extra session.

"In my inaugural address, I stated in a summary way the principles upon which, in my judgment, the revision of the tariff should proceed, and indicated at least one new source of revenue that might be properly resorted to in order to avoid a future deficit. It is not necessary for me to repeat what I then said.

"I venture to suggest that the vital business interests of the country require that the attention of the congress in this session be chiefly devoted to the consideration of the new tariff bill, and that the less time given to other subjects of legislation in this session the better for the country.

BELIEVED TO BE MAN WHO SHOT PETROSINO

(By Cable to The Times) Rome, March 16—A man named Inalazzotto, who had lived in Brooklyn a year ago, and who is believed to have come to the city on the same ship with Lieutenant Joseph Petrosino, the slain New York detective, has been arrested by the Palermo police.

The authorities are convinced that he is the man who fired the fatal shots or can tell who did.

The prisoner is 25 years old and went from Palermo to the United States a year ago and joined his two brothers in Brooklyn. Five months ago he was attacked in the street and wounded. He spent two months in a hospital and then returned to his brothers.

DIED IN ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Italian Killed His Cousin Because of His Ignorance.

Auburn, N. Y., March 16—Salvatore Randazzo was put to death in the electric chair at 6 o'clock today for killing his first cousin, Viotri Randazzo, in Cattaraugus county in January, 1908. Before he died he said to a priest: "I am ignorant, and that is my excuse for my misdeeds. I am ready to die, but I am innocent."

Mrs. Suydam and Mrs. Lumsden Leaving Court.



The trial of the young Southern inventor, Lumsden, for the shooting of Broker Suydam has attracted much attention. The wife of Lumsden and the widow of Suydam have been constant attendants at the trial. In the picture Mrs. Lumsden is shown at the left and Mrs. Suydam at the right of the picture, with an attorney in the case in the center. Picture was taken especially for the Hearst News Service as the women were leaving court.

MR. ROOSEVELT BUSY WRITING

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 16—At Sagamore Hill today ex-President Roosevelt was busily engaged preparing a number of articles to be printed in the magazine of which he is associate editor, after his departure for Africa next Tuesday. Several important national questions will be treated by Mr. Roosevelt in these articles. He is dictating his ideas to his new secretary, Mr. Harter, a young Englishman, who has been sent by the publishing company to assist him.

Tomorrow evening Mr. Roosevelt will attend the regular meeting of the Matinecock lodge of Masons, of which he is a member. His brother Masons intend to make this occasion a notable one.

DEVELOPMENTS IN NICARAGUA

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 16—The state department today announced that there are no new developments in the Nicaragua-Honduras situation.

Sailing of Gunboats.

Washington, March 16—The state department this morning received word that a Nicaraguan gunboat had left Corinto for Amapala and that the cruiser Washington, had also left Corinto for the same port. The Glacier has arrived at Amapala, and the torpedo boat flotilla consisting of the Perry, Stewart, Paul Jones, Whipple, Truxton, Hull, Goldsboro, Davis, Fortune and the ships Arcturion and Albany have arrived at Magdalena Bay.

FRENCH WILL BUY TOBACCO DIRECT

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Baltimore, March 16—That the French government will buy what Maryland tobacco it needs direct, and will not award any contract this year is the opinion of many local tobacco dealers in this city. The French government has had two experts in this country for some months looking over the field. They have returned home, but said they would come back, probably in May, and make their own selections of tobacco and supervised the buying personally as the samples are submitted. About that time the tobacco grown last year will have been cured and stripped and will be coming freely to market.

DURANT SUCCEEDS RAILROADS WIN VIRGINIA CASE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 16—Edward Durant, Jr., who was today nominated by the president to be collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., is expected to be promptly confirmed to succeed the negro, Dr. Crum, whose nomination was defeated in the last congress.

Tin Plant Resumes Operations.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New Castle, Pa., March 16—Orders were received today by Superintendent Ross of the Greer tin plant, to begin operations in full next Monday morning. The news has caused much rejoicing among the 1,600 employees, who have been idle since last June.

TROOPS GUARD THE PARIS MAILS

(By Cable to The Times) Paris, March 16—The public square surrounding the postoffice department buildings is filled with gendarmes and soldiers and the mail wagons are being driven through the streets conveyed by a military escort. Paris today presents a war-like scene. While there has been little rioting since the post-office telegraphers decided upon a general strike, the authorities fear some violence as a result of the telegraphers' strike and the streets are patrolled by troops, after bivouacking in the parks and public squares.

London, March 16—All direct communication between London and Paris stopped this morning, owing to the French operators' strike.

RAILROADS WIN VIRGINIA CASE

Richmond, Va., March 16—The maximum through-railroad passenger rate to go and in its place Virginia is to have a flat 25 cent rate.

To deprive the state corporation commission, which this morning handed down its opinion in the cases of the Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Ohio, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line and Southern, Judge Rhea filed a dissenting opinion. He does not think a 25 cent maximum rate is reasonable or just unless coupled with an assurance upon the part of the railroads that they will put into effect a proper system of local and interchangeable mileage books at two cents per mile so as to reduce the average cost of transportation. The views of Chairman Frontis and Commissioner Wilard are embodied in a ten-page opinion.

SCHOOLS WIN BY A GOOD MAJORITY IN THE ELECTION

At Three O'clock Considerably More Than Required Number Had Been Cast

NUMBER NECESSARY 919

At Three O'clock 989 Votes Had Been Cast For Schools, This Being 70 More Than Half of the Registered Vote—School Advocates Are Jubilant at the Result and the Grand Old City Has Saved the Day and is Carrying Herself Proudly—School Advocates Have Worked Faithfully and the Result is One of Which They All Feel Proud.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

At 3:30 this afternoon the result was still in some doubt. Below is given the tabulated vote, as nearly correct as the reporter was able to give it. It will be seen that the victory is with the school forces, if the figures are correct, and they are based on reports, telephonic and otherwise, from each of the voting precincts. At 3:30 less than 1,300 votes had been cast and many votes will be added, increasing the majority for schools. As it is here given the tax advocates have seventy more votes than were needed to carry.

Complete returns will materially change the vote as tabulated, but it seems certain that victory is with the educational forces.

Table with 2 columns: For, Against. Rows include First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, Fourth Ward, Outside West, Outside East, and Total.

How the Vote Stood At 1 O'clock.

At one o'clock the issue was still in doubt. The registration for the election was 1836. To pass the measure there must be 919 votes cast for it. Returns from every precinct show that few of the people are voting. In every ward the tax advocates have an immense majority, but they are fighting not only against the active opponents of the school tax, but also against the great body of voters who are apathetic, lacking in interest, who are sitting idly by while the measure which means life to the schools, progress to the city, higher morality to the people and lives of usefulness to the children of Raleigh, is being slowly smothered. Remember, the fight is not yet over. There still remains three hours within which the tide may be turned and a glorious victory won.

At two o'clock the word came down the line that 654 votes had been cast for schools. Less than 150 had been cast against. To overcome this vote backed by the non-voting registered vote, 250 votes must yet be secured. "Can we get them?" is the burning question with the tax-advocates. Without the slightest wavering the friends of the schools have set themselves to secure this number and have redoubled their zeal in behalf of the cause they love.

Many friends of the special tax are not sufficiently interested. Honest, intelligent, well directed effort right now will win. Let every friend of the city schools vote now. A great many are holding back because they think the measure will carry without their vote, but the majority of those not voting are merely indifferent. They do not oppose it at heart. Now is the time to get in some good work by arousing the indifferent and prodding the stay-away friends of education to the voting-point. Let everybody get together and when the polls close at 6:08 p. m. we can triumphantly say: "We have met the enemy and they are ours!"

King Edward to See Flight.

Pau, France, March 16—King Edward is expected to arrive today from Biarritz to witness an aeroplane flight by Wilbur Wright.

JUDGE HART'S CHARGE TO JURY IN MURDER CASE

Long Draw-out Trial of the Coopers and Sharp Near the Close

SMALL CROWD PRESENT

Crowd Has Lost Its Interest in the Cooper-Sharp Trial Since the Last of the Speeches Has Been Delivered and Only a Small Crowd Was in Attendance This Morning at Nine O'clock—Lawyers Are Late in Arriving and it is Not Believed the Judge's Charge Would be Delivered Until Afternoon—Time Set at Two O'clock.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Criminal Court Room, Nashville, Tenn., March 16—An unusually small crowd was in the court room at 9:00 o'clock this morning, the convening hour of the Cooper-Sharp trial, which is nearing its close. Only the charge of the court to the jury was yet to be delivered, when the case will be left in the hands of the 12 men who have for eight weeks been forced to sit and watch the slowly turning wheels of justice. With the witnesses gone, the oratory, the sarcasm, the logic and the pathos of the case only history today the public interest was manifestly on the wane. It is apparent that the public does not care so much for the dull contents of the court's lengthy charge, which will be couched in the driest of legal language.

Judge Hart was late. At 9:15 neither any of the defendants or the lawyers on either side had appeared and it was rumored in the court room that Judge Hart would not be ready with the charge until some time this afternoon.

Judge Hart did not enter the court room until about 9:30 o'clock. He had a lot of books under his arm and a big roll of papers in his overcoat pocket. The newspaper men in the court room immediately begged him for promises of a copy of his charge. Judge Hart smiled pleasantly at the pencil pushers and said he would like to have a photograph of them. He was in a joking mood. He told the reporters that he had not completed the preparation of his charge and then turned to the audience, which he dismissed with the following words, spoke in semi-sarcastic vein:

"Ladies and gentlemen: I am glad to see so many of you present. I am sorry to have to disappoint you this morning, but it has been impossible for me to get the charge ready in time to deliver this morning owing to the large number of special requests that have been handed me by both sides and which I must give careful consideration.

"I notice most of you have brought your lunches, and if you prefer you may sit here with us until 2 o'clock and then I will endeavor to be ready by that time. I desire to investigate all the authorities. I hope to be prepared by this afternoon and hope to see you all present at that time. I am sorry to disappoint you. I think I ought to have as big a crowd, anyway, as any of the rest of these fellows and the crowd here just now is a little slim. I will excuse those of you who have any business elsewhere. Be back at 2 o'clock and if I am not ready then I will tell you when to come again."

None of the attorneys in the case ever appeared in the court room this morning except Charles N. Burch, a kinsman of Robin Cooper. The attorneys on each side seemed to be rather certain that Judge Hart would not be ready this morning. They were rather disappointed, too, it is said, and would much have preferred that the charge could have been given to the jury immediately after the conclusion of the closing address of the attorney general. The state handed in its requests to the court early yesterday but it is understood the attorneys for the defense did not complete their requests until later. The charge, it is expected, will require about two hours in its delivery.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Judge Hart announced that he was still unprepared with his charge to the jury in the Cooper-Sharp case and that he could not deliver it until Wednesday.

Official Schedule Eastern Carolina League, Adopted at Fayetteville Today.

Table with columns for AT, Wilmington, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Fayetteville, Raleigh. Rows include Wilmington, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Fayetteville, and Raleigh with dates and times for various events.

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