

Weather.

Washington, March 24—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Thursday: Showers tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight.

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BLAME SHOULD REST UPON THE REPUBLICANS

Says Champ Clark, Minority Leader, in Speech On Tariff Bill

PLATFORM EQUIVOCAL

Republican Platform, Says the Speaker, Might be Constructed to Mean Either Revision Up or Revision Down—Would Go Bond For Proposition That Not Even Chairman Payne Will Assert That This Bill Constitutes Everything That He Desired or That It Does Not Contain Undesirable Things—Warm Speech Made by the Democratic Leader.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 24—The Fitzgerald amendment to the rules of the last congress came prominently before the house this morning. Representative Payne had just moved that the house go into a committee of the whole for the consideration of the tariff bill when Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, made a parliamentary inquiry of the speaker. He said that under the amendment of the rules adopted on the opening day of the session Wednesday was set apart for consideration of bills on the calendar, and that it would require a two-thirds vote to take up any other business.

The speaker replied there were no bills on the calendar, except the tariff bill, and under the rule that could not be considered on a calendar Wednesday, he thought common sense should apply in the construction of the rule.

Representative Gardner said that a strict application of the rules would require the speaker to submit the question to the house.

The speaker announced that if there were any bills on the calendar he would of course refuse to entertain the motion of Mr. Payne and would call the committee.

Representative Gardner said that in order to crystallize the matter he would make a point of order. The point of order was overruled.

The house then took up the consideration of the tariff bill.

Before Representative Clark began his speech he informed the house that he had just received information that there had been an arrival within the last twenty-four hours in the home of Representative Olmstead, who presided with such dignity and ability as chairman of the committee of the whole. There was generous applause at this announcement.

In beginning his speech Mr. Clark paid a handsome compliment to Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee. He said he has written his name in history together with Clay, Walker, Morrill, McKinley, Wilson and Dingley. Clark caused a laugh when he said the gentleman from New York had knocked higher than a kite the illogical theory of Dr. Osler, that every member of the ways and means committee deserved the thanks of the country, for they had worked hard from early morn to late at night, listening to the arguments of the manufacturers of the country, on whose testimony and evidence the tariff bill had been framed.

Mr. Clark spoke in part as follows: "It seems from an examination of the hearings of the tariff bills of the past that the witnesses were usually the beneficiaries of the tariff, struggling to keep what they had and to secure any increase they could. Only two or three manufacturers asked for a reduction of rates on articles which they manufactured. One admitted that the tariff on tin plate should be reduced from 1 1/2 cents per pound to 1 cent per pound, and Mr. Claus Spreckels, one of the largest independent refiners, said the tariff on all sugars should be removed. Mr. Miles advocated reductions. The Massachusetts boot and shoe men were all for free hides.

"I am not complaining about the non-appearance before the committee of what Mr. Boutell reluctantly denominates 'the ultimate consumer.' The reasons why he did not appear are: (1) In the beginning the public looked upon the hearings as a stuporous game; (2) While that feeling wore off to some extent after Mr. Chairman Payne publicly extended an invitation to all who had opinions to express to come forward, scarcely one representative of the great body of ultimate consumers appeared, because each one felt that the possibility of having his tariff burden substantially reduced was so remote that he did not think it

EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO REDUCE PUBLIC EXPENSES

Some of the Leaders Don't Want to Resort to Any Expedient's

OPINION OF ALDRICH

A Determined Effort Will be Made to Reduce Public Expenditures to Such an Extent That Revenues Derived from Tariff Will Meet Governmental Needs Without Resorting to Any Special Tax Schedules—Senator Aldrich, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, is Opposed to Any Special Plans of Taxation as Revenue Raisers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 24—That a determined effort will be made to reduce public expenditures to such an extent that governmental needs may be met by revenues derived from duties on imports and without resorting to any of the special tax schemes that have been suggested in connection with tariff revision is indicated by a remark of Senator Aldrich, chairman of the senate committee on finance.

Asked to give his opinion of the plan, erroneously accredited to President Taft, to place a tax on dividends declared by corporations, Mr. Aldrich replied that he had not given thought to it and added that he would not concern himself with any of the various plans to raise revenues by special taxes until it could be ascertained how much revenue could be produced by levying duties on imports, and whether the running operations of the government should not be decreased so as to make special taxes unnecessary.

It is asserted upon what is thought to be accurate information that a majority of the members of the finance committee regard with favor the proposed inheritance tax feature, the proposed income tax, levies upon divisions of corporation, tax on coffee and practically all forms of stamp taxes.

SPEAKS FOR VIVISECTION.

Comments on Those Who "Think They Know"—The Reformers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Albany, N. Y., March 24—President Jacob Gould Schurman, of Cornell University, speaking of a legislative committee, said the whims of anti-vivisection reformers should not be permitted to stand in the way of scientific research; that morality and humanity should not be overlooked, but that investigation should go without interruption. He was severe in his comment on the men and women "who think they know," as he put it, "as against the scientific knowledge, experience, and skill of the men who do know."

He feared the "reformers" would, if they could, go back to Darwin's time and tear down about everything that has been learned since.

WILLIAM J. MCCREERY, HEAD OF MCCREERY STORES, DEAD.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, March 24—William J. McCreery, managing and directing head of the McCreery stores in this city, and fifth son of the late James McCreery, founder of the well-known dry goods firm, is dead in his apartment in the Nevada, after a long illness. He was born in Paris 48 years ago, and spent much of his early life in Columbia, S. C.

TO INVEST \$30,000,000 IN EUROPEAN PLANTS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, March 24—The International Harvester Company proposes to invest \$30,000,000 in the establishment of two manufacturing plants in Europe, one in France and one in Germany. Sites have already been selected and construction work started. The plant in France is to be a Lillo, in the province of Croix, near the Belgian border, while the German plant will be at Dusseldorf.

Little Willie Whitla From a Recent Photograph.



ABDUCTION OF WILLIE WHITLA.

March 18—"Willie" Whitla, 10 years old, son of one of the most prominent lawyers in Sharon, Pa., taken from public school in carriage by strange man, who said the boy's father wanted him. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day a letter was received at the Whitla home, saying that the boy would be returned on payment of \$10,000 to his captors. At 10 o'clock that night the carriage in which the boy was taken away was found at Warren, Ohio, 28 miles from Sharon.

March 19—Frank H. Buhl, a millionaire uncle of the stolen boy, visited Cleveland, Ohio, on a clue that proved to be false. Then the father and uncle announced that they would pay the ransom demanded.

March 20—Police of every large city notified to look for the stolen boy, and the search was particularly taken up in Pittsburg and Buffalo.

March 21—Pennsylvania state constabulary watched woman in Sharon not far from the boy's home, it being finally believed that he was brought back to the town from Warren, Ohio.

March 22—Search continued all day by detectives. Boy returned safe and sound to his parents at Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, after the father had deposited \$10,000 ransom with a woman whom he met at a candy store by appointment.

MANY PROTESTS AGAINST NEW TAX

Washington, March 24—Because of the memorials of state legislatures coming to members of congress almost daily protesting against the inheritance tax as interference with the state laws, it is not improbable that a small tax on dividends, perhaps two per cent, may be substituted. The subject of a corporation dividend tax has been discussed by the administration but nothing definite has been decided on. It is common talk at the capitol that Senator Aldrich, who will be the controlling factor in shaping the Payne bill with amendments after that measure reaches the senate, is outspoken against the inheritance tax feature. The senate will finally decide the question.

PORTO RICANS IN WASHINGTON

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 24—L. Munoz Rivera, leader of the unionist wing of the Porto Rican house of delegates, Eugene Benitez and Cay Coll Culechi, arrived here today to ask congress for a change in the Foraker act, on which the island government is based. Senator Rivera declares that the Porto Ricans desire to elect their own active body instead of having it appointed by the executive council of the island, as at present. He claims the offices which were formerly held by natives are filled by Americans. The two political parties on the island are hopelessly at loggerheads, and one of the reasons for the visit of the delegation is to bring before congress the grievances of the two political factions, with the hope that something may be done to quiet the political unrest on the island. The delegation will be presented to President Taft this week.

SCHOOL TEACHER SHOT BY FATHER

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, March 24—Miss Anna Magano, teacher in public school 103, on 103rd street, was shot and killed today by her father, Phillip Magano, half a block from the school. The street was crowded with school children, who fled in a panic. The father, after firing two bullets into the girl's head at close range, tried to kill himself, but was prevented and arrested.

PRESIDENT ZELAYA STILL WANTS TO FIGHT

Washington, March 24—A dispatch received at the state department today from Honduras announces that President Zelaya is still continuing military activities and is preparing for another attack on Salvador. The state department refuses to discuss the situation. The department is awaiting the arrival of John H. Gregory, United States secretary of legation at Managua to discuss the situation with it. He is expected to arrive in Washington within a few days. A detailed statement of the Nicaraguan situation is to be given out by the state department in a day or two which will enlighten the public as to the real condition of affairs in Central America. A United States warship is now off the coast of Honduras awaiting developments. It is believed the state department is purposely maintaining silence, realizing that at this time any of the publicity given to the situation would hamper negotiations now in progress between the United States and Nicaragua.

THE COTTON GROWERS WANT REPRESENTATION

Washington, Mar. 24—Representative Hull of Tennessee, yesterday introduced a concurrent resolution calling on the secretary of state to inform congress whether the cotton producing states are being deprived of representation in the diplomatic service in the cotton purchasing countries and if this is a fact to transmit the information to the house with a suggestion to remedy it. Mr. Hull said he understands that there is not a representative in the cotton producing states occupying a position of responsibility in the diplomatic and consular service.

WITCHES CONVICTED OF CRIME IN HAVANA

(By Cable to The Times) Havana, Cuba, March 24—Three reputed witches have been convicted of murdering a white baby in order to procure the blood and heart witherwith to heal the sick. The women have been sentenced to death and four others, convicted as accomplices have been sentenced to from 14 to 20 years imprisonment. This is the second case of the kind, three women having been put to death in 1904 for a like crime.

Suffragettes Released. London, March 24—Lady Constance Lytton, sister of Earl Lytton and 25 other suffragettes, were released from Holloway jail today. They were imprisoned February 26 for a raid on parliament.

WOMAN ADMITS KIDNAPING THE WHITLA CHILD

She Was Arrested Last Night, With Male Companion in Cleveland

WOMAN IS PROMINENT

Woman and Man Were Arrested at 11 O'clock Last Night—Woman Confesses Crime After Being Submitted to Third Degree—Man is James Boyle, a Steamfitter, of Cleveland, the Woman of Some Prominence and Said to Have Had an Imaginary Grievance Against the Whitla Family—Billy Whitla Taken to Cleveland Today.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Cleveland, O., March 24—Mrs. James Boyle, who, with her husband is under arrest here for having abducted 8-year-old Willie Whitla from Sharon, Pa., today confessed.

"You've got us all right," she said. "There will be some fun at Sharon, though."

Then she made a further statement which the police do not care to make public at present.

Mrs. Boyle and her husband refused to give their names when they were arrested last evening. But after a matron had searched the woman and found \$9,848 of the ransom money hidden in her clothes she weakened.

Boyle formerly lived in Sharon, where he was known as a ne'er-do-well. He left there some time ago and married Helen Foulkner. It is believed that the plot to kidnap the boy has been under way for several weeks.

Cleveland, March 24—After having been subjected to the third degree for hours during the early morning, the woman arrested with a man at 11 o'clock last night on suspicion that they were the kidnapers of "Billie" Whitla broke down and confessed, according to the police.

The man has been identified as James Boyle, a steamfitter, who has been known in this city for seven years. Boyle was identified by Pat O'Reilly, a saloon-keeper, in whose place the man and woman had been drinking just before their arrest. The name of the woman is known also to the police. She is said to live in Sharon, where she managed to get all the information she desired concerning the Whitla family.

Boy Will Identify Her.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Sharon, Pa., March 24—Billy Whitla was taken to Cleveland on the noon train today for the purpose of identifying if possible the man and woman under arrest there, charged with having kidnaped him. Willie was accompanied by Detective Granville, Chief of Police Crain, and his father. This arrangement was made following an all-night conference at the Whitla home. District Attorney Linsinger was present. He took full charge of the case.

There will be forwarded to Governor Edwin S. Stuart, at Harrisburg, today, for his signature, requisition papers for the two prisoners now in the Cleveland jail. These papers are expected to be in the hands of Governor Harmon of Ohio by tonight.

Linsinger admitted today that a strong guard against any sinister demonstration is being arranged for. A report was widely circulated today that the woman under arrest was one who had been separated from her husband and had an imaginary grievance against the mother of "Billy" Whitla. She is said to have admitted the kidnapping and to have threatened that "there would be hell to pay in Sharon today if she was held in custody."

The two kidnapers have just been identified as Mr. and Mrs. James Boyle, of Sharon, according to the chief of police. The woman, the chief says, admitted this after several hours in the sweatbox. A sensational arrest in the Whitla case is expected at any moment. The woman under arrest at Cleveland is said to have been the fool of another woman, who was the real leader in the kidnaping plot.

SECRETARY OLDS' REPORT SHOWS GREAT PROGRESS

A New Railroad for Raleigh Among the Possibilities of the Immediate Future

ROAD FROM SPRING HOPE

New Yorkers Are Interested in Hotel Business Here—New Hosiery Mill Being Erected—Great Progress Being Made Along Every Line—Yarborough House to be Improved—Hotel Giersch Will be Enlarged—Rex Hospital Will be Completed This Summer.

The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce held an interesting session last night. It was not largely attended owing to a Good Government meeting, a revival and other attractions being on hand at the same time.

The report of Col. Fred A. Olds, the energetic secretary of the organization, which was submitted last night, is so full of good things and the sentiments therein contained so well expressed, that it is given herewith in full:

New Railroad Coming.

"You secretary takes pleasure in reporting that one of the events of the month was an automobile trip, in company with President Pearce, of the Merchants' Association, to Springhope, to have a look at the Montgomery Lumber Company's railway and to confer with its officers in regard to plans. Your secretary had arranged with Vice President and General Manager Guy Buell, of that company, to take from Raleigh Vice President Tremaine and his multi-millionaire friend, Mr. Sikes, of Buffalo, N. Y., on the tour from Raleigh and so met these gentlemen here when they came from Pinehurst and showed them some striking features of Raleigh and also procured the necessary maps and other printed information about this city and section. The trip was an object lesson as to the fine roads in Wake, for we made the distance from here to Bunn, in Franklin county, in one hour and three-quarters. The contrast between the Wake and Franklin roads was found to be sharp in the extreme. Our party was met by Mr. Buell and made the trip in from Bunn on his road, which is being well constructed, the bridge work being in progress at Tar river. This is an absolutely independent road and it may be stated in a rather confidential way that it is coming on to Raleigh. Its relation to this place will be that of the Raleigh and Southport Railway, for example, and certainly any Raleigh man with judgment knows how important the latter line is to this town, both in bringing in and taking out products. As a matter of fact, lines of this character are vital to a community and this road will not only be a great thing for Raleigh but for what may be called the garden spot of Wake county. Sixty pound rail is being used and the construction is excellent. The company will have saw mills at various points, as it has enormous holdings of timber in this county and in Franklin, as well as Nash, Spring Hope being in the last named county. "We were more than pleased with the success of our trip. Your secretary gave Mr. Buell the largest and best map of Wake county, for his use. At the conference there were various stockholders of the company and the gentlemen who went with us gave opinion of the country between Raleigh and Bunn in such a way as to show Mr. Buell that the outlook was splendid in every particular.

Building in Raleigh.

"It is a very great pleasure to be able to say that more building is at this moment in progress in Raleigh than ever before at one time. Such is the opinion of architects and builders, and from over thirty years' experience here, your secretary is fully prepared to agree with them in their conclusion. Not only is there an immense amount of building at the Central Hospital for the Insane, ten structures in all, but the new hospitals, Rex and St. Agnes, several stores, many residences, the library at the State School for the Blind, an automobile garage, a new hosiery mill on west Johnson street, are in process of erection, while orders have been made for the erection of a thirty thousand dollar dormitory at the Agricultural & Mechanical College, to accommodate 174 students, and active work is in progress on two dormitories, flanking the main building at

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