

the resolution proposed to give the president a club he will never use.

"It is one of those big sticks that will lie idle in his hands."

When Mr. Stone concluded Senator Foraker read from the testimony of Mr. Shonts before the inter-oceanic canal committee showing that the two Ward line ships had been built at a time when material and labor were cheaper and that they had subsequently been strengthened as to improve them materially and really make them a bargain at the price.

Senator Carmack suggested an amendment to the resolution providing that preference shall be given to articles of domestic manufacture when they can be secured as cheaply as others and spoke in support of the amendment, holding it to be in line with existing laws. He could, he said, see no reason for opening wider the gates for "graft" as the pending resolution would do because there would be no standard for determining what is "extortionate or unreasonable." Furthermore, he interpreted this language as an admission that the government is at the mercy of the protected monopolies. "There is nothing in the United States laws to prevent the protected manufacturers from holding up the government at the muzzle of a tariff schedule and compelling it to deliver," he declared.

**EASILY COUNTED**

A few years ago there lived in Thetford, Vt., a man by the name of Solon R. Berry, who was deputy sheriff for many years, says the Boston Herald. He concluded he would like to collect the taxes. Accordingly he supplied himself with ballots, and on arriving at the meeting he selected a man by the name of Porter to help him. Taking Porter to one side he disclosed his plan to him and after bracing Porter up two or three times, from the hip pocket, he gave him the batch of ballots with instructions to distribute them at the proper time.

At last the moderator called for a ballot for collector of taxes, and when the votes had been counted announced that Berry had only three votes.

Of course, "Sol," as he was called, was disappointed. Finding Porter alone in one corner of the hall in quite a contented frame of mind, he said: "This did not turn out as I expected."

"Neither did it as I expected," said Porter.

"There is something about it I don't understand," said Sol.

"That's just the fix I am in," said Porter. "You voted for yourself and I voted for you. That makes two votes. What I can't understand is, where did that other vote come from?"—Denver News.

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The senate committee tied on the report to oust Senator Reed Smoot of Utah and the question will be fought out in the senate.

A riot occurred at W. C. Green's mines in Mexico and it is reported that forty-five Americans were killed by Mexican strikers. The trouble arose from a demand made by the Mexicans for an increase of wages.

Senator Bailey has introduced in the senate committee on privileges and elections a resolution for the expulsion of Senator Burton of Kansas.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Buda Pest, Hungary, June 1, follows: "A banquet was given here last night in honor of William J. Bryan. Speeches laudatory of American freedom and virility were delivered by Count Albert Apponvi, minister of worship and Francis Kossuth, commerce minister. Count Apponvi compared the United States to a giant accumulator, producing the strongest conceivable currents of the highest ideals of liberty and equality. "All of us," said the minister of worship, "feel more secure in the possession of freedom because there exists such a land as the United States." M. Kossuth, after a reference to the enthusiasm evoked in the United States by the visit of his father to that country said that the example of the United States had inspired Hungary to efforts to emulate that great, free country, which once was a colony. The best he could wish in behalf of Hungary was that her future might be as happy as the United States' present state and her economic condition as flourishing. Mr. Bryan in reply said freedom-loving Hungary which had waged so many struggles for liberty was entitled to rank high among nations as the equality of peoples nowadays was gauged by their love of freedom."

Representative Robert Adams of the Second congressional district of Pennsylvania, committed suicide in Washington. He left a letter saying that his personal obligations exceeded his resources. Mr. Adams was the author of the whipping post bill which recently met defeat in the house. It is said that he was involved because of unfortunate speculations.

The democratic state convention of Tennessee met at Nashville and after a stormy session lasting several days, nominated Malcolm R. Patterson of Memphis, now a member of congress, to be governor. Although the contest in the primaries between Mr. Patterson and Governor John R. Knox was heated, Mr. Patterson's name was the only one presented to the convention.

During the ceremonies attending the marriage of King Alphonso of Spain and the Princess Ena, a bomb was thrown from a window of a house and fourteen people were killed. The king and his bride were not injured. The bomb-throwing was the work of anarchists and it is claimed that the anarchists plotted to kill the king and queen.

An Associated press dispatch from St. Paul, Minn., says: "The state dairy and food department today announced that it had inspectors out procuring samples of all patent medicines and that a careful examination

and analysis of all such medicines on the market would be made. The contents of each medicine will be published in a weekly bulletin to be issued by the department which will be given wide circulation. If the medicines contain opiates or alcohol or other deleterious substances the fact will be published together with the quantity."

The senate has passed the Knox immunity bill.

Paul Morton has been re-elected president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

The democrats of the Eleventh Indiana district met at Peru and unanimously nominated for congress George W. Rauch, of Marion, Ind.

Lorenzo Crouse, former governor of Nebraska, has announced his candidacy for United States senator, subject to the action of the republican state convention.

President Roosevelt delivered the Memorial day address before the members of the Army and Navy Union at Portsmouth, Va.

Governor Hanley of Indiana, in an address delivered at Purdue university, declared that greed and not muckraking is the national peril. The governor said that he hoped that as long as the muck bed remains that the muckraker will continue his efforts.

The house committee recently discovered a mare's nest in the agricultural department. In 1903 congress appropriated \$1,500,000 to build a complete office building for the agricultural department. The committee discovered that the entire appropriation had been exhausted in the erection of two wings, and money is now demanded for the building of the main structure. The mechanical engineer for the agricultural department testified that the change was decided on at a conference between President Roosevelt and Secretary Wilson.

William E. Curtis of the Chicago Record-Herald says that Theodore Roosevelt will succeed Senator Platt or Depew in the senate.

Senator Rayner in a speech delivered in the senate, said that the people will be robbed by the corporations of \$200,000 if congress directs that the supplies for the Panama canal be purchased in this country.

Sheriff John F. Shipp of Chattanooga, ten of his deputies and a number of private citizens, alleged to have had a part in the lynching of a negro who had been granted an appeal by the supreme court of the United States, are cited to appear before that body and answer to the charge of contempt.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington, says: "The United States supreme court today upheld the New York state law imposing a franchise tax on railroad property in that state. The opinion was delivered by Justice Holmes in the case of the New York Central Railroad company vs. States Comptroller N. L. Miller. The case covered the taxes for the years 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904, involving \$889,375. The law was enacted in 1896, and provides for a tax on the

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