Read "Part" of it to the Cabinet and it Took Three Hours-Reciprocity-Washing-

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

ton Local News Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.-Editor Independent: Locally, the interest centre of the whole week is the Bonine murder trial now progressing in criminal court No. 1, where a little woman of wonderful nerve is on trial for her life. James Seymour Ayres, jr., a young employe of the census office, was found murdered in his bed at the Kenmore hotel and for a whole week the mystery of how he died, baffled the Washington police. Mrs. Bonine had gone to his room and shot him in defense of her honor-so she affirms. After the deed was committed she coolly climbed down the fire escape in front of the hotel and prepared to baffle the police. She is now defended by Charles A. Douglass, one of the best known democratic orators and lawyers of the city, and by Creed M. Fulton, who, from his striking resemblance to the last democratic nominee for the presidency, is called the "William Jennings Bryan" of the district bar. Like his leader, he is also a democrat and an orator. Both were

on the stump for Bryan last year. Op-

posed is Ashley M. Gould, the new dis-

trict attorney, a noted republican ora-

tor and lawyer. Their case is indeed a

strong one and prospects are for ac-

quittal. This is one of the hardest le-

gal battles of the city's history and its

interest centre cannot be disputed. Nationally-well, we are all waiting for Roosevelt's message. And the event that will give it to us, is, of course, the opening of congress. What will he say? From present accounts he will say a great deal for, we are told, that he read part of it to his cabinet one day last week and it took 3 hours and a quarter. We had all hoped that the day of voluminous messages ever, he will break custom in one respect, the old-fashioned hand-written

We are told that congress will settle the reduction of southern representaduring the coming session. Those on the republican side, who are so mad because the south won't go republican, have decided to disarm their enemy, by reducing the representation from the south. This is a dangerous problem to fool with. So dangerous, in fact, that however they decide they will have produced the biggest political boomerang of the year. The "slippery" crowd in control of the last house saw the danger and wisely hugged their tents-but this year, maddened by their power, the republican party will rush into the arena of politics prepared to tread on the most dangerous ground and to lose less protective agents in their battle against public

had a reciprocity convention on exhibition at the Raleigh hotel. All these self-appointed policy artists have battled to and fro on the question. A week is ended and the question now is "What is reciprocity?" Those who have paid any attention to this convention have heard so many different definitions of reciprocity that its definition is as ambiguous as the republiof people are crying reciprocity. How many know what it means? Last week there have been at least forty definitions of this reform policy.

Everybody says they want reciprocity. No two agree as to what it is and how it should be applied. Senator Hale takes a constitutional position and objects to the expediency of "farming out our revenue legislation to vagrant commissions" and Senator Allison, since it must change existing schedules, must originate in the house. And every one has planned it differently. If the United States is to enter into reciprocity treaties with different great powers and to offer special privmight promote some of our industries, but we would certainly cripple others. The only safe way is-if we are to have a tariff—is to have congress pass a tariff act in accord with organic law. And when an amendment becomes necessary-there are a good many needed now-it is best to have the legislative body and not the executive deal with this question exclusively. And is it best that we should consult foreign nations as to our organic law? Above all things the changes should be uniform-the same to each nation. We should not have one special arrangement with England, another with France, another with Germany and so through the whole list of nations. Such an expedient will bring confusion and injustice at home, while it will create ill-will and jealousy abroad. Unless we are to act on the principle that charity begins at home, and to run America for the Americans, our course

The new Hay-Pauncefote treaty has been signed and will be delivered to certainly is a dramatic incident and a plan out of use and substitute his own congress together with the president's sublimely impudent one, but it is likely idea. Moreover he holds that his own icy and hunting in couples began, we home rule with kindness. The elec- leaders. did not ask England or any one else tion of Colonel Lynch was possibly in- In New York, Pennsylvania, Delato recognize it. We enforced it and bad sign.

President Roosevelt is away from the city on a trip down the Potomac

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on the government yacht Sylph-on one of those trips which helped to make Grover Cleveland famous. But there is a little bit of rumor behind the trip and that is that at the president's church on Sunday a Boer minister will preach and the fact that the president is away for the first time since his inauguration leads many to think that he did not want to hear a Boer minister. There may be something in this.

VILLIAM W. BRIDE.

A Struggle Unto Death-A Counterpart of the American Revolution -The Sympathy of the World With he Boers

A correspondent writing from Lon-

don says that the situation in South Africa is now even more discouraging than is generally supposed. Returning after several weeks' absence from London, I find numerous personal letters from all parts of South Africa. and all testifying to the extreme embarrassment of the military situation. The crux of the whole matter is that Tommy Atkins is sick of his job. More than two years of the most arduous campaigning, coupled with sad exhibitions of incompetency by many of his favorite officers, have taken the

The British soldier has great patience and endurance and indomitable courage, but he demands intelligent leadership and some measure of success and progress towards the accomplishment of his given task. If these are lacking the time arrives finally when Tommy makes his feelings manifest by a species of passive revolt or

heart out of the rank and file.

apparently, to end the war by ne-

stitution; and hence also, strange gold mines for the enrichment of themthought it may seem, there are some selves. With this "people" of Engwould not be unwilling to see Kaiser and pirates adopted the same plan of Wilhelm so far yield to the popular campaign that the plutocrats of Amclamor of his subjects as to undertake erica have found so useful to them.

tling the South African dispute on the chated press censorship in this country easiest possible terms in order to and the people were allowed to know mass all her resources against a new nothing that the pirates did not want

It is hardly possible that the murder land in the overthrow of liberty and by starvation of women and children free government in South Africa would in the concentration camps of South be the worst blow to the English "peo-Africa will be endured by the civilized ple" that has occurred in a thousand without some energetic protests-pro- years. tests that will mean action-if words are not heeded. Among the Englishmen who are making these protests is William T. Stead. In a lecture in London delivered last Saturday and to The Office Seekers got too Numerous which thousands listened, he said he thanked God that Germany and Europe were bold enough to call baby murder a crime. "Compared with England's conduct," he exclaimed, "Herod's slaughter of the innocents was saintlike. Great Britain ought to be beaten in this unjust war. In the American war we employed redskins, body who came, high, low and indifjust as we have loosed Kaffirs against ferent. the Boers and, thank God, we were

The latest dispatches from South derton, as to which Lord Kitchener re- and sat in each other's laps and the ported nothing beyond the fact that que of office-seekers reached down bepioneers, was really a serious affair. expedition. It seems that Grobelaar's commando succeeded in surrounding and captur- take sixteen presidents working twenrailway pioneers. Subsequently Colonel Remington came up with rein- trip to the White house. forcements and after heavy fighting been reported.

forthwith for treason.

tonishment to the whole world. No the man best fitted for the office shall thought of doing such a thing. Col- services to the party. onel Lynch was the commander of a As a matter of fact there is not one ginning of the war. A London corre- which there are not thousands of men | reading: spondent speaking

a somewhat serious significance. It But Roosevelt is disposed to jolt this selected Lynch as a candidate. The The factional differences which natural result would be a revival of the | President McKinley so carefully avoidhostile attitude towards Ireland in ed have all been stirred into great ac treasurer is found buying \$80,000 of methods and measures, and, in a word, practically told both factions that he fer against school fund money and beto render the home rule question acut- has no use for them or their recomfore turning the securities into the state." er than ever. It has been evident for mendations and will make his own ap- school fund, detaching interest coua long time that the nationalist mem- pointments. In Missouri he has shown pons representing half of 1 per cent

this country, harsher governmental tivity. In Kentucky the president has bonds with checks drawn by Mr. Stuebers of parliament are anxious to re- a disposition to place Secretary of the on the principal for the time the bonds vive interest in home rule both in Interior Hitchcock on the same level are to run.



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supineness which is simply paralyz- or hatred towards the "people" of Since Mr. Kerens is the unquestioned of the state treasurer working an England, but from the very beginning leader of the republican party in Mis-exchange of bonds held among the declares in effect that if the state treas-This is the chief secret of British of this difficulty in South Africa, it souri, the inevitable result of the school fund investments for a new is- urer "shall . . . loan, with or without non-success in South Africa. The au- has seen the mistake that Joe Cham- president's course will be either the re- sue bearing a lower rate of interest, interest, to any company, corporation, thorities are helpless, for it is impos- berlain, Cecil Rhodes and his gang of tirement of Mr. Hitchcock from the buying the new bonds by turning in association, or individual, any portion age would disregard custom. How- sible to substitute fresh troops, as diamond and gold mine speculating cabinet or the disruption of the public money . . . held by him retreat of Governor Savage after it would have been done in the case of a financial pirates made when they at- souri republican organization. Hitch- longing to the state, and then before for safe keeping. . " he shall be guil- had been announced that he would smaller campaign. It is impossible al- tacked a free and liberty-loving race cock has never been a man of force in delivering the securities bought with ty of a high crime and be imprisoned join the other governors in preserving reducing the republics to a crown col- been marked by numerous rows with as the rightful owner, detaching in- year nor more than 21 years. Hence it is that the Boer struggle ony and then exploiting the great nat- his subordinates. It was his connect terest coupons covering half of 1 per threatens to become a permanent in- ural resources of the diamond and tion with the Window Glass trust cent on the face of \$55,000, for their justify the following conclusions: shrewd observers in this country who land had nothing to do. But these McKinley. They captured the avenues of com-What would be the natural result? munication with the people and fed however, is that in Russia the tax is at Lincoln by way of Toledo between knowing that it was asking the state allow the constitution of his state to England would be enabled to say that them on lies until the whole nation for the benefit of the government while June and September, leaving coupons treasurer to confess himself guilty of be trampled under the feet of the railthe empire was threatened by a great was excited and demanding war upon in the United States it is for the benefit power and that therefore there would the Boers. The censorship was estab- of the trust, whose former president be no loss of prestige involved in set- lished after the fashion of the Asso- is the secretary of the interior. them to know. The triumph of Eng-

TEDDY BEATS A RETREAT

the San Juan Fighter was Forced

President Roosevelt moved his playthings into the White house he announced his purpose of seeing every-

He even invited them to come before the diffidence of the new comers had worn off. But when, finally, the ante-Africa show that the recent fighting rooms became so crowded that the apnear Villiersdorp, southwest of Stan- plicants stood on each other's feet Commandant Buys had been captured youd the treasury, Roosevelt weakened after attacking a patrol of 100 railroad and fled down the river on a ducking

His purpose is all right, but it would ing a British force of 100 British cape ty-four hours a day to listen to every one who felt called upon to make a

The various shindles which Roosecompelled the Boers to retire and to velt is kicking up all over the country release their prisoners. The British over appointments, are bound to have losses included Major Fisher killed a disastrous reaction on the party or and three officers wounded. The cas- ganization. Whatever views the rank ualties among the men have not yet and file of the republican party may have had regarding its mission on Colonel Arthur Lynch, the newly- earth, it is an undeniable fact that the elected member of parliament for Gal- men who have done the hustling in way, has been informed that if he the past, are the ones who have been comes to England he will be tried expecting offices in the present and future.

The election of Colonel Lynch from | Roosevelt's idea is that of the thea constituency in Ireland was an as- oretical civil service reformer, that nation but the Irish would have have it, regardless of the value of his

brigade in the Boer army at the be- office from the presidency down for of this matter fully qualified. So it has grown up as a matter of common political sense "The Irish goad which Galway has that the men who have been active in struck into the government's back has party work should have the offices.

of consideration which President Mc-The Independent harbors no malice Kinley gave to Richard C. Kerens.

in which his career ha which gave him sufficient prominence to attract the eye of the late President

Over in Russia a tax is imposed on every window in a house. There is a tax on every window in every house in the United States. The difference, While President Roosevelt has the

whip hand of his party leaders in the matter of appointments, they have turned the tables on him in the matter forthcoming message was dogmatic and peremptory to a degree on a dozen topics of proposed legislation. As it will actually go to congress it will contain far fewer recommendations than the draft.

This is the result of the discovery that the republican leaders have no intention of adopting any leastic legis- the state without risking or investing Independent will join him in demand- northwestern states. While he has ation on any topic whatever, preferto alarm the trusts and their allied and subjected business interests.

The general popular demand that the tariff benefits which mapie the trusts to charge protection prices at nome while they grant free trade prices abroad are not to be disturbed. A situation which demands radical and clear cut legislation is to be tickled with a few weak-kneed reciprocity treaties, in which the widest possible margin of tariff reduction is limited partrimony of future generations are and Cuming deals. to twenty per cent of the present tariff

That is, a trust-made article protected by a sixty per cent tariff, and which needs no tariff protection at all, may have its tariff cut to 48 per cent. A forty-eight foot wall is as good as a sixty-foot wall when a ten foot wall fords more than ample protection.

About the only piece of legislation with a clear way ahead of it is the reenactment of the Chinese exclusion act to which there seems to be no material opposition.

There is a fearful fumor in republican circles that President Roosevelt will not even recommend Senator Hanta's pet ship subsidy bill.

STUEFER WON'T RESIGN

Ill the Republican State House Official Equally Guilty-Rake-offs Given on The Bee's editorial last Sunday gives

summing up of the evidence against Mr. Stuefer, and deserves a careful

"The successive disclosures of shady bond deals by which the school fund has been milked for the benefit of private individuals have not improved the case of State Treasurer Stuefer.

message. Reports have leaked out that to have a great effect upon the Irish knowledge and judgment of the fitness he has personally shared in the rakeer make the salient points stand out in still stronger light. That the school that was sufficient. We have learned but unquestionably it has exasperated tucky, Missouri and Kansas he has al-

"In the Burt county bond deal, a close business associate of the state

the state's money to the school fund in the penitentiary entire term.

"In the Otoe county bond deal, alhands of the middlemen.

"None of the essential points in rassing situation. perversion of sacred trust funds.

friends to use the school fund for specbeen seriously shaken by his refusal a periodical exhibit of the whereabouts | Thompson force of state officers. of the funds in his keeping has been completely destroyed by the exposure of this school fund mismanagement.

"So far as the Bee is concerned it has no other interest in the matter than that of the state and the party. rightfully the object of most jealous care on the part of every patriotic Nebraskan. The misuse of these sacred and will not be countenanced or con- cent interest per year on \$44,000. doned whether or not criminal responsibility attaches.

treasurer. If he and his advisers have of the situation he has brought upon tional investment. himself, they will see to it that this suggestion is carried out without un-

necessary delay." Let it contain its soul in patience.

"Beyond the persistent denial that tion and the educational fund.

by it England will recognize the Mon- cause. It threatens to do no less than of individuals from the Atlantic to the off of these transactions, Mr. Stuefer's the governor, secretary of state, treas- tion by buying a constitutional invest- ditional surrender of the Boers. roe doctrine. Before our toadying pol- here and his friends claim tended in its inception as a huge jolie, ware, South Carolina, Alabama, Ken- fund has been made to suffer a loss of agement of the school lands and funds. The constitution does not require that Broderick are amazing, say the Kruonly can be appropriated."

> stitute the temporary school fund tion evidently foresaw such a contin- if 10,000 men (the British estimate of which "shall be exclusively applied to gency when it provided that the "state the present Boer strength) could have the support and maintenance of com- shall supply all losses thereof, that kept Kitchener's immense army on mon schools in each school district in shall in any manner accrue." It was the go over a country 1,000 by 500 miles

we find the same business associate osses thereof, that may in any man- An iron-bound construction of section promise for Boer diplomatic success.

by the whole board.

investments should be made out of do its full duty. the permanent fund, unless the legislature had by law provided some oth- should make an appropriation out of er method of paying such premiums. some available fund, to be at the 9. In this same opinion, last cited, board's disposal in the payment of the court said: "The payment of a premiums on county bonds, and thus premium in making an investment close the door against such frauds as when the market value of the security have been committed by the present purchased justifies and requires it, is board. Also enact such legislation as a legitimate use of the money as a would leave no room for any legal part of the investment, and does in no quibbles over the right of the board to sense violate the constitutional pro- go into the market and bid for any vision that this fund 'shall remain constitutional security on an equal forever inviolate and undiminished." footing with any other bidder whom-

10. The supreme court, in re State soever. Warrants, 25 Neb., 660, (opinion by Chief Justice Reese) held that "state warrants issued in pursuance of an Rosewater. But don't make fish of appropriation, and secured by a levy of taxes for their payment, are 'state securities' within the provisions of section 9, article 8 of the state con- have time to place another populist stitution."

11. The supreme court in 39 Neb., 353, held that a general deposit in a bank is a loan of the money deposited bish. and, hence, that the trust funds could not legally be deposited in banks under the depository law.

12. Section 124 of the criminal code

though the same business associate of treasurer make a statement as to these state constitutions and utterly the state treasurer does not figure, we where he keeps the trust funds, must defies the state authorities. Fine Burfind a bond issue offered to the state have been made either for political lington is in the deal and even some school fund at par, making the transit buncombe (and this is the reasonable of the eastern dailies are surprised from Nebraska City to the state house construction); or made ignorantly, not that the Nebraska governor should equal to a difference of 1 per cent in embezzlement (for the law is harsh); road trust, not only without a protest

these transactions have been denied by (b) That Mr. Rosewater's disclosures be surprised. Governor Savage, as Mr. Stuefer. Every step is attested by regarding the Burt, Cuming and Otoe well as all the state officers, was electpublic records and the testimony of county bond deals fully justify his de- ed by the railroads and it is only to be of legislation. The first draft of his public officials. Nor has anything been mand for Treasurer Stuefer's resigna- expected that he will stand by the offered in justification of so flagrant a tion-but Treasurer Stuefer is no more men who made him governor. The "The Bee said a week ago that the board, and Mr. Rosewater cannot con- ing on the matter, says: most charitable construction to be sistently ask for the treasurer's resigplaced on these transactions is that nation without also asking for the res- ing an interstate agreement to fight Mr. Stuefer has allowed personal ignations of Governor Savage, Secre- the aggressions of the trusts is illusulation and profit at the expense of and Land Commissioner Follmer. The ence with the other executives of the a dollar of their own. Public confi- ing the resignations of all five mem- received enthusiastic responses to his ring to do nothing which might tend | dence in Treasurer Stuefer that had bers of the board, but does not believe | request for joint action from a numto comply with the reasonable demand Let them all resign and allow Gover- braska, after intimating his willing-

> maliciously wrong construction of the that the railroads in Nebraska are constitution in holding that the state | fighting each other and he fails to sea treasurer cannot legally bid more any reason for his working with the than par for county bonds, and has other governors to cure a Minnesota thereby opened the door for just such evil. The misfortune of the case is The school funds that constitute the frauds as were committed in the Burt | that such a fight cannot be well waged

> ing, the Otoe county bonds were sold | machinery of every state touched by to eastern bond brokers, and later the lines. The defection of a single trust funds for private gain cannot bought by the state at a loss of 1 per executive weakens the front and leaves

> "The Bee has already suggested that the permanent fund, in buying state which, taking cognizance of the inthe proper thing for Mr. Stuefer to do warrants as an investment, which is terstate character of the railroad sysis to resign from his position as state right and proper. That it should do tems, will place within the jurisdicthe same regarding the purchase of tion of a national official or board, any true appreciation of the gravity county bonds or any other constitu- the power to regulate the affairs of

manent fund takes place in the purchase of either bonds or warrants, Of course Treasurer Stuefer will not such as would violate the constitution resign. Who ever heard of one of the in any event, even if the amount of old gang resigning? Besides, he has such premium should never be made the support of practically all the other good to the permanent fund. But, if republican papers in the state, and hair-splitting must be indulged in, imwhy should he resign? But his term pairment cannot take place until the of office will expire early in January, security is finally redeemed by the 1903, and he will not succeed himself authority issuing it. For example, -so the Bee can have that satisfaction. \$50,000 in Otoe county bonds be purchased at a premium of 2 per cent. It Although fusion papers and fusion- would require \$51,000 of permanent ists generally have no reason to take funds to buy the bonds. They are a hand in this fight between rival fac- worth that on the market, because of tions in the republican party, yet The the rate of interest they bear. They Independent desires to make a few are to run twenty years. When finalplain statements of fact regarding the ly paid off by Otoe county, of course duties of the state treasurer and the only \$50,000 comes back to the permaboard of educational lands and funds, nent fund and there is a technical no matter what their politics may be: "impairment" of \$1,000 in that fund. that President Kruger laughs at the 1. Article VIII. of the state consti- But this is a matter for the legislature | declaration of the Duke of Devonshire tution covers the question of educa- to make good, and not something for that the first requirement of the Brit the board to worry over. The board ish government for a cessation of the 2. Section 1 of this article makes did its duty. It obeyed the constitu- fighting in South Africa is the uncorsioner of public lands and buildings a was such that it must either pay the that the war is only beginning. The board of commissioners for the man- 2 per cent premium or lose the bonds. statistics given by Secretary of War 3. Section 3 defines what shall con- investments shall be bought only at ger party. The British, says Mr. that England has applauded Secretary Hay's Boston speech. Well, that's a bad sign.

The English people as a whole. Perhaps of bitterness over his appointments which will not be bodght only at the English people as a whole. Perhaps of bitterness of bitter it is necessary to offer a premium or the burghers' strength was 30,000! 4. Section 4 defines what shall con- otherwise. The constitutional conven- Again the Krugerites want to know not supposed that losses might not in area?

ner accrue, so that the same shall re- 9 simply places the board at the mercy main forever inviolate and undimin- of bond brokers, and it is the supremished. And shall not be invested colest folly to say that the board shall loaned except on United States or state not permit the treasurer to bid more securities, or registered county bonds | than par for county bonds. The perof this state . . . and shall not be manent fund has already been impairtransferred to any other fund for other ed probably \$30,000 by the payment of premiums on county bonds-but the 6. Section 1 places the duty of in- temporary school fund was greatly vesting the permanent funds upon the benefitted thereby, because choice investments were made, thereby bring-7. The supreme court in State vs. ing into the temporary fund a hand-Bartley, 40 Nebraska Reports, 298, some income. Further impairment has held that the funds must be invested occurred through Bartley's failure to deliver the amount he had "on hand" 8. The supreme court, in re School to his successor. And each succeeding Fund, 15 Neb., 680, held that the pay- legislature that fails to make proviment of a premium on purchase of sion for supplying these losses, fails to

(g) Future legislatures, however,

More strength to the Bee's strong right arm. Hammer away at them. one and flesh of the other. The people would welcome Governor Steele and associates of his choosing until they governor in the chair. Let the whole shooting match resign forthwith. It would be a good riddance of bad rub-

GOV. SAVAGE FLUNKS

It Causes Comment all Over the United States-He Will not Fight any Railroad Trust

Numerous comments have been made in the eastern papers over the A summary of the foregoing would there is a provision prohibiting the (a) That Mr. Rosewater's famous railroads. The great \$400,000,000 railresolution demanding that the state road trust proposes to override all the interest rate on \$44,000 in the or was made wilfully for the purpose but with his consent. They are not of placing the treasurer in an embar- well acquainted with the republican party in this state or they would not guilty than the other members of the Washington, D. C., Star, in comment-

"The difficulty in the way of securtary Marsh, Attorney General Prout trated by Governor Van Sant's experiin making a scape goat of Mr. Stuefer. ber of the governors, Savage of Neof the republican state convention for nor Steele to select an entire anti- ness to join the movement, has reconsidered and is now quoted as opposed (c) That the board has made a to any such course. He cites the fact against a railroad combination unless (d) That owing to such wrong hold- it includes, on the offensive side, the a hole for the escape of the trust (e) That the board authorizes Treas- Herein occurs the strongest possible urer Stuefer to pay a premium, out of proof of the need of federal legislation the corporations as far as they affect (f) That no impairment of the per- the rights of the public in general."

A place of Refuge

Editor Independent: Strange as 't may seem from my environment, I am a populist and voted for Weaver in '92. "I got it in the west though." The democratic party under its present leader and the Kansas City and Chicago platforms are good enough for me now. But if the "reorganizers" succeed in getting control and make it an annex to the republican party, we will have in the populist party a place of refuge. So, God speed you all, for are we not working to the same ends? CHAS. M. BOWEN. B h, N. Y.

Makes Kruger Laugh

5. Section 9 declares that the per- accrue in some way or another-in The Afrikander sympathizers in The manent school fund (and the other fact, it was evidently expected that Hague are vastly pleased with what permanent educational funds) "shall there would be occasional loss. But they claim is confusion, and doubt on are to run.

"In the Cuming county bond deal state, and the state shall supply all ter for the legislature to act upon. They look to the future as big with