



T. M. Gilmore, president of the National Model License League, has issued a statement from Louisville, Ky., in which he declares that the anti-saloon league is morally responsible for the death of the late Senator Carmack. Tennessee is thoroughly aroused over the Carmack tragedy and efforts will be made to bring about state-wide prohibition.

A St. Paul, Minn., dispatch carried by the Associated Press follows: In a decision in the suit brought by the state against the Minnesota and International railroad to get an adequate definition of the term gross earnings the state supreme court says: "The gross earnings which form the basis of the three per cent bond under the provision of the special laws of 1873, is not limited to earnings derived from the operation of trains but include all earnings by such railway companies while performing work incidental to, or connected with the business of transportation, and which may reasonably be considered within the scope of their corporate powers."

John Gardner Coolidge, the American minister to Nicaragua, has resigned. It is reported he did so because he disapproved of the United States "meddling" with the internal affairs of Nicaragua.

Columbus, Ohio, dispatches say that the Hamilton county republican representatives to the legislature will be solid for Charles P. Taft for United States senator to succeed Senator Foraker. This gives Taft thirteen votes from his own county, one of the fourteen representatives being a democrat.

President-elect Taft has caused it to be announced that Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the republican national committee, will be postmaster general in the Taft cabinet.

Count Boni de Castellane has brought suit against his former wife, who was Miss Anna Gould and now the wife of Prince Helle de Sagan, for the custody of his three children. The trial is going on at Paris and is full of scandal.

Mr. Roosevelt delivered the principal address at the laying of the corner stone of the new home for the colored Y. M. C. A. building at Washington, D. C.

In a letter addressed to Sereno Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, James W. Van Cleave, president of the national association of manufacturers, says: "We would rather bear the ills of the Dingley tariff than to be a party to a tariff revision made in the old manner. To appear before you to plead for certain schedules would be to acquiesce in the superficial and unbusinesslike methods of investigation against which you protest. We have carefully watched all the statements that have been made by you and your associates in recent years, and instead of convincing us of the error of our ways, we are more than ever convinced that your present plans of gathering information, on which the readjustment is proposed to be based, is wrong, radically, absurdly, fatally wrong." Mr. Van Cleave sets forth his views regarding an "expert, non-partisan tariff commission" and claims that it is impossible for the ways and means

committee in the limited time at its disposal to make an inquiry which can furnish an adequate basis for any such tariff as the country demands.

Madam Steinhall, arrested in Paris for the murder of her husband and a woman companion, is now charged with having poisoned the late President Faure. All France is agitated over the disclosures.

Judge Milo A. Root of the Washington state supreme court, has resigned.

Vice President Fairbanks upon his retirement on March 4 will take up the practice of law at Indianapolis.

Speaking of his course as United States senator, Albert B. Cummins of Iowa said: "I am deeply convinced of the justice and the wisdom of the economic system which imposes protective duties upon imports, and with my voice and vote in the senate of the United States I shall do everything in my power to preserve it. To me this established policy of the republican party means duties upon competitive products high enough fully to protect the American producer in his home market against the unfair rivalry of other countries, but, upon the other hand, low enough to insure to the American consumer a fair American price. I am in absolute harmony with the definition announced in the most recent national republican platform. I stand, as you all know, for a revision of the tariff schedules; an honest revision, keeping the promise to the hope as well as to the ear; a revision tested by the standard declared in the platform; and what little influence I may have will be exerted to fulfill the pledge upon which the coming administration was intrusted with political power."

Ray Lamphere, on trial at LaPorte, Ind., for the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness, was convicted of arson and given an indeterminate sentence of from two to twenty-one years. The verdict was a compromise.

Representative Joseph G. Cannon has announced that he is in favor of a revision of the tariff in accordance with platform pledges, and wants the revision accomplished right away.

John D. Rockefeller was on the witness stand for an entire day in the Standard Oil hearing now in progress in New York. Mr. Rockefeller denied that his brain conceived the Standard Oil company, and gave the credit to Mr. Flagler and Mr. Dodd. Mr. Rockefeller's memory was exceedingly deficient at times, but in all matters of little moment it was in splendid working order.

The republican national committee reports that it expended \$1,655,518 during the campaign. The largest single contributor was Charles P. Taft, brother of the president-elect, who contributed \$110,000.

Public Printer John B. Leech has tendered his resignation to the president and asked to be returned to service in the Philippines. The resignation is said to be due to the opposition of the president to some of Mr. Leech's policies. Samuel B. Donnelly, ex-president of the Inter-

national Typographical Union, has been appointed to succeed Leech.

Owing to ill health Bishop Foss has retired from the presidency of the Methodist Episcopal board of home missions and church extension.

Representative Charles W. Fowler, of New Jersey, has announced himself as a candidate for speaker to succeed Joseph G. Cannon. The announcement is said to be the cause of Speaker Cannon's present uneasiness and sudden conversion from standpattism.

Tang Shao Yi, special envoy to the United States, has arrived and is on his way to Washington. He comes to tender to the American republic the deep feeling of appreciation held by China for the United States' action in remitting so large a portion of the Boxer indemnity. He is accompanied by Prince Tsai Fu and a large retinue.

Andrew Carnegie has announced himself as favoring a radical reduction of the tariff, especially in the iron and oil schedules. He says they are no longer "infant industries." Mr. Carnegie, however, refused to appear before the ways and means committee now sitting as a tariff commission.

James Bryan, editor and publisher of the Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch, and well known as a leading manufacturer in the south, died at his home in Richmond. Immediately after the war, in which Mr. Bryan, then a mere boy, took an active part as a member of Forrest's command, he returned to Richmond and began his career as an iron manufacturer. He soon became a leader in the "new south" and for many years has been an acknowledged leader in its business growth.

Troops fired upon a body of strikers at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and killed several, wounding many more. The strike is against the National Fireproofing company. Leaders of the strike declare that they were in no wise connected with the alleged attack upon the works, which are being guarded by troops day and night.

The war against rats in San Francisco is showing results, and already it is claimed that the danger of bubonic plague is over.

The official vote of Indiana was as follows: Taft 348,993, Bryan 338,262, Chafin 18,045, Watson 1,193, Debs 13,476, Preston 643, Hisgen 514.

Two tornadoes sweeping over Arkansas resulted in the killing of a score or more of people and immense destruction of property.

Attorney General Bonaparte has filed a petition in the supreme court of the United States urging that court to issue a writ of certiorari to the circuit court of appeals for the Seventh circuit, to review the judgment of that court reversing the rulings of Judge Landis in the case in which the Standard Oil company was fined \$29,000,000 on the charge of violating the anti-trust law.

An Associated Press dispatch from Port Au Prince says: "The revolutionists, under command of General Antoine Simon, the former commander of the department of the south following up their victory over the government forces at Anzeca-Veaux, are pushing up to Port Au Prince. They have driven back the government troops many miles and have seized the towns of Miragoane and Petit Goave. It is believed that Gen-

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