

tremely delicate. The old Panama scandal, which wrecked so many fortunes and reputations, and brought the country almost to the verge of a revolution, is now legally closed, and no matter how willing the government might be to accede to the American request, it would probably hesitate if such action involved the slightest risk of reopening the old question. Even should a favorable response be given, the French and not the American procedure would doubtless be followed. Judge Ditt, president of the tribune of first instance of the Seine, would nominate a judge before whom the witnesses might appear to answer questions previously drawn up. No cross-examination or new line of evidence is possible under the French system in such cases. Moreover, neither the attendance of witnesses nor their giving of testimony is compulsory. Witnesses would simply be cited to appear by a bailiff, and could refuse to answer on the flimsiest pretext without penalty. The question of documents and papers which the defendant's attorneys desire to examine presents even greater difficulties. Subpoenas, such as are issued in the United States, are unknown in France."

A New York dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Carrying four great boxes of E. H. Harriman's favorite cigars, three of his children, Mary, Caroline and Roland, sailed today on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm to join him in Europe. Mr. Harriman being unable to procure abroad the brand of cigars he has smoked for years, cabled his children to bring a supply."

The state banking board for Nebraska, following the federal court's injunction against Nebraska's guaranteed deposits law, has issued orders that state banks must not advertise that their deposits are secured by the state.

Unprecedented rains and melted snows from the mountains resulted in great floods throughout the Missouri valley. Great damage was done to property.

The tercentenary celebration of the discovery of Lake Champlain was celebrated at Plattsburg, N. Y. Canada and the United States joined hands in the celebration. An Associated Press dispatch says: "President Taft, Ambassadors Jusserand and Bryce with Governors Hughes and Prouty occupied the center of the celebration stage. Each made three speeches, and all were at a brilliant banquet at the Hotel Champlain. Senator Root added to the prominent guests and made the historical address of the celebration at Plattsburg barracks. Postmaster General Rolfe Lemieux of Canada also spoke at the barracks, and with Senator Root and the others again at the banquet, where the expressions of friendly good will among the three great nations participating in the tercentenary were emphasized. Mr. Lemieux and Ambassador Jusserand each took President Taft for a subject, and in their remarks gave him equal prominence with Champlain. Mr. Jusserand declared that there should be a filial feeling between Champlain and the president for each knew what it was to plant a flag in a far away land. "The spirit of all that is best in Champlain," declared Mr. Jusserand, "lives again in President Taft. And there is a people in a distant archipelago who know it, and feel it, and who for centuries will bless his name."

George W. Wickersham, attorney general in the Taft administration, addressed the Kentucky Bar Association at Paducah. "He said that

Congress should enact a law providing for the creation of corporations for interstate commerce by federal authority.

Senator Clay was re-elected by the Georgia legislature.

John R. Early, a young southerner was taken in custody at Washington on the charge that he was a leper. He was removed to the New York cancer hospital where doctors declared that he was simply suffering with a skin disease.

John D. Rockefeller has announced another donation of \$10,000,000 to his "general education board." It is also stated that this brings Mr. Rockefeller contributions to that board up to \$52,000,000.

Washington dispatches say that President Taft has abandoned his proposed trip to Alaska. He will, however, make a tour of this country. On his fifty-second birthday, September 17, he will leave Beverly, Mass., going direct to Seattle. He will stop enroute at Denver, Salt Lake and Spokane. He will stop for a time at Portland and will then visit San Francisco. From there he will go to Los Angeles, then into Arizona and New Mexico. He will visit at El Paso, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Corpus Christi, New Orleans, Jackson, Miss., Montgomery and Birmingham, Ala., Augusta and Savannah, Ga., Wilmington, N. C., and Richmond, Va.

Franklin Pierce Overton, judge of the probate court of Livingston county, Mo., one of the best known Missouri democrats, died at his home in Chillicothe.

A Washington dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "By charging that wholesale perjury is constantly committed by people desirous of beating the civil service law, Civil Service Commissioner McIlhenney has stirred up a fine sensation in the departments. Not only does he charge perjury in a great number of cases but he alleges a collusion between the applicants for positions, and the county officers of counties all over the country."

At the National Educational Association, in session at Denver, San Francisco was chosen as the next place of meeting. The following officers were elected: President, J. Y. Joyner, North Carolina; treasurer, A. H. Chamberlain, California; first vice president, L. H. Harvey, Wisconsin; secretary, Irwin W. Shepherd, Minnesota.

The Christian Endeavor held its largest convention at St. Paul, July 7. Every state and territory in the union, and many foreign countries were represented. Mr. Bryan was one of the speakers.

EXONERATING EVE

Young Lady (to Tommy, who has just announced that he is engaged to a lady aged twelve)—"Why, I thought you always promised to marry me!"

Tommy—"Yes, yes. I know I did. I blame myself entirely."—Punch.

A GILDED YOUTH

"I believe I'll go in for ballooning a bit. It seems to be the thing."

"What kind of a balloon shall you buy?"

"Oh, I'll have a touring affair, a cloud-climber, a balloonette, and a light flyabout for town use."—Kansas City Star.

HEARING FROM THEIR CONSTITUENTS

Even the Louisiana democratic congressmen are hearing from their constituents. The Associated Press carried this dispatch:

Donaldville, La., July 2.—The farmers' union has adopted a resolution condemning the Payne tariff bill "as passed by the house for \$33,000,000 revenue." The resolution says in part:

"As a class, we southern farmers have become the prey of other specially favored classes. Upon our shoulders is heaped the burden of federal taxation through the abominable tariff question. We hold Congressmen Ransdell, Broussard, Pujo, Watkins, Estopinal and especially Robert C. Wickliffe, of this district, as recreant to their trust for supporting the exorbitant tariff schedule on lumber. We demand that all the necessities of life, especially cotton goods, be put upon the free list."

It was declared a "national shame" for the congressmen to ignore legislative restrictions by voting away \$21,000,000 for the fleet's cruise around the world and for the relief of foreign earthquake sufferers. The spirit of militarism is deplored, and in conclusion it is stated:

"We demand that congress enact legislation which will reinstate the universal law of supply and demand to govern American markets."

The Shreveport (La.) Times prints the following special dispatch:

Homer, June 27.—A mass meeting was held at the court house here yesterday, and strong resolutions were adopted condemning the position of Louisiana's representatives in congress on the tariff bill.

The call was issued to the voters of Claiborne parish, and about one hundred responded, assembling at the court house at 2 p. m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor A. R. Johnson and Dr. J. E. Meadors, of Mahon, was elected chairman, with E. H. Fortson, secretary. The committee on resolutions appointed at a previous meeting were as follows: A. R. Johnson, chairman; W. Y. Dawson, G. B. Sherman, E. N. Evans, J. L. Ferguson and C. J. Kennerly.

The resolutions were read and a motion for their adoption was made and seconded. Hon. C. W. Seals objected to certain personal allusions contained in the resolutions, which he said should be modified. After some discussion, a motion was made that the chair appoint a new committee, and that they retire to make such corrections as they deemed proper. The motion was carried and the names of Hon. Drew Ferguson, C. W. Seals and J. R. Richardson were added to the former committee.

While the committee was revising the resolutions, Hon. J. R. Phipps made a speech in which he dwelt at length on the policies of the democratic party as enunciated by its founders, and also on its policies of today.

The resolutions which were adopted by a majority, after considerable discussion, were as follows:

"Whereas, our senators and congressmen, elected on the inherent democratic policy of tariff for revenue only, and for free admission of lumber as promulgated by a representative body at the national convention at Denver, and

"Whereas, said senators and congressmen sought and received our votes and aid, professing friendship and support of the said platform, and

"Whereas, certain of our congressmen have joined the republican party, in voting to perpetuate the obnoxious gag rule that confers almost absolute power on the speaker of the house and destroys the power of the minority, and

"Whereas, certain of our senators

and congressmen have made speeches openly declaring in favor of protection, a principle obnoxious to the democracy from the birth of our party, and the momentous question that has divided the great parties for all this time, and

"Whereas, the said senators and congressmen have voted as a unit in favor of protection on lumber in repudiation of the said Denver platform, and have made speeches in favor of protection on many other articles, voting to perpetuate a burden on the common people of this country and a perpetuation of the powers of the trusts and monopolies, in their efforts to crush competition, debauch our courts and vitiate the laws, and

"Whereas, our senior senator, recently unanimously elected by the democratic votes of our state, as a representative and defender of our faith, has boldly announced his abandonment of our forces, and gone soul, body and boots into the enemy's ranks, and both of our United States senators have spoken and voted in direct opposition to democratic doctrine and with the extreme flesh-pot wing of the republican party, and

"Whereas, they have attempted to defame the champions of our faith of old and also our modern leaders by declaring, viz: 'I may further add that it is gratifying, Mr. President, that at this session of congress, we notice a great change of opinion among democrats in voting here, for

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