

:-: Washington News :-:

Atlantic county last November reported to the house that it found that there was false registration, illegal voting and purchase of votes, and that election officers of the county failed to do their duty. It is estimated by the committee that from the testimony taken there were approximately 2,000 illegal registrations and 1,000 illegal votes."

An Albany, N. Y., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: "The senate ratified the resolution approving the proposed income tax amendment to the federal constitution defeated last year by a single vote in the assembly. The resolution is expected to be acted upon by the assembly within a short time, and no doubt is expressed of its adoption. A lively debate preceded the vote, the republicans generally opposing the amendment, while the democrats favored it."

An Associated Press dispatch from Guadalajara, Mexico, says: "James A. Cook, the American conductor, arrested some time ago as an accomplice in the robbery of freight cars on the National railway near here, has just received a check for \$1,556 as compensation for the time he was in prison. This is his salary from the railroad from the time he was locked up. The order of railway conductors adjusted the matter. Cook lives in Fort Scott, Kan., and is preparing to return home."

A. V. Fawcett, mayor of Tacoma, Wash., was recalled and W. W. Seymour chosen mayor, in a recall election, held April 18.

John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Structural Iron Workers' Association, James McNamara and Ortie McManigal were arrested at Indianapolis on the charge of having had something to do with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building October 1, 1910. Twenty-one lives were lost in that affair. The men were taken to Los Angeles by a troop of special detectives. McNamara and other union labor men declare that there is nothing to the charge other than a desire to injure organized labor.

THE CROSSED FINGERS

He swore that her kiss was the first he had had;
But his fingers were crossed!
He'd kissed but his mother, when he was a lad—
Yes, his fingers were crossed!
He vowed that not only he'd ne'er had a taste
Of quivering lips, but that no other waist
Had ever been clasped by his arms.
Then in haste
His fingers were crossed!

The sparkler he gave her he'd purchased that day,
But his fingers were crossed!
No previous maiden had worn it—
Nay, nay!
But his fingers were crossed!
And never, so long as his life should endure,
Would eye, cheek, or lip of another maid lure—
He knew it—past every doubt he was sure—
But his fingers were crossed!

She listened to all of the guff he had said
While his fingers were crossed!
She laid on his bosom her wise little head
While his fingers were crossed!
She answered so low that the famed "little bird"
Who peddles sweet secrets could scarcely have heard
As she breathed, "Oh, my love, I believe every word!"
But her fingers were crossed!
—Strickland Gillian, in Puck.

Senator Hitchcock who had an attack of vertigo at the national capitol has been examined by physicians and pronounced to be in good health.

Senator Stone delivered a speech in the senate endorsing President Taft for sending troops to the Mexican border and expressing the opinion that the American armies should be marched into Mexico in order to protect American interests.

Senator Works of California, an insurgent republican, delivered his maiden speech in the senate in support of the Arizona constitution.

A resolution introduced in the senate by Culberson (dem., Tex.) declares that intervention in Mexico would be contrary to the policy of this government.

Sweeping investigation of shipping pools, conferences and combinations is proposed in a house resolution by Humphrey (rep., Wash.)

The house has provided means for investigation of all executive departments of the government.

A Washington correspondent for the Philadelphia North American sends to his newspaper this more or less startling dispatch:

"By an order dated October 28 of last year, eleven days before the last election, and several months after the attempt to turn over the Alaskan coal fields to the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate had been frustrated through the investigation of former Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, President Taft himself gave actual control of the same coal fields to the same syndicate.

"This announcement, made now for the first time, is given added significance by the fact that at the time the order was issued President Taft had publicly announced that he had taken into his own hands the matter of the claims of the Alaskan coal fields, with the intention of administering absolute justice alike to the coal claimants and to the public interests. He had led the public to believe that its property rights in the coal lands of Alaska were to be safeguarded, and that neither evasion nor violation of the law would be permitted to open a way to the invasion of those rights by monopolizing syndicates or exploiting individuals.

"With the public lulled into a sense of temporary security, both by the assurances of the president and the revelations made in the Ballinger inquiry, which seemed to preclude the possibility of any action adverse to the public interest, until all claims were adjusted publicly, the president signed the order which, so far as the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate is concerned, was as valuable to that combination as would have been a title to the coal lands themselves. For the order issued by President Taft, and made public now, for the first time, gave to the syndicate absolute control of the only possible outlet from the mines to tidewater not already in the control of the syndicate."

A Washington correspondent for the New York World says: "If the farmers' free list bill, reported, becomes a law, the remission in duties will be more than \$8,000,000. The cotton growers of the south, it is estimated, will save \$1,500,000 on a 13,000,000 bale crop. On sacks to ship peanuts, potatoes and kindred

farm products there will be a saving. Mr. Kitchen, who arranged this list for the ways and means committee, thinks, of from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

"Free lumber will save western home builders not less than \$20,000,000. Taking the duties from the products of the steel trust will save about \$5,000,000. This includes fencing and baling wires.

"At the present price of flour there should be a cut of \$1.17 a barrel. The public generally should save more in proportion from boots and shoes, salt, leather goods and harness, Mr. James of Kentucky, said.

"Mr. Underwood said that the northern farmer would profit from duty-free farm implements and burlaps and sacks; the southern farmer from cotton bagging and ties."

Ex-Speaker Cannon delivered a hot speech in the house against the Canadian reciprocity bill.

The Canadian reciprocity bill passed the house April 21, by a vote of 265 to 88.

Mr. Berger, the socialist member, voted for the reciprocity bill. Sixty-seven republicans voted for it and 197 democrats voted for it. The negative vote comprised 10 democrats and 78 republicans. The negative vote was:

Republicans—Anderson, Minnesota; Bradley, New York; Burke, South Dakota; Campbell, Kansas; Cannon, Illinois; Copley, Illinois; Currier, New Hampshire; Dalzell, Pennsylvania; Davis, Minnesota; DeForest, New York; Dodds, Michigan; Driscoll, New York; Dwight, New York; Esch, Wisconsin; Fairchild, New York; Foch, Pennsylvania; Fordney, Michigan; Foster, Vermont; French, Idaho; Gardner, Massachusetts; Gardner, New Jersey; Good, Iowa; Guernsey, Maine; Hamilton, Michigan; Hanna, North Dakota; Hartman, Pennsylvania; Haughen, Iowa; Hawley, Oregon; Hayes, California; Helgesen, North Dakota; Hinds, Maine; Howell, Utah; Humphrey, Washington; Jackson, Kansas; Kendall, Iowa; Kennedy, Iowa; Kincaid, Nebraska; Köpp, Wisconsin; Lafean, Pennsylvania; LaFollette, Washington; Langley, Kentucky; Lenroot, Wisconsin; Lindbergh, Minnesota; McGuire, Oklahoma; McKinley, Illinois; McLaughlin, Michigan; McMorrin, Michigan; Malby, New York; Martin, South Dakota; Mondell, Wyoming; Moore, Pennsylvania; Morgan, Oklahoma; Mott, New York; Nelson, Wisconsin; Norris, Nebraska; Patton, Pennsylvania; Pickett, Iowa; Plumley, Vermont; Powers, Kentucky; Pray, Montana; Prince, Illinois; Prouty, Iowa; Rees, Kansas; Rodenburg, Illinois; Simmons, New York; Sloan, Nebraska; J. M. Smith, and Samuel W. Smith, Michigan; Steenerson, Minnesota; Sterling, Illinois; Thistlewood, Illinois; Towner, Iowa; Volstead, Minnesota; Warburton, Washington; Wedemeyer, Michigan; Willis, Ohio; Woods, Iowa and Young, Kansas. Total, 78.

Democrats—Rathrick, Ohio; Claypool, Ohio; Doughton, North Carolina; Fowler, Illinois; Gudger, North Carolina; Hammond, Minnesota; Pujo, Louisiana; Rucker, Colorado; Webb, North Carolina and Whiteacre, Ohio. Total, 10.

An Associated Press report of the house proceedings, says: "The threat of the republicans opposed to the measure to make the democrats

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