

slavery case of Dred Scott was tried twice.

"An interesting touch to the situation was given when Judge Withrow left his chambers on his way to luncheon, just as the jurors were filing out of the Market street door of the building on the way to a restaurant. Straightening himself with military bearing, the judge, a civil war veteran, lifted the military cap which he frequently wears and held it aloft. The jurors likewise returned the salute. The judge smiled; so did the jury."

One hundred and fifty persons in San Francisco have pleaded guilty to the charge of trafficking in opium. This is the result of an anti-opium campaign carried on by the state board of pharmacy.

The British house of lords have passed the national insurance bill, popularly known as the "out of work" bill. The provisions are as follows: Insurance against illness and unemployment for the laboring classes, including house servants, is the aim of the bill. Workers, employers and the government are obliged to contribute to the funds. Part of the fund will be expended for free medical attendance, part for the maintenance of sanitariums and part for sickness and out of work compensation. July 15, 1912, is set for the measure to become effective, but this date may be postponed by order of the king until Oct 1 for the unemployment insurance and until April 1, 1913, for the insurance against illness.

Premier Asquith assured the anti-women's suffrage society that the British government was in sympathy with its views.

The French conservatives were defeated by a vote of 488 to 98 on a motion to postpone ratification of the Franco-German accord.

Fifty thousand women suit makers and 300 tailors who have been on strike in Berlin since November 23 have abandoned the struggle.

Archduke Henry Ferdinand, of Austria, gives up his rank to marry a Munich girl not of noble rank.

Louis Farrar, vice president of the federal council, was elected president of the Swiss confederation.

Mrs. Arthur Stannard, known as "John Strange Winter," the novelist, died in London.

The Italian forces in Tripoli have taken possession of the oasis of Ex Tadjura.

The transfer of the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi has had a serious financial effect at Calcutta.

IN HIS LINE

"How were you on athletics in college, son?" "I was good at relay events, dad." "That's what I understand. Well, you kin just relay all the carpets your ma took up last spring."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

ON THE WING

Marks—"Speaking of aviators, who is it holds the endurance record?"

Parks—"Elijah, I guess. He certainly holds the record for staying up."—Boston Transcript.

A BACK SLAP

"I wouldn't marry you if you were the only man in the world." "Well, considering the opportunities I would have for selection under the circumstances, I quite agree with you."—Newark Star.

Washington News

The republican national committee in session at Washington, selected Chicago as the place and Tuesday, June 18th, as the date for holding the republican national convention for 1912. The vote stood: Chicago, 42; Denver, 7; St. Louis, 1. John F. Hill, former governor of Maine was chosen chairman of the committee in place of Post Master General Hitchcock. William Hayward of New York and formerly of Nebraska, was chosen secretary. The plan to hold state-wide primaries in the selection of a presidential candidate was defeated. Mr. Taft's friends dominating the committee. A newspaper dispatch generally printed, follows:

All attempts to disguise the fact a concerted move is on foot looking to the nomination of Roosevelt as the republican presidential candidate, apparently was dropped when it became known members of the national committee were being sounded as to their view of the feasibility of "forcing" the nomination on the former president.

Little was talked of but the prospective attitude of Roosevelt.

It became known several prominent republicans had long talks with Roosevelt, and that still others had made engagements to see him after the committee's meeting.

Supporters of Roosevelt admitting while he announced he is not a candidate, claim that as "a good American citizen Roosevelt can not do otherwise than accept, once the convention has acted." No attempt, it was said, will be made to bring a Roosevelt sentiment to a focus at this time. The hope of his supporters is to achieve the victory in the convention itself.

Friends of Taft are meeting Roosevelt sentiment everywhere and assert-the movement is a well directed one. They are urging Taft's nomination on the ground that to refuse to indorse his administration would be to discredit the party.

A Washington correspondent for the Chicago Record-Herald says: Two important points in the great game of strategy pertaining to next year's presidential campaign have been scored by the democrats since the opening of the present session of congress.

One was the passage of the dollar-a-day pension bill by the house. The other is the passage of the Sulzer resolution looking to the termination of the Russian treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832.

No one will deny that politics of the most momentous significance is involved in the action of the democratic house on these subjects.

In both instances the object has been to place the republican administration in a bad light before the voters of the country—or, in other words, to establish a record for the opposition party that will direct attention to its endeavors in connection with issues that are of paramount concern at this time.

If the senate holds up the pension bill so that President Taft will not have a chance to pass upon it, the democratic leaders will claim credit for having done their best to give the surviving soldiers of the civil war practical recognition of a nation's gratitude.

As to the Russian treaty, the abrogation of which was favored with practical unanimity regardless of party, the house democratic leaders feel that they have sprung a great coup by anticipating the results that would follow the refusal of Russia

to remove restrictions applying to the accordance of treaty rights to Jews who are American citizens.

The number of delegates to the republican convention is as follows:

Table listing delegates by state: Alabama 24, Arkansas 18, California 26, Colorado 12, Connecticut 12, Delaware 14, Florida 6, Georgia 12, Idaho 28, Illinois 8, Indiana 58, Iowa 30, Kansas 26, Kentucky 20, Louisiana 26, Maine 20, Maryland 12, Massachusetts 36, Michigan 30, Minnesota 24, Mississippi 20, Missouri 36, Montana 8, Nebraska 16, Nevada 6, New Hampshire 8, New Jersey 28, New York 90, North Carolina 24, North Dakota 10, Ohio 48, Oklahoma 20, Oregon 10, Pennsylvania 76, Rhode Island 10, South Carolina 18, South Dakota 10, Tennessee 24, Texas 40, Utah 8, Vermont 8, Virginia 24, Washington 14, West Virginia 16, Wisconsin 26, Wyoming 6, Alaska 2, Arizona 2, District of Columbia 2, Hawaii 2, New Mexico 2, Philippine Islands 2, Porto Rico 2.

Total 1064

In case Arizona and New Mexico become states there will be six instead of two delegates from each of those political divisions, making the total number of delegates in the convention 1,072.

The United States supreme court denied the appeal of the independent tobacco associations from the decree of the United States circuit court of New York, which approved the dissolution plans of the Tobacco trust. Senator Cummins introduced a bill in the senate granting the independent companies the right to appeal.

Secretary of War Stimson in his annual report to the president declares that war with a first-class power would find the army of the United States practically unprepared. The secretary is opposed to the scattering of the army over the country and emphasizes the lack of reserves.

According to the report of Postmaster General Hitchcock, the post-office department shows the first surplus since 1883.

A Washington dispatch to the Denver News says: Senator Percy of Mississippi rose to a question of personal privilege in the senate and delivered a scathing denunciation of an article relating to his election, published in the November number of the Cosmopolitan magazine. He also bitterly attacked William R. Hearst, who, he said, owned the magazine, and former Governor

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