

## GOOD PROGRESS ON TARIFF BILL

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OBJECT LESSON BY SCOTT

Senator Who Makes Glass Quotes Wholesale Prices.

## PROFITS OF DEALERS ENORMOUS

Pitchers Sold by Factory for Ninety Cents a Dozen Cost Forty Cents Each at Retail—Prices Decrease Under Protection.

WASHINGTON. May 11.—Substantial progress was made in the consideration of the tariff bill today, the amendments of the committee on finance being upheld by the senate by substantial majorities.

A feature of the day's session was a general discussion concerning the great disparity between wholesale and retail prices of commodities. Republican senators declared that this difference was so great as to demonstrate that the duty levied by a protective tariff had small effect on the price paid by the consumer.

This feature of the discussion was precipitated by Senator Scott himself, a glass manufacturer.

The schedule covering the products of lead was passed over upon the suggestion of Senator Aldrich, because he said the finance committee desire to make some changes in the duties as previously recommended.

The section relating to lime stone rock asphalt was at first amended by reducing the duty 50 per cent under the present law, but later, on motion of Mr. Beveridge, who suggested that perhaps that article should go on the free list, the paragraph was temporarily passed over.

The schedule relating to mica was also passed over, Mr. Aldrich saying the committee desired to reconsider that paragraph, as it was not now satisfied whether the duty should be increased or whether the article should be placed on the free list.

CUMMINS ON CHINaware.

When the schedules relating to chinaware and earthenware was reached, Mr. Cummings suggested that two-thirds of the chinaware used in this country was imported, while 80 per cent of the earthenware used was of domestic manufacture, and added that he proposed later, to offer an amendment to reduce the rate on earthenware. Mr. Aldrich said that the two articles had been classified together and given the same duty since 1888, even the Wilson bill making no change in the classification.

As a result of an understanding reached hereafter the senate will finally adopt each paragraph of the bill as reached, unless passed over by agreement, and no further opportunity will be had to amend the measure until it has reached the parliamentary status of being before the senate.

Speaking in favor of a reduction of the duties on steel and earthenware as a means of giving the people generally cheaper goods of that kind, Mr. Bacon offered an amendment reducing the rate from 30 to 25 per cent ad valorem.

Stating that this industry exemplified the best influences of the protective tariff system, by encouraging home production, while at the same time being submitted to a lively competition from abroad, Mr. Doliver said he would vote against this proposed decrease of duty.

Mr. Aldrich said that the revenue received from the china and earthenware was \$6,000,000, the importations amounting to \$9,000,000.

Mr. Bacon's amendment was defeated, 36 to 54. Senator La Follette being the only republican who voted in the affirmative with the democrats.

Explaining that he desired a rate of duty on common crockeryware which reduce its cost to the consumer, Mr. Bacon offered another amendment to reduce the rate from 35 per cent ad valorem as it stood in the bill, to 30 per cent. It was voted down, 36 to 57.

When the glass schedule was reached, Mr. Scott made a plea for protection of the glass industry.

OBJECT LESSON BY SCOTT.

Taking from the shelf on his desk one holding them up in full view of the senate Mr. Scott gave an object lesson in the cheapness of the ware.

"Here," is a half gallon pitcher we sell for 90 cents a dozen. It sells at retail for about 40 cents apiece."

Senators and visitors in the galleries craned their necks to see the sample held aloft by Mr. Scott.

"Here again," he said, "is a tumbler. When I first went into the glass business the tumblers retailed at \$2.50 a dozen. Now we sell it for 10 cents a dozen, less than 1 cent a piece. Here is a glass dish to be bought in any store for 70 cents a dozen."

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## TAFT AND TRAVIS PLAY GOLF

President and Former Champion Win He Pair in Foreseen on Saturday.

WASHINGTON. May 11.—President Taft tomorrow will play the most notable game of golf in his career up to this time, when, paired with Walter J. Travis, the former national champion, he will engage in a foursome against General Clarence Edwards, chief of the insular bureau of the War department, and E. Oden Horstmann, one of the cracks of the Chevy Chase club. The game will be "for blood."

## Water Company Wins Hydrant Case at St. Paul

Court of Appeals Affirms Judgment Against City of Omaha for Over \$100,000.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 11.—(Special Telegram)—The Omaha Water company won a victory in the hydrant rental case against the city of Omaha, in the circuit court of appeals in an opinion which affirms the decision of Judge T. C. Munger giving the company judgment for over \$100,000 for the rental of hydrants.

The case was originally tried before Judge W. H. Munger, who found for the city. The case was appealed and the circuit court of appeals reversed the lower court and ordered a retrial. Judge T. C. Munger heard the case the second time and gave judgment to the Water company for the amount claimed. This decision is now affirmed.

The same questions are involved in several other cases.

The circuit court is upheld in holding that at the second trial there was not sufficient evidence for the consideration of the jury that the water company had, under facts conceded to exist, failed in substantially performing its obligations under the ordinance contracts.

The court says that without restating the opinions of the lower court or mentioning additional evidence received, when the case was appealed before, it is sufficient to say it thinks the circuit court was right. The proof was, says the court, that the water company had substantially performed its contract and there was no substantial evidence to the contrary.

The decision will have the effect of indefinitely postponing the four other hydrant cases now pending in the United States circuit court at Omaha. All of these cases are for approximately \$50,000 each. The sixth of these cases was filed in the Omaha federal court in January, 1908, a case being filed each six months. Another will be due for filing June 1.

## Belle Fourche Land Office Opens July 1

Commissioner of the General Office Has Issued His Proclamation to That Effect.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The commissioner of the general land office has issued a proclamation declaring that the Belle Fourche land district, with office at Belle Fourche, S. D., will be ready for business July 1. This will be of great benefit to farmers under the government project, as there is a great deal of business with the land office on account of amending entries to comply with farm unit maps, payment of water rights and application for water.

On March 27 the secretary of the interior approved the preliminary farm unit plans covering portions of the Belle Fourche project not already opened under order of June 21, 1907. These plots have been filed with the land office and persons who have entries can now amend them and can get on the land on which they belong.

There are still a number of farms open for filing on in the Belle Fourche project, for which water is now ready for delivery.

## Actor Proves He is a Rogue

Shrewd English Thespian Rakes Up Old Law to Avoid Jury Service.

LONDON, May 11.—An actor who was summoned today to serve on a jury made the successful plea that under the law he was a "rogue and vagabond," and therefore ineligible.

In support of his contention he produced an old act of Parliament which never has been repealed. The judge hastily perused this act and had to admit that the actor was not qualified to sit on a jury.

## ALLIANCE MAN IN TROUBLE

Arrested for Passing Worthless Checks, Says Relative May Have Shifted Accounts.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 11.—(Special Telegram)—T. G. Ganson, formerly engaged in the hotel business in Alliance, Neb., under arrest for passing worthless checks, has been placed in a peculiar predicament, if his story told to Municipal Judge Hume is true. Ganson was granted a continuance until tomorrow pending the arrival of reports from the Alliance National bank. According to Ganson his brother-in-law had access to his bank account, and when a check given the Wellington hotel was returned marked "No funds," he explained that his relative may have transferred their account to another bank.

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## Young Women Play Child Games in the City Hall

Skipping lightly over the floor, bowing to one another and singing childish songs, thirty young women—otherwise dignified—will play childhood games in the top floor of the city hall.

The king of France marched up the hill, singed half the women as they march half way to meet the other end and retrace their steps, the other half march out and sing: "They waved their banners to the breeze" and then retreat in turn.

"Who will you choose to pull away?" sings one side in another game.

"We'll choose Mary to pull away," repeated the other and then the champions of the two sides step out from among their associates and, grasping one another's hands, pull with might and main, the loser being taken captive to the other side. The game is then repeated.

"Pump, pump, pull away," "Ring around the rosie," "Drop the handkerchief," and many other games dear to the heart of the

## CAPTAIN HAINES FOUND GUILTY

Slayer of William C. Annis is Convicted of Manslaughter in the First Degree.

### BOTH SIDES ARE SURPRISED

Best District Attorney Hoped for Was a Disagreement.

### JURY OUT BUT THREE HOURS

Four Ballots Taken and Panel was Equally Divided on First Three.

### WILL MOVE FOR NEW TRIAL

Defense Will Allege That Jury Was Not Properly Guarded and That Verdict Is Not Warranted by the Evidence.

PLUSHING, N. Y., May 11.—Captain Peter C. Haines, Jr., U. S. A., tonight faces a prison term of from one to twenty years. Despite the testimony submitted by the defense as tending to show insanity, he was convicted late today of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht club last August.

Quietly following the young army officer's conviction, his counsel announced that they would produce affidavits to show that the jury had not been properly guarded during the trial, and upon this allegation will urge that a new trial be granted. Those affidavits will be submitted on Monday, the time set for passing sentence, and for any motions that the defendant's counsel desire to make. There will, of course, be the usual motions to set aside the verdict as against the weight of evidence and contrary to law, but the unguarded jury feature is the only departure from the usual procedure looking to a new trial.

### Both Sides Surprised.

Daniel O'Reilly of counsel, defense, said:

"There was no evidence in this case to warrant a verdict of manslaughter. It should either have been murder on the ground of insanity. The jurors were permitted to roam about the county in an automobile and go right to the verge of the scene of the homicide, which is clearly against the law. We will have affidavits to prove that such is the case, and also that the jurors were permitted to leave the jurisdiction of the county, and have been on government property at Fort Totten, all of which will be urged as a ground for setting aside the verdict."

The conviction, after the jury had been out less than three hours came as a surprise. It had been expected that a verdict of acquittal on the ground of insanity, or a disagreement would result.

No one was more surprised than District Attorney Dewitt, who had said all he could hope for was a disagreement.

Unlike the scenes attending the trial of Thornton Haines, the defendant's brother, who was accused of complicity in the crime, there was no demonstration in court when the verdict was rendered.

### Defendant Little Affected.

Captain Haines stood up and faced the jury, squaring his shoulders, thrown back in military fashion, while Foreman Sundling recited the verdict. As he heard the decision of the jurors, Haines face was as white as chalk. He stood for a few moments motionless, staring at the jury after he heard the verdict. Then one of his lawyers touched him and he quickly sat down.

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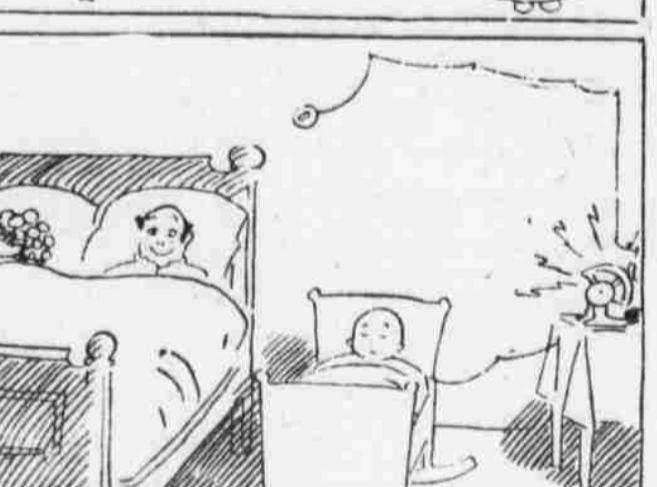
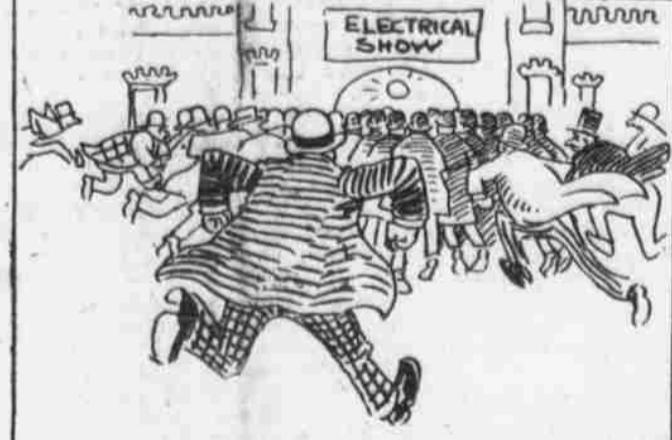
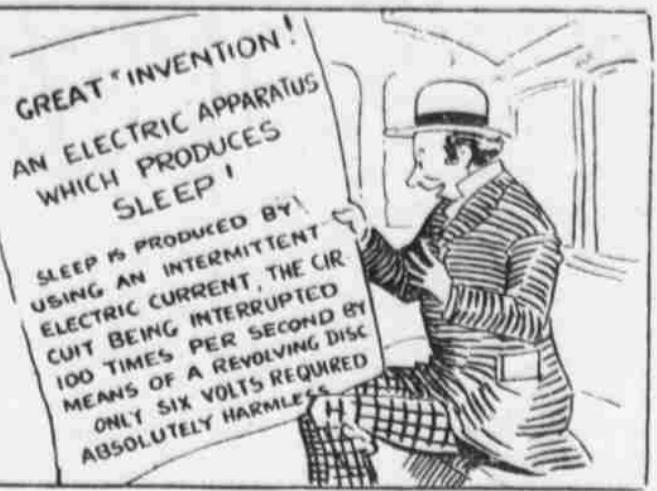
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## Wonders of Electricity



## GENERAL STRIKE IN PARIS

Postal Employees' Committee Orders Suspension of Work.

## PREPARATIONS OF GOVERNMENT

Wireless Telegraphy and Automobiles Will Be Used to Insure Movement of Messages and Letters.

## BULLETIN.

PARIS, May 11.—The federal committee of the postal employees tonight voted and issued an order for a general strike.

MARSEILLE, May 11.—The military and civil authorities, with the aid of the Chamber of Commerce, have completed arrangements for wireless telegraphy and automobile service to insure the continuation of the transmission of telegrams and letters.

LYONS, France, May 11.—The local postmen have issued a final appeal to parliament against the government's "failure to keep its promises."