

SHARP BOLSTERS HIS EVIDENCE IN COOPER TRIAL

Disappoints State's Counsel by Dodging Any Further Contradictions.

COLONEL IS CALLED TO WITNESS STAND

Reviews Early Career and His Former Dealings With Senator Carmack.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 23.—John D. Sharp, plainly showing the effect of yesterday's grilling, at the hands of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney J. B. Garner, resumed the stand today, when the trial of himself, Colonel Cooper, and Robin Cooper, for the murder of former Senator Carmack opened today.

During the night, the attorneys for both sides held conferences, and it was plainly Garner's attitude when court resumed, that he was anxious that Sharp further contradict himself.

But Sharp had had the benefit of expert counsel during the night, and was very wary in his initial replies to interrogations.

Just what damage has been done to the defense's case by the contradictions Sharp made in his original story is problematical.

It was plain when Garner started at him that he would have trouble. Sharp and Garner are bitter personal enemies, and the result was that Sharp was angry before the first question had been asked him.

Damage Immaterial. However it is intimated that none of his evasions and changes of testimony are such that they cannot be straightened out when he undergoes his re-direct examination.

The usual big crowd was on hand early this morning for the opening of the trial. Interest continues to increase, but while covert threats are made by participants on both sides, it is not believed there will be an open outbreak before the trial ends and the verdict is rendered.

The witness held his own very well, however, with the result that cross-examination was not as prolonged as had been expected.

Colonel Takes Stand. The re-direct examination was very brief and was devoted to straightening out a number of minor points. Sharp was then excused and Col. Duane Cooper was called to the witness stand.

The colonel reviewed his early career, saying he was born sixty-four years ago, in Maury county, Tenn., and had served four years in the Confederate army. He declared that he had brought Senator Carmack to Nashville years ago, to become editorial writer of his newspaper, the American. Their relations continued very friendly until four years ago, when Colonel Cooper espoused the cause of "Bob" Taylor against Carmack for United States Senator, and Taylor was elected.

Friendly Relations. Colonel Cooper said that his relations with Carmack during the latter's earlier political career had been friendly and so continued during Carmack's campaign for Congress and the Senate. He said Carmack frequently wrote to him and produced a letter he had from Carmack, which was dated December, 1906. The letter was written from Washington while Carmack was in the Senate and was addressed to Colonel Cooper, at the Hoffman House, New York. The first paragraph was admitted into the evidence. It was as follows:

"I have been thinking of getting Senator Mitchell of Oregon to try to locate a place for a good man in connection with the Panama Canal. Would you advise Yan to go up and tackle the President himself."

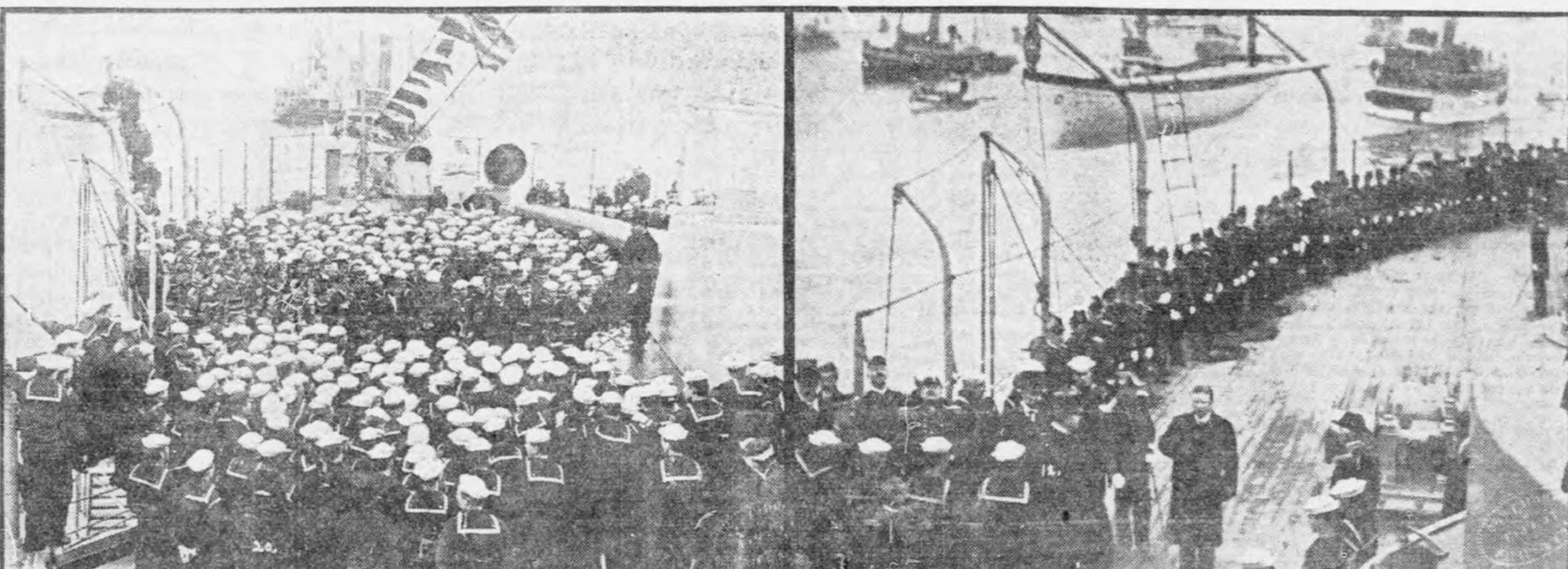
DIPLOMATS SIGN A PATENT TREATY Secretary Bacon and Ambassador Bernstorff Conclude Satisfactory Agreement.

The patent treaty between the United States and Germany was signed today by Secretary of State Bacon and the German ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff.

It provides for mutual concessions in the granting of patents and, it is understood, eliminates the clause in the German regulations necessitating the manufacture of the article upon which the patent is granted in the German kingdom within a specified time.

WEATHER REPORT. There will be rain tonight and Wednesday in the East and South generally, except in the east Gulf States where it will be fair Wednesday.

FIRST PICTURES OF SCENES AT HAMPTON ROADS



PRESIDENT MAKING ADDRESS.

HERRICK IN CABINET SEEMS CERTAIN NOW

Always Taft's Choice, Indications Are He Will Head Treasury.

Ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland, Ohio, will, in all probability, be Secretary of the Treasury in Mr. Taft's Cabinet. It has always been supposed that Mr. Taft's personal choice for that position was Governor Herrick, as they have been friends since boyhood, and Mr. Taft knows Governor Herrick thoroughly.

Gossip on the Treasuryship has given the post, with a great deal of authority, to George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental National Bank, of Chicago, and president of the American Bankers' Association.

Never Met Reynolds. Mr. Taft and Mr. Reynolds have never met, but Mr. Reynolds rendered service last summer to the monetary commission by investigating the financial operations of the German, French, and English governments. His report and conclusions were so satisfactory to Senator Aldrich and the balance of the commission that they joined with a number of New York bankers in pressing Mr. Reynolds' name on Mr. Taft.

But Mr. Reynolds' obligations to the directors of the bank are not considered as a reason for his being named for the position if it were offered him, and the word was given to Mr. Taft at New Orleans on his return from Panama.

Gossip from Philadelphia that the Treasury portfolio had not been filled and that two names were under consideration—Franklin MacVeagh and Myron T. Herrick—furnished Mr. Herrick's appointment.

MacVeagh Barred. As Mr. MacVeagh is an importer in Chicago, the same rule that barred A. T. Stewart from General Grant's Cabinet applies with equal force to him. This would leave Governor Herrick as the only man under consideration from the West, and by common consent it is understood that the Secretary of the Treasury is to be a Western man.

Mr. Herrick has delivered a number of addresses and papers on our currency laws. He is understood to have won the central bank idea, but thinks it would be almost politically impossible to bring it about. There certainly will have to be a great deal of education, such as the country saw during the days before the election of 1896, when the free silver agitation was at its height.

Mr. Taft will meet with a number of his Cabinet in New York, and the matter of selecting the Treasury Secretary will be taken under consideration. A man high in Government circles here in Washington says there is no question but that Myron T. Herrick will be the man decided upon.

Friends Believe Rumor. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 23.—An effort was made here today to see Myron (Continued on Fifth Page.)

HETTY GREEN SEES DAUGHTER WEDDED

Richest Woman Attends Marriage of Sylvia to Wilkes.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Feb. 23.—Miss Sylvia Green, daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green, and Matthew Aator Wilkes were married at St. Peter's Church, here, today by the Rev. Philomen F. Sturges. Mrs. Green was present and her daughter was given away by her cousin, Howard L. Fell.

The wedding gives to Hetty Green a marriage relationship with the immensely rich of New York society, Wilkes being a direct descendant of the original Astor.

Mr. Green, her daughter, and the bridegroom arrived here at 10:30 this morning. They were met at the train by Dr. Sturges, who accompanied them to the Morristown Inn, where they rested for an hour. They then proceeded to the church, where the ceremony was performed.

Arrangements for the wedding were completed yesterday by the bride and sister. His effort, however, to drink deep of the cup of knowledge of the art of healing has met with a rude rebuff. Dr. Samuel H. Moore, of Alexandria, to whom he was referred as the member of the faculty who had done the chair turning, denied any connection with that institution, advising Mr. May that he was on the bench.

Mr. May became satisfied regarding his prospective Alma Mater, and forthwith had a conference with the police. The commonwealth's attorney was consulted, and the suspicion of the clergyman became infectious.

Mr. Brent consulted with Attorney General Anderson, and it was decided to institute proceedings against President Helmut P. Holler. The first step was taken when he was taken today into the police station and held for a hearing in court tomorrow morning.

Several charges in connection with the case were made by Mr. Brent. Among the exhibits which will be produced in court, he states, is a diploma received by a man in Porto Rico, who claims he did not take any course of instruction, but obtained his "sheepskin" merely upon the payment of \$50.

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PREACHER CHARGES HOLLER WITH FRAUD

Rev. May, of Alexandria, Has Head of Oriental University Arrested.

On complaint of the Rev. J. J. May, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, in Alexandria, Robert L. Holler, president of the Oriental University, was arrested in that city this morning on a warrant sworn out by Commonwealth's Attorney Samuel G. Brent on an upper floor of a building on King street, between Royal and Pitt, in the narrow confines of two rooms, is the Oriental University.

In the warrant upon which President Holler was arrested, he is charged with the larceny of \$5 from the Rev. Mr. May. That sum, it is alleged, was paid by him a few days ago to Holler to secure a course of instruction in medicine.

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TAFT IN NEW YORK TO GET BRIEF REST

No Demonstration When President-Elect's Train Pulls Into Station.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Any New Yorkers who happened to be within mental-telepathy distance—whatever that is—of William H. Taft, when he arrived in New York from Philadelphia this morning at 11:40, must have received a terrible shock to their bumps of boastfulness. Although while he is in the metropolis Mr. Taft will deliver an important address at Carnegie Hall, will settle the question of who is to be Secretary of the Treasury in his Administration and will transact other business of weight, he really came here to rest.

Why even the elevated roared with a greater noise than usual this morning when it heard a President-elect come to New York to rest. Also he intends to devote most of his time to writing some magazine articles, which were promised some time ago, but on the perfection of which he has labored but little time heretofore. The articles, it is understood will deal for the most part with decisions which Mr. Taft rendered while he was on the bench.

The telephone to Henry W. Taft's residence on West Forty-eighth street has been disconnected temporarily so that the President-elect may not be disturbed.

Arrives on Time. Mr. Taft's train arrived in Jersey City on time to the minute, making the trip over from Philadelphia in one hour and fifty minutes. In spite of announcements (Continued on Fifth Page.)

ROOSEVELT GOING TO ATTEND FUNERAL

With Wife, President Leaves at Midnight for Nephew's Obsequies.

The President, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, will leave Washington at midnight tonight for New York to attend the funeral of his nephew, Stewart Robinson, the young Harvard student, who was killed last Saturday by a fall from the window of his dormitory at the University.

For the accommodation of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, a drawing-room car will be attached to the regular midnight train for New York over the Pennsylvania railroad. The funeral will take place at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning from the Church of the Holy Comforter, and the interment will be at the Robinson home in Herkimer county New York.

The President will return tomorrow evening on a train due to arrive in Washington at 6:15.

Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, the latter the President's sister, left Washington this morning to attend the funeral. President Roosevelt and his party, returning from the review of the battleship fleet at Hampton Roads, arrived in Washington at 9 o'clock this morning. As soon as the Mayflower, on board of which the trip was made, had docked at the Navy yard, the President, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, and Miss Ethel, was driven to the White House.

After breakfast, the President immediately plunged into work, and for two hours based himself with the mail that had accumulated during his absence. To all of his early callers, the President expressed his gratification over the safe return of the fleet.

He related incidents connected with the review of the battleships, and declared his unbounded admiration, not only for the ships but for the officers and crews who had participated in the world-wide cruise.

The President was in excellent spirits, and said that he had not enjoyed a public event in a long time so much as he did the sight of these magnificent ships passing in review. He said, long to be remembered and worthy of commemoration in history.

ALL WERE SAVED, STEAMER REPORTS LONDON, Feb. 23.—A dispatch received here from Buenos Ayres says it is now rumored that the passengers and crew of the Argentine steamer Presidente Roca have been saved. Four steamers have gone out from Buenos Ayres to the assistance of the wrecked vessel.

The Presidente Roca went ashore on the east coast, between Puerto de San Antonio and Puerto Madrin. She caught fire, and the first reports had it that the crew and 300 passengers had perished.

Norfolk Gets Ready. Norfolk today began the completion of plans for the gigantic parade and luncheon on Saturday when 3,000 blue-jackets will be given shore leave for the first time. The officers and midshipmen are gradually being allowed shore privileges, and each hour Old Point yields its share of happy reunion. The Norfolk hospitality committee holds a conference with Admiral Sperry aboard the battleship Connecticut this afternoon, at which the details of the Saturday celebration will be completed. It is now planned to have Admiral Sperry, Governor Swannow, and other high officials in attendance. The parade will start at 10 o'clock from the Commercial place.

The enlisted men at the Norfolk Navy Yard are planning a large ball for the returning sailors which is to be given one night early next week. The immense ball will be given at the Commercial place as a ball room when Norfolk entertained the Grand Duke Alexis and the Russian fleet officers some years ago. Hundreds of visitors began to board the anchored men-of-war today.

Thousands Were There. Estimates of the number of visitors to Cape Henry, Ocean View, Old Point, and other points where the incoming vessels might be seen ran from 2,000 to 75,000. There were at least eighty steamboats from Norfolk and vicinity in Hampton Roads.

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MISS CASPARI INSANE, IS JURY'S JUDGMENT

Woman of Mystery Sits Impassive in Court While Alienists Testify Concerning Her Mental Weakness—Doesn't Greet Brother.

Miss Frances A. Caspari, the "woman of mystery," who for months puzzled the Washington police, following her arrest charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was today adjudged insane by a jury in the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

Neither the Septils of a madhouse nor the Charabdis of prison could shake the utterly impassive pose of Miss Caspari, the Baltimore woman, who secreted thousands of dollars from Washington women, representing herself as a representative of a publishing company, when she was brought into Criminal Court No. 1 this morning, for a hearing as to her sanity.

With her head buried upon her breast, and rapid changes of expression on her fine face, the woman sat silently through a long hour, listening to testimony of such alienists as Dr. Emory M. Brush, of Baltimore, Dr. Presley C. Hunt, and Dr. William A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, which tended to show absolutely that she is of unsound mind, and suffering from a form of paranoia, the chief symptom of which is the ruling of the patient's life by a single delusion.

Dr. Charles A. Caspari, dean of the dental school of the University of Maryland, was in court, but no greeting or sign of recognition passed between him and his sister when she was brought from the cell to stand trial. Absolute silence was maintained today regarding the disposition of the money Miss Caspari had obtained by alleged false pretenses, which she procured through five years imprisonment in the Maryland Penitentiary, when sent there eight years ago on charges involving more than \$100,000, and through eight months confinement in the District jail.

Here she is charged with having obtained \$500 from Miss Elizabeth Gemmill, of this city, by representing herself to be a member of the Auxiliary (Continued on Third Page.)

GRAY IS INDICTED ON FORGERY CHARGE

Olson Gray, the bookkeeper of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, who is charged with forging checks, was indicted on charges of forgery by the grand jury this morning.

Gray is accused of having obtained about \$500 on checks purporting to have been drawn by three of the largest depositors of the company.

The checks were not cashed at the Washington Loan and Trust building, but were taken to outside banks and money obtained on them. When returned to the Washington Loan and Trust Company, they are said to have been abstracted from the files and destroyed. The forgery was discovered when the bank balanced its books for the half year.

The growing deficiency in the Treasury, and the startling manner in which it increases from day to day, has set several watch-dogs of the Treasury in the Senate at work with a prying knife.

Strangely enough they have begun work in the Capitol and enough has already been found, it is said, to justify the curtailment of prerequisites now enjoyed by certain of the Senate employees and others.

LOVED ONES EXTEND PERSONAL GREETING TO MEN OF FLEET

After Big Display Best Kind of Welcome Is Quietly Received.

VERMONT FLYING SMALLPOX FLAG

Jackies Return Broke, But the Paymaster Is Getting Busy.

NORFOLK, Feb. 23.—The Vermont today flies a yellow flag, and is under quarantine for one case of smallpox. All the officers aboard were vaccinated before being allowed ashore. No visitors are allowed aboard.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 23.—The great white triumphant fleet and the welcoming gray squadron were greeted from the skies again today; likewise the official personnel of the navy and their naval auxiliaries—their wives, mothers, sisters, and sweethearts.

The seventy officers who were compelled to be winced and dined by the Navy League last night slept late today, the fifty more who were sent to Richmond for more food and wine today gave the turn for brief leave ashore to others, who this morning left their ships for the first time.

The reception they received in embracing arms, by affectionate lips and happy tears equipped all that of yesterday. Many a woman spent a sleepless night, silently watching from her sea-side window in the hotel, the blinking lights on the ship in which her heart centered.

In fact there were many "Watch Parties," those whose rooms were away from the row being invited to others for points of vantage.

No visitors were allowed aboard today, except on officers' invitations, this day being reserved for the officers to entertain wives and friends. There were dinners, receptions, and luncheons on all the ships.

No Shore Leave. No enlisted men, except those sent on duty have yet been allowed ashore. Their wives and sweethearts anxiously await them on the wharves, less fortunate than their sisters on dress parade in the fashionable Chamberlin. Their day will come tomorrow, but only a small per cent will be granted temporary leave.

The fleet returned hungry and broke, so the Culgoa began sending its \$40,000 worth of provisions aboard, and the Yankton began the distribution of the month's pay for the whole fleet. The sailors and officers who visited Monte Carlo received first consideration.

A special train will be sent to accept Virginia's welcome from the capital. An Imposing Sight. Seidon has a more imposing sight than that presented off Old Point today than seen in Hampton Roads. Twenty-six destroyers and armored cruisers, in addition to a number of smaller craft, are lying at rest after a memorable cruise and the visiting public is losing no time in getting near the ships.

As soon as the deck cleaning and unloading is complete the blue-jackets will be given their shore liberty. This cannot be finished before Friday night.

The crowds of visitors from the city began immediately after the ships dropped anchor, but several thousand will remain over for the entertainment Saturday and to attend the numerous social affairs given in honor of the returning fleet. It includes a ball given by the Chamberlin Hotel, one night the latter part of the week.

A feature of the all-day parade and welcome Saturday will be a civic parade to take place along the brilliantly illuminated streets in the evening. This will consist of numerous floats, automobiles and other vehicles appropriately decorated and owned by commercial and industrial firms.

Excepting the accident on the electric line of the Norfolk and Southern railroad, which resulted in a painful, but not fatal injury to three persons, the steamship and electric companies handled remarkably well the immense crowds of yesterday.

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