

## PLEASED OVER THE RUMPS KICKED UP

House Insurgents Return Home To Tell Constituents of Their Deeds.

### STIR UP MUCH TROUBLE

FEEL ASSURED THAT AT LEAST ONE DAY IN THE WEEK WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR CALL OF COMMITTEES OF BILLS.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The insurgents against the present rules of the house are leaving Washington for their homes jubilant over the progress that they have made in stirring up an insurrection in the Republican ranks. They will tell their constituents that before the end of the session the rules will be amended.

One of the insurgents expressed himself today as certain that at least one change will be made in the rules. He said that he believed that there would be no opposition to it at a republican caucus. That amendment would provide for a day each week for the call of committees of bills on the union calendar and on the house calendar.

Some of the most optimistic assert this is all that is necessary to get relief from the present rules. A call of the committees would enable the committees to get before the house all of the important bills of the various kinds, it is argued, and would relieve the speaker of liability to charges of preventing legislation which was demanded by the people. In so much as the house would have an opportunity to pass on the bills in the course of a short period, surely during a session of congress, the packing of a committee against a bill would have no other effect than the influence of the opinion of its members upon those who had not investigated the subject thoroughly.

#### Depends on Minority.

It is acknowledged by some of the leaders of the insurgents that the only hope of amending the rules lies in the action of the minority. Ever since congress convened, emissaries from the insurgents have been in conference with the democrats. The new minority leader, Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, does not feel himself bound in binding his party to any program until he sees how the republicans will line up. He objects to forming an alliance with the insurgents which he fears may eventually be broken when the majority of them might recognize they are losing and "leave the democrats holding the bag while the republicans would get all the glory."

The minority is willing to stand for an amendment of the rules, it is understood, in accordance with the platform of the Denver convention, but it would like to get just as much credit as possible for the reforms.

#### THE DRUG FIEND.

Hasheesh Makes Its Slave Utterly Useless For Any Service.

One of the drugs that are most striking in their effects is hasheesh, or Cannabis Indica, largely taken in Asiatic countries, where I used to meet its votaries. Its chief peculiarity is to make one believe with all his might whatever is suggested to him.

If he is an Arab, tell him that he is a sultan, and straightway he orders heads to be cut off. Tell him he is a rooster, and he will crow. I knew of two Americans who experimented on themselves, and when the first was told that he was like a locomotive he snorted and whistled and kept going round the table puffing and blowing until he dropped from sheer fatigue.

The other somehow conceived the idea that he was dead and forthwith gave elaborate directions for his own funeral till he was waxed wroth at the unseemly mirth of his companions when they should have wept.

Hasheesh makes its slave utterly useless for any service, and so with the other drugs. Their victims one and all end in becoming do-nothings. Self made do-nothings, or those who are so by drug taking, are much worse than useless.

As they usually do not begin till as adults, they reach the working period of life, they become wretched burdens on the real workers, since our social system lacks any constitutional enactment whereby, as occurs in a community of bees, the workers systematically put their drones to death.

The opium fad from long living in an unreal world becomes transformed into the most all round liar in the land, the very embodiment of unveracity. One of them victimized me with a loan that he might go and close the eyes of his dying mother when her eyes needed no such closing for years afterward.

Another sent from a western city to his wife a telegram which purposed to come from an undertaker demanding money to pay for shipping his body home. This money, when it came, he and unfortunately no undertaker, pocketed and then went his way.

We all know what the confirmed drunkard becomes, but not till the judgment day will the whole story be known of the griefs and tears of the innocent ones whom the drunkard made to suffer while he was here.—Everybody's Magazine.

Butterfly—Magnificent, sir! There are scenes in your comedy that Shakespeare could not have written.

Captain—You are too kind, my dear sir, really.

Butterfly—Not at all, sir. Take, for instance, that railway smash in the *dead act*.—London *Globe*.

### OLDEST METHODIST IN THE WORLD.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Mary E. Farrell, of Midland Park, undoubtedly the oldest Methodist in the world, is celebrating her 100th birthday anniversary today, and the greatest regret she expresses is that she will be unable to come to Paterson on Sunday to attend divine services. She has retained possession of her hearing and sight and up to a year ago her faculties were as sharp and in as good shape as those of persons sixty. Mrs. Farrell was born in Morris county, at Denmark, above Rockaway, in 1803. Her parents were Hollanders.

### HE IS INCONSISTENT

Hurty Fears Tuberculosis, But Recommends Afflicted Hack Driver.

### WOULD ABOLISH HACKS.

That state officials may be inconsistent, or else render so many opinions as some given in the past are forgotten, is the opinion of some Wayne county officials in regard to Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health. Dr. Hurty is believed locally to be a competent state officer and one imbued with a conscientious desire to do his best. It is due to this fact that the variance between his statements in regard to the health of school children, who ride in hacks and those regarding a hack driver in this country, is not understood.

Dr. Hurty was quoted Friday by the Indianapolis newspapers as saying he is opposed to the use of hacks for carrying children to school in the out townships. He declared hacks are unsanitary and that he hoped to see the return of the old days, when all children walked, as it makes healthy, sturdy men and women to walk.

#### Letter Is Different.

Quite a difference from this opinion was expressed by Dr. Hurty in a letter to Charles Jordan, superintendent of county schools recently. Supt. Jordan wrote Dr. Hurty and asked him if it would be advisable to employ a driver of a hack, who is afflicted with tuberculosis. It was explained to the secretary that the driver rides within the hack with the children. This was the answer: "There is little or no danger of a driver imparting tuberculosis to the children. The employment would help cure him, because it is outdoor work. If he is not too weak on account of the advance of the disease, I would say permit him to continue. I will take the liberty of writing to him and give him directions necessary for his welfare and the prevention of the spread of the infection."

The question arising is, why would it be unsanitary for children to ride in hacks, and conducive to the health of a consumptive to do so? Supt. Jordan does not see the application of the statement to the letter.

#### AVERTED A TRAGEDY.

Nerve Displayed by Daniel O'Connell at a Critical Moment.

Daniel O'Connell, the famous Irish agitator, had a contempt for physical danger. On a certain occasion a meeting had been convened, and a large crowd assembled in a room on the first floor of a building in a small city in Ireland.

O'Connell was about to address the people when a gentleman, pale with fear, made his way to the platform and hoarsely whispered:

"Liberator, the door is giving way! The beams that shore it up are cracking, and we shall fall through in a few minutes!"

"Keep silent," said O'Connell. Then, raising his voice, he addressed the assembly:

"I find that the room is too small to contain the number who desire to come in, so we must leave it and hold the meeting outside the building."

At this a few rose and went out, but the majority retained their seats. Then O'Connell said:

"I will tell you the truth. You are Irishmen, therefore brave men. The floor is giving way, and we must leave this room at once. If there is a panic and a rush to the door we shall all be precipitated into the room below, but if you obey my orders we shall be saved. Let the twelve men nearest the door go quietly out, then the next twelve, and so on till all have gone. I shall be the last to leave."

His instructions were obeyed to the letter, and he waited, patient and calm, till all had gone out in safety. Then he walked quietly across the surging, cracking floor, reaching the door just as the shattered beams gave way. And thus, by the force of his strong will, a terrible accident was averted.

#### His Glorious Victory.

The commanding officer had surprised the young lieutenant and his daughter trying to occupy the same chair.

The lieutenant sprang to his feet and saluted.

"Sir," he said, "I have the honor to report an engagement at close quarters in which I have been entirely victorious. It now merely remains for you to give your sanction to the terms of surrender."—London *Scrapa*.

#### Influence of Pluck.

The blindest, the most purely instinctive, effort of mere pluck has a lifting power and deserves our thankful admiration. Every degree and every form of courage tends to raise the whole tone of life within the range of its influence in proportion to the amount and the quality of the endurance exercised.—Hibbert *Journal*.



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### Home of Minister Furniss.



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## DEATH PENALTY DOES NOT PREVENT CRIME

Gov. Johnson Expresses His Views on Subject.

## "ANGEL FACE" TRIAL NEAR END

Is Seventeen Year Old Lad Insane, as Alleged?

Montclair, N. J., Dec. 19.—Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, in his speech here on "The Majesty of the Law," said he did not believe the inflictions of the death penalty for a capital crime acted as a deterrent to law breakers. Governor Johnson said, however, that if the offenders could realize in advance the extent of the punishment that would be inflicted on the innocent by the commission of the crime, there would be fewer offenses of this character.

Montgomery, O., Dec. 19.—The fight for the life of Don Harvey Hazel, the seventeen-year-old "angel face" youth on trial for the murder of his mother, January 11 last, entered the last stage when the first argument in the case was begun by Assistant Prosecutor Ralph Emery.

Mr. Emery claims the evidence submitted has clearly established Hazel's guilt, and asks the jury to bring in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

At the conclusion of Mr. Emery's argument, Charles M. Milroy will start off the arguments for the defense. The insanity plea will be made by General J. K. Hamilton.

"But couldn't he look the matter up?"

"He thought he had. The trouble was he looked at the tax duplicate just after the old man had finished swearing off his assessment,"—Judge.

"Sir," he said, "I have the honor to report an engagement at close quarters in which I have been entirely victorious. It now merely remains for you to give your sanction to the terms of surrender."—London *Scrapa*.

"One Way."

Child—Suppose I called you a mean old pig. What would happen? Governess—I should tell your father, and he would punish you. Child—And if I only thought it. Governess—No harm so long as you don't say it. Child—Then I only think it.—Life.

"Consoled Her."

"Why do you wear that ridiculous hat?" he growled.

"Do you really think it ridiculous?" she replied graciously. "How lovely of you! I was afraid it wasn't quite the style."

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