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FATHER AND SON GET TWENTY YEARS EACH

Last Act in the Famous Cooper Case at Nashville, Tennessee —Found Guilty of Murder in Second Degree, Received Sentence Without Emotion

Nashville, March 20—(Special)—Guilty of murder in the second degree, with twenty years imprisonment as the penalty, was the verdict of the jury in the case against Col. Duncan B. Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, charged with the murder of former U. S. Senator E. W. Carmack. The jury yesterday acquitted John D. Sharpe, a co-defendant, immediately the defense moved to set aside the verdict because of the verdict of disagreement of yesterday, and asked the court to declare it a mistrial. The Judge said he would listen to argument on this motion later. He then fixed the defendant's bond at $25,000 each, which amount was acceptable to both sides.

The verdict, coming as it did on the heels of forenan Burke's declaration yesterday that "we are hopelessly tied up as to the Coopers," was a decided surprise.

Nashville, Tenn, March 20—The defendants took it cooly, almost without emotion. Mrs. Burrich and Mrs. Wilson, the young daughters of Colonel Cooper, were brave and aside from tearful eyes, restrained their emotion gamely. Mrs. Burrich sat with her arm around her brother Robins shoulder, and Mrs. Wilson was at her father's right. The suspense for the two young women had been heart-rending, and any verdict, however, unfavorable, was a relief. The jurors looked worn out, and when the court remarked "I thank you, gentlemen, for your patience and devotion to the state and dismiss you to your homes and personal avocations," the entire twelve sprang from their seats as one man, and hurriedly left the court room. The defendants and their counsel remained to complete their bond preliminaries, and the motion for a new trial.

CURLERS ARRIVE ON EMPRESS TODAY

The Last of the Victorious Contingent Back From Scotland and Switzerland All Enthusiastic Over the Successful Trip

The last of the contingent of Canadian curlers who were playing in Scotland arrived here today on the steamer Empress of Britain.

Among the number were three members of the Canadian team which won such a signal victory in the big bonspiel in Switzerland.

It had been intended to have three Canadian teams in the meet but this was found impossible and one team was made up consisting of Riddell, of Glasgow, J. C. McLean and Parrish from Ontario, and McDiarmid of Winnipeg, skip. They won nine of the ten games played and tied in the tenth, losing on the extra end played. They, however, carried off the trophy. The three Canadian men left for their homes on the special train from the west side.

J. P. Robertson, Winnipeg; J. H. Hutchison, of Montreal, and T. Stewart, of Ottawa, also left on this train. James Dover, of Truro (N. S.), was also in the party on the Empress.

Five of the Ontario curlers—R. W. Wadell, of Peterboro; R. S. Strath, Toronto; Alex. Logan, Parry Sound; R. L. Patterson, Toronto, and J. H. Neelands, Barrie—are stopping over here for the day and will leave for their homes on tonight's Montreal train. After the tour through Scotland they went to London and Paris. All report having had a most delightful time.

Mr. Logan visited his native town, Dunfermline, and was given a most enthusiastic reception by his old townsmen. A banquet was tendered him and he was presented with a very handsome silver centrepiece.

All the curlers are profuse in their praise of the treatment accorded them during their stay in the old country.

Alexander Macaulay, the St. John member of the Canadian party, who arrived home a short time ago on the Virginian, called upon the visitors at the Royal and renewed old acquaintances.

HE KNEW BETTER

Mrs. Henpeck—All the world's a stage.

Mr. Henpeck—(sadly)—And some men are foolish enough to think they're stage managers.

MR. CROCKET TO SUE FOR LIBEL

Latest Development in The Crocket-Hanson Incident of Thursday.

Fredericton, N. B., March 20—(Special)—At a meeting of the Board of Trade last evening Messrs. John Palmer, F. B. Edgecombe, J. W. McCready, and J. H. Barry were appointed delegates to proceed to Ottawa and interview the government in regard to the St. John Valley Railway project. Delegates will also be sent from St. John, Woodstock and Centreville.

The Crocket-Hanson incident of Thursday is still much discussed about the city and is not likely to die out. Mr. Hanson published over his own signature in the Herald last evening a letter in which some reflections were made upon Mr. Crocket. This morning it was announced that Mr. Crocket would institute proceedings for libel.

The meeting of the Farmer's and Dairymen's Association was brought to a close last evening. The total enrollment at the meeting was 607.

Nearly all the members of the legislature have returned home for Sunday.

LATE LOCALS

The case of McKean vs. Dalhousie Lumber Company will be heard before Judge McLeod at a date to be agreed upon.

Seventeen burial permits were issued by the board of health for the week ending today, as follows: Inanition, tuberculosis and heart disease, two each; paralysis, pneumonia, peritonitis, heart failure, ruptured bowels, broncho-pneumonia, cerebellar tumor, diphtheritic croup, congestion of lungs, carcinoma of pharynx and accident (run down by engine), one each.

The city dredge during the past week was engaged in cleaning up in front of the Eastern Steamship Company's wharf at Reid's Point. Considerable silt had lodged there and the berth was getting so shoal that the steamers' bow grounded at low tide. The dredge took out about 650 yards of material, making a depth of not less than 16 feet at low water.

New York, March 20—Five entries have been accepted for the Marathon Derby for $10,000, which will be decided at the Polo grounds April 3rd. The five include Tom Longboat, the Indian, who has twice defeated Dorando, and has a victory over Shrubb to his credit; Johnny Hayes, the Olympic Marathon winner, who has since been beaten twice by Dorando; Alfred Shrubb, the great English professional; Henry Stives, the French runner, who has just arrived in this country, and who, it is said, has never been beaten with her the next morning, and going into her room, which adjoins the kitchen, invited her in to talk with him.

She told him she was busy, it being near the noon hour, but in response to his urging went in, after talking she turned to the glass and was arranging her hair, when of a sudden he drew a revolver and pointing it at her informed her that he intended to shoot her, at the same time pulling the trigger. Fortunately the revolver clicked and refused to go off, and Mrs. McElman rushed from the room screaming.

As she was telling Mr. Ferris of the affair there was a loud report and on Blake Ferris rushing to the room he found McElman lying on his back on the floor dead, while the revolver still smoking lay on the bed. He had been shot through the heart. Patrolmen John J. Smith and George Corbett were notified, and they in turn notified Coroner Roberts. After viewing the body he decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Mrs. McElman, when seen by a Times man, told between sobs that her husband had repeatedly threatened to shoot her and then himself, and she lived in constant fear.

"It was the hand of Providence that saved me," she sobbed. "God did not will that I should go or I might now be lying dead beside him."

As she told the thrilling story of her brief talk with her husband she would shudder. They had, she said, been married nine years and had three children, two girls and a boy; the latter was at her home in Lakeville, Sunbury, and one of the girls was here, and the other in Fredericton. He had deserted her three years ago in Fredericton and had gone to Lawrence, Mass. She had seen little of him since then. Last summer he came to the city to see her when she was employed with the Cornwall and York cotton mills. "He has hunted me all the time," she would sob, "when I was trying to support our dear little children." On that occasion he had threatened her. "I loved him, though," said Mrs. McElman and Beulah loved her father too." He had told her on many occasions that he wasn't doing the right thing.

He had wanted her to return with him to live, but she said that he could not support her.

ATTEMPTED TO MURDER HIS WIFE AND FAILED; THEN KILLED HIMSELF

Ferris Hotel, Indiantown, the Scene of an Awful Tragedy Today

Ernest McElman of Gibson, York County Tried to Slay His Wife Who Had Left Him and Was Earning Her Own Living—Foiled in This, He Shot Himself Through the Heart and Died Instantly.

After attempting to murder his wife, Ernest McElman committed suicide in the Ferris' Hotel, north end, about 11.45 o'clock today, by shooting himself.

McElman, who has not been living with his wife for some years, arrived from Gibson, his home, yesterday, apparently with the avowed intention of killing himself, and according to his wife's story, the whole thing was cleverly planned.

After his arrival in the city he telephoned the Ferris' Hotel to his wife, telling that he was talking from Gibson.

The motive for this action was to throw Mrs. McElman off her guard, to the end that he might go into the hotel quietly and shoot her while she slept. As he had before threatened her, and as she had not heard from him for many months, Mrs. McElman was suspicious, and enquired at the central telephone exchange and ascertained that her husband had been talking from some place in the city. Seeing at once his plan, she left her room and hid under the stairway.

On arriving at the hotel he went to her room. Finding it unoccupied, he took another room on the next flat, and Mrs. McElman returned to her room. He talked

KIDNAPPED BOY'S UNCLE WLL PAY RANSOM ASKED

Millionaire Frank H. Buhl Says if His Nephew Willie Whitela is Returned to Him He Will Pay the Ransom and Ask No Questions

Cleveland, O., March 20—After a night of extraordinary effort to find a definite basis for reports that his nephew Willie Whitla, kidnapped from Sharon, Pa., on Thursday has been located in Cleveland, Frank H. Buhl, millionaire uncle of the eight-year-old child today resumed in vigorous manner the search for clews. Brought to Cleveland by these statements Mr. Buhl upon arrival was accompanied by police officers to various addresses furnished to the detectives by a man giving the name of Harry Ball. Disappointment was the only immediate result, for after three hours' stringent questioning, Ball was allowed to go, the police declaring there was no ground on which to hold him. Buoyed with hope that today's further search of Cleveland would at least reveal a central clew and accompanied by a Pittsburg detective who has been actively working on the case, Mr. Buhl started a new attempt at the unravelling of the mystery of Willie Whitla's whereabouts. Just what information he expected to be verified Mr. Buhl declined to say, but he added: "I am certain Billy Whitla was brought here. There is no question about it. I base my belief on the hotel clerk who saw him. His description was perfect in all details. I am going to remain in Cleveland a day or two with the hope that the kidnappers will find me. I will pay them their demand and pay it instantly. If I need more my credit is good. As soon as I get the boy, kidnappers may go free as far as I am concerned. All I want is the boy.

THEY FOUND THE BOX OPEN

Four Children Arrested For Looting the Bank of Montreal Box in the Moncton Post Office

Moncton, March 20—(Special)—Finding the post office box of the Bank of Montreal open yesterday, four lads of tender ages managed, in some manner, to extract the contents without being noticed by the post office employes or bystanders. Four arrests have been made, and the lads are now waiting trial. John Leblanc, aged twelve; Joseph Massey, aged eight; Julien Casey, aged eleven, and John Cormier are the suspects. Leblanc is supposed to be the ring leader, and when arrested last night, said: "He did not care whether they sent him to the penitentiary or not." The clue to the guilty parties was obtained by an attempt to dispose of some stamps, and also by a conversation overheard on the street by the police. The four were taken before Magistrate Kay this morning and were remanded until three this afternoon.

THE STORMY PETREL OF POLITICS MAKES A GRAVE STATEMENT

Vancouver, B. C., March 20—(Special)—Joseph Martin, ex-M. P., at a farewell banquet here a week ago said: "I tell you that Mr. Sifton sent $60,000 to this province to a committee of three gentlemen, whose names I can give if necessary, for the purpose of defeating all candidates that were running in my behalf." he lost his air of bravado and fainted. The registrar of deeds hurried to his aid with a glass of water which revived him.

William Short also received a somewhat drastic sentence. His Honor informed him that if the crown had prosecuted him on the robbery counts in the indictment and he had been convicted he would have been incarcerated in the penitentiary for a lengthy term and as it was he was liable to a year in jail for the assault on the Chinaman. Charles Wong. However, His Honor said Short's pastor and several others had interceded for him but all these admitted that Short has been behaving discreditably and associating with evil companions and though he had relinquished his intention to impose a harsher sentence he considered it advisable to sentence the youth to one month in jail without the option of a fine.

A BAD ACCIDENT

Barrow-in-Furness, England, March 20—A gangway connecting the battleship Vanguard with the wharf collapsed today. Fifty workmen were precipitated to the dock. Three of them were killed and forty injured. The accident occurred in the Vickers Sons and Maxim yard.

AROBBER KILLED

Geneva, N. Y., March 20—Jay Mahoney of this city a New York Central R. R. detective shot and killed an Italian whom he caught breaking into freight cars today. The Italian was running away when Mahoney shot him the bullet penetrating through the heart.

WANT TO REBUILD THE KINGSTON SCHOOL

School Trustees of Kingston District Lay Their Case Before Dr. Robertson---They Want to Rebuild the Kingston School.

Fredericton, March 20—(Special)—Governor Tweedie presided at a meeting of the board of education but no business of importance was transacted.

The appointment of a school inspector to succeed the late D. L. Mitchell will be taken up later.

Messrs. Flewelling, Williams and Wetmore, of the trustee board of the Kingston Consolidated school, had an interview with Dr. Robertson this morning in regard to rebuilding of the institution. The condition of affairs was fully explained to him by the trustees and they stated that the feeling at Kingston was in favor of rebuilding. There is $12,000 insurance payable to the consolidated district and the annual grant of $1,200 from the Macdonald fund still has two years to run. They were also in receipt of an extra grant of $1,000 from the government. The trustees expressed the hope that with funds at hand they might be able to rebuild the school but Dr. Robertson was unable to hold out much hope for further assistance now could he say that the grant from the Macdonald fund would be continued. He promised, however, to render what assistance lay in his power.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, March 20—(Special)—Trading in stocks was dull today but Dominion Coal was active, moving up to 64 1-2, later reacting to 62 3-4 on a hitch in the Steel settlement. Steel was strong at 32 1-4 for common and 115 for preferred. Other features were Power, 110 3-4; Detroit, 57 1-4.

A FIRE IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, March 20—(Special)—The premises of the Stuart Machinery Company were damaged to the extent of $25,000 by fire yesterday morning. The president of the company is R. MacGregor, of Galt, Ont. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

THE ONLY KIND.

He—My father is a very independent man.

She—Then he is a widower?

THREE YEARS IN DORCHESTER IS THE SENTENCE FOR DOWNIE

"The sentence of this court is that you be confined in Dorchester penitentiary for period of three years." Briefly and succinctly is thus stated the climax of the Downie trial.

Standing room was not available when W. Herbert Downie was led into court before Judge McLeod at 11.18 this morning. Previously His Honor reminded J. M. Price, counsel for Downie that he had served one point in the evidence on which an appeal could be based, but the application for continued reservation must be made prior to the imposition of sentence as under no circumstances would he reserve the point after the passing of sentence. If Mr. Price requested that the point be reserved His Honor would remand Downie to jail until May 1 as he was always of the belief that it was not just to send a man to penitentiary when there is a point reserved on appeal. On May 1 after the argument on the point he would pass sentence if the appeal was refused.

Mr. Price drew His Honor's attention to the statute applicable to such cases but the judge said he knew the statute in question. His Honor granted Mr. Price's request for a private conference and they were closeted for fifteen minutes in the judge's chamber, but the mission of the counsel was unsuccessful and eventually he consulted with Downie on the most discreet method of procedure and in consequence it was decided to [illegible] straw in the fight for [illegible] ject to sentence being imposed today.

His Honor then addressed Downie. He told the young man that he was convicted by twelve men of stealing $1114 from his employers. T. S. Simms & Co. Ltd. He was well defended and the verdict was not harsh or unjust as no other verdict could be reached. It only remained for His Honor to pass sentence and discretion was left with him. It is worse to steal from an employer than another person as the employer trusts an employe. His Honor spoke of being the recipient of a number of representations on behalf of Downie who to most appearances had previously borne a good reputation. His Honor assumed that this was his initial offence though it was a serious one. He said he would impose as light a sentence as possible on Downie which would not conflict with the proper discharge of his duty.

Just at this juncture a spectator was seized with an epileptic spell outside the railing and collapsed in the crowd. He was removed to the open air and after a brief lull His Honor resumed and imposed the sentence by the terms of which Downie will languish in prison for three years unless he is paroled in the interim.

His Honor concluded by suggesting that when he is liberated at the expiration of the term the convicted billing clerk should commence a career of usefulness. Downie betrayed no emotion either before or following the pronouncation of the sentence which in its severity will surprise the majority of the public who anticipated a suspension of sentence or at the most a term in jail.

Judge McLeod ordered that the $73 owned by Downie be returned to Downie's father and the $1114 be restored to the Simms management. Downie walked steadily out of court in the custody of a constable into the jail, but when he passed within the confines of the brick building he collapsed and fainted.

OBITUARY

Moses Cunningham

Moses Cunningham died this morning at the residence of his son-in-law, David H. Higgins, on the Hickey Road. Mr. Cunningham was 64 years of age and was a caulker by trade.

He is survived by one son, George, of this city, and four daughters—Mrs. Wm. Merrick and Mrs. George Gallagher, of this city; Mrs. D. H. Higgins, Hickey Road, and Mrs. David Waddel, Reid's Point, Kings county. One brother, John, resides in the North End, and a sister, Mrs. Harmsworth, in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Mary Rogers

The death occurred last night at Musquash of Mary, wife of Charles Rogers, in her 78th year. She leaves, beside her husband, one brother and two sisters. The sisters are Miss Jennie, residing at Musquash, and Mrs. Terence McManus, of Fairville. The funeral will be held on Monday at Musquash.

Mrs. John Grear

The death occurred on the 20th inst., of Mrs. John Grear, widow of the late John Grear, of Westfield. Deceased was in her seventy-seventh year and leaves seven sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

Thomas O. Sandall and William Farren, of the customs service, this city, have both been placed on the retired list. Mr. Sandall went into the service May 10th, 1860 and was a landing waiter. He has been on the sick list for some time, and is to receive seven tenths of salary while he lives. Mr. Farren went into the service August 1st, 1874 and will receive very near the full amount allowed by the civil service act.

Sadie Gosline, a heavyweight belle of the Duke street Ethiopian colony, will be cautioned by the police to refrain from harboring Walter Forbes, a colored boy, in the future, as his father has transferred him to James Graves.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Joseph Carey was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, Haymarket Square, to the Cathedral. Rev. Fr. Duke read the burial service, and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The body of Captain Valentine Cook, who died in the hospital on Thursday, was taken to Sackville on the early train this morning, and burial will take place there tomorrow.

Martello Lodge and Thorne Lodge paid a fraternal visit to No Surrender Lodge, No. 109, in Fairville on Thursday night. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Robinson, Dr. Gray and Mr. Stockford and a musical programme was carried out.

Word was received at the I. C. R. ticket office today that both steamers are now crossing between P. E. Island and the mainland. Traffic has been resumed as usual.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM IS IMPRESSED

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam stepped jauntily into the Times office this morning and carefully dusted the best chair before inviting himself to sit down. Then he beckoned for the new reporter. Hiram was arrayed in a new spring suit that sat somewhat awkwardly in places, but he wore the air of a man born to command. The new reporter approached him with deference, and waited.

"You might jist say," observed Hiram, "that Mr. Hiram Hornbeam was in town today on his way home from the meetin' o' the Farmers an' Dairymen's Association."

"Yes, sir," said the new reporter.

"You might say," pursued Hiram, "that Mr. Hornbeam addressed the meetin' several times, an' showed a wide grasp o' the subjick—also that his remarks was greatly appreciated."

"I am sure of it," said the new reporter.

"Well, sir," said Hiram, giving his left whisker a reflective tug, "it was great. I cal'late I won't come to town, after all, an' start a newspaper. I used to think you fellers on the papers was the greatest fellers on airth—but, as my boy says, we're it. Did you read what Perfesser Robe'son said about us? An' what the Hon'able Doctor Landry said? An' what they all said? By Hen! It's fine. We're not the salt o' the airth any more—we're the hull caboodle. Hey, what? When I git home I'm gonto put up a monument to myself, right down by the gate, so's everybody kin see it. It'll take me till seedin' time to git back into workin' shape. If I see one o' my gals chawin' gum after this I'll spank 'er."

"Will you paint your house?" queried the new reporter.

"Who—me? Well, I've lived in that house quite a spell, an' I cal'late we kin git along without any paint. But I got to have a Kentucky hoss. No more old plugs fer me, after what I heard at Fred'icton this week. What we want is conceit an' Kentucky hosses. One we kin git from the spell-binders, an' Hazen 'll see that we git th' other. I tell you you won't know us farmers when you see us next year."

"I suppose," said the new reporter, "you have acquired much valuable information about soils and crops, live-stock feeding, and the marketing of produce."

"Who—me? Well, I guess I knowed all that afore I went to Fred'icton. D'you s'pose them fellers kin teach me how to raise petaters er pigs? That ain't what these here conventions is held fer. We go there to git taffy. The sap's beginnin' to run now. It's flowin' great in Fred'icton. You might jist say that Mr. Hornbeam makes the purest maple sugar on the market. I'll bring you down some. It's fust class. Good-day."

EMPRESS BREAKS SEASON'S RECORD FOR PASSENGERS

Empress of Britain Arrived This Morning With a Very Large Number---Capt. Murray Gives an Impromptu Concert

The C. P. R. liner, Empress of Britain, from Liverpool, via Halifax, J. A. Murray, R. N. R., commander, arrived off the Island about 7 o'clock this morning, and came up the harbor and docked at No. 2 berth at 8.45.

The big liner brings the largest number of passengers brought to this port this season in any one steamer. In all, there are 1,482 divided as follows:—85 first cabin; 473 second, and 926 third. The steamer passed some ice bergs in latitude 44 north and longtitude 45 west, and encountered heavy westerly gales on Monday and Tuesday. On Thursday night there was a concert aboard, when for the first time the beautiful new Steinway Vertegrand Weltse-Mignon piano was heard. Needless to say the passengers were charmed with the instrument.

Captain Murray, himself a great lover of music, entertained some newspaper men to an impromptu concert after the ship had docked this morning. The piano which is the very latest of its kind, is the first ever placed on an ocean steamer. The concert, impromptu though it was, proved a rare treat from a musical standpoint. The instrument is a marvelous piece of mechanism, and produces exactly the playing of the world's greatest pianists, in productions of the great masters. All the effect of the exquisite touch and beautiful blending is heard, and one enjoys the distinct privilege of listening to the world's renowned pianoforte artists in music of a class that provides a musical education. The instruments cost $1,000 a piece. The Britain and Ireland, which will also be supplied with one, are the only steamers of the C. P. R. fleet that have them.

The first train with the first and second class passengers left Sand Point at 9.17, and the train with the third left at 12 o'clock. Three trains will take the third class. The saloon passenger list follows.

Saloon passengers—G. H. Ash, A. E. Bassett, R. H. Beazley, M. C. Bernard, E. H. Bickford, Mrs. Bickford, J. Morison Bruce and valet, S. Y. Bullis, Mrs. Byng-Hall, Master J. F Byng-Hall and nurse, Mrs. J. A. Carruthers, J. A. Carruthers, J. A. Carruthers, Jnr, V. Case-Morris, B. B. Cronyn, G. L. Dix, W. Dod, J. Dover, A. J. Esdaile, G. Schiller Flindt Mrs. Flindt, H. Foster, L. H. Gaudrey, I. Haley, W. C. Hardy, G. Hodgson, C. W. T. Hoblyn, J. H. Hutchison, F. J. Jackman, G. Jaques, Mrs. G Jaques, E Johns, H. P. L. Jollye, J. Kennedy, F. Lance, A Logan, Mr. Mackedie, J. McDiarmid, J. J. McDonald, J. C. McLean, C. Meredith, Mrs. Meredith and maid, Ewan Moore, A. M. Murphy, J. H. Neelands, J. V. Nimmo, W. Odell, W. L. Parrish, R. L. Paterson, Lieut. Com. Powles, R. N., R. C. Poyser, G. Spring Rice, Mrs. Rice, J. P. Robertson, R. B. Rogers, Mrs. Rogers, H. J. Sambrook, T. Stewart, R. S. Strath, W. Stuart, C. Thorn, Miss N. Thouret, Miss C. Thouret, P. J. Tillett, E. E. Turner, J. F. B. Vandeleur, R. Verre, Mrs. Verre, R. W. Waddell, A. F. Walters, Miss M. Whiston, R. Willis, H. Wilson, Mrs. S. Wolff, Miss Wolff, J. Davis, Mrs. J. Davis, P. Swan, Mrs. P. Swan, Rev. C. H. Francis, E. Stripp.

TO STOP SPECULATION IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Legislation Will Be Introduced in U. S. House to Put "Future" Buying of Grain and Cotton Under the Ban

Washington, March 20—The campaign to procure legislation against speculation in cotton, grain and other agricultural products will be carried on in the sixty-first congress with even more vigor than in the sixtieth congress, according to the statements of southern members.

Representative Macon of Arkansas has re-introduced his bill to prohibit this speculation by forbidding telegraph and telephone companies from transmitting information concerning the buying, selling or dealing in these futures. "I intend to fight for such a law as long as I am in congress," said Mr. Macon today, "provided a law is not enacted, as I hope it will be."

His bill, together with those of a number of other senators on the same subject, were ordered by the committee on agriculture last session but no report was made. Under the Fitzgerald amendment to the rules, it is believed that the house would be called upon to vote on the proposition at the first regular session. Representative Garrett of Tennessee had introduced a bill to prohibit the use of mails for dealing in these futures. Others who are preparing or redrafting bills to prohibit the alleged gambling are Representatives Burleon of Texas and Henry of Texas.

THE MANAGER SKIPPED OUT WITH THE COMPANY'S FUNDS

Mutual Assurance Company, Recently Organized by Retail Merchants in Winnipeg, Starts Its Career With a Sensation

Winnipeg, March 20—(Special)—The recently organized Retail Merchants' Mutual Assurance Company, which received its charter only at the last session of the Manitoba legislature, has entered on its career with a sensation. General Manager W. A. Coulson, who is also secretary-treasurer of the association, has disappeared, taking with him all the available funds of the company, amounting to $3,000, which he was supposed to have deposited with the [illegible] under the provisions of the insurance act.

Coulson's defalcation cannot be estimated, but it will run into many thousands of dollars. Over sixteen hundred dollars of paid premiums are known to be missing. Coulson has had a long start of the police, as it was not known for several days that he had left town.

The government inspector started an investigation as to why the deposit was not forthcoming although the company was reported to be accepting risks and then found that the manager had decamped with the money. Coulson came here some years ago from Ottawa, where he ran a large store. He is believed now to be in Seattle or in that section of the country.