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**NEWS BREVITIES  
 OF ILLINOIS**

Chicago.—A writ of attachment, issued by the supreme court of Illinois, was served on Sheriff Christopher Strassheim by Coroner Peter M. Hoffman. He received the writ from Springfield and proceeded to execute it at once. It was issued because of the sheriff's failure to send Abner Smith, former president of the Bank of America, to the penitentiary, in response to a supreme court mandate. Shortly before the writ was served, however, the sheriff received a reprieve for Smith from Gov. Deneen. The reprieve had been granted by the governor.

Chicago.—Peter M. Hoffman, coroner, received a telegram from J. McCann Davis, clerk of the supreme court, withdrawing the writ of attachment that he served on Sheriff Strassheim. It is believed by the coroner that the issuing of the writ was a mistake and that the court intended that a writ of citation should have been issued. The reason for the original action of the supreme court was in the fact that Sheriff Strassheim had failed to send Abner Smith, former president of the defunct Bank of America, to the penitentiary, as ordered by the court.

Fort Sheridan.—One private was severely injured, three men thrown to the ground and slightly hurt, and a panic was caused among the artillery forces when a heavy machine gun drawn before the reviewing stand crashed into a tree, hurling Private John Bowden underneath the truncheon. The injured man was taken, unconscious, to the government hospital. Order finally was restored among the frightened horses.

Shawneetown.—The funeral of Dr. John T. Binkley, the Evansville physician who was killed in the Wellington hotel, Chicago, was held here. The widow and son accompanied the body, the latter reiterating the belief that his father was murdered by robbers. Dr. Binkley practiced in Shawneetown and vicinity for 30 years before removing to Evansville in 1886.

South Chicago.—School children of Windsor Park and South Chicago took up the search for Benjamin W. Porter, insurance collector, who mysteriously disappeared from his home. Responding to Mrs. Porter's appeal, scores of boys and girls began making inquiries in the hope that a clew might be found.

Lincoln.—Jilted on the eve of her wedding to John L. Schaub is the experience of Miss Mabel Luella Van Winkle of Bloomington, the prospective groom having eloped with Miss Ida Day of Pontiac, who has been playing the piano at a moving picture show in this city.

Lincoln.—James McNath of Hartsburg, former chairman of the board of supervisors of Logan county, reports that a peculiar disease has broken out among his cattle. The cattle become suddenly sick and die without any apparent cause.

Evanston.—James A. Patten, "wheat king," sent a floral piece for the coffin of H. C. Mottashed, his former clerk, who shot and killed himself in Chicago. Mottashed for years was employed as the confidential clerk of Mr. Patten.

Carlinville.—The Rural Letter Carriers' association of Macoupin county elected officers as follows: President, T. W. Brockmiller, Carlinville; vice-president, J. A. Russell, Staunton; secretary-treasurer, W. R. Palmer, Carlinville.

Tuscola.—While listening to a stirring eulogy of his comrades dead and gone, William Thompson, an old soldier, died suddenly. The speaker was Attorney John Hill of Chicago, a memorial speech to the members of the G. A. R.

Springfield.—State Auditor McCullough issued a permit to organize the Elizabeth State bank at Elizabeth, Jo Daviess county, to A. J. Nichols, A. E. Moughin, John Coveny, Mrs. N. J. Nash and Lois E. Nash. The capital stock is \$25,000.

Chicago.—Policeman Anthony McLaughlin of the South Englewood station committed suicide by shooting himself over the heart and above the right temple with a revolver in the home of his sister, Mrs. A. Fallon. He died instantly.

Sterling.—Mrs. Bridget Lucy has filed suit for \$10,000 damages against Jacob A. Eulberg, who accidentally killed her husband while practicing with a rifle. The coroner's jury exonerated him.

Pekin.—Unable to hear an approaching Big Four passenger train because of deafness, Henry Bohlander, an inmate of the county poor farm, was struck and killed near this city.

Taylorville.—Oscar Broughton of this city was killed in a coal mine at Witt. No particulars can be obtained regarding the circumstances surrounding his death.

East St. Louis.—John Martin was found guilty of murdering his mother and was sentenced to serve 25 years in the penitentiary. His mother

had reproved him from drinking.  
 Jacksonville.—Asa A. Stutzman and Miss Amelia Grace Taft, both of Jacksonville, took out a license to marry at Louisville, Ky. The bridegroom is a deaf mute and the bride is a graduate of a Boston school of expression. She is originally from New Hampshire and claims to be distantly related to President Taft.

Waverly.—Because of ill health, Peter Arnold attempted to take his life by taking poison, but was prevented from carrying out his designs by assistance arriving. A physician was called, but Arnold is in a critical condition.

**TAFT AS MEDIATOR**

**SENATOR NEWLAND'S ADVISERS  
 THAT PRESIDENT GIVE OPINION  
 ON TARIFF.**

**WANTS EXECUTIVE'S IDEAS**

**Member of Upper Branch Declares  
 That Veto Would Accomplish Little  
 Good After Customs Measure  
 Had Been Passed.**

Washington, June 9.—Having completed consideration of the cotton goods' schedule the senate took up the woolen schedule, which probably will be under discussion for the greater part of the remainder of the week.

Advising the president to send a special message to congress advising a reduction of the tariff downward, Senator Newlands expressed the view that such action would meet the hearty support of the "progressive" Republicans and Democrats, and would rally to the support of those elements in congress sufficient recruits to accomplish the end sought by him.

Hopes to Secure Reductions.  
 Senator Newlands spoke for an immediate recommendation by the president, suggesting that a change of from five to seven Republican votes would give a majority to secure further reductions of the Dingley rates.

He said that not all of the majority could be regarded as staunch supporters of the finance committee and predicted that if the president's voice should be heard many would readily accept his leadership. Otherwise, he said, they prefer to remain with the organization, for upon it would depend their assignment to important committees, the favorable consideration of legislation in which they are interested, and the protection of interests in their states and sections.

"Differs from Predecessor."  
 "No one questions the courage or the sincerity of the president," continued Newlands, "but he is known to differ temperamentally from his predecessor. As a lawyer and judge, he has reverence for constituted authority and a disinclination to meddle with the functions of a co-ordinate department. He believes in leaving legislation to congress, and does not believe in interfering either to coerce or to force congress in its action. It is true that when the time comes for him to act upon legislation he will doubtless act vigorously and decisively, and discharge to the full the constitutional duty which devolves upon him; but thus far it must be admitted that the only constitutional power he is likely to exercise decisively is that of the veto, and this power can give little or no relief, under existing circumstances.

Veto Has Little Effect.  
 "Should the president be disposed to wait until congress acts, it will be difficult for him to accomplish anything by a veto and the only alternative will be to accept the bill and to press on later for further ameliorative legislation. It will then be necessary for him to make specific recommendations, after all the momentum of the reform movement has been lost, after congress has acted, and at a time when congress will be unwilling to return to a subject which has been the source of so much bitterness and acrimony, with so little substantial result. A mere recommendation, under such circumstances, would probably fail.

Opposed by Organization.  
 "Even should he press these questions he will find himself opposed, as President Roosevelt was, by the Republican organization of the senate, headed by the senator from Rhode Island; for the opposition of that senator is that of all the reactionary and ultra-conservative statesmen who have figured in the world's history—involving rank, privilege, the abuses of powerful interests, and opposition to change. The president, therefore, would have to take up his fight at a later day against an organization whose prestige will be increased by success in the present issue."

Senator Newlands pointed out difficulties that would be met by the president if he should attempt to gain concessions while the bill is in conference.

"The feeling is growing stronger in this country that the tariff ought to be taken out of politics," said Senator Newlands in concluding. "It is an economic question, not a partisan question. It should be adjusted scientifically and not accidentally. I believe that decisive action of a reformative character should be taken now, and that the country should then turn to the unsettled questions of banking, transportation, and trust regulation and control, upon which the just and proportionate distribution of wealth in this country will depend."

Waterpouts Cause Big Damage.  
 Cheyenne, Wyo., June 9.—More than \$50,000 worth of property has been damaged and the big Pathfinder government irrigation dam, a government project, is threatened with destruction as the result of floods and waterpouts in Wyoming.

Packing Company Loses Case.  
 Des Moines, Ia., June 9.—Judge Howe of the district court of Iowa, rendered a decision adversely to the Agar Packing Company, which had sued the Rock Island Railway Company for \$350,000 for rebating and the unjust rate charged.

Peoria.—Peoria business men are holding a \$9,340 bag in the Monroe & Monroe sale of the British wireless stock. P. G. Robinson, who sold the stock and gave his receipt for the money, is under arrest in New York on complaint of a business man of San Jose, Cal. The Peoria stockholders will join in an attempt to recover funds invested.

Chicago.—At a meeting the Austin Public Policy club adopted resolutions asking Gov. Deneen to call a special election in the Sixth congressional district as soon as possible for the choice of a congressman to succeed William Lorimer, now United States senator.

Chicago.—Dr. Martin H. Luken, president of the staff of St. Elizabeth's hospital, died at the home of his brother, William M. Luken. Death was caused by a complication of chronic diseases from which the physician had suffered for about three years.

Springfield.—Gov. Deneen issued a requisition on the governor of Michigan for the return of Samuel Berger, wanted in St. Clair county on a charge of larceny. Berger is said to have stolen \$50 from Husan Mustafa of East St. Louis last February, and is now under arrest at Detroit, Mich.

Jacksonville.—Illinois Woman's college held its sixty-third annual commencement exercises, the address being made by Bishop Speltmeyer of St. Louis. There were 21 graduates, but only two, Miss Wiley and Miss Davis received degrees, the first given by the school.

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