National Capital Affairs

He Twists Letters Like Mexican Juggling Lariat

WASHINGTON—Frank B. Willis, the rising young statesman from Wood Town, Ohio, who pulled down the spelling laurels in the recent Press Club ladies' night entertainment, had better study up that bloodsucked spelling, because there's another guy in town who can twist the letters round his tongue like a Mexican greaser juggling a lariat. This same fellow is Wrisley Brown, special assistant attorney general of the department of justice. Mr. Brown sat in the front row at the spelling bee and wore a sardonic smile upon his face all through the proceedings. Now I understand. He thought the words were too easy. This is apt to prove by looking up the records.

Some time ago a correspondent who purported to be a college professor wrote a letter to President Taft complaining that the recurrence of crime waves was due to malign thought impulses hurtled about by detectives of the department of justice. These evil detectives have been set forth and arrest these law breakers, according to the writer, in this way working up a reputation for efficiency. The writer also said he had appeared before the senate "third degree" committee, and that his views were greeted with loud guffaws. In conclusion he said:

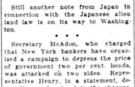
"They laughed, Mr. President," he wrote, "at the profundity of their own ineptitude."

The letter was referred to the department of justice, and Wrisley Brown was asked to prepare an indictment for it. There was a scream of laughter when Brown turned in a burlesque opinion couched in words which outranked the professors' tan to one. They say President Taft chuckled all day over it. And so for big words—just watch us.

"After careful reflection," wrote Wrisley Brown, "I concur in the political theorems herein deduced by the complainant. His conclusions regarding the auto-suggestion of crime are fully borne out by the history of human experience. Its insidious effect upon the mind has a pronounced tendency for it to demoralize or to undermine the will of the evil power, combined with a chronic condition of the facial ties.

"In some cases it has even been known to induce katatonia or some more serious dissociation of the mental elements of a lustic character and forbund developments such as for instance, confusional encephalomalaria. The application of the third degree annihilates the inhibitory powers of the cerebellum and plunges him into a state of volitional hypnosis thereby breaking down the fundamental doctrine of free agency. All the principles of abstract justice fly up heavenward against it with a thousand throats."

How John Burroughs Found a Place to Sleep In



an unsteady course for the blind tiger

JOHN BURROUGHS, accompanied by two well known naturalists, Dreany Thompson-Seton and Glenn Rock of Chicago, was a recent visitor to the capitol. These three men were here to urge the enactment of legislation pending in congress for the protection of birds.

At the capitol Mr. Burroughs gazed with thoughtful eyes directed toward the imposing, glistening white, marble senate office building.

"Beautiful building, isn't it?" he was asked.

"Hugh! Yes," was the slow response.

"But," he added, "I would a whole sight rather pass at a scene I remember so distinctly. I had visited a small hamlet in a state that was very "dry."

"I looked about, but could find no place to sleep. It took only a few minutes to traverse the settlement. There was only one place where a light could be seen. The nature of the business being transacted there was apparent to all who cared to understand. It was a so-called "blind tiger."

"Seeking rest there was out of the question, but I was tempted to enter and ask for information. As I was hesitating, a faint light in a building opposite showed, and in a few minutes the form of a man, partly dressed, appeared in the doorway and began to repose better than that night."

Calamitous Cessation for Bobby's Little Lamb

IT is an admitted fact that Mary had a little lamb. It may be news to all the general public that Bobby Blank, who lives on Georgetown way, had a another. Leastwise he had, until the other day, when the unexpected came to what one might briefly call a calamitous cessation.

Bobby had been all week-ending with a little cousin who lives out in the country to keep him company, on a bill, off the plan. Little cousin owned a pet lamb, and when the time was waiting for Bobby he, somehow, managed to sneak the lamb out and away with the goods.

The wise men who make the world go round for us assert that character changes with environment, and it must be so, for by the time the wagon had wheeled up to the home turf the small white thing that had been as docile as those other dear lambkins that skip on the forever green grass in the way back geography book took on a bloodish batting velocity.

Bobby's mamma was waiting to welcome little son as he hopped out of the wagon, dragging the lamb at the end of a string. The first thing the boy knew the lamb had butted him and sprawled them, mother and man and all, on the pavement.

A crowd developed with a sudden rush that suggested it must have swarmed up from the cevices in the rocks.

The little lamb got busy and butted every one that separated it small self-possessed impartiality, until a particularly husky man gave it what was intended to be a down-and-out kick. But it wasn't. It was the little lamb for the man—but maybe he wouldn't like it particularly—and the people are so delicately sensitive—and, anyhow, maybe he would not have better of the little lamb had given him a second try, but it wasn't that sort of a little lamb. It preferred to streak off like white lightning—and maybe it is streaking yet.

Bobby was inconsolably frank. He didn't mean no harm to just took the lamb because it looked good to him. This moral kidnapery, which has been an epidemic among us since the knave of hearts he stole some tarts all on a summer's day, was not condoned by the mother, who believed in letting the punishment to the crime, her son had a stolen lamb. So she gave him a lamming.

Some Mighty Beautiful Things in the Constitution

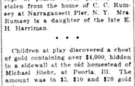
SENATOR TOM MARTIN of Virginia is naturally deeply moved by most statesmen from the sunny south to the sunny orator. On the contrary, he is usually so silent that he makes the lights seem like the star book agent for an installment publishing house. As some of his constituents say, "Tom takes after us—he's quiet."

But when Senator Sam Little he listens much. And when he does finally break into speech he words are to the point.

Some time ago there came up, in the senate, a bill on which there was a bitter fight, straightway several of those senators who have come to be known as "constitutional sharks" leaped to their feet one after another, in high sounding and resounding protest.

Shall we, unworthy as we are, dare to violate either the letter or the spirit of our belaved constitution?" they demanded. "Never—never—not one iota—NEVER!"

Martin listened calmly until all had done. Then he rose slowly and dragged himself gracefully over one edge of his desk.



"Mistah President," said he in his soft drawl, "I yield to no man, sah, in the reverence I have for the constitution as it frames. They did well. They did nobly, sah—fah their time. But, Mistah President, those gentlemen have been dead mo' than one hundred years, sah, and times, sah, have changed. We've got to remember that, sah.

"And remembering that, Mistah President, what I started to say was this: There are some mighty beautiful things in our Constitution. It's a beautiful work, sah. Those Mistahs—particularly of all the beautiful things in all that beautiful work, to my mine the most beautiful of all are those glorious words, sah, givin' us the right to amend."

Week's News in Paragraphs

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

EVENTS HERE AND ABROAD

Epitome of a Week's Happenings Condensed for the Perusal of the Busy Man, and Arranged in Classified Form.

Washington

The Mutiall "confession" received another blow when Representative George W. Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, and leader of the Democratic majority in the house of representatives at Washington under oath, denounced Mutiall as a "liar and a blackmailer."

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Still another note from Japan in connection with the Japanese alien land law is on its way to Washington.

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Secretary McAdoo, who charged that New York bankers have created a campaign to depress the price of government two per cent bonds, was attacked on two sides. Representative Henry, in a statement, demanding an inquiry into the charges; Senator Weeks challenged Secretary McAdoo to produce his evidence.

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Republican senators of the senate at Washington made it clear that they do not propose to hasten construction of the tariff bill if the president and Democratic leaders of congress are to insist upon the enactment of currency legislation at this session. Senator Gallinger declared that the Republicans were in no hurry per to be forced, and Lodge insisted that assurances of a prolonged but earnest consideration were the conditions to hastening tariff action.

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Representative Austin of Tennessee has offered a resolution in congress calling on Secretary of the Interior Lane for information concerning changes and demotions in the pension bureau. It is said many old soldiers have been sufferers by the shakeup.

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Senator Bacon of Georgia took the oath before the senate at Washington as the first United States senator elected by direct vote of the people.

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Charles B. Dyson, Jr., the United States immigration inspector who was shot in the back in Juarez by Mexican soldiers, was released from the Juarez (Mex.) hospital and brought to El Paso after American Consul T. D. Edwards had made a demand for his release. The soldiers charged with shooting Dyson were arrested following a demand from Bryan that such action be taken.

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Despite sensational criticism of the proposed reduction in parcel post rates and the increase in the limit on the size of the packages, Postmaster General Burleson announced at Washington he would issue the final order at once, putting the changes in effect August 15.

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The first payment of $250,000, to Panama for the annual rental of the canal zone was made by the U. S. government. The payments are in addition to $10,000,000 paid in cash to Panama nine years ago.

Domestic

A severe rainstorm, accompanied by wind and lightning, in Baltimore, Md., injured eighteen persons and damaged property to the extent of $100,000.

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The Wisconsin legislature took a radical stand on eugenic problems and adopted the two most extreme measures—a marriage and the future of the race ever passed in any state in the Union. The two houses both passed bills providing for a health certificate with every marriage license and for the a measure providing for sterilization of undesirables.

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Big Four passenger train No. 1 plowed into the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern passenger train, between Perry and Madison, O., while the Lake Shore train was held up by a freight. It splintered the dining car to pieces and telescoped the next car, a Pullman, injuring 12 persons.

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Gems valued at $75,000, including a rope of pearls worth $50,000, were stolen from the home of C. C. Hamsey at Narragansett Pier, N. Y. Mrs. Ramsey is a daughter of the late E. H. Harriman.

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Children at play discovered a chest of gold containing over $8,000, hidden in a sidewall at the old homestead of Michael Hinkle, Peoria, Ill. The fortune was in $5, $10 and $20 gold coins.

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Because of a burned bridge Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Mrs. Daniels and Governor West of Oregon crossed their way in a launch from near Landora, Ore., on the Southern Pacific road at night. They carried trainmen's lanterns.

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Two women were drowned in the Red Cedar river when an automobile ride in which they were sitting ran off the deck of the ferry boat, between Dunn, near Montreal, and plunged into the river. Mrs. C. Morrison and Mrs. J. Cheyne were the victims.

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Attended by thousands of mourners, many of them the relatives or close friends of the victims, the funeral of the twenty-one unidentified dead who lost their lives in the Binghamton (N. Y.) Clothing company fire, took place on Sunday.

Superintendent C. N. Cole of the St. Croix county asylum in Wisconsin attempted to capture David Flint, an escaped lunatic, on a lonely road but the latter, armed with an ax, put up a fight. The madman aimed the ax at Cole's head, but missed, and in an instant Cole was upon him. Cole received many hard blows from the broadside of the ax before he disarmed Flint.

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"Tom" Marshall of Columbia City, Ind., likes the job of being vice-president of the United States. He said so at Hotel La Salle in Chicago. "The senate is a great institution," he added. "The senators are all fine fellows—all of them—Republicans as well as Democrats. It's a nice place to work." The vice-president was the guest of honor of the Loyal Order of Moose at a banquet.

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Three men and a ten-year-old boy were killed at Green Bay, Wis., in the wreck of the Milwaukee Road's Copper Country Express, south bound from Calumet, Mich., to Chicago.

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The Chickasha river is drying up and the deputy game and fish wardens distributed free 2,000 pounds of fish, taken from the pools in the stream, to the residents of Dewey, Okla.

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First class postmasters, in convention in Denver, took up consideration of the parcel post system, franking by public officials and other matters of importance.

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A dispatch from Bath says that Thad Buraside, lying in a biplane, broke Lincoln Beachey's American altitude record of 11,000 feet, made by Chicago two years ago, by attaining a height of 12,850 feet. Burnside lives in Osceola, was in the air for an hour and forty-five minutes, flying over a six-mile course.

Foreign

The federal gunboat Tampico was destroyed by a bomb dropped from an aeroplane over Guaymas harbor in Mexico, declares an official insurgent message. This is the first occurrence of the kind in history. It was said that the French aviator, Didier Masson, made three flights over the harbor before he succeeded in hitting the boat.

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The Alpine climbers fell 2,500 feet off the Eiffelhorn tower of the Dent-Du Midi. They are believed to have been Frenchmen.

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Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, who was out on license under the "cat and mouse law," was the leader of suffragette demonstration in London, on Sunday, which surpassed all previous Sunday afternoon affairs of the sort. During the fighting which followed Miss Pankhurst was rearrested and taken to Holloway Jail.

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Leading newspapers in Tokio accuse the Japanese cabinet of lack of diplomatic astuteness in the negotiations over California alien land ownership legislation. They urge that advantage should be taken of Mexico's friendli ness to further the cause. At the same time they question the sincerity of the United States.

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Friends of Anthony N. Brady, financier, who died in London last Tuesday, say Great Britain will reap $1,000,000 in death duties on his holdings of British American Tobacco company shares.

Personal

Prof. Charles P. Marvin has been selected chief chief of the weather bureau at Washington, succeed Willis L. Moore. Professor Marvin is now chief of the instrument division. Under the new chief more attention will be paid to weather reports and forecasts as they affect or are likely to affect agriculture and general farming conditions.

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Mayor George F. Cotterell has submitted to the Seattle city council claims for damages amounting to $67 each, by the owners of houses burned by the crashes of the rioting I. W. W. and soldiers and sailors the night of July 4.

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Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, has disappeared from the Caribbean sea, and fears for his safety are expressed by his friends in the West Indies, according to reports received in New York from government agents in Venezuela. His wife departed some time ago.

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Stephen Keeling, twelve years old and Thelma Rouch, thirteen, were drowned in the reservoir of the Wall Mining Car company at Barnesville, O. News of the death of the daughter was conveyed to Andrew Rouch at a funeral home. He fell from the grandstand when informed of the tragedy and died in a hospital.

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George Robinson and his wife and their two children were found dead at their home near Rose Hill, Jefferson county, Illinois. All four had died from the effects of carbolic acid.

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CAPITAL DAMAGED

WASHINGTON COWERS BEFORE A CYCLONE STORM OF WIND, RAIN AND HAIL.

Overturning Wagons and Carriages in the Streets—Property Ruined. —Three Dead.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington—Like a giant flail, a cyclone storm of wind, rain and hail whipped back and forth across the nation's capital, leaving death and ruin in its wake. Three dead, many missing, scores injured and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property ruffled were the toll recorded in the hurried canvass made when the city aroused itself from half an hour of helplessness in the grasp of the elements. Out of a blazing sky, under which the city was sweltering with the temperature at the 100 point, came the storm, roaring from the north, driving a mass of clouds that cast a mantle of inky darkness over the town. The gale, reaching a velocity of near 70 miles an hour, swept the streets clear, uprooted houses, tore away roofs, twisted telephone stations, wrecked one office building, overturned wagons and carriages in the streets and swept Washington's famous trees, "and" even uprooting sturdy old elms, the landmarks of a century.

MOTORDROME ACCIDENT

Motorcycle Crashed Into Crowd, Causing Death and Injuries.

Cincinnati—Four persons were killed, 20 were horribly burned, and two score injured when a motorcycle crashed at the Lagoon motordrome when a tank of gasoline which it was carrying exploded. Thousands of persons gathered about the track to see the machine driven into a panic at the last minute. Others, warned by the shouts, their arms were showered with blazing gasoline.

In the dare devil rider, Odin Johnston, was killed, and the Moose sweepstakes race of 25 miles was finished. Scores of men and women were removed to the city hospitals horribly burned.

CINCINNATI TO HAVE NEW CHARTER.

Cincinnati—By a small margin the adherents of a new city charter won at the special election held here. The ticket headed by Rev. Herbert Hig slow met a crushing defeat, the city charter there being retained. The proposition for a small council was defeated. The vote was surprisingly small for a city election.

CINCINNATI MARKETS

Corn—No. 2 white 71@71½c; No. 3 white 70½@71c; No. 4 white 69@70c. No. 2 yellow 67½@68c; No. 3 yellow 67@67½c; No. 4 yellow 66@66½c. No. 2 mixed 67½@68c; No. 3 mixed 67@67½c; No. 4 mixed 66@66½c. No. 2 white ear 67@68c; yellow ear 67@68c; mixed ear 67@68c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy $16.50@17.50; standard timothy $15@16. No. 2 timothy $14@15. No. 1 mixed $14@15. No. 1 clover mixed $14@15.50. No. 1 clover timothy $14@15. No. 1 clover $15. No. 2 clover $13@14.

Oats—No. 2 white 44@45c; standard white 44@44½c. No. 3 white 43@43½c. No. 4 white 42@42½c. No. 2 mixed 41@41½c. No. 3 mixed 40@40½c. No. 4 mixed 39@40c.

Rye—1 car No. 2, new, auction price 94@97c. No. 2 new 84@85c. Track 78c.

Barley—No. 1 red winter $2. No. 2 red $1.98@1.99. No. 3 red $1.92@1.94. No. 4 red $1.90@1.91.

Eggs—Prime firsts 18½c; firsts 16c, ordinary firsts 14c, seconds 10c.

Poultry—Hens, 15c; ducks and over, 20c; under 2 lbs, 18@19c; old roosters, 12c; geese, 12c; turkeys, 18c; young, 18c; young, 18c.

Cheese—Ohio flats, new, 17½@18c; Ohio daisies, new, 17½@18c; Ohio twins, new, 17½@18c; Ohio Swiss, new, 22@23c; Ohio limburger, new, 17½@18c.

Potatoes—Per bbl, $2.25@2.50; extra $2.75@3.00; fancy Michigan $2.75@3.00; fancy Minnesota $2.75@3.00; fancy Wisconsin $2.75@3.00; fancy Ohio $2.75@3.00; fancy Virginia $2.75@3.00; fancy Maine $2.75@3.00; fancy Pennsylvania $2.75@3.00; fancy Indiana $2.75@3.00; fancy Illinois $2.75@3.00; fancy Kentucky $2.75@3.00; fancy Tennessee $2.75@3.00; fancy Missouri $2.75@3.00; fancy Kansas $2.75@3.00; fancy Nebraska $2.75@3.00; fancy Colorado $2.75@3.00; fancy Utah $2.75@3.00; fancy Idaho $2.75@3.00; fancy Oregon $2.75@3.00; fancy Washington $2.75@3.00; fancy California $2.75@3.00; fancy Arizona $2.75@3.00; fancy New Mexico $2.75@3.00; fancy Texas $2.75@3.00; fancy Louisiana $2.75@3.00; fancy Mississippi $2.75@3.00; fancy Alabama $2.75@3.00; fancy Georgia $2.75@3.00; fancy Florida $2.75@3.00; fancy South Carolina $2.75@3.00; fancy North Carolina $2.75@3.00; fancy Virginia $2.75@3.00; fancy Maryland $2.75@3.00; fancy Delaware $2.75@3.00; fancy New Jersey $2.75@3.00; fancy New York $2.75@3.00; fancy Pennsylvania $2.75@3.00; fancy Ohio