

The President Will Not Dictate to Congress, But Tells Callers He is Opposed to Tax on Necessities—Little Likelihood of Passage of Measure Before June 1.

Washington, March 30.—The country is losing \$10,000,000 a day every day the passage of the tariff bill is delayed from this time on.

This is what President Taft is saying to senators and members of the house as fast as he can get a word with individual members of either house. The president is bending every energy toward the speedy settlement of the tariff question, but the strongest argument he uses is that quoted above.

And it was in response to his urging more than anything else that the house adopted the plan of holding night sessions from now until the close of the debate.

This enormous loss is sustained through the hesitation of great business enterprises to enter upon new contracts or extend old ones until the uncertainty about the tariff is settled.

It is not believed by anybody in congress that the bill can be passed before June 1, while many think it will take from fifteen to thirty days longer than that.

With the president assuring them that the business interests of the country are incurring a loss of \$300,000,000 a month, while the bill is under discussion, and the possibility that this loss will reach a total billion dollars if the work of considering the measure is not expedited, the leaders on both sides are showing evidence of willingness to hurry.

President Taft, it is stated, intends to leave all congressional matters to congress and does not intend to dictate to that body what it shall do.

At the same time he takes advantage of the calls made upon him by senators and representatives to state anew in response to their requests for suggestions his own position and the policy to which he believes the Republican party is committed.

Favors Stamp Tax.
The president does not believe that a stamp tax would be a great burden upon the people. A stamp tax at this time would not go to the extent of the war tax imposed in 1898.

Such a tax would be far better, it is declared at the White House, than the imposition of such a tax or duty on food stuffs as would cause unrest and anxiety on the part of the general public.

President Taft has let it be known that he approves the Payne bill in principle and that he believes more schedules in the Dingley tariff should be revised downward than upward—if any should go upward at all.

His only utterances to members of congress on the subject have been in response to their direct requests for his views as to certain things.

President Taft is known to be specially opposed to the proposed tax on tea. It is stated that this tax would yield about \$8,000,000 annually. The president believes that this amount could be made up by an excise tax on the dividends of corporations or by some methods of stamp taxation.

He does not believe that the burden of raising this additional \$8,000,000 should be placed upon the rank and file of consumers.

The president also is said to believe that the ways and means committee of the house will not insist on the countervailing duty proposed on coffee.

Abductor of Willie Whittia Asked the Sheriff if He Thought the Crowd Would Harm Him—Armed Guards Placed Around Jail.

Heavily manacled to Sheriff Chess and guarded by several detectives, James Boyle, one of the kidnapers of Willie Whittia, was brought from Pittsburgh and lodged in jail at Mercer, Pa. His wife was also brought from Pittsburgh, and the couple will be formally arraigned on a charge of kidnaping in a few days.

Boyle feared violence on his arrival in Mercer, and on the journey from Pittsburgh asked Sheriff Chess if he thought the crowd would harm him. The prisoner looked greatly relieved when he saw only a scattering of people at the Mercer station.

Boyle was hurried into a waiting bus and taken to the jail, where he was locked in a cell on the second tier. An armed guard was placed in front of Boyle's cell and a patrolman will be stationed outside the jail.

Sheriff Chess said that the jail would be guarded until the trial of the Boyles was over.

There is no fear of a demonstration being made here against the kidnapers. The jail is closed to Boyle in overalls and an old shirt after he was put in a cell.

Coming down on the train Boyle talked freely, but the woman talked little and refused to give any clue as to her past. She stated, however, that she came originally from Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Please say that I do not get up on tables and dance, won't you?" said Mrs. Boyle in the parlor car. "And say also that I never made the remarks attributed to me."

"You mean about there being hell in Sharon?"
"Yes," and she smiled as if she enjoyed it. "I guess that's what Sharon had, wasn't it? But I have never blasphemed. And I never was a burlesque actress, nor have I ever been on the stage at all."

"Did you know any of the Whittia family or their relatives before you saw them in Cleveland?"
"I never saw any of them except the boy before Wednesday."

Affinity Sues For Divorce.
Ferdinand Pinney Earle, artist, poet and foremost exponent of the "affinity" idea, in Middletown, N. Y., has been served with papers in an action brought by Mrs. Earle, formerly Miss Julia Kuttner, of New York city, for annulment of their marriage.

Mrs. Earle alleges that Earle is of unsound mind and was so at the time of their marriage, although she did not become convinced of this until about Jan. 12 of this year.

Furthermore, she says, Earle is incapable of legally contracting marriage because at the time he had a wife living, to whom he was married in Paris in 1903.

The plaintiff at the time believed Earle's assertion that he had secured a divorce from a court of competent jurisdiction, but she is now convinced that the first marriage is still valid and in full force.

Mrs. Earle asks that she be awarded the custody of their infant child, Edmund Erwin Earle, and be allowed to resume her maiden name. The child if her suit is successful, will also assume her name.

Earle returned only a few days ago from a long western trip. It is believed he will fight the suit.

Miners Re-affirm Their Demands.
A resolution to ask President Taft to appoint a commission to arbitrate their differences with the operators was adopted by the miners' convention at Scranton, Pa., and referred to the executive boards to put it into effect at their discretion.

A resolution was adopted to observe April 1 as a holiday in commemoration of the anniversary of the adoption of the eight hour day in the soft coal regions.

Reaffirming the demands already presented to the operators, the anthracite miners voted to remain at work after April 1 until the district executive boards of the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania continue their efforts to get an agreement satisfactory to the men.

The miners were instructed by the convention to continue at work until such time as they are otherwise notified by the official representatives of the three anthracite districts, and the executive boards were instructed to negotiate an agreement upon such basis as the boards in their judgment believe the conditions warrant.

Woman Oddy Drowned.
Going to the creek to get water, Mrs. Annie O'Donnell, of New Lisbon, N. J., was lifted off her feet by the high wind just as she stooped to fill her pail. As a result of this accident she fell into the water and was drowned.

Her husband, Patrick O'Donnell, went from the house a few minutes after the woman had gone to the creek and found her body.

Sliding Scale Will Be Abolished and Men Cut 20 Per Cent.
Shamokin, Pa., March 30.—From local operators in close touch with President Baer, of the Reading railway and Morris Williams, of the Pennsylvania Coal company, it was learned that unless officials of the United Mine Workers of the three anthracite districts sign another three years agreement, the same as the one now in force, the coal companies would insist on all conditions reverting back to 1900, which would mean the abolition of the sliding scale and a reduction of 20 per cent.

Highwayman Shot by Posses.
Pittsburg, March 30.—An unknown man was shot and mortally wounded by Justice of the Peace William Patterson at Wilson, near here, while a posse is pursuing two other men believed to have been members of a gang of highwaymen who held up several persons at Wilson and robbed them. The man was shot during a pitched battle with officers after they had caught the three men in the act of robbing a victim.

Killed by Flying Board.
Oil City, Pa., March 30.—Philip Harnden, aged fifty-nine years, of Frydenburg, was instantly killed in being struck on the head with a board that flew from a revolving saw in his lumbar mill.

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Attempts to Kill Priests at Mass.
Des Moines, Ia., March 30.—An attempt was made to assassinate Father J. J. Flavin, rector of St. Ambrose's Catholic church, and his two assistant priests during mass for the dead. As the priests stepped from the altar inside the chancel rail a young man sprang toward them with a hand upon his hip pocket and uttering imprecations. Members of the congregation leaped upon the man, but he got away after a tussle.

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