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PRES. TAFT'S FIRST MESSAGE

Says He Will Deal with Anti-Trust and Inter- state Commerce Amend- ments Separately

Favors Ship Subsidy, Postal Sav- ings Banks and Reform in Judicial Procedure—De- nounces "Unspeakable Barbarities"

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Taft transmitted to Congress his first annual message. It is a document 17,000 words long. The most significant fact concerning it—at least for the business world—is the omission of all consideration of the anti-trust and interstate commerce laws. The omission, however, in reality is merely a postponement, for he promises early special messages dealing with these subjects—and makes it plain that he will have amendments to offer. His failure to deal with these laws at this time does not come as a surprise.

A denunciation of the "unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelaya government in Nicaragua," a recommendation for legislation to limit by statute the writ of injunction in labor cases, and a strong plea for the ship subsidy, are three of the striking points brought out.

President Taft ascribes nearly all the turmoil in Central America of recent years to President Zelaya of Nicaragua, and recalls the patient efforts the United States has taken to keep the peace between the Central American republics.

He says the Americans, Groce and Cannon, who were executed by order of Zelaya, were officers of the revolutionary forces and were entitled to treatment as prisoners of war.

Opposition to an immediate investigation by Congress of the sugar importation scandals in New York is based by the President on the ground that such an inquiry "might, by giving immunity and otherwise, prove an embarrassment in securing conviction of the guilty parties."

Mr. Taft is opposed to any further revision of the tariff at present, but asks for a continuation of the appropriation for the tariff board.

He expresses confidence that the duty imposed upon the executive of enforcing the maximum rates of the Payne bill against nations unduly discriminating against the United States will not lead to any tariff war.

The message urges the establishment of a system of postal savings banks. Other recommendations are: A subsidy to encourage American shipping.

Issue of bonds to meet expenses of the Panama canal.
Publicity of political contributions in elections of members of Congress.
A higher rate of postage on periodicals and magazines.

A fund of \$50,000 to aid in suppressing the "white slave" trade.
A commission to evolve a plan to expedite legal procedure and mitigate the "law's delays."

Construction of an artificial island and fortification in the entrance to Chesapeake bay, two battleships and one repair ship for the navy and an extensive naval base at Pearl Island, Hawaii.

A national bureau of health.
Separate statehood for New Mexico and Arizona and an appointive governor and executive council for Alaska.

Civil control of the lighthouse board and separation of the national astronomical observatory from naval control.

Our relations with foreign governments, the President reports, are in the normal state of amity and good will and in general are very satisfactory.

In conclusion, the President reports the country in a high state of prosperity and adds "there is every reason to believe we are on the eve of a substantial business expansion." Of the high prices of living, he points out that they are world wide and cannot be attributed to the tariff.

PHOENIX COMPANY LOOTED

Million Lost Through Mismanagement, Superintendent Says.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Under charges that cloud a long business career, in which he was classed among the best in his line, George Preston Sheldon, President since 1857 of the Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, with main offices at No. 68 William street and for years President of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, lies dying in Greenwich, Conn.

There is a shortage of from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 in the accounts of his company for which the State Superintendent of Insurance declares him responsible.

NEW CONGRESS STARTS TO WORK

First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Settles Down to Business.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The second session of the Sixty-first Congress began in the House at noon with Joseph G. Cannon in the chair and apparently master of a situation which was controlled by his carefully oiled machine.

No sooner had the chaplain finished prayer than the Speaker started things going, playing politics with both hands—with the one smoothing the ruffled feelings of Congressman W. S. Basset of New York and with the other administering another slight to Representative Payne of New York.

The Speaker's stroke at the beginning was the only visible manifestation of the war and rumors of war for control of the House which were uppermost in the minds of all the members when the gavel fell.

The House was in session just forty minutes. Henry C. N. Couden, the blind chaplain, in a fervent prayer, made reference to the tragic death of Representative De Armond of Missouri.

Uncle Joe entered the chamber a minute before 12. The handclapping was led by Representative Boutell of Illinois, who, in his eulogistic speech, hailed him "the Iron Duke of Illinois." Few Democrats joined in the applause.

A roll call showed 241 members present. On motion of Representative Dalzell the committee was appointed to notify President Taft. Representative Payne moved that the Senate be notified and Representative Sawyer's resolution fixed the hour of assembling daily at noon.

At 12:40 the House adjourned.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Senate swung into active and actual life to the accompaniment of gay-colored gowns in the galleries and good natured schoolboys on the floor.

It was four minutes before noon before the general influx of Senators occurred. First came the less important ones, and then the big bosses. Senators Aldrich, Lodge, Hale, Crane and the powers that be, put off their appearance until almost the last minute. They shook hands with a few friends sitting near by.

Chaplain Pierce, pastor of the Unitarian church attended by President Taft, made the opening prayer, which was brief. A roll call had for the purpose of getting everybody firmly fixed on the pay roll indicated the presence of 81 Senators. The absentees were Messrs. Bradley, Bulkeley, Culberson, Frazier, Martin, Owen, Clark of Arkansas, McLaurin, Wetmore and Smith of Michigan. Senators Money and Bailey announced that their colleagues were absent because of illness.

Senators Hale and Bacon were appointed as a committee to wait on the President and inform him that the Senate was ready to hear from him. The secretary was instructed to advise the House that the Senate was in session, and noon was fixed as the hour of daily meeting.

Mr. McCumber announced the death of Martin N. Johnson of North Dakota, and the Senate adjourned.

SKATING CLAIMS FIVE

Four Boys and a Father, Making a Rescue, Drowned.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Five deaths followed the opening of the ice skating season in this state and New Jersey. Four of the victims were boys who had ventured on thin ice.

Charles Rell, thirty-two years old, of Camden, N. J., was skating with his son at Forest Lake Park. The boy broke through the thin ice and his father went to his rescue. After lifting the boy to firm ice the man fell back into the water and was drowned before assistance reached him.

The other victims were William Wease, fourteen years old, and Robert Glunt, sixteen years old, drowned in the Susquehanna River at Williamsport, Pa.; Stanley Shenk, sixteen years old, and Harry Hoefel, thirteen years old, drowned at Lancaster, Pa.

Oak Harbor, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Nelson Davids, nineteen years old, and Mary Mylander, twenty-one years old, both school teachers, were drowned while skating on the Portage River.

ICE CASE JURY FINDS 'GUILTY'

Verdict on Two Counts Alleging Combination to Restrict Trade.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The jury that has been hearing the case against the American Ice Company under the Donnelly anti-monopoly law before Supreme Court Justice Wheeler for the last two months brought in a verdict of guilty on two counts of the indictment. Justice Wheeler at once fined the corporation \$5,000, but granted a stay of execution pending appeal.

WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Covering Minor Happenings From All Over the Globe

DOMESTIC.

John P. Warren, wife murderer, in the Wethersfield, Conn., penitentiary fifty years, asked for a pardon, which he believes will be granted, and he probably will be freed into a world he was dead to since before the civil war.

Samuel S. Koenig, Secretary of State, announced at Albany, N. Y., that the four constitutional amendments and the proposition to improve Seneca and Cayuga canals, which were voted on at the recent election, had been carried, mainly through the vote of New York and Kings counties.

About a hundred marines have been ordered from New England navy yards on service in Southern waters. A Cleveland taxpayer enjoined the legalizing of the Cleveland subway ordinance, alleging collusion between city officials and the Cleveland Underground Rapid Transit Company.

Prof. Thomas J. J. Bucharest demonstrated his method of anaesthesia on four patients in a New York hospital and all went through operations conscious and without pain; fifty noted surgeons witnessed the test.

It developed at the trial of the Sugar Trust in New York that the present managers, to some extent, are aiding the Government in the prosecution of the trust's former employees.

John Drew, the actor, was thrown from his horse and seriously hurt while riding in Central Park, New York City.

Charles H. Guthinger, of New York City, bringing home a birthday present for his wife, entered the wrong flat by mistake and was shot as a burglar and killed by James Allen.

The ranks of the railway workers who threaten to strike were swelled to 188,000 by the accession of conductors and firemen. A compromise seems likely.

WASHINGTON.

President Taft, with his brother, Charles P. Taft, visited the Capitol at Washington to view the statutory; no parallel to the visit is found.

Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, reports that only 1,247 vessels were built in American shipyards in 1909, the smallest number in eleven years.

"Insurgent" republican members of the House of Representatives have arranged a consolation meeting to discuss the lost rules cause and Speaker Cannon's coolness.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh in his annual report held the spoils system responsible for the customs frauds in New York.

The projected Latin-American bank, endorsed by the Administration and mentioned in the President's message, is in control of the Morgan-Rockefeller interests.

Government estimates for 1911 show a decrease of \$123,068,493 from those for 1910.

The State Department announces that W. J. Calhoun will accept the appointment as Minister to China.

FOREIGN.

Berliet fell twenty-five feet with his aeroplane at Constantinople, Turkey, and was taken to a hospital.

A reign of terror was reported in Managua, where troops are entrenched to prevent American marines from entering Zelaya's capital.

Revolutionists rose in Honduras and President Davila proclaimed a state of siege.

John E. Redmond issued a manifesto in behalf of the Irish party, saying that it would probably hold the balance of power, and asking contributions from America.

"The Birmingham Post" outlines the Unionist programme of tariff reform; it places a duty of two shillings a quarter on foreign wheat, and intimates that concessions will be made on colonial manufactured products.

The Philippines government sold 55,000 acres of land suitable for sugar growing to E. L. Poole, who is said to represent Havemeyer interests.

A syndicate of creditors is said to have begun suit for \$1,000,000 against Prince Miguel of Braganza, who married Miss Anita Stewart.

'UNITED STATES OF CENTRAL AMERICA'

Mexican Envoy on His Way to Washington to Urge Such a Federation.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A United States of Central America, to consist of Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras and Salvador, is the dream of Mexico, and it is the proposal which Enrique Creel, former Ambassador in Washington and now Governor of the State of Chihuahua and envoy of President Diaz, will make to the State Department, according to an authority on Latin-American diplomacy.

Gov. Creel is now on his way to Washington, and it is said that he will propose that such a federation be the object to be sought by joint representations from the United States and Mexico. It is declared that Mexico looks to this outcome with anxious eyes and that Gov. Creel is prepared to paint it in glowing colors to Secretary Knox and President Taft on his arrival.

Mexico expects Attorney-General Wickersham to exert his influence in furtherance of the federation plan.

WIFE AND COMPANION KILLED

Woman Had Left Danbury with Husband's Former Partner.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Rudolph Wagner, wife of a business man, and who disappeared from home yesterday, was killed with her companion, Edward Madden, as they were driving across the railroad tracks at Mill Plain, four miles from here.

Wagner, who had been nearly frantic over his wife's disappearance, and who had asked the police to find her, was dazed with surprise and grief when word came that she and his former partner had met death.

H. CLAY PIERCE ACQUITTED

Texas Court Rules Oil Man to Be In- mune from Prosecution.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 13.—The trial of H. Clay Pierce, head of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., for perjury and false swearing came to a sudden end when Judge George Calhoun rendered a decision to the effect that Mr. Pierce was immune from prosecution on the charges against him, and the court instructed the jury to bring a verdict of acquittal, which was done.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Mary J. Wilhelm was found guilty of murder in the second degree with a recommendation for mercy by a jury in the Court of Oyer and Terminer in this city, for the killing of her husband, Frank Wilhelm. He was shot to death in his home, 448 High street, Newark, on February 1 last.

MILLION FOR CANCER STUDY

Perhaps \$1,500,000, Under George Crocker's Will.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 13.—It became known yesterday that by the will of the late George Crocker, youngest son of Charles Crocker of California, who died of cancer last Saturday at his home, 1 East Sixty-fourth street, the Trustees of Columbia University are to receive a fund of about \$1,500,000 to be known as the "George Crocker Special Research Fund," the income from which is to be applied in the prosecution of researches as to the cause, prevention, and cure of cancer.

PLEDGES IRISH HOME RULE

Asquith Says Liberals Will Give Full Self-Government.

London, Dec. 13.—Pledging the liberal party to home rule for Ireland and curtailment of the power of the House of Lords by placing upon the statute book as part of the British constitution an act of Parliament declaring that the Lords have no power to meddle with any bill dealing with the finances of the nation, Mr. Herbert Asquith, the Prime Minister, officially defined the issues on which the liberal party is appealing to the country at a monster meeting in Albert Hall.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Products Quoted for the Week.

MILK—Per quart, 4 1/2 c.
BUTTER—Western extra, 33@34c.;
State dairy, 25@28c.
CHEESE—State, full cream, special,
17@17 1/2 c.
EGGS—State, fair to choice, 35@
40c.; do, western firsts, 27@32c.
APPLES—Baldwin, per bbl., \$2.00@
3.50.
DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, per
lb., 12@23c.; Cocks, per lb., 12 1/2 c.;
Squabs, per dozen, \$1.50@4.25.
TURKEYS—Per lb., 19@25c.
HAY—Prime, per 100 lbs., 97 1/2 c. @
\$1.00.
STRAW—Long Rye, per 100 lbs., 80
@90c.
POTATOES—Jersey, per bbl., \$1.50@
1.75.
PUMPKINS—Per bbl., 60@60c.
CHAMBERRIES—C. Cod, per bbl.,
\$3.00@6.50; Jersey, per bbl., \$4.25
@5.00.
ONIONS—White, per crate, 60@90c.
FLOUR—Winter patents, \$5.35@5.85;
Spring patents, \$5.30@6.60.
WHEAT—No. 2, red, \$1.25 1/2 @1.26;
No. 1, Northern Duluth, \$1.19 1/2.
CORN—No. 2, 72@72 1/2 c.
OATS—Natural, white, 45@47c.; Clip-
ped white, 45 1/2 @48 1/2 c.
BEEVES—City Dressed, \$9@11 1/2 c.
CALVES—City Dressed, 10@15 1/2 c.
SHEEP—Per 100 lbs., \$3.00@4.62 1/2.
LAMBS—Per 100 lbs., \$7.00@8.00.
HOGS—Live, per 100 lbs., \$7.50@8.50;
Country Dressed, per lb., 10 1/2 @12c.