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GRAY AGAINST INCOME TAX

Delaware Jurist Opposes the Federal Plan.

MEANS DOUBLE TAXATION

Declares Proposed Amendment to the Federal Constitution is a Menace to the Rights of the States.

Judge George Gray, of Delaware, believes that the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for an income tax is a menace to the rights of the states.

In a letter written by him to Austen G. Fox, in New York, he discusses the subject at length and comes to the conclusion that a tax of this kind levied by the federal government must be double taxation, unless the states give up the power to levy income taxes.

On this part of the subject he has this to say:

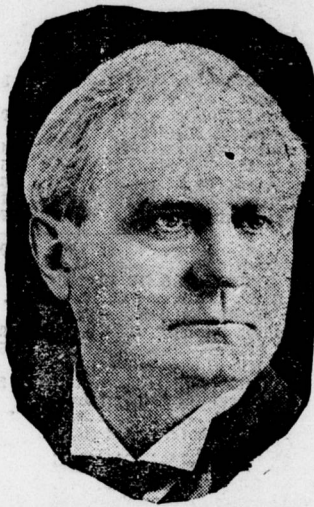
"The proposed amendment is not a mere grant of power to the federal government. It is a practical surrender of the power heretofore reserved to the states. What the states give in this instance they practically deprive themselves of, for, as I have pointed out, it is not a mere sharing by the states of this power with the general government, as the necessity of avoiding an oppressive double taxation would make it necessary to the states to yield to the paramount authority of the national government. I think, therefore, Governor Wilson, for whose opinion I have the highest respect, was mistaken in his short message to the legislature of New Jersey in saying:

"They (the states) will thereby be sharing with the federal government one of the few powers of taxation which under the latest decision of the supreme court of the United States in that matter they may now regard themselves as entitled to exercise to a certain extent exclusively."

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SPEAKER CHAMP CLARK.

Cannon's Successor and Leader of House Democrats.



FRANCE WANTS DUTIES WE OFFER CANADA

Raises the Most Favored Nation Cry.

At a meeting of the joint commission on customs of the French senate and chamber of deputies in Paris, Deputy Plichon reported that during a study of the American-Canadian reciprocity agreement he had found that the United States gave to Canada advantages not accorded to France on a variety of articles.

The commission instructed their president to call the attention of the cabinet to this discrimination under the interpretation of the favored nation clause of the Franco-American treaty.

England Also Wants to Know.

Sir Edward Grey indicated in the British house of commons that the English government contemplates asking the United States to accord to Great Britain the reduced duties granted to Canada under the American-Canadian reciprocity agreement.

He added significantly: "There are complicated points involved in the question of the most favored nation treatment, now under examination. These must be settled before I can say what steps we shall take in laying our view of the matter before the United States government."

CLARK PROMISES TARIFF REVISION

New Speaker, Taking Seat, Outlines Policy of Democrats.

NEW FACES EVERYWHERE

Reciprocity Cuts Secondary Figure, as Democrats Have Outlined a Proliferous Political Program.

With vociferous demonstrations of exultation on the part of the militant Democrats of the house of representatives, over which they have gained control after sixteen years of defeat, and calm, dignified and routine proceedings on the part of the senate, which barely remains Republican, the sixty-second congress met for the first time, convened in extraordinary session by President Taft to consider his reciprocity pact with Canada.

Champ Clark, who received an ovation, was elected speaker of the house, polling 217 votes to 131 for James R. Mann, of Illinois; 15 for Henry A. Cooper, of Wisconsin, and one for George W. Norris, of Nebraska, all Republicans.

The votes for Cooper were cast by insurgent Republicans and indicate that they intend to maintain a separate working organization.

The day marked the opening of the trial of the Democratic party to demonstrate its worthiness to receive "the wider confidence" of the voters of the country. Asking his colleagues to keep that fact uppermost in their minds during the present session of congress, Clark, in his speech accepting the speakership of the house, outlined the measures through which the Democratic party hopes to continue to enjoy the faith of the people.

Intelligent revision of the tariff, election of United States senators by popular vote, changes in the house rules to permit proper consideration of public measures, economy in handling the purse strings of the country, the publication of campaign contributions, and the early admission of New Mexico and Arizona to statehood, were some of the things which Speaker Clark emphasized in the Democratic program as measures which would be undertaken by the majority party in the house.

The ceremonies of the house held an unusual interest. New hands were at the wheel, while the helmsmen of former days were about to engage in the pastime of rocking the boat. The transition from a month ago was complete.

New faces were everywhere to be seen. Democrats not only filled the side of the chamber allotted to them, but poured over into the erstwhile sacred precincts of the Republicans.

Everybody appeared to be in the best of humor. The Democrats wore smiles that would not come off, while the Republican minority also smiled—a grim kind which meant that they were going to try to even up for the troubles the Democrats gave in days of Republican supremacy.

The program, always an interesting spectacle, was followed with uncommon keenness. It included the calling of the house to order by Major McDowell, veteran Republican clerk, who is soon to be replaced; calling of the roll, election of the speaker, his speech of acceptance, swearing in of the members by state delegations and drawing for seats.

There are always a few privileged members who are allowed to choose their seats in advance of the drawing. They include usually the oldest member of the house, in point of service, General Bingham, of Pennsylvania, the minority leader, and one or two others as the house leaders may designate.

Notwithstanding that the opening of the extra session in the senate was quite secondary in interest to that of the house, there was a large attendance in the galleries.

Of the senators sworn, seventeen were men who never before had occupied seats in the senate. Twelve were Democrats and five Republicans, the new Democrats being Messrs. Bryan, Florida; Chilton, West Virginia; Hitchcock, Nebraska; Johnson, Maine; Kern, Indiana; Lea, Tennessee; Martine, New Jersey; Myers, Montana; O'Gorman, New York; Pomerene, Ohio; Reed, Missouri, and Williams, Mississippi.

New Republicans were Messrs. Lipsett, Rhode Island; McLean, Connecticut; Poindexter, Washington; Townsend, Michigan, and Works, California. The senators were sworn in by squads of four, colleagues of new men escorting them to the vice president's desk.

As soon as the last of them had left the vice president's desk the roll was called. Eighty-six senators, within five of the entire membership, were in attendance.

The political complexion of the Sixty-second congress follows:

1 KILLED, 5 HURT IN RACE RIOT

Hundreds of Shots Fired in Fight at Laurel, Del.

LYNCHING IS PREVENTED

Sheriff Speeds Four Prisoners Away in Auto, Fearing Attack on Jail. Negroes Started the Trouble.

All of the pent-up hatred between the whites and the colored residents of Laurel, Del., burst forth in a race riot, which was started by the colored faction, in which one white man received a fatal injury, while five others were shot, and another death is feared.

Following a report that the white man had died, the whites, fully armed, marched into the colored section of the town, and a renewal of the outbreak was imminent, but the authorities succeeded in restoring peace.

The dead man is Olen Stockley, eighteen years old. He was shot during the beginning of the attack. George Hudson, fifty years of age, a farmer of Bethel, Del., also is in the hospital suffering from gunshot wounds, and it is feared that he will die.

The others injured are: John Thompson, shot in the legs while he was shaving a patron in his barber shop; George Cannon, struck with several buckshot; James Spicer, shot in the ear, and Edgar Quillen, shot in the side.

The riot started when a crowd of colored men, made mad by liquor, swooped down on the main street and began firing at the spectators and others about the public square. Stockley was one of the first to fall. When the whites saw this they rushed to arms and began battle. Those who did not engage in the fight rushed women and children to safety and then gave their hand in the uneven battle, for the colored men were armed and the whites were not at the outset.

The whites, once getting their revolvers, rifles and shotguns, returned the fire of the attackers, who were armed with shotguns, and loaded their pieces with buckshot, sweeping the streets. That more were not killed is unaccountable, for the colored gang held its place for several minutes, and fired point blank, it appeared, at the whites.

Once armed, the whites drove the attackers from the streets. At this time the street lights were shot out, and from places of ambush the colored men kept up a desultory fire, but their shots invariably went wild, for they could not see to aim.

During the afternoon word came from Salisbury that Stockley had died and several white men armed themselves and proceeded to the colored section, determined to burn it and bring the colored occupants out into the open for a fair fight. When the posse reached a house where it was known that colored persons lived, they found Earl Records, a fifteen-year-old boy, holding "Slim Jim," a colored man, for whom a search has been going on for two months, at bay with a revolver. Records had accosted him; and drew his revolver, causing the prisoner to hold up his hands until help arrived.

In this raid John Collins, Arthur Cummins and George Williams, colored, and Albert Hitch, white, were arrested. Hitch and Collins, who are in jail at Georgetown, are charged with the death of Stockley. Each denies the crime and blames it on the other. At a hearing before Justice Clapham it was testified that the quartet were the leaders in the attack, and they were committed to jail.

Girls Disguised as Boys.
Henrietta Wakefield and Hattie Conklin, both inmates of the New Jersey State Home for Girls, who escaped from that institution recently were captured in Princeton, N. J., at a time in old overalls and other articles of clothing worn by males.

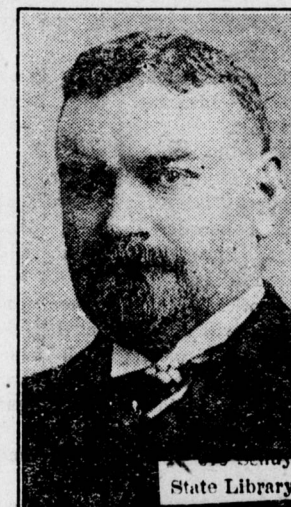
New Customs Court Marshal.
The customs court of appeals has elected Frank H. Briggs, of Maine, a son-in-law of Senator Frye, of that state, marshal of the court to succeed John Elder, of Ohio, who recently resigned.

Senate—Republicans, 50; Democrats, 41; vacancy, 1.
House—Democrats, 228; Republicans, 160; Socialist, 1; vacancies, 2.

Balloons to Kansas City.
Kansas City was selected by the national council of the Aero Club of America as the city from which the international balloon race this year shall be started. Omaha was a strong contestant for the honor, and the claims of San Francisco and St. Louis were also considered.

SENATOR O'GORMAN.

Elected by New York Legislature to Succeed Depew.



O'Gorman Elected U. S. Senator.

Supreme Court Justice James A. O'Gorman, of New York, a Democrat, and prominent member of Tammany Hall, was elected United States senator by the legislature in Albany, N. Y., on the sixty-fourth joint ballot, after a deadlock lasting since Jan. 6.

Justice O'Gorman received 112 votes out of 192 cast. Chauncey Depew, his Republican opponent, received 80 votes. Necessary for choice, 97.

Lincoln's Letter Saves Her Job.
Forty-seven years ago Abraham Lincoln paused in the cares of the Civil War for one of those kind and homely acts which have lived after him.

It was to pen a personal letter to the postmaster general, asking that official to employ Miss Susan Dugger, of Carlinsville, Ill., who was the sole support of her brother, a Union soldier, crippled at Shiloh. Miss Dugger got a position and preserved the letter religiously.

Secretary MacVeagh, after reading the same letter Monday—though the paper has yellowed with age and the ink is dim—ordered that Miss Dugger's name be not dropped from the treasury's list of employes, though she has been ill more than a year. When an employe has been absent without pay for that length of time it is customary to strike the name from the rolls.

Senator Cullom brought the letter to Secretary MacVeagh, who promised that Miss Dugger may have her old position if she is ever able to work again. She is now seventy years old. Miss Dugger was transferred from the postoffice to the treasury soon after President Lincoln's letter got her employment and became an expert in detecting counterfeit money. She has handled billions of dollars—some good and many bad—during forty-five years of service for the government.

Socialists Elect Mayor of Berkeley.
The city of Berkeley, Cal., awoke to discover that it is now in Milwaukee's class, a Socialist, J. Stitt Wilson, having defeated Beverly Hodge Head as candidate for mayor. Wilson won 2749 to 2468 at the primary, but it has all the effect of an election. It was a citizens' nonpartisan primary and the nominee is to be unbossed.

Peary Now a Rear Admiral.
Commander Robert E. Peary was commissioned a civil engineer, with the rank of rear admiral, in accordance with the act of congress passed at the last session. The appointment is to date from April 6, 1909, the day he reached the North Pole.



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