



TAFT FOR PEACE.

Seeks Harmony Between Cannon and Insurgents.

ANXIOUS ABOUT THE TARIFF.

Confers With Both Sides—Wants His Cabinet Officers to Be Supreme in Their Various Departments.

Washington, March 10.—President Taft is earnestly desirous that harmony be restored in the house of representatives on the eve of the important session to revise the tariff. There were reports in Washington that Mr. Taft had arrayed himself squarely on the side of Speaker Cannon in the contest which he is waging with the insurgent Republican members. It is certain that these reports were largely exaggerated. The indications are that while the president is working to prevent a continuance of the fight, he is trying to do so without offense to the insurgents and without expressing any opinion over the contest.

The position of the new president is simply that the majority party in congress should by every means within its power seek to prevent an unfriendly and damaging contest within its own ranks. The vital import of the tariff legislation, he believes, would be greatly hindered by a continuance of the factional fight, and it is even within the range of possibility that the extraordinary session which is to begin on the 15th of this month would be protracted far beyond the date upon which it might readily be expected to adjourn with all its important work finished.

Representative Payne of New York, chairman of the committee on ways and means, called at the White House and talked with Mr. Taft for the existing order of things. When he left the White House, Mr. Payne said he had told Mr. Taft that the tariff bill would be ready to report on the next day of the session, but that he could not prophesy what would happen if the present chaotic conditions in the house were to continue.

Congressmen Gardner of Massachusetts, Madison of Kansas and Nelson of Wisconsin, representing the insurgents, were also in conference with the president. When they came out of the executive offices Mr. Gardner declared that the insurgents were no longer in a compromising mood.

"We are firmly impressed that Mr. Taft is not opposed to a change of the rules," said Mr. Gardner, "but he is a little fearful that a contest now would cross the line and interfere with the passage of the tariff bill."

An effort was made by Mr. Madison to show that there is no such danger in the fight they are conducting. He said that he had told Mr. Taft that he and his colleagues were not disposed to interfere with the continuance of the present ways and means committee and that he thought he could promise that no objection would be made to the continuance of the old committees on any subjects that the president feels inclined to ask legislation at the present session.

President Taft's cabinet is to be clothed with powers the like of which have not been known in Washington for many years. Under Mr. Roosevelt the cabinet members were hardly more than figureheads in some cases. With Mr. Taft it will be different. The new president's plan is to rid himself as far as possible of the petty worries of dispensation of small patronage. He intends to put responsibilities on the cabinet members not only as to this, but in many other ways, and he expects each cabinet minister to be big enough to handle the burdens of his department.

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MRS. WILHELM INDICTED.

SICA ALSO ACCUSED OF SHARE IN MURDER OF REAL ESTATE BROKER.

Newark, N. J., March 10.—The grand jury returned an indictment charging Mrs. Mary Jane Wilhelm and Michael Sica with the murder of the woman's husband, Frank Wilhelm, a real estate broker, who was found dead in the basement of his home on Feb. 1.

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INCOME TAX FOR FRANCE.

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PASSES NEW AND RADICAL MEASURE.

Paris, March 10.—The chamber of deputies passed the radical income tax bill by a vote of 407 to 166, and it will become a law on April 1.

The new measure divides the taxes into seven categories. The first three pay 4 per cent and include real property and the income from capital, stocks, bonds, etc., except savings deposits; the next two categories pay 3 1/2 per cent and cover the income from the profits from commercial and industrial undertakings and farm production; the sixth and seventh categories pay 3 per cent and include salaries, pensions and life annuities above 1,250 francs.

In addition, there is a complementary tax imposed upon all persons enjoying an income above 5,000 francs. This is progressive, ranging from 10 francs for 5,000 francs up to 4 per cent upon incomes above 100,000 francs.

The government's estimate of the revenue from the new tax is \$140,000,000 a year.

STANDARD OIL OUSTED.

MISSOURI SUPREME COURT DENIES REHEARING TO TRUST.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 10.—Motions by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Republic Oil Company of Ohio for a rehearing of the ouster suit recently decided against them and for the modification of the judgment were overruled by the Missouri supreme court, but the motion to oust the Waters-Pierce Oil company was denied.

The effect of this decision is to expel the Indiana and Ohio companies from Missouri and to restore to the Waters-Pierce company the right to do business within the state.

The decision is considered a great victory for the Waters-Pierce company and incidentally for the minority interest of that concern, who claimed to have been making unavailing efforts to free the company from control by the New Jersey corporation.

GOULD'S SON A DIRECTOR.

KINGDON GOULD SUCCEEDS MR. FISH IN CHAIR OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

St. Louis, March 10.—Less than a year out of college, Kingdon Gould, eldest son of George J. Gould, was elected a director of the Missouri Pacific railroad, of which his father is president. He succeeds Stuyvesant Fish.

Only a year ago Mr. Fish lost the presidency of the Illinois Central after a long and bitter fight with E. H. Harriman. Announcement of the severance of his relations with the Missouri Pacific occasioned considerable surprise.

Kingdon Gould had four years' training in Columbia, where he took up a scientific course. He did not receive a diploma because he failed to put in his vacations at the university's summer surveying camp at Litchfield, Conn.

JAIL FOR MRS. BEN TEAL.

STAY REFUSED TO WOMAN WHO PLOTTED AGAINST FRANK GOULD.

New York, March 10.—Supreme Court Justice O'Gorman denied the application of Mrs. Ben Teal for a certificate of reasonable doubt from her conviction of attempted subornation of perjury.

No stay was granted, so Mrs. Teal, even if an appeal is taken, will have to go to the penitentiary to begin her term of a year.

Mrs. Teal was convicted of endeavoring to secure false testimony in favor of Mrs. Helen K. Gould in her suit for divorce against her husband, Frank J. Gould. Julia A. Fleming and Harry Mousley, who were jointly indicted with Mrs. Teal, turned state's evidence.

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SLAYER CONFESSES.

Story of Robbers Killing Miss Reed Was a Fable.

HER SWEETHEART SHOT GIRL.

Story of Threatening Letter and Poisoned Candy Now Believed to Have Been Part of Murder Plot.

Baltimore, March 10.—Under searching questioning by the police John J. Mueller confessed that it was he who shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Regina Reed, and that there was no truth in the story he told immediately after the shooting, to the effect that he and Miss Reed were held up at a lonely spot near Mount Washington by highwaymen, who, after securing Mueller's money, demanded a necklace worn by Miss Reed.

In his first story Mueller stated that in response to this demand Miss Reed slapped the face of one of the highwaymen and that thereupon the fatal shot was fired.

Following the investigation of the coroner, Mueller made and signed a statement in which he said that when the electric car upon which he and Miss Reed were riding reached Mount Washington Miss Reed, whose marriage to him was set for April 14, said she must leave the car.

They did so, and after they had walked a short distance, the girl preceding him, he thought he saw a man emerging from behind a tree and, believing himself to be in danger, fired, but owing to the unsteadiness of his aim the bullet struck and killed Miss Reed.

Mueller's story is not accepted by the police, who say that the killing was premeditated. They believe that Mueller wished to break off his engagement to Miss Reed, but had not the courage to do so.

Detectives say that the place where the shooting took place was dark and that a highwayman could not have seen the necklace worn by the girl and that for the same reason Mueller could not have seen the alleged highwayman's pistol glint, as he claimed.

Further, as against details of Mueller's confession, there are no trees at or near the scene large enough to conceal a man. Miss Reed was shot twice, and three witnesses testified that there was an interval of at least two minutes between the shots.

Mueller and Miss Reed figured recently in an episode in which an anonymous threatening letter and a box of poisoned candy were incidents.

A letter which Mueller said he received threatened him with harm if he did not cease his attentions to Miss Reed. He also claimed to have been made ill by eating a portion of the candy, likewise received by him through the mail, which was found to have been poisoned.

The police believe that Mueller sent both the letter and the candy to himself and that even at that time he was planning to get rid of Miss Reed.

TO WRESTLE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

MELBOURNE, MARCH 10.—FRANK GOTCH, the champion heavyweight wrestler, and George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, will wrestle for the world's championship in this city on Nov. 8 next.

PEACE TALK ON CRUISER.

CENTRAL AMERICAN CONFERENCE IS CALLED BY ZELAYA.

City of Mexico, March 10.—President Zelaya of Nicaragua has called another conference between Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Salvador and Costa Rica with the view to arrange permanent peace for Central America.

The conference is to be held on one of the warships of the American Pacific squadron now at Ampala.

CONVICTED OF CRUELITIES IN KONGO.

Brussels, March 10.—Lieutenant Arnold of the Belgian army, denounced by the missionaries for burning and pillaging villages, assassinations and other atrocities in the Kongo, was found guilty and sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment.

STEEL MEN'S PAY REDUCED.

MONTGOUR ROLLING MILLS ANNOUNCES CUT OF 10 TO 15 PER CENT.

Danville, Pa., March 10.—General Manager H. L. Hecht of the Montgour rolling mills announces reductions in the wage scale of the company of from 10 to 15 per cent in different departments.

The new pudding basis will be at the rate of \$3.75 per ton. About a thousand men will be affected by the cut.

TORNADO DEATH LIST GROWS.

FIFTY KILLED, SIXTY INJURED AND \$1,000,000 DAMAGE AT BRINKLEY.

Little Rock, Ark., March 10.—Latest reports show that fifty lives were killed, sixty others injured and property worth \$1,000,000 was destroyed as a result of the tornado which wrecked the town of Brinkley, Ark.

The Roman Catholic church, standing directly in the path of the storm, alone escaped damage or destruction. The principal thoroughfares are impassable and piled high with wreckage from end to end.

Every business house is in ruins, and there is hardly a home that has not at least suffered damage. The Arlington hotel, the Brinkley hotel, the Southern hotel and the Kelly hotel were destroyed.

Relief squads are at work all day caring for the dead and injured. The Rock Island and Cotton Belt railroads have placed cars at the disposal of the relief committee.

Governor Donaghey is on the scene and says food, clothing and shelter are most needed. Hundreds of people are homeless and are wandering about seeking a temporary abode. Three special trains have arrived from neighboring towns bringing relief workers, physicians and nurses. The Catholic church has been converted into a hospital, and here the doctors and nurses are caring for the injured.

GOT NO KIERAN STOCK.

FATHER McMAHON ANSWERS SUIT BY DISCLAIMING LIABILITY.

Cleveland, O., March 10.—The Rev. Father William McMahon filed answers to two suits against himself in connection with the P. J. Kieran matters in the United States district court, disclaiming liability to payment in both cases.

In answer to a suit brought by the American Trust company of New York on a \$5,700 note Father McMahon claims that the note was given upon an agreement to receive stock of the Fidelity Funding company, Kieran's concern, which stock, he declares, was never delivered.

The other answer filed was to a suit by T. S. G. Pepler upon a guarantee for \$250,000 signed by Father McMahon for commission for a loan of \$500,000 made to the Fidelity Funding company by the Sterling Bank of Canada in Toronto.

PREDICTS CUT IN WAGES.

WOOLEN TRUST PRESIDENT SAYS TARIFF REDUCTION WILL CAUSE IT.

Lawrence, Mass., March 10.—"The one thing to give way if a reduction in the woolen goods tariff is made, as proposed, must be the wages of woolen mill operatives," said President William M. Wood of the American Woolen company in regard to the proposed lowering of the tariff on woolen goods.

President Wood states that the woolen mills of the country are paying the highest wages ever paid to woolen textile workers and that the trust had strained itself to maintain this high schedule through the trying times since the panic.

The American Woolen company employs 35,000 operatives in thirty plants situated throughout the east.

FREE LAND IN WYOMING.

GOVERNMENT OPENS UP 3,000,000 ACRES TO HOMESTEADERS.

Washington, March 10.—By an order of the interior department 3,000,000 acres of land in Wyoming are to be thrown open at once to homesteaders, who will be allowed to take either 160 or 320 acres each.

The land cannot be irrigated and will be of use therefore only for dry farming. Those who take the full 320 acre entries must make an attempt to cultivate the land, while those who go in on the smaller holdings will not be compelled by the law to do so. The throwing open of this land is an experiment to see what can be done with such land.

TRIAL DIVORCE GRANTED.

NEW HUSBAND AND WIFE HAVE TWO YEARS TO "MAKE UP."

Newark, N. J., March 10.—Vice Chancellor Howell granted a trial divorce to Mrs. Pauline Wulbredd of Elizabeth from Gustave Wulbredd. The court made the divorce for two years and said that if the parties could agree on a reconciliation in the meantime he would annul the decree. If they were still unable to agree he might make the decree absolute.

Mrs. Wulbredd on the stand testified that on one occasion her husband put her on a red hot stove and that on other occasions he knocked her down and threatened to kill her.

ENGLAND WANTS WRIGHT AEROPLANES.

London, March 10.—The British war office has made an offer for the purchase of one of Wilbur Wright's aeroplanes.

RARITAN CANAL IS OPENED.

Bordentown, March 10.—The Delaware and Raritan canal has been opened to navigation.

MRS. LEAVITT FREE.

W. J. BRYAN'S DAUGHTER GRANTED A DIVORCE.

SHE ALSO GETS THE CHILDREN.

BOTH SHE AND MRS. W. J. BRYAN TESTIFY THAT ARTIST LEAVITT HAD CEASED TO SUPPORT HIS WIFE.

Lincoln, Neb., March 10.—Ruth Bryan Leavitt, eldest daughter of William J. Bryan, was granted a divorce from W. H. Leavitt.

Mrs. Leavitt and her mother appeared in the court of Judge Cornish, and both alleged that Leavitt had not contributed to the support of his wife. There was no defense.

Mrs. Leavitt was granted the custody of the two children.

Papers in the suit for divorce of Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt from her artist husband, William Homer Leavitt, were first filed in Lincoln, Neb., on



RUTH BRYAN LEAVITT.

Jan. 22 last. At that time Mrs. Leavitt was living at Mr. Bryan's home, Fairview, while Mr. Leavitt was said to be in Paris.

Nonsupport was alleged in Mrs. Leavitt's suit, which was conducted for her by T. S. Allen as attorney. Mr. Allen is Mr. Bryan's brother-in-law. He went to Paris in December last, and it was reported in Lincoln at the time that his trip abroad might have to do with preliminary arrangements for a divorce for Mrs. Leavitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt were married in October, 1903, when the bride was only eighteen years old. Mr. Leavitt at that time had been in Lincoln, where he painted the portrait of William J. Bryan.

At the time papers in Mrs. Leavitt's suit were filed she asked the custody of their two children—Ruth, four years old, and Bradford, who is three.

WARSHIPS GOING TO SEATTLE.

EIGHT ARMORED CRUISERS ORDERED TO EXPOSITION OPENING.

Washington, March 10.—Eight fine vessels of the United States navy will take part in the opening ceremonies of the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific exposition. These are the armored cruisers West Virginia, Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, California, South Dakota and Washington, comprising the first squadron of the Pacific fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral William T. Swinburne.

According to an order issued by Secretary Meyer, by direction of President Taft, the squadron will arrive at Seattle by May 30, in time for the opening ceremonies, and will remain there until June 8.

MURDER FOR 20 YEAR GRUDGE.

CUSTOMER KILLS HAT CLERK OVER BAD SILVER DOLLAR.

New York, March 10.—Norman Bush, a clerk in a hat store, was shot by George Leffert of Newark, N. J., and taken in a dying condition to the hospital. Leffert then put a bullet into his head, dying instantly.

On Leffert's body was found a letter in which he charged that twenty years ago he bought a hat from Bush and that in making change the clerk had given him a plugged silver dollar. The writer said he had determined to be avenged.

AMERICAN STUDENT A SUICIDE IN VIENNA.

Vienna, March 10.—Oliver Bray, an American student of medicine who came here to continue his studies, has committed suicide. His father lives in Pennsylvania.

EPISCOPAL RECTOR DEPOSED.

REV. E. S. FORBES UNABLE TO SUBSCRIBE TO CHURCH DOCTRINES.

Boston, March 7.—Because he declares that he can no longer subscribe to all the doctrines held by the Episcopal church the Rev. Elmer S. Forbes of Cambridge, well known in New York and New Jersey, has been deposed from the priesthood by Bishop Edwin S. Lines of Newark, to which diocese he was canonically attached.

The Rev. Mr. Forbes has entered the Unitarian church and has been assigned work by the American Unitarian association, which has its headquarters in this city.

Mr. Forbes said that while rector of St. John's church, Summit avenue, Jersey City, he decided to leave the Episcopal church. Under the church laws a clergyman is given six months in which to reconsider a decision to sever relations with the denomination.

At the expiration of the six months (Rev. Mr. Forbes, not having retracted his renunciation of the ministry, his deposition was pronounced.

RUSSIA GRATEFUL TO STOKES.

SENDS MEMORIAL IN APPRECIATION OF AID GIVEN BY M. C. A.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—Premier Stolypin and M. Khomyakoff, president of the douma, have signed an address to Anson Phelps Stokes of New York in appreciation of his aid in founding the Russian Young Men's Christian association.

The address was presented to John R. Mott, general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation of New York at the annual meeting of the association by a deputation, led by Countess Shuvaloff.

Mr. Mott read a special message to the young men of Russia from ex-President Roosevelt, Emperor Nicholas, the empress and other members of the royal family are taking active interest in the association. The emperor has contributed liberally, and Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch has given \$1,500.

FILIPINO EDITOR SENTENCED.

GOES TO BILIBID PRISON FOR LIBELING DEAN WORCESTER.

Manila, March 10.—Teodoro Kalaw, editor of El Renacimiento, organ of radical Filipinos, has been convicted of libeling Dean C. Worcester, member of the Philippine commission, and sentenced to nine months in the military prison of Bilibid and to pay a fine of 8,000 pesos.

Kalaw will take an appeal.

COST OF OLD AGE PENSIONS.

INCREASES CIVIL SERVICE EXPENDITURE IN GREAT BRITAIN BY \$43,500,000.

London, March 10.—The estimated expenditure of \$43,500,000 for old age pensions in the coming year is responsible for an equal increase in the civil service figures.

In 1908-9 these were \$268,500,000, while in 1909-10 the sum of \$312,000,000 will be required.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Rain or snow; colder; high southwest winds.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

New York, March 10.

Money on call was 2 per cent; time money and mercantile paper unchanged in rates. Closing prices of stocks were:

Amal. Copper... 67 1/2
Atchafson... 103 1/2
B. & O... 107 1/2
Brooklyn R. T... 71 1/2
Ches. & Ohio... 67 1/2
C. C. & St. L... 73 1/2
D. L. & W... 54 1/2
D. H... 173 1/2
Erie... 25 1/2
Gen. Electric... 131 1/2
Ill. Central... 141 1/2
Int. Met... 134 1/2
Louis. & Nash... 138 1/2
Manhattan... 146 1/2
Missouri Pac... 68 1/2
N. Y. Central... 123 1/2

MARKET REPORTS.

WHEAT—Firm; contract grade, March, \$1.23 1/2.

CORN—One-half cent higher; March, 71 1/2.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, natural, 60 1/2.

BUTTER—Fancy, fresh steady; other grades weak; receipts, 12,330 packages; creamery, specials, 29 1/2.

CHEESE—Firm; receipts, 1,720 boxes; state, full cream, special, 15 1/2.

EGGS—Momentarily steady; receipts, 21,965 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy, selected, white, 26; fair to choice, 25 1/2; brown and mixed, fancy, 22 1/2; fair to choice, 20 1/2; western, 19 1/2.

LIVE POULTRY—Weak and unsettled; official prices not fixed.

DRESSED POULTRY—Firm, but quiet; turkeys, young, selected, per pound, 23; poor to good, 16 1/2 to 20; fowls, boxes, 15; barrels, 15 1/2; old roosters, 12; squabs, white, per dozen, \$1.25 to \$1.35; frozen turkeys, No. 1, 23 to 25; broilers, milk fed, fancy, 22; corn fed, fancy, 20 1/2; roasting chickens, milk fed, 20 1/2; corn fed, 17 1/2; ducks, No. 1, 14 1/2 to 15; No. 2, 13 1/2 to 14; capons, 24 1/2.

HAY AND STRAW—Steady; timothy, per hundred, 65 to 68; clover, 60 to 62; rye straw, \$1.10; small bales, 7 1/2 to 8.