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TAFT WANTS MANY THINGS

HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS WILL BE BIG ENOUGH TO WORK ON THE ENTIRE SESSION

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS ARE AMONG PROPOSED DEMANDS.

Considerable Bulk of Taft's Message To Do With Curbing Corporations Especially Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 2.—According to several men of prominence who have been advising with the President since his 13,000-mile jaunt around the circle, Senators and Congressmen gathering for the approaching sessions are not looking forward to the meeting with great delight, except in instances where the national legislators are in harmony with President Taft's views. One by one the measures upon which Mr. Taft is determined that some action must be taken has leaked out and when arranged in one program they are of sufficient interest to arouse some enthusiasm throughout the United States. While the President is confident that he cannot secure all he hopes for he will have sufficient wants in the direction to keep Congress busy for the rest of his administration.

Here they are as arranged by one of the statesmen close in the confidence of Mr. Taft.

Increased power for the Interstate Commerce Commission, so that it will have the power to regulate the issuing of railroad securities on a sound basis, to determine the proper classification of all freight, to institute of its own accord complaints regarding discrimination of rates, to compel connecting carriers to form through and complete routes and to fix and appropriate rates among the carriers.

The compulsory adoption by the railroads of holding stock in competing roads, the authority for railroads to make rate agreements with the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the creation of a new court to pass on appeals from the decisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the fixing of rates.

The compulsory adoption by the railroads of additional safety devices.

The creation of a central bank of issue, controlling the treasury, reserve and prepared to guard against currency stringency.

Forest preservation.

An amendment to the Sherman Anti-Trust law making it apply only to the trade monopolies and not to railroad and labor combinations.

The adoption of the income tax amendment to the United States constitution, such tax to be esorted to only in case of national emergencies.

Ship subsidies for the development of the American merchant marine.

Federal legislation against the boycott as well as governing the issuing of all injunctions.

Further conservation of all national resources.

Forest preservation.

Internal water way improvements, but strictly according to the merits of but strictly according to the merits of hearing.

Legislation imposing restrictions upon the transfer of water power sites to private control and providing for rentals and regulation of rates to be charged.

Reform in the mineral land laws so that the surface of the land and the coal and other minerals deposited beneath the surface shall be treated separately, with leases on the royalty system or sales to miners.

A congressional commission to investigate the law's delay in the federal courts and to devise a system to secure quick and cheap justice in the federal courts that shall serve as a model for the different states.

WHITMAN AROUSED.

May Eliminate Football Unless Rules Are Changed.

Walla Walla, Dec. 2.—The college faculty has posted notices that unless the football rules are modified so as to eliminate mass plays, football in that institution will be abolished. This has resulted from the injuries that were received by the light weight men on the Whitman team during the Thanksgiving game with the heavy weights of the W. S. C. team. This is believed to have been directly responsible for the action of the faculty, although they have for some time had the matter under discussion.

FACE VALUE FOR ORDERS

COUNTY COURT DISCUSSES WAYS AND MEANS

Rights of Way granted and Elgin's Road Ordered Surveyed.

Ways for selling county warrants readily at par were discussed at some length today by the members of the county court. It was shown that the people of the county who have money to deposit can do so more profitably by putting it into county warrants than in any other way.

The banks pay 4 per cent interest on deposit left for six months or over while the county warrants draw six per cent, but run for about one year. Now it is urged that in case a man wants his cash again in less than a year he can readily sell his warrants at a 2 per cent discount leaving him his 4 per cent regardless of the length of time he has had his money in them.

The Grande Ronde Reservoir company was granted its desired rights-of-way along the Alliance and other streets in that vicinity for canals.

With the exception of two road petitions in the vicinity of Elgin which were graded and ordered surveyed on the 15 of this month, no other matters of importance of public interest came before the court.

EXPLOSION SINKS BOAT

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Captain P. Figari is dead and Captain Nellis Jensen narrowly escaped death today, when an explosion of a 50-gallon can of gasoline occurred, sending the \$5,000 launch "Nevada" to the bottom of the bay. Captain Figari was the only occupant of the launch and was preparing to take a passenger out to a ship which riding at anchor in the bay, when the engines got beyond control. Captain Jensen was in another launch near by and hearing Captain Figari's call for help sprang aboard the "Nevada" but hearing the big gasoline engines backfiring, he hastily sprang aboard of his own launch and cast loose to escape from the vicinity of the "Nevada." As Captain Jensen sprang back to his own launch he called to Captain Figari to jump. The latter evidently did not hear him as the backfiring of the Nevada engines had become so great that the noise was fairly deafening. At this moment the engines of the Nevada exploded with a terrific roar and the Nevada instantly sank, evidently having the entire bottom blown out of her. Captain Figari's body went down with the launch and has not yet been recovered.

LA FOLLETTE OPENS SEIGE

PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGNS IN WISCONSIN ARE STARTED WITH CLAPP AS MOUTHPIECE

CLAPP'S SPEECH DEEMED TO BE PARTICULARLY TIMELY

Progressives in Wisconsin Prime Guns For a Decisive Struggle to get La Follette Men In.

Milwaukee, Wis. Dec. 2.—The progressives of Wisconsin have determined upon a decisive course for a determined fight in the senatorial campaign which begins here in earnest today under the leadership of Senator La Follette, assisted by United States Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota. Senator Clapp is known as one of the fighting progressives of the senate and is one of the best rough and tumble debaters in either house. He is the man who gave the finest tributes ever paid to Senator La Follette when he called attention to his record in the senate in his speech before that body on March 3.

"The speech of Senator Clapp will be particularly timely," said Francis E. McGovern, "because it will serve as an antidote to the recent speech of Mr. Aldrich. The subject of the address of Mr. Clapp will be 'The Progressive Movement in Congress,' and delegations will come from many places in Wisconsin to hear it." Senator A. W. Sanborn of Ashland will preside.

POSSE AFTER MURDERER

Bakersville, Cal., Dec. 2.—Armed posses are today searching for a man named Garrity, who killed Hamilton Proctor in a little Lake store and is now justice fugitive in the great Mojave desert. According to the store's proprietor, Garrity entered the place to purchase a candle. When he began to grumble because he believed five cents was an exorbitant price, Proctor said: "Give me the nickel I'll take the candle." Garrity then is alleged to have shot Proctor, who died in three hours. A reward of \$1,000 is standing for Garrity's capture.

BRAKEMAN FALLS FROM FREIGHT CAR

Brakeman Schley met with an accident shortly after midnight last night which may prove fatal to him but at any rate will be the cause of his confinement to the hospital for some time at least. Though 12 hours had elapsed this afternoon from the time he was injured by falling from an outgoing freight train, he has not recovered consciousness. His left arm is broken at the wrist and his skull may be fractured at the base. Schley was the head brakeman on a freight which headed east at 1 a. m. and in some manner he was thrown or slipped from the top of a car well up towards the front end. In the dark less than one saw him fall, and about an hour later the night switch crew

BIG SMELTERS CLOSED DOWN

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE GROWS MORE AND MORE SERIOUS--BIG MILLS IDLE

FREIGHT TRAFFIC IN BIG DISTRICT IS DEMORALIZED.

Many Brotherhood Men Have Joined The Ranks of the Strikers Today Situation is Serious.

Butte, Dec. 2.—The immense Boston and Montana mines of the Amalgamated Copper Company closed down today on the account of the strike of the railroad switchmen in this section that has paralyzed traffic throughout the country. Three thousand men are thrown out of employment on account of the action of the mine officials.

The inability to secure transportation of the ore to the smelters at Great Falls was given as the immediate cause of the mines closing. Because of the shortage of ore the smelters at Great Falls were also compelled to close throwing 1500 men out of employment.

The freight traffic on the lines of the Great Northern throughout Montana is completely demoralized. In many of the railroad centers the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen have joined the strikers and no relief from the present acute condition of affairs is in sight. At Helena every skitchman in the city has stopped work. Many brotherhood men have also cast their lot with the strikers, and not a wheel is moving in that district.

Eastern Montana reports indicate that in all probabilities all of the brotherhood men in that section will join the strikers. Many of them quit their work yesterday although quite a few of them reported for work this morning and are back at their post today. It is believed that if the strikers would be successful in their campaign they will have to tie up all the yards in the territory from the portion that is already cut off extending to the eastern portion of the United States and cut off all freight transportation.

For the first time since the strike was declared the officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road have admitted that the strike has taken on a decided serious aspect.

Will Use Strike Breakers.

St. Paul, Dec. 2.—Strike breakers were brought in from Chicago today to replace the striking switchmen. Although many places vacated by the strikers have been filled by the new men the conditions of the strike are but little changed and traffic between this city and the Pacific coast is in a chaotic condition. Additional strike breakers are expected to arrive from Chicago tonight and tomorrow the first concerted attempt of the roads centering here will be made to relieve the tie up.

Five thousand flour mill operatives are idle here and in Minneapolis today on account of the mills not being enabled to get cars to or from their mills.

found him lying beside the track unconscious. Dr. Bacon was immediately called and the man was removed to the hospital. The exact condition of the injuries about the skull are hard to ascertain. He evidently struck his head on the frozen ground. Dr. Bacon is not optimistic about his recovery.

None of the crew evidently saw the man fall, and no doubt were well out on their trip before the man's absence was discovered. Schley has been here a considerable length of time but no one seems to know much about him, and on account of his condition today nothing can be learned about his family connections.

The great mills of the Twin Cities are quiet and only a few of the smaller manufacturing concerns are attempting to operate.

Road Changes Hands.

Reno, Dec. 2.—January 1, the Salt Lake division of the S. P. R. R. will revert from the Oregon Short Line to the old Southern Pacific Company. It is stated that the D. & R. G. W. will operate this line after that date.

WILD SCENE NEAR CITY

ROCK CREEK HOMESTEADER SEES COUGAR ATTACK DEER.

Mr. Spears Might Have Had Venison But Mr. Cougar Butted In.

That there is a little of the genuine wild west remaining not far from La Grande is shown by the report brought to La Grande today by W. J. Spears, a homesteader of the Upper Rock Creek country. Upon leaving his homestead and starting for La Grande Mr. Spears saw a deer near some timber and was just contemplating salting his tail and sacking him up for venison when to his surprise another animal with a sweet tooth for deer meat "butted in" and spoiled his little scheme.

The bold intruder was a cougar who had been sneaking through the timber with his eye upon the deer. The cougar leaped from the brush but the deer was too quick for him and made his escape. Without stopping to apologize to Spears the cougar went over the hill after the deer and Mr. Spears wended his way toward La Grande to tell the big story.

WAR WITH NICARAGUA CERTAIN SAY INDICATIONS

Washington, Dec. 2.—Every indication today points to the fact that Uncle Sam intends to force an immediate solution to the Nicaraguan situation. The action taken today by Secretary Knox in discontinuing any further relations with the Zelayan government means an immediate movement toward the solving of this problem by force of arms on the part of the United States.

An order was issued for the transport of 700 marines on board for Central America.

CRY FRAUD IN GIVING FIGHT

RICHARDS AND GLEASON ARE THE LUCKY BIDDERS FOR THE PRIZE FIGHT

PRESUMABLY TO BE HELD IN OR NEAR SAN FRANCISCO

Los Angeles Man Immediately "Hollers" that Combine Exists and He Was Wrongly Treated.

New York, Dec. 2.—It is announced this afternoon that the managers of the Jeffries-Johnson championship fight have accepted the bid of E. M. Rickards who is allied with Jack Gleason for staging the world's championship fight. The proposition as accepted was first offered by Rickard, namely: a guaranteed purse of \$101,000, two thirds of the receipts for the moving pictures.

It is understood here that Promoter Coffroth is in the deal with Rickards & Gleason and that the fight is to be held in or near San Francisco. The fighters are figuring on a big income from the moving pictures. It is understood that the two-thirds share of the receipts from that source was a big inducement for their manager to close this contract.

The only positive decision as to the location of the fight is set forth in the bid, which stated that the fight was to come off in "California, Nevada or Utah."

Tom McClary of Los Angeles, claims that the deal was "framed up" against him and that he never would have had a chance against the "combine" no matter what the bid might have been.

HAND BAGS

New Leather, New Shapes, New Prices

We Have the largest, the best, the most up-to-date line of Ladies Hand Bags and Purses ever shown in La Grande. We have the Alligator, Patent Leather, Real Seal, Walrus and a line of imported leathers that we know are good, and of the latest styles. We are offering these goods at a most reasonable price for this class of goods. Our goods are right and we know the prices are. Let us show you while our line is complete.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON