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LEND ALL ENERGY TO PASS TAFT MEASURE

CRANE OF MASS. NAMED WHIP TO DRIVE REPUBLICANS INTO SOLID FRONT.

ENGLANDERS DISPUTE TAFT

President's Flat Denial Yesterday That Clark Did Not Represent Sentiment in America Is Scouted by Conservative Elements in England—Others Disagree and Praise Taft—Wants Other Senators to Rest.

Washington, Feb. 16—Senator Crane of Massachusetts has been chosen as executive whip by President Taft, who has instructed him to push the campaign for the reciprocity agreement to the very limit. Crane, it is said, told the president to ask other senators with pet bills to step aside with their pets and let the reciprocity measure go through the senate, as it has already passed the house.

The success of Taft's plans are not so sure now since Clark's speech the other day threatening annexation of Canada by the United States, and Standpatters are bending every effort to make the situation more disagreeable.

Taft's Denial Disputed.

London, Feb. 16—President Taft's denial of Champ Clark's annexation speech has been taken differently by Liberal and Conservative publications today. Liberal papers praise Taft and deny that America intends to absorb Canada. Conservative papers insist Taft's disavowal doesn't reflect the true sentiment of American statesmen.

JOAQUIN MILLER IS BETTER

PHYSICIANS SAY THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Poet of the Sierras, Seriously Ill for Days, Improving Slowly.

Oakland, Feb. 16—Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, who has been seriously ill at Fabiola hospital, is reported better today. He passed an easy night. While his condition is critical the physicians say there is no immediate cause for alarm.

American Power Boat Association.

New York, Feb. 16—The annual meeting of the American Power Boat Association will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria tomorrow night for the election of officers of the association for the ensuing year. At this meeting in addition to the election of officers, the annual reports of the secretary, treasurer and committees will be made and the programme for the association's activities for 1911 discussed.

GOULD-GRAHAM COURTSHIP OUT.

Flancee is not of Royal Blood as Generally Thought.

New York, Feb. 16—With the expected confirmation of the engagement today of young Jay Gould and Miss Anna Douglas Graham public interest in the bride-elect has greatly increased. Though Miss Graham enjoys an exceptionally high position in society both in this country and abroad she is little known to the public at large, probably because she has never gone in for athletics or indulged in other pastimes that would bring her into the limelight.

The report that Miss Graham is the

last of a royal line, which once held the reins of government in Hawaii is erroneous. Neither was she born in the islands. She is the only daughter of the late Douglas Graham, a man of social and business prominence in New York and she was born in this city. The rumor of her royal blood connections possibly originated in the fact that her mother was a Miss Coney of Hawaii. Mr. Graham married Miss Coney in the islands, but after a brief stay there came to New York. Following the death of her husband Mrs. Graham was married to Hubert Vos, the well known portrait painter. Miss Graham was educated in a convent in Paris. Following her graduation she traveled with her parents over a large part of Europe and subsequently visited the Hawaiian Islands. It was soon after her return from this trip that Miss Graham first met Jay Gould.

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR WAR

CHINA WILL BE MADE TO FIGHT FOR TURKESTAN

Notices Sent to Foreign Offices and the Army Prepares Plans.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16—It is practically certain that Russia will be involved in war with China very soon. This was seen here today in a publication that the Russian government plans to occupy Lili, regain Chinese Turkestan. Conferences were held today and the war ministry deliver over the plans for the invasion.

London, Feb. 16—Formal notice that Russia intends to make a military demonstration against China were sent to foreign offices by the Russian government today. It is understood similar notes were sent to other powers.

LOCATES IN ELGIN

Condon Man Buys Real Estate Business in Apple Town.

Elgin, Ore., Feb. 16 (Special)—A deal was closed here today wherein Jesse Crum of Condon, Oregon, becomes the owner of the Slough Investment company. He will conduct the business along the lines of the old ownership and will handle all kinds of property. Mr. Slough, who came here from Oklahoma a year ago and built up a good business, will remain in Elgin for a time at least looking after his personal business.

Recommendations Confirmed.

Arthur Curtiss was last evening re-nominated as city engineer and his nomination was confirmed. At the same time, while the council was sitting as a committee of the whole, the recommendation of the mayor was made some time ago relative to the assistant water superintendent, was ratified and L. M. Hoyt was retained in office. The office of superintendent is vacant for the time being.

LECTURE FOR RAILROADERS

O-W Sends Man Here to Address Employees on Explosives Saturday

Explosives and its kindred subjects as discussed by an expert of the bureau of explosives, will be handled by J. L. Taylor, a man sent here by the O-W officials to lecture to local railroad employees. Mr. Taylor will deliver an address Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Star theatre and all railroad employees can secure passes by applying at the dispatchers office.

A bulletin posted today at the offices of the company here urges all employees to attend and the lecturer is expected to not only entertain but instruct the employees in the subject of explosives, so vital to railroadmen who handled it as a commodity.

TITANIC FIGHT AGAINST THE TIMES PLANT

ORGANIZED LABOR PREPARING FOR BIGGEST STRUGGLE IN HISTORY OF UNIONS

ENORMOUS SUMS RAISED

Gompers Announces His Plans for Fighting the Open Shop Situation at Los Angeles and Says Struggle Will be Biggest Ever Planned—All Organized Labor to Help Fight Against the Manufacturers' Unions.

Washington, Feb. 16—Appealing to the labor union men throughout the country, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor announced today that \$500,000 is being raised by the various unions to finance a struggle to aid unions in their fight against the Los Angeles Times "open shop" conditions.

Will be Record Fight

Consumption of the plans will mean the beginning of the biggest fight between capital and labor in the history of unions in this country. Unionists say that the National Association of Manufacturers are backing merchants and that the manufacturers' associations of Los Angeles is in the fight against the unions.

Finish Fight in View.

With these conditions existing the lineup for a finish fight is on and the beginning is already in view.

Polo Tournament at Riverside.

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 16—The first of the season's polo tournaments in Southern California opened here today and will continue until next Wednesday. The tournament is conducted under the auspices of the American Polo Association.

Michigan Cities Seek Home Rule

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 16—The mayors of many of the leading cities of Michigan met in conference here today to discuss plans to secure legislation to permit the cities to amend their charters without a general revision.

POPE REPORTED IMPROVED

PHYSICIANS STILL SHOW THEIR UNEASINESS

Bronchitis May Spread to Lung Trouble, a Serious Complication.

Rome, Dec. 16—Following the alarming reports from the Vatican yesterday afternoon comes the news today that the Pope is slightly improved. Physicians are uneasy, fearing the serious attack of bronchitis may be spread to lung troubles, which, with his 75 years would make it dangerous. His fever is practically gone this morning.

Physician Faces Grave Charge.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 16—Dr. F. X. Schaeffer, who was recently married in England to the Baroness von Ottinger, was arraigned in court today for a preliminary hearing on a charge of manslaughter. The charge grows out of the death some time ago of Mrs. Rose Dietrich in this city.

Meeting of Ohio Bee Keepers

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 16—Members of the Ohio Beekeepers' Association met at the Grand Hotel in this city today for their annual convention. They will spend two days in the discussion of honey and bee culture and in listening to addresses by several expert apiculturists.

LOBBYISTS HELD CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT

WALLOWA COUNTY NOW HAS TWO DELEGATIONS WAITING AT SALEM

RUSK MAY HOLD POWER

Bill Pending in the House Vaguely Dealing With High School Situation Precipitates Factional Strife in Wallowa county and Two Delegations Have Lobbyists in the Salem Legislature Today—Meet Here.

Secret conferences, held behind closed doors and attended by a half dozen men who are the duly appointed delegates of the commercial clubs of Wallowa, Joseph and Wallowa, occurred in this city last evening when the lobbyists from Wallowa county intended to offset what a similar crowd of Enterprise people may do at Salem, formulated a plan of attack to enact when they reach Salem today. The half dozen met here for the first time, having been sent out from their respective towns without previous joint conferences, and between trains last evening, the men got their heads together. At the conclusion of their conference, they boarded the west bound train and reached Salem today.

What they will attempt to do when they reach Salem is vaguely announced from Wallowa today. The county high school question in Wallowa is plainly enough the line of demarcation between the efforts of the Enterprise lobbyists who went to Salem a day previous to the other crowd, and the men who held their conference here last night.

The nature of the proposed bills and measures leading up to the struggle is also vague here—few know the context of the bills. Roughly stated however a condition exists now which forbids further vote by the county on the issue, once a county high school has been established. Enterprise is anxious to have statute remain so, as that town already has the school and might perchance lose it should

LOVE SICK GIRL SUICIDES

HEIRESS OF UDALL, KANSAS DIES BY HER OWN HAND

Would Rather Die Than Wait Until She Was 25 to Marry.

Udall, Kans., Feb. 16—Katherine Haina, aged 18, and an heiress, suicided today. She killed herself rather than comply with the provisions of her father's will which disinherited her if she married a certain man before she was 25.

The suicide announcement caused a sensation. Both he and his wife are prominent in army circles.

For Uniform Weights and Measures

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16—The movement to secure the adoption of a uniform standard of weights and measures throughout the country is expected to receive a decided impetus as a result of three days' conference begun in the capitol today under the auspices of the Federal bureau of the weights and measures. The conference is attended by delegates representing nearly all the states.

Negro on Trial for Murder.

May's Landing, N. J., Feb. 16—Lee Hamon, a negro was placed on trial before Judge Trenchard today for the alleged murder of Henry Foote. Foote was shot and killed in Atlantic City on November 12 last.

the matter be put to a vote while the other three sister towns are bucking on belts of opposition and warfare with a zeal that forbodes a stiff tilt. They want a chance to vote.

Rusk Apparently Turning Point.

To all appearances the house is evenly divided on the proposition which affects the state in general but Wallowa county specifically in that the local struggle pertains to local issues, and it may be up to Jerry Rusk, speaker of the house, to turn the tide. If he throws his influence with his home precinct constituents, he will antagonize Enterprise. If he does not, yet if he joins for Enterprise, he will not only be a detriment to his home precinct but to other communities as well. If the house is evenly divided as reports from the Enterprise "Jerry" has an abundance of ground for worry.

LONDON AWAITS BIG SCRAP

BILL LANG AND SAM LANGFORD READY FOR BIG MILL.

Sale of Seats Indicates Nation-Wide Interest in Affair.

London, Feb. 16—Bill Lang, champion heavyweight fighter of Australia and Sam Langford the Canadian-born negro, who is now generally recognized as one of the best of the big fighters in America, have completed the work of preparation for their 20-round contest at McIntosh's Olympia Annex. No heavyweight battle since the Gunner Moir-Tommy Burns fight has aroused so much interest and enthusiasm among the London sporting fraternity. The advance sale of seats indicates that a record-breaking crowd will be at the ring side to see the two big fighters meet.

The fighter from America will enter the ring a favorite unless there is a sudden and unwarranted switching of the betting odds. Langford is no stranger on this side of the water and the ring critics will remember the ease with which he disposed of Tiger Smith, Jeff Thorne and Ian Hague, who were among the most prominent of the heavyweights that England has produced in late years.

Langford's greater ring experience is figured as one of his chief assets in his fight with the Australian. He has been in the ring more than ten years and has taken part in 100 battles. He never suffered a knockout and has lost less than a dozen battles on referees' decisions.

In Lang the negro will meet a younger man who has made a remarkably good showing considering the time he has been in the ring. The Australian has nearly all the natural advantages over Langford. He has a longer reach, is many pounds heavier and is an inch or two taller than the man from America. He is said to be remarkably fast on his feet for a man of his size, but in this respect he will have no advantage over the negro. Which of the two can hit the harder is a matter of opinion, for both are known to have a stiff punch. Langford can stand a terrific beating, and Lang has showed in all his battles that it takes more than a love tap to put him down. The Australian is aggressive in a lumbering sort of way, and Langford is always after his man, so there should not be a slow moment in the fight as long as it lasts.

The American outclasses the Australian in only one thing, but that is the most essential in the ring. It is in the knowledge of the fighting game and ring generalship that Langford excels. And in this excellence is expected to win him the fight. Langford himself is as confident as can be over the result of the contest. He has trained faithfully since his arrival in England and appears to be in the best of condition for the battle. If he wins he will return to America to renew his endeavors to get on a match with Jack Johnson for the world's championship.

FORGERY COMES TO AID OF SHEEHAN

CONGRESSMAN SULZER THROWN IN THE MIDDLE BY ALLEGED FORGED LETTERS

SULZER DENIAL EMPHATIC

Long Standing Deadlock Enlivened by Story of Forgery is Playing a Part in the Effort of Tammany Crowd to Break the Deadlock—Assemblyman Kennedy Said to Have Received Letter Nrging Sheehan Support.

New York, Feb. 16—Forgery is being resorted to in the attempts to break the long-standing senatorial deadlock at Albany over the election of a senator to succeed Root. Sheehan—Tammany's choice for Senator, is the man on whom the money is being lavishly according to the reported rumors.

News Report Affirms Story.

All this and more is asserted in a special dispatch to the New York World which declares that Assemblyman Kennedy has received a letter purporting to bear the signature of Congressman Sulzer, asking him to support Sheehan. Sulzer, the World's special dispatch declares, said the letter was a "preposterous forgery" and denies flatly that he has signed or written the letter.

Sulzer's denials of the letter are so emphatic that it is generally believed at Albany that he is telling the truth and that friends of Sheehan have stooped to the practice of forgery in their effort to swing every available vote toward Tammany's man.

SENATE IGNORES WEST'S VETO

WHIPPING POST LAW ABOLISHED BY SENATORIAL ACTION

Committees Work Night and Day to Clear up Congestion.

Salem, Feb. 16—The Oregon whipping post law, attacked by a house bill that was later vetoed by the governor, was definitely abolished today when the Buchanan bill passed 28 to 8. Only two days remain and both houses are swamped with business. A number of bills will be acted upon and the committees are working on them both night and day to get them ready.

Cement Show in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16—Chicago's fourth annual Cement show opened today in the Coliseum and will hold the boards there until February 23. The show has developed into a mammoth industrial exhibition and annually attracts thousands of visitors. Every visitor this year will be given a chance to win a magnificent cement house which will be erected free for the person guessing nearest the strength of concrete, as shown by the tests to be made during the show.

New Head of Barnard College.

New York, Feb. 16—In the presence of a great assembly of educators from many parts of the country, Miss Virginia Gilderaleve today received the keys of Barnard college, and her acceptance of these symbols became the dean and head of that well known institution for the higher education for women. The exercises took place in St. Paul's chapel of Columbia University. Dr. N. M. Butler, president of Columbia, delivered the address of induction.