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TAFT BITTER IN DENIALS

CALLS DICK TO DICK LETTER A "LIE"

SPECIAL MESSAGE CONCLUDES WITH SHARP STATEMENTS

"Wicked Fabrication" Is Term Applied to Dick to Dick Story—No Such Letter on File and Accusers Are Denied—Never Mentioned Subject to His Brother, Affirms President.

Washington, July 27.—President Taft late last night sent a special message to congress presenting all the data in the Controller bay controversy and then attacked the accusers and "fabricators" of the now famous "Dick to Dick" letter. This measure which is so well known through the great publicity given and subsequent failure to make good the charges, is quoted by the president in the concluding paragraph of his message which gave a large amount of data and maps. The alleged letter follows:

"Dear Dick: I went to see the president the other day. He asked me who it was I represented. I told him according to our agreement, that I represented myself. But this didn't seem to satisfy him. So I sent for Charlie Taft and asked him to tell his brother, the president, who it was I really represented. The president made no further objection to my claim. (Signed) Yours, Dick."

In conclusion Mr. Taft said. "The postscript is not now on the files of the department. If it were, it would be my duty to transmit it under this resolution. Who is really responsible for its wicked fabrication if it ever existed, or for the viciously false statement made as to its authenticity, is immaterial for the purposes of this communication. The purport of the alleged postscript is and the intention of the fabricator was, to make Richard S. Ryan testify through its words to the public that although I was at first opposed in the public interest to granting the elimination he requested, nevertheless through the undue influence of my brother, Charles P. Taft, and the disclosure of the real persons in interest, I was induced improperly and for the promotion of their private gain, to make the order."

"The statement in so far as my brother is concerned—and that is the chief feature of the postscript—is utterly unfounded. He never wrote to me or spoke to me in reference to Richard S. Ryan or on the subject of Controller bay or the granting of any privileges or the making of any orders in respect to Alaska. He has no interest in Alaska, never had, and he knows nothing of the circumstances connected with this transaction. He does not remember that he ever met Richard S. Ryan. He never heard of the Controller Bay railroad until my cablegram of inquiry reached him, which, with his answer, is in the record."

Pinchot Resents Message.

Pinchot today said: "The president's defense of his course in the Controller bay matter shows how hard it is to make a good excuse for a bad mistake." He said the message left the matter wholly untouched the secrecy of the opening of lands gave the Ryan interests an opportunity to acquire the key to the channel to Controller bay before the public knew what was happening.

Order Was Published.

Among other things which the message points out and which refutes the Pinchot statement above, is the fact that the president in his message reproduced the affidavit of the Associated Press correspondent showing the exact wording of the order opening the Controller bay lands. The story was sent to all parts of the United States and was done as all such opening orders are handled, affirmed the president. The president dwelt at length

on the publicity given the opening, in contradiction to Pinchot and others who claimed secrecy was used.

Corn Crop Above Average.

Chicago, July 27.—Despite the unfavorable weather in June for crops, all over the country, the corn crop in the "corn belt" is to be above the average this year. Illinois and Iowa, the two greatest corn growers, will have larger crops than last year, and the value, at 50 cents a bushel, will exceed \$400,000,000 in these two states alone. This is more than the oat crop of the entire country is worth, and exceeds half the value of the wheat. Illinois will have fewer acres—only 10,503,000 this year instead of 10,609,000—but the yield will be larger. The estimated yield is 41.3 bushels per acre which will give a total crop of 433,773,900 bushels. At 50 cents a bushel this will be worth to Illinois farmers \$216,886,950. The acreage in Iowa is larger, 9,852,000 acres as compared with 9,473,000 last year. The yield in the Hawkeye state, according to the government crop experts, will be larger. It is estimated at 42.3 bushels per acre, which will give a crop of 416,739,600 bushels, worth to the farmer \$208,369,800.

SPECIAL TRAIN IS POSSIBLE

PIONEERS SHOULD NOTIFY MR. SLATER AT ONCE.

If Sufficient Numbers Will Go, Special Train Can Be Had.

A special train to Elgin next Saturday for all pioneers who wish to attend the annual reunion there that day will be possible if the people who intend to go will make their wishes known early tomorrow morning to Secretary J. D. Slater. Mr. Slater can secure a special train with a round trip rate of \$1.00 if 65 guarantee to attend from here. The matter must be decided as once so that the company can make the necessary provisions.

All those who intend going and are anxious to see the special train arrangement, a very desirable feature of the reunion, should notify Mr. Slater tomorrow morning, and if enough so express themselves, the train will be secured. Otherwise, the service will be very bad for this section of the valley.

NO CLEMENCY FOR WEBB.

Man Prefers to Hang, Rather Than Be Life Terner.

Salem, Ore., July 27.—Governor West stated today that he would not extend clemency to Jesse P. Webb, who was convicted of having murdered Albert Johnson in Portland last winter. West's statement was called forth by the decision of the supreme court yesterday which confirmed the judgment of the superior court that Webb must hang. Webb is now confined in the penitentiary. He has often said he preferred to pay the full penalty for his crime.

COURT WHEELS GRIND.

Jury Verdict in Van Dune Case—Ownership of Horses Subject.

A case involving ownership of some horses is occupying the attention of circuit court. It was believed the case would go to the jury this afternoon and late today it was undecided which case would come next.

Charles Van Dune was found guilty by a jury this morning of larceny from the person and he will be sentenced next Saturday morning at eight o'clock. He was accused of taking a watch from Mr. Willshire of Telocaser. W. J. Hunter and Roy Lund of Union last night pleaded guilty to the charge of cattle rustling preferred against them, and they will be sentenced tomorrow.

WOOL TARIFF BILL PASSES

LA FOLLETTE BILL IS PASSED BY SEN- ATE TODAY.

SURPRISE SPRUNG BY REPUBLICAN SENATORS

Believed That Reduction, Which Was Inevitable, Was More Favorable to Party Through La Follette Bill—Underwood Measure, More Drastic, Is Defeated Entirely.

Washington, July 27.—An amendment to the Payne wool tariff bill fathered by R. M. La Follette, the lonely man of the senate by a vote of 48 to 32. The bill passed after another bill, urged by Congressman Underwood, leader of the house democrats, had been rejected. Its winning was a surprise. The Republican majority evidently believing the wool revision was sure to come preferred La Follette's plan to Underwood's which meant a greater slashing of the tariff. On the floor La Follette said his measure averaged a reduction of about 37 per cent under the Payne wool duties. The Underwood bill reduced them 44.

Previous to the adoption of La Follette's amendment the senate by a vote of 14 to 66 rejected his substitute wool bill. The wool bill now goes to conference with the house and it is probable an agreement will be reached between the conferees on the measure to be put up to the president.

It is believed that the passage of the La Follette bill will put up to the president the most perplexing dilemma of his administration, by his being forced to choose between revision of the wool schedule adopted by democrats and progressives and the question of vetoing the bill reducing duties in a schedule which he declared was "indefensible" in his Winona speech.

Bourne Votes for It.

Among the 13 republicans who voted for La Follette were: Bourne, Oregon. Polindexter, Washington and Works, California.

O. A. C. BOYS ARE ALASKA MINERS

Northern Country to Provide Employment for Oregon Boys.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., July 27.—(Special)—E. J. Atkinson, '11, Portland; Clarence L. Jamison, Idarod, Alaska, and Vincent P. Gianella, '12, Honet, Cal., all from the Oregon Agricultural college school of mines, have just entered the employ of the Treadwell Mine company, Alaska, where there is a greater number of stamps at work than in any other plant in the world.

The young men were on their way to Idarod, to Mr. Jamison's home, by way of Dawson, when they heard that small pox at Dawson would make it impossible for the steamer to land them. They therefore tendered their letters of introduction at the famous cyanide plant at Treadwell, and although there were 150 men on the waiting list, they immediately found employment.

C. C. Howe of Hillyard, Wash., who also graduated from the O. A. C. this June, has gone to the Bunker Hill Sullivan mine in Idaho, where he held a position before coming to college. Another classmate of his in the mining school, Clifford A. Dunn of Cloverdale, is now in North Yakima.

Millionaire Killed.

New York, July 27.—Burglars today beat to death William Jackson, aged 70, and a millionaire broker, in his rooms in the fashionable Troquois hotel. The body was found by the employees. Apparently he had been chloroformed and a fight followed. He was a member of the Van Shick company.

GERMAN PRESS ISSUES THREATS

ADVISE ENGLAND TO KEEP HANDS OF MOROCCO

GERMAN-BRITAIN WAR TALK GROWS WAR

England Prepares Its Fleet for Immediate Action and Every Indication Points to Some Decisive Action Soon—German Press Bitter in Denunciation of England.

London, July 27.—The London Globe today declares leave has been stopped on all British warships and that the second division of the fleet has been ordered to coal immediately. Naval circles are highly excited as it is believed the order means that the admiralty is preparing the fleet for quick action in the event war is declared between England and Germany. Sentiment is more disquieting than ever as a result of the belligerent tone of the German press. The premier, Secretary Churchill, and Lord Grey held a hurried conference. It is believed this is a forerunner of important developments.

In an address before the commons today Premier Asquith said negotiations were proceeding between Germany and France concerning Morocco to which England was not a party. He admitted that the situation had reached the point where it became most difficult and harassing unless a solution were quickly found, and asked the house not to press him for details which at this time "might provoke discriminations." He intimated that England would not allow matters to drift to a point where English interests would be jeopardized.

The opposition leader, Balfour, followed and said the opposition would join whole heartedly in dealing with the Moroccan matter.

German Press Sarcastic.

Berlin, July 27.—Bitter indignation prevails here tonight as a result of the statement of Premier Asquith at London today. It is generally admitted that if Germany maintains her present attitude hostilities must ensue. Some action is expected as soon as the kaiser reaches Berlin from his cruise.

Berlin, July 27.—The German press

today warns England to keep its hands off the Moroccan situation, asserting it is a matter for settlement between France and Germany. While they amount almost to threats of war, it is freely made a case for the British diplomats to interfere.

Foremost among the aggressive papers is the Lokal Anzeiger which evidently inspired the article which declares that Great Britain has adopted a policy of unwarranted intervention and open hostility toward Germany.

"Germany is not disposed to tolerate this wanton interference and issues warning to England to keep her hands off," says the sheet.

The press unanimously supports the government in its attitude toward Britain and it is believed the government is advising the editors as to their editorial utterances. That the situation is the gravest is seen in the fact that the kaiser shortened his northern cruise and will arrive at Swinmude tomorrow to confer with Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg. It is reported that the kaiser then goes direct to Berlin.

Paris Not So Excited.

Paris, July 27.—Despite the belligerent British and German press, the French diplomats believe a practical solution of the Moroccan difficulty will be found. Others, with a few exceptions, reflect this view.

King Edward Is Ill.

London, July 27.—Worn out by the possibility of war with Germany, and the struggle over the lord's veto bill, and the coronation, the king is in bad condition. It is reported that phys-

cians have administered oxygen to him.

Spokane Water Supply Good.

Spokane, Wash., July 27.—Alexander Lindsay, superintendent of the local water department, claims a world's record for pumping more than 53,000,000 gallons of water in 24 hours and keeping the reservoirs full. Two units of 24,000,000 gallons capacity were held in reserve. These figures mean that 500 gallons of water was pumped for every man, woman and child in Spokane a total of 18,000,000 gallons more than was pumped day last year. The water furnished at a temperature of 48 degrees, being pumped from deep wells. The water works system is owned by the municipality and is under the direct charge of Charles M. Fassett, commissioner of public utilities. The people of Spokane have practically unrestricted sprinkling

privileges between 6 o'clock a. m. and 9 o'clock at night. Under the former administration there were water famines in the outlying districts, but this has been remedied by the installation of large mains, through which water is delivered at high pressure to all parts of the city within the three mile circle.

TRUST PROBERS AT NEW YORK

STANLEY INQUIRATORS TO MOVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

Not Known Yet if Roosevelt and Other Big Men Will Testify.

New York, July 27.—The so-called steel investigating committee of the house, of which Representative Stanley of Kentucky is chairman, came to New York today to resume its hearings within a convenient hailing distance of the offices of the giant corporation and where some of the big men of Wall street and others who are supposed to know the inside history of the formation and operations of the United States Steel corporation can be summoned before the committee without loss of time. It is understood the committee will first resume its investigation of the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel corporation. So far nothing has transpired to verify the rumors that J. P. Morgan, George W. Perkins, ex-President Roosevelt and other big men would be summoned to testify, but the belief prevails that the committee will not hesitate to take such action should it seem necessary in order to get at the foundation facts in regard to the Tennessee merger.

FREIGHTFUL ACCIDENT IN SOUTH

Seventeen Reported Killed in Head-on Collision.

Durham, N. C., July 27.—Seventeen were killed and 40 injured today at Hamlet, N. C., in a head-on collision between a local freight on the Seaboard Air line and a special excursion train from Charlotte, N. C. which was running as a second section of the express. It is reported that the engineer forgot his orders and ventured on the main line after the express passed.

New Long Flight Record.

Mineola, La., July 27.—A new American record for continuous flight was set today by Aviator Johnstone. He remained in the air four hours and two minutes and encircled a 4-1-2 mile course 33 times. He was compelled to alight on account of his motor failing.

"Hounded" Wife Ailing.

Los Angeles, July 27.—Physicians today agreed the left leg of Mrs. McManigal, wife of the confessed dynamiter, is partially paralyzed and a treatment was decided upon. Worries is considered one of the principal causes.

MISSISSIPPI POLITICS HOT

VARDAMAN IS AGAIN SEEKING SENATOR- IAL TOGA.

PERCY A CANDIDATE FOR RE- ELECTION TO THE SENATE

Brewer Will Get the Gubernatorial Nomination, It Is Conceded—Center of Fight for Senatorial Gown—Three Men Entered but Only Two Deemed Especially Strong.

Jackson, Miss., July 27.—One of the most spirited political campaigns that Mississippi has seen in years entered upon its final stage today. Next Tuesday a state wide democratic primary will be held for the endorsement of a candidate for United States senator and the nomination of candidates for governor and other state officers to be chosen at the next election. In this state the democratic nomination is equivalent to election. Public interest centers almost wholly in the contest for the senatorship. Senator Leroy Percy, whose term will expire in 1913 is a candidate for re-election. His principal opponent in the fight for the toga is ex-Governor James K. Vardaman, one of the most aggressive and picturesque politicians that Mississippi has turned out in many years. C. H. Alexander is the third entrant in the senatorial race. Alexander has developed a considerable following, but most unbiased onlookers are of the opinion that the real fight will be between Vardaman and Percy, with a close finish and the probability that a second primary will be necessary to a choice. Earl Brewer, a prominent lawyer of Clarksdale, will be nominated for governor without opposition.

ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS CONFIDENT

Hope to Elect Big Ticket Next Year From Top to Bottom.

Springfield, Ill., July 27.—Democratic leaders here today are predicting the election of the entire democratic ticket at the state election next year, basing their prophesy on the threatened split in the republican party.

Following the announcement from the headquarters of Professor Chas. Merriam in Chicago that the "simon pure" progressive of the Merriam stamp will refuse to wear the yoke of the Denney progressives, State Senator Walter Jones of Chicago, it is said, will be advanced as the Merriam candidate for governor in East St. Louis on July 28.

With the Denney and Merriam factions trying to cause a split in the ranks of the other faction, the battle promises to be bitter.

Chinese Apple Men Coming.

Pekin, July 27.—The government is said to be considering a plan to send a corps of agricultural experts to the United States to study the apple growing industry with a view of adding it to the industries of China. The excellence of the Oregon and Washington apples is known in several Chinese cities, largely because of the holiday gifts of James Hill and others who have important commercial connections in China.

The expedition will probably sail the latter part of September and will confine its visits to Oregon and Washington.

Archbishop Messmer Going Abroad

Milwaukee, Wis., July 27.—Archbishop Messmer, head of the Roman Catholic church of Milwaukee, left with a party of friends today for Montreal, whence he is to sail next Saturday for Europe. The archbishop will go direct to Switzerland, where he will spend the remainder of the summer at his old home in the Tyrol.