

RAIN DRENCHES PRESIDENT DURING MID-DAY SPEECH

TAFT DEFENDS THREE VETOS

GRAND RAPIDS AUDIENCE HEARS CAUSE FOR VETOS

ABSENCE OF COMMISSION REPORTS ONE OF CHIEF CAUSES

Tells in Strikingly Clear Language of the Creation of a Commission to Report on Tariff, and of Fact That the Three Farm Bills Were Not Based on These Findings—Rain Bothers the Crowd.

Grand Rapids, Sept. 21.—Rallying to the defense of his veto of the wool and free list cotton bills, President Taft today delivered the second of his important speeches on his present tour.

The president breakfasted at the Country club and enroute to the club he left his automobile at the St. John's Orphanage asylum and stood, bare-headed, in the rain greeting the nuns.

I am going to tell you in as simple a way as I can, why I vetoed the three tariff bills which congress submitted to me for signature at the close of this extra session. I called the session to secure the enactment in law of the Canadian reciprocity treaty.

What I say here will be in large part a resume of those messages, with some additional suggestions that the less formal character of this address permits. I am not going to discuss the Payne bill, except to say that the controversy over its merits and demerits developed a very strong sentiment among republicans, and, indeed, among many democrats, that a bureau or commission or board of competent persons should be constituted to make investigation into the facts concerning the dutiable articles in the tariff, and to report them in such a way that congress and the public might be reliably advised of the probable effect of any proposed revision of the tariff in the future.

COURT RULES REVISED.

Equity and Law Cases Handled the Same Way in Supreme Court.

Salem, Or., Sept. 20.—The supreme court has made the following revision in rules pertaining to the manner of filing articles: That all cost bills must be served without fail in 20 days after rendition of appeal. In all cases of equity, as well as law, the appellant must file the first brief and open and close argument.

DRUMMERS ACT FOR "SLAVERS"

DISCLOSURES AT PORTLAND SAID TO WARRANT STATEMENT.

Portland Hotel and Business Men Are Also Involved in Scandal.

Portland, Sept. 21.—Through the arrest of Troy McDavid, who is held to appear before the grand jury as a white slaver, federal agents today declare they have evidence showing the existence of a white slave ring which drew girls from all parts of the northwest. They say that Portland is the headquarters of the alleged gang and that a number of traveling salesmen acted as procurers. It is said local hotel men and business men will be involved before the scandal is over.

Prisoner Builds Aeroplane.

Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Timothy Rafferty, 35, a trusty, serving 60 days in the county jail, is building an aeroplane. He expects to fly out of jail when his term expires.

clause of that act; and the revenue laws were of sufficient latitude to enable me to direct this board to make a "glossary" of the tariff terms and a kind of encyclopedia which would furnish a guide to the understanding of the tariff, and also to proceed to determine the comparative difference between the cost of production of dutiable articles under the various tariff schedules in this country and abroad. At the extra session of 1909 congress had given me \$75,000 which I could spend for this purpose; at the regular session of the same congress, the \$1st, the appropriation was enlarged to \$250,000, to cover expenses down to July 1, 1911. Meantime, the movement for a permanent tariff commission or board to effect these general purposes acquired great momentum. Business associations the country over united to form a special society for the promotion of such legislation, and the campaign for it was carried on with both houses of congress. I gave the project as strong support as possible, and made a number of public addresses in support of it, and sent a specific

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HOMESEEKERS COME IN HERDS

TWO TRAINS DAILY GIVEN OVER TO TOURISTS ALONE.

General Knowledge of Eastern Oregon Better Formed This Year.

Migration of eastern and middlewestern people to the Pacific coast has about reached the capacity and two trains are running on the schedules of Nos. 5 and 17. The four trains have been loaded heavily, too, and judging from the lively spurt at the beginning of the colonist season, the traffic will remain heavy throughout the 30 days' time.

All evince a great deal of interest in Grande Ronde valley and a far greater per cent of the homeseekers have been apprised of the existence of Grande Ronde valley than in former years.

This condition of affairs is of course due to the literature that has been sent out by individual concerns and the commercial clubs of the county of late months.

WATER BOARD IN SESSION.

Board of Control Hears Nehalem's Water Case.

Salem, Or., Sept. 20.—The board of control is hearing the water right contest being carried on between H. Schollmeyer and the town of Nehalem, Tillamook county. Schollmeyer made application last February for 82 feet of water from Bobs Creek, Tillamook county, for power and domestic uses. The town of Nehalem, by the state engineer's permission, began surveys for the construction of the municipal water supply, and in March this year completed a third survey and Andrew C. Anderson filed application for 2.2 feet for municipal purposes.

Both applications are for the same stream, the city's supply coming from high in the mountains. Schollmeyer's prior application was referred to the board of control by state engineer Lewis, on account of its use being a menace to the welfare of the public, and the board of control is taking testimony to ascertain what the public welfare demands. The board has the power to direct the state engineer to refuse Schollmeyer's application in case the public interest demands it.

Jeffries Starts Home Soon.

Seward, Alaska, Sept. 21.—James J. Jeffries and his brother Jack will leave on the steamship Northwestern Saturday for Seattle enroute to Los Angeles where their mother is reported to be dangerously ill. They have been hunting in the interior and have a number of trophies of their prowess.

Quebec Holds Key.

Montreal, Sept. 21.—In the province of Quebec, the fate of reciprocity between the United States and Canada will be decided today. Both sides concede that this is the pivotal point of the national election.

NEW COMET PROVED FAKE

FATHER MARTIN DISCOVERY IS PROVEN HUMOROUS JOKE.

Seattle and St. Louis Parties Found Brooks Comet Not New One.

Associated press dispatches of the 18th inst. state that Father Martin S. Brennan of St. Louis, and J. W. Gilbert of Seattle, Wash., while searching for the Brooks comets have simultaneously discovered a new comet in the constellation of Draco, the dragon, near the star "Thuban."

Parties in La Grande who have been closely following the progress of the great Brooks comet for the past six weeks state that these two gentlemen have at least found what they were looking for—the Brooks comet.

During the past six weeks this comet has moved one-third the distance across the sky, from near the star Alpha, in Cygnus, the "Northern cross," which is to be found directly overhead at 9 p. m., in a northwesterly direction, passing north of the bright star Vega, through the head of the constellation Draco and at the present time is to be found just where these gentlemen found it—halfway between Vega, the bright star high up in the west at 9 p. m. and Mizar, the second star from the end of the Dipper handle.

Brooks comet is now visible to the unaided eye, and by close observation can be readily picked up. With field glasses it should be an interesting object. From observation it is apparent that this comet is far greater than the famous Halley's comet of last year. The nucleus is much larger, brighter and more clearly defined than that of the Halley's comet. The coma or tail of this comet up to this time has been very pronounced, apparently spreading out in all directions from the nucleus, but is now beginning to stretch out across the sky pointing off towards the southwest. The comet will pass out of sight almost under the dipper within the next month, but before it disappears into the sun belt its spectral search light will be seen lighting the northern sky from the dipper to the zenith.

SEXTUPLE MURDER DEEP MYSTERY

Colorado Springs, Sept. 21.—No solution has yet been found to explain the Wayne and Burnham sextuple murder. The inquest started this afternoon when meager details of the finding of six bodies in two houses with the heads crushed and cut with an axe, were brought out.

TAFT DAY BOTHERSOME.

Tacoma Ministers Will Not Sit on Restaurant With Executive.

Bellingham, Wash., Sept. 21.—Another knot in the tangle already surrounding Taft day in this city has developed when it became known today that the Ministerial association has practically gone on record as being opposed to allowing any of its representatives to occupy the president's platform here October 9, should his proposed intention of attending the laying of the cornerstone of the new chapel hall of the First Unitarian society be fulfilled. The relations between the association and Pastor Fred Well, of the First Unitarian society are somewhat strained owing to friction engendered by remarks from both sides. Taft is a Unitarian, and the association does not object to his beliefs but does not like the idea of the president lending himself as the main attraction at the corner stone laying of the society which members of the association have criticized. Developments are being watched with interest.

Preachers Condemn Wilson.

Mason City, Ia., Sept. 21.—The Waterloo presbytery today passed a set of resolutions condemning Secretary of Agriculture "Tama" Wilson for having accepted the vice presidency of the National Brewers' association.

CHARGES STIR SHAKER TRIBE

SISTER MARCHANT KILLED BY POISON IS RUMOR.

BROTHER GILLETTE UNDER SERIOUS SUSPICION BY ALL.

Member of his Own Cult Turns Against Shaker Who Said He Killed One of His Fellow Tribeswoman to End Her Suffering—Trial for Murder to Ensure, Following Discoveries by the State.

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 21.—The Shaker colony near Kissimmee is convulsed with the allegations today that Sister Marchant's death a couple of weeks ago, was not due to Brother Gillette's administration of chloroform, but to malicious poisoning. As a result Gillette is jailed without bail, for murder.

The prosecution asserts it has found poison in her stomach and that his story that he chloroformed her to end her sufferings, is false.

The prosecution further declares that she was only mildly afflicted with tuberculosis, though said to be dying, but admit that a motive for a murder is obscure.

Gillette sticks to his story. He said: "My conscience is clear, and my faith unshaken. I have committed no crime."

Brother Braken of the Shaker colony has strengthened the state's case by describing Gillette and turning over important information concerning the home life of the colony all of which is against Gillette.

Stole to Please Bride.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—Because, it is alleged, he embezzled \$3,000 from his employers in New Orleans to furnish his bride with an elaborate honeymoon, G. Vaughn Mitchell, a bookkeeper, is under arrest here today. Mitchell, who is 21, is said to have admitted the theft.

SWELL TRAINS ARE DOOMED

REDUCTION OF PASSENGER RATES RESPONSIBLE.

Fast Trains and Palatial Accommodations Must Be Eliminated.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—Elimination of all fast train service and all palatial equipment on passenger trains that go to make journeys agreeable, is the method by which the railroads of the United States stand ready to fight the reduction of passenger revenues, prepared by the interstate commerce commission, according to statements issued here today.

The railroads are facing a reduction of a third of their passenger revenues, which they declare will make it impossible to maintain the present standard of service.

School for Aviators.

Vallejo, Cal., Sept. 21.—A school of aerial navigation for officers at Mare Island navy yard will be opened soon according to plans of the navy department just announced here. Every line officer attached to the Pacific fleet will take the course, which will be conducted by some of the best known aeronauts. The purpose is to promote efficiency of the aeroplanes as a scout in time of war.

SHOPS RUNNING ON SAME PLAN

IDLE DAYS SCATTERED OVER THE WEEK.

In Place of Saturday and Sunday Idle, Is Now Wednesday and Sunday.

La Grande's O-W. shops have not been closed down as erroneously announced this morning, but a different rule of short hours is in effect. During the last two weeks, and beyond that, too, for that matter, the shops have been run on an eight-hour schedule of five days a week. In order to accomplish this the shops were closed twice a week and to begin with this was one on Saturday and Sunday of each week. Commencing yesterday one of the idle days was placed on Wednesday and the other comes on Sunday. Hence the same hours prevail as before only the idle days are scattered over the week instead of two coming in succession.

CUMMINS SNUBS TAFT.

Progressive Will Not Accompany Taft Through Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 21.—Although invited, United States Senator A. B. Cummins will not accompany President Taft on his journey through Iowa. "I have been invited to join the party," said Cummins, "but I feel that I am unable to go. I will be here September 29 when the president reaches this city and will participate in the reception."

Asked if he had any particular reason for not traveling with the president Cummins said, "I do not care to give any reason. I have too many other things to do." Cummins recently criticized Taft's Detroit speech in which the president defended the supreme court's decision in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco cases. He is a progressive.

CHARGE WITNESS BRIBED.

Relative of Attorney Darrow to Be Arrested at Once.

Los Angeles, Sept. 21.—Alleging that D. K. Diekleman, a witness for the prosecution in the McNamara case had been tampered with by emissaries of the defense, District Attorney Frederick announced today he had requested the district attorney at Albuquerque, N. M., to issue a warrant for the arrest of B. Hanerstarn, a brother-in-law of Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defense. He charges Hanerstarn with bribing a witness who will figure in the Times case. Diekleman was a clerk in the Baltimore hotel here, when it is charged that Jas. McNamara registered there as Bryce.

SLEUTH DOGS FEDERAL JUDGE

MAN FAMOUS FOR OIL DECISION SHADOWED

RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN WHEN FACTS BECOME KNOWN

Representing an Eastern Magazine, Former United States Secret Service Agent Follows on Trail of Federal Judge Who Resigned Landis Decision—Says He Will Fight in the Open and Win.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—His ire aroused by rumors as to the cause of his resignation and by the publication of the fact that he has been shadowed for two years, Judge Grosscup declared today he may withdraw his resignation which was intended to take effect October 20th. For two years Grosscup was watched by Laurence Riehl, a former United States secret service man. Riehl says he began watching Judge Grosscup after he reversed the 29,000,000 Standard Oil fine—for some eastern magazine. He denies the rumor that his reports went direct to the federal government officials in the department of justice.

The judge said he wasn't surprised at Riehl's statements and said he knew he was being watched and also said he didn't believe the federal government had anything to do with the espionage. He said: "I haven't sent in my resignation yet and if there is any intimation by reputable men or a magazine that there has been any act in my official life not bearing on the closest dignity, I will never resign. I will force my enemies into the open and make them prefer charges. I will meet them openly."

A few lawyers have started a movement to ignore Judge Grosscup when he steps from the bar. They are members of the Chicago Bar association, but the movement is still going.

"I have learned certain publications robbed the office of Marshall Sampell, receiver of the Union Traction company, and stole his papers," said the judge.

"I am informed that photographic copies of these papers will be used against me." Sampell was formerly Grosscup's private secretary and the judge named him as receiver.

"I shall invite the widest investigation of my personal and private acts, and I will make no defense until the charges are printed. I deny that my reversal of Judge Landis' \$29,000,000 fine was known in Wall street 24 hours before it was handed down. I will not quit the bench with a cloud over me."

STATE PRESIDENT COMING.

Head of Oregon Department of W. R. C. to Inspect Local Post.

Orders have been issued for the proper entertainment of the department president of the W. R. C. when she arrives here Saturday the 23rd. The Oregon president will be the guest of the local W. R. C. post and will give her annual inspection at that time. Post president Mrs. Julius Roesch today urged all members to be present at the meeting of the local organization next Saturday. At noon a dinner will be served in honor of the state president. To this banquet all members of the A. R. are cordially invited. It is urgent that all members attend.

PRIVATE SHOT AT VANCOUVER

SOLDIER PATROL KEEP DOWN BAD FEELING.

Fear of Bloodshed in Washington Town Leads to Precaution.

Vancouver, Wn., Sept. 21.—Fearing a possible clash between the police and troops of the garrison over the killing of Private Lewellyn by Policeman Burkhardt Colonel McGunagle had military patrols on the streets throughout the name and the same will be done tonight. The colonel said he did not believe the killing was justifiable. Feeling against the police is intense. Burkhardt is out on \$5,000 bail and will be arraigned Sept. 28.