

WOOL, STEEL TARIFF BILLS GET THE AXE

A SPECIAL MESSAGE SETS FORTH REASONS FOR VETO

TAFT ADMITS DISAPPOINTMENT OF 2ND SIMILAR BILL

Because Wool and Steel Tariff Bills Passed by Congress Do Not Conform to the Tariff Board Provisions, the President Affixes Veto to the Measures.

Washington, Aug. 9.—In a special message to congress vetoing the wool bill, President Taft today appealed to the legislators to not adjourn without "taking advantage of the opportunity to substantially reduce the duties," by framing a protective bill along the lines recommended by the tariff board. The message says the specific reason for disapproving of the La Follette bill is that it was not drafted from the tariff board's recommendations and says it would result in irretrievable injury to the wool growing industry and force idleness of factory machinery and consequent throwing out of employment thousands of workmen. The message asserts that the "tariff board completely justified" the veto of a similar bill last year. Taft says:

"I am much disappointed that such a bill should be presented to me." He says he inferred from the speeches in the house and senate that a majority of the legislators were impressed with the necessity of a reduction of the tariff under the present act on wool and woolsens, and that they did not stand on the amount of protection or insist it must be enough to satisfy the people who favor the tariff for revenue only but are willing to accept a substantial reduction of the present rates so that the people may be relieved of the possibility of oppressive prices due to excessive rates.

Taft says he will stand by his pledge to maintain a degree of protection necessary to offset the cost of production at home and abroad, and will approve any bill reducing duties to this level.

The message added, "I strongly desire to reduce the duties provided that only the protective system be maintained and industries now established, be not destroyed. It appears from the tariff board's report that the bill may be drawn so as to be within the requirements of protection and still offer a reduction. I appeal to congress to reconsider the measure and adopt a substitute making a substantial reduction without destroying the established industry and throwing wage earners out of employment."

REPAIR ROADS IN NOVEL WAY.

Auto Party With Picks and Shovels Smooth Out Bumps in Roads.

Led by Al Andrews and Fred Myers an auto party with picks and shovels started out this week to improve roads between La Grande and Hot Lake. Whenever the party comes upon bumps are holes in the road they do not complain about the condition of the lanes but get out and remedy the trouble at once.

Bridges that cause the party to leave their seats will be smooth over and this popular driveway will be in excellent condition before they return this evening.

Dr. Todd in City.

Dr. Todd, vice president of Willamette university, arrived in La Grande from the Flora country this afternoon. He will leave tomorrow morning with Prof. Mathews who has been in the city for several days.

"Benefit" On Sunday

BOISE TO GET \$25 ONLY
DOLLAR PER IS THE CUSTOMARY PRICE.

Big Bulk of Gate Receipts Will Go to Those Now \$2,000 In.

"For the benefit of a baseball association that is \$2,000 in the red" and four men to meet the deficit" is the title and cause of a ball game that will be played at the fair grounds next Sunday between Boise and La Grande. To gain admission it will be necessary to contribute a dollar per, but this sum is not too severe in view of the fact that the rank and file of the fans has not been called upon to subscribe to the expense fund—this has been done—so far as it went, by the business men. Such games are invariably held throughout the league. Boise and La Grande had a benefit day at Boise last week and La Grande got \$25.00 that day, where a thousand fans contributed a dollar each, and the Boise players get \$25 next Sunday. Everybody knows the chief backers, four in number, have been losing hundreds every week of late, and if the fans want to see the loyal ones assisted a trifle, here is a chance. The best there is in both teams will be sent into the game that day and as the audience has been all this week eight or nine hundred at the very least should be present. There remains but a week more for the team at home and it is possible that next Sunday will be the last Sunday game of the season. The Pippins faithful away. Tickets on sale at Buren's and fair enough to go, should ticket and give it to some one that can't afford to buy one. The association unquestionably needs the money.

STEFFENS' STORY DENIED

JUDGE BORDWELL IMPEACHES WRITER'S WORDS.

Darrow Trial Made Sensational Today by Denial From Trial Judge.

Los Angeles, Aug. 9.—Judge Walter Bordwell was called by the state to impeach the testimony of Lincoln Steffens, the magazine writer, today. He was judge in the McNamara trial. Contradicting Steffens' testimony, the judge swore that he had not discussed with Steffens, prior to the McNamara's plea of guilty, any plan for them to plead guilty.

Hawley Is Impeached.

R. H. Smith, a grocer, was called in the Darrow trial today to impeach Chas. O. Hawley, a defense witness who testified he was the man who telephoned Clarence Darrow requesting him to come to Job Hariman's campaign headquarters on a political mission, where the accused attorney stated he was going when he happened on the scene of the arrest of Bert H. Franklin. Immediately following the alleged bribery of prospective Juror Lockwood. Smith said Hawley's reputation was bad.

Troops After Rebels.

El Paso, Aug. 9.—The United States troops today are moving to a point where the Mexican bandits are crossing the international boundary, and reported to be raiding Texas ranches near Sierra Blanca.

Women Score Judges.

London, Aug. 9.—Discussing the case of the suffragettes arrested at Dublin for attempting to burn the Theatre Royal during the recent visit of Premier Asquith and who have been given heavy sentences, the Women's Social Political union today scored the judges.

PRESIDENT OF HAYTI KILLED BY EXPLOSION

REVOLUTION LIKELY TO BREAK OUT ON ISLAND

PRESIDENT LECONTE'S BODY FOUND IN RUINS TODAY

Explosion of Powder Magazine Due to Combustion Causes Ruination of the Palace—Foreigners in Danger from Threatened Revolution and Take Refuge Elsewhere.

Port au Prince, Aug. 9.—General Tancrede de Auguste was appointed today as president of Hayti to succeed Cincinnatus Leconte, killed in a fire which yesterday destroyed the palace. President de Auguste is heavily guarded as a revolutionary movement threatens to break out hourly. Foreign residents here are alarmed over the situation and many are leaving the country.

Explosion Due to Accident.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Dispatches received at the state department from the explosion of the powder magazine United States Minister Furriss say at Port au Prince yesterday, in which President Leconte met death was due to spontaneous combustion, caused by improper ventilation of the magazine.

Workmen recovered Leconte's body today and an investigation showed he was not killed instantly but was pinned beneath the ruins alive and burned to death.

The United States gunboat Nashville is at Port au Prince and will land marines should American lives and the property of Americans be jeopardized by the threatened revolution.

STORK'S VISIT TO ASTOR WIDOW EXPECTED SOON

New York, Aug. 9.—Dr. Cragin announced today that Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the young widow of the Titanic wreck victim, Colonel Astor, probably would not give birth to a child this week.

Mrs. Astor, who was Madeleine Force before her marriage, was returning to American soil to give birth to her first born at the time of the Titanic wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. Newhart Visit Here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Newhart former owners of Hot Lake and who now own a fine farm near the city are here from Portland where they have been making their home for several years. They came expressly to attend the Pioneer meeting as has been their good fortune for many years. They have a host of pioneer friends in this city and valley and they will remain several days before returning. Mr. Newhart secured the land that now embraces Hot Lake from the state in the sixties and later sold the property that now is valued at half a million for a mere pittance. Mr. Newhart was the oldest pioneer in attendance at the reunion at Hot Lake yesterday.

Nebraskans Start Inquiry.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Fulfilling the instruction of the Nebraska state democratic platform, the Nebraska congressional delegation today started an inquiry into Justice Wright's sentencing of Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell as a result of the Bucks' Stove and Range company controversy. Gompers testified today, but the hearing was private.

DETROIT SEES NEW FEATURES OF GRAFTING

SEVERAL COUNCILMEN RE-ARRESTED ON A NEW CHARGE

NEW AND SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE IS UNEARTHED

Over Twenty Councilmen of Detroit Are Now Involved in Grafting That Has Flourished There for Years—New Arrests Said to Be Pending Following Investigation.

Detroit, Aug. 9.—Aldermen Hindle, Mason and Koenig were arrested last night on a charge of participating in graft which has been flourishing here for years. Today they refused to make any statement. Aldermen Brazo, Walsh and Tossy were rearrested today in connection with the charges of graft, and they also refused to talk. It is reported that 15 other warrants will be served as a result of sensational new evidence obtained.

Several Given Double Dose.

More than 20 city fathers are now involved in the bribery scandal. Aldermen Brazo, Walsh, and Lossy already arrested on grafting charges, were rearrested today on accusation of conspiracy to furnish testimony designed to clear them of the graft charges.

Nine Late Arrests.

Nine more arrests were made later in the day on a charge of "suspicion of conspiracy to get bribes from the Wabash railroad." Five of those previously arrested were charged with bribery and it is believed that 21 aldermen will be in custody before night.

Portrait Artist Here

WILL VISIT JOSEPH
MAN IS RENOWNED IN EUROPE
AND AT HOME

Chicago Portrait Artist Who Is Ranked in Best, Visits Here.

Frederick Webster, the Chicagoan who has become known in Europe and America as one of the foremost portrait painters of the age, is in La Grande with Mrs. Webster, enjoying an outing before departing for Europe, and are guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Van Buren. Before leaving Oregon they will be shown the beauties of Wallowa lake by Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren and in view of the fact that Mr. Webster has a peculiarly polished development of that love of outdoors which accentuates the beauties in any painting he will no doubt rave over the natural wonders of Wallowa lake and surroundings. Mr. and Mrs. Webster have several samples of their masterpieces with them and pen is inadequate to describe their realisticness. Along this thought, it might be well to recall the incident that occurred in Portland after the loan exhibition in the Bowers at Portland some time ago. Some critic branded them as fakes because the portraits were so far more perfect than anything the critic had seen, but a committee of newspaper men put the hardest test imaginable to the paintings and found them real—they erased the paint and found the canvass and not, as the critic predicted a covered photograph.

Touching upon the skill of Mr. Webster and of his future plan of tours, the Oregonian of recent date remarks: It is with regret that Portlanders

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COLONEL IS IN EAST AGAIN

MRS. TAFT ON SAME TRAIN AS ROOSEVELT.

The Two Do Not Meet, However, as Mrs. Taft Stays in Stateroom.

New York, Aug. 9.—Theodore Roosevelt and party arrived here today from Chicago and went to the Outlook office.

Mrs. Taft on Same Train.

Mrs. Taft was on the same train with Roosevelt. The train was delayed 25 minutes at Cleveland so that Mrs. Taft could make connection from Cincinnati where she went to attend the funeral of her father. Roosevelt did not see Mrs. Taft who was overcame was grief and remained in the stateroom. She left here at once for Beverly.

When the train pulled in Roosevelt was met by a score of reporters and photographers and a number of leading progressives.

Home Coming for Johnson.

Sacramento, Aug. 9.—California's home coming demonstration for Governor Johnson in recognition of his nomination for the vice presidency on the Progressive ticket, will be given in Dreamland rink, San Francisco, Monday night. Johnson and others will speak. Johnson will declare the policies of the new parties in the national campaign and will discuss the position of the party in California.

BATTALION MUSTERED OUT.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 9.—The second battalion of the third Oregon Infantry, was mustered out here today as the result of the alleged mutiny at the Washington maneuvers. Finzer revoked the former order providing a court of inquiry.

COUNTY WILL ORGANIZE BY A EARLY DATE

THE ROOSEVELT CLUB HELPS CALL FIRST MEETING

COMPLETE ORGANIZATION OF PROGRESSIVE COMMITTEE

During Next Few Days and Week Union County Will Elect Its Delegates to County Gathering and Then Will Choose State Committee—Nominating Representative.

Introductory to the organization of Progressive state committee throughout Oregon that will work toward a common end—the election of Theodore Roosevelt in November to the office of president of the United States, a permanent organization meeting has been called in La Grande for next Wednesday evening, immediately after that meeting and preceding the other precincts of the county will be carefully organized as a committee of the state force. Election of nineteen from each precinct will power to attend a county organization meeting later in this city that that meeting may be sent a representative to the permanent organization of the state committee at Portland August 27th will take place. The president of the Local Roosevelt Club, A. S. Geddes, has called the meeting for Wednesday and at that time the Roosevelt club will amalgamate and become absorbed by the state central committee branch. Roosevelt working through the county are sending encouraging reports to local leaders of the movement urging that the county be organized precinct by precinct at once.

George F. Rogers, chairman of the national Roosevelt Progressives of Oregon elected to that office at the Portland meeting July 25th, has issued the state call for August 27th, saying in his call to Mr. Geddes, after outlining the kernels of the platform adopted at the last meeting of the metropolis:

Pursuant to this, it is my duty and pleasure to request and urge that you take the lead in your vicinity, call and Progressives together who believe in the movement, regardless of former party affiliations, and organize National Progressive clubs; (we will mail you a copy of our state club working resolutions and by laws if you desire them); and get busy for a square deal and share with us in this great forward movement for integrity and honesty in American politics.

And further, a call is hereby issued and we request and urge you Progressives of each county to select a committeeman, to be present at Portland, Tuesday, August 27, 1912, to meet at East Side Library auditorium, corner East 11th and East Alder streets, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of electing or choosing a progressive state committee to direct the work of the coming state campaign. Should any county send more than one committeeman, they will be collectively entitled to one vote in the state committee. Will you kindly reply to the stating what is being done in your community?"

CONTACTOR WILL BUILD.

E. W. Kammerer Buys Lot on T Street and Will Build Cottage. Contractor E. W. Kammerer yesterday purchased a choice lot on T Street just off of Pennsylvania avenue of John Adkins, through the H. Currey Real Estate agency, and will construct a modern cottage. The stone foundation is already completed.



L. T. L. Worker to Speak.

Miss Lois Smith, state secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion, will speak at Island City Sunday morning following the Sunday school.