

WILSON READS SHORT EPISTLE FROM ROSTROM

"HOWDY" IS METHOD OF GREETING ASSEMBLED LAW-MAKERS.

TARIFF IS ONLY THEME

Explains His Purpose in Appearing in Person Before the Law Makers—Need of Reform in Tariff Shown and Causes Leading to Calling of Special Session Are Recited

The Capitol, Washington, April 8.—Tariff, and that briefly, was the theme of President Woodrow Wilson's message to congress, delivered in person today, upsetting the precedent of a century. The urgent need of revision was dwelt on.

Attended by a single secret service agent, the president proceeded to the capitol. He left the white house after a cabinet meeting and was received by Speaker Clark and President of the Senate Marshall in the speaker's room. After both houses were jointly organized two members of each body was appointed to escort the president to the rostrum.

"Howdy" was the greeting to the congressmen and senators.

"I am very glad, indeed," said he, "to have this opportunity to address both houses direct and verify the impression that the president of the United States is a person not a mere department head hailing congress from some isolated stand on a jealous tower, sending messages and not reading them naturally and with his own voice, furthermore, to prove that he is human and is trying to co-operate with human beings in a common service. After this pleasant experience I shall feel quite normal in our dealings with one another."

He then proceeded to read his message. He said in full:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have called the congress together in extraordinary session because a duty was laid upon the party now in power at the recent elections which it ought to perform promptly in order that the burden carried by the people under existing law may be lightened as soon as possible and in order, also, that the business interests of the country may not be kept too long in suspense as to what the fiscal changes are to be to which they will be required to adjust themselves. It is clear to the whole country that the tariff duties must be altered. They must be changed to meet the radical alteration in the conditions of our economic life which the country has witnessed within the last generation. While the whole face and method of our industrial and commercial life were being changed beyond recognition the tariff schedules have remained what they were before the change began or have moved in the direction they were given when no large circumstance of our industrial development was what it is today. Our task is to square them with the actual facts. The sooner that is done the sooner we shall escape from suffering from the facts and the sooner our men of business will be free to thrive by the law of nature (the nature of free business) instead of by the law of legislation and artificial arrangement.

How Tariff Has Grown.

We have seen tariff legislation wander very far afield in our day—very far indeed from the field in which our prosperity might have had a normal growth and stimulation. No one who looks the facts squarely in the face or knows anything that lies beneath the surface of action can fail to perceive the principles upon which recent tariff legislation has been based. We long ago passed beyond the modest notion of "protecting" the industries of the country and moved boldly forward to the idea that they were entitled to the

SONG BIRDS IN LA GRANDE

TETRAZZINI, MARY GARDEN AND OTHERS PASS THROUGH

Warblers Headed East

Two Trains Carrying Chicago Grand Opera Pass Here at 5.

As near as La Grande will get to real grand opera for a moon or two at the best, came today when grand opera came to La Grande out not to perform. Chicago's grand opera company, with Mme. Luisa Tetrazzini, Mary Garden, Carolina White, and other grand opera notables such as Andreas Dippel, head of the company, Giuseppe Ganedzi, tenor, Louise Berat, Cleofante Campanini, the musical director, Hector Dufranne, Charles Delmores, Nicolo Fosset—all these and others who hold world-wide fame as grand opera performers, were in La Grande; true, but for a few minutes. The actors, chorus and appurtenances, occupied two trains of 12 cars each, and the two special passed through the city after 3:00 o'clock this afternoon. They are bound for Denver, the next stop en route home after a swing around the northwest circle, including Portland.

The first section carried the male chorus, the ballet and property crews. The principals with leading music-occupied the section last in, arriving at 3:45.

While the train stopped here, the ballet girls gambled about the depot taking pictures of themselves and surroundings.

SENATOR UNDER BLACK CLOUDS

CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST WESTERNER TODAY

Woman Whose Name Is Withheld, and Her Husband Prefer Charges.

Washington, April 8.—A sworn statement embodying charges against a certain western senator was filed with Vice President Marshall by a woman today whose name is withheld. The woman's husband also has submitted what purported to be a request to the senate to investigate allegations that the accused senator offered indignities to the woman.

It is understood that Marshall followed the same course in this case as outlined Saturday, holding that such papers cannot be presented officially as they are not privileged under the rules.

Peace Society Hears Lecture.

New York, April 8.—With Andrew Carnegie presiding, peace lovers today heard Alfred Noyes, the English poet, deliver his lecture "The Great Green Table", at the Hotel Astor, under the auspices of the New York Peace Society. This was the poet's last public appearance in the metropolis.

New Chinese Assembly Meets.

Pekin, China, April 8.—Amid impressive ceremonies, the new Chinese national assembly opened here today, in accordance with an order of President Yuan Shi Kai issued March 20. Among the chief problems the new congress has to face is the question of finances the action of President Wilson of the United States in refusing to sanction a loan becoming one of the chief factors in the difficulty. It is expected that the assembly will take official action on President Wilson's virtual recognition of the new republic.

Flood Situation Unchanged.

Calro, Ill., April 8.—Flood conditions are unchanged. Every indication is that the levees are holding.

NUMEROUS MEN REACHING OUT FOR LOCAL JOB

PROBABLE VAVANCY IN COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY CAUSES STAMPEDE.

MANY ALREADY IN RACE

Elgin, Imbler, Summerville, Union and North Powder Contributing Seekers After Local Political Plum—No Intimation as to Who Has "Pole" in Tussle for Job.

Telegrams announcing the nomination of County School Superintendent E. E. Bragg for the postmastership of this city, are hourly expected, but the brief session of congress today probably prevented presentation of any nominations by the president. It may come tomorrow or may not come for a week, depending upon how judiciously the extra session is lending itself to the work on the tariff bill already introduced in the house. That the Bragg nomination is forthcoming is generally conceded on all sides, and has led to strenuous tussle for Mr. Bragg's office in this county. 9 half dozen known forces are at work and probably as many unknown and black horses are generally believed to be pulling silent wires on the proposition.

Five Union county men are known to be actively seeking the county superintendency if the present incumbent is sent to the political job in the new postoffice. A. G. Smith, principal of the Elgin schools, is one of the men in the race. Others are W. E. Thompson, principal of the Summerville schools, C. C. Maxwell, principal at Imbler, A. J. Olson, principal at Union and J. J. Sturgill, principal at North Powder. The relative position in the race which these men are alleged to occupy, is not known and even those nearest to the powers that be will not venture a guess as to which, if any, of these men will obtain the plum. Probabilities of a black horse looming up and seizing the pedagogical office are imminent.

Union Democrats are on the anxious seat today at the eleventh hour news that W. A. Maxwell, veteran editor, is considered prominently mentioned for the receivership of the land office here, though Nolan Skiff of Pine Valley has been generally "doped out" to be the leader of that large bevy of politicians. Skiff's close and warm friendship with Senator Chamberlain was deemed ample to land him the job, until the sudden burst of Mr. Maxwell.

NEW MEN IN SENATE.

Washington, April 8.—Even though the national legislature has lost such picturesque figures as "Uncle Joe" Cannon, "Son-in-law" Nicholas Longworth, "Boss" John Dalzell and others, the new house of representatives contains a score or more of recruit lawmakers whose reputations "back home" indicate they will be interesting personalities here.

In the seats left vacant by the 117 members who failed to return, and the seats provided for the additional members under the re-appointment plan, are mingled progressives and regulars of both parties. Most of the new representatives are "graduates" from state legislatures, but there are lawyers, editors, business men, merchants and a few trade union organizers.

Probably the most picturesque figure will be "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, father of the Oklahoma constitution Murray. He doesn't wear a silk hat or a bled shirt because he prefers clothes and a black sombrero.

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Scotch Dialect Reader Has Read Before Critical Ones



Katherine Oliver McCoy.

Katherine Oliver McCoy—recognized as the foremost lady interpreter of Scotch dialect and character on the platform today—is in La Grande and appears this evening at 8 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle with "Buntie Pulls the Strings" as the vehicle of her art. While here she is a guest with Mrs. Turner Oliver, and a range to say, though the name Oliver appears in both ladies' name it is Mrs. Oliver that is related in a very distant way with Mrs. McCoy, and not Mr. Oliver. Mrs. McCoy's uncle married Mrs. Oliver's aunt, or some such similarly distant relationship.

That, however, is of passing moment, compared to the actual presence of the well known reader who has read "The Little Minister" to the author in "Thrumms" where little J. M. Barrie wrote the masterpiece, who has read Ralph Conner's "Sky Pilot" to the author, who has spent a year in the European centers with her Scotch dialects, who has read Scotch in Honolulu, in Canada and in all parts of the United States. Her Grey Gables at Kenton, Ohio, seldom sees Mrs. McCoy for her tours are long and frequent, and moreover, everywhere she has gone on this tour she

has been engaged for a return reading as the foremost lady interpreter of Scotch dialect and character on the platform today—is in La Grande and appears this evening at 8 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle with "Buntie Pulls the Strings" as the vehicle of her art. While here she is a guest with Mrs. Turner Oliver, and a range to say, though the name Oliver appears in both ladies' name it is Mrs. Oliver that is related in a very distant way with Mrs. McCoy, and not Mr. Oliver. Mrs. McCoy's uncle married Mrs. Oliver's aunt, or some such similarly distant relationship.

NO. 43 AND NO. 15 IN CONTEST RECEIVE HANDSOME PRIZES

Owing to failure to count the votes last week on account of illness in Mr. Shaw's family making it unable for him to be here, the count was made last evening and the two highest will receive prizes. Hereafter the votes will be counted weekly, and the result announced in Saturday's issue of the Observer.

No. 43 received 229,569 votes and is awarded a handsome silver salad fork.

No. 15 received 222,069 votes and is awarded a handsome silver bouillon spoon.

The Observer knows the contestants by number only as the rest of

POPE SUFFERS ATTACK CAUSING GENERAL ALARM

SISTERS VISIT PATIENT AND LEAVE VATICAN WEeping BITTERLY.

EXPERT PHYSICIANS CALLED

Bright's Disease Suddenly Grips Pontiff and General Alarm for His Condition Exists in Rome This Afternoon—No Visitors Allowed in the Vatican.

Rome, April 8.—Declared to be suffering with an acute attack of Bright's disease, the pope was suddenly stricken with illness today, according to reliable information. High fever prevails and vatican physicians are constantly in attendance throughout last night and this morning. Visitors are barred and only the pope's two sisters have been in attendance in addition to the physicians. The sisters left, after staying two hours, weeping bitterly.

This afternoon the pope's condition was reported as being worse. At 3:30 Rome time Dr. Marchia Foy was called hastily to the vatican and remained at the bedside of the pope for an hour.

DIRECT VOTING LAW OPERATIVE

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED IN 36 STATES.

Direct Election of Senators Now a Law Throughout the Nation.

Hartford, April 8.—The amendment to the federal constitution providing for direct election of senators became effective today when Connecticut's legislature ratified the amendment.

Connecticut made the 36th state to ratify the amendment, thus making it operative.

Fighting Near Boundary.

Naco, Ariz., April 8.—Fighting between Ojeda's Mexican federal garrison and Sonora state rebels began today a mile south of the international boundary. Several men are reported wounded, and two American cavalrymen wounded slightly by bullets that fell on the American side.

Ojeda's troops were driven behind barricade after a sharp engagement. The morning's fighting which lasted two hours, cost the federals six killed and 13 wounded, including two officers. The rebel casualties are unknown but are reported to be severe. The rebels, under Obregon, retired to a position directly south of the international border.

Tax Issue Restrained.

Tacoma, April 8.—By an order issued by Judge Cushman, of the federal court, officials of every county in Western Washington are temporarily restrained from attempting to forcibly collect delinquent taxes from the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation company. The order was issued following the filing of a petition by attorneys for the railroad. In the complaint the company alleges that unless restrained by court order, sheriffs and treasurers in the various counties will be forced under the statutes, to levy and foreclose upon the railroad property for failure to pay taxes, and that the business of the company as a common carrier and carrier of mails will be interfered with. The case is set for hearing April 21st.

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