

TAFT SENDS HIS FINAL MESSAGE

President Declares Most Important Consideration at Present Time Is Diplomatic Relations of United States with Other Nations--Discusses Foreign Relations, Turkish-Bulgarian Conflict and Troubles in China--Makes Suggestions Regarding Changes in Tariff Laws Designed to Aid Commerce.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3--(Special to the News)--President Taft sent his final message to Congress today. In it he declares that one of the paramount issues before the country today is the proper adjustment of our international relations, especially in view of the entanglements now existing between European and Oriental countries.

plomacy it was evidently of the first importance to train an adequate personnel in that branch of the service. Therefore, on Nov. 23, 1909, by an executive order I placed the diplomatic service up to the grade of secretary of embassy, inclusive, upon exactly the same strict nonpartisan basis of the merit system, rigid examination for appointment and promotion only for efficiency, as had been maintained without exception in the consular service.

Merit and Nonpartisan Character of Appointments.

How faithful to the merit system and how nonpartisan has been the conduct of the diplomatic and consular services in the last four years may be judged from the following: Three ambassadors now serving held their present rank at the beginning of my administration. Of the ten ambassadors whom I have appointed five were by promotion from the rank of minister.

in connection with certain industrial enterprises, such as the Hukuang railways, of the national revenues upon which these reforms depended, led the department of state early in the administration to demand for American citizens participation in such enterprises, in order that the United States might have equal rights and an equal voice in all questions pertaining to the disposition of the public revenues concerned.

The same policy of promoting international accord among the powers having similar treaty rights as ourselves in the matters of reform, which could not be put into practical effect without the common consent of all, was likewise adopted in the case of the loan desired by China for the reform of its currency. The principle of international co-operation in matters of common interest upon which our policy had already been based in all of the above instances has admittedly been a great factor in that concert of the powers which has been so happily conspicuous during the perilous period of transition through which the great Chinese nation has been passing.

Central America Needs Our Help in Debt Adjustment.

In Central America the aim has been to help such countries as Nicaragua and Honduras to help themselves. They are the immediate beneficiaries. The national benefit to the United States is twofold. First, it is obvious that the Monroe doctrine is more vital in the neighborhood of the Panama canal and the zone of the Caribbean than anywhere else. There, too, the maintenance of that doctrine falls most heavily upon the United States. It is therefore essential that the countries within that sphere shall be removed from the jeopardy involved by heavy foreign debt and chaotic national finances and from the ever present danger of international complications due to disorder at home.

Hence the United States has been glad to encourage and support American bankers who were willing to lend a helping hand to the financial rehabilitation of such countries because this financial rehabilitation and the protection of their custom houses from being the prey of would be dictators would remove at one stroke the menace of revolutionary disorder.

I wish to call your especial attention to the recent occurrences in Nicaragua, for I believe the terrible events recorded there during the revolution of the past summer--the useless loss of life, the devastation of property, the bombardment of defenseless cities, the killing and wounding of women and children, the torturing of noncombatants to exact contributions and the suffering of thousands of human beings--might have been averted had the department of state, through approval

Larger Provision For Embassies and Legations Recommended.

In connection with legislation for the amelioration of the foreign service, I wish to invite attention to the advisability of placing the salary appropriations upon a better basis. I believe that the best results would be obtained by a moderate scale of salaries, with adequate funds for the expenses of proper representation, based in each case upon the scale and cost of living at each post, controlled by a system of accounting and under the general direction of the department of state.

In line with the object which I have sought of placing our foreign service on a basis of permanency, I have at various times advocated provision by congress for the acquisition of government owned buildings for the residence and offices of our diplomatic officers, so as to place them more nearly on an equality with similar officers of other nations and to do away with the discrimination which otherwise must necessarily be made in some cases in favor of men having large private fortunes.

Diplomacy a Handmaid of Commercial Intercourse and Peace.

The diplomacy of the present administration has sought to respond to modern ideas of commercial intercourse. This policy has been characterized as substituting dollars for bullets. It is one that appeals alike to idealistic humanitarian sentiments, to the dictates of sound policy and strategy and to legitimate commercial aims. It is an effort frankly directed to the increase of American trade upon the axiomatic principle that the government of the United States shall extend all proper support to every legitimate and beneficial American enterprise abroad. How great have been the results of this diplomacy, coupled with the maximum and minimum provision of the tariff law, will be seen by some consideration of the wonderful increase in the export trade of the United States because modern diplomacy is commercial there has been a disposition in some quarters to attribute it to none but materialistic aims. How strikingly erroneous is such an impression may be seen from a study of the results by which the diplomacy of the United States can be judged.

China.

In China the policy of encouraging

Women Here Timid About Voting? Not a Bit of It

More men who had predicted that local women wouldn't leave their household duties to vote took another "think" yesterday and opened their eyes wide when they saw the Hood River gentler sex troop to the polls in crowds that pretty nearly swamped the election board and kept the judges busy tearing off stubs and answering questions all day.

It was the proper thing. There wasn't any doubt about that. Just about the time that the morning dishes were washed up and the beds made the feminine procession started and a line was soon formed. Occasionally a man would presume to squeeze into the line, but he was given to understand that he was merely tolerated and that it was first of all ladies' day. And they didn't hesitate, quibble nor ask foolish questions about how to vote either. They donned an air of complete assurance along with their mackintoshes and did the trick as neatly and as expeditiously as the most seasoned voter. Nor did they waste time with powder puffs and mirrors like the Oregon City women. They just voted and then walked proudly down Oak street to let their sisters know that they had done their duty. "Everybody's doin' it," was the

password among all the Hood River women yesterday.

The city hall showed a marked contrast with the scenes when men were in sole sway. Not a whiff of tobacco smoke pervaded the polls, cigar stubs were noticeably absent from the floor. Indeed, a bouquet decorated the table and there was a spic and span touch to the tables and booths which suggested the feminine. Even the men noticed it and it looked good to them. Many of them commented on it and the doubtful were completely convinced that the new regime has come to Hood River under the best of auspices.

Yesterday afternoon the vote promised to smash all previous records in Hood River to smithereens. There had been 356 ballots cast and of these 121 were by women. It was anticipated that the proportion of women voters would materially increase in the later afternoon, as they were then coming to town to shop and, by no means incidentally, to join the procession and exercise their suffrage right for the first time.

So heavy was the vote that at a late hour last night the board was still busy with the count and the result was not yet determined.

ELKS ATTEND THE "LODGE OF SORROW"

Local Elks who attended the annual "Lodge of sorrow" held at The Dalles Sunday included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castner, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lage, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith, Mrs. E. D. Kanaga, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bentley, H. D. Wood, Frank Parker, W. Nason, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McCurdy, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nichols, J. H. Fredrick, and J. Dodson. The services were very impressive and splendidly performed. Attorney E. C. Smith of this city made an eloquent eulogy and Mrs. Charles Hall delighted the audience with her rendition of "Berceuse" on the violin.

St. Nick is now on the way.

NIGUMA COMPANY OPENS NEW STORE

The C. Niguma Company opened Monday a new store in the Bell Building. They have recently received a large shipment of Japanese goods direct from that country and with these they have stocked the store. The goods include a great variety of Japanese wares and the store presents an attractive and inviting appearance, especially to the Christmas trade. The stock includes a large variety of Japanese dishes, vases and the like, curios, kimonos, embroidered goods and many toys which will appeal to the children. The stock was secured, especially in order to cater to the Christmas trade, but if business warrants the company may continue the business in their new quarters.

Handsome New Church to Be Dedicated Sunday

The Asbury Methodist Episcopal church will be dedicated Sunday morning, December 8, at 10:45 o'clock. Bishop Richard J. Cooke D. D. LL. D. will deliver the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Benjamin Young D. D. pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Portland, will preach the evening sermon.

We trust that every reader of this announcement will consider it a personal invitation to attend the services. William B. Young, Pastor.

Several of the other local denominations have given up their services next Sunday in order that the congregations may unite in the dedicatory services.

The new church was recently completed and has brought forth much favorable comment. It is most attractive architecturally, being constructed of brick with a mission effect. Beautiful stained glass windows add to the beauty of the edifice and the interior

is finished with a view to comfort as well as beauty.

The congregation is deserving of great credit for their efforts, which will culminate at the dedicatory services to be held next Sunday. A more complete description of the new building will be included in the report of the services next week.

Teacher--John, what is wrong with the sentence, "The goat went in the garden?"

John--The words "garden" and "goat" should be transposed.--Ex.

Lavinski--Did you hear that Skinski had been deprived of the power of speech?

Skinski--Vot is der trouble? An offeccion of der vocal chords?

Lavinski--No, he haf der rheumatism in both of his arms.

Hood River leads; others follow.

Bids for Construction of New System Ordered

Council Advertises Work of Building New Water Works, Including All but Reservoir and Headworks--Approximately \$55,000 Will Be Expended and Work Must Be Completed by June 1, 1913.

A resolution was passed at the council meeting Monday evening authorizing City Recorder Howe to call for bids for the construction of the Hood River water system. These bids call for the construction of the entire system with the exception of the reservoir and headworks. An expenditure of about \$55,000 will be involved. As the laying of mains in the city has been completed, as well as connection with the old mains, the bids call for what will be the practical completion of the system.

The contracts will be let in three divisions, two of which must be completed by June 1, 1913, and the other by April 1, 1913. The bids will be opened at the council meeting on December 23.

At Monday's meeting a deed to the land over which the outfall sewer passes was finally secured from the Hood River Terminal Company after protracted negotiations. It cost \$500.

The placing of a light at the corner of Ninth and Oak streets was authorized.

A new city bell tower will be constructed and the bell donated by the Congregational church will be used as a fire bell. The present bell will be transferred to the Heights to serve a similar purpose.

It was decided to repair the Serpent

LITTLE GIRLS ARE LEARNING TO BAKE

More Biscuit Baked in Hood River Homes This Week Than Ever Before

With but a few remote precincts to be heard from it is safe to say that fresh baking powder biscuit have been the regular fare in the majority of homes in the city and valley where there is a little lady not over 12 years of age. And this is the explanation: They are practicing for the great baking contest that will be held in the Franz store next Saturday, the 7th.

Mr. Franz has offered to give a perfect little Quick Meal Steel Range to the little lady who can make the best pan of baking powder biscuit. This beautiful little range has attracted the attention of hundreds since it was placed on display in the store window. It is as perfect as the big ones and is not a toy but one that will do just as fine cooking and baking as its larger relatives.

Every little girl is invited to enter the contest, all of the necessary articles will be furnished and all she has to do is mix up her biscuit at the store and hand them to one in charge of the big range to be baked.

This promises to be the event of the season for the girls and Mr. Franz feels sure that he is going to prove that the little cooks of today can make just as good biscuit as "Grandma" ever made.

All of the older ones are invited to come and see the fun. Girls who have not already registered should do so at once either personally or by telephone so proper arrangements can be made to accommodate all.

SHOCKLEY-SIMMONS WEDDING IS HELD

A pretty home wedding was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents three miles south of Parkdale Thursday, Edgar W. Shockley being united in marriage to Miss Elsie G. Simmons, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons. Rev. W. L. Van Nuys officiated. About 30 guests were present to witness the ceremony.

Promptly at one o'clock Miss Mary Allen of Parkdale sang "I Love You Truly," in her beautiful contralto voice. Immediately following the bride was conducted to the altar on the arm of her father to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, rendered by Miss Nell Simmons, sister of the bride.

The ceremony was performed under a bower of decorations befitting the occasion. Little Gracie Pealer of Hood River, ringbearer, attired in light blue silk and carrying the ring on a cushion, preceded the bride. The bride wore a pretty gown of marquisette over satin, with trimmings of pearls, and a wreath of orange blossoms in her hair, carrying a shower bouquet of carnations and lilies of the valley.

Following the ceremony a two-course luncheon was served, after which the newly-weds left for their future home in Eugene, Oregon, where they will be at home after December 10.

Mr. Shockley is physical director at the State University at Eugene and is well known in Portland and throughout the state. Mrs. Shockley has a host of admiring friends in Portland and the Upper Valley who wish them a pleasant future.

DR. WHITE TO TALK ABOUT RURAL LIFE

At the close of the Hood River County Institute the teachers of Hood River county organized a Teachers' Congress. Management was placed in the hands of a committee consisting of J. E. Stubbs C. R. McCoy and Miss Hazel Stanton. This committee has planned for a series of five meetings during the coming winter. They are not to be confined to teachers nor to the work of the teachers, but are to be of general public interest. The first meeting is to be held at the Commercial Club rooms next Saturday at 1:30 o'clock. Dr. Calvin S. White is to be the speaker of the day and it is sincerely hoped that everyone who can will be present.

The program will include the following numbers: Reading by Miss Maud Howard, chorus by Hood River High School, address by Dr. White, president of the State Board of Health, on "The New View of Rural Life," and a solo by Miss Stanton. C. D. THOMPSON, County School Superintendent.

Gets Carload of Nursery Stock
S. W. Heppner received a carload shipment of nursery stock the last of the week for which he expects to find a market in this and the surrounding sections. The shipment includes high grade, French crab-rooted trees in all the standard varieties and running from 6 to 8 and 9 feet tall. Mr. Heppner is making headquarters in the Taft store.

CHANGE IN TIMETABLE
Until further notice, the Sunday train on the Mt. Hood Railroad will run on the same schedule as the weekday trains.

"That," said Mr. Dustin Stax, "is a magnificent art treasure."
"How do you know? By the painter's signature?"
"No. By my own signature on the check I gave the dealer."--Washington Star.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Burton W. Gibson was put on trial at Goshen, N. Y., for the murder of Mrs. Szabo at Greenwood Lake last summer. The porte refused to accept the conditions of the armistice as presented by the Bulgarians, and fighting was resumed around Constantinople. The four gun men who shot down Herman Rosenthal in New York at the instigation of Charles Becker were found guilty of murder in the first degree. Yale and Harvard met in their annual gridiron match; Flynn and Brickley, the season's sensations, starred. Miss M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr college, had charge of the college division at the great suffragette meeting in Philadelphia. Thanksgiving brought woe to American turkeys.