

ONE GREAT ISSUE

That Is Railroad Question in President's Opinion.

MUST ACT ON FREIGHT RATES

He Tells Congress He Will Call Extra Session if It Does Not Act Now—Tariff Revision Comes Second and Revises With Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—President Roosevelt continued today his conference with members of Congress on the subject of tariff reform and of legislation providing for an increase of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

At the conference last Saturday, he informed those whom he had summoned to consultation that, in his judgment, the question of railroad freight rates was far more important than that of the tariff, and that, while he desired a readjustment of the existing customs duties, he would not permit any radical differences in the Republican party on that question.

He said definitely that he would call an extra session of Congress to consider interstate commerce legislation, unless definite action were taken by Congress on that subject at the present session.

At that session, he hoped, tariff revision to the extent he had indicated might be accomplished, but he felt perfectly clear that, in his mind, the overriding issue was that of railroad freight rates.

In a talk today with Speaker Cannon, who is recognized as being opposed at this time to any extra session, the President reiterated his statement made at Saturday's conference that, while he desires action on the question, he is willing to abide by the decision of the Republican leaders in Congress, as regards the tariff matter as one which the chosen representatives of the American people should determine.

The President corroborated the statement attributed to him that the tariff question was one merely of expediency which would be solved without friction between him and the Congress.

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It was the opening session of the defense in the Smoot investigation. Senator Knox, a new member of the commission, attended for the first time. The committee room was packed with spectators.

Both witnesses today denied many statements directed against the Mormon church and its alleged interference in political affairs. Ex-Governor McConnell said that the Gentile members of the Idaho Legislature have not as high moral standards as the Mormon members, and that, if it were not for the knowledge of geography and knowledge of legislative procedure, the interests of the state would be better served by an entirely Mormon Legislature.

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Eugene Promises Aid to Drain. EUGENE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A meeting of the Eugene Commercial Club was held last night when a delegation of Drain citizens appeared for the purpose of enlisting the support of this club in its appeal to the Legislature.

Great Fire in Milwaukee. MILWAUKEE, Jan. 11.—Fire tonight gutted the establishments of George P. Zeigler & Co., confectioners, and Benjamin Young, wholesale maldier. Loss, \$250,000.

Colonel W. H. Ewing. HELENA, Mont., Jan. 11.—Colonel W. H. Ewing, a veteran of the Seminole and Mexican Wars, and pioneer of Montana, died here today, in his 87th year.

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