

TAFT AND CANNON AGREE ON POLICY

Confer With Tariff Committee Today.

WILL THEN STATE ATTITUDE

Reach Understanding on Broad Principles.

BOTH FOR TARIFF REVISION

President-Elect and Speaker Purpose to Carry Out Platform Promise—Taft to Make Suggestions to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—President-elect Taft's day here was crowded with conferences and social engagements. The important feature was a conference with Speaker Cannon, which caused an arrangement for the Republican members of the House Committee on ways and means to meet Mr. Taft tomorrow. It was also arranged that at the conclusion of this conference a statement will be issued to make known the attitude both of the President-elect and the committee respecting the forthcoming revision of the tariff. Mr. Cannon called upon Mr. Taft, upon the latter's invitation.

Agree on Broad Principles.

It is understood that very little was said concerning the details of the proposed tariff legislation, but that the conversation dealt entirely with the broad principles involved in that legislation. Mr. Taft and the speaker proceeded upon the express understanding that they had come together as the representatives of two co-ordinate branches of the Government and whatever differences in details in the future may develop, if any, today's discussion was on the friendliest possible basis.

The understanding, so far as there was any, was that the President-elect's part in the preparation of a new tariff would be confined to such suggestions as he might desire to make, and he was assured that these would be listened to by the House with every possible consideration. He was not led to believe that the House would abandon its prerogative in the preparation of the new law. Nor was there any indication on Mr. Taft's part that he would expect or desire it to do so.

Revise on Platform Lines.

Both agreed that the tariff should be revised along the lines indicated by the tariff plank of the Republican platform. Neither indicated a desire to depart from prerogative principles in the work to come. When urged to make a statement concerning the interview, Mr. Cannon replied that, owing to the fact that he had just met Mr. Taft at the latter's request, he could say nothing.

OLDEST FEDERAL EMPLOYE

Captain A. F. Rodgers, of Coast Survey, Dies at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Captain Augustus F. Rodgers, assistant superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey and said to be the oldest official in the employ of the Government, died early today at his home in this city after an illness of only three hours. He would have been 80 years old had he lived until January 1.

Captain Rodgers entered the Government service in 1847, came to California three years later and for many years had charge of the Coast and Geodetic Survey of the Pacific Coast, Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. He was the son of Commodore John Rodgers, who defended Baltimore in the War of 1812 and who at the time of his death was at the head of the Navy. Captain Rodgers had three brothers in the Navy, only one of whom, Rear-Admiral John P. Rodgers, is living. He leaves a widow and seven children.

BARRIOS MAY YET RECOVER

Guatemalan Minister Lost Large Sum of Money in Accident.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senor Don Juan Barrios, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, who was injured in an automobile accident yesterday, has a fairly good chance of recovery, according to statements made today at the hospital. The other members of the party who were injured are improving. The police today endeavored to find \$200 which Senor Barrios carried in a pocketbook at the time of the accident. The money, it develops, was stolen by someone who crowded around the overturned automobile and his unconscious occupants.

Ward's Protest Overruled.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—The \$2,000,000 museum provided for Chicago in the will of the late Marshall Field, became a probability today when Judge Dupuy, in the Superior Court, refused to grant a perpetual restraining order petitioned for by A. Montgomery Ward to prevent the erection of the office on the made land which is part of Grant Park, commonly known as the Lake Front Park. Mr. Ward complained against the contemplated building in his capacity as an owner of property on Michigan avenue adjoining the park.

SOCIETY LEADER IS SALESWOMAN

MEMBER OF WEALTHY FAMILY NOW EARNS LIVING.

Separated From Her Husband, Mrs. Dannenbaum Scorns Aid of Relatives and Goes to Work.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Marguerite Dannenbaum, whose husband, Charles J. Dannenbaum, lost his suit for divorce in which he charged his wife with cruelty, went back to work today at a position with Robert Staedter Company, 155 State street, which she was forced to take in order to win her livelihood after the separation from the wealthy coffee broker. After a lifetime of luxury—for Mrs. Dannenbaum was of a wealthy San Francisco family when she married Dannenbaum—a woman who has enjoyed the ease that wealth brings has come to a place where she has to battle with the world for her daily bread. Her pride and determination to take care of herself have forbidden her taking any aid from her relatives and friends, who have been so eager to help her. And so it happens that the erstwhile leader of an exclusive coterie of society is selling furs to women who now enjoy the affluence she has lost.

ADMINISTER HUME ESTATE

Executors to Take Charge of Property in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Mary M. Hume and Charles H. Warner were today granted special letters of administration in the Superior Court over the estate in California of R. D. Hume, who died in Oregon on November 23. The petition stated that there would be some delay in probating the will and that it was desirable that the petitioners, who are named as the executors in the will, should have the legal right to take charge of the property. The estate here, according to the petition, consists of real and personal property, including stocks and bonds and horses. The horses are thoroughbreds that are now quartered at the Emeryville track. Judge Coffey granted the special letters as requested, and placed the administrators under \$10,000 bonds each. Amy Creed, one of the petitioners' attorneys, stated tonight that he had no idea as to the value of the estate in California. He also stated that the will, when it is filed, will be probated in Oregon, and that a copy will be filed in the San Francisco court.

CREW SUFFERS HARDSHIPS

Stands Watch of 48 Hours in Sleety Weather Off Horn.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The members of the crew of the American bark *Homeward Bound*, which has just arrived here from Swaneson, report having experienced many hardships during the voyage. Three of their number, John Campbell, Hilton Wade and Alexander Graves, have been taken to the Marine Hospital, suffering from severe frost bites, said to have been sustained as the result of being compelled to stand a watch of 48 hours in sleety weather off Cape Horn.

NEW ARTILLERY OFFICER

Major Bartlett, Commander of Columbia Forts, Man of Experience.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Major George T. Bartlett, of the Coast Artillery Corps, has been assigned to command the post of Fort Stevens, Or., and the artillery district of Columbia. Major George T. Bartlett, the new artillery commander of District of Columbia, with headquarters at Fort Stevens, is an artillery officer of wide experience. He graduated from the Military Academy in 1881 and was assigned to the Third Field Artillery. In 1889 he won his first bar and at the close of the Spanish-American War was made Captain and assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps. His appointment as Major was made in 1907.

CLAIMS ROGERS AS UNCLE

Guilty Man Says He Is Related to Oil Magnate.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 9.—C. A. Rogers, who claims to be a nephew of H. H. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, was sentenced to serve a year in the State Penitentiary this morning. He was indicted on two counts for passing fictitious checks on a hotel and gambling parlor, pleaded not guilty when arraigned, but later changed his plea to one of guilty.

Bank Officials Indicted.

OURAY, Colo., Dec. 9.—With the issuing today of Capias against George R. Hurburt, president, former District Judge Theron Stevens, vice-president, and Frank P. Tanner, cashier, respectively, of the defunct bank of Ouray it became known that indictments were found against them by the grand jury which recently sat here, charging them with receiving deposits when they knew that the bank, of which they were officers, was insolvent. There are nine indictments against Stevens and Hurburt and five against Tanner.

Oldest Baseball in World.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 9.—What is believed to be the oldest baseball in the world will be shipped to Gerry Hermann, chairman of the National Commission, by Ed Laughlin. It was used November 8, 1858, in a game played at Williamsport, Pa., for the state championship, which ended 61 to 28 in favor of Williamsport.

NATION'S WEALTH GOING TO WASTE

In Few Centuries Resources May Be Gone.

COMMISSION TAKES STOCK

Inventory of Natural Riches and Their Duration.

WITHIN SIGHT OF POVERTY

National Conservation Commission Makes Startling Showing of Rapid Disappearance of People's Patrimony.

RANCHER SHOT FOR DEER

Drags Himself 3 Miles, Rides 3 More, Then 80 Miles in Sleigh.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—His blood flowing profusely from a great hole made by the bullet of his friend, who mistook him for a deer and shot clear through his thigh, Peter Kersemeneker, a wealthy rancher of Grayling, last Friday dragged himself with the aid of his friend, Ben Johnson, three miles and then rode three more on horseback before he reached home. Yesterday, after a ride of 80 miles in a sleigh to Mondak, Kersemeneker took a train to Butte and now lies at the Murray Hospital in a very serious condition.

FLIGHTS ARE SUCCESSFUL

Wilbur Wright Takes Friends in Trips Through Air.

LE MANS, France, Dec. 9.—Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, made a series of successful flights here today. Four members of the British Aero Club went aloft separately with Mr. Wright. None of the flights was marred by accident.

COSGROVE IS IMPROVING

Case Not So Critical as It Was Two Days Ago.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, CAL., Dec. 9.—The strength of Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, has materially improved during the last 24 hours, and his condition is not so critical as it was two days ago.

Slosson Challenges Sutton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—George F. Slosson has challenged George Sutton, the champion billiard player for a world's championship 18.1 ballkin contest, 500 points up, to be played in accordance with championship rules. He has deposited \$250 as a preliminary forfeit.

PLANS WESTERN THEATER TRUST

COMBINE TO MERGE ALL FROM CHICAGO TO COAST.

First Step Taken by Which 75 Playhouses Will Be Managed From Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Initiative steps to make Chicago the theatrical trust city, co-ordinate in power and importance with the center in New York, were taken today upon the arrival in the city of A. L. Erlanger, of Klaw & Erlanger. From what was learned from an authoritative source, the plan involves a merger of 75 theaters owned or controlled in Western states between Chicago and San Francisco. For immediate absorption theatrical properties of the cities of Omaha, Denver and San Francisco are under consideration, and the details of the transaction are to be worked out between today and Saturday, when the head of the theatrical trust returns to New York City. Klaw & Erlanger already control 500 theaters in the United States with a money value as an investment running into millions of dollars. Owners and lessees of Western houses are now being carried on fast trains toward Chicago and conferences as to minute arrangements are to begin immediately on their arrival.

RUEF'S FATE NOW IN JURY'S HANDS

Unable to Reach Verdict After Six Hours.

ASK TESTIMONY TO BE READ

Evidence of Three Supervisors Is Retold.

COURTROOM IS CROWDED

Same Throng Which Heard Hiram Johnson Lacerate Deposed Boss in Closing Speech Awaits Result Until Late Hour.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The fate of Abraham Ruef, charged with bribery, was placed in the hands of the jury at 2:38 o'clock this afternoon and at 9:35 the jury returned to the courtroom and asked that the testimony of ex-supervisors Furey, Wilson and Gallagher be read, which was allowed.

Courtroom Is Packed.

So great is the interest in the case that the courtroom is densely crowded, making it almost impossible to get in or out. In closing the arguments for the prosecution Hiram Johnson delivered against Ruef one of the most terrific denunciations ever heard in a courtroom. His speech of three hours, closing a legal battle of 103 days, was made before a crowd composed of men from all professions, its effect upon the assemblage and jury was electric, for his words seemed to spark fire as they came from his lips. He closed by saying: "The sins that Abe Ruef committed two by two, he must now expiate one by one. You are the arbiters of this cause. Yes, you are more, you are the guardian angels of this government, and what will you think of yourselves if you set at liberty this man, who has debauched our town and citizens, who has taught the youth of our city the principles of his system, so that it will take a generation to root out the effects of his lesson? What excuse will you have to offer for Abe Ruef, who has offered no defense except that he sold this government and its rights and privileges for so high a price that you are asked to set him free? We demand that you shall have the common honesty and the common decency to pronounce him guilty. For your own sakes, for you and yours, and for all that live in this city, for all who rank themselves as patriots

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Attorney Alleges That Only Way Princess de Sagan Could Avoid Suit Was to Submit to Extortions and Threats.

DAVIS CASE WITH JURY

Deliberation Begun on Whether He Killed Rustin.

OMAHA, Dec. 9.—The case of Charles E. Davis, charged with the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin, was given to the jury at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The trial was held at the court house in the afternoon, and was in progress at 9 o'clock. The jury returned to the courtroom at 9 o'clock and asked that the testimony of ex-supervisors Furey, Wilson and Gallagher be read, which was allowed.

EKSTROMER SHORT \$10,000

Accounts of Swedish Vice-Consul Who Committed Suicide Tangled.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—Charles Ekstromer, the Swedish Vice-Consul and manager of the local branch of a disinfecting company, who committed suicide here Monday, was short in his accounts between \$500 and \$10,000, according to a statement of the company today.

COSGROVE DOING BETTER

Symptoms Yesterday Less Dangerous Than Two Days Ago.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, CAL.

Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Governor-elect Cosgrove is somewhat better today. His symptoms are not as dangerous as two days ago. He has been more regular and stronger. F. W. Sawyer, medical director.

Blast Breaks His Head.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Jesse Phares, an employe on the Government canal work at Celilo, was brought to this city last night in a critical condition with a fractured skull. After setting off a blast late yesterday afternoon, Phares failed to reach a place of safety, a rock striking and shattering the left side of his head. His injuries are probably fatal.

Extortions and Threats.

M. Julemier was followed by M. Rousett, who appeared on behalf of George J. Gould, brother of Princess de Sagan, a party in the defense in his capacity as trustee of the Gould estate. M. Rousett characterized as abominable and scandalous Count de Castellane's attempt to besmirch the reputation of the mother of his children, merely for the purpose of venting his hatred. The only way in which the Princess could have avoided this suit would have been to submit to extortion and threats, but she would not do because she had nothing to reproach herself with and nothing to fear. "The methods employed by M. de Castellane assuredly will be branded as they deserve by French justice," he said. "The former Countess had been kind to her husband, so kind that the Gould family had deemed it advisable to establish a trusteeship of the property to put an end to the extravagances of the Count.

Says Count Recognized Unfitness.

M. Rousett then said that the Count recognized himself as incapable of bringing up his children and that he therefore desired that they be placed in the custody of his mother. "The Count, however," he said, "would take into his own hands the yearly income of \$60,000 belonging to the children. This money would melt like wax before a fire; the children never would receive a cent of it."

The Princess de Sagan enjoyed the esteem and affection of the members of her family, who were convinced that the children should remain with their mother. It was true, M. Rousett continued, that George Gould was somewhat apprehensive when he learned that his sister wished to marry Prince Helle de Sagan, because he realized that De Sagan was related to the De Castellane family, which his sister had just succeeded in leaving. He gave his consent, however, when he saw that his sister's heart was set upon the marriage. The lawyer said he was convinced that the De Sagan household would be happy, but, if a scandal broke out, George Gould would be the first to ask that the children be removed. He concluded by begging the court not to separate the children from their mother.

Will Await Court's Decision.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The joint resolution providing for the suspension of the commodity clause of the railroad rate law will be displaced as the unfinished business before the Senate until after the Supreme Court has passed on its constitutionality.

