



WAGE WAR ABOUT LUMBER TARIFF

South Will Join Coast in Fighting Cut.

WILL HAVE AID OF NORTHWEST

Democrats Demand Smaller Duty on Leather Goods.

WEST AGAINST FREE HIDES

Louisiana Wants Duty on Philippine Rice—Flood of Foreign Scrap-Iron Expected—House to Limit General Debate.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Members on both sides of the House are lining up and preparing to submit amendments to the Payne tariff bill, in which their constituents are interested. The main contention will be over the cut in the lumber duty. It is understood that the Southern Representatives are almost unanimous for retaining the present duty of 25 per cent. They will have the support of many members from the Northwest and the Pacific Coast States.

Want Cheaper Shoes.

Hides and leather manufactures also will be the subject of considerable debate. The Democrats will fight to have shoes and other products of leather reduced 5 or 10 per cent more and have hides retained on the free list.

On boots and shoes, according to the new tariff, will be levied a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem. While this is a reduction of 10 per cent ad valorem, it is contended by those who favor further reductions that the shoemakers have admitted that they could stand a reduction of 10 per cent more. Representatives will make an earnest effort to have a duty of 15 per cent again placed on hides.

Ask Duty on Philippine Rice.

The Louisiana delegation met today to consider the effect that the free trade provision for the Philippines would have on the rice industry. They will endeavor to have the minority report favor a small duty on rice imported from the Philippine Islands, or the quantity entitled to free duty entry restricted, as has been done with sugar and tobacco.

In explanation of the retention of the countervailing duty clause on petroleum, it is asserted that Mexico has developed large oil fields and that the provision limiting the free entry of oil to countries which do not impose a tax on the importation of American oil was made to prevent the importation of Mexican oil free of duty if that country should impose a tax on oil from the United States.

Criticism on Metal Schedule.

There has been very little criticism of the metal schedule, but it is maintained that duty on wrought and cast scrap iron should be equal to that on pig iron, as provided in the Dingley law. In the Payne bill scrap iron is covered by a duty of 30 cents per ton, while the duty on pig iron is \$2.50 per ton.

Breeze Over Reading of BILL.

For four and a half hours the House listened today to the reading of the bill. Simmons of Tennessee injected a breeze of life into the proceedings. He wanted the reading dispensed with as a farce, but objection was made. Then he asked unanimous consent that the bill be put on its passage, saying it was evident no opportunity would be afforded to amend the measure in the House. To this Mann of Illinois objected.

The designation by the speaker of Olmstead of Pennsylvania as chairman of the committee while the tariff bill is under consideration elicited Republican applause.

Only Five-Minute Speeches.

There is a general disposition among the House members to eliminate as far as possible any academic discussion of the tariff. Members on both sides are desirous of having as little general debate as possible, and as much time as practicable for consideration of the bill under the five-minute rule forthwith.

When the Dingley bill was before Congress less than a week was devoted in the House to the discussion of the bill under the five-minute rule, and while it is likely that a rule will be brought in to limit the time for considering amendments, it is believed that sufficient

DIRECT PRIMARY IS PUT UP TO SOLONS

NEW YORK IDEA PLACED BEFORE LEGISLATURE.

Annual Elections, Committee Nominations and New Style Ballot Included in Plans.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 19.—With its sponsors declaring that the new plan is neither "a surrender, a compromise nor a piece of radicalism," the direct nomination bill embodying the ideas of Governor Hughes on the subject was introduced in both branches of the Legislature today. The chief provisions of the bill were outlined as follows:

Designation of candidates for nomination by party committees instead of the present convention system.

All candidates for party committees to be nominated by petition only, signed by a specific number of enrolled voters, and to be elected annually.

There is to be an official primary ballot, with the names of all the candidates grouped under the title to the office and numbered consecutively, the party candidates being given a preferential position.

All primaries are to be held on the same day and there is to be a general enrollment throughout the state.

SPIRITUALIST PUT IN JAIL

Spokane Medium Blacks Eyes of Boy Sent Her for Treatment.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—For "treating" the lad, which resulted in a black eye with the lids shut tight, a discolored face and his body minus some of the skin, Hooker McEvoy, one of the spiritualist leaders of Spokane, was fined \$100 today. Her assistant, Tom McKinnon, was fined the same amount.

Percy Smith, 10 years old, was the subject they "treated" for ungovernable temper, at the request of his mother, who said she was unable to manage him at times. It was related that he had gone to the home of the defendants to find his mother, kicked in the door, was hustled inside by the spiritualists and "treated," while putting up a lively fight to get away.

Defendants were fined in the Police Court, appealed to the Superior Court, and judgment of the lower court affirmed and costs added. The woman went to jail instead of paying the fine, saying the spirits always had aided her and would aid her now.

FALLS ASLEEP ON STREET

Man Suddenly Drops, Though No Sign of Sickness.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 19.—A mysterious sleeping case developed this morning when a well-dressed, middle-aged man dropped suddenly to the sidewalk. He was examined by the city physician, who endeavored in vain to wake him. His pulse was found to be normal, his heart action perfect and his sleep seemed light and natural, indicating neither drunkenness nor the effect of drugs. He was still asleep this afternoon, although several strenuous attempts have been made to awaken him.

VEGETARIAN BOOZE CURE

Washington Physician Says Over-Eating Causes Desire for Alcohol.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—"If you have a strong appetite for King Alcohol, and tobacco, and want to be cured of the habit, just eat a vegetable diet for six months."

This was the advice given today by Dr. D. H. Kress, of this city, in an address entitled "Dyspepsia, and Its Relation to Intemperance," before the Society for the Study of Alcoholic and Other Drug Narcotics. He declared that over-eating leads to drunkenness.

HERDER SHOT; RANGE WAR

Victim in Serious Condition—Alleged Assailant Is Cleared.

CANYON CITY, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—A. A. Dean, accused of shooting William George, a shepherd, over range trouble, was acquitted on a preliminary hearing in the justice court today.

George, the victim of the shooting, is in a precarious condition. The affair has created widespread interest here.

COMMONS ADVANCES BILL

Universal Suffrage Measure Goes to Second Reading in Britain.

LONDON, March 19.—By a vote of 157 to 122 the House of Commons today passed the second reading of the bill giving every man and woman a vote, the only provision being that they shall be 21 years old and shall have resided three months in their constituency. There is no chance of its becoming law during the present session of Parliament.

STAGE DUEL IS REALISTIC

Schoolboy Villain in Dramatics Shot by Hero's Revolver.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., March 19.—John Monks, the villain in an amateur performance given today by the pupils of the Grand Central School, south of here, was shot in the forehead and dangerously wounded by the hero, Roy Slater. The cartridge was thought to have been blank.

TAFT IS FEASTED BY YALE ALUMNI

Happiest Among 1500 Graduates of Eli.

SUCCESS DUE TO ALMA MATER

President Center of Loving, Cheering, Singing Men.

RAFTERS RING WITH SONG

Great Banquet Hall Adorned With Mementoes of Old College—Taft Dwells on Difficulties of President's Office.

NEW YORK, March 19.—With songs on the football field and the boat race course, with a deafening cheer and a rousing chorus of "Here's to good old Yale, drink her down," President Taft was greeted tonight as the first Yale President of the United States by more than 1500 graduates of the university. The graduates came from all over the country, many from silvery-haired old men whose degrees bear the date of '63 down to the youths who left their alma mater only last June.

Neath Elms of Yale.

The dinner was served at the Waldorf-Astoria. The immense ballroom was decorated with a lavish wealth of flowers. From the ceilings countless chains of pink blooms fell in graceful loops. The balcony guards and the side walls were entwined with roses. The speakers' table, at which Mr. Taft sat with President Hadley of Yale and other distinguished graduates, was carpeted with artificial representations of the elms of old Yale. Back of the table was a huge drop curtain bearing a painting of the old brick row, which was a reality in Mr. Taft's student days, but which is now mostly a memory. In front of the curtain and back of the speakers was a replica of the old Yale fence. The representation of the old barrier was complete down to the last detail.

Taft Is Happiest of All.

Many of the initials, including the "W. H. T." of President Hadley, were faithfully reproduced. An orchestra played Yale anthems throughout the evening and the singing of the rollicking songs was led by a glee club of 22 graduates seated at a table.

Mr. Taft was probably the happiest man at the dinner, which was given entirely in his honor. He was not hailed as President, however, but as "Bill"—the salutation which punctuated the cheering as he entered.

The only set speeches of the evening (Concluded on Page 4.)

RADICAL CHANGE FOR DIPLOMATS

ELLIOT TO BE SENT AS AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, LEISHMAN TO ROME.

Taft and Knox to Prepare Slate Today—Kerens to Austria, Leishman to Rome.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(Special.)—President Taft and Secretary of State Knox will tomorrow prepare, it is understood, a comprehensive slate of Ambassadors, which will be submitted to Congress for its approval.

It is understood that Charles W. Francis, Ambassador to Austria-Hungary; Henry White to France; Whitelaw Reid to Great Britain; Lloyd C. Griscom to Italy; John W. Ridd to Russia and William M. Collier, Minister to Spain, are to retire, and that they will be succeeded by President Charles W. Elliot, of Harvard University, as Ambassador to England; that J. G. A. Leishman, now Ambassador at Constantinople, will be transferred to Rome as Ambassador; that Henry Clay Ide, of New York, will be sent to Spain; that Richard C. Kerens, of St. Louis, will go as Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, and that either ex-Secretary of the Navy Newberry or ex-Senator Long, of Kansas, will go as Ambassador to Russia.

The Republican factions in Missouri have been seriously divided over Federal patronage, and it is reported that Mr. Kerens was not pleased with the announcement of the selection of Mr. Nagle for Secretary of Commerce and Labor. Mr. Kerens is mentioned for a diplomatic post as a compromise.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 19.—(Special.)—President Taft declared today that he would not make any important diplomatic changes for three or four months to come and that reports as to his selections in the meantime would be mere guesswork.

THEATER CROWD IN PANIC

Plaster Falls, Boys Shout "Fire" and Audience Stampedes.

CLEVELAND, March 19.—Six persons were injured, three seriously, in a stampede at the Majestic Theater tonight. The panic was started by a fall of plaster from the ceiling, which struck several men seated in the orchestra circle. Boys in the gallery yelled "Fire!" and in a moment the theater was in an uproar.

Officials of the theater tried to quiet the crowd and the actors in the play, "The Girl from Shanley," continued the performance. However, most of the crowd persisted in trying to reach exits. Many were knocked down and trampled upon.

HE BUNCOS HIGHWAYMEN

William Paul Gets Money Back and Leads Them to Policemen.

CHICAGO, March 19.—After being held up and robbed of his watch and money by two men on a lonely South Side street tonight, William Paul informed the robbers that he, too, was a highwayman, waiting for a victim.

The robbers gave Paul his money back and he asked them to walk with him. The trio walked until they came to a policeman. Then Paul helped the policeman to capture the robbers. (Concluded on Page 2.)

KIDNAPED BOY MAY BE IN CLEVELAND

Early Restoration to Family Expected.

POLICE FOLLOW FRESH CLEW

Arrest Suspect and at Once Start Away in Auto.

DRUGS USED BY CAPTORS

Many People Report Having Seen Boy and Two Men Driving Rapidly Towards Warren, Where Abandoned Buggy Is Found.

CLEVELAND, O., March 19.—That Willie Whittia, kidnaped son of Attorney James P. Whittia, of Sharon, Pa., would be restored to his family within a few hours was predicted by the Cleveland police after a man answering the description of the kidnaper had been arrested. The prisoner made a statement which caused detectives to hurry away in an automobile to the place where the boy is believed to be held prisoner.

A definite clew to the whereabouts of the lad was obtained here today, when George Dougherty, a clerk of the Hotel Euclid, recognized in the published picture of Willie Whittia the features of a boy who, in company with a man, appeared at the hotel last night. The man told the clerk he was waiting for a friend.

The clerk informed the police and the arrest followed. The police refuse to give the prisoner's name.

UNCLE STARTS FOR CLEVELAND

Lad's Millionaire Relative Thought to Have Information of Case.

SHARON, Pa., March 19.—Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire uncle of Willie Whittia, left tonight for Cleveland. It is believed Mr. Buhl has received word that his nephew is in Cleveland.

Mr. Whittia, father of the missing boy, returned today after a vain search for his son. Mr. Shilling, his associate, said tonight:

"Last night about 5 o'clock the rig in which the man carried the boy away was found in front of a livery stable in Warren, Ohio. Mr. Whittia is not pushing matters vigorously, his great wish being to get his boy back. He is hoping that the parties having the boy in custody will at once open negotiations for his speedy release."

From reports received concerning the kidnaper, it is believed the lad was drugged by his abductors immediately. (Concluded on Page 2.)

HOME-LOVING WIFE ENDS KING'S RULE

SEES NO LURE IN BEING QUEEN OF SAVAGES.

American Engineer Quits Opera-Bouffe Monarchy After Wedding English Maiden.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 19.—(Special.)—Announcement was received today that John Davis Murray, a Purdue University graduate, who became King of Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean near Singapore, nearly two years ago, would abdicate because his newly wedded wife refused to be Queen. The announcement of his abdication came close upon the heels of the word of his marriage to Miss Margaret McMicken, of London.

It seems that the lady is very domestic in her tastes and prefers to live in the retirement of home rather than to reign as queen over the island. The island is owned by an English syndicate, and its deposits of phosphate are among the most valuable in the world. The mines are worked by natives, and because of their traditions and their inability to recognize anything short of absolute authority, Murray, who was local manager for the syndicate, was made King of the island and formally invested with the title.

EARLY STAGE AGENT DEAD

G. W. Hulbert, Once Employed by Ben Holladay, Passes Away.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—George W. Hulbert, of this city, died at the family residence at Gladstone this morning, after an illness of six weeks of heart trouble. Mr. Hulbert was born in New York July 20, 1837, and at the age of 22 years went to Nebraska. He rode the pony express from Kearney to Jewelsburg, where he married Elizabeth Blair in the year of 1862. He had charge of the Virginia Stage Station for Ben Holladay, and later the Rock Creek Stage. At Rock Creek, the well-known "Wild Bill" worked for his stage horses.

Mr. Hulbert went from Rock Creek to Beatrice, where he dealt in trotters. After residing at that place for several years, he went to Kearney and made his home at that place for 23 years. Mr. Hulbert again took up staging and the mercantile business and was chosen Mayor of Kearney, serving two years.

In 1901 he came to Oregon City. He is survived by his wife and five children, who are William Hulbert, of Olympia, Wash.; Charles Hulbert, of Gooding, Idaho; Mrs. S. E. Hawkey, of Kearney, Neb.; Mrs. Clarence Simmons and Miss Adah Hulbert, of Oregon City.

MODJESKA GROWS WORSE

Noted Actress Now Not Expected to Recover From Present Illness.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—The condition of Mme. Helma Modjeska, the famous tragedienne, is considered very critical. But little hope is held for her ultimate recovery. She has been suffering for some time with acute Bright's disease, complicated with heart trouble. The latter ailment has grown worse recently and now constitutes the most dangerous feature of her illness.

Word has been received from her son, Ralph Modjeska, that he will leave Chicago tomorrow morning for California. Count Bozenta, Mme. Modjeska's husband, is in constant attendance at her bedside. She is at her country home on Bay City Island, near Balboa. Mme. Modjeska, whose present name is Countess Charles Bozenta Chlapowski, was born in Poland in 1844.

CASHIER RETURNS MONEY

Absconded With Over \$6000, Sends Greater Part Back in Letter.

COMANCHE, Okla., March 19.—John Campbell, the fugitive cashier of the First National Bank, who left Monday night with more than \$6000 of the bank's money, returned \$6000 in a letter written when he left, and that he had no intention of stealing. He regretted his action, he wrote, and would return the balance of the amount in a short time. The bank officials tonight decided not to prosecute Campbell, and withdrew the reward offered for his arrest.

MAKES ISSUE ON BIG NAVY

Balfour Will Challenge Asquith to Vote in Parliament.

LONDON, March 19.—A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, has decided to have the House vote as to whether four to eight Dreadnoughts should be definitely included in this year's naval programme. Balfour has given notice to move a vote of censure on the government next Monday, declaring the proposed provision for ships of the newest type is not sufficient to secure the safety of the empire.

OREGON PLEASURES BRYAN

Nebraska Celebrates Birthday by Praising Direct Primary.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 19.—W. J. Bryan highly praised the Oregon plan of election in an address here tonight at a dinner in honor of his 64th birthday. For 18 years, he said, he had been doing what he could to secure the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, and Nebraska had followed closely in the footsteps of Oregon in making this as nearly possible as the Federal laws will permit.

MILLIONAIRE OF OREGON ACCUSED

Frank Thompson's Wife Sues for Divorce.

DEATH THREAT IS ALLEGED

Extreme Cruelty Charged in Suit at Bay City.

PROPERTY FRAUD INVOLVED

Mrs. Thompson Secures Restraining Order From Court to Prevent Partition of Estate and Asks \$2500 Monthly Alimony.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—(Special.)—Alleging that her husband has been habitually intoxicated for the past year, that he has repeatedly threatened to kill her, that he has choked and beaten her, and that he is even now scheming to defraud her and her child from a share of his estate, Mrs. Ella Gertrude Thompson has electrified San Francisco society by a suit for divorce which her attorneys filed today.

The suit is directed against Frank Thompson, son of the late Captain Robert R. Thompson, of Portland, Or., and a millionaire in his own right. Pending the settlement of the suit, Mrs. Thompson asks for \$2500 a month alimony, counsel fees, the custody of her 16-year-old daughter, Harriet, and a restraining order preventing her husband or his assigns from distributing or partitioning his property.

The late Captain Robert R. Thompson, father of the defendant, was one of the wealthiest citizens of California, having acquired his property in Portland, where he founded the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. When Captain Thompson died he left an estate valued at \$8,000,000, of which Frank Thompson received practically one-eighth.

Alleges Great Cruelty.

The allegations of cruelty are many. When their minor child, Frank, died in Los Angeles, Mrs. Thompson says her husband went out and became intoxicated, and on his return abused and treated her, and called her vile names. Four months ago she learned that her first child he abused and threw her out. In 1892 they went to Redondo, and on their arrival she says she was subjected to her husband's abuse in the presence of strangers, and that when they reached their room in a hotel he threw her to the floor and choked her. On another occasion he threw a cup of cocoa in her face, and at times refused to speak to her for long periods. The threats to kill her apparently did.

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