

REVISE DOWNWARD IS TAFT'S SLOGAN

President Tells Party to
Keep Promises.

PLAIN TALK TO CONGRESSMEN

Implied Threat of Veto if Plat-
form Is Abandoned.

WILL PUT ALL UP TO HIM

Panic-Stricken Congressmen Beg
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Get One From Shoulder—He
Will Settle Disputes.

TAFT WANTS LUMBER CHEAP.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—It was reported around the Capitol today that President Taft has taken a hand in adjusting the differences between the House and Senate over the lumber schedule in the tariff bill. Not only does the President want the Senate to accept the \$1 rate on rough lumber as provided in the House bill, but he wants the House to accept the 25 per cent reduction in rates on finished lumber—established by the Senate.

Just how much pressure he is bringing to bear on the conference committee on this schedule is not known, but it is generally accepted as a fact that the President is doing considerable to get the lowest possible rates on all classes of lumber. Delegations from the big lumber-producing states are much concerned over this report, which they accept as authentic.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—All doubt as to where President Taft stands with regard to the downward revision of the tariff was swept away today when a statement was given out at the White House setting forth in detail what the President had to say to 23 Republican members of Congress who called to protest against putting raw materials on the free list.

The President in this statement declared that the Republican party was committed to a downward revision; that he never had any other idea of the Chicago platform and that he personally has promised a downward revision to the people.

Taft Threatens Veto.
This statement as interpreted in some quarters here tonight as a direct notification to the conferees on the tariff bill that, if the measure they finally agree upon does not constitute a material reduction in specific duties, the President will exercise his power of veto. Dictated in the third person, the statement concludes with this final word of the President's attitude as outlined by his call: "He felt strongly the call of the country for a downward revision within the limits of the protective principles and he hoped to be able to respond to that call as he heard it, as well in the interests of the party as of the country."

Let Taft Settle Disputes.

The President's statement created a sensation tonight among Senators and Representatives. Senator Aldrich made no direct comment upon it, but said the conferees had decided to let Mr. Taft deal with schedules upon which they could not agree. It is up to the President to secure the votes necessary to pass the measure in the form in which it would be reported out of conference as a result of his mediation between the House and Senate conferees.

The President up to this time has not permitted himself to be quoted in connection with the tariff struggle. His name of mind was indicated in his New Haven speech on June 30, however, in which he warned the Republican party that, if it did not keep its promises, it would be relegated to the minority.

The President now asserts for the first time his authority as the titular head of his party. As such he announces his conviction that the party platform meant a revision downward and that no other interpretation can be placed upon it.

Committed to Downward Revision.
The statement of the President is as follows:

"Mr. Young, of Michigan, opposed free ore; Mr. Mondell opposed free coal or reciprocity with Canada or free hides, each on the ground that that policy would injure the interests of his state, and a discussion was participated in by Representatives who urged that the principle of free raw material is not Republican doctrine."

"The President replied that he was not committed to the principle of free raw material, but that he was committed to the principle of a downward revision of the tariff, which he had promised, and that he was obliged to look at the matter, not from the standpoint of any particular district, but from the standpoint of the whole country, and also from the standpoint of responsibility for the entire Republican party. He said the question in each case was a question of fact to be determined by evidence as to whether the rate was excessive, so that a downward revision, (Concluded on Page 4.)

SAYS RICH WOMAN SMUGGLED GOWNS

FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS
MRS. CHESBRO.

Carried \$50,000 Worth of Goods
Under False Bottom of
Trunk, Is Charged.

NEW YORK, July 16.—An indictment for smuggling was handed down today by the Federal grand jury against Mrs. Fremont Chesbro, owner of the Chesbro Coastwise line of steamers running out of Boston.

The case was placed in the hands of the United States District Attorney for the District of New Jersey after the discovery of a double bottom in one of the trunks which Mrs. Chesbro brought to this country with her on the Kaiser Wilhelm II last May.

Wearing apparel appraised at \$50,000 was found in this hidden compartment, together with bills and invoices indicating the purchase abroad of a pearl necklace valued at \$25,000. The necklace was not found among Mrs. Chesbro's effects, but was yesterday turned over to the customs officials by Mrs. Chesbro's attorney.

Mrs. Chesbro is said to be prostrated over the incident and is confined in a sanitarium in Pennsylvania.

FIELD HEIRS WIN PRIZE

Late Merchant's Daughter Victori-
ous in Suit.

CHICAGO, July 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. David Beatty, of England, daughter of the late Marshall Field, today won a victory before Judge Cutting in the Probate Court, when a decision was given holding that Mrs. Beatty was entitled to the income from her share of her father's estate from the date of his death.

The executors held that Mrs. Beatty was not entitled to the income until one year after the death of her father. The grandchildren of the merchant are also interested in the decision of the court, as that part of their income was withheld pending the court's decision.

The court quoted section four of the will, which set aside \$1,000,000, the income of which was to be paid the daughter, and stated that the rule is established that special legacies do not draw interest from the estate until one year after the death of the testator. Judge Cutting held that the matter of the income is distinct, and that it became due from the estate upon the death of the testator.

WOMAN DESERTED, INSANE

Tramps Miles Through Mud and
Rain With Babe in Arms.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elsie Brunk, who came here from Michigan with her small children to meet her husband, who, she learned on her arrival, had deserted her, is believed to be insane on account of her trouble.

Members of the Associated Charities, who took an interest in her, located her parents 12 miles from here, and sent her and her children in a wagon to their home.

Mrs. Brunk left one child with her mother and started for this city, carrying the other child, two years old. She walked all the way through mud and rain, carrying the child, and was found at midnight between Aberdeen and Montezano, out of her mind. The woman does not speak English.

PAPERS CUT OUT PICTURES

San Francisco Dailies Take Drastic
Action Over Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—(Special.)—Nearly three weeks ago the zinc etchers on all San Francisco newspapers were discharged because they refused to allow the printers to handle Rouse blocks as bases of cuts. The etchers demand more pay before they will return.

Today the publishers decided to cut out all illustrations in daily papers, and tomorrow morning, for the first time in 20 years, all local papers will appear without a single cut. Whether this drastic rule will apply to Sunday supplements remains to be seen.

THAW GLAD TO TESTIFY

Says Will Easily Prove Sanity—No
Antimosity Against Wife.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 16.—Harry K. Thaw is apparently elated over the prospects of going on the witness stand and telling his story. Thaw said:

"I will demonstrate easily that I am sane when I get on the stand. It is the chance I have prayed for and hoped for. Now I feel Judge Mills will be able to see that my contention that I am sane is valid."

Speaking of his wife's testimony against him, Thaw said he felt no animosity toward her and had no idea of cutting off her allowance of \$200 a month.

PREMATURE BLAST FATAL

American Foreman Killed and Eight
Mexicans Injured.

EL PASO, Tex., July 16.—Foreman R. Shinsen was killed and eight Mexican laborers were injured Wednesday morning by a premature explosion at Kilometer, south of Nacozari, on the Southern Pacific, in Sonora, Mex.

Four of the Mexicans were taken to the hospital, but all will recover.

NEW SHAH IS NOW RULER OF PERSIA

Crown Prince Nominal
Ruler of Land.

NATIONALISTS NAME REGENT

Huge Crowd Sees Action of
Assembly at Teheran.

DEPOSED SHAH FUGITIVE

Ahmed Mirza Chosen by People as
Sovereign—Ex-Shah Is Refugee
In Russian Legation—Bul-
lets Hit Russian Bank.

TEHERAN, July 16.—Mohammed Ali, Shah of Persia, was dethroned today and the Crown Prince, Sultan Ahmed Mirza, was proclaimed Shah by the National Assembly, composed of the chief Mujtahids and the leaders of the Nationalist forces, in the presence of an immense crowd, in Parliament Square.

Mohammed Ali has taken refuge in the Russian Summer legation at Zensende where he is under the protection of detachments of Cossacks and Sepoys, dispatched to Zensende by the British and Russian diplomatic representatives.

New Ruler a Minor.

The new Shah is yet in his minority and Asad ul Mulk, head of the Kajar family, has been appointed Regent. Sipahdar, one of the most active leaders of the movement has taken office as Minister of War and Governor of Teheran. General Liakhoff, through whose negotiations with the Nationalists the surrender was effected, was escorted this afternoon by mounted bakhtiaris to the Parliament building that he might remain temporarily in command of the Cossack brigade, provided he obeyed the orders of the War Minister.

The shops and private quarters occupied by the Shah's soldiers have been plundered and the residence of the manager of the Indo-European Telegraph Company has been looted, but no other homes of foreigners were invaded.

Old Ruler Is Guarded.

Russian and British legation guards are stationed at the Russian Summer legation where the Shah has sought safety. The Nationalists have declared, however, that they have no intention of taking a step which might cause serious complications. They look upon the Shah's action in seeking the protection of a foreign legation as tantamount to voluntary abdication.

The Shah secured Russia's consent to receive him today. The Nationalists entered Teheran but made no move until the troops guarding his palace at Baghshah, near Teheran were forced to retreat to Sultanabad.

Diplomats Greet Fugitive.

Arrangements had been made for his reception, and he was greeted by the (Concluded on Page 4.)

NORTHERN INDIAN MAIDENS KIDNAPED

MAN AND WOMAN TERRORIZE
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Redskins Fear to Molest Outlaws,
Believing Them Insane—Police
Are Sent to Rescue.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 16.—(Special.)—Reports are made to the provincial police headquarters that a so-called "wild man" and "wild woman," clad in ragged buckskin and heavily armed with rifles and butcher knives, have been terrorizing the Indian and half-breed homes in the Pemberton Meadows country for a fortnight past, coaxing away or kidnapping by force girls of from 7 to 16, nine of whom, in all, have been taken from their families.

Superstition has heretofore prevented the Indians from adopting hostile measures, they believing the kidnappers insane and thus immune from interference. Superintendent Huxley has sent Constables to investigate fully and to recover the missing children.

The wild folk first appeared May 25 at a camp on Douglas Lake, when they atoned two girls of the camp who would not at first go away with them. They carried off these children in the sight of young men of the tribe, who were unable to overhaul the robbers, so fleet-footed were they and such masters of woodcraft. To get away from the "massache kitas" the tribe shifted to Pemberton Meadows, whither they were duly followed. Several half-hearted war parties subsequently have tried to run down the uncanny marauders, but unsuccessfully. The Indians say the pair are the same mad people who a year ago murdered an entire Indian family at Anderson Lake.

JOHNSON IN AUTO SMASH

Pugilist Not Hurt, but Girl Is
Fatally Injured.

CROWN POINT, Ind., July 16.—An automobile making the circuit of the Cobscook course last night crashed into a machine containing Jack Johnson, the heavyweight pugilist, and a party of friends. Johnson was not injured, but one of the women of the party was perhaps fatally hurt. Several others were slightly injured.

Johnson, who is training at Cedar Lake, near here, entertained a large party of friends from Chicago.

ARGUING GINGLES CASE

Jury Will Probably Decide Lace-
maker's Fate Today.

CHICAGO, July 16.—The puzzling case of Ella Gingles will be placed in the hands of a jury tomorrow afternoon according to present plans. Assistant State's Attorney Short concluded his argument today, and P. H. O'Donnell, senior counsel for the defense, began his plea for the defendant. Mr. Short will close tomorrow forenoon and after hearing the instructions of Judge Brennan, the jury will retire.

BRITISH MINERS MAY QUIT

Will Vote on Matter of Strike to Aid
Scottish Workers.

LONDON, July 17.—The Miners' Federation of Great Britain, after a prolonged meeting, has decided in favor of balloting its million members as to whether or not a national strike shall be declared in support of the Scottish miners, who are resisting a wage reduction of 6 pence a day.

BRACKETT ADMITS HIS STORY FALSE

Knew Only One Assail-
ant, He Says.

NEITHER MAIN NOR QUIMBY

Mystery of Shooting Deepens
With Conflicting Versions.

BROTHER TALKS OF CASE

Ralph L. Brackett Says Victim Did
Not Know Man Who Assaulted
Him, but Admissions Are
Made in Another Interview.

Rae F. Brackett, the Walla Walla electrical engineer who was mysteriously shot Wednesday night, after spending an evening in the company of a woman not his wife, has given utterance to a third version of the affair.

Brackett yesterday declared privately that he did not suspect either Main or Quimby, whom he had accused the previous day, but that he knew positively who one of his assailants was; that he had recognized this man before the shot was fired, but that he was not certain whether it was the man, whom he recognized as his companion who shot him.

"I did recognize one of my assailants," said Brackett. "I do not know which one fired the shot and I will not divulge the name of the one I recognized, but it was neither Main nor Quimby. I do not intend to prosecute them. I am getting well rapidly and the affair will be hushed up without my wife being any the wiser." The news that Brackett made this statement yesterday in from a source which is absolutely reliable.

Brackett has now told three different stories of the affair. At first he declared he had been held up by footpads, who had shot him. He next declared that Main and Quimby had shot him down through jealousy over Mrs. R. M. Brown, the widow with whom he had kept company clandestinely. Yesterday, through his brother, he reverted to his first story, saying he had no idea who shot him. Then privately again he declared he had recognized one of his assailants and that it was neither Main nor Quimby.

Alibi Established.

This latter statement is borne out by the fact that Quimby's and Main's alibi were apparently conclusively clinched by advices from Seattle and Ashland, respectively, that they had been there as they had claimed.

Each of Brackett's stories in turn has been told by him with the utmost earnestness and with fervent protestations that this particular story was the only true story. The police believe there is good ground for the belief that none of Brackett's stories is true.

Brackett's Latest Yarn.

Ralph L. Brackett, of 346 Grand avenue North, is the brother through whom the wounded man made the statement yesterday wherein he reverted to the (Concluded on Page 4.)

SEVEN SCORE BIG SHIPS ON THAMES

BRITISH WARSHIPS TO NUMBER
OF 148 AT LONDON.

Armada Sent to English Capital to
Ally Fears of War With
European Powers.

LONDON, July 16.—(Special.)—One hundred and forty-eight British warships dropped anchor in the Thames tonight, the array extending from the estuary at the south end of the river to Westminster bridge, in the heart of London. The object of this extended and superb display of Britain's fighting power is an anti-panic show. Uneasiness prevails in every quarter of Britain. Anxiety in higher circles as to the condition of the country's defense has caused apprehension and pessimism throughout the body politic.

Lord Roberts says the army is a tragic joke. Admiral Boscawen says the navy is not what it has been considered. And Germany is accused of having aggressive designs against the peace and liberty of the Britons. The result of all this ferment is that the country is in danger of "going off its head." The mighty armada on the Thames is the Admiralty's heroic sedative.

"They have made the country think that we have no navy," says Admiral Fisher. "The British millions may now line up along the Thames, go out in boats and see a great reality for themselves."

SNAKE BITES AT WOMAN

Rattler Fastens Fangs Into Skirt,
When Dog Engages Reptile.

LACROSSE, Wash., July 16.—(Special.)—While Mrs. Nancy Downing, of Canyon, was preparing dinner Wednesday she stepped out of the kitchen door. As she did so her attention was attracted by a slight jerk at her skirt. On looking down she was horrified to see that a monster rattlesnake had struck at her, and his fangs had hung in the skirt of her dress. She screamed, but before she could get out of reach it gave her skirts another blow, when the house dog, hearing her scream, came to her rescue and engaged the reptile in a deadly combat, in which the dog was bitten three times. By the aid of W. A. Downing, her son, and a 25-caliber rifle, the snake was killed. It had eight rattles.

Mrs. Downing was almost prostrated by the shock. She is about 75 years old, and not in the best of health.

WOMEN BOYCOTT MORMON

Gentiles Absent From Banquet to
Which President Smith Invited.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 16.—President Joseph F. Smith of the Mormon Church is a guest tonight at a banquet given in honor of the visiting members of the International Council of Women.

Choosing to regard the invitation of President Smith as an attempt to exploit the doctrine of polygamy, most of the Gentile women on the reception committee have withdrawn from that body, and a score of guests have absented themselves from the Saltair resort where the banquet is taking place.

INTERURBAN STRIKES AUTO

Berkeley Merchant Fatally Hurt in
Grade Crossing Crash.

BERKELEY, Cal., July 16.—Herbert P. Mackie, a prominent real estate dealer, was probably fatally injured tonight when he was thrown out of his automobile, which was struck by a Key Route electric train.

Mackie attempted to cross the tracks ahead of the approaching train, when his touring car suddenly stopped on the tracks. He was hurled against a telephone pole with such force that his skull was fractured and his thigh broken.

SOCIETY GIRLS AS GHOULS

Caught in Act of Robbing Vaults in
Mexican Cemetery.

PUEBLA, Mexico, July 16.—Puebla society received a shock today. For some time the vaults of the cemetery have been regularly robbed of jewels and flowers.

Several young women prominent in society were arrested as they were leaving the cemetery, and each was found to have hidden in her parasol flowers and other articles stolen from the vaults.

TORNADO TAKES OFF ROOF

Tucson Hotel Guests Flee in Terror
Before "Twister."

TUCSON, Ariz., July 16.—Guests of the Hotel Hotel fled in terror this evening about 8 o'clock, when the roof of the house was ripped off by a tornado which suddenly struck the city and lasted about 30 minutes.

The damage is estimated at \$25,000.

THREE TONS AT ONE SHOT

Roosevelt Bags Monster Hippo on
Lake Naivasha.

NAIVASHA, B. E. A., July 16.—Theodore Roosevelt, who is hunting on the south shore of Lake Naivasha, from the ranch of Captain Richard Attenborough, succeeded yesterday in bringing down a big hippopotamus. The animal is estimated to weigh three tons.

WHEAT TUMBLES, BUT RISES AGAIN

Signs Patten Caused
Break to Buy.

HE STILL TALKS HIGH PRICES

Buys Up All Offered and Sends
Market Climbing.

CROWD FOLLOWS HIS LEAD

Chicago Market Experiences Up and
Down Movement in July Op-
tion, but Rapid Recov-
ery Soon Comes.

CHICAGO, July 16.—(Special.)—Action in the Chicago wheat market today puzzled the rank and file of brokers who attempted to follow it. The July price was on the toboggan, as it was late yesterday. The price took a slide to \$1.20 1/4, within 1/4 of the price ruling before the sensational jump of 7 cents Wednesday, when the short sellers paid dear for their experience in buying on the advance. At the close yesterday July wheat rested at \$1.25 1/4 and sales inside of a minute this morning covered a range of \$1.23 1/4 to \$1.26 1/4. In less time than a broker could walk around the pit the market was up to \$1.25 1/4.

Patten Starts Break.

The break at opening appeared to be the result of selling orders distributed among nearly half the houses in the trade. It looked like a move on the part of the Patten interests to start a break, which would enable them to replace large quantities of wheat sold out around \$1.28 and \$1.29 during the excited opening yesterday.

Mr. Patten said: "If it were possible to lay cash wheat down at Liverpool today, it would bring \$1.20 per bushel. In the face of such a situation abroad, with supplies down to bedrock both here and abroad, I fail to see where there is any chance for a permanent break in wheat prices."

Rush to Buy Causes Recovery.

When the wheat trade discovered that Patten, Rosenbaum, Peavey and Armour brokers gobbled up all the grain sold during the morning, there was no let-up in the buying until prices had recovered from \$1.20 1/4 to \$1.23 for July and from \$1.10 to \$1.12 1/4 for September.

It is the popular impression in the wheat pit that the J. A. Patten line of July wheat has been reduced to 2,000,000 bushels or less by sales during the last three or four days.

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