



TAFT DONS FIGHT TOGS FOR PEOPLE

Congressmen Amazed at Reciprocity Stand

LOWER LIVING COST HIS AIM

Cryptic Silence Is Answer to Pleas to Alter Attitude.

NO FACTION IS FAVORED

Republican Party Will Be Disrupted, Declare High Protectionists, but President Refuses to Hedge. Battle Is Imminent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Embarrassed is a mild word to define the predicament in which members of Congress have found themselves since President Taft submitted his proposition for a reduction in the cost of living through the medium of reciprocity with Canada.

High protectionists, confident of the sympathy of the Executive, have not hesitated to go to the White House with predictions that the party will be disrupted if the programme is insisted upon. Insurgent Republicans, many of whom have become unaccustomed to visit the White House at all have been pursuing a policy of silence.

While some of them are ready to admit that the proposed agreement is in line with the tariff arguments, they fear to adopt it lest they bring upon their heads the wrath of agriculturalists.

President Shows No Concern. President Taft is said to be about the only one who is showing no concern about the situation. He is said to have met all arguments against the agreement with a determination to disregard mere political objections, whether they come from standpatters or insurgents.

He believes that what he has recommended is right, and he has made it clear that so long as he continues to believe, he cannot be dissuaded from using every force at his command to promote legislation to put the agreement into operation.

That President Taft realized fully what arguments would be advanced by protectionists against freedom of tariff relations with Canada is proved by the fact that not a single member of the ways and means committee of the House, or the finance committee of the Senate, was apprised in advance as to what articles would be affected by the agreement.

Only Experts Called In. His consultations were had exclusively with the Government trade experts and only such of those as were believed to be beyond political influence. In nothing he has done since he had been President, has Mr. Taft displayed so independent a spirit.

Progressive Republicans are deriving some comfort from the fact that Senators Aldrich and Speaker Cannon and others of the "old guard" apparently were as much in the dark as any one else about the President's plans. The progressives admit the situation is mystifying. They knew they had not been called in with Canada's representatives, and now they learn the standpatters were equally neglected.

The question has arisen how Mr. Taft can bring about favorable action on the agreement without having the support of some faction of his own party in Congress. Some want to know if Mr. Taft is depending wholly upon the known Democratic support for the programme.

People Are Counted Upon. Those who have taken the trouble to talk with him about the matter are said to have been told he counted upon the people generally, the masses who think he is trying to lower the cost of food, to create sentiment necessary to induce Congress to act.

At the dinner of the Ohio Society here tomorrow night Mr. Taft is to speak. It is expected he will say something about reciprocity. Political leaders are wondering if he will tell what he intends to do if the present Congress fails to act on the agreement. There has been a deal of talk of an extra session if the reciprocity agreement fails, and it is understood that much of this talk was brought from the White House by men who enjoy confidential relations with the President.

Figures at His Disposal. The tariff board, the bureau of statistics and other bodies that are analyzing constantly the economic questions involved in the commerce of this country are ready to fortify President Taft with any figures he may need in carrying on a campaign of education. These bureaus already have prepared much information on the relation of export trade to commercial reciprocity with Canada. This information shows that neither country has any advantage in the markets of Europe. The United States and Canada can get equal prices for grains and other products of the soil, unless one offers articles of superior quality. It is recognized that the United States has always found a good market abroad.

BOY SEES SHOW; SHOOTS MOTHER

BORDER RANGER FILM ROUSES YOUTHFUL VISION.

Bullet From Rifle Enters Woman's Neck Near Base of Skull. She May Recover.

Mrs. Julia Strand, wife of Adolph Strand, of 240 1/2 Front street, is at St. Vincent's Hospital in a critical condition as the result of being shot with a bullet from a .22-rifle in the hands of her son, Frank Norris Strand, aged 11. The shooting occurred at 10:30 last night.

Returning in advance of his parents from a picture show at which he had seen the adventures of a border ranger depicted, the boy loaded his recently-purchased rifle and imagined himself in the role of a border ranger. Two or three times, he says, he fancied he heard noises in the building and stood alert, ready to encounter any danger.

Forgetting, he explained afterward, that the gun was loaded, he pointed it at his father and mother, as they entered the door of the family apartment. He thought it would be fun to snap the trigger, and cocked the rifle and pulled the trigger when the weapon was pointed in the direction of Mrs. Strand.

The bullet entered Mrs. Strand's neck near the base of the skull. An operation will be required to remove it. The hospital authorities believe that the chances are in favor of recovery. The boy was taken to the police station, but was released in custody of his father, after the story of the shooting had been told to Captain Bailey.

BIG ICE CROP IS STORED

Bend Prepares to Make Reduced Prices Next Summer.

BEND, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—This season, although an unusually mild one for Central Oregon, has witnessed the harvesting of the largest ice crop ever stored at Bend. By flooding meadows along the Deschutes River an excellent ice pond was created. This ice, together with more cut from the pond formed by the power dam, has been stored for the summer trade.

Last winter was unusually difficult for procuring ice, the price in the summer reaching \$6 a ton. It is certain this year that last season's prices will be cut one-half. In connection with the arrival of the railroads, creating cheap shipping facilities to other Central Oregon points, a probable development will be that Bend will become an ice distributing point for other towns to the north, which, not being on pure living water, are dependent upon the more or less uncertain artificial pond ice made from water led through irrigation ditches.

AVIATOR LOST IN CLOUDS

Texas Scene of Flight When Birdman Gets Beyond Sight.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 29.—Roland B. Garros was lost in the clouds for 18 minutes yesterday. He was trying for an airplane altitude record and disappeared 12 minutes after ascending. Then for ten minutes, he explained after "sighting," he flew at about 4000 feet in the air.

Eventually he appeared a mere speck against the sky five miles from the aviation field and headed in an opposite direction. Finally Garros came to earth in a spectacular glide to a perfect landing. "I was lost," Garros declared. "I could not see the ground. When the earth did come within my vision, I did not know my direction and the country for miles around seemed nothing but level plains."

PROMINENT FIGURES IN NEW YORK SENATORIAL CONTEST, NOW AT DEADLOCK STAGE.



AT LEFT, WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE WHO HOLDS LEAD. CENTER, ABOVE, NORMAN E. MACK, ADVISOR OF GOVERNOR DIX. BELOW, E. M. SHEPARD, SECOND IN RACE. AT RIGHT, ABOVE, SENATOR CHAINCEY M. DEWEY, WHO IS REHYERING. (THESE PHOTOS ALL COPYRIGHTED BY GEORGE GRANTHAM BAIN.) BELOW, GOVERNOR JOHN A. DIX. (PHO TO COPYRIGHTED BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

DESPERATE FIGHT MADE FOR SHEEHAN

Murphy Preparing to Call Reserves

"WALL STREET," CRY RAISED

Foes Charge Big Financiers Are Back of Tammany.

REBELS' RANKS UNBROKEN

Strenuous Efforts Made to Force Insurgents Into Line—Bank Accommodations of Members Are Point of Attack.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Prodigious efforts under the surface have been made by Tammany Leader Murphy and his allies to force the Democratic insurgents under Senator Roosevelt's command to yield and vote for William F. Sheehan for United States Senator. All has been in vain. The opposition today seems as firm as ever.

No material change is expected at tomorrow's joint ballot of the Legislature. The wisest have no prediction as to the outcome of the struggle. That Murphy has the great financial powers behind him in the battle to elect Sheehan is openly declared by the independent Democratic newspapers, which again today assert that J. Pierpont Morgan, August Belmont, Thomas F. Ryan and their interests are trying to force Sheehan through.

Murphy Is Desperate. Finding that the cutting off of bank accommodations to the rebels, refusal of patronage and promises of future rewards have been futile, Charles F. Murphy returned to Albany today in a mood to adopt the most strenuous methods to gain the election of Sheehan. "Senator Roosevelt says you are hurting the Democratic party by holding out for Sheehan," said The Oregonian's correspondent. "Is that so?" replied Murphy. "Then he added: 'I have nothing to say about that.'"

Sheehan declined to say anything further than that he was satisfied with the situation. Senator Roosevelt gave out a statement tonight scoring Murphy for his attitude in the Senatorial fight.

Insurgents Declared Loyal.

"Mr. Murphy," he said, "is injuring the Democratic party by holding out for Sheehan's election, and every day he holds out the less chance Mr. Sheehan has of being chosen. The talk that some of the insurgents may desert for Sheehan is ridiculous to those who know the feelings and sentiments of these men. They are as firm today in their opinion as they were at the beginning of the fight."

It is known that Governor Dix has been sounded with a view to his taking the Senatorship as a means of preventing party disruptions. It is no secret that he is opposed to the tentative plan. Meanwhile throughout the state Murphy is putting the screws on the insurgents, through the local political organizations, many of whom have de-

PICTURES REVEAL OREGON'S WEALTH.

One large section of the Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of The Oregonian, to be issued February 4, will be devoted exclusively to pictures of Oregon's resources and industries. Each page will be given up to a single subject, such as dairying, lumbering, general farming, horticulture, mining, irrigation, livestock, etc. The pictures, which are from new photographs, have been selected with utmost care. Their attractiveness will be enhanced by decorations and sketches by The Oregonian's artists. Often pictures tell a more convincing story than volumes of text, and it is certain that this section of the Anniversary Edition will convey a comprehensive impression of the state's resources. But other parts of the paper will also deal with industrial Oregon, special articles having been prepared by men closely connected with the subjects treated. Every section will be handsomely illustrated.

HOUSE MEETS FOR MINUTE

Only Sunday Business Is Adjournment Until This Morning.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Fifteen members of the House, were at their desks this morning when that body met only to adjourn again until 10 o'clock Monday morning. Speaker Rusk was in the chair. There were 20 members in the city, but the other five failed to appear until the 15 had gone through the formality of meeting and adjourning for a day.

Sergeant-at-Arms Ely returned this morning from Portland. He was headed off by a telegram at Tigard yesterday, which asked him to discontinue his search for the recreant members who failed to appear Saturday. "I could have captured every one of them," was Ely's comment when he returned, "but the telegram put me off the scent and I let them go."

STRIKE HALTS PASSOVER

Unleavened Bread Famine Ensues When Bakers Refuse to Work.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The output of unleavened bread, eaten over all the world by orthodox families during the feast of the Passover, is tied up by a general strike of the Matzo bakers here. The strike went into effect yesterday as orders were pouring in from distant cities for the passover supply. New York is the center of the Matzo trade. Strike leaders say 1000 bakers are involved in the strike which is for higher wages.

DEPOSED KING PENSIONED

Manuel Given \$3300 Monthly Now by Portugal.

LISBON, Jan. 29.—The Diario de Noticias announces that the Portuguese government has decided to pay a monthly pension of \$3300 to the deposed king, Manuel. A check for October, November and December already has been sent him.

MAN, ALONE, HOLDS TOWN IN BONDAGE

All Stores Are Closed at His Command.

PATROL KEEPS PEOPLE IN

Citizens Who Try to Escape Turned Back by Shots.

POSSE ELUDED AT LAST

Pistol Duel in Crowded Car Followed by Terrorizing of Murderer's Home City—Bloodhounds Take Trail.

HAMBURG, Miss., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Following a pistol duel in the chair-car of a Yazoo & Mississippi Valley train in which A. Heron, killed Charles Stewart, the slayer terrorized the passengers until the train reached Hamburg, where he alighted, captured the town and held the inhabitants prisoners in their homes for 24 hours.

Then he stood off a posse until he could escape. A large posse with bloodhounds is searching the country around Hamburg today but has found no trace of the man. Heron is the proprietor of a local hotel. He and Stewart, who was a flagman on the Yazoo road, had threatened each other's lives. Heron went to McNair yesterday and waited until the north-bound train on which Stewart was running, pulled in. He boarded the train on the front end and walked through the coaches, hunting for the flagman.

Men Shoot in Crowded Car.

They met in the chair-car, in which there were many women and children. Both drew their weapons and fired. At the first shot Stewart wounded Heron slightly. Heron's third shot took effect in Stewart's breast and he fell in the aisle, mortally wounded. The hotel man kept firing his revolver until it was empty.

At the first shot the passengers nearest the doors crowded out of the door onto the platform, while others covered between the seats. After Heron had emptied his pistol, he drew another.



BOY SHOT 3 TIMES WITHIN 15 MONTHS

15-YEAR-OLD WILLIAM HUNTLEY, AGAIN INJURED.

First He Explodes Shell With Hammer; Then Revolver Goes Off; Now Shotgun Is Discharged.

NAMPA, Idaho, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—William Huntley is 15 years old and within the last 15 months he has been accidentally shot three times. This afternoon while hunting he dropped his shotgun and received a charge of buckshot in the thigh.

He was crossing an irrigating ditch north of Nampa when the accident occurred. He walked nearly a mile to the interurban line and rode on a car to Nampa.

When he arrived here he was in a serious condition from loss of blood. A physician removed several shot. He will recover.

Last summer a revolver was discharged while being shown Huntley. The bullet pierced his hand and entered the abdomen. A few months previous he exploded a loaded shell with a hammer and seriously injured his hand. William is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Huntley, of Nampa.

RATS MAY PROVE MENACE

Physician Sees Danger of Plague in Rodent-Infested Ships.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—"Until all ships coming to the United States from plague-infested China are stopped outside the harbors of ports of entry and the rats aboard absolutely destroyed, America will continue to be in grave danger of a death-dealing plague in every way as bad as that now raging in the Orient." This warning is sounded by Dr. G. Frank Lydston, professor of genito-urinary surgery at the University of Illinois, well-known writer and one of Chicago's best-known physicians. Dr. Lydston personally investigated the second epidemic of bubonic plague in Australia a few years ago, and is one of the best-informed men on the subject in the country.

"The rat flea plague of all types is essentially a Chinese disease," said Dr. Lydston. "If the plague is of a particularly virulent type, as I understand is the case in this present Chinese plague, and if the resistance of the victim is low, the victim dies before the glands, which are really protective barriers against poisons in the blood, have a chance to react. This accounts for the lack of visible bubonic symptoms in this Chinese plague."

FLOODS BLOCK TRAINS

Southern Pacific Traffic in California Is Hampered.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Traffic on the Coast line of the Southern Pacific is seriously affected tonight as the result of flood conditions in the northern part of Santa Barbara County. The reports received at the local offices of the Southern Pacific are to the effect that the tracks have been covered with debris at the Mud flats west of Gaviota. The track is reported to be intact, but it will take several hours to clear it.

STORM RUNS BOAT ASHORE

Canadian Lighthouse Tender Leadero Beached Off Vancouver.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29.—The Canadian lighthouse tender Leadero went ashore near Bamfield, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, during a severe snow storm today. Two blades in her propeller were broken and the vessel was beached. She will be floated as soon as the weather permits, and taken to Victoria for repairs. It is believed that the Leadero was not seriously damaged.

REBELS CAPTURE TOWN ON BORDER

Mexicali Surprised by Force of 18

MOVEMENT MAY BE GENERAL

Berthold, California Socialist, One of Rebel Leaders.

INSURGENTS WELL ARMED

Prisoners Freed and Jailer, Delaying Surrender of Keys, Is Shot. Mexican Government Unable to Aid Townsmen.

MEXICALI, Lower California, Jan. 29.—Mexicali, the first border town to be captured by the insurgents, is tonight in full possession of the Mexican rebels. It was taken at daylight today by a band of 18 rebels. The only man to lose his life was the Mexican jailer, who hesitated in releasing his prisoners. He was shot with a rifle, thrust through the window of his office and instantly killed. The customs-house was seized and reinforcements are flocking to the rebel standard from the surrounding country.

The capture of the town is the first sign of the activity of the rebels on the Western Coast of Mexico. The move was a complete surprise. It is declared to be a part of a general plan for the seizing of all cities in the Northwestern section of the Republic.

Townsmen Chiefly Natives.

Mexicali is a small town, inhabited chiefly by natives of Mexico. It is on the southern side of the international line in Lower California, directly across the border from the California city of Calexico, on the Imperial Valley branch line of the Southern Pacific Railway, 41 miles south of Imperial Junction.

Two men appeared to be in command of the rebel invading party, Leyva, who appeared to be chief in command, gave his title as "El General," Jefe de Las Tropas Insurgentes." His aide was Simon Berthold, a Socialist agitator from California, known in Los Angeles and various Coast cities.

Berthold and a party of eight men arrived from Holtville, Cal., last night and successfully smuggled a large amount of fire arms across the border. They were joined during the night by the insurgents from Mexicali and vicinity and at daylight marched to the adobe jail, where 11 prisoners were confined.

These prisoners were insurgents who had been arrested on order of the Mexican government. A demand was made for their release.

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