



TAFT RUSHES WAR FOR RECIPROCITY

Only Doubt Is as to Senate's Attitude.

MAJORITY IN HOUSE ASSURED

Democratic Senators Fear Taft May Profit.

WILSON ANSWERS GRANGE

President Will Carry Campaign Into West by Speaking at Columbus and Springfield—Lumbermen Object to Concessions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The campaign of the Taft Administration for the ratification of the reciprocity agreement with Canada moved on space today.

President Taft left tonight for the West and in speeches tomorrow at Columbus, O., and Saturday at Springfield, Ill., he will emphasize still further his advocacy of the agreement.

Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, added his word to the reciprocity chorus in the form of a long and forceful "letter" addressed to the National Grange.

Democratic Senators May Balk.

The Democratic members of the Senate will meet in caucus tomorrow morning. Ostensibly the conference was called to outline a programme in relation to all pending legislative matters, but it is believed the Canadian agreement will consume practically all the discussion and that the Democrats will determine upon a policy in respect to it.

Democratic leaders say naturally they would be for the agreement, but some of them are holding off because of the feeling that the President might be benefited politically by its adoption by Congress.

The attitude of the minority in the Senate may be influenced by Democratic sentiment in the House when the McCall bill, to carry the agreement into force, is put on its passage.

The indications are the House Democrats will support the bill, in which case the Senate Democrats will follow suit.

House to Have Open Debate.

In the House the situation has been swiftly shaping itself and gives indications of resulting in speedy action.

John Norris, chairman of the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, today made the final argument before the ways and means committee in support of the pulp and paper clauses of the agreement.

Lumbermen Deny There's Trust.

A protest against suggestions that a combination existed among the lumber manufacturers of the country or that the standing timber is controlled by a few individuals, was voiced by Edward Hines, of Chicago, president of the National Association of Lumber Manufacturers.

Mr. Hines challenged the statement of the President in his reciprocity message that a few owners control the forests of the United States.

Mr. Hines said Mr. Smith had been engaged in his investigation for years; that the manufacturers had given him every assistance, but they had been unable thus far to learn that he had found any evidence of a combination.

Free Canadian Logs Wanted.

The lumbermen from various sections of the country protested to the committee against ratification of the agreement. Some of the lumbermen indicated the agreement would not be so objectionable if it provided for free Canadian logs as well as finished lumber.

D. E. Skinner, of Seattle; A. J. Wilson, of Spokane; Herbert W. Blanchard, of Boston; Z. W. Whitehead, of Wilmington, and M. Hines, as representing the

STUDENTS DEFY PARENTS TO WED

WEDDING CULMINATES ROMANCE OF BROKEN AUTO.

Ungallant Driver and Acquaintance of Dusty Roadside Marry.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—A romance that began when the bride-elect found her hero under a disabled automobile by a dusty roadside last summer culminated in the marriage at Victoria, B. C., last week.

The story of the meeting is romantic. Miss Hammond was strolling along the road at the foot of Queen Anne Hill with her chum, Miss Eleanor Ellis, when they espied a big touring car halted in the car were friends and under the car was Gregg, Miss Hammond was introduced. Gregg, disheveled and grimy, was not in the mood for soft speech.

DECIES AND BRIDE TARRY

On Way to Jekyl, My Lady Regales Herself With Cigarette.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Lord and Lady Decies were given an ovation upon their arrival in Brunswick this afternoon on their way to Jekyl Island.

The couple were at dinner when their train arrived. When they had finished lunch, the bride took a seat by a window in full view of the many curious onlookers and puffed a cigarette to the accompaniment of cheers from the crowd.

As the steamer departed, the young bride waved her hand and smiled to the large crowd, while Lord Decies lifted his hat and waved a farewell.

For one week they will be the guests of Edwin Gould, an uncle of the bride, occupying his beautiful cottage at Jekyl Island.

CIVIL WAR HERO STUDENT

W. C. Cusick, Aged 69, Registers at University of Oregon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—W. C. Cusick, 69 years of age, a pioneer of 1853 and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, is registered in the department of botany at the University of Oregon.

This Civil War veteran boards at the University dormitory and studies side by side with young men who are only one-third and one-fourth his age, yet he has done so with such grace that his distinction had passed by unnoticed until quite recently.

Mr. Cusick served throughout the Civil War in the First Oregon Infantry, under the command of Colonel Curry.

The venerable pioneer is planning to turn this collection over to the university when it has been completed.

PRODIGAL WASTES CASH

Wife Checks Extravagance by Obtaining Insanity Warrant.

The extravagance of Robert E. Smith, a retired milkman and pioneer of Yamhill County, was checked yesterday by his wife, who swore to a complaint in McMinnville declaring her husband to be insane.

Smith for years was the only dairyman of consequence at McMinnville. He sold out five years ago and bought a farm, which he sold two weeks ago for \$10,000.

Smith is nearly 65 years old. Sheriff Henderson said that a stomach ailment had affected the dairyman's mind.

RED CROSS FOUNDER ILL

Miss Clara Barton Is Stricken With Bronchitis, Pneumonia.

OXFORD, Mass., Feb. 9.—Miss Clara Barton, founder and for many years president of the National Red Cross in the United States, has been seriously ill of bronchitis and pneumonia at her home in Glen Echo, Md., according to information received by friends here.

SENATE APPROVES MALARKEY'S BILL

Hot Debate Precedes Final Action.

STATE-WIDE MEASURE WINS

Joseph Leads Fight on Public Service Commission.

DEBATE BITTER AT TIMES

Drafter of Proposed Law Riddles Initiative Bill to Give Portland Own Commission—Weaknesses and Fallacies Shown.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—By a sweeping vote Senator Dan J. Malarkey's state-wide public service commission bill received the endorsement of the Senate this morning, but five of the full quota of Senators declaring against it.

This came after an all morning debate which developed highly interesting and tense situations, startling denunciations which at times threatened to develop into pugilism.

One of the strongest features of the arguments came when Senator Malarkey riddled the proposed initiative bill to give Portland a public service commission of its own; dissected, section after section, pointing out its weaknesses and its fallacies and plainly showing where Portland is powerless to regulate its public utilities without the assistance of the state, its courts and its public officials.

Malarkey opened the debate by explaining that he had asked for a special order that any interrogatories which the Senators wished to direct at him might be answered.

"It has been alleged in this Senate and in committee that the bill is full of ambiguities and jokers," he said. "Nevertheless, yesterday afternoon, when the bill was read section by section, the one making the allegation was either in the hall or sat quiescent in his seat, found no jokers, and a word came from him. The statement made yesterday by the chairman of the railroad committee is just as false as all the other statements emanating from him in reference to this bill."

Joseph Says Bill Has Jokers.

Joseph opened the argument in opposition to the bill and recited the history of the attempt to secure regulation of public utilities, citing back to the formation of a small club by D. L. Povey in September, 1908, and telling of the appointment of a committee to secure advice as to the commission plan and to outline a method of procedure.

Then Joseph attempted to point out some of the alleged jokers in the bill, stating that it is but a garbled copy of

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WOMAN HOLDS RECORD

Albany Resident Named Examiner of Titles, First Oregon Instance.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—For the first time since the Torrens system of registration of titles to land was adopted in Oregon, seven years ago, a woman acted as examiner of title in a proceeding to register title today.

Miss Lella Mitchell was appointed by Judge Galloway here this afternoon to examine the titles in two applications in the State Circuit Court for Linn County and upon her report, filed later, decrees ordering the registration of the titles were entered.

Miss Mitchell, who now has the honor of being the first Oregon woman to serve as a court examiner of title, has been head clerk for many years in the office of the Albany Abstract Company.

ROBBER IS ROBBED, LEAVING RECTOR'S

Willard Confesses and Plot Is Unfolded.

HIS CONFIDANT HOLDS HIM UP

Waiter Is Party to Conspiracy to Rob Restaurant.

WOMAN BETRAYS GUILTY

Saloonkeeper in Whom Willard Confides Organizes Another Gang Which Forces Him to Disgorge All Plunder.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Even a thief is not safe in Chicago, is the plea which Charles Willard made to the police today, when he confessed that he held up Rector's restaurant last Sunday morning and secured \$3300.

Willard's joy in having this money was short-lived, he said, for, as he was leaving the cafe door, he was met by three men, with a revolver pressed against his side, escorted him to an alley and robbed him of the proceeds of the holdup.

Willard, according to his confession, was one of three conspirators who planned and executed the Rector hold-up. He in turn was the victim of a conspiracy devised by a friend to whom he confided the plan for robbing the safe.

The story, incredible as it at first seemed to the police, was corroborated and \$500 recovered. William Loftus, a saloonkeeper, has been re-arrested and charged with having been an accessory to the robbery and with having received stolen property.

Woman Gives Clue to Crime.

The original robbery occurred in Rector's restaurant Sunday morning, when a lone robber entered, as John Adams, the cashier, and Ray Salaine, assistant head waiter, were near the cashier's desk. Aiming a revolver at the men, he proceeded to procure \$3300 from the cashier's desk.

Salaine named Harry Anderson, a companion, as one of the conspirators, and after the arrest of Willard, both denounced him for his failure to meet them later and divide the spoils.

Robber Held Up by "Friend."

Willard after his arrest asserted he in turn had been "held up" a few minutes after leaving the restaurant. The police refused to believe him, but later

HOME RUN GETS PLAYER A BRIDE

GIRL LOSES HEART WHEN SWAT WINS GAME.

Honeymoon Trip of Northwestern League Star Is Climax of Grandstand Romance.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—William Fisher, first baseman of the Vernon baseball club, and Miss Florence Gantner, a beautiful young Pasadena girl, were married today in Pasadena by Father Quinlan, of the Catholic Church.

The wedding is the outcome of a romance which started when Fisher was playing with the Pasadena club. Miss Gantner was a daily visitor to the ball grounds and a zealous rooter for the home club. In a critical period of one of the contests with the score tied in the ninth and two out, Fisher, with a mighty swing of his bat, hammered the ball over the fence, winning the game and the heart of the fair "rooter" in the grandstand at the same time.

FAIR LOOMS IN SENATE

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Other reasons given are:

That San Francisco asks no pecuniary aid from the National Government; that the location at that point will cause many to travel through the canal; that the trip will be of educational advantage to visitors from the East, especially that it will be an encouragement to trade with the Orient.

TAMALE CARRIES POISON

Vancouver Woman in Critical Condition After Eating.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Poisoned from eating a hot tamale in a local restaurant Sunday night, Mrs. Emery, wife of W. G. Emery, for the past four years secretary of the Northwest Photographers' Association, and a well-known woman, is reported to be in a critical condition Monday her fever ran as high as 104.2 and she became delirious.

Gradually she seemed to recuperate and grow stronger, and today tried to walk downstairs, but it was too much. She was taken violently ill again, and was taken back to her room. She is more seriously poisoned than the doctor first thought.

It is presumed that the meat in the tamale was from cold storage and the poison was in that. The tamales are said to be made fresh daily from fresh materials.

EAMES WILL BUY GOGORZA

Prima Donna Agrees to Pay \$100,000 to Discarded Wife.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Madame Emma Eames has decided that \$100,000 is as nothing when an affinity is involved, and has decided to pay this sum in order to marry the baritone De Gogorza. This musical romance with a financial string will end in marriage as soon as the legal arrangements can be made.

This pair of musical lovers have had many difficulties to overcome, chief among the obstacles in the way of their perfect happiness being Madame de Gogorza, the baritone's wife. Before allowing her husband to secure a divorce in order that he might marry the American prima donna, she insisted upon an ample provision for herself, asking \$100,000. The baritone had nothing like this amount, and Eames, hitherto has refused to pay such a price, even for a musical affinity.

GOLD FARM LURES CARRIER

Vancouver-Orchards Mailman Resigns to Seek Metal.

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On his little farm near Sifton Mr. Thompson has found black sand that assays from \$1.25 to \$2.50, and he believes he can make money working it.

CIRCULATION IS WANTED

Heyburn Would Hunt Subscribers for Congressional Record.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A copy of the Daily Congressional Record for every home is contemplated in a bill introduced today by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho. The bill provides that the Record shall be supplied at the rate of \$1 per year, and that all postmasters may take subscriptions.

MINERS ENTOMBED BY BIG EXPLOSION

Fears Felt for Lives of Workmen.

RESCUERS WORK DESPERATELY

Accident at Cokedale, Near Trinidad, Is Unexplained.

TWO SHOT-FIRERS ESCAPE

Timbers Are Thrown 200 Feet by Force of Blast, but No Serious Falls of Rock Follow—Government Men Summoned.

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SALEM LINEMAN IS SUICIDE

Clyde Ashley, 28 Years Old, Drinks Carbollic Acid.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Clyde Ashley, a young man 28 years old, who has been employed by the Pacific States Telephone Company as a lineman, killed himself this morning at 9 o'clock by drinking a large quantity of carbollic acid.

