



NEW ENGLAND BIDS GOOD-BYE TO TAFT

Business Men Promise Loyal Support.

TARIFF COURSE APPROVED

Spokesman for 2,000,000 Is Head of Delegation.

FAITH IS UNWAVERING

President Says He Will Talk With People on Many Issues That Do Not Attract Attention of Politicians.

BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 13.—"God-speed," and the assurance of the support of New England business interests were the messages of cheer carried to President Taft today by R. M. Davidson, of Worcester, Mass., president of the New England Association of Commercial executives, and 80 members of that association, who motored to Paramatta to say good-bye to the Executive before he starts West.

"As you go out from among us on your long and arduous tour," said Mr. Davidson, "we want you to go with the Godspeed of New England ringing in your ears. Other sections may waver, but we will not. You are President and as such are entitled to our sympathy, our loyalty and our unflinching trust. And you have this in abundant measure."

Policies Are Approved. Mr. Davidson approved the President's course on reciprocity, his policy of conservation and his determination that the tariff should be revised only when a nonpartisan body should have reported that reductions were warranted.

Even if the passion of the hour precluded possible action at this time, Mr. Davidson declared, history would justify him.

"The great masses of the people, all of whom would be vitally affected by any radical change for the worse in their living conditions," said he, "are singularly dependent on you and, although they are not temperate in their views, in the end they will realize that you are what we all know you to be, their true and lasting friend."

Issues Not All Political. After Mr. Davidson concluded the President shook hands with the delegates, and made a short speech, saying: "I am very much touched by your coming here to bid me Godspeed on this trip, which I am going to take I am going to do the best I can on this trip to talk to the people on the issues that it is well for the people to consider that do not attract politicians at all. They are the issues that do not figure in the headlines, and yet contribute much to the welfare of the people and it is well for the people to understand them."

"I have not referred to the issues which your chairman and spokesman touched on with so much eloquence, because I do not think it necessary. Regarding reciprocity and the tariff board, you know where I stand and it is not necessary for me to convince those who are of the same opinion that I am."

Guests Received on Lawn. The President received his guests on the front lawn and Mr. Davidson spoke from a little hillock. In beginning his address, he said that the delegates present represented 23 commercial organizations in six states, and that he was acting as "business spokesman for more than two million people." He said in part: "We have watched your course in the White House, and before the people are satisfied that if you have made mistakes they are the mistakes of an honest man who had rather do something and be wrong than do nothing and be right."

"We want, at this time, when perhaps you need more than ever before the moral support of every sincere lover of his country, to express to you as citizens of New England, our confidence in your judgment and our faith in your plans in the three great undertakings that have so far characterized your administration—reciprocity with Canada, the conservation of our resources, and the wisdom of a thorough investigation by a competent, non-partisan tariff board of the important schedules of the tariff in order that we may, if possible, once for all settle this vexed question in our economic life."

Conservatism Is Necessary. "The welfare of our great working class, as well as of capital, is so essential to our development as a people that we desire as business men conservative action in all matters tending materially to alter the basis upon which our prosperity rests."

"We believe that the American people were never better housed, better fed, better clothed and as a rule better paid than today, and we are anxious that if any changes are contemplated in our industrial condition they shall be made after a thorough investigation by a strictly non-partisan body of men whose findings shall not be colored by the desire for political success, but rather by a sincere desire to improve upon the splendid civilization we already boast."

\$80,000 COST OF ROOSEVELT HUNT

THREE-FIFTHS IS DEFRAYED BY SMITHSONIAN.

Colonel's Friends Contributed, Cash, and Not Penny of Government Fund Is Used.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(Special.)—In round numbers the cost of the Roosevelt expedition into Africa, under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution, was \$80,000. The expenses of the actual hunting were divided by the Smithsonian paying about three-fifths and Colonel Roosevelt about two-fifths. The division of expenses ceased, it was said at the institution today, when Colonel Roosevelt started on his tour of Egypt and Europe, homeward bound. Secretary Walcott is the only person who knows who were the contributors to the \$57,000 spent by the institution in defraying its three-fifths of the expenses of the hunt. He has assured the board of regents that not one penny of money appropriated by the Federal Government was used, and that the money was all collected by him personally from friends of the Colonel.

\$70,000 DIVORCE REWARD

Chanler Said to Be Willing to Pay Sum to Be Rid of Lina Cavalieri.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—(Special.)—An offer of \$70,000 for a divorce is to be made by Robert Winthrop Chanler to his wife, Lina Cavalieri, the opera singer, it was reported today. Sidney Harris, counsel for "Sheriff Bob" Chanler, is on his way to Paris, his friends say, carrying a check that it is believed will cause the diva to waive all claims on the Chanler income.

Cavalieri and her husband who have been separated since the end of a honeymoon lasting only two weeks, want to settle their troubles, but each side distrusts the other. Cavalieri demands real money for her signature on the paper that will free her artist husband from a distasteful alliance—no checks will do. On the other hand, Chanler's lawyers, knowing how angry the diva is that she has not been able to get her hands on a marriage settlement, fear a trick in any promise she may make.

SEPTEMBER RAINIEST YET

Month's Record 4.44 Inches, by Far Greatest in 40 Years.

All previous records for rainfall in September are exceeded by the precipitation since the first of this month, which has now reached a total of 4.44 inches. Rain has fallen every day this month, excepting the first, seventh and thirteenth, making a total of ten September rainy days, which is also unusual for Portland and vicinity.

The record that stood for the whole month of September up to this time was 4.25 inches. That record was made in September, 1884. The nearest approach to this figure heretofore, was in 1901, when 3.37 inches of rain fell. The normal fall, shown by the records of 40 years is only 1.48 inches, which was exceeded by midnight September 4, when the precipitation reached 2.19 inches. At the same time the record was broken for the heaviest rainfall in 24 consecutive hours.

\$10,000 IS TURNED DOWN

Shabbily Dressed Woman Disappointed by Postal Bank Clerk.

Among the three score persons who appeared yesterday at the Postal Bank to make money deposits was a shabbily dressed woman who asked to open an account. When the clerk asked how much she wished to deposit, she said, "Ten thousand dollars," and began dumping piles of gold and currency on the counter. She learned, much to her dissatisfaction, that she may deposit only \$100 of this sum.

Another depositor brought his hoard of \$100 in gold and silver. The total deposits yesterday were \$4675, and savings cards and stamps the total amounted to \$1.88. There were 62 new depositors, and three added to the deposits they had previously made. Two withdrew their entire deposits. The maximum of deposits allowed for one person for one month is \$100, and not more than \$200 may be in the bank to the credit of one person at one time.

PRINCE TO MARRY, REPORT

Duke of Connaught's Son Engaged to Russian Princess Is Rumor.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—A report is current that Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the Duke of Connaught, the newly commissioned Governor-General of Canada, is engaged to marry Princess Irene, daughter of the Grand Duchess Xenia Alexandrova, who is a sister of Emperor Nicholas of Russia.

MADERISTAS FIRED UPON

Eight Killed, 16 Injured, on Train by Yucatan State Guards.

MERIDA, Yucatan, Sept. 13.—Eight men were killed and 16 injured last night when state guards fired into a special train of excursionists coming to join in the manifestation to F. I. Madero.

MISSIONARIES IN BELEAGUERED CITY

No Effort Made to Relieve Cheng-Tu.

TROOPS RESISTING STRONGLY

Foreigners Take Refuge in Methodist Compound.

ARMS BELIEVED WANTING

Pekin Residents Think Viceroy Can Cope With Situation—Foreign Gunboats Unable to Proceed Above Su-Fu.

PEKIN, Sept. 13.—Latest advices received by the Chinese foreign board and the foreign legations indicate that Cheng-tu, capital of Szechuan province, is under siege, that most, if not all, the missionaries are inside the walls and that the city is garrisoned by 1800 troops, which have had several engagements with the besieging forces. A dispatch from the prefect of Tau-chau, dated September 12, says that the troops were firing upon the rebels from the Cheng-tu walls and the besiegers had lost many men. The belief is held that the garrison is capable of resisting the attacks of any number of organized rebels from the outside. Tau-chau is 75 miles from Cheng-tu.

Methodists Have Refuge. The Canadian Methodist compound within the city has open spaces around its own walls. It is believed that the foreigners have taken refuge within this compound, which is considered the strongest and the most easily defended. Pekin missionaries who have been in former riots in Cheng-tu, say that whatever Chinese troops were dispatched to guard the mission would be stationed outside the compound and would not be permitted to get within the gates.

Whether the foreigners and the natives inside the walls are prepared to endure a siege is not known. The question of supplies is all important, and it is probable from past experiences that the missionaries have taken precautions against such a contingency.

No Relief Dispatched. The missionaries, however, have no weapons, unless they have been supplied by the viceroy. Every effort is being made to communicate with Cheng-tu, but so far there has been no movement to relieve the city. Foreigners have been confident of the ability of the viceroy to suppress the uprising. The situation south of Szechuan continues tranquil. All gatherings in Pekin in sympathy with the revolutionary movement in Szechuan have been dispersed by the police. The foreign gunboats have been unable to proceed above Su-fu.

HANKOW, Sept. 13.—The native press publishes a report that the Viceroy's Yamen at Cheng Tu has been destroyed and many foreigners have been killed. It is reported also that the

EPIDEMIC HORRORS GROW

Soldiers With Cholera Locked in Without Food or Medicine.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 13.—A dispatch to the Novoe Vremya from Constantinople, describing the horrors of the cholera epidemic in Macedonia, says the soldiers are crowded in locked cars when ill and left without water or medical aid.

On the Mitrovitsaup Railroad, living and dead victims of the cholera have been thrown from car windows by their comrades.

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\$200,000,000 PACT OF SAWMILLS SURE

More Than Half of Tidewater Plants Sign.

RESULT OF SECRET MEET OUT

Timber Control Needed to Form Combine Obtained.

MARCH 1 IS MERGER DATE

Lumbermen of Oregon and Washington Owning Over 50 Per Cent of Columbia River Cut to Consolidate—Trust Denied.

Merger of tidewater sawmills, representing 65 per cent of the lumber output of Western Oregon and Western Washington, promoted by Henry J. Pierce, of Spokane, for Eastern capitalists, is virtually assured. It was learned yesterday that millowners, representing more than 50 per cent of the Columbia River cut, had signed the consolidation agreement. Millmen representing over 85 per cent of the output of the Grays Harbor (Washington) district had already joined the proposed merger.

The agreement to which the millmen have subscribed stipulates that its conditions are to be binding only in event manufacturers representing 65 per cent of the output of the tidewater sawmills of the two states become parties to the contract prior to January 1, 1912. It is further stipulated in the agreement that Mr. Pierce, who has not disclosed his principals, shall have until March 1, 1912, to organize the proposed company and take over the mill properties and timber holdings of the contracting lumbermen.

Fifteen-Year Supply Assured. It is also incumbent on Mr. Pierce and his associates satisfactorily to show to the millmen adequate capital for acquiring sufficient additional timber to insure the continuous operation of all the mills embraced in the merger at full capacity for a period of 15 years. It is estimated that the mills that will be included in the consolidation, if it is finally consummated, and it probably will be, now own only enough timber to supply their mills for five years.

Acquisition of the mills to be included in the consolidation will involve an expenditure of approximately \$50,000,000. Purchase of the necessary timber acreage for insuring the operation of the mills for 15 years is even a more gigantic undertaking, representing a greater investment than taking over the mill properties. Purchase of the mills and additional timberland called for in the agreement will probably call for a capitalization of nearly \$50,000,000.

Many Millmen Sign Pact. Millmen operating on the Columbia River and its tributaries signed the agreement late Tuesday night following.

MAID OF 7 KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

HOOD RIVER DOCTOR'S DAUGHTER RUN DOWN BY BIG CAR.

Fractured Skull Sustained and Death Follows in 15 Minutes When J. A. Epping's Machine Hits Girl.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Hood River Valley had its first automobile fatal accident yesterday, when little Dorothy Collie, the 7-year-old daughter of Dr. W. R. Collie, was run down by a car driven by Miss Dorothy Epping, daughter of J. Adrian Epping, a prominent orchardist of the valley.

The little girl was on her way home in a buggy. The vehicle had stopped in front of the Collie home. Unfortunately the vehicle was standing in the middle of the highway. The child had alighted just as the car appeared from the rear. Miss Epping blew the horn and the little girl attempted to reach the sidewalk but was struck by the machine and hurled to the road. She sustained a fractured skull and life was extinct within 15 minutes.

From the statement of bystanders, the accident was unavoidable. The car was moving at a slow rate of speed. Mr. Epping says: "We were driving at a moderate speed along the east side road, when we saw a team stop in front of us in the middle of the road. The children in the vehicle alighted and were standing beside the rig. My daughter warned them that we were going to pass and they seemed to be expecting it. We were right on them when the boy ran in front of us. We barely missed him and the little girl was caught as she followed."

The parents of the child were away from home and did not arrive until the little girl had expired. Miss Epping is prostrated by the accident.

KRUSE TRACED TO QUEBEC

Relatives Hear He Was There September 3—Europe May Be Goal.

Information has been received that Theodore Kruse, the missing hotel man, was seen September 3 in Quebec, Canada, and it is believed that he is en route to his old home in Germany where his father is reported to be seriously ill. Mrs. Kruse confirms the report that her husband had been traced to Quebec.

Friends and others who have been keeping tab on the case say there is no foundation to the report that Kruse is hiding in or near Portland. The rumor circulated that Kruse has been seen in Portland this week is attributed to the presence at the Belvedere Hotel of Walter Hall, who has been employed there for several years and who is often mistaken by many for Kruse.

It was learned by relatives of Kruse several days ago that he was in Quebec September 3. They informed the detective bureau at Seattle that further search for him in Seattle would be vain. It is believed Kruse boarded a steamer at Quebec and bade the United States and his Portland troubles farewell.

STORK IS ACTIVE IN LINN

40 New Babies Arrive in County in August; Deaths but Eight.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—By the remarkable ratio of 5 to 1, births outnumbered deaths in Linn County last August. The report of Dr. W. H. Davis, County Health Officer, filed today, shows 40 births and only eight deaths in Linn County for the month. Of the 40 new natives 21 were girls and 19 were boys. The annual death rate of Linn County, as shown by the health records here, is only about 4 in 1000, which is one of the lowest in the country. And most of the deaths here, the statistics reveal, are those of very old people or very young children. Only three of the eight who died in August were in middle life. Two were children under 2 years of age and the other three had lived to old age, one being 81, one 81 and the other 62.

FARMER OUTWITS TRUST

40 Tobacco Plants in Rogne River Man's Garden Grow Lustily.

GOLD HILL, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—J. N. Fountain, of Gold Hill, will be independent of the tobacco trust this winter as a result of an experimental patch of the nicotine weed which he has growing up his garden. Forty thrifty plants bear witness that tobacco is one of the crops of high commercial value that may be grown in the Rogne River Valley. The leaves are more than three feet long. The patch has been irrigated, but the soil had no special fertilization.

MILLERS PROTEST RATES

Western Roads Accused by League in Four Southwest States.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Unjust and discriminatory rules and practices respecting the trans-shipment of grain and grain products by the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe and other Western roads were alleged in a complaint filed today with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The complaint was made by the Southwestern Millers' League, an organization of grain millers of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma.

PORTLAND YOUTH ADMITS BURGLARY

Young Reynolds Free With Stolen Coin.

MANY ROBBERIES CONFESSED

"My Fault I Was Nabbed," 14-Year-Old Declares.

WORK DONE IN DAYTIME

Big Mansions Prove Disappointing, and Little Houses Net Better Returns—Liberality Is Road to Downfall.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Through the arrest by Redlands officers today of Elmer Reynolds, aged 14, son of a business man of Portland, the mystery surrounding the boy, who lived at the best hotels of Los Angeles for two weeks, baffling the efforts of the hotel detectives to learn his identity, and finally disappearing, has been solved.

A remarkable story of juvenile adventure in Southern California was unfolded when young Reynolds was taken into custody. The boy disappeared from his home in Portland two months ago. According to his story he was not inactive a moment after he turned his back upon home.

Fifteen Cities Visited.

The boy used as a wealthy youngster seeing the country and traveling across the continent to join his people. He lived at the best hotels, ate of the best food and spent money lavishly, tipping bell boys liberally. Since he left home he has visited 15 cities along the Pacific Coast, including San Francisco, Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego and Santa Barbara.

His detention at Redlands was the result of an investigation into the manner in which he secured the money upon which he lived so well. Reynolds was taken to Redlands and accused of many recent burglaries. In a short time he confessed and agreed to take the officer to all of the houses he had entered. He went without difficulty to 11 houses that had been reported entered and told how he broke into them.

Small Houses Best to Rob.

"Your big mansions are a fake. I didn't get a thing in any of them," he said. "But I made good hauls in the little houses on Orange street. I was disgusted with your old town and was going to get out for good when I got nabbed at Colton. That was my fault. At San Bernardino I tried to get a train to Los Angeles, but had to wait an hour; they told me to go to Colton and I could get a fast train. I went there and got caught."

"The only other time I came near getting caught was at the big Thurnquist house on San Mateo street. Sure, I always remember names of streets. While I was hunting for money I heard some one go in the rear door and I ran through the front door. I lost my notebook and cut my hand twice in escaping."

"I knew Lauterborn had gone fishing, and so took my time at his house, finding \$1450 in an apron pocket. I took a bath while there. I did all my work in the daytime, and only at houses where I knew the people were not at home."

"I ran away from home two months ago. I had \$50, but soon spent it, and had to get money, so I began robbing houses, taking only money and jewelry. I don't know how many houses I have entered in towns on the Coast. I arrived in Los Angeles three weeks ago and went to the VanNuy's. To get the money to stay there I had to rob."

Reporter Close on Trail.

"While I was there a reporter stopped me one day and asked if a picture he had was of me. I would not lie to him, but bluffed him out. I said, 'Does it look like me?' and he admitted that it didn't. It was a picture taken two years ago. I had to leave Los Angeles when I learned my father was coming there to get me."

"DRYS" TRIUMPH IN MAINE

Careful Count Shows Prohibition Is Retained by 365 Votes.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 13.—On the face of the returns from Monday's special election on the question of repeal of constitutional prohibition, collected and compiled by the Associated Press, Maine remains prohibition by 365 votes. The first returns received have been verified and revised in all but seven instances.

