



STRATEGY OF WOOL BILL FAVORS TAFT

President's Position Is Much Strengthened

INSURGENTS ARE IN QUANDARY

Insincerity of Democratic Position Grows Plain.

BOARD'S ANALYSIS IGNORED

Reporting of Old Bill, Once Vetted, Evidence of Real Desire to Retain Schedule K of President Tariff Law.

HARRY J. BROWN, OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 4.—President Taft and his friends are entirely satisfied with the political situation which comes about through the action of the Democratic House in standing by its wool bill of last session. The President felt that the country sustained his veto of the compromise wool bill last summer and if he is correct in that analysis, the country will sustain him again in the event the Senate, by a combination of Democrats and insurgents, passes the House wool bill or any measure approaching it in terms.

When the tariff board on the wool schedule. But for the past four months a complete report of the tariff board has been in the hands of the ways and means committee and instead of making the slightest pretense at studying that report, the ways and means committee reported out its old "pop-gun" bill, which it knew at the time would not receive Presidential approval.

Substitute Will Be Offered.

What will happen to the wool bill in the Senate is not known. A substitute for the House bill will be offered, drawn upon lines that conform to the findings of the tariff board. Whether this bill will pass or whether there will be enough insurgents willing to ignore the tariff board and support the Democratic bill, is yet to be determined. The tariff board was created largely by the votes of the Democrats and insurgents and if the insurgents ignore the report of that board they will be repudiating their own position.

When Mr. Underwood reported his wool bill for the second time he knew full well that it would not become a law. Even if it passed the Senate, he knew that it would be vetoed by the President. He has undertaken to explain why he ignored the report of the board and his explanation will need considerable further explaining before being accepted.

Taft's Position Strengthened

There has been no change in conditions affecting the wool tariff since the special session last summer, except that the tariff board has submitted its report. When the President last August vetoed the Democratic wool bill, he vetoed his own judgment that the 25 per cent duty on raw wool was unjustifiably low. Today he not only has his own judgment, but the report of the tariff board, which shows that this rate is too low to be protective. So, as a matter of fact the President is stronger in his position now than he was last August.

When the Democrats first introduced their wool bill at the special session, there was some hope that it might be signed by the President, even though he did not approve it. It was not known until the last thing that the bill was to be vetoed. But when Mr. Underwood reintroduced the bill, he had full warning in advance that his bill would be rejected by the President and could not become a law.

The fact that the House ways and means committee, backed by the Democratic House, has seen fit to reintroduce the old wool bill, knowing that it could not pass, places the Democrats in a position where it will be said that they did not want a revision of the wool tariff and are merely following a policy which they know will result in retaining schedule K of the present tariff on the statute books for another year at least, if the Senate adopts the pending Democratic bill.

WILSON FUNDS RUNNING LOW

New Jersey Governor Says Campaign Is Bankrupt Again.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Governor Wilson came to Washington today on his way West and spent several hours in conference with political managers, Senators and Representatives.

"Our campaign is now depending upon friends and their brains," said Governor Wilson. "We have no money. Our campaign has been bankrupt four times, including the present. It is to confer with my friends in the two Houses of Congress that I am here."

Wilson Withdraws as Populist.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 4.—Woodrow Wilson has written Secretary of State Taft, requesting that his name be withdrawn from the Populist ballot, as a candidate for the preferential vote at the primaries. Admirers of the New Jersey Governor had filed him as both a Democratic and Populist candidate.

NOBLEMAN'S BILL IS CUT BY COURT

JUDGE DECIDES MONTENEGRO PRINCE NEEDN'T PAY \$6542.

Defendant in Suit Is Member of Royal House Who Married Wealthy San Francisco Woman.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—(Special.)—Milos M. Gopcevic, scion of the reigning house of Montenegro and brother of Rado Gopcevic, heir apparent to the throne of Bulgaria, who ten years ago became the husband of Mrs. Harriet Floyd, a wealthy society matron when he was a gripman in the employ of the California Car Company, will not have to pay Dr. Walter H. Fearn \$10 an hour for 24 hours of each day for 23 days when attending his sick brother, Redar.

In the Superior Court today Judge Seawell, in deciding the suit of Dr. Fearn to collect such \$6542.50, alleged to be due the physician for the service, gave judgment against the nobleman for \$480, holding that this is the value of service performed by Dr. Fearn, less a few hundred admitted by the physician to have been paid on account.

Gopcevic is now engaged in the real estate business.

"LOUD SOCK" DAY IS HERE

Lincoln High School Boys to Appear in Brilliant Hosiery.

Slaves having brothers attending Lincoln High School will be found trying to hide all their favorite pairs of hose for the annual "loud sock" day has arrived at Lincoln High, and nothing having any semblance to variety or color other than ordinary will be safe today.

Many of the students have been making special brands of socks, taking a long green or blue or red pair, the longer better, upon which they have painted or sewed large patches of some color in direct contrast to the main body of the hose.

Some have been searching the department stores for the cream of variegated socks, and have been fortunate enough to find something startling, but they refuse to divulge the exact nature of their discoveries.

One admitted yesterday that he had found something startlingly original, in the nature of shiny green stockings with long red serpent-like streaks down the full length.

GILL TO ASK RECOUNT SOON

Proceedings Over Seattle Majority Election to Be Filed.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Awaiting only the finishing touches, the complaint in the proceedings designed to bring about a recount of the votes cast in the late municipal election, filed by George F. Cottrell, Mayor, will be made the defendant. One of the campaign managers said yesterday that the boxes were in a room where a cat might be thrown through the wall without injuring the cat.

MOTHERS' DAY SCHEDULED

Annual Proclamation Issued by Oklahoma Governor's Daughter.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 4.—The most unusual proclamation that ever appeared in Oklahoma is that written by Miss Lorena Cruce, a daughter of Governor Cruce, calling upon the people of the state to observe "mothers' day," May 12. It was written at the suggestion of the Governor.

As Miss Cruce's mother is dead, Miss Cruce, although but 16 years of age, is "the first lady of the land" in Oklahoma. The proclamation asks that "each citizen, whether old or young, rich or poor, happy or sorrowful, remember her whose love pisseth human understanding, and, remembering, manifest to the world love and gratitude by wearing a white carnation in honor of the dearest of all mothers, and, wearing it, think of her and love her."

WOMEN TO GUARD POLLS

Suffragists Will Be at Every Voting Place in Chicago Tuesday.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Chicago's polls will be "manned" by woman suffragists at the state primary election next Tuesday. There will be a woman watcher at each of the 1400 polling places.

This was made possible today when county Judge Owen directed the election commissioners to allow women to watch the count of the vote on the suffrage proposition, April 9.

BANKS SET NEW RECORD

Clearings for Day in Portland Total \$3,590,898.

Bank clearings in Portland yesterday aggregated \$3,590,898, the highest figure on record. The previous record was \$3,283,484, on April 19, 1911.

This remarkable showing is due in part to the transfer of funds from the Sheriff to the County Treasurer following the close of the tax collection period, but the great bulk of the business represented the regular volume of trade, which constantly is growing.

FLOODS GIVE NO RELENTING SIGNS

Raging Mississippi Increases Its Force.

LEVEES STRAINED TO LIMIT

Disease Lurks in Polluted Water Supply in Memphis.

RELIEF REACHES HICKMAN

Total Death List Reaches Ten When Young Woman and Negro Are Drowned—Traffic on Streams Practically at Standstill.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—No sign of abatement of the flood that for days has dealt or threatened disaster all along the banks of the Mississippi River from St. Louis to Arkansas points was apparent tonight. Instead the water came from the north in ever-increasing volume, along with predictions that more would follow.

The river has come within two-tenths of a foot of what the Memphis weather forecaster has termed the deadline—44 feet. In his opinion the levees will go when the pressure is reached. A stage of 45 feet, ten feet above the danger line, is predicted. Weak spots have developed at Mound City, Ark., and at the Reelfoot levee, west of Hickman, Ky.

Efforts Are Redoubled.

All along the river shifts of men engaged in reinforcing the levees were urged to redoubled efforts, while behind the dikes those who had not obeyed the warning and fled gathered up or secured their movable property and hastened to the hills.

Numerous unconfirmed reports of danger to Ohio levees not designed to withstand an unheard-of flood increased.

The day brought relief in the shape of provisions and tents to the 3500 refugees at Hickman, Ky. Governor Harmon of Ohio, yesterday offered more tents for the Tennessee and Kentucky sufferers.

Water Supply Polluted.

At Memphis, where no less than a dozen first-class steamboats are tied up, the flooding of the whole low-lying north section, it is feared, has polluted the water supply. The health authorities have warned the residents of the closed-in section to boil their drinking water as a preventive measure.

The death list has reached ten. At Burkhead, Ky., Miss Alexander was drowned when a boat capsized in the overflowed section of Red River. A negro was drowned at New Madrid, Mo.

One of the phases of the flood is the tying up of practically all traffic, not only on the river but on the land.

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MAN, 75, HELD UP; WIFE, 72, RESCUES

AGED WOMAN'S ACT SAVES MONEY IN STORE TILL.

Though Would-Be Robber Points Revolver at Husband, Spouse Rushes and Holdup Free.

Mrs. Thomas Howell, aged 72 years, came to the aid of her 75-year-old husband last night, when two men held him up in his store at 254 Hood street, and by the vigor of her attack frightened both the holdup men away, saving the contents of the till of the store.

One of the robbers carried a revolver. One of the men stood outside the door, while the smaller of the two, carrying a revolver, entered. Howell, who was in front of the store, is partially blind and could not at first understand what was wanted when the robber held the gun in front of him and commanded him to throw up his hands. He screamed for help.

Mrs. Howell, who was sitting in the room in the rear of the store, where the old couple live, ran in at his shouts. When she saw the robber with his gun pointed at her husband, she ran at the robber. He hastily put down the gun and started for the door. There, joined by his companion and pursued by the aged angry woman, he made his escape in the darkness.

CLUB WOMEN ASK BALLOT

McMinnville Civic Improvement Organization Adopts Resolution.

McMINNVILLE, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—The following resolution was passed unanimously by the Civic Improvement Club of McMinnville at its meeting this afternoon:

"Whereas, Justice demands that women should be raised from the political level of the idiot, the lunatic, and the felon, by granting the right of the ballot, and

"Whereas, Experience has proved that in countries and states where this right has been given to women they have exercised it intelligently and for the good of the commonwealth; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Civic Improvement Club of McMinnville, Or., united with other organizations of women in petitioning the men of Oregon to place our state in line with the progressive states of the West by granting to her women the power of the ballot at the next general election."

This club has a membership of 100 McMinnville women and by their own efforts cleared \$250 out of their society circus programme and supper. This money will all be applied for new books for the Public Library.

SPOKANE WILL AID POOR

Vacant Lots to Be Ploughed and Rent Donated.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 4.—To enable the poor to aid themselves in securing a food supply, the Spokane City Council has made arrangements for the free plowing of back yards and vacant lots for those who wish to raise vegetables and grain.

Several hundred vacant lots will be donated by real estate dealers for the gardens.

REBELS' SURPRISE COMPLETE

Villa Almost Envelops Attackers, and Routes Them.

WITH GENERAL CAMPA'S LIBERAL ARMY, NEAR PARRAL, Mexico, April 4.—(By courier to El Paso, Tex., April 4.)—The defeat of General Campa in his attack on Parral today was a rout. The federal defenders of the city had been reinforced, and all but surrounded the rebel command, which did well to escape destruction.

When Campa had planted his rapid-firers and his field mortars he called upon the Mayor of Parral by telephone and demanded the surrender of the city. The Mayor refused. The roofs of two

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REBELS IN JOINT ATTACK ON PARRAL

Federals, Within Walls, Defending Town.

FIERCE FIRE IS EXCHANGED

Insurrectos' Commands Surrounding Maderistas.

OROZCO PREDICTS VICTORY

Leader of Revolution Declares City Will Be His Within 24 Hours. Then Move Against Torreon Will Be Inaugurated.

JIMENEZ, Mex., April 4.—The federal defenders of Parral again are within its adobe walls, sustaining the fire of the reinforced rebels.

Throughout yesterday afternoon there was fighting near Baca, 30 miles distant, between the rebel rear guard, under Major Quezada, and the federals who pursued Campa from Parral Tuesday to that point.

During the night General Salazar's reinforcements arrived and the federalists retired to their base. General Luis Fernandez, another rebel leader, arrived today and preparations to take the town began in earnest. Salazar, Major Quezada and General Fernandez backed on a flanking movement, while Major Quezada and General Fernandez faced the enemy on the front.

Orozco declared that within 24 hours the city would be his. Until this has been accomplished, however, it will be impossible to move against Torreon.

The region south of Escalon, which marks the southern limit of rebel control, is being watched closely by scouts. General Orozco declares that the movements of General Huerta, the field marshal of the federal northern army, are known, and that when he approaches Escalon the rebels will attack. While he remains south of there the rebels will direct their main efforts to the capture of Parral.

SEARCH FOR CHILD ENDS

Canadian Finds Unbalanced Nurse and Tot She Kidnaped.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—After a chase covering a period of 10 months, during which he traveled his quarry through Marysville and other California cities, Terrence McGovern today found Mrs. Mary Sanders, and his child, which the Sanders woman had kidnaped from the McGovern home in Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. Sanders had been nurse for the child from birth. She suddenly left, nearly a year ago with the child and arrived in Klamath Falls to months ago, after visiting various places of the country. Here she told a story of having been deserted by her husband and in a destitute condition and she was given assistance by the charitable inclined people.

McGovern took the child back to his home today. Physicians say Mrs. Sanders' mind is unbalanced, and she will be sent to an asylum.

LINE RUSHED TO ALBANY

Track Laying Machine Will Lay Two Miles Daily From Salem.

SALEM, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Monday a tracklaying machine, accompanied by 200 men, will start active work at laying two miles of track daily on the Oregon Electric extension to Albany. For several days work of laying track out of Salem has been done by gangs of men slowly, the track machine being unable to handle the work on the curves. The work of the machine, however, will mean rapid building of the line and an early completion to Albany.

AIR LINE BEING SURVEYED

Great Northern to Shorten Route to Coast by 75 Miles.

FARGO, N. D., April 4.—Surveying parties were started out today to lay out the final route of the Great Northern air line from New Richmond to the Montana State line. Construction work is to begin at once, according to officials.

The new line will shorten the Coast run about 75 miles and will be used for through passenger and mail trains exclusively.

WOMAN'S DECISION FOUGHT

Company Objects to Fine Imposed by Fair Colorado Judge.

DENVER, April 4.—The first decision of a woman judge was brought before the State Supreme Court of Colorado today for review. Mrs. L. R. Tague, County Judge of Eagle County, fined the Muller Mercantile Company \$200 and costs for selling liquor in dry territory.

The company appealed.

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Two Slain, 3 Wounded, One Fatally, When Negro Runs Amuck.

HOISINGTON, Kas., April 4.—Two men were killed and three others wounded, one fatally, at the Missouri Pacific Railroad shops here tonight when "Bud" Smith, a discharged negro employe, engaged in a revolver battle with shop employes.

Mortally wounded, Smith was rescued by officers from a crowd intent upon lynching him.

WOMEN MAY FILL WIRELESS POSTS

MEN OPERATORS HELD TO BE UNRELIABLE.

Two Pretty Stenographers Now Being Trained for Service on Puget Sound Boats.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Young women, in neat tailored blue uniforms, and wearing caps trimmed in gold lace, will grace the vessels of the North Pacific as wireless operators, if the plans of R. H. Armstrong, general manager of the United Wireless Telegraph Company and his chief operator, C. B. Cooper, carry.

Men as wireless operators in many cases are unsatisfactory, are not on hand at sailing time, have to be reprimanded for misconduct at sea and neglect to keep their apparatus in good condition, in the opinion of Mr. Armstrong, and he has hit on a plan to eradicate the evil. Today he decided to try an experiment and if it is successful men wireless operators, at least on the vessels of Puget Sound, will be succeeded by members of the gentler sex.

For the experiment, Miss Mable Kelso and Miss S. Trough, two comely young women who are expert stenographers and have some knowledge of telegraphy, were placed in charge of Chief Operator Cooper, to be given a thorough training.

After the two young women had begun the task of mastering wireless telegraphy, Mr. Cooper encountered his first difficulty. All wireless operators are required to wear uniforms. It was a difficult problem, but Mr. Cooper soon mastered it. He decided that the young women shall wear a neat tailored uniform and closely fitting jackets with two rows of brass buttons. The question of a suitable cap was soon answered and Mr. Cooper decided to adopt a blue cap with just enough gold lace to make it attractive.

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WOMAN DEFENDS NEW HUSBY-TO-BE

Court Hears Pleas of Divorced Wife.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—Mrs. Margaret McReynolds again took the stand today in the court martial at the Puget Sound Navy-yard, telling of her separation from her husband, and explained her conduct with Lieutenant Chandler K. Jones, U. S. N.

Lieutenant Jones is on trial accused of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and Lieutenant Charles S. McReynolds, U. S. M. C., whose home Lieutenant Jones is alleged to have broken up, is the complaining witness.

"I came to testify of my own free will to clear my name for the sake of my boys," said Mrs. McReynolds under cross-examination.

"Are there any other reasons why you wished to come?"

"Because I am not guilty," was the answer.

Mrs. McReynolds said her husband had agreed that if she would not contest the divorce there would be nothing said to compromise her character.

Woman Causes Separation.

She declared again that the direct cause of the separation was her refusal to sign the renewal of a note for \$500, borrowed from an enlisted man to pay the hospital bill of a woman in New York named Polly Stewart.

She said her husband would not tell her for whom he borrowed the money, but she obtained the name when she found some of her husband's letters in a trunk. She said Lieutenant McReynolds admitted that he borrowed the money for the woman, but would not tell her why.

She said that while she was visiting in the East her husband wrote that the woman had written a second time for money, but that he had ignored the letter.

The witness said that Captain Wise, her husband's commanding officer in Cuba, had questioned Lieutenant McReynolds' sanity in 1908, and she doubted if last Spring, when he locked her in her apartment, she had threats against her and shook his fist in her face.

Only Allow to Secure One Room.

Of her relations with Lieutenant Jones, Mrs. McReynolds said that the naval officer took her to a hotel in Seattle and registered as "C. B. Davis and wife."

She said Lieutenant Jones asked for two rooms, but could obtain only one, which he gave to her, and he stayed at another hotel.

She said she saw him only at breakfast and dinner, and that they went to the cafes and theaters at night. Lieutenant Jones would escort her to her room and then return to his hotel.

She said he never entered her room excepting for a few minutes in the daytime, and that their actions did not result in any trespass of their agreement to marry after her husband obtained a divorce.

On cross-examination Mrs. McReynolds was asked if the engagement had been entered upon since she became divorced.

"We are now engaged," she replied.

LAW WILL PERMIT DANCE

Washington High School Pupils May Use Gymnasium.

SALEM, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—The pupils of Washington High School in Portland can legally dance in the gymnasium of that school, according to an opinion by Assistant Attorney-General Crawford today. Principal Herdman asked if section 4052 of Lord's Oregon Laws was sufficient to preclude students dancing in the gymnasium of that school.

The Attorney-General held that this section only applied to dancing in rooms that are used for class purposes and consequently the Washington High School pupils can go ahead with their dance as far as the law is concerned.

THIBET IS NOW REPUBLIC

Officials Cut Off Queues and Don Silk Hats and Frock Coats.

CALCUTTA, April 4.—Dispatches from Gyantse, Thibet, say the Chinese have established a representative council at Lhasa, the capital of Thibet, and proclaimed a republic.

The officials have cut off their queues and some of them are wearing silk hats and frock coats.

The Thibetans oppose the change and are threatening to exterminate the Chinese. Fighting has occurred near Shigatse, 130 miles from Lhasa.

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