

UNIONISTS WOULD ABANDON FOOD TAX

British Party on Eve of Modifying Its Programme of Tariff Reform.

MEMORIAL IS ADOPTED

Austen Chamberlain Agrees to Plan and Bonar Law is Expected to Retain Leadership in Hope of Restoring Harmony.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Tariff reform, so far as it involves the taxing of food, is on the eve of final disappearance as a plank in the Unionist policy. A representative meeting of Unionists was held in the House of Commons yesterday to hear if possible the dissenters in the party created by the recent proposal to impose taxes on food imported into the British Isles and to restore the unity of the party.

A memorial was drafted and addressed to Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, advocating the policy of abandoning the food taxes at the next general election and urging that if the Unionists were returned to power they should call a conference of the colonies to decide how imperial preference should be established.

Referendum is Proposed.
The memorial also sets forth that if the plan adopted by the colonies should involve the taxing of food, no action should be taken until the country again has been consulted by referendum or by a general election.

Subject to these conditions the memorial expresses unwavering loyalty to Bonar Law's leadership.
According to certain Unionist papers, Austen Chamberlain and other advocates of the food tax have agreed to the memorial, which is expected to receive almost universal support. It appears to be the belief that Bonar Law will consent to retain the leadership of the party on the conditions thus imposed on him for the sake of restoring unity. If this policy is adopted it means that tariff reform no longer is a matter of practical politics, because it could not be introduced in Parliament until after two general elections.

CURRENCY REFORM PLAN

Ex-Secretary Shaw Fears Wall Street Would Control Reserve Bank.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—An emphatic warning from ex-Secretary of the Treasury Shaw that a central reserve bank, as proposed by the National Monetary Commission, would be controlled absolutely by Wall Street, and a technical discussion by Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, of the University of Chicago, of the operation of the proposed Wednesday's hearing before the House sub-committee of the House banking and currency committee.

As a remedy for existing conditions Shaw proposed that the Government authorize National banks to issue secured currency, to be guaranteed by the Government to the extent of 25 per cent of their capital stock, not including surplus, in times of emergency. To force contraction after the emergency ceased to exist, he suggested that a tax of 5 per cent be imposed upon all such supplementary currency until cancelled after a certain period.

SEALS MULTIPLY RAPIDLY

Taft Recommends Repeal of Act Prohibiting Killing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President Taft, in a special message to Congress yesterday recommended the repeal of the act of Congress which prohibited for five years the killing of fur seals on the Pribilof Islands, passed more than a year ago.

Investigation, the President said, showed a remarkable increase in the size of the herd in one season, and proved conclusively that only the female seals and the seal pups needed protection, and that thousands of "bachelor" seals can be killed each year without reducing the herd.

EPIDEMIC ISOLATES TOWN

Difficulty in Burying Dead Reported From Gale, Ill.

CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 9.—Gale, Ill., 30 miles north of here, is almost cut off from the surrounding country and shortage of provisions is adding to the horror of the cerebro-spinal meningitis epidemic, from which one or two are dying daily, according to reports received here. Trouble in burying the dead is reported.

A member of the State Board of Health went to Gale this morning to take charge of the meningitis situation.

SOCIAL SUCCESS SCORED

Mrs. Carrie Bond Greeted by Audience of 600.

For the second time within five days Mrs. Carrie Bond, the concert raconteur and well-known composer of songs, from Chicago, entertained a Portland audience by giving another recital Wednesday night, in the Masonic Temple Auditorium, before about 600 people, and her entertainment was a popular and social success. She received many encores. The event was under the auspices of the Portland Grade Teachers' Association.

Several of the selections on last night's programme were heard at the

previous recital, but are so good and thoroughly enjoyable that they can be heard many times with both profit and pleasure. Mrs. Jacobs Bond was in a gracious, winning mood, and her art was so quietly natural and artless as to be almost perfect. It seemed as if she were giving a private entertainment to a party of friends in her own home. It is one experience to hear Carrie Jacobs Bond's charming songs sung, but the pleasure is intensified when one hears the composer herself sing them and stamp them with her own interpretation. She was also entertaining with her stories or readings, some of her sayings being:

"When you are 40 years old, you are just beginning to know about things. It is a privilege to be good and poor—if you know how. The folks you miss most, you see oftenest. Is there anything better than being at home, and underfoot? If you could for a thousand years recall all the unkind things you said you couldn't remember them all—forget saying them now. The best is all I see."

Mrs. Bond showed that she is a clever and versatile entertainer, and that her mission in life is to amuse and entertain. She is one of the best platform entertainers who ever visited this city. It is an added pleasure to know that she is an American.

IDAHO SPEAKER UPHELD

FIRST SHARP CLASH IN LEGISLATURE COMES IN HOUSE.

Minority Wing of Republican Party Overwhelmingly Defeated in Fight for Power.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The first sharp division in the Twelfth Idaho Legislature broke today over an attempt by a minority wing of the Republican party to amend the rules under which the House will operate this session as to take from Speaker French the power to make standing committee appointments. The minority was overwhelmingly defeated, and the Speaker sustained.

A committee on committees was agreed upon in the Republican caucus to confer with the Speaker to select the standing committees with the understanding that the power to appoint these committees would still rest in the hands of the Speaker.

This agreement was the result of prolonged negotiations. Realizing that because they had attempted to prevent the election of the present Speaker a number of members of the House, when the report of the committee on rules was presented, fought to take from the Speaker the power to make his own appointments and to give that power to another committee on committees.

When amendment was offered Representative Ferguson, of Bannock County, promptly declared that the move was one to clip the wings of the Speaker. He was supported by Representative Overstreet, of Latah, and Lawson of Ada. The former declared that certain Republicans on the floor were endeavoring to thwart the will of the Republican caucus. Representative Johnston, of Bingham, replied that the only purpose to secure the adoption of the amendment was to let the caucus agreement into the record.

Representative Lawson declared that the Republican majority was honor bound to support the caucus agreement and that he viewed the amendment as a deliberate attempt to humiliate the Speaker of the House.

The House went into committee of the whole, voted down the amendment decisively, and later, when the committee arose, the report was adopted. Adjournment was taken to tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Senate met to adjourn, owing to the fact the House was not completely organized through the selection of committees.

PAIR 50 YEARS APART WED

Mrs. J. M. Hanson, of Lewiston, Is Bride of H. W. Ward, Monteano.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—When H. W. Ward, of McCleary, today married Mrs. J. M. Hanson, of Lewiston, it was announced the happy romance extended nearly half a century.

Both were born and reared in the New England States, Ward coming to Chehalis County 30 years ago, where he settled on his farm, which is now a valuable one.

Mrs. Streimer Asks Divorce.

Joseph Streimer, a brick mason, drinks a pint of whisky every morning before breakfast and is generally out of his mind for the rest of the day, Anna Streimer alleges in a divorce complaint filed yesterday in Circuit Court. The couple was married in Portland in 1906. For the past three or four years her husband's conduct constantly has been becoming worse, the plaintiff avers.

FEAR OF FLESHY LEGS HAUNTS ACTOR CLARK

Comedian in "A Modern Eve" Company Studies Weight Reduction as Women Do the Beauty Page.

BY LEO CARL BARR.

It is Alexander Clark's humble opinion that the two ingredients necessary to the mixing of a comedian are a sense of humor and acutely thin legs. This refers, naturally, to only comedians.

Alexander says that the greatest calamity that could assail him professionally would be to have his calves develop into a semblance of shape. He is positively ruining his health smoking now, so he dare not stop. He is as careful of his weight and as horrified at taking on an extra inch as the most sylphlike woman who has dieted and rubber-garmented her superslimness. He told me a lot of queer things he does to keep slender, but they sounded just like the "Perfect Ladies' Beauty Column" and about as interesting.

Humor Result of Study.

After he'd told me what he does to keep his legs thin, naturally, I inquired how he managed about the sense of humor—keeping it unsecured and working over union hours and all ways on the job.

"Well, I think God gave me a little more sense of—not exactly humor, perhaps, so much as an understanding of comedy," replied he, "and an eye and ear for the ridiculous, to make amends for the thinness of my legs. I have gone one better and turned both into account—both legs, of course, I mean—and both both legs and comedy. The way I practice my sense of comedy is to think of pleasant things—for instance of long rides on the train when there is no heat in the car, or when I can't sleep at night, or have an upper berth. Another sweet thought that

STORMING WATERS STORM BIG HOTEL

300 Armed Men Hurl Bricks Through Windows of Hotel Astor.

STREET BATTLE FOLLOWS

Crash of Glass and Shouts of Rioters Alarm Guests; Managers Use Negroes as Strikebreakers. Ranks of Malcontents Grow.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Efforts of the International Hotel Workers' Association to spread the strike against the large hotels and restaurants of the city were continued yesterday. Few recruits were added to the strikers who quit work on Tuesday.

The hotel managers said they were organizing negro waiters to take the places of the strikers.

Alexander Lupo, union delegate who blew a whistle in the dining-room of a large hotel last night as a signal for a strike, was sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Armed with bricks, 300 men stormed the north side of the Hotel Astor late last night, hurling the missiles through windows and shouting to the union employees inside to strike. A battle between the strikers and police ensued.

A patrolman was knocked down and injured. Police reserves dispersed the crowd. Nineteen men were arrested. The crash of glass and shouts of the rioters caused much excitement among the guests in the hotel. Nine of the waiters or cooks in the hotel joined the strikers.

SITUATION IS DELICATE

PACIFIC RAILWAY DISSOLUTION TO BE PROLONGED.

Government Not Satisfied With Attorney-General Wickersham's Solution of Problem.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Negotiations to agree upon the terms of a decree dissolving the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific Railroad merger in accordance with the mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States, were resumed here today by Attorney-General Wickersham and representatives of the Union Pacific.

The Government, it is believed generally here, in view of the Supreme Court's ruling on Monday, will not be satisfied now with the plan formerly proposed by Attorney-General Wickersham, by which the Union Pacific's holding of Southern Pacific stock would be distributed or sold pro rata to the stockholders of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads, exclusive of the defendants in the suit.

Although the court had heard the Attorney-General's suggestion, it neither approved nor disapproved it. The court merely held that the Union Pacific's proposition to distribute the Southern Pacific holdings exclusively among the shareholders of the Union Pacific would not be an effective dissolution under the Sherman anti-trust law.

With the court's ruling before them, Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific's board, Frank A. Vanderbilt and Mortimer Schiff studied the situation with the Attorney-General. All parties to the conference were reticent as to plans discussed and the probable outcome.

The situation is delicate and involved and the negotiations will be protracted. The railroad representatives left Washington for New York tonight.

General's views, to discuss the problem with other officials of the company.

ARMY CHANGE OUTLINED

Conference of Commanding Generals Held to Frame Elaborate Plan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Gathered at the War Department today by special order of Secretary Stimson were most of the army officers in actual general command, for a conference which is expected to have important results in shaping the future organization of the Army. The movement began last

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Summer, when, after a year's hard work, the War College evolved an elaborate scheme of reorganization. The commanding generals met today, after a careful study of the report, to frame drafts of bills and outline executive orders.

Brigadier-General William Crozier, as president of the War College, outlined the radical changes proposed in the existing organization of the Army. The purpose, he said, was to maintain a military establishment hereafter on a war basis, not in number of troops, but in the arrangement of commands and the creation of tactical units, so that a splendid mechanism would be available ready to respond at a moment's notice to the call of danger.

Thus, instead of the present system, whereby the commander of a military department finds himself with several regiments of infantry at one point, as many cavalry at another, several sea-coast batteries here and there, and no field artillery, one Brigadier-General would be placed in charge of a complete brigade, with its proper complement of arms and services, which was capable of speedy concentration and utilization as a brigade when required.

CANADIANS ARE VISITORS

TRAINLOAD OF TOURISTS STOP HERE EN ROUTE SOUTH.

William McMurray Toastmaster at Dinner Given Following Sight-Seeing Tours Around City.

Portland was host Wednesday to a special train party of 207 residents of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Representative residents of the city, among them many former Canadians, were in the "proceeding line" at an impromptu and informal reception that began at the time the train rolled into the Union Depot on the O-W. R. & N. tracks at 2 o'clock until it left at 10:30 last night on the Southern Pacific.

The visitors are on their way to California. It is their annual pilgrimage away from the severe weather of their own country, and the stop in Portland, they all agreed, has been one of the most pleasant features of the journey.

Most of them will stop here again on their way back.

Canadian people formerly had a habit of going to Florida for their winter vacation. About seven years ago local officials of the O-W. R. & N. Company and the Southern Pacific began a campaign to encourage them to come to Oregon and California instead.

Yesterdays invasion was concrete evidence of the fact that the campaign has been successful. Another train load probably will come later in the season.

Upon the arrival yesterday, members of the party were taken on board special sight-seeing cars on a trip through the scenic environs of the city.

The "green grass growing all around," was the first green grass that they had seen since October, they said. Those who had not been here before were wonderfully impressed with the beauty and metropolitan appearance of the city.

Their visit came to a happy ending last night at a dinner at the Hotel Oregon, where William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O-W. R. & N. Company, was toastmaster. Dr. Benjamin Young, pastor of the First Methodist Church, delivered the welcome address. Rev. George W. Kerby, of Calgary, responded. W. R. Mackenzie, of Portland, who was introduced as one of the best citizens of Portland because he was born in Canada, spoke entertainingly. Excellent music was furnished.

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\$5.00 Ruff-Neck Sweaters. \$4.25
\$7.00 Ruff-Neck Sweaters. \$5.95
\$8.50 Ruff-Neck, Jumbo Knit and Norfolk Sweaters. \$6.95
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terian Church January 21, at 8 o'clock in the evening. A programme of topics has been arranged and the women are hoping that the men will attend in large numbers.

MRS. CLEVELAND IS GUEST

Ex-President's Widow and Her Family Entertained at Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Grover Cleveland, accompanied by her fiancé, Professor Thomas J. Preston, of Wells College, were entertained tonight at a dinner in their honor in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond, to which the President and Mrs. Taft and a few other guests were invited.

Miss Esther Cleveland is expected tomorrow. She and her mother will be house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond.

Mrs. Hammond will give a reception tomorrow afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, at which she will attend a luncheon earlier in the day in the residence of Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter. The President and Mrs. Taft will entertain Mrs. Cleveland and Professor Preston at dinner in the White House Saturday night.

CHEMAWA FUND INCREASED

Half of \$12,000 Allowed to Be Used for Improving Water Supply.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Hawley secured an increase in the appropriation for the Chemawa Indian School from \$9000 to \$12,000, with the understanding that \$6000 of this fund should be applied to improving the water supply.

A delegation representing the commercial bodies of Coos Bay is here to appear before the river and harbor board and the Congressional committee in behalf of the proposed plan for improving and extending the north jetty at the entrance of Coos Bay. They have conferred with Representative Hawley, who is arranging for hearings.

The delegation consists of D. C. Green, Dr. J. T. McCormick, L. J. Simpson, William Grimes and A. C. MacGinn.

FARMERS TO BE TAUGHT

Secretary Wilson Instructs Demonstrators How to Proceed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Acting in the capacity of a "schoolmaster," Secretary of Agriculture Wilson yesterday gave a practical lesson in farm demonstration work to a class of 150 county agents. It was the first meeting of these agents,

enormously. The same kind of work is to be begun in Northern States and the Department of Agriculture has the task of training country agents in the new work.

The agents will hold daily sessions here until January 21 and each day they will listen to addresses by experts on farm problems.

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