

TAFT POINTS WAY TO RECALL

Disadvantage of Life Tenure Declared Removed by Abolishing Patronage.

COURT CHANGES DESIRED

Ex-President as Head of Bar Association Pleads With Congress to Empower Supreme Court to Prescribe Rules.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Ex-President Taft appeared today before the House Judiciary committee in the capacity of president of the American Bar Association, and, with several other members of the Association, advocated passage of the Clayton bill to authorize the Supreme Court to prescribe forms and rules of procedure for Federal courts on the common law side.

"All men delight in the exercise of patronage," said Mr. Taft. "Of course, on this matter I am speaking to the Republicans on your committee, not the Democrats," he added with a smile, and continued:

"One of the troubles with life appointments for judges is that the temptation is strong to build up 'judicial families.' Lawyers know that it is often a dangerous thing to make any charge against a court clerk before the judge who appointed him.

Recall Made Unnecessary. "That temptation could be removed by Congress and the courts, as they are now constituted could be vindicated without resort to the recall, which I believe is harmful to appointments of receivers by Federal judges should be made from a list furnished by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"At some time later it probably would be advisable to provide for the examination of the rules of procedure by a commission, with view to harmonizing and administering the two sides of Federal court work. For the present I believe the authorization contained in the bill is all that should be attempted."

Alton B. Parker said there was an ideal in view, and that Mr. Taft, of complete uniformity in procedure throughout the Federal courts.

Procedure Prevents Justice. Senator Root, of New York, said legislation had built up under the pressure of individual interests codes of procedure which prevented the courts from administering justice. His own state, he said, was the worst offender in that respect. The man of small means soon became discouraged or even ruined, he said, while men of wealth secured immunity from being brought to justice.

Mr. Taft said he wished to call the committee's attention to one fact: "You can safely consider this bill," said he, "since it has the approval of the Progressive party and of Mr. Root and myself. I want the committee to get that fact; that where two so widely divergent views agree on a thing, it is probably a thing to be desired." Referring to the investigation of several Federal judges now in progress, Mr. Taft said it was a wholesome thing for Congress to exercise this power.

"I think it is an admirable thing," he said, "for these judges that they are being watched."

AUTO'S STATUS IN DOUBT

On Whether Car Is "Common Carrier" Depends White Slave Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The fine legal question whether or not an automobile can be considered a common carrier in interstate trade when it is not operating over a regular line was raised today for the first time, it is said, in a white slave case.

The Federal grand jury returned an indictment against Verner Barker, who is accused of transporting Cora Fairbanks from North Bend, Ind., to Reno, Cal., via Reno, Nev., for immoral purposes last May.

The couple traveled all of the distance in an automobile and the vehicle is termed in the indictment a common carrier.

BALLOT FRAUD CONFESSED

Terre Haute Man Says He Helped Officials Commit Crime.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 27.—Dr. E. T. Zaring, testifying today at the trial of William Huffman, indicted with Mayor Roberts and other city officials on fraud charges, said he had assisted in marking in the third degree for the ballots, which he said was done at Smith's home. Harris and Smith are under indictment.

Zaring said he had become a witness for the state on the advice of his father, Huffman, who is on trial, as an ex-city Councilman.

TRAMP'S SLAYER GUILTY

Conductor Who Kicks Man Off Train Convicted by Jury.

LANCASTER, Wis., Feb. 27.—Harry French, of La Crosse, conductor of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, was convicted here today of manslaughter in the third degree for the killing of Edward Murphy. The conviction carries a penalty of from two to four years in the penitentiary.

In deciding the case the jury passed on the important point of the right of members of a train crew to eject persons stealing rides. Murphy, a tramp, was kicked off French's train while it was in motion and received injuries in his fall from which he died. French denied ejecting the man.

CRIME DEED IS FORGOTTEN

"Something Snapped in My Head," Says Alleged Murderer.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Jealousy caused him to kill his wife, but he has no recollection of committing the crime, was the testimony today of William Cheney Ellis, former Cincinnati leather merchant on trial for the murder. Ellis, on the witness-stand today, told a story of a fight with a young Canadian merchant.

"Something snapped in my head," said Ellis. "I don't know what happened. I only know that I felt I had more misery than I could bear."

FORMER PORTLAND RAILROAD MAN WHO LEAVES HILL LINES.



CARL GRAY, APPOINTED PRESIDENT WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD.

MR. GRAY GOES SOUTH

Resignation to Be Tendered to Great Northern at Once.

HOME TO BE BALTIMORE

That City to Be Rehabilitated as Headquarters of Company—Policy Toward Terminals Not to Undergo Change.

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pany tonight, after a long meeting of the directors, that Mr. Gray had signified his intention to accept the place offered him. He expects to assume the duties within ten days. This is conditioned on the acceptance by the Great Northern Railroad Company of his resignation, which will now be presented.

J. M. Fitzgerald, who was elected to the presidency of the Western Maryland about a year ago in an emergency of the company's administration at that time, has presented his resignation, and become effective when Mr. Gray reports for duty in Baltimore.

It was said that the election of Mr. Gray would not alter the company's policy in connection with its contemplated terminal developments in Baltimore, in the promotion of which it was said that Arthur Fitzgerald had rendered valuable services both to the city and to the Western Maryland Railroad.

Mr. Fitzgerald failed to "make good," in the opinions of the directors, because he lacked actual experience as a railroad man. He was first connected with the coal industry before going to the Western Maryland and in that character held an operating position, with a high salary.

OTHER RUMOR DISPOSED OF

Mr. Gray's Resignation From Great Northern Long Believed.

Mr. Gray's election to the presidency of the Western Maryland disposes of the various reports that he was about to become president of the Frisco, of Boston & Maine and of various other roads.

That he had resigned the presidency of the Great Northern was a well-known fact among all well-informed railroad men and bankers for three or four months, in spite of the recent emphatic denials of L. W. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern board, to the contrary. Even as late as last Sunday, when Mr. Hill was in Portland, he made the statement that Mr. Gray had not resigned.

That he has chosen to go to the Western Maryland was a surprise to many of Mr. Gray's friends. It was confidently expected here that he would become president of the Frisco system, the vice-presidency of which road he resigned three years ago to become president of the North Bank and affiliated Hill lines in Portland.

Two weeks ago Mr. Gray was in St. Louis, in consultation with Frisco officials. It is understood that the minority stockholders of the Frisco have been eager to have Mr. Gray elected president, but that he has declined the offer pending settlement of the receivership.

Had Mr. Gray remained with the Frisco he now would be president of that road, and it is probable that he would have avoided many of the legal and financial difficulties that have beset the Frisco system in the last few years.

W. C. Nixon, who succeeded to the senior vice-presidency, was elected president at the recent annual meeting, but resigned the office when the Government ordered the receivers to sue the present and former officials and directors for \$14,000,000 which they were alleged to have misappropriated from the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexican and other railroads.

It is believed, however, that as soon as the Frisco is delivered from the receivers' hands Mr. Gray may yet accept the presidency.

The Western Maryland is not an important factor in the Eastern railroad field, but it carries a heavy tonnage of coal and other commodities over about 500 miles of track.

The road has had an eventful career. It came into considerable prominence several years ago when it was acquired by George J. Gould, who intended to use it as a link in his proposed ocean-to-ocean railroad. Its main line then extended from Baltimore on the east to Cumberland, Md., on the west, a distance of 167 miles, with a

connecting line to Elkins, W. Va., 113 miles. Gould extended the road from Cumberland to Connellsville, Pa., 89 miles, but was unable to continue the extension into Pittsburgh on account of the excessive cost.

Gould had sunk so much money by building the Wabash into Pittsburgh from the west that he was unable to finance the eastern end of his project. The Western Maryland operates into Pittsburgh now, however, over the tracks of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.

B. F. Bush, now president of the Missouri Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande, Western Pacific and other Gould roads in the West, was president of the Western Maryland at the time that Gould acquired it. Bush's ability in building up the property physically led to his selection as president of the other Gould roads.

It is reported that the Western Maryland now contemplates another effort to invade Pittsburgh and that Mr. Gray has been chosen to conduct this work. It is 60 miles from Connellsville to Pittsburgh.

APHASIA VICTIM TALKS

MICHAEL HAITSCH'S UTTERANCE IS OF "BLACK HAND."

Re-education of New Kensington, Pa., Whose Memory and Speech Langue May Bring Clew.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Feb. 27.—Michael Haisch, of New Kensington, Pa., who lost the power of speech and memory, supposedly through fear of kidnappers, today pronounced the word "black hand." Except for this, however, his brain is no clearer than when he wandered into the City Hall here a week ago, unable to do more than walk and indicate his desire for food and drink.

His sister, Mrs. Martha Kunsch, of New Kensington, notified the Los Angeles police recently that his supposed abductors had telegraphed her demanding that she telegraph back \$200 ransom money in his name to Los Angeles. Haisch appeared here two days later.

Physicians at the County Hospital drew a picture of a hand, the meaning of which previously had been taught him in the re-education now being given him. The hand was then painted black.

Haisch succeeded in describing it as "black hand." He is rapidly learning English language again, but recalls nothing of the rest.

Relatives are believed to be on the way West from New Kensington to take care of him.

ITALY MAKES CONDITION

EXHIBIT DEPENDS ON FEDERAL IMMIGRATION POLICY.

Assurances As to Enforcement of Literacy Test to Be Demanded Before Treaty Is Signed.

ROME, Feb. 27.—Italy intends to make both the signing of the arbitration treaty and the signing of the San Francisco Exposition conditional on the passage of the immigration bill now pending in Congress in an unobjectionable form.

The note to Ambassador Page, on the whole, contains the reserve clause that Italy could not exercise the friendly act of participating in the exposition if in the meantime the American immigration bill should be passed with clauses such as that calling for the carrying of American health officials on board Italian steamers. Such a clause would be considered by Italy as invading an unfriendly attitude according to the note, and it is pointed out that when Argentina adopted a similar measure Italy broke off diplomatic relations with that country.

Italy will insist before the treaty is signed on further assurances that clause II of the Burnett immigration bill will not apply to Italian steamers and also that the clause providing for the literacy test will be enforced in such manner as not to prevent Italian immigration.

BUSINESS MEN

Wishing to lunch well go to the Rainier in the Morning building. Here are a couple splendid dishes for Saturday noon: New England' boiled dinner, 30 cents; Bratwurst with Linseed, 20 cents.—Adv.

Woman on Fair Board.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered, of Portland, was today appointed a member of the State Fair Board by Governor McEwen. She succeeded N. C. Marie, resigned. Mr. Marie is a field worker in the department of public instruction.

AT LEAST MILLION FOR JETTY CERTAIN

Question Is Whether Increase and Continuing Contract Can Be Obtained.

DREDGE ISSUE STILL OPEN

Real Fight May Come in Conference Committee, Where, if Bill Passes Senate With Amendments, Fate Will Be Settled.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 16.—The fact that the House committee on rivers and harbors agreed to an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to continue work on the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River makes it practically certain that an appropriation of at least that amount will be carried by the river and harbor bill when it becomes a law.

Whether this appropriation can be increased by the Senate and whether the project can be placed on a continuing contract basis remains to be determined. The uncertainty, so far as the mouth of the Columbia is concerned, centers around the Lane bill, proposing an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the construction of a sea-going dredge.

In all reasonable probability the Senate committee on commerce will accept the amendment proposed by Senator Chamberlain, making the north jetty project a continuing contract basis and with Senator Chamberlain on the commerce committee it is to be presumed that the north jetty project will be so treated.

It will be extremely difficult to secure authorization this session for a \$1,500,000 dredge for use in the mouth of the Columbia River, because Colonel Burr, acting chief of engineers, is unopposed to a dredge and is unopposed to a continuing contract basis and with Senator Chamberlain on the commerce committee it is to be presumed that the north jetty project will be so treated.

Usually it is difficult to get appropriations through Congress for projects that are reported upon adversely by the Government department where so strong is Colonel Burr in his objection to the Columbia River dredge that advocates of economy, even on the Senate commerce committee, will find justification for opposing this dredge amendment in the report of Colonel Burr.

On the other hand, it is true, in this case, that Colonel Burr's opinion is directly at variance with the opinion of Colonel McKinstry, the local engineer in charge of the project, who knows more of the needs of projects under his jurisdiction than do the general staff of the Engineer Corps at Washington, 3000 miles away.

Fight May Come in Conference. In the event the Senate should amend the river and harbor bill by making the north jetty project a continuing contract and by adding an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for a dredge, the fight will not be won, for the bill, carrying the Senate amendments, must then go back to the house where the Senate amendments will be disagreed to and the bill be sent to conference.

It is not certain, however, whether the crucial fight must be made, assuming the Senate, in passing the river and harbor bill, incorporates the Chamberlain amendment, and whether the Senate commerce committee, and would be placed on the conference committee only in the event Senator Clarke or Senator Fletcher, a Democrat, rank him, were unable to serve or willing to step aside. Some such arrangement must be made, for Senator Fletcher has little in the bill of importance, and may be willing to step aside for Senator Chamberlain, in view of the important Oregon items in dispute.

SALESMAN HELD PRISONER

Smuggled Note Tells of Capture by Women in Kansas City.

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AUTOIST DIES AT WHEEL

Uncontrolled Car Whirls Through Crowded City Streets.

GILROY, Cal., Feb. 27.—Stricken with heart failure at the wheel of his motor car, Orrin Jacobs, a retired capitalist, was whirled through a crowded city street here today, and, crashing into a tree, pitched him to the pavement dead.

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EX-ATHLETE IS FIRE HERO

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Emil Cady, an ex-University of Wisconsin athlete, and his young wife did heroic service in an apartment-house fire. They groped through flaming, smoke-filled hallways

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to the room of a woman who had fainting and carried her to safety.

HORSE IS REAL SLEUTH

DRAY BEAST LEADS OFFICERS IN OLEOMARGARINE RAID.

Animal Found at Alleged Illicit Factory Is Allowed to Go Unguided to Market of Unassessed Goods.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—A horse was the detective which led Federal officers tonight to discover a large quantity of colored oleomargarine on which it is said the Government tax had not been paid, and to arrest Walter R. Morris, a produce dealer.

Federal officers raided what is said to have been an illicit oleomargarine factory, located in a stable in the fashionable residence district, arrested Joseph B. Muskh, the sole occupant of the factory and confiscated about 65 tons of colored oleomargarine.

The officers then loaded with oleomargarine a wagon found at the factory and allowed the horse, also found there, to proceed without guidance. They declare the horse pulled the wagon without guidance a distance of two miles to Union Market and backed it against a creamery stall owned by Morris.

It is charged that two wagon loads of colored oleomargarine on which a tax of \$600 should have been paid were found in the stall. The tax on the 65 tons of product, if paid, would have amounted to approximately \$10,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—That salesmen of the John F. Jelke Company, manufacturers of oleomargarine, instructed retailers in the method of coloring the product and thereby avoid the tax of 10 cents a pound, was the testimony today of several witnesses in the trial of J. Jelke and 12 associates for alleged fraud.

"Philemon Berry, a salesman for Jelke, told me he with others were coloring their oleomargarine and testified without paying the tax," testified Edward Schwennessen, who formerly retained the buttermilk, and the others were making a lot of money and showed me how to color the white oleomargarine which I bought from him."

ENGINEER IS APPOINTED

James Allen Will Represent Washington on Cello Falls Body.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—James Allen, chief engineer of the State Highway Department, was today appointed by Governor Lister to represent Washington on the joint commission of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, to investigate navigable possibilities of the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

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Suppose, Mrs. Housewife, They Call on You—

in their unseemly scramble—scouring the highways and byways denouncing Crescent Baking Powder? Residents in different quarters of Portland are telephoning us that representatives of our competitors are thus engaged.

Let us explain. Our competitors assert our powder contains alum. Professor Horace G. Byers, Director Department of Chemistry, University of Washington, reports as follows:

"No material used in Crescent Baking Powder is properly termed alum. . . . I have been able to find no evidence to the effect that the Crescent Baking Powder is not exactly as its label indicates it to be, or that it is in any way an injurious material."

We can produce further proof that it DOES NOT CONTAIN ALUM. We, like other producers of food products, must obey the Pure Food Laws, and under them we guarantee the consumer a fixed standard of purity and wholesomeness—a baking powder without alum.

Our competitors, by circulating anonymous printed matter, by playing upon the prejudice against alum, by inference and otherwise, leave the housewife under the impression that Crescent Baking Powder contains alum. Such methods are dishonest.

We welcome competition of the kind expressed in the following quotation from a late bulletin of the AMERICAN FAIR TRADE LEAGUE:

"But when an independent maker of a branded article makes a price and publishes it far and wide, inviting all other manufacturers to compete by giving a better quality—that is competition in its utter refinement. If an article of this sort survives, it is upon its sheer merit. There is nothing underground about the process. It is a plain statement of values and a challenge to the world to disprove these values."

Competition of the kind the baking powder trust is now engaged in is not competition of refinement, and is based on Willful misrepresentation of the facts. Hence this explanation.

It is our regret that we will not have an opportunity to state the facts regarding Crescent Baking Powder to every housewife who may be visited by the so-called Pure Food Squad, or the agents of the trust, who appear to be making a last desperate attack, in some cases leaving the impression that they are sent out by the Pure Food Department, neglecting, however, to state which Pure Food Department.

Crescent Baking Powder conforms to the pure food laws, state and national, and for that reason we feel it will be clear to everyone why we hope to continue making and distributing it, as we have done for so many years in the past.

Ask your grocer for "CRESCENT" Baking Powder, use as much as you wish, and if not entirely satisfactory to you, your grocer will return your money.

25 cents per lb. EVERYWHERE

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There isn't anything more cheerful than the thought "I have a home in Laurelhurst"

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Oregon Fire Relief Association

of McMinnville, in the State of Oregon, on the 31st day of December, 1913, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital stock paid up None

Net premiums received during the year 151,000.00

Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 18,448.80

Income from other sources received during the year None

Total income 169,448.80

Disbursements:

Net losses paid during the year 90,213.64

Dividends paid during the year None

Commissions and salaries paid during the year 41,071.17