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FIRE SMOLDERS IN COMMISSION

Discord Reigns in Interstate Board.

CHARGES OF NEPOTISM MADE

Two Members Employ Sons as Confidential Clerks.

ONLY WORK TO DRAW PAY

One Traveled With Father at Government Expense, Now Studies Law—Working Clerks Jealous. Deadlock on Spokane Case.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(Special.)—In administration circles it is well known that perfect peace and brotherly love do not exist any longer in the ranks of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Stipends Given Their Sons.

A long time ago some of the commissioners thought it might be well to lighten their burdens. In order to do so, they succeeded in securing the right and the appropriation necessary to employ one "confidential clerk" to each commissioner.

Studies Law Under Salary.

His traveling education finished, one "confidential clerk" settled in Washington and began the study of law. His course is uncompleted, but it is presumed that when he graduates he will be given the position of special examiner for his father, which position has a little better sound than that of "confidential clerk."

Make Other Clerks Jealous.

Both of these employees have their quarters at the commission offices. In fact their accommodations are so much better than the average clerks' that the fact has created comment and jealousy. Space is valuable at commission headquarters, which are cramped. This does not affect the situation so far as the "confidential clerks" are concerned.

TORNADOES KILL FOUR

Small Storms Sweep Louisiana, Doing Little Damage.

CROWLEY, La., May 16.—Reports reached here tonight of four deaths today in tornadoes near this place. The dead: At Chataigne—Henry J. Young and a child of Thomas Young.

ENGLISH HOPMEN ASK PROTECTION

GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN FAVOR OF IMPORT DUTY.

LONDON, May 16.—A great army of men and women interested in the hop industry in England, estimated to number more than 50,000, held a demonstration in Trafalgar Square this afternoon in favor of imposing a duty of \$10 on every hundred weight of hops imported into this country.

TAFT IS SURE OF CLEAR MAJORITY

All Delegates Elected and Totals Made.

OPPOSITION WILL FADE AWAY

Secretary Has 592 Delegates Nailed Down.

CONFIDENT OF TWO-THIRDS

Fairbanks Is Only Favorite Son Who Has Own State Solid—Knox Is Second in Race, 500 Votes Behind.

FIGURES ON TAFT'S LEAD.

Instructed or committed delegates 472 Uncommitted delegates for Taft 58

HELIE AND ANNA DODGE REPORTERS

COMPLETE JOURNEY TO PARIS BY AUTOMOBILE.

PARIS, May 16.—In order to escape observation, Prince Helie de Sagan and Mme. Anna Gould, who left Monte Carlo for this city last night, alighted from the train at La Roche, where two automobiles were in waiting for them.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ENTER POLITICS

Purpose to Fight Rate Reduction.

ENOUGH VOTES TO CONTROL

Leaders Say They Can Swing the Election.

OPPOSITION IS DETERMINED

Farmers and Other Wage-Earners Declare They Will Fight for Continued Regulation and Lower Rates.

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Farm lands are in great demand. Section 3, page 8.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 16.—A report received late this afternoon from Dawson, N. M., says that T. E. Cartwright of the Santa Fe secret service, who had been heading one of the posses in pursuit of the men who robbed the Wells-Fargo Company of \$25,000, at French, N. M., Thursday night, has captured one of the robbers at Roy, N. M.

A dispatch received here tonight from the same source says that Ben Williams, chief of detectives of the Santa Fe system, has arrested Henry Farr, a saloonkeeper at Springer, charged with being implicated in the robbery at French. Farr has been taken to Las Vegas for safe keeping.

The man arrested at Roy today on the same charge by Santa Fe Detective Cartwright has been identified as Henry Stone. It is reported at Springer tonight that Farr has been identified as the man who broke open the safe containing the money.

EXPRESS ROBBERS QUICKLY CAUGHT

TWO MEN WHO DYNAMITED SAFE IN NEW MEXICO.

One of Them, Identified as Man Who Fired Charge, Is Saloon-Keeper.

CONGRESS ORDERS TARIFF INQUIRY

Both Houses Tell Committees to Act.

JEERS FROM THE DEMOCRACY

Williams Says Republicans Fear Political Storm.

SCHEME TO FRY THE FAT

Payne Declares Programme Is to Establish Maximum and Minimum Tariff, With Which to Drive Reciprocity Bargains.

LOST IN DIVORCE TANGLE

British Columbian's \$500,000 English Fortune Vanishes.

LONDON, May 16.—A decision was handed down in the Chancery Court this morning, holding that a divorce secured in Dakota was not valid in either Canada or Scotland. By it a youth named Richard Stirling, a resident of British Columbia, is deprived of estates in Scotland worth \$50,000.

Richard's mother was married first to a Scotchman named George Smith and the couple went to Canada. Smith subsequently secured a divorce from his wife at Fargo, Minn. Mrs. Smith later married a man named Walter Stirling in San Francisco. Richard, an offspring of this later union, would have succeeded to the estate of George Smith but for the decision of the court that he is illegitimate on the ground that George Smith was not domiciled in Dakota.

The court holds that the divorce and the subsequent remarriage of Mrs. Smith both are invalid.

Only for Campaign Purposes.

Underwood of Alabama, a member of the committee, declared that the resolution came as a surprise to the minority.

The resolution was described by Williams as one that could be understood by a child 14 years of age. It was not, he said, the fear that business interests would be disquieted but that things would be disquieted in a political sense. He asserted that the Republican majority dare not bring up prior to election a proposition for tariff revision.

In the opinion of Randall, of Texas, the resolution was but a "fryingpan to fry the fat for campaign purposes."

Payne Tells Programme.

Payne closed the debate by stating that the Republican programme for tariff revision "will be a protective tariff." He continued:

"It will be a maximum and a minimum tariff, putting us on an equality with France, Germany and Russia, and we will go out with the tariff as we did with the Dingley tariff in the firm belief that it will bring renewed prosperity to the people of the United States, that it will broaden our markets with the nations of the world and that it will bring blessings to all the people."

SENATE ALSO ORDERS ACTION

Instructs Committee to Inquire as to Cost of Production.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Senator Aldrich today reported from the committee on finance a resolution authorizing the committee to secure certain assistance in pursuing tariff investigations, and it was adopted by the Senate without debate.

The resolution provides:

"That the committee on finance is authorized, in connection with investigations heretofore ordered by the Senate, with the view of promptly securing the information necessary for a revision of the customs laws of the United States, to call to their assistance experts in the executive departments of the Government, and to employ such other assistants as they shall require, and they are especially directed to report further legislation which is necessary to secure equitable treatment for the agricultural and other products of the United States in foreign countries. They shall also, in the consideration of changes of rates, secure proof of the relative cost of production in this and in principal competing countries for the various articles affected by the tariff upon which changes in rates of duty are desirable."

It is announced that the committee will begin investigations shortly after the adjournment of Congress.

C. E. KEYES IS PRINCIPAL

Former Portland Boy Chosen to Head Oakland Schools.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—The Oakland Board of Education last night appointed C. E. Keyes principal of the Oakland High School vice J. H. Pond, resigned.

Mr. Keyes will take charge at the beginning of the present year, June 30, when the resignation of Mr. Pond takes effect.

Mr. Keyes has been principal of the Lafayette School at Seventeenth and West streets 12 years, coming here from Portland, Ore., High School. He is considered one of the most capable and efficient educators in the state. He is being congratulated on all sides on his appointment, as he has many friends among both educators and students.

CUB BEARS FOR WARSHIPS

Aberdeen Will Present 16 "Teddies" to the Fleet.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 16.—(Special.)—George Wolf, a business man, proposed a few days ago that when the excursion from this city by steamer to see the battleship fleet leaves Grays Harbor, that 16 live bear cubs be taken and one presented to each ship. The idea at once took popular fancy and up to this evening ten Teddy bears had been gathered from surrounding towns, and the total number necessary is expected to be rounded up by Wednesday next, when the excursion is promised by the Chamber of Commerce.

CHALLENGE BY AERONAUT

Farnam, of England, Issues Aeroplane Defi to Wright Brothers.

LONDON, May 16.—Special dispatches from Paris announce that Henry Farnam, the English aeronaut who holds the aeroplane record in that country, has challenged the Wright Brothers to an aeroplane contest in France for a stake of \$500.

No Rivers and Harbors Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The announcement that there will be no rivers and harbors bill at this session, and that no surveys will be authorized until the next session, was made today by Representative Burton, of Ohio, chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors. Mr. Burton stated that there would be merely an administrative bill at the present session, slightly modifying plans already approved, but carrying no appropriations and authorizing no surveys.

HARRY MURPHY FINDS SOME THINGS TO MAKE FUN OF IN THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

