ARBITRATE CANAL TOLLS, SAYS TAFT

Unequivocal Declaration of Policy Made at Luncheon of Peace Forum.

EARLY ISSUE HOPED FOR

President Says There Need Be No Doubt What He Will Do Respecting Submission to Impartial Tribunal.

NEW YORK. Jan. 4.—President Taft today declared himself as unequivocally in favor of the arbitration of Pansma Canal tolls in the event the pending negotiations between Great Britain and the United States fall in bringing about a settlement.

This was the first public declaration of the President regarding his attitude toward the question. He was speaking at a luncheon given in his honor by the International Peace Forum.

"I am willing and indeed I would be ashamed not to be willing," he said, "to arbitrate any question with Great Britain in the construction of a treaty when we reach the exact issue which there is between the two nations. There need not be any public deabt on that subject, so far as this Administration is concerned. When there is a difference that cannot be reconciled by international negotiation and adjustment, then we are entirely willing to submit it to an impartial tribunal. Early Submission Hoped For.

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'I am hopeful that we may get it either to settlement or to submission before the Administration in which I have the honor to be a dissolving view shall cease, but it may not be, because these negotiations move slowly. But I am glad to take this opportunity to say that if the time comes there will he no doubt about what I will do in respect to the submission of that question, as far as my power goes, to an impartial tribunal for its settlement, if that is necessary."

if that is necessary. The President's remarks apparently were prompted by a declaration in a speech by Henry Clews, the banker, speech by Henry Clews, the banker, asserting that for President Taft's Administration "to concede the right to arbitrate the difference would be a splendid achievement," but holding that "we are in the wrong and must likely be defeated if it should go to The Hague for decision."

Reply Made to Clews.

Referring to the Panama Canal treaty, the President, who had said at the outset in his remarks that he rose with mingled feelings of sorrow and

"with mingled feelings of sorrow and pleasure." continued:

"My friend, Mr. Clews. differs with me and with the Administration in the construction of that treaty. That is all right. I suppose questions before have arisen as to construction of contracts in which good honest persons have been on each side. Now that presents to me a significant and useful example with respect to arbitration. A great many persons are saying 'Don't arbitrate, because you are going to lose; this is our

then lived to find them defeated in the bigliest legislative body of the world. some of the members of that body are in the habit of claiming it.

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Peace Difficult to Argue.

"Now the difficulty about arguing peace is that when you get before an roo dectrine as to submit this question andlence, everybedy is in favor of to arbitration. I am inclined to prefer peace. But when it comes to an electric excensideration of the canal legispeace. But when it comes to an elec-tion, the Issue as to international lation. Peace does not play any part at all. "It! The peace part of the political plat-form does not seem to affect anybody but the peace societies. When you say Congris

remains for the gentlemen who have exalted the Senate above everything to find in the Constitution something that prevents them from doing what must be done if the cause of universal peace is to prosper. But they say, There may arise after you have made a contract some question coming within the described class that you do not want to submit, some question in which you are likely to be beaten in which you are likely to be beaten in which you are likely to suffer a great National loss. "Well, you cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs. Tou cannot always have a jug-handled arrangement in international arguments. You must expect to be beaten sometimes. A sure thing, even among genilemen who bet, is not regarded as the most proper standard for making bets, and certainly one who would refuse to ablde by the judgment of a court unless he knew in advance that the judge was with him is not the killed of litingst

the judgment of a court unless he knew in advance that the judge was with him is not the kind of litigant that we are in the habit of welcoming into courts."

President Taft spoke of the ideals he had in mind through the making of the treaties that they would form the basis

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT OF OREGON CITY DIES JANUARY 1.



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George H. Wishart, who died at
Oregon City January I, was born
in Clinton, New York, August 14,
1836. Coming to Oregon, he settied in Oregon City. Besides the
widow, four children survive:
Harley O, Wishart, of Oregon
City; Ira R. Wishart, Mayor of
Toledo, Or.: Mrs. H. J. Thorne and
Mrs. L. H. Kaser, of Portland. The
funeral was held Friday.

for treaties with all nations and be-tween other nations that would lead to a final interlocking of treaties which would ultimately bring about the set-tlement of all international questions by a court of arbitration with powers enforced by such treaties. This ideal he still cherished, he said, and while it had received "a body blow," he be-lieved the idea was one that was bound to grow and quietly establish itself.
Sir Ernest Shackelton, explorer of
the South Polar regions, and James E.
Watson, ex-Representative in Congress, from Indiana, also spoke.

CONGRESS DIVISION SHOWN

Members Not Agreed Whether Subject Is Domestic One.

mitted to arbitration, could properly ask for a special tribunal so constituted as to insure an impartial judg-

tion, the Issue as to international peace does not play any part at all. The peace part of the political platform does not seem to affect anybody but the peace societies. When you say to members of the Senate of the United States. You are reaching a conclusion in which the people do not stand by you, they say, "Well, what of that such an issue never controlled a single vote at the election."

"Now we ought to make it control some votes, so that when a Senator fixed in his place and says. The Senate has no power to make an obligation of this sort to bind our Government to future policy of arbitration," we shall say, "Your constituents differ with you in that regard, and are looking for a Senator who will baye a different to the senator point will be peaced to us. Everything involved between the United States and other nations I would be willing to submit to arbitration."

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TAFT PRESIDES AT POLITICAL "WAKE"

President Denies Campaign Charge That He Leans Toward Aristocracy.

SOCIAL CHANGE IS SLOW

Million Voters, Normally Republicans. Declared to Have Voted for Wilson, to Avert Danger of Roosevelt's Election.

(Continued From First Page.) ner of his taking off, may not, therefore, be inappropriate.

"What was the political disease of which I died? I am hopeful that when historians conduct their post mortems due to circumstances over which I had no great control and to a political cataclysm which I could hardly have anti-clpated or avoided; but whether this be true or not, even friendly critics are able to point out personal reasons why it was that, though I went in, I also went out, with large majorities.

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"It has been charged against me that I am an aristocrat and that I have no sympathy with the common people. Now I don't think it is true. I think I am as aympathetic with the common people, as earnestly destrous of their happiness, as anxious to see that they have justice as any one. I believe most profoundly that popular government is the best government, and I am greatly concerned that it shall continue and be successful in giving to the people at large the surest measure of individual liberty on the one hand, and the greatest political efficacy in government on the other. It may be that in my earnest desire to make government efficient. I have not always explained that I believe that to make government efficient is to work directly in the interest of the common people. "My administration has come and sone in a period of unrest and agitation for something intangible, which it is difficult definitely to describe. We have lived during the last four years, and are living now, in an atmosphere of stremuous denunciations of certain evils and loud aspirations for an ideal state in which the common people are to become happler, the poor and opposessed are to acquire property and coase suffering, and much or all of the change is to be accomplished through the agency of government.

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cannot join in the glowing promise that Government action can remedy all of the evils of poverty, disease and ig-norance as set forth in the prospectuses of an ambitious political party I cannot help asking by what means these reforms are to be accomplished except by more uniform enforcement of the law, by making the Government more economical and more efficient.

"I am not complaining of this situation. I am hopeful that as time rolls by the facts may disclose themselves and may lead people to believe that more real reform has been accomplished in my Administration than will ever flow from an attempt to put into practical operation the promises, which have been made in recent party plat.

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citizen to help my country and my fellow men in the struggle for con-tinuance of free effective government. "We were beaten in the last elec-tion. We ran third in the race. Why is tion. We ran third in the race. Why is it that we gather here with so much spirit and with so little disappointment and humiliation? Is it not that in spite of the defeat recorded at the election in November, we were still victorious in saving our country from an administration whose policy involved the sapping of the foundation of democratic, constitutional, representive government, whose appeals were calculated to arouse class hatred that has heretofore been the ruin of popular government, and whose contempt for the limitations of Constitutional law and the guarantee of civil liberty promised chaos and anarchy?

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"The result of the Chicago convention was a triumph for the permanence of Republican institutions, the importance of which cannot be exaggerated.

"We meet in no sense of despair, but rather to rejoice in a victory for law and order. It is true that we were defeated at the polls by our old-time opponent, the Democratic party. It is true that we are now going to work out again the problem of eating our cake and having it, too, by showing how it is possible to change from a system of protection for manufactured industries to one of tariff for revenue only without affecting the industries to their detriment and without halting production or lowering wages.

"We have been through this before, it may be that this time they can do what they have not succeeded in doing heretofore, and if so, and they can maintain the prosperity of the country at its present record level, then we shall rejoice at their success.

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had ever encountered in his experience as a state and Federal prosecutor.

Referring to the irrigation project a Wahluke, undertaken by the orchard company and for which the large is-sue of bonds was floated, Mr. McCourt charged that the enterprise never was Accepting the contention of the defense that only \$2,000,000 bonds were issued, Mr. McCourt pointed out that the aggregate income from the completed project of 16,000 acres a \$5 an acre would be only \$80,000 per annum or \$60,000 less than the annual interest charge of \$140,000 on the bonds. These figures, he said, did not include any charge for maintenance and operation. In addition, the prosecutor reminded the jury that the maximum valuation placed on the orchard sempany's holdings was only \$240,000. He devoted considerable time to showing the worthless character of the securities represented to be behind the bonds as well as other fraudulent rep-resentations as to the desirability of the bonds as an investment.

For Hour Jury Is Instructed. The instructions of Judge Bean to the jury were exhaustive and their delivery consumed an hour. He explained that three elements were as

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