DID TAFT MAKE BAD BLUNDER?

Tariff Revision Utterances and Anti-Trust Views Are Attacked.

INCOME TAX IDEA OPPOSED

Washington Politicians Discussing Columbus Speech Unfavorably—Revision Criticised.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Some of the politicians here, who are watching the trend of national politics, believe that in his speech at Columbus Mr. Taft, secretary of war, made at least two blunders. One of these was in his tariff revision utterances, and the other in advocating the changing of the anti-trust laws so as to provide for the control of those trusts in "unreasonable" restraint of trade.

On the whole it is realized that the speech, in its general terms, is a direct reflection of the administration view in most things. The war secretary read his speech of yesterday to the president and the president read his speech of today to his war secretary and each indorsed the other. Relative to the use of the word "unreasonable" in a revised trust law, it is pointed out that such an amendment would be, in a large measure, playing directly into the hands of the big corporations popularly believed to be operating in restraint of trade.

Position Taken by Knox.

In the trans-Missouri case, in the Joint Traffic Association case, and still later, and of even more importance, the Northern Securities case, the defense claimed that the restraint of trade with which they were charged was not unreasonable, neither was it harmful or contrary to the public interest. The position was attacked strongly and successfully by the government. Mr. Knox, who was then attorney general, held that such construction placed on the statute would negative the efforts of the government.

Some "standpatters" are not impressed with Secretary Taft's remarks on the tariff. For instance, they don't like this language: "It is the duty of the Republican party to see to it that the tariff on imported articles does not exceed substantially the reasonably permanent differential between the cost of production in the foreign countries and that in the United States. Whenever the tariff imposed is largely in excess of the differential between the cost of production in the two countries, there is formed at once a great temptation to monopolies."

Not True, Says Standpatter.

It is especially the last sentence above quoted to which exception is taken by a prominent official whose name has become synonymous with "standpatism," a man whose voice has been raised in many states of the Union in previous campaigns in behalf of the protective tariff, but who does not desire his identity known in this connection. He said of the sentence quoted:

"That is not true. We want to know that we have enough protection. Further, the free trade or non-protective policy of England is more conducive to monopoly than our high protective tariff."

This gentleman agrees with Mr. Taft that the Republican party can well afford to wait until after another presidential election in order to make any possible revision of the tariff, which he does not admit is necessary. He thinks Mr. Taft has said something which the opponents of the Republican party desired him to say, in a seeming admission that the protective tariff was conducive to monopoly, and which would be used against the party at every opportunity.

This same gentleman differed with Mr. Taft in relation to his ideas of an income tax, saying that he believed the Supreme Court decision on that question was honest and based on honest and correct grounds. He added that he noticed Mr. Taft touched on inheritance and income taxes rather gingerly.

SMITH BOYS CATCH MONSTROUS STURGEON

The Smith Brothers who were fishing at the Forks Tuesday night caught a monster sturgeon and had quite a time in landing it. The fish weighed 320 pounds and was eight feet in length. The fishermen had to club the unusual sized fish to death before they could get him into the boat.

—Don't forget Dance at Sumner.

AT THE HOTELS.

Blanco:—M. A. Phillips, Seattle, S. A. Beck, Portland, Jesse Taylor, Ray Bean, Herman C. Smith, R. Loane, O. W. Peters, Buffalo, F. J. Yamke, Mrs. F. J. Cheshire, Lakin, H. R. Braddish and wife, Wardner, Idaho, T. S. Minot, Portland, H. L. Brown, Portland, A. M. Bryant, Allegany, W Ganey, San Francisco, R. F. Jenkins, Portland, E. J. Sibbolt, Miss A. E. Knox, Portland, Lee Cox, Bandon, John Neilson, Prosper, E. E. Goucher, McMinnville, A. Walker, Portland, Frank Sweeney, Portlan, J. H. Fround, Portland, Geo. W. Johnson, Coquille, A. J. Rohr, Portland, E. Mystrom, Mrs. E. Tatom, P. I. Bagge, Delos Woodruff, Ophir, F. J. Haner, Portland, Eva L. Schroeder, Coquille, Florence Watstrom, Coquille, C. Timmons, Astoria, H. Spencer, Astoria, S. Miller, Astoria, L. Ridgway, H. W. Bassett and wife, Long Beach, Calif., Wm. Hahn, R. McD. Nier, Ten Mile, Delle D. Smith, Ten Mile, J. W. Nier and family, Ten Mile, J. D. Magee Ten Mile.

Central:—Charles Smalley, Coquille, W. S. Goodman, Walla Walla, S. J. Abegg, Walla Walla, Vega Anderson, Alameda, Calif., Louis Doonar, Bandon, G. Merrutia, Tacoma, Geo. J. Johnson, Coquille, J. P. Seeds and wife, F. W. Mulkey, Portland, J. P. Kennedy, Portland, Pearl Carter, Myrtle Point, Mrs. Dr. Tatom, V. A. Schlappi, South Inlet. O. F. Roher, Coquille, J. Rhodes, E. I. West, Oakland, V. B. Cosad, T. C. Kendall, Frank Irvine, I. Norberg, Astoria, G. B. Loughead, J. Ward.

BREAKWATER BRINGS BIG FREIGHT CARGO

Chinamen For Bandon Cannery.—Will Sail This Afternoon on Return Trip.

The Breakwater arrived in yesterday forenoon with 700 tons of freight and a full list of passengers. She was at North Bend unloading until late in the afternoon and then came up to Marshfield. She will sail this afternoon from Marshfield at three o'clock. The ship brought a number of Chinamen bound for Bandon, to work in the Timmons salmon cannery, which has been put in readiness for the run which is now at hand. Her list for Portland was sold out last Saturday. Following is the passenger list:

C. C. Stratton, H. G. Stratton and wife, Miss Johnson, Miss Walstrom, J. McDonald, C. R. Watson, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. M. Stratton, W. Brandish, Mrs. Brandish, W. McDonald, U. Brown, A. B. George, A. B. Curtis, W. Fitzenback, L. W. Myrick and wife, J. Holton, Mrs. Holton, D. A. Curry, V. S. Patterson, S. S. Jennings H. Jennings, Miss Jennings, Mrs. Jennings, Miss Gulovson, Mrs. Forty, L. Douner, A. Mereen, C. Johnson, W. Gulovson, A. R. Bean, S. A. Book, G. A. Perkins, P. E. Webber, T. J. Haner, T. J. Hamke, L. Peterson, C. Timmons, Y. Miller, M. Spencer, A. Astrom, Mrs. Astrom, Mrs. Cluett, H. C. Smith, T. S. Minot, W. J. Course, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Clancy, L. O. Johnson, T. W. Hazy, J. W. Wyman, M. Bennett, M. Olson, F. Knoberg, Mrs. Mancent, Miss Schroeder, Mrs. Cheshire, P. Olam, O. W. Peters, J. S. Cluett, J. Metuce, 18 steerage, 28 chinamen.

ALLIANCE WILL SAIL FOR BAY ON SATURDAY

Portland, Aug. 27.—Staunch and seaworthy as ever the steamer Alliance, which was rammed by the City of Panama and badly damaged, will go out on her regular run between Portland and Coos Bay Saturday night. She will be floated from the drydock Thursday and come up to Portland to begin loading for the outward trip. The bottom of her hull is not so badly damaged as at first feared. Timbers were sprung but not sufficient to cause a leak. Mechanics will be employed on her day and night until she is in shape for placing in the water.

The Alliance was disabled on the morning of August 8. By sailing Saturday she will have been out of commission just three weeks, a longer period than was anticipated after the first hasty inspection of her had been completed. For a distance of seven feet her entire stern was wrecked, besides she sustained other damages. Those looking over the craft since the work of repairing has begun to near completion say she will be in as fine shape as ever.

BON VIVANT GRILL OPEN THIS MORNING

The Bon Vivant grill will be reopened to the public again this morning under the management of Mr. Wyatt, the former proprietor. He will be assisted by the well known chef, A. Chartier, and the cuisine will be kept up to its former standard.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife Maud Frey, signed: L. A. FREY.

BIG ORGANIZATION WILL BUCK STANDARD

American Syndicate Organizing to Develop Oil Lands in Mexico.

New York, Aug. 27.—Arrangements have been completed for the organization of a $50,000,000 American syndicate, according to an announcement published today, which plans to develop several million acres of oil lands in Mexico. It is the purpose to ship the product to Central and South America, also to Europe and Africa, in competition with the Standard Oil Company.

The syndicate will take over the Mexican Petroleum Company, which was organized in California in 1902, and owns approximately 1,000,000 acres of land in the state of Tamaulpias, Vera Cruz and San Luis Potosi. More than 100 gushers and wells are reported on the property, and the oil is the same grade as that in the Southeast Texas fields.

PROMINENT EDUCATOR VISITING ON THE BAY

Dr. C. C. Stratton, H. G. Stratton and wife and Miss M. E. Stratton are in Marshfield for a short stay. Dr. Stratton is one of the oldest and most prominent eudcators in the northwest and has been engaged in pulpit work for years. H. G., the son is part owner in the steamship company which controls the shipping on the Coquille and serves the interests of that part of the county. The boats owned by this company are the Dispatch, Liberty, Antelope, Favorite and Venus.

PEACHES, PEARS, PRUNES, PLUMS.

Now is the time to can them. We have them. Get your orders in early before they are all gone and the market is higher.

CHAS. STAUFF.

PORTLAND MAN LOOKS FOR BUSINESS OPENING

Mr. S. S. Jennings and family, of Portland, are in the city and intend to remain permanently in case they can find a suitable residence and a business place. Mr. Jennings intends opening a dry goods establishment.

BERT ROHR SURPRISES FATHER BY A VISIT

Bert Rohr, son of J. B. Rohr, the sign painter, arrived on the Breakwater yesterday and surprised his father who had not seen him in the past two years. He lives in South Bend, Washington, and is doing well.

WILL INSTALL SMITH COMPANY MACHINERY

Mr. Bennett, chief engineer of the C. A. Smith Lumber company, of Minneapolis, arrived here yesterday and will direct the installation of the machinery in the new Smith mill on Isthmus Inlet.

ELECTRIC COMPANY MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

The Coos Bay Gas and Electric company received a 100 horse power boiler on the Breakwater. This boiler will be installed immediately as an auxiliary to the present Marshfield plant which has been worked to its full capacity of late. The company also placed at the corner of C and First streets a 200 light transformer for which the company has the thanks of this office.

NEGRO ACCUSED OF ILLINOIS MURDER CAUGHT

Benton, Ill., Aug. 27.—Sheriff Thomas J. Odum left this morning for Ripley, Tenn., to arrest J. R. Robbins, colored, accused of the murder of Joe Lee, also a negro, at a railroad camp three miles south of Christopher, on October 7, 1906. On the day of the alleged murder Robbins bought some chickens and had them cooked. Lee seems to have brought his girl, and together they ate all the chicken.

Several hours afterwards Robbins and Lee had quarreled about the chicken. Lee had gone to bed, and he was shot twice, once in the stomach and once in the shoulder. Lee then crawled out of the tent where the shooting had taken place into the dark, and his slayer followed to finish killing him. Lee begged for his life, saying to the slayer that he had already killed him, but, at the point of his pistol, he forced another negro to hold a lamp while he walked up and shot Lee dead.

He escaped the officers at the time, but yesterday Sheriff Odum received a telegram that the officers at Ripley had him. He has already been indicted and will be tried at the term of Circuit court to be held September 9.

FIVE HUNDRED HURT IN POLITICAL RIOT

Two Thousand Police and 10,000 Picnickers Battle on Long Island.

New York, Aug., 27.—In a pitched battle between 10,000 persons who attended an outing given by the Tammany Jefferson Club—Louis J. Haffen's organization—and 2,000 policemen, waiters and longshoremen this evening at Witzel's Point View Grove, College Point, L. I., more than 500 were injured. The police obtained only a few names. Revolvers, knives, blackjacks and all sorts of weapons were used.

Four sisters of charity were dragged about the dining hall and their clothing was nearly torn off. The row started in a dispute between one of the politicians and a waiter over a plate of ice cream. The proprietor, Witzel, attempted to interject a remark, and was promptly knocked down. The the special police and waiters rallied to the rescue and the fight was on.

Police Lock the Doors.

The pavilian is inclosed on all sides and there was no way of getting out after the fight started, because the police rushed in and locked the doors. They did this to prevent the crowd outside from rushing in and adding to the riot.

When the heavy reserves of regular police several hundred strong, arrived they had to fight their way into the pavilion with their clubs. The fusillade was turned on them and they were smeared.

All the rioters who were on their feet were driven out then the police undertook to dig the other out of the wreck. Some of them were buried under a mass of food and broken furniture.

Policeman Edward Butler and the two detectives who had reached the pavilion first were sad sights. Their fellow policemen had to dig several courses of the banquet out of their eyes and ears and hair.

The riot was finally quelled after a hard fight, and nineteen of the rioters were so seriously injured that they had to be removed to the hospital.

President Haffen charges the riot was started by political enemies, but at any rate the Bronx is full of broken heads and smashed faces tonight.

LYNCH SLAYER OF FARMER AND WIFE

Mob of 20 Nebraskans Take Murderer From Sheriff and Hang Him to Tree.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 27.—Loris Higgins, who murdered his former employer, W. L. Copple, a farmer, and his wife, near Rosalie, May 12, on account of a trival dispute with Copple, was lynched at Bancroft today. Higgins had been in the county jail since his capture. Last night Sheriff Young, of Thurston county, took him to Bancroft on a train which reached Bancroft this morning.

On arrival there 29 men took Higgins from the Sheriff, hauled him away on a dray and hanged him from a tree. The Sheriff, before leaving Omaha Sunday, received an intimation that a lynching might be attempted, but replied that he would shoot the first man attempting it. Since Higgins' arrest he had become radically religious.

NOTICE TO MARINERS—PIEDRAS BLANCAS—CALIFORNIA.

Notice is hereby given that the compressed air fog whistle at Piedras Blancas Light Station, California, heretofore reported broken down and not to be depended upon, is now in good working order.

Reported by

R. F. LOPEZ,
Commander, U. S. N. Inspector, 12th Lighthouse District.