

COMMERCE TIED UP

Suggestions of President Meet With Opposition.

RAILROADS ARE DISSATISFIED

President Roosevelt Will Insist on the Recommendations Made in His Message to Congress Being Carried Out

Washington, Dec. 17.—The president will fight for legislation granting authority to the Interstate Commerce commission to revise railroad rates, upon complaint that they are unreasonable such revision to be subject to review by the federal courts. He will insist upon the enactment of this legislation until it is secured. This statement is authoritative.

In the house and in the senate strong opposition to the legislation advocated by the president is rapidly developing. The opposition, for various reasons, is determined that the president's recommendations shall be disregarded. As yet they do not appreciate to the full the president's determination, but supported by some railroad interests they will not yield until forced to do so.

This situation makes certain one of the hardest legislative fights in recent years, and it will be for the republican party. Notwithstanding the strength of the opposition, the president will eventually win, backed as he is by public sentiment and strengthened by his unyielding determination.

The president's recommendation that the Interstate Commerce commission be given authority to revise rates was made only after the most careful consideration. The proposition to confer such power on the Interstate Commerce commission was not original with the president, though the adoption of the plan as a solution of the problem of unreasonable rates which is developing intense irritation throughout the country was upon his own motion. He studied the situation and concluded that therein was the remedy.

The president's purpose in making this recommendation to the present congress was to draw the teeth of the opposition by having it develop its arguments. His tactics are similar to those of the general who, before beginning an attack, searches the enemy's front with his artillery, to develop their position.

Though realizing that it is most difficult to secure new legislation at a short session of congress, the president hoped that there would be unreasonable opposition to his plan. If that opposition develops as pronouncedly as is now promised, the aggressive campaign in behalf of his plan. His recommendation has already attracted public attention, and has now the prestige of his support. In public addresses, which he is certain to make, after the adjournment of congress, the president will devote large attention to this rate revision idea as an important step in the direction of solving the trust problem.

He will, also, in his next annual message to congress make rate revision by the Interstate Commerce commission, subject to judicial review, the principal topic of his message. He has made up his mind to fight for it and he never enters a fight in behalf of any idea without the determination to win. This is a quality which some of those opposed to his plan have not appreciated. They had an idea that rather than risk a serious party strife he would yield to opposition and not force the fighting. But they have not measured the man. He means to secure this legislation. That fact must be accepted.

The president has measured the menace of socialism, which, he believes, must grow if the republican party does not meet every issue squarely. He will fight the erroneous doctrines of socialism with all the earnestness of his nature. But at the same time he will do his part to remove the causes of grievance that have fertilized the soil in which socialism of Abraham Lincoln. While Lincoln had to meet disunionism in the form of slavery and the determination of the south to rule or ruin, Theodore Roosevelt feels that he is fighting disunionism in the shape of socialism.

He proposes, as he states to those who have his confidence, to stand for the interests of the "plain people of the United States" regardless of all opposition. Part of that stand is his fight against unreasonable freight rates. Those who think that fight will not be aggressive to not remember his three years' fight for trust regulatory legislation, and they forget

the persistency with which he carried to success the policy of reciprocity with Cuba.

MARYLAND RETURNS.

Only a Few Votes Difference Between Electors.

Baltimore, Dec. 17.—Complete and official returns from Maryland show clearly that the real will of the voters was defeated when the canvassing board issued seven out of eight certificates to democratic electors. The highest vote cast for any candidate for elector was that given to Charles J. Bonaparte, who headed the republican ticket. He received 108,497 votes. The next highest republican candidate for elector received 106,993. The eight democratic candidates received votes ranging from 107,477, to 107,278. The lowest republican candidate received 106,694, so that on the republican side there was a variation in the vote for electors of 2,803, to a variation on the democratic side of only 2-200. This difference can be accounted for in only one way. The Maryland legislature at its last session passed a law empowering the county authorities in certain counties to take the party designation from the official ballot and to arrange the names of candidates for office in any way they might see fit. The law applied to counties in Southern Maryland and on the eastern shore, where republican majorities were normally given, and was intended to make voting as difficult a puzzle as possible for the uneducated voter. But in the counties where democratic majorities are usually given the official ballot with the party designations was retained.

TARIFF REFORM CONVERT.

Cornelius N. Bliss Changes His Views on Tariff Revision.

New York, Dec. 17.—Cornelius N. Bliss, high priest of protection, one time president of the American Tariff League club, and perhaps the most powerful individual factor in raising the snags of war to perpetuate the protective policy, has become a convert to the tariff doctrine laid down in the last speech of President McKinley, and has through the action of the Union League club Friday night struck the most effective blow yet given in President Roosevelt's fight for tariff revision.

The action of the club was largely attributed to Mr. Bliss yesterday, and the alignment of this most representative republican club on the side of an investigation of tariff injustices was regarded as the first open move in President Roosevelt's war against the "stand patters."

Mr. Bliss was in high good humor yesterday, and he smiled cheerfully when asked to talk about the club's resolution.

"Why, I wasn't there," he said. "I haven't anything to say about the subject at all. You will have to excuse me from talking about a club matter."

BRAZILIAN LAW.

Don't Want to Offend the United States.

New York, Dec. 17.—The president has promulgated a law, cables the Herald's Rio Janeiro Brazil correspondent, maintaining martial law for a month and a law authorizing the government to build 28 war vessels. The newspaper Notizia commenting on the peace with Paraguay, says the Latin-American republics should now more than ever live in orderly fashion so as not to give the United States cause for interference.

STREET CAR ACCIDENT.

Freight Train Crashes Into Loaded Street Car.

Portland, Me., Dec. 17.—A trolley car filled with young people returning from a dance at Deering Center was struck last night just before midnight by a freight train at the Forest avenue, Woodford, crossing of the Port-Worcester & Nashua division of the Boston & Maine. About twenty-five persons were injured, two of them very seriously, but no one was killed. The most seriously injured are: Oscar Bowker, motorman, nose broken, face and hands cut and body bruised; Matthew Quinn, clerk in the Portland postoffice, spine badly injured and head cut.

A panic followed the crash. Every one was thrown down and as many injuries came from trampling as from the crashing of windows and wood-work.

Master Fined.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Collector of the Port Stratton imposed a fine of \$100 on Captain John Truebridge, master of the steamship Minnesota today for having failed to furnish a certified copy of the crew list to the custom house officers on his arrival here. An appeal may be taken to the secretary of the treasury, but in the meantime, as the steamer cannot get clearance papers, from this port until the fine is paid, it will probably be paid under protest.

Bolivia at Peace.

New York, Dec. 17.—The senate has finally ratified the peace and friendship treaty with Bolivia, cables the Valparaiso correspondent of the Herald. A big anti-clerical demonstration similar to that which recently occurred in Santiago is being prepared.

A BRUTAL HUSBAND

Throws His Wife Out in the Street to Freeze.

AN OUTRAGE UPON DECENCY

A Story of Degradation and Abuse Unparalleled in the Annals of Cruelty and Crime.

Brooklyn, Dec. 17.—Thrown into the street in the dead of night, Mrs. William A. Cahill of 406 Danforth street, whose husband is a doctor of medicine and a city physician in the employ of the health department at a salary of \$500 a year, was frozen nearly to death last night before she was rescued by the police. She had no protection from the icy winds except a thin night dress, and with her bare feet in the snow she prayed for death as a relief from her suffering and humiliation.

The story she told the police this morning was one of the most pitiful in the annals of the department. Cultured, refined and tenderly nurtured, Mrs. Cahill, according to her story, has suffered untold degradations and abuse without a murmur until the climax was capped last night. The woman is young and good looking. She comes of a well known family in the southern part of the city and is connected by blood with some of the most prominent people in the city.

The story told the police by Mrs. Cahill is as follows: Her husband is a practicing physician and has charge of the city's cases in the first district, which is made up of the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth wards. He is said to be a cigarette fiend and a hard drinker. He came home between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, dragged his wife out of bed without a word of explanation, forced her to the outside door and flung her out into the night with the temperature hovering around the zero mark. She was unclothed except for her nightgown. Cahill locked the door and called up the police station. He told the officer who responded to his call that there was a woman on his front steps in her night clothes and requested that the patrol wagon be sent to take her away. He then called up a livery stable to order a carriage for his own use. When the patrol wagon arrived Mrs. Cahill was nearly frozen. She says the experience was unspeakably terrible. Mrs. Cahill told the officers of the patrol her story and they forced an entrance to the house.

Mrs. Cahill says that they have seven children, the oldest a girl of 12 years and the youngest a baby of 3 months. The oldest child is dangerously ill with typhoid pneumonia, with which she has been attacked two or three times. Mrs. Cahill has sat up with her daughter the past four nights with scarcely any sleep. The servant girl was not at home at the time of Cahill's escapade last night.

Mrs. Cahill declares that her husband came home again this morning and created another disturbance. With her at the time was her mother, whom she had sent for during the night. She asserts that she has been the victim of her husband's abuse several years and the story of her sufferings is a pitiful one. She declares that he is a cigarette fiend, and in proof of her statement says she has saved 1700 coupons from cigarette boxes in the past few months. Mrs. Cahill says that when her husband drinks, whiskey he seems to become temporarily insane.

ARMY OFFICERS ARRESTED.

Lieut. McDonald Arrested for Shortage in Accounts.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Second Lieutenant Paul H. McDonald, of the Tenth infantry, recently resigned from the service, this week came to Washington to urge the war department to accept the resignation.

It is learned today that while he was at the department he was placed under arrest upon charges preferred by the regimental commander of Fort Lawton, and alleging various irregularities in financial transactions, including the duplication of his pay accounts, and obtaining money under false pretenses.

Lieut. McDonald was first taken to Fort Myer, and later to Fort Lawton, Wash. He is a native of Virginia, and rose to commissioned rank from an enlisted man, being appointed about a year ago.

HAD BERI BERI

Whatever It Is It Seems to Be Quite Fatal.

New York, Dec. 18.—The bark Polynevia has arrived from Butaritari, one of the Gilbert Islands, cables the Montevideo, Uruguay, correspondent of the Herald. The captain died during the voyage from beri-beri. Of the crew composed of 10 men, six are bed stricken with the same illness. The vessel is quarantined.

SANTA FE ON DEFENSE.

C. F. & I. Rate Discrimination the Cause.

Albuquerque, N. M. Dec. 17.—Judge Prouty, of the Interstate commerce commission partially completed testimony in the charges of discrimination in rates on coal and mine supplies in favor of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, brought by an independent coal mine operator in New Mexico against the Santa Fe Railroad company.

The plaintiff sought to prove that the railroad by a secret agreement with the Colorado Fuel & Iron company delivered that company's coal free on board for practically what independent coal companies have to pay for freight, thus shutting off all competition in New Mexico and Arizona.

The defense contended itself with a cross-examination intended to show that the chief complainant, the Caldonian Coal company of Gallup, N. M. produced an inferior grade of coal to that produced by the Colorado Fuel & Iron company at its southern Colorado and northern New Mexico mines.

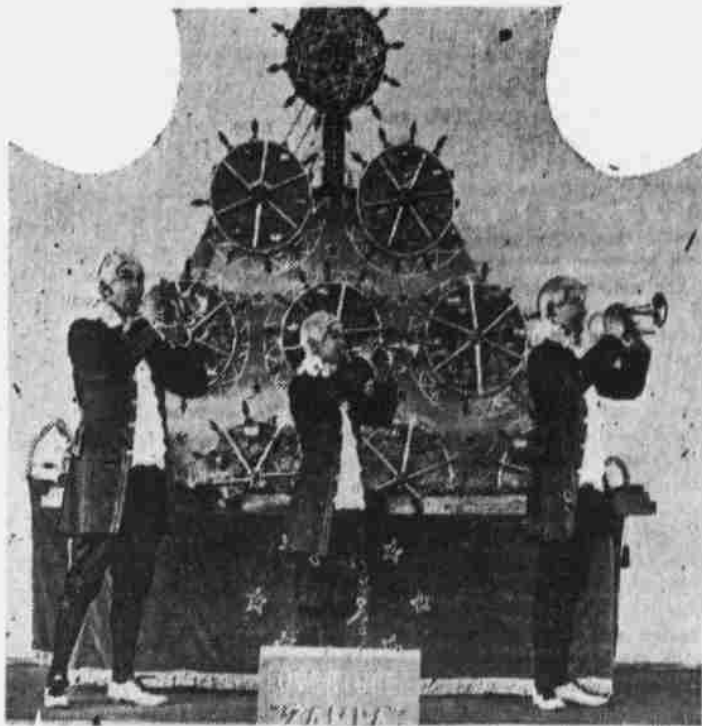
Mrs. Chadwick was able to demonstrate that Shakespeare failed to comprehend how much there really is in a name when worked to the limit.

THE STAR PERFORMANCE

Greatest Show Ever Given in Astoria Commences Monday.

Encouraged by the immense houses that have greeted the Star theater the past week, Manager Gervurtz is determined to secure the very best

marvel of mechanical ingenuity well worth listening to. In addition to this, the Felding Comedy Four will be seen in new specialties, both original and unique. The marvelous Aumann has a



attractions possible. One of the principal features of the Star next week, commencing with Monday's magazine, will be the Bomm, Blinn, Burr, one of the greatest musical creations of the age. The wheels, operated by electricity, three performers on musical instruments, cornet solos, produce a symphony seldom equalled. It is a novelty bag punching act that excels anything of the kind ever witnessed in Astoria. Bob Keenan in "My Rose from Tennessee," and the Edison projectoscope, with new and amusing scenes, will make a program of unusual merit. The Star is certainly the par excellence of vaudeville in Astoria and is improving with age.

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