



## TARIFF REVISION THE GENERAL THEME AT THIS TIME

### Speaker Cannon Issues Statement on Subject

### THE PEOPLE'S WILL

### By Concession and Compromise, There Will Come Results Least Objectionable

### HE FAVORS TARIFF REVISION

### Whoever is Elected Speaker of the Next House Must So Perform His Duties as to Assist Members in Matter.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Returning to Washington late this afternoon for the coming session of Congress, Speaker Cannon issued a statement in which he set forth at length that he is in favor of an honest revision of the tariff. He added that the people had voted for a revision and he believed they would get the kind of a tariff they voted for. As to the organization of the 61st Congress, the Speaker said that from reports they are capable of doing that themselves. Cannon says that every Republican member was elected with the idea of tariff revision in view and that every one of them without exception he believes, will strive to the best of his intelligence and ability to attain the tariff results desired by the people who elected him. He says that all will not have the same views and each one cannot have his own way altogether. There must be concession and compromise, out of which will come results, which on the whole is most acceptable or least objectionable to all. That is, says the Speaker, according to a civilized and enlightened government. It is a barbarian who expects to have everything his own way without regard to his neighbor. The Speaker continued: "Whoever is elected Speaker of the next House must so perform his duties as to assist the House in arriving at a result which will best represent the views of the responsible party in the House, striving to carry out the will of the people who elected him."

"The representatives made no mistake when they enacted the Dingley law, and I believe they will make no mistake in the bill which they will enact next summer, with the concurrence of the Senate and House."

The Speaker declared that representatives are certain to do the best they can for they will have to go before the people in 1910 and account for their acts. No representative and especially the Speaker, he said, will fail to do everything within his power to carry out the constitutionally expressed will of the people.

"This is why we believe we shall get the sort of tariff revision the people voted for," said Cannon. "I do not pretend to prophesy or dictate. It is and should be beyond any man's power to dictate to the house of representatives. I merely speak

from long experience and teaching of what I believe to be reason and common sense."

### MORE OF THE ABRUZZI.

### Royal Secrets Alleged To Be Given To The General Public.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 24.—Interesting and authentic details of the stand taken by Queen Margherita of Italy in connection with the long rumored and denied engagement of the Duke of the Abruzzi to Miss Katherine Elkins were received in this city yesterday. They came in form of a letter from Senora Josephine Buzzi, widow of the late governor of the Royal Castle at Spuninagi to her son, Signor Pietro Buzzi of this city. Signor Buzzi last night revealed the secrets of the royal household entrusted to him by his mother, because, he said, the Abruzzi-Elkins affair is a closed incident.

"My mother wrote the letter to me during the time that Queen Margherita and the young duke were staying at the castle," said he. "She says that the affair was the gossip of the hour before the arrival of the queen, ten days before she wrote, but that her announcements soon allayed all fear that there would be any alliance between royal blood and the Elkins."

"The queen made no attempt to conceal her feelings against any proposed engagement between the Duke and Miss Elkins and denied that such an engagement existed. She was often seen with the young Abruzzi and they seemed on the best of terms. When the people were assured that the rumors were false they gave vent to exclamations of satisfaction over what they termed the excellent judgment of the duke."

The father of Signor Buzzi was governor of Spuninagi castle under King Victor Emmanuel and his widow is still a member of the court.

The town of Piney, a German settlement on the Iron Mountain railroad, located between Knoxville and London, suffered the most, according to reports received. Reports from Russellville and Knoxville, the only near points from which anything can be learned, are to the effect that a number of people are believed to have been killed.

The number of dead is estimated at from nine to twenty while one report stated that all rumors were exaggerated and that only one person, a girl, had been killed. Five business houses and a number of homes were destroyed, according to reports.

All the physicians of Knoxville have left that place for Piney, traveling in buggies and automobiles, but nothing has been heard from them. It was first reported that the town of London had been destroyed, but upon investigation it was found that Piney was referred to instead of London.

From the towns of Berryville and Cravens, the most definite reports are received. At the former three persons were injured and the property loss is estimated at between \$25,000 and \$40,000. At Cravens, four persons are known to be dead, members of the family of John Rosin, a farmer, were caught under the falling timbers of their home. L. G. Holt, and wife, an aged couple were seriously injured and may die. Eight persons who took refuge in a store, were caught in the crash of the building and all were injured and eight others are reported as missing. At Cravens practically all the larger buildings were either demolished or badly damaged. From Knoxville a dispatch received this morning partially confirms the report that the village

of Barr, four miles from that place, was totally wrecked. Section men who went to the scene, state that the entire intermediate country has been laid waste by the wind and hail which followed, the hail in some places standing to a depth of six inches.

## ANOTHER OPEN LETTER

HON. A. M. SMITH, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF ASTORIA.

OFFICE OF MORNING ASTORIAN, ASTORIA, OREGON, NOV. 24, 1908.

Sir:—In my own behalf, as the proprietor and publisher of the Morning Astorian, and in behalf of the people of Astoria, whose cause I am endeavoring to serve with that newspaper, I hereby make open response to your open letter in the Evening Budget of yesterday, in which epistle you take particular pains to inform this public that my paper is maligning you, and that it "has seen fit to engage in a campaign of malicious slander and defamation, which is as false and libelous as it is unjustifiable," all of which is absolutely untrue, and no one knows it better than you do. And coming from the ex-owner, financier, and general sponsor of the Astoria Herald, which, for years, when under your control, was one of the foulest and lowest papers ever uttered in this city, in its dealings with the Morning Astorian and the Republican party of this city, your wail of grief has a ring of hypocrisy that is painfully apparent to every man familiar with the tone and trend of that notorious and infamous sheet. This paper, the Morning Astorian, is not maligning, trading, nor disparaging you, personally. This you know without the further telling; since you have had the assurance from this office on three different occasions lately; and each time in ready response to your threats to arrest me for criminal libel, under specific statutes.

With the Republican organ of this city and section, I am assailing you in your position as the acknowledged leader, adviser and champion of the party and administration that have wrought the practical financial undoing of this city; as City Attorney here for several terms, and as political over-lord of the faction, you have assumed to head as chief. And in those relations I propose, still further to pursue your policies and plans and undo them if I may, with this paper and the votes of the revolting and long suffering taxpayers and citizens of Astoria.

You have had the most candid expression of my personal friendliness toward you; and your public lamentation in last night's Budget comes with poor grace when you were in possession of that assurance no later than yesterday morning. You were told then, as you are told now, that the Republican journal and organ of this city is fighting you on purely political grounds and that your private character and business had been, were being, and would be, held free and remote from every issue raised and debated in these columns; and therefore I aver that the letter you subscribed yesterday is false, a fiction to attract sympathetic attention and interest, and not the expression of a wise and self-reliant politician in the midst of a lively and important local campaign.

I am fighting this fight for the good of this city, and despite your programs and plans for a continuance of the reckless and extravagant course of public administration to which you and your following have attained, to the practical annihilation of property values here, under the weight of assessment and taxation. This is the predicate of my political antagonism and I propose to adhere to it to the last moment of the campaign.

You have deliberately threatened me, and my business, with legal action for criminal libel, by letter, by telephone, and by word of mouth in person, and once again I beg to assure that my interest in this struggle to beat you and your partisans at the polls on the 9th of December next, is just deep enough, and honest enough, to make me perfectly oblivious to those expressions and to urge that you take me into court whenever you get ready; a proceeding far more commensurate with the dignity of a political leader than the "baby-acts" alluded to.

Yours very truly,

J. S. DELLINGER, Proprietor Morning Astorian.

## JUSTICE ROOT PRESENTS HIS RESIGNATION

### CANNOT BEAR THE POSITION IN WHICH HE IS PLACED

SEATTLE, Nov. 24.—The Post-Intelligencer tonight received a report of the resignation of Judge Milo A. Root of the Supreme Court of Washington, whose official actions are under investigation by the State Bar Association. During the campaign just closed, charges were made reflecting upon the honor of Judge Root. Judge M. J. Gordon, former supreme court justice and who until three months ago was counsel for the Great Northern Railroad at Spokane has been mentioned in connection with Judge Root.

Judge Root's resignation and statement is as follows: "To the Governor: As I am on the eve of a serious operation for blood poisoning which is likely to confine me to my bed for some time to come, I beg to make the following statement to you:

"For more than 20 years of my patient, plodding career, I have endeavored to do my duty to my fellow men and to commit no act of injustice to anyone, least of all to taint in any way by words or deeds, the honor of the bench which should above all be held inviolable by every lover of liberty; yet in spite of this and in spite of my faith to Christian religion it has seemed to me that I have been pursued by fates in a manner as grim as ever was set forth in Greek tragedy. I will not recapitulate events which have led to my present determination to end so far as I can the seeming act of the fates."

"In my private life no man ever dared to cast any aspersions upon my character or my professional reputation but I no sooner have taken office than the thousand started to besmear and besmirch me with their foul utterances."

"At various periods I have held office of probate judge, prosecuting attorney and judge of the supreme court. In each of these positions I have been attacked and have resisted attack successfully. My record has been before the public since territorial days and it has been finally approved by the people of this state by my election to the high office with

which I am now honored. "But human nature has its limits of endurance. Final linking of my name with a scandal attaching to a former justice of the supreme court who for years has been a warm friend, and is, I believed, a devoted friend of mine, is the culmination of a series of calamities."

"My relations with Judge Gordon will bear closest investigation and will reflect no more upon me than the indiscretions of friendship."

"Yet I realized that for a justice of the supreme court, there should exist not even an indiscretion, especially as I realize, that any reflections on any member casts a cloud upon the entire court; and I do not wish to be the means of casting of any such cloud even in the slightest degree. Nor am I willing to remain the innocent cause of any lack of that respect and confidence, which I know every one of my associates upon the bench to be richly entitled to. Therefore, for reasons herewith set forth, I respectfully beg to resign forthwith as judge of the supreme court of the State of Washington."

"(Signed), MILO A. ROOT."

## ILWACO

W. B. Hawkins is at present suffering from what is thought to be a case of typhoid fever. Hopes are entertained for a speedy recovery.

Charles Rogers of the Ilwaco Mill & Lumber Co., was a visitor to Astoria the first of the week.

Mr. Mattson returned Monday from Gray's Harbor where he has been engaged in fishing for the past season.

Dr. Fulton, of Astoria, was in Ilwaco the latter part of last week to assist Dr. Paul in diagnosing W. B. Hawkins' case.

O. M. Ford, who has been ill for the past week, is able to be up and around again.

Miss Alvina Peterson returned from a few days' business trip to Portland the latter part of last week.

Mr. J. B. Babler, R. A. Hawkins and R. A. Hawkins, Jr., returned Saturday from a business visit to South Bend.

Miss Edith Whitcomb, is at present confined to her room, being quite ill from what is thought to be blood poisoning.

Captain Stuart of the Cape Disappointment Life Saving crew arrived Monday from a short visit in Portland.

R. A. Hawkins and J. B. Babler were visitors to Astoria the first of the week.

Mrs. Tom Lyniff, of Long Beach, was in Ilwaco Tuesday.

Old newspapers for sale at this office, 50 cents per hundred.

## REMAINS OF SUPPOSED MOUND BUILDERS

### WHILE EXCAVATING IN EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. WORKMEN FIND 16 BODIES.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Nov. 24.—Human bones believed to have been those of 16 mound builders, were found in East St. Louis today by workmen digging an excavation. One skeleton was walled up in a stone tomb eight feet high. It was that of a man apparently seven feet tall. When the stones were removed the skeleton fell to pieces. Buried under seven feet of earth near the base of this ancient tomb, where skeletons of 15 men, all above the normal about the tomb where their chief had about the tomb where their chief had been walled up.

## STORM IN INDIANA.

MARION, Ind., Nov. 24.—A storm approaching the proportions of a tornado passed over Grant county today. Farm buildings were damaged but no loss of life is reported.

## REPORT ON CANAL WORK.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Secretary of War Wright cabled today to Colonel Goethals, chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission for a statement showing the amount of damage done by the settling of certain portions of the work done at Gatun, where a big dam is to be constructed to hold in and check the waters of the Chagres river.

This request was prompted by statements made that owing to the recent rains a portion of the dam at Gatun had been destroyed. Officials of the commission point out that the actual work of construction of the Gatun dam has not been begun. Work up to this time has been confined chiefly to the building of large retaining walls for either end of dam.

## PAPER TRUST GRILLED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—A severe arraignment of the so-called paper trust was a feature of today's tariff hearing. After the hearing of arguments mainly for the protective tariff which occupied attention until nearly 5 o'clock, the House committee listened to the testimony of John Norris, representing the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. Norris argued for free trade in pulp and print paper, giving figures to show that the protection afforded paper manufacturers by the present tariff resulted in unreasonable prices.

## JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER FINISHES GIVING HIS TESTIMONY

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 24.—What the actual conditions are in Western Arkansas where it is known they are many dead, several score injured and many penniless victims of the two tornadoes which swept through that portion of the state late yesterday is a matter largely of conjecture. Although large forces of men have worked through last night endeavoring to establish communication with that section their work this morning is still incomplete. Early today reports, still indefinite, continued to reach this city but they were no more satisfactory than those received last night. Later dispatching, however, indicate no change as to the number of fatalities which have been conservatively estimated at thirty, although reports from several sources declare that the death list will aggregate fifty, with much of the storm swept territory yet to be heard from.

No estimates are made as to the property loss. Judging from all reports received thus far, however, it will go into the hundreds of thousands. Miles upon miles of land has been swept bare. Forests, homes, business houses, churches and everything have been demolished alike in many communities. Several dispatches say that whole forests of trees were torn out by their roots and that many buildings that were not demolished were lifted from their foundations and twisted around. That the loss of life would not be enormous under such circumstances would be considered remarkable.

Thus far reports differ as to the general direction of the tornadoes at the different points. The reports from Berryville, where many homes were destroyed and three people injured, were to the effect that the tornado struck that place coming from the north while another report said it came from the west. From all reports there appears to have been two different tornadoes, one starting from the south and the other from the north, both dipping to the east at intervals and apparently meeting in the central western part of the state, where the most damage has been reported.

## THEORIEN UNCAUGHT.

PORTLAND, Nov. 24.—Up to a late hour tonight there has been no development in the search for Captain T. Theorien, wanted to answer to a charge of killing Rasmussen, the watchman of the steam schooner Washington. Linn county officers at Albany, where Theorien was reported to have been seen yesterday, received information today that he had been seen at Brownsville and hurried to that place but the man had disappeared.

## TWO DRY PRECINCTS.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 24.—Sutton county voted dry by 946 and Miami county by 1350 today.

## MURDER AND SUICIDE.

EVANSTON, Wyo., Nov. 24.—Mrs. Michael Marielski, wife of a ranchman living near here killed herself and two children and attempted to murder three other children with poisoned pie. The act is believed to be due to domestic unhappiness. The husband was exiled from Hungary 25 years ago on account of sedition.

## THERE MURDERERS QUICKLY HANGED

UNION CITY, Tenn., Nov. 24.—The little town of Tiptonville, bordering on Reel Foot Lake, which has been the scene of many stirring events in the last month witnessed the lynching late today of three negroes arrested this morning for having murdered Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Burrus and fatally injuring Deputy Sheriff John Hall. The negroes were Marshall, Edward and Jim Steinbeck. These brothers created a disturbance at a religious meeting at Tiptonville Saturday night and when the officers attempted to arrest them a fight ensued in which the negroes shot the officers and made their escape. The posse followed them from early Sunday until they capture this morning near Ridgeley in a cane brake. They were placed in jail at Tiptonville. Immediately after being placed in jail in Tipton-

## May Probably be His Last Appearance in Court

## OWNS RAILWAY BONDS

## John D. Archibold Takes Stand and Proves Prolific of Detailed Information

## STANDARD'S EARLY HISTORY

## He Says That he Kept Close Watch on Competitors and Then Tried to Beat Them—May Adjourn Until Monday.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Closing his testimony today in the Federal suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, John D. Rockefeller threw some unexpected light on the popular question as to what channels of investment attracted his tremendous earnings. Rockefeller was loath to state the names of railroads in which his investments were made but did so after entering his objection. The head of the so-called oil trust declared that his holdings in railroads consisted chiefly of bonds and that with the exception of a few roads in which he had only small amounts of stocks he preferred bonds as a form of investment. Rockefeller's appearance as a witness on the stand today will probably be his last in any court proceedings.

He appeared delighted that his long ordeal as a witness was ended and hurriedly left the court when counsel excused him. Rockefeller said that he did not think he should be made to tell every form of investment, declaring: "That the gentleman over there in the stock exchange might not think it very wise."

After some legal contention by counsel, Rockefeller said he held stock in the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; New York Central, Pennsylvania, Western Maryland, Missouri Pacific, Texas Pacific and Colorado Southern. He said that he owned no shares in either the Union or Southern Pacific. Rockefeller said he was opposed to the keeping of millions of dollars of surplus by the Standard Company.

John D. Archibold, vice-president of the Standard company, proved to be a mine of detailed information. He will be on the stand several days. His eyes twinkled as he told of the industrial fights, saying that he kept a close watch on his competitor and "then tried to beat him." It is not unlikely that adjournment will be taken tomorrow until Monday.

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## PROPOSED CHANGE OF RELIGIOUS LAW

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The House of Commons this afternoon by a vote of 233 to 48 agreed to the first reading of the bill introduced by William Redmond to remove the existing Catholic disabilities including the prohibition of street processions, and to abolish the anti-Catholic clause in the oath taken by the sovereign on his accession to the throne. As the bill has practically no chances of further consideration during the present session figures given above can hardly be regarded as a real indication of the feeling of the house.

## TRAVELS HIGH AND FAR.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24.—Late today a dispatch from Ehrenburg, Arizona, brought word that the balloon "United States" landed there at 4:30 Monday afternoon. The start was made from Los Angeles at 9:10 Monday morning. The distance between the places is about 200 miles and the balloon traveled nearly if not quite 300 miles in less than six hours. The balloon at one time was more than three miles in the air and successfully avoided San Jacinto peak, more than 11,000 feet high, thus demonstrating the possibility of trans-continental balloon trip.