



TAFT CERTAIN TARIFF WILL GET HONEST REVISION

Has Important Conference With Cannon

SPEAKER FAVORS IT

President Elect Remarks Indicate That He Will Make Hard Fight

PARTY WILL KEEP PLEDGE

When Suggestion Was Made That Senate Would Probably Have Something to Do With Tariff Some One Else Would Also.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Judge Taft said tonight that it was his belief that the house will make an honest and thorough revision of the tariff at an extra session of congress which he will call for that purpose.

This belief he bases on conference yesterday with Speaker Cannon and in the session today with the Republican members of the ways and means committee. Taft said he has not yet consulted with senators on the subject, indicating a tremendous pressure upon his time as the reason.

When suggestion was made that the Senate would undoubtedly have something to do with the tariff bill he replied with no uncertainty that there was some one else who would have something to do with the bill, which interpreted through a medium of previous utterances, indicates clearly that Taft is determined even to exercise power to veto the executive's party's pledge. Judge Taft was asked to give the substance of an interview he had yesterday with Speaker Cannon. He replied that Cannon had said he is in favor of honest and thorough revision of the tariff in accordance with party promises. Regarding the conferences with the ways and means committee today in addition to that committee in favor of thorough revision of the tariff, Judge Taft said committee's plan is to prepare a bill on such evidence as they have and will have in the course of hearings and then to call for additional evidence whenever it seems necessary. He also said the discussion covered other things, like the Philippine tariff, and that he is hopeful that there will be no difficulty in reaching an agreement between the various people interested, those representing the Philippine Islands and those representing the sugar and tobacco interests.

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JAMES J. THOMAS IS FOUND GUILTY

Bellingham Man Who Killed His Wife and Burned Body in the Garden

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 10.—The jury tonight brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree in the case of James J. Thomas, accused of killing his divorced wife in July last. In his confession to the police Thomas admitted that he shot

SPEND QUIET DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—At no time today was there even a semblance of a quorum in the House. Soon after convening the legislative appropriation bill was presented and several bills passed, among them being one authorizing the removal of the imposition of loss of citizenship upon deserters in military and naval service. The remainder of the day was taken up in discussing bill for an arbitrary settlement of the difficulties between employers and employees.

CROMWELL TELLS OF CANAL PURCHASE

REGARDING STORY OF \$40,000,000 PURCHASE FOR \$12,000,000 PROPERTY.

SAYS HE HAD NO INTEREST

Endorsed President Roosevelt's Denial of Truth of Statement Saying That the Entire Sum Went to Thousands of Stakeholders.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—William Nelson Cromwell today gave out a statement printed in the Indianapolis News relating to the purchase of the Panama Canal in which assertion were made that the United States purchased from American citizens for \$40,000,000 property that cost these citizens only \$12,000,000. Cromwell's statement is an extensive one and goes into all phases of the subject. He endorses President Roosevelt's denial of the truth of the statement contained in the News, declaring that the entire sum went to thousands of stockholders in the New Panama Canal Company. Cromwell says he did not handle \$40,000,000 at all, that it was transferred from United States treasury through Morgan & Company to a bank of France.

Cromwell explains the organization of the Panama Canal Co. of America, which is incorporated in New Jersey which was formed to buy French concessions and to resell it to the United States. Cromwell says that this was another matter and further than the incorporation of the American Company nothing further was ever done by that company as is shown by the records in the office of the New Jersey Secretary of State. He adds that this company went out of existence two years before the French company sold the concession to the American government. Cromwell says that he had no pecuniary interest in the canal and that since the recent publications he has made inquiries in Paris and is informed that the distribution of \$40,000,000 is a matter of public record there. Cromwell also asserts

that he is positive that no man in public life in America, in or out of congress ever had the lease pecuniary interest in the Panama Canal. Answering a charge of the newspaper that no one except Charles P. Taft took the trouble to notice or deny the truth of the assertion that the Americans had re-sold the canal to this government at a great profit. Cromwell says that on October 3rd he gave an interview to the New York World stating that during the approaching election all kinds of stories would be put afloat, but that he denounced this one as a lying fabrication without the slightest shadow of truth.

DEATH FOLLOWS OPERATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Miss Ida Hawley, who for two years past has been under study to Fritz Scheff, died yesterday in a private sanitarium here, following an operation for appendicitis. Miss Hawley was a Canadian by birth and was about 35 years old. The body will be sent to Toronto, where her father resides.

MISSING CONTRACT FOUND.

Said to Show Standard Oil's Complete Control.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The missing contract of the Standard Oil Company, which explains the loan made by the corporation to T. N. Barnsdall of Pittsburg is now in the hands of Frank B. Kellogg, the government prosecutor, conducting the government's suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company which is in progress here. The contract had been demanded by the government while John D. Archbold was on the stand recently and yesterday it was turned over to Mr. Kellogg by Morris Rosenthal, after having been obtained in Pittsburg from the Pittsburg Trust Company. The contract, it is said, indicates the Standard's complete control of the oil field which Mr. Barnsdall operated. Two contracts, in fact, covered the transaction of the loan of \$7,500,000 and the security given by Mr. Barnsdall was the bulk of the stock of the Barnsdall Oil Company, mortgages on coal lands and rights in Oklahoma. These same securities, Wm. Rockefeller testified on the witness stand, were practically worthless.

ALL PORTLAND SEARCHING FOR ROBBERS

SECURITY COMPANY OFFERS \$600 REWARD FOR THEIR CAPTURE.

BANK OFFERS 10 PER CENT

East Side Bank Will Give 10 Per Cent of the Full or Any Amount of the Stolen Money as a Reward if Returned.

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—The Surety Company which insured the East Side Bank to the amount of \$10,000 has offered a reward of \$600 for the arrest and conviction of the gang which robbed the bank Monday evening. The bank has offered to pay 10 per cent of the amount of any money returned as a reward for the recovery of any or all of the \$14,743.90 stolen.

McFARLAND VS. ERNE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The weight question having finally been decided Packey McFarland and Young Erne will meet on December 23 at New Orleans. Packey will commence light training at once for the coming battle. After he finishes with Erne, McFarland will go direct to the coast, where he expects to meet Dick Hyland, Harry Gilmore, Jr., Packey's manager, is at present negotiating with Matchmaker McCarey of the Pacific Athletic Club for the bout.

JURY FINDS RUEF GUILTY

Verdict Returned Yesterday at 4 O'clock

HENEY IS PRESENT

First Appearance of the Famous Attorney Since the Shooting

BLOW HITS RUEF HARD

Prince of Grifters Nearly Falls From His Chair When he Hears the Verdict—Large Crowd Fill Courtroom But no Demonstrations Are Made.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Ruef was found guilty at 4 o'clock this afternoon. When the verdict was read nearly everybody arose to their feet but there was no scene or demonstration. Ruef nearly fell from his chair when he heard the verdict. Heney entered the courtroom shortly before the verdict was announced. He sat at the end of the table near where he was shot. It was his first appearance since he was shot.

The warnings of Judge Lawlor and the vigilance of police checked all attempted demonstrations although excitement in the courtroom was so intense that the men were thrust down into their seats or seized in a grasp of detectives as they rose to obtain a better view of the proceedings. The trial which has been in progress 106 days, ended with surprising quickness. The day had almost passed without a sign from the chamber of Carpenter's Hall, hopes of Ruef and his attorneys had risen with every hour of delay and adherents of the prosecution were proportionately discouraged. A few moments before 4 o'clock there was a stir of interest as Judge Lawlor appeared from the chambers and assumed a seat on the bench. The men and women rushed to secure vacant places in the courtroom or thronged about the entrance.

The bailiff rapped for order and an intense silence prevailed as the jury filed into the courtroom and took their seats. The stillness was broken by Judge Lawlor, who warned the on-lookers to make no demonstration. Next he glanced at the verdict and handed it to the clerk who read it aloud.

Just as he pronounced the words, "Guilty as charged," the newspapermen arose from their seats to wave a signal to the associate standing in the rear of the chamber. Half a dozen detectives pounced on the offender and sharp cries of "Order, order," interrupted the question of the court who then ordered the jury polled. As soon as the verdict was read he discharged the jury and thanked them for the unusual services exacted of them. Judge Lawlor set next Saturday as the day for pronouncing judgment. Ruef's conviction renders him liable to the maximum punishment of 14 years in the penitentiary. The courtroom was cleared of spectators immediately after adjournment. The jury left the box at once and through Judge Lawlor, declined to make any statement relating to the number of ballots taken or the feature of their deliberations. Ruef said he declines to make any comment on the verdict, saying he "did not wish to have his utterances distorted later."

As Ruef descended the steps to enter the prison van that conveyed him to jail, there was a few faint jeers from the crowd, but the presence of a score of detectives who

surrounded him would have discouraged any concerted attempt at demonstration had any existed.

Ten minutes before the verdict was returned, F. J. Heney arrived at the court to consult with Judge Lawlor. His coming had been heralded and as he alighted from the automobile and posed for a newspaper photographer a man on the sidewalk proposed three cheers which were given by the crowd across the street. Notwithstanding all the efforts of the officers, when Heney entered the courtroom, men and women arose to their feet and cheered, waving hats and handkerchiefs. Heney proceeded directly to the seat he occupied when Haas shot him, after which he went to the chambers of Judge Lawlor where he remained for half an hour.

Foreman McNamara of the jury stated tonight that the jury stood eight to four for conviction on the first ballot. At 3:30 in the afternoon two more were won over to the conviction side on the fourth ballot and on the fifth ballot a few minutes later the jurors voted unanimously guilty. "The one incident which did more than anything else to delay the verdict," said McNamara, "was the address of Mr. Johnson which was strongly resented."

LISTEN, YE LOVERS

To the Tale of a Broken Engagement and a Law Suit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A case in which the betrothed will be interested is set for hearing today in the First Municipal Court here. The point to be decided is whether a girl is justified in keeping presents after her fiancé has broken off the engagement. Louis Biderick, a Broadway salesman, is the plaintiff, and Miss Ray Aronoff, 19 years old, the defendant. Two diamond rings are the cause of contention. The young pair quarreled after their engagement was announced last East and since then Biderick has sought to recover the rings. Several young women who were to have been bridesmaids at the wedding will testify as well as the girl's father, who maintains that he underwent heavy expense for a dinner at which the engagement was announced.

LOST MAN IS FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

WALTER PARDEE, FORMERLY NIGHT CLERK OF BAKER CITY HOTEL.

WAS OF PROMINENT FAMILY

Unfortunate Man Was Missed First Wednesday Night and Yesterday a Searching Party Strike Trail and Find Body.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 10.—Walter Pardee, formerly night clerk at the Geiser Grand Hotel in this city, became lost last night between Bourne and Dobbins' Camp, in this county. Today a searching party found his frozen body. Pardee's parents live in Meridan, Conn., and are said to be prominent people.

AN AMERICAN OLYMPIAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Believing that before 1911 there will have been constructed in New York City a stadium rivaling the greatest structures of the kind in the world today, Jas. E. Sullivan, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, suggests that a monster American Olympiad be held here in that year. Mr. Sullivan has had this in mind ever since his return from the Olympic games in London last summer, but now he has begun to urge the proposal. To avoid any disputes with foreign visitors as to the rules of the meet, Mr. Sullivan says that ample preparation must be made and he thinks 1911 is the earliest possible date for the carnival.

PRESIDENT NOT AFTER PANAMA CANAL FALSIFIERS

HIGHBINDER WAR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—A highbinder war involving the On Yick and Suey On societies broke out simultaneously in this city and Oakland late last night. The trouble started over the theft of a young slave girl some weeks ago. Supporters of both organizations met last night in Oakland and in this city and scores of shots were fired but so far as is known no one was hit. The police of both cities gathered in a number of members of the rival societies all of whom were heavily armed. It is feared that these conflicts are the beginning of a general war.

BOURNE COMES TO RESCUE OF YOUNG

ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL STAND BY HIM UNTIL THE END.

FOR PORTLAND POSTMASTER

Senator Believes That Young Will Prove as Efficient and Competent Postmaster as the City Has Ever Had.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Jonathan Bourne today said that he anticipated no serious trouble over the confirmation of John C. Young as Postmaster at Portland. Besides being capable, Young, he said, was state organizer for the Republican clubs in Oregon in the recent campaign, and, Senator Bourne says, was an important factor in securing the big Republican majority.

"Appreciating the services of Portland Postmasters in the past, I believe Young will prove as efficient and competent a Postmaster as the city has had," said Mr. Bourne, "and I intend to stand by the nomination to the end."

DRESSMAKER SUES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Municipal Judge Maxwell, who asserts he knows something about the fit of women's gowns, declared yesterday a jury of dressmakers could not agree on a case in his court and entered judgment for the amount of the dressmaker's claim.

The suit was one in which Anna Harrison, a dressmaker was suing Mrs. Hartwell Hunt, 2500 Indiana avenue for \$37 for materials furnished and the making of a gown.

Mrs. Hunt appeared in court as her own attorney and put expert witnesses on the stand in an attempt to prove that the gown did not fit. She later reappeared in court wearing the dress.

DANGEROUS JAP IS CAUGHT AT SALEM

G. Yashita an Ex-Convict With a Large Amount of Dynamite in His Possession

SALEM, Dec. 10.—G. Yashita, the Japanese released from the state penitentiary here Wednesday last, was arrested this afternoon while in possession of a large amount of nitro-glycerine and dynamite. The Japanese made two confessions. In his first one he declares he intended

Concerning Acquisition of Property and Work

WORK IS ALL HONEST

Roosevelt Declares There is Not a Legitimate Cause for Scandal

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS

President Says he Will Try to Reach Those Americans Who Are Responsible For Falsehoods Concerning Construction of Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—"If they can be reached for criminal libel, I shall try to have them reached," said President Roosevelt today in speaking about "Those Americans who have been guilty of infamous falsehoods concerning the acquisition of property and construction of the Panama Canal itself."

It was to a committee of 100 of Iak to gulf deep waterway association, headed by Governor Deneen of Illinois that the President made the declaration. The President in the course of an address said that no more important service could be rendered this country than the building of the Panama Canal and one thing that he is proud of in connection with the building of that canal is that there is not a legitimate cause for a breath of scandal connected with any feature of the proceedings. The President declared that we have occasion to be ashamed of only one class of Americans, those who have been guilty of infamous falsehoods concerning acquisition of property and the construction of the canal itself, and that he would try to have them reached.

The Senate held a short session today and agreed to take up the omnibus claims bill Monday with the understanding that it shall not interfere with the postal savings bill or any other measures in which the senators are especially interested. Senator Lodge said he would, on Wednesday, speak on the Brownsville matter in support of a bill to authorize re-enlistment of soldiers of the 25th regiment who were discharged without honor by the President.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE.

MESSINA, Dec. 10.—A severe earthquake at Mount Albano today caused a panic. A church and a number of buildings were badly damaged. No persons were reported killed up to a late hour last night. Many are leaving the city.