



PRESIDENT JUST PLAIN BILL

Meets With Board and for Three Hours Goes Over University Matters

FIRST YALE MAN PRESIDENT

Attends Big Dinner Given in His Honor by 1500 Graduates of the University—Was Probably the Happiest Man at the Gathering.

NEW HAVEN, March 19.—As a fellow of the Yale corporation, President Taft came to his alma mater today and for nearly three hours sat with the board to act on university matters. When he left the meeting and with President Hadley started to lunch, he found himself the object of hundreds of Yale under graduates whose sharp cheers were followed by a demand for a speech. The President made brief, witty response in which he told the students how dear to his heart were his Yale affiliations and his honor of being a fellow was too great for him to relinquish. Both Presidents went to New York later in the day.

DINNER GIVEN TO TAFT.

NEW YORK, March 19.—With songs of football, field and boat race course with deafening cheers resounding the chorus "Here's to good old Yale; drink her down."

President Taft was greeted tonight as the first Yale president of the United States by more than 1500 graduates of the university. Dinner was served in the Waldorf Astoria, the dining room, which was decorated with a wealth of flowers. The speaker's table at which sat President Taft and President Hadley of Yale and other distinguished graduates was canopied with artificial representation of the elms of Yale.

The President was probably the happiest man at the dinner which was given entirely in his honor. He was not hailed as president however, but as "Bill," the only set speeches of the evening were by Taft and Hadley.

TOAST OF THE EVENING:

"But tonight, we are boys once more; Who cares how the fates have spun. A pledge to them others of years ten score; A pledge to her favorite son. Here's wishing her health and wishing him health, Long life and an easy trail; With the heels of the glass (fill up and pass) To the dust of Elihu Yale."

Precautions to guard the President tonight exceeded anything of the kind ever before seen in this city. Large squads of policemen were thrown about the hotel. Inside the corridors fairly swarmed with detectives, secret service men and special watchmen. It was nearly 11 o'clock when the

BOURNE RETAINS HIS CHAIRMANSHIP

Senator Piles of Washington Placed on the Judiciary—Chamberlain on Three Committee

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—In completing the Senate committees, committee on committees today placed Senator Piles of Washington on the judiciary committee. In the committee reorganization Senator Bourne will retain his present chairmanship of the fisheries committee and get a place on the

President began to speak and as he was leaving at midnight for Washington, his remarks were necessarily brief, and confined himself to a eulogy of Yale and of the Yale spirit which he declared had been the guiding influence of his life. Taft was cheered to the echo when he concluded.

INTRODUCE OCEAN SUBSIDY.

Representative Humphrey is Father of New Shipping Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—Representative Humphrey of Washington today introduced an ocean mail subsidy bill over which it is expected the ship subsidy fight of the 61st congress will be made. The bill grants vessels of the second class en route to South America, Australia, Philippines, China and Japan the same pay for carrying mails as are now allowed vessels of the first class. The bill differs from the one considered at the last session in that it does not increase the pay of vessels of the third class.

BRYAN IS IN FAVOR OF OREGON ELECTION

CELEBRATES 49TH BIRTHDAY BY ATTENDING BANQUET GIVEN IN HIS HONOR.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 19.—William J. Bryan, three times the choice of the Democratic party for President of the United States, entered upon his 50th year today, having been born March 19, 1860. At the Bryan home at Fairview countless letters and messages of congratulations poured in during the day from friends and admirers in every part of the country. Mr. Bryan, having suspended his lecture tour for a few days on account of his birthday anniversary, spent the day at home with his family. At a complimentary dinner given to him tonight he highly praised the Oregon plan of election.

ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—An address to the American people is being prepared by the Democrats of the House setting forth the position of the minority of the party on rules of the House. The address is being prepared by a committee of 15 appointed to draft new rules to govern the future caucuses of the party.

PASS EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

LONDON, March 19.—By a vote of 157 to 122 in the house of commons passed to second reading the bill giving every man and woman the right to vote, the only provision being that they shall be 21 years of age and shall have resided three months in their constituency. There is no chance of its becoming a law at the present session of parliament.

FLYNN GETS DECISION.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—Jim Flynn was given the decision over Billy Papke in a ten-round bout tonight.

HOPELESS JURY DIVIDED

No Agreement Will be Reached in the Murder Charge Against Coopers

JOHN D. SHARPE ACQUITTED

After Giving the Above Verdict the Jury Was Ordered to Resume Their Deliberations But There is Apparently a Hopeless Deadlock.

NASHVILLE, March 19.—John D. Sharpe was acquitted today of the charge of murdering former United States Senator E. W. Carmack, but the two principal actors in the new famous tragedy, Robin and Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, are still in jail while the jury, which reported this afternoon that they were unable to agree on a verdict for father and son, are again in the jury room, whither they were sent by Judge Hart for further consideration of the case.

As soon as the court had heard that the jury had acquitted Sharpe, his dismissal was ordered.

Mr. Sharpe received his acquittal with indifference, but once outside the court room was compelled to hold an impromptu reception and receive the congratulations of his friends. Judge Hart sent the Sheriff to ask the jury at 12 minutes after noon if it wished to report. Promptly the word came back that no agreement had been reached.

"I will bring in the jury, anyhow," said the court, "bring in the defendants."

There was a hustle and scurrying of deputies through the corridors, and the defendants entered. The courtroom was nearly empty. Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Wilson, pale and wan, were with the Coopers, and Mrs. Sharpe, as always, was at her husband's side. The jury was polled and Judge Hart said:

"Have you reached a verdict, gentlemen?"

"We are hopelessly tied up as to the Coopers," said Foreman Burke, "but we find John Sharpe not guilty."

After giving this verdict the jury was ordered to resume the consideration of the evidence against Colonel Cooper and son. The jurors retired again. They apparently are in a hopeless deadlock, however, as they passed the evening in playing cards and singing. Judge Hart impressed the fact upon them that he would not discharge them for some time, but it is conceded that there is little chance for a verdict.

FRESHMEN TO DINE KERMIT.

BOSTON, March 19.—College friends of Kermit Roosevelt have arranged to give him a dinner at a Boston hotel tomorrow night as a farewell before he leaves with his father for Africa. Ex-President Roosevelt has been invited to attend the affair which is in charge of a number of Kermit's personal friends, classmates during his first half year at Harvard. At the conclusion of the banquet, Kermit will receive a gold loving cup, inscribed with the names of the givers and the date of the dinner.

OPERATOR GOT MIXED.

SEATTLE, March 19.—The story of the grounding of a United States transport at the entrance to Puget Sound is explained this evening. The Bellingham operator picked up a scrap of a wireless message from Honolulu concerning the grounding of the transport Logan. He received the words "No lives lost" and construed them to mean "Forty lives lost."

NEW OREGON POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—B. A. Washburn was today appointed postmaster at Springfield, Or.

THE POPE'S NAME DAY.

ROME, March 19.—The Pope received many congratulatory messages from all over the world and also a number of presents on his name day today. He celebrated mass and received members of the Sacred College who came to pay their respects, but owing to his recent indisposition and from which he has not entirely recovered he delivered no formal address.

RATES ON FLOUR AND GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 19.—The session of the Interstate Commerce Commission which began in this city today is expected to develop much of importance to millers and shippers of flour and grain. Lake and rail rates as compared with all-rail rates is the subject of the investigation.

APPOINTMENTS MADE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The Secretary of the Treasury today announced the appointment of Charles Dyer Norton of Chicago as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury to succeed Louis A. Coolidge who resigned today. Charles Dewey Hilles of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury succeeding Beekman Winthrop.

ANOTHER CUT-OF PROJECT.

Spokane, Portland & Seattle Will Build Washington to Montana.

SPOKANE, March 19.—A long cut-off running from near Washuena, Washington, past Wallace to join the Northern Pacific Railroad near Missoula is stated to be planned by the Seattle, Portland & Spokane Railroad. The cut off is planned especially for through freight and it is said a maximum grade of four-tenths can be secured through the Idaho Mountains.

NINE JURORS SECURED.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—One more juror was secured today in the Calhoun case, making nine in all.

ACTION OF PREMIER ENDORSED BY CHAMBERS

SECURES THE ENDORSEMENT OF GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IN THE STRIKE.

PARIS, March 19.—Premier Clemenceau and his colleagues faced the strike interpellations in the chamber of deputies today, determined to secure the endorsement of the government's position in the premises or retire from office. They won, the chamber rejecting by a vote of 354 to 188 the resolution providing for a commission to investigate the cause of the strike. The socialists centered their attack on Under Secretary Simyan but they also reproached the Premier with having shifted his position since he had "reached the other side of the barricade."

EAT A VEGETABLE DIET FOR SIX MONTHS

SAID TO BE CURE FOR THE DRINK HABIT BY EMINENT PHYSICIAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—"If you have a strong appetite for king alcohol and want to be cured of the habit, just eat a vegetable diet for six months." This was the advice given today by Dr. D. H. Kress of this city in an address entitled, "Dyspepsia and its relation to inebriety," before the society for the study of alcoholic and other drug narcotics. He declared that over-eating leads to drunkenness.

KIDNAPPED CHILD MAY BE FOUND

Man Arrested at Cleveland Answers the Description of the Kidnapper

STAYED AT HOTEL WITH BOY

Lad's Relations Are Wealthy and no Stone is Being Left Unturned to Find the Child and Arrest the Abductors.

CLEVELAND, March 19.—That Willie Whittle, the kidnapped son of Attorney James P. Whittle of Sharon, Pa., will be restored to his family within a few hours was predicted by the Cleveland police tonight after a man answering the description of the kidnapper had been arrested. The prisoner made a statement which caused the detectives to hurry away in an automobile to the place where the boy was believed to be held prisoner. A definite clue was obtained through a hotel clerk where the man and boy stayed last night who recognized the published picture of Willie Whittle. The police refused to give the prisoner's name.

SHARON, Pa., March 19.—From reports received this afternoon concerning the kidnaping of William Whittle, it is believed the lad was drugged by his abductors immediately after they had taken him from school and placed him in their buggy. Several persons are reported to have seen the two men and boy driving along the road toward Warren, Ohio, the boy being wrapped in blankets and apparently asleep on the lap of one of the men. The case is expected to rival the famous Cudaby case at Omaha.

Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire iron and steel man, uncle of William Whittle, the kidnapped boy, today stated he would spend \$100,000 to recover the boy.

Notwithstanding a rigid search all last night by many officers in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia, no trace has yet been found of the kidnapers of the 8-year-old son of James P. Whittle, a prominent and wealthy attorney.

The lad's relatives, some of whom are millionaires, are making every possible effort to locate the child and his abductors. No decision has yet or can be made regarding the ransom of \$10,000 demanded by the kidnapers for the safe return of the child. Mr. Whittle immediately complied with the terms contained in the letter received from the men insofar as to insert an advertisement in different papers throughout the country concerning the kidnaping. The advertisement is to the effect that he is willing to pay the ransom of \$10,000, but no word has been received from the kidnapers as to when and where this money is to be paid.

STILL WALKING.

SCHENECTADY, March 19.—Weston arrived here this morning from Troy limping considerably and went to the hotel to rest. While walking on the trolley tracks he stubbed his toe and fell, cutting his forehead.

LYNCH WHITE MAN.

ELKINS, W. Va., March 19.—Joseph Brown, said to have been an ex-convict, who last evening shot and seriously wounded Chief of Police Scott White, at Whitmer, near here, was taken from jail by a crowd of men early today and hanged upon a telegraph pole. Last evening White, who is a son of Mayor Washington White of Whitmer, remonstrated with Brown for using offensive language. Brown drew a revolver and shot White, and then took to the mountains. He was followed by a posse of citizens, captured and placed in jail. White will probably recover.

"THIS IS MY SIST BIRTHDAY."

F. W. Benson. F. W. Benson, who by virtue of his office of Secretary of State succeeded to the governorship of Oregon upon the resignation of Governor Chamberlain several weeks ago, was born in Santa Clara, California, March 20, 1858. He attended the public schools of his native place and completed his education at the University of the Pacific at San Jose. At the age of 22 he went to Oregon and located at Roseburg. He taught school for a time and at the same time studied law. With his admission to the bar he took an active interest in politics and two years ago was elected Secretary of State on the Republican ticket. As Oregon has no Lieutenant Governor the Secretary of State is the next highest officer to the Governor and when Governor Chamberlain resigned to accept his seat in the United States Senate Secretary of State Benson became Governor.

NO HOPE FOR MODJESKA.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—The condition of Mme. Helena Modjeska is critical and there is little hope of her recovery.

CARELESS ACCIDENT.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., March 19.—John Moake, a villain in an amateur performance given today by the pupils of the Grand Central school, south of here, was shot in the forehead and dangerously wounded by the hero, Roy Slater. The cartridge was thought to be blank.

WATER TANKS BURST WITH FATAL RESULTS

TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND THREE OTHERS WERE FATALLY INJURED.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 19.—Two persons were killed, three others probably fatally and many more slightly hurt and 10 or more houses completely wrecked and 40 badly damaged when two large water tanks supplying the city with water burst early this morning.

The immense stream of released water rushed down Prospect Hill, sweeping everything before it. Houses were swept into the street and the residents were knocked from their beds. One whole family was carried down a street 70 yards, their house being torn almost to pieces, yet all escaped except one girl, who suffered a broken collar-bone.

The two tanks contained the entire city supply of water, and a famine is now imminent. The damage will amount to between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

St. John's Lutheran Church was almost completely demolished, but through its sacrifice many lives were spared and much more damage prevented, as it was directly in the path of the water. The breaking of the tanks is believed to have been caused by some miscreant.

GRAND JURY BEGINS ITS INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles Applies the Probe to Various City Officials and Property Owners

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—The special grand jury returned an indictment at 5 o'clock this evening after being in session for five hours. The name of the indicted man are being kept secret until the arrest is made. There is reason to believe that it is against Nick Oswald, "King of the tenderloin."

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—The special grand jury today began an investigation into the various graft charges against various city officials and residents and owners of "red-

HOUSE LISTENED TO TARIFF

Members on Both Sides are Getting Amendments Ready to Present

MAIN CONTENTION IS LUMBER

Southern Representatives Are Almost Solid For Keeping the Present Duty of \$2 on and Will be Strongly Supported by Pacific Coast Members.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—For four and a half hours the House listened today to the reading of the tariff bill. This was the only business transacted. Simmons of Tennessee injected a breeze of life into the proceedings. He wanted the reading of the bill dispensed with as it was a farce, but objection was made. Then he asked, by unanimous consent, that the bill be put on passage saying it was evident that no opportunity would be afforded to amend the measure in the House. To this, Mann of Illinois objected. The House adjourned until Monday. The members of both sides are lining up and preparing to submit amendments in which their constituents are interested. The main contention will be over the cut in lumber duty. It is understood that southern representatives were almost unanimous in retaining the present duty of \$2,000 per thousand feet. They will have the support of many members from the West and Pacific Coast States. There has been very little criticism of the metal schedule but, it is claimed that the duty on wrought and cast scrap iron should equal to that on pig, as provided in the Dingley law. In the Payne bill, scrap iron was covered by a duty of 50 cents per ton, while the duty on pig is \$2.50.

SENATE HOLDS SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The Senate was in session just eight minutes today, adjourning until Monday. The census bill was received from the house and referred to the committee and George T. Oliver of Pennsylvania, was sworn in as senator.

BIG ATHLETIC MEET.

CHICAGO, March 19.—The cream of the amateur athletes of the middle west are to be seen at their best in the Central A. A. U. indoor championships at the Chicago A. A. tonight. The entry list is a record-breaker in point of numbers. Leading colleges and universities, including Chicago, Wisconsin, Illinois, Notre Dame, De Pauw and Purdue, have sent their best performers, as have also the leading athletic clubs of this section.