



CONFERENCE FAVORABLE TO PAYNE TARIFF BILL

TARIFF FAVORABLE TO ACCEPTANCE OF TARIFF

Senator Aldrich, Treasurer MacVeagh and Secretary of State Knox Called to Conference That Senate Opposition Be Avoided.

By William Hooster.
(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Washington, March 20.—President Taft today called Senator Aldrich, chairman of the senate finance committee, into conference at the White House on the Payne tariff bill. In addition to Senator Aldrich there were present Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and Secretary of State Knox. The entire tariff situation was gone over and the merits of the Payne bill discussed. Some understandings were reached. There will be further conferences.

Today's conference was the first move of the president in his plan to reconcile all the conflicting elements on a tariff bill that may be passed quickly by both house and senate and enacted into law. Since the Payne bill was introduced on Wednesday, Washington has been full of rumors as to what the senate proposed to do with the measure when it reached the upper chamber.

No Wilson Bill Placed.
The conference was designed by the president to forestall drastic senate action.

If there is to be a tariff fight he aims to have it behind closed doors, and not in full view of the audience. More than that, he does not propose to give the senate leaders an opportunity to start needlessly into the Payne bill without rhyme or reason.

The president approves the Payne bill in principle, and he plans, so far as he is able, to have that bill enacted into law. He will not submit to such changes in the measure of the senate as will materially affect the principle of the bill. It is to forestall any possibility of the senate adopting the measure of the Payne bill what the same body did to the Wilson bill under the Cleveland administration.

To Placate, Yet to Govern.
Mr. Payne and Mr. Aldrich will meet the president at the White House some day next week, and from time to time the leaders will be invited to call and confer, especially those who believe they have grievances in the way of reduced rates in some schedule and increased rates in others. Mr. Taft will act as arbiter, placator and pacifier so far as possible, always having in mind the cause of the country.

Sufficiency of Demand.
Today's conference was largely occupied with a discussion of the maximum and minimum features of the Payne bill. Senator Aldrich is an expert authority on treaty regulations referring to commerce between the United States and all other nations and their colonies.

Secretary Knox was present, both as the president's intimate adviser and the official who must deal with foreign states in the matter of maximum and minimum rates.

Secretary MacVeagh attended to give his views as to the sufficiency of the schedules in the Payne bill to raise the tariff.

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MISS HAGNER IS NOW A CLERK



Miss Isabelle Hagner, who for eight years has been social secretary of Mrs. Roosevelt. She has been transferred to a clerkship in the bureau of trade relations of the state department.

FEARS STRIKE MAY MEAN REVOLT

Paris Faces Crisis That Recalls Days of French Revolution—Electricians Join Strikers—English Unions Come to Aid.

The strike of the government telegraphers, mail clerks and electricians of Paris has brought Europe back to memory of the days of the French revolution. While there has been no serious demonstration there is reason to believe that there will be before many hours. The cable reports say that the "very existence of the republic is menaced." One report, undoubtedly true, is that the city of Paris is at the mercy of the strikers and only the most drastic action on the part of the government will relieve the tension of the situation.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Paris, Via London, March 20.—The telegraph strike today reached the riot stage and the danger of a violent outbreak is imminent.

20 YEARS FOR THE COOPERS

Carmack's Slayers Move for a New Trial and Furnish \$25,000 Bail.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Nashville, Tenn., March 20.—On the sixth day after the trial of Colonel Dumcan B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of James W. Carmack, the jury this morning brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree against the two Coopers, and fixed their punishment at 20 years imprisonment in the state penitentiary. John D. Sharpe having been acquitted of all complications.

The jury was out 76 hours and 12 minutes from the time it retired Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock until the verdict was rendered.

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EVIL TRIO IN WHITLA CASE

Ex-Convict, Vindictive Woman and Man as Yet Unidentified—Clues and Theories, but Clues Promise Results at Any Moment.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Cleveland, March 21.—The scene of the hunt for Willie Whitla and his kidnapers shifted back to Cleveland at 1 o'clock this morning. G. B. Perkins, head of the Perkins Detective Agency of Pittsburgh, arrived here at midnight. It is believed the recovery of the boy is to be made before daybreak.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Pittsburgh, March 20.—The Perkins detective agency is working on the theory that Willie Whitla is a prisoner in Pittsburgh, and tonight the vicinity of Mount Washington is being combed by detectives for some trace of the missing boy. They declare that the boy after being driven from the Sharon school yard, was taken to Warren, Ohio, where he was turned over to the woman in the case. Here, they say, the horse and buggy were turned over to the third man and the trio split. Then, they say, the woman took Willie to Ashtabula, where his clothes were taken from him and a new suit provided.

From Ashtabula, he was taken to Cleveland. This fact they contend to be substantiated by the Pennsylvania station agent at Ashtabula, who says a woman leading a boy purchased a ticket for him for Cleveland. From there they say, the kidnapers directed to Pittsburgh, and they say they are expecting the discovery of the boy at any moment.

Had the kidnapers taken Willie to any of the small towns near Sharon, they would have run every risk of discovery the detectives could make. They contend that Cleveland was too near the scene of the abduction, but Pittsburgh was ideally situated and so large that the bringing of the kidnaped boy into this neighborhood would not be noticed.

SHARON AUTHORITIES FOLLOW PROMISING CLUES NEARER HOME

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Sharon, Pa., March 20.—After a long weary day during which the police clues have been followed and found to lead to nothing, the searchers for Willie Whitla, the stolen son of Attorney James P. Whitla of the city, are forced to confess they are still in the dark. But tonight they are running down the hottest leads they have yet come upon.

Willie Whitla, they say, has been traced positively to Warren, Ohio. He was seen there about 3:30 Thursday afternoon, the day on which he was stolen away from the Sharon school yard. There all traces of him have been lost. Nevertheless, interest tonight centers in West Middlesex, a small town six miles from here. In that town, say the police, the kidnappers are believed to have their place of rendezvous.

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EVIL TRIO IN INDUSTRY IN PERIL, SAYS BECKMAN

Secretary of Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers Association Thinks Reduction of Tariff Would Ruin Millmen.

Lumbermen Are Aroused.
Hoping to bring all possible pressure to bear in favor of retention of the \$2 duty on lumber, sawmill men throughout the states of Oregon and Washington are sending a flood of telegrams to the respective delegations at Washington.

Telegrams sent from here yesterday addressed to Senators Chamberlain and Bourne and Representatives Hawley and Ellis voiced vigorous protests against the reduction of the duty as recommended by the ways and means committee, and strongly urge the retention of the \$2 duty. It is set forth that great injury will result to the lumber trade, labor interests and allied industries if the tariff is reduced.

Victor H. Beckman, secretary of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association with headquarters at Seattle, was in the city yesterday attending the monthly meeting of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association. He recently returned from Washington, D. C., where he did good work acquainting the delegates of the importance of the lumber tariff question to the industry in the Pacific Northwest.

Beckman believes congress will see things in a different light from the ways and means committee which has recommended a reduction of the duty on foreign lumber from \$2 to \$1 per thousand feet, and feels quite confident that the old tariff will be retained.

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CONVICTION OF MARTIN UNJUST

Attorney Finds Clue to Conspiracy by Pawnbroker's Ancient Enemies.



Martin, the Man of Mystery, According to Recent Developments.

Did the fury that tried Edward H. Martin for his life for the murder of Nathan Wolff, finally agreeing on a compromise verdict of manslaughter, make a fearful mistake in fixing the crime upon his head?

This mooted question was given new life yesterday when Martin's chief counsel, John A. Jeffrey, exhibited mysterious letters in cipher and told of investigations he has made in tracing the movements of a Jewish peddler, who disappeared soon after the arrest of Martin and who is reported to have been in communication with a group of Russian Jews in Portland, this group, according to the theory of the defense, having been entrusted with the task of doing away with Wolff in revenge for some action of his in betraying his compatriots in a Nihilist plot in Russia nearly a score of years ago.

The uncovering of this story may have important bearing upon the future of Martin, who is still in the county jail awaiting the action of the state supreme court on his appeal, he having been sentenced to serve 15 years in the penitentiary. Much will depend upon the translation or deciphering of the letters now in the hands of Mr. Jeffrey. He believes that they contain important revelations, but he is puzzled as to how their import can be learned.

Dark Hint in Letter.
One brief letter in English, written by a friend of the missing Jewish peddler, given a hint of dark designs. Most significant of all from Jeffrey's viewpoint is the fact that this missive bears date of April 22, 1908, just eight days before Nathan Wolff's head was crushed and mangled with an ax in his payshop on First street. The letter informs the peddler, then in Washington county, that the body of Wolff, later found in the hands of Mr. Jeffrey, is in the hands of our friend S. M., adding: "I don't want to risk and send it to you. I hope you will be in town this week and you can be learned."

Jeffrey says he has established the fact that the recipient of this message did come to Portland that week, and was in town the day and night of the murder. He left Portland the day after, but he first visited the morgue and viewed the body of Wolff, later taking one of his friends that he wanted to be sure that "they got the right man."

In short, Jeffrey holds the opinion that this letter is a key to the plain the death of Wolff if he could be found. He is a man with at least three names. In Portland and Oregon he was known as Joe Botkin. In Dallas, Tex., from which city he came to Oregon, he was Joe Friedman. In other places in Texas he was A. Edelman.

Has Valuable Papers.
Received bills for peddler's goods under all of these names are in possession of Jeffrey. He also has a memorandum containing notes and addresses which may prove of value. This only reached the attorney yesterday and he has not had time to determine the aid, if any, it will give him.

Best of all, and also, worst of all, the lawyer is in possession of the key to the cipher, by which it is presumed the mysterious letters from Russia may be read. But this key looks more difficult than Chinese, and may become an unsolvable problem, for those who know the cipher, if such can be found, are not likely to be willing to reveal its hidden message.

Almost the only word on the cipher letters written in English is "Odessa," the city from which the letters were mailed. Odessa is the city from which Wolff came to America, about 20 years ago. The theory of the defense is that the peddler Botkin and his associates were receiving secret missives from their old home, and that the

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BANK ROBBERS ROUNDED UP

One Caught by Iowa Farmers; Two More Almost Certainly Will Be.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Shenandoah, Iowa, March 20.—One of the bank robbers who looted the Imogene bank of \$10,000 last night was captured after a running fight four miles south of Imogene just at dusk tonight and officers are after the other two. The robbers were discovered in hiding on the farm of Albert Still, who notified the sheriff at this place. The sheriff and deputies went to the Still farm in an automobile and when they approached the robbers, a running fight ensued, and it is reported one deputy was wounded.

Farmers joined in the chase and one robber, a big man with two weeks' growth of beard, was captured, but refused to give his name or tell where the money is hidden. The other two got away but as all roads are guarded it is expected they will soon be captured. The country is wild with excitement and farmers are all joining in the hunt.

ANTHRACITE MEN READY TO STRIKE

And Operators as Ready to Let Them—Soft Coal Men Pile Up a Strike Fund.

Scranton, Pa., March 20.—Today's developments have strengthened the fear in this community that as a result of the tri-district convention of anthracite miners here next Tuesday a strike will ultimately follow. One of these is the rapid increase within the last week of the membership of the union, as shown by reports sent to the office of Secretary-Treasurer Dempsey. The increase to date has been about 50,000. The other development was a statement from President T. L. Lewis of the national organization that he would surely be here Monday morning in order to have conferences with the leaders of the miners, a day before the meeting of the convention, to inform them in detail of the condition of the union throughout the country, of its willingness to do the best for the workers to the full limit of the \$5,000,000 now in the national treasury and of the disposition of the \$50,000 soft coal miners who will continue at work to pay higher monthly dues to the union for the benefit of the men and their families in these anthracite regions.

Tuesday's convention will consist of about 700 delegates, representing every colony in the three districts. The consensus of the best informed opinion here is that whatever may be the final outcome of the negotiations for a readjustment of the relations between the miners and operators, a suspension of work for several weeks will follow the termination of the Roosevelt arbitration award agreement on April 31. This was the course pursued three years ago when the award arrangement was renewed.

Now that the coal trust railroads have stored away ten million tons of anthracite, from the sale of which they could reap a rich harvest pending the suspension of production, the impression is general that the operators will continue their attitude of stubborn resistance to the demands of the men until this ten million tons has been sold to advantage.

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FIVE DEAD IN ANDANAMINE

Seven Injured and 16 Imprisoned—Result of a "Windy" Shot.

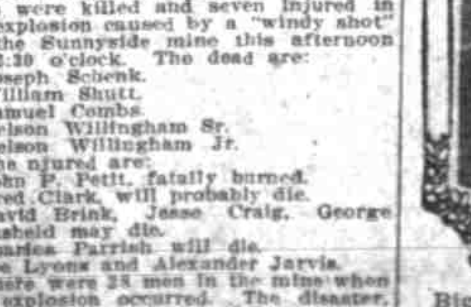
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Evansville, Ind., March 20.—Five men were killed and seven injured in an explosion caused by a "windy shot" at the Sunnyside mine this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The dead are: Joseph Schenk, William Shull, Samuel Combs, Nelson Williamson Sr., Nelson Williamson Jr.

John P. Pettit, fatally burned. Fred Clark, will probably die. David Brink, Jesse Craig, George Calabashel may die. Charles Parrish will die. Joe Lyons and Alexander Jarvis.

There were 24 men in the mine when the explosion occurred. The disaster, it is thought, was caused by a charge of extra preparation, probably fired by Pettit. He is the only man burned. The other men were killed by the force of the explosion and the accompanying sulphur fumes.

HAS ANOTHER BIG MAN AT SERVICE

Big Bill Edwards, the college football player, who is at the head of the New York street cleaning department, has just appointed another college athlete as one of his deputies.



The new man is Julian P. Scott of the University of Virginia. He stands 6 feet 3 inches and weighs 240 pounds. He has been made deputy commissioner of the Bronx.

CURRICULA BOARD IS REAPPOINTED

Personnel, With Exception, Remains as Constituted by Chamberlain.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)
Salem, Or., March 20.—Governor Benson this afternoon reappointed the board of higher curricula. The only change was the substitution of A. G. Beals of Tillamook for A. W. Prescott of Salem, who has accepted the position as private secretary to United States Senator Bozore.

Professor J. K. Wilson of Portland academy is also given a two year term instead of a one year term as Governor Chamberlain had specified. Mr. Beals is given the one year term. Other members are C. J. Smith of Pendleton, appointed for five years; J. E. Hodges of Oregon City, appointed for four years; O. P. Coulson of Roseburg for three years.

The board is to be reappointed because of the fact that the special session of the legislature found it necessary to reconstitute the law an account of the insubordination of higher teachers. The duties of the board are to determine what studies shall be duplicated in the institutions of higher learning. The bill was introduced in the house by Speaker McArthur. The terms of these members will expire the last Monday in March and all the necessary will be appointed for a term of five years.

JAPANESE SEND GOLD OUT OF THREE CITIES

Washington, March 20.—The Japanese in San Francisco, Seattle and Honolulu are drawing \$10,000,000 in gold every year out of the stacks of money in those three cities and shipping it to Japan. In 10 years it is estimated by treasury officials \$100,000,000 in gold has been permanently added to Japan's bank reserves, all drawn from San Francisco, Seattle and Honolulu.

This constant drainage of gold from the United States to Japan represents the millions of the subjects of the mikado who are residing temporarily on the Pacific slope and in Hawaii.

The Japanese in America do not become citizens of the United States. They come here to earn money, and having earned it they send it back to Japan for investment there.

This \$10,000,000 annual drain of gold from the United States would be an insignificant sum if drawn from all parts of the globe, but practically all of it comes from three American cities, San Francisco, Seattle and Honolulu, in amount proportioned in the order named.

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Have You Read the Want Ad Section of Today's Journal

- 12¢ advertise for help
- 5¢ advertise for situations
- 12¢ advertise furnished rooms for rent
- 56¢ advertise real estate for sale
- 41¢ advertise business chances
- 7¢ advertise houses for rent
- 39¢ advertise flats for rent
- 6¢ advertise housekeeping rooms for rent

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