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HOUSE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE TAKES UP RECIPROCITY

Friends of Pact Win in Fight to Give Measure Attention Despite Rules of House to the Contrary.

VOTE SHOWS MAJORITY FAVORS RECIPROCITY

When Pledges are Quoted Favoring Reduction in Tariff Uproar is Deafening.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 13.—Immediate consideration of the Canadian reciprocity bill was moved in the house today by Representative McCall of Massachusetts. Representative Olcott of New York objected on the grounds that the rules set aside the day for District of Columbia business. The adherents of the reciprocity program began a fight to force its consideration. A test vote showed that the majority favored reciprocity. McCall moved that the house go into committee of the whole to consider the reciprocity bill. It carried by 195 to 121. Hill of Connecticut was the first speaker in favor of reciprocity after the house went into committee of the whole. Every seat in the house was occupied when Hill took the floor and the uproar was deafening when he quoted statistics and Republican cam-

UNITED STATES IS DENIED RIGHT TO CANCEL PATENT

Judge Bean Holds That Uncle Sam Cannot Sleep on Rights in Land Matter, Then Start Action.

In refusing to grant the application of the United States to cancel a patent issued to Charles P. Whitney on a homestead from the Roseburg land district, United States Judge Bean announced that in his judgment the United States should not cancel patents that have been issued to homesteaders after the lapse of a reasonable length of time in which suit for cancellation could have been brought.

This decision is regarded as so important and will affect the standing of the United States in so many similar suits in Oregon that United States Attorney McCourt will ask permission of the department of justice to appeal from Judge Bean's decision to the United States court of appeals.

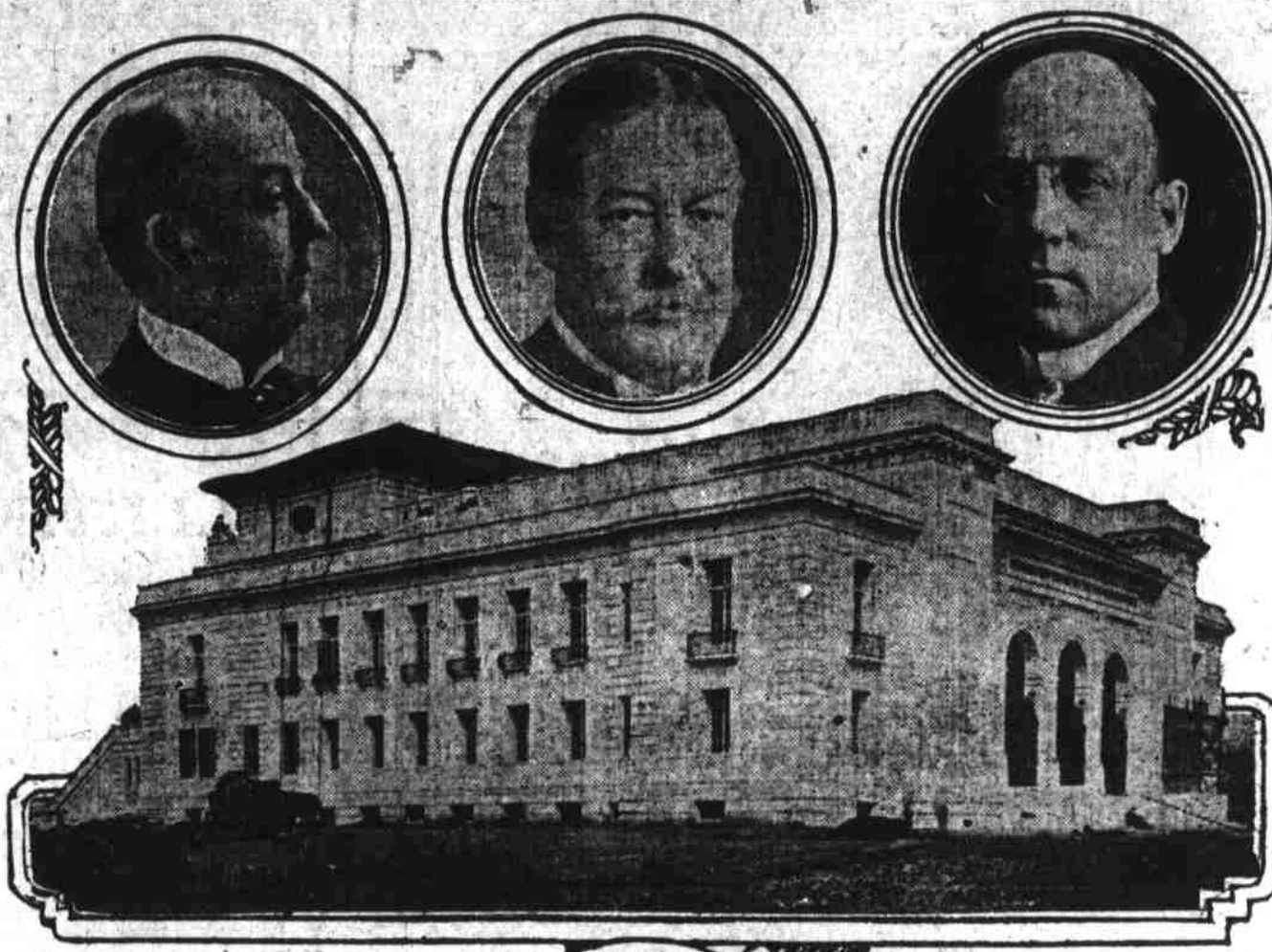
Charles P. Whitney secured a patent for his homestead in October, 1907. He made entry in 1909 and consummated proof in 1912, paying \$400 therefor. After the exposure of the Oregon land frauds Whitney's entry, like that of many others, was made the object of an investigation by the land office. Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Clegg, in a letter to Mr. W. R. Warren, register of the Roseburg land office and so-called "queen of the land fraud ring," an adverse report upon the homestead was made in September, 1908, but in spite of this the patent was issued a little over a year later. It was claimed by the government that Whitney, who lives in Aberdeen, Washington, visited the homestead only two or three times a year for very short spaces of time and that none of his family had ever been on it.

Judge Bean said in part: "The court ought to and will not aside patents for government lands upon clear and satisfactory proof that they were obtained by fraud and false swearing, but the government's rights as a suitor are to be determined the same as any other litigant's, and when it has accepted payment for the land and issued a patent to one who intended in good faith to comply with the public land laws and probably did so comply with them as they were administered by the department, the court ought not to be overly astute in avoiding a patent because of a failure to comply strictly with the law in the matter of residence and cultivation, which facts cannot have been ascertained first by the complainant's officers and agents by the exercise of ordinary diligence before the right to it became fixed."

ALARM FELT FOR LIFE OF EMPEROR WILLIAM

Berlin, Feb. 13.—The gravest public alarm for the health and perhaps the life of Emperor William is felt here today. The uneasiness of the people has been increased by a mass of contradictory statements as to the Kaiser's illness, and today no one outside court circles really knows how serious his indisposition is. The ruler's immediate engagements were cancelled today and this has accentuated the fear of the populace that a fatal termination of his illness is not an impossibility.

Pan-American Building in Washington and Four Conferees



RECIPROCITY WITH REPUBLICS SOUTH IS HOPE OF TAFT

President, Speaking This Afternoon at Conference of Pan-American Union, Looks to Great Trade Future.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Owing to the moral preponderance that the United States has virtually established over several Central American republics and the rapid progress that is being made toward the completion of the Panama canal, exceptional interest in being manifested in the annual conference of the Pan-American union, which opened in this city this afternoon.

This organization is made up of the republics of North and South America, and until a year ago was known as the bureau of American Republics. The purpose of the conference announced by Director General John Barrett is to develop interest in the opportunities for extension of trade among the American republics or between the United States and the 20 countries to the southward. The conference will also consider thoroughly the important question of preparation for the advantageous use of the Panama canal, a matter that has been neglected by the great majority of the commercial organizations and business houses carrying on an export and import trade.

The conference has the vigorous support of the Taft administration. The president believes that it will be better for the whole continent when more cordial trade relations are established, and he has in mind the establishment of a reciprocal trade agreement between the United States and the other American republics, similar to the Canadian agreement now before congress. He is anxious to have all these agreements completed by the time the Panama canal is opened.

Both the president and Secretary Knox are delivering addresses at the opening session. Addresses will also be made by several of the Latin-American ambassadors and ministers. Tomorrow morning the practical work of the convention will begin and the sessions will continue morning, afternoon and night.

Several features of the conference will differ radically from other meetings of business men. It will be educational and informative, rather than controversial. No political or partisan issues will be debated and no resolutions

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FINED \$575,479.90; TO SERVE 30 DAYS

Men Who Defrauded Government Get Extra Sentence; To Take Pauper's Oath.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 13.—It was announced today that Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaylor, who have completed four-year sentences for defrauding the government in the Savannah harbor work, must serve an additional 30 days each in default of the payment of a fine of \$575,479.90 imposed when they were convicted. At the end of that time the men can go before a United States clerk in Atlanta, take a pauper's oath and go free.

Bibles for Los Angeles Hotels. (United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Feb. 13.—Los Angeles is to follow the lead of Chicago and within a few days the lobbies of all the leading hotels will be supplied with bibles, according to an announcement by the Gideons, a band of Christian traveling men.



At the top, beginning at the left, are John J. Barrett, director of the Pan-American bureau; President Taft and Secretary of State Knox. The insert below is Henry White, former United States ambassador to France and chairman of the United States delegation to the Pan-American conference in Buenos Ayres.

TECHNICAL PLEA OF ROSS IN U. S. LAND SUIT FAILS

Members of Grand Jury That Indicted Him Do Not Have to Be on Tax Roll, Rules Judge Bean.

It is not necessary that the name of a juror be upon the tax roll or that he be a taxpayer, according to an opinion rendered this morning by United States Judge Bean in the case of the United States against J. Thorburn Ross and others for alleged illegal filing on land. Attorneys for Ross filed a plea in abatement to the indictment returned by the United States grand jury, charging that the jury was not a legally constituted body in that some of its members were not taxpayers and that their names did not appear on the tax rolls.

Judge Bean holds that this generally understood qualification of a juror is unnecessary, at least as regards federal practice. He said it is the custom of the United States courts to follow the practice of the state courts and in the section of the code defining the qualifications of a juror, nothing is said about his being a taxpayer. However, in following sections the manner in which state officers shall secure the names of jurors is given and they are instructed to take the names from the taxroll. Judge Bean said he considered those instructions were directed to state officers only, and that the United States was not bound by them.

The same question was brought up in the prosecution of former United States Senator Mitchell and was settled in a similar opinion by the late Judge Bellinger. The demurrer to the complaint was overruled.

MRS. EDDY'S LETTERS TELL OF LOVE AFFAIR

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boston, Feb. 13.—Confidential letters, written by Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of Christian Science in 1876, just after the first publication of her "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," will be sold at auction on February 23 and 24, according to announcement today. In one of the missives Mrs. Eddy tells of falling in love with Eddy. Writing to a woman cousin, she told of a sick spell, during which Dr. Eddy was summoned. "He (Eddy) came when I was unconscious," she wrote, "and immediately broke the spell. I was astonished at his skill; he was calm, clear and strong, and so kind that I fell in love with him."

CANAL WILL STOP ANTI-JAP FEELING, SAYS JAP COUNT

Count Okuma, Eminent Japanese Statesman, Sees Bright Outlook for Trade Conditions Between Countries.

Tokio, Feb. 13.—"Before the Panama Pacific exposition in San Francisco opens its gates anti-Japanese agitation in California will be dead. The Panama canal will be a guarantee of peace between Japan and the United States," Count Okuma, one of the elder statesmen of Japan, president of Waseda university and one of the biggest figures in the empire, thus expressed today his belief as to the international effects of the 1915 fair in San Francisco.

"The completion of the canal," he said, "will give such an impetus to trade relations between the United States and the orient, especially Japan, that the mutual commercial interests and the desire to maintain and increase them will obliterate such anti-Japanese feeling as now exists in the California legislature. When the Panama-Pacific exposition is held at San Francisco Japan will make every effort to demonstrate her friendliness and cooperation."

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 13.—That congress alone can cope with the Japanese question and the legislature should show more caution in handling anti-Japanese legislation is the opinion of the Asiatic Exclusion league, expressed in a telegram addressed to Senator Thomas Finn, a copy of which was sent to Speaker Hewitt of the assembly and read in the house today. The senate also was advised of the message.

Finn's bills provide for the segregation of Japanese in public schools, separate quarters in cities and forfeiture of lands after five years. Too much legislation will hurt the exclusion cause and do irreparable damage, declares President Triunfo of the Exclusion league.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 13.—The senate committee on federal relations today decided to recommend that the "labor immigration" clause in the present convention between the United States and Japan be included in the treaty that is being drawn up at Washington. The committee's resolution calls upon congress to see that Japan shall

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WOMEN DENOUNCE ONE LOEB ET AL

Mrs. Hill, Jailed for Smuggling, Angry Because of Government's New Policy.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 13.—First of American women to experience the government's new policy of jail for smugglers, Mrs. Roberta Hill was released today from the Tombs, where she was sent by United States Judge Martin. Mrs. Hill bitterly denounced the United States authorities for her incarceration. Other women, she said, were permitted to escape with fines when they smuggled in thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry and dresses, and she inveighed bitterly against the action which singled her out as the first victim of the new policy. The Women's Press club of New York today entered the fray on Mrs. Hill's behalf. They sent to Collector Loeb, Attorney Wickersham and President Taft resolutions denouncing United States District Attorney Wise and Federal Judge Martin for Mrs. Hill's sentence.

GRAND JURY WILL INVESTIGATE VICE REIGN IN SEATTLE

Prosecuting Attorney Demands Investigation Into "Protection" System Said to Have Prevailed Under Gill.

BURNS HAS EVIDENCE OF GIGANTIC SCHEME

Deposed Chief of Police Center of Fire in Crusade for Decency.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 13.—Prosecuting Attorney John F. Murphy will tomorrow morning ask for the immediate drawing of a grand jury, before which will be presented evidence that it is expected will uncover the vice system that is said to have flourished in Seattle up to the installation of the new mayor, George W. Dilling, last Saturday.

The evidence has been secured by William J. Burns, the former United States secret service operative, who prosecuted the investigation against Schnitz and Ruef in San Francisco, and who secured the evidence in the famous Oregon land frauds.

Evidence that will result in the indictment of scores who paid tribute to the heads of the vice syndicates are expected to result. It is alleged that Burns has succeeded in weaving a net of most damaging evidence about the police chief who resigned last Saturday.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 13.—Police Chief Bannick today issued sweeping orders for a general cleanup of the city. The order includes an elimination of maqueroux, protected disorderly houses which flourished under the former administration, strict observation of liquor laws, creation of a plain clothes squad aside from the regular city detective department; removal of Inspector Mike Powers and appointment of John Sullivan, no more boxing contests, elimination of handbooks, 25 in number, general shifting of sergeants and patrolmen who were "punished" by former Police Chief Wapenstein, and a stricter surveillance of notorious negro clubs in the lower end of the city.

SAFE WRECKED BY GANG OF ROBBERS AT SACRAMENTO

Explosion in Nippon Bank at an Early Hour This Morning Rouses Citizens; Curious Man Shot by Pickets.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 13.—A gang of robbers at an early hour today blew up the safe of the Nippon bank here and escaped with \$5,918.93 in cash and several thousand dollars worth of jewelry that had been left with the bank as security for loans. One of the robbers with a shotgun seriously wounded Charles Pullen, a former night watchman, and slightly wounded Albert Allison. Reports are conflicting as to whether there were four or five bandits. They are believed to be the same gang which attempted a robbery at Winters, Cal., recently.

The detonation of the nitroglycerine was terrific. It was heard all over the southwest quarter of the city and the interior of the bank was wrecked. According to the most reliable stories, three of the robbers were stationed at separate corners as pickets. They halted a score or more persons before and after the explosion. Two of the pickets had shotguns, the other a rifle.

The robbers had stolen a belonging to James Knapp. They hitched this near the bank and after the robbery made their escape in it. About five blocks from the bank the police found a quantity of jewelry dropped from the buggy.

Pullen and Allison were walking along the street toward the bank and heard the explosion. They saw a man with a shotgun guarding the street crossing. He commanded them to halt. Pullen stepped forward to investigate and the distance was about 60 paces. The shot struck him in the legs and from the hip down. A few stray shots hit Allison.

Investigation disclosed a six-inch bottle standing near the wrecked safe. It was filled with nitroglycerine. The remainder had been poured into a hole drilled into the safe and touched off with a fuse and powder. A large piece of steel crashed through the floor past the head of two Japanese sleeping in the basement below, just grazing, but not wounding them. The bank is owned by G. H. Kishi. There are 40 stockholders. The loss is covered by insurance. The bandits are believed to have fled toward Roseville.

Montana Deadlock Unbroken. (United Press Leased Wire.) Helena, Feb. 13.—The deadlock in the voting for United States senator remained unbroken after today's ballot.

President of Mexico



President Diaz of Mexico, whose undisputed reign of four decades is seriously threatened by the present insurrection. The president's failure to crush the insurrection immediately has daily made his position more insecure and in a corresponding manner strengthened the cause of the revolutionists.

REBEL GENERAL CROSSES BORDER; THROWN IN JAIL

Casillas Appears in El Paso Carrying Rifle and Is Seized by United States Officials—Tells Tale of Oppression.

(United Press Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, Feb. 13.—Captured while crossing the American line to rejoin his force of insurgents, General Manuel Casillas today is being detained here by the United States authorities. Casillas was carrying a rifle, which fact made him amenable to the neutrality laws.

Pending investigation by the United States authorities, Casillas is held in jail. His arrest has aroused a great deal of sympathy for the rebels, and the revolutionary junta here is manifestly worried at his detention. Casillas, who is 55 years old, is regarded as one of the most intelligent of the insurgent leaders. Interviewed today, Casillas told the United Press correspondent something of how he came to take up arms against Diaz. Until two years ago, the rebel chieftain said, he practiced as a lawyer at Chihuahua and had no thought other than that he would be able to live comfortably in that position for the rest of his life. But because he ventured to protest that the heavy government taxation was weighing on the people his citizenship rights were arbitrarily removed. This, he said, threw him into the ranks of the rebels.

Daniel Jackson, attorney for General Casillas, declares that his client will be released on bond today.

BATTLE SUPPOSED TO BE ON BETWEEN REBELS AND MEXICAN TROOPS

(United Press Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, Feb. 13.—Heavy firing south of Samalayuca was reported here today by workmen who had been south of Juarez on the line of the Mexican National railroad, indicates that the expected battle between the forces of Orozco and Navarro had begun. Orozco's pickets, who turned the workmen back 23 miles south of Juarez, (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT NOT SATISFACTORY TO PORTUGUESE

By Charles F. Stewart. (United Press Leased Wire.) Lisbon, Feb. 4.—(By mail to New York)—The administration of Portugal has met with has been the delay by other republics—particularly the United States—in recognizing the new government. "We were anxious for recognition," Foreign Minister Bernardino Machado said to me, "and we took it for granted that your nation was great enough to see the need of England's support in connection with that enterprise. Perhaps the Washington administration is wanting to know what the British would like."

ANOTHER BATTLE ON ROADS BILLS MAY BE WAGED

Grangers Come Forward With Proposed Amendment to Mariner Measure; Another Favors Change.

BELIEVE COMMISSION UNNECESSARY FEATURE

Friends of Plan See Value of Maintaining Practical Road Men as Advisors.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—With the passage of the good roads bills assured with but little friction if they had come before the house this morning, some of the Grangers came to the front with another proposed amendment which will probably provoke an additional battle this afternoon.

Shortly after the house convened and Speaker Rusk called up the road bills, it was moved by Carter of Clackamas that all of the roads measures be referred back to the special committee for consideration and possibly amendment. Mariner, author of the substitute commission bill, amended this motion so that only his bill would be sent back to the committee. This amendment was accepted by Carter and the motion adopted.

Eight Commission Plan. Lobbyists opposed to the commissioner and committee system active yesterday, and brought about a move for striking out from the Mariner substitute provision for a commission. Mariner and some of the other legislative representatives of the grange now believe that the commission is unnecessary, and would have practically nothing to do. "Under the proposed bill the commission's only duties will be to meet once a month and go over the expense accounts with the commissioner," said Mariner this morning. "The senate struck out from the bonding act bill all reference to the commission, and with the changes made in the substitute commission bill in the house the commission would have nothing to do, and its creation would be a farce. The proposed law says that their expenses should be paid, and this is a considerable sum, while the benefits they produce would be practically nothing."

See Value of Advice. Friends of the commission are opposed to any such change. They assert that the members of the board would (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

COUNTY SEAT WAR BRINGS MURDER

Masked Men Kill Oklahoma Ranch Hand; Battle May Result.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Indian Home, Okla., Feb. 13.—An armed posse with bloodhounds today set out after three masked men who this morning entered the home of C. M. Bull, near here, made him prisoner and killed James Smith, Bull's hired man, when he interposed. It is feared that Bull has also been killed.

The tragedy is believed to be the result of rivalry between the towns of Snyder and Mountain Park to be made the county seat of Swanton, a newly created county. Bull has been prominent in the bitter fight. He is chairman of the board of commissioners of the new county.

It is reported that J. W. Armstrong, a member of the board of commissioners, who favors the town of Snyder, is in jail at Mountain Park and a battle between the two communities is hourly expected.

"Why should the phrase 'de facto' be applied to the government of the republic of Portugal?" Machado said, "any more than to the government of the republic of the United States? Both of them derive their powers in the same source—the will of the people." In the organization of the permanent government of Portugal, Machado said that the framers of the constitution would probably be governed more by the French parliamentary model than by the American system, admitting that the other systems place too much power in one man's hand. Said he: "What we propose to do is to give the people through a just government, an opportunity to improve their own condition." To this there will be no attempt to lower the exorbitant tax rate in Portugal but a serious effort will be made to give the people honest returns on their money. The people are accepting the situation in a way that can only lead to trouble. (Continued on Page Fourteen.)