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PRESIDENT W. H. TAFT SUBMITS MESSAGE TO SECOND SESSION OF 66TH CONGRESS

OUTLINES HIS VIEWS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS

Discusses Nicaraguan Situation, Sugar Frauds, Oriental Relations, Tariff and Other Leading Questions.

Makes Plain His Attitude Regarding Insult to Country by Zelaya—Recommends Establishment of Postal Savings Banks—Denies That Japan Is Endeavoring to Secure a Monopoly in Manchuria—Advices Admission of New Mexico and Arizona to Statehood—Military Estimates Are Being Cut Down.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft's first regular annual message to congress was sent to that body today. It consists of about 20,000 words and at that leaves for subsequent discussion in special messages the important subjects of anti-trust and interstate commerce legislation as well as legislation for further laws to promote the conservation of the natural resources. These questions are mostly referred to incidentally in the present message.

With regard to Nicaragua, President Taft refers to the "sad tale of the unspendable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelaya government," and to the fact that two Americans were recently put to death by order of Zelaya himself and says that this government is proceeding "with deliberate circumspection" to determine the exact truth and the course to be pursued "most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America."

The message exonerates Japan from the charge of seeking a monopoly in Manchuria and says that our relations with that country continue cordial as usual. It points out that the successful efforts that have been made to bring about economy in government expenses, the estimates for government expenses having been cut out, \$55,999,666. The president recommends that the deficit in the treasury shall be met by the issue of Panama bonds.

Legislation to produce expedition in legal procedure is asked for as well as a law to prevent the issuance of injunctions without notice. The president recommends the establishment of postal savings banks and the passage of a ship subsidy bill looking to the establishment of lines to South America, China, Japan and the Philippines. He urged the admission as separate states of New Mexico and Arizona and suggests the appointment of an executive council for Alaska, but strongly deprecates the idea of the election of a territorial legislature for that district.

Referring to the frauds discovered at the New York customs house of which the sugar trust was the beneficiary, the president says that the government has recovered from the trust all that it is shown to have been defrauded of from under-weights and department of justice are exerting every effort to discover the wrongdoers, "including the officers and employers" of the trust with a view to criminal prosecution. The president adds that it seems to him that a congressional investigation of the frauds at this time might, by giving immunity and otherwise, prove an embarrasment in securing convictions of the guilty parties.

principles and remains unchanged. With the changed circumstances of the United States and of the republics to the south of us, most of which have great natural resources, stable government and progressive ideals, the apprehension which gave rise to the Monroe doctrine may be said to have nearly disappeared and neither the doctrine, as it exists, nor any other doctrine of American policy should be permitted to perpetuate irresponsible governments, the escape of just obligations or the insidious allegation of domination or ambitions on the part of the United States.

"Beside the fundamental doctrine of our Pan-American policy there have grown up a realization of political interests, community of institutions and ideals and a flourishing commerce. All these bonds will be greatly strengthened as time goes on and increased facilities such as the great banks soon to be established in Latin-America, supply the means for building up the colossal inter-continental commerce of the future.

Since the Washington conventions of 1907 were promulgated to the government of the United States a consulting and advising party this government has been almost continuously called upon by one or another and in turn by all of the five central American republics to exert itself for the maintenance of the conventions. Nearly every complaint has been against the Zelaya government of Nicaragua which has kept Central America in constant tension or turmoil. The responses made to the representations of Central American republics as due from the United States on account of its relaxation to the Washington conventions have been at all times conservative and have avoided, so far as possible, any semblance of interference, although it is very apparent that the considerations of geographic proximity to the canal zone and to the very substantial American interests in Central America give to the United States a special position in the zone of these republics and the Caribbean sea.

May Necessitate Social Message. "I need not rehearse here the present efforts of this government to promote peace and welfare among the republics, efforts which are truly appreciated by the majority of them who are loyal to their true interests. It would be less unnecessary to rehearse here the sad tale of unspendable barbarities and oppressions alleged to have been committed by the Zelayan government. Recently two Americans were put to death by order of President Zelaya himself. They were the organized force of a revolution which had continued for many weeks, and was in control of about half of the republic, and as such, according to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they were entitled to be dealt with as prisoners of war.

"At the date when this message is issued this government has established diplomatic relations with the Zelaya government, for reasons made public in a communication to the former Nicaraguan charge d'affaires, and to intending to take such steps as will be found most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and its civilization. It later may be necessary for me to bring this subject to the attention of congress in a special message.

The Oriental Situation. On the relations of the United States with the Orient the president says: "In the Far East this government preserves its policy of supporting the principle of equality of opportunity and scrupulous respect for the integrity of the Chinese empire, to which policy are pledged the interested powers of both east and west. When it appeared that Chinese revenues were to be hypothecated to foreign bankers in connection with a great railway project, it was obvious that the governments whose nations had this loan would have a certain object in the carrying out by China of the reforms in question. Because (Continued on page 2.)

SPENDS SIX DAYS IN BOXCAR WITHOUT FOOD

Tacoma, Dec. 7.—After lying six days in a box car without food, Alfred Webb, a steam fitter, is slowly recovering in the county hospital. Webb was discovered on a siding in the Northern Pacific yards, south of Tacoma, at 4:30 yesterday afternoon by two boys who opened the car in search of coal. He was found huddled up in a corner of the car under a ragged blanket. The boys supposed him dead and notified the police. Webb said he crawled into the car last Tuesday because he was ill, and had no place to go. He gave his age as 38 and said he left England two years ago.

CALHOUN ACCEPTED AS MINISTER TO CHINA

Washington, Dec. 7.—William Calhoun the Chicago attorney was yesterday accepted as minister to China. His appointment, according to information from the state department, has been declared satisfactory to the Chinese government and Calhoun is regarded here as one of the most successful of the country's practicing attorneys. For years he has been retained as counsel by many of the country's largest railroads and it is said he drew an annual salary that is surpassed by but few men in his profession.

ABSENCE OF LIQUORS MAKES DAYTON PROSPEROUS

Dayton, Wash., Dec. 7.—For the first time in the history of Dayton every business block on Main street is occupied and buildings are in demand. This condition is due, according to leading business men and city officials to the fact that Dayton is now a "dry town." A restaurant proprietor was ousted yesterday from his quarters by the expiration of his lease on his building. He is forced out of business because he cannot secure another building.

IDAHO MURDER LIKE UMATILLA CRIME

Head Crushed With Heavy Club and Coat Pulled Up Over Face—Brutal Crimes May Have Been Committed by Same Persons. From Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, comes a story of a murder which in detail is so nearly like the one recently committed near Umatilla as to be startling. The victim's head was crushed with a heavy club and then a coat was pulled up over it. These were the leading features of the Umatilla murder and it is not improbable both were committed by the same man or men.

STRANGE MAN'S BODY FOUND NEAR STREET

The following is the Idaho dispatch which was received this afternoon: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Dec. 7.—The body of John H. Billings was discovered in a clump of bushes on 20th street last night. Investigation by the sheriff showed murder, as three deep slashes were in the head, the skull fractured, a piece of scotch tape fastened to the forehead, the body and a white-washed coat pulled over his head. A letter from his daughter and sister were found in his pocket. A workman's pass in his pocket showed he had been employed recently by the Parker-Cummins company in Spokane. He is a stranger here.

HENEY SUES CROCKER FOR LIBELOUS LETTER

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Francis J. Heney announced today that he has brought suit in New York for \$250,000 damages alleging a libel and defamation of character against William H. Crocker, president of the Crocker National bank of San Francisco, by virtue of a letter signed by Crocker and printed in the New York Evening Post, December 2, alleging that Heney had employed criminal methods in conducting the graft prosecution. Crocker was served with papers in New York today.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE DOESN'T INTEREST MEMBERS

Washington, Dec. 7.—Both houses adjourned until Friday morning after hearing the president's message. There was a festive, large assembly of members in both houses this morning. The galleries were crowded, but as the reading of the message progressed the number of legislators in both houses gradually dwindled until only a few were left at adjournment.

COLD WAVE OVER ENTIRE COUNTRY

Denver, Dec. 7.—A record-breaking cold wave is sweeping the west and south today. Six inches of snow has fallen at St. Louis and it is still snowing. Chicago is in the grip of the fiercest snow storm this winter and car traffic is badly crippled. Lake navigation is suspended. The train service throughout the west is demoralized. For the last three days the weather has been exceptionally cold, and the Colorado mercury has twice been 12 below zero. Snow is reported in southern Arizona and is considered a freak. A blizzard is raging in Montana. The train service of Wyoming is interrupted by a severe storm. The Texas panhandle is snow bound. Snows are reported in Kansas and Oklahoma unusually heavy.

PREPARE TO DECIDE DR. COOK'S CLAIMS

Copenhagen, Dec. 7.—With the arrival today of the north pole records of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, no time will be lost by the University of Copenhagen scientists in deciding his claims. The committee for the consideration of the records has been organized, with Prof. Ellis Stromgren, director of the Astronomical Observatory, as the chairman. Walter Lonsdale, secretary to Dr. Cook, was custodian of the records on the trip across the Atlantic, and looked after them as carefully as if they had been jewels of untold value. Dr. Cook's report, as has been declared, is a voluminous document containing some 300,000 words. Mr. Lonsdale said that the documents are in complete form and ready for the scientific scrutiny. The report and the records were under lock and key in the strong room of the steamer, while she was at sea. The secretary expects that the Copenhagen university authorities will make public their opinion of the records by the first of the new year.

CONDEMN WILD ANNUAL ORGY OF ALDERMEN

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Resolutions condemning the "First Ward Ball," the annual orgy conducted by Alderman "Hinky Dink" McKenna and "Bath House" John Coughlin were circulated today. McKenna and Coughlin were grilled last night by fellow members of the board of aldermen and the opposition this year is more likely to prove effective than ever before.

GETS FRANCHISE OVER ALL COUNTY ROADS

Houlihan, Wash., Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the county commissioners yesterday a franchise was granted to Eldridge Wheeler and associates for an electric line over every public road in the county. The backers are thought to be eastern capitalists. All protests were ignored. The decision was made at a secret session and the facts given to the public today.

ASTOR'S GRANDSON KILLED IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 7.—William Astor Drayton, a grandson of John Jacob Astor, was black-jacketed and left unconscious on the sidewalk today. There is no clue to the murderer. Officers are working on the case.

BLACKSMITHS ON STRIKE

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Six hundred blacksmiths and boiler-makers of the local branch of the American Locomotive company, went out on a strike today.

HAND OF INCENDIARIES WORKING IN BAKER

Developments made recently by continuing investigation of a fire on November 18th in the Arctic Murray ranch on Upper Burma river indicated a head of incendiary workers are at large in that part of Baker county, says the Baker Herald. The fire consumed 200 cows at bay. A bottle was found nearby that evidently had contained kerosene oil and in its neck were found three small pieces of work exposed by the fire. The fire is believed to be the work of incendiaries. There has been constant watch for any clue that would bear out opinion formed by several in that community. As a further inducement for activity in capturing the guilty parties, local people have offered \$500 reward. The state offers a standing reward of \$250 for the capture of anyone committing such an offense and the state association has added \$1000, which makes a total of \$2000 reward for the conviction of the criminals.

EACH WINS AND LOSES BATTLE

Both Zelaya and Estrada Win Bloody Engagement and Lose Another.

REBEL CARTRIDGES DO NOT FIT GUNS

Reports from Nicaragua Tell of Two Bloody Engagements, One of Which is Won by Either Party—Consul at New Orleans Learns That Remington Cartridges and Mauser Guns Were Sent to Revolutionists.

Zelaya Defeated

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—The forces of President Zelaya under General Vasquez were defeated in a bloody engagement today by revolutionists under provisional President Estrada who is encamped in the vicinity of Rama. Two hundred are reported killed.

GOT WRONG CARTRIDGES FOR INSURGENT RIFLES

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—The Signal for the biggest, and presumably the decisive battle in the Nicaraguan revolution was cabled from here by Consul Alschul to Zelaya today. Alschul cabled that he had learned that the rifles taken by the revolutionists two weeks ago by the steamer Utstein were Mausers while the cartridges were Remingtons. The Utstein immediately after the arrival at Bluefields was dispatched to get Mauser cartridges, and in the meantime the rebels are badly handicapped.

PROHIB DENOUNCED CANNON AND HIS CLIQUE

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Speaker Cannon and his friends were denounced this afternoon at the anti-saloon league's national convention when William Anderson, acting national executive, read his annual report. The report detailed the troubles of the legislative agents of the league in endeavoring to get prohibition laws enacted.

GREAT INCREASE IN FALL WHEAT SEEDING

Washington, Dec. 7.—The department of agriculture's crop report today estimates that the winter wheat in the newly seeded area is 7.9 per cent over the revised estimate of the area sown in the fall of 1908 and equivalent to an increase of 21,439,000 acres, and indicated the total area as being 35,483,000 acres.

ANOTHER OIL MAGNATE ESCAPES LAW'S CLUTCHES

Austin, Tex., Dec. 7.—Judge Calhoun today sustained the immunity plea of H. Clay Pierce, the oil magnate charged with perjury for false swearing and ordered the jury to return a verdict of acquittal.

ENGINEERS TALK SHOP

New York, Dec. 7.—Mechanical experts from all over the country are in attendance at the thirtieth annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers convened today in the Engineering society's building. Papers covering all phases of the profession will be read.

SCOUTER GOES AROUND

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The steam schooner, Majestic six days out from San Pedro, and bound for this port to ground off Monterey and there to land the mail, is here.

BLACKSMITHS SETTLE DISPUTE WITH GUNS

Sheriff Rand received word this afternoon of a gun fight between two blacksmiths at Pima in which the smith named Landine was shot by Mr. Hunter. The shooting occurred on the street near the shop in the lower part of town and Landine received a slight wound in the right side of his face. It was not dangerous and no serious results are anticipated. The shooting occurred as the result of an old grudge that has been harbored between the two men for some time. It is understood to be a dispute over some property and they have had been very peaceful about it. The officers in Pima made the necessary arrests and the case will come up in court.—Baker Herald.

MURPHY GETS BIG MAJORITY

In Mayoralty Contest Wins Over Dr. Swinburne by Decisive Vote.

ELL DEFEATS WILCOX IN THIRD WARD

Close of Election Contest Is Exciting—Largest Vote in Four Years Polled—Ballot for Mayor Is 487 for Murphy and 216 for Swinburne—Major Moorhouse Leads Ticket—Brownfield Elected from First Ward.

FROM MAYOR MURPHY

I feel deeply grateful to the people of Pendleton for the confidence they have shown in me by re-electing me as mayor by such a handsome vote. It was a great victory. I want to thank all my friends who worked so earnestly for my success, especially the East Oregonian for its influence in my behalf. I will strive to serve the people of Pendleton to the very best of my ability. E. J. MURPHY.

E. J. Murphy is to be continued as mayor of Pendleton for another two years. This was the decision of the voters of the city, announced yesterday at the polls by the overwhelming majority of 487 to 216.

The total vote polled was the largest recorded in a Pendleton city election in four years. It would probably have been still heavier yesterday had not those who were getting out the Murphy voters realized early in the day that victory was theirs and had not the Swinburne forces realized before the voting started that there was no hope for their candidate. As has been stated before, practically all interest centered in the mayoralty contest. There was one notable exception to this, however, that being the contest for councilman in the Third ward. In that precinct the vote for councilman exceeded that cast for mayor by six ballots, Joe Ell, the present incumbent, defeating his opponent, R. H. Wilcox, 142 to 67.

There were no published candidates in ward 1, the voters writing in the name of the man they desired for this position, J. Mumum, the present incumbent, had declined to allow his name to be used again, but 27 of his friends wrote it on the ballot. Charles W. Brownfield, candidate for re-election as city treasurer, lead the ticket with 618 votes. G. I. LaDow, candidate for water commissioner, was second, while Mayor Murphy was third with 487, despite his opposition. Moorhouse received more votes than were cast for all the candidates for councilman.

The voting on mayor, treasurer and water commissioner, by wards was as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Name, 1, 2, 3, 4, Total. Murphy 122 151 187 133 493. Swinburne 44 51 56 46 197. Moorhouse 146 174 175 165 660. LaDow 119 108 163 153 543.

The new officers will take their seats at the first meeting of the new year and will be as follows: Mayor Murphy and Treasurer Moorhouse will succeed themselves; G. I. LaDow will succeed James A. Poe as water commissioner; the latter having absolutely refused to allow his name to be used again, while Brownfield will succeed Mumum as councilman in the first ward; W. E. Brock with 158 votes will succeed McCormack in the second; Ell will succeed himself in the third; and J. L. Shanon with 159 will succeed J. T. Hinkle in the fourth.

TRANSPORTS TRANSFERRED FROM GROUNDED PRAIRIE

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Seven hundred warriors, bound for Calumet where they will be held in readiness to be sent to Nicaragua should their presence there be deemed necessary, were transferred from the grounded transport prairie to the transport Dixie early yesterday. The Dixie immediately put to sea. Another unsuccessful attempt was made to float the Prairie from the mud flats of the Delaware river, where she is grounded. It is feared a dredger must be employed to raise the ship from her position.