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TAFT REVISES HIS MESSAGE

After Delivering Document to Press Associations Recalls Same for Alterations.

MUCH SPECULATION OVER TARIFF ATTITUDE

Having Finished Annual Message President Will Now Name Supreme Judge and Meet Patient Callers—Judge Pollock of Kansas May go to Supreme Bench.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Taft has recalled his message, having decided to rewrite a dozen pages and to make certain pages more forceful, today.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The president's message is completed and is being distributed by press associations today. There is much speculation among politicians as to what the lengthy document contains. The only authentic information given out concerning the message is that it has been approved by the cabinet. The president will now give up the rest of his time between now and the opening of congress to callers who have been besieging his office for weeks and in meeting retiring officials.

There is much speculation as to what the message contains, especially regarding the tariff. Nothing can be learned as those who have perused the document are sworn to secrecy. Next to the measures which he recommended comes the appointments he will make, particularly to the supreme bench. It is probable Hughes will be appointed chief justice. This matter is a question that is agitating the minds of congressmen. There are many rumors of prospective appointments but most of them are unofficially denied.

May Appoint Pollock. Washington, Dec. 2.—It is reported here today that President Taft contemplates appointing Judge John Pollock of Kansas to the supreme court of the United States. Roosevelt appointed Pollock to the federal bench in 1903.

COUNT BEAUFORT SAYS HE WAS "SMASHED IN FACE"

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Count de Beaufort, whose troubles with his millionaire father-in-law, Michael Kilgallen, have been filling papers for the month, today swore out a warrant against Kilgallen. He charges Kilgallen enveloped him into his office Oct. 24th and "smashed his face" because he refused to leave his sick wife. Gossip has it that the wife is dead because the count threw her down stairs.

JACK JOHNSON SURPRISES SPORTS BY REALTY DEAL

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Jack Johnson blossomed out as a real capitalist today when he secured an option on property valued at \$60,000 at State and Thirty-first streets. It was expected the deal would be completed this afternoon. The property consists of an auditorium, two dance halls and several lodging halls. Johnson surprised the sports by showing he has \$165,000 in the bank.

STEAMER RAN AGROUND AN SAN JUAN ISLAND

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 2.—The steamer Northwestern went aground at San Juan island early today. The passengers and mail were transferred to the steamer Tees, which is due to reach this city this afternoon. A heavy gale has been blowing the last two days. The vessel is owned by the Alaska Steamship company. She left Seattle yesterday bound for Valdez with 26 passengers and a crew of 70.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED BUT NO ONE KILLED

LaMont, Mo., Dec. 2.—Passenger train number four was wrecked two miles east of Knobnoster, Missouri, early today. Fifteen were injured, some critically, but no one was killed. Two Pullmans and a chair car were derailed and rolled over an eight foot embankment. Those seriously injured were taken to Missouri, Kansas, and to Sedalia. A broken rail caused the wreck.

IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS SHOW THE MARBLE HEART

New York, Dec. 2.—Ignoring the plea she would be killed if deported the immigration officials today decided to deport Marie Sethella, who escaped from a harem at Damascus and fled to America.

HERMISTONIAN TO DEDICATE SCHOOL

(Special Correspondence.) Hermiston, Ore., Dec. 2.—This evening the people of Hermiston will dedicate their beautiful and substantial new school house with a program to be held in the new building. It will be a literary and social program and it is anticipated that 500 people will be in attendance. Frank K. Welles, county school superintendent, will be the principal speaker of the evening.

LYMAN GAGE TELLS OF RELATIONS WITH MRS. TINGLEY

Denver, Dec. 2.—Denying the report that he had broken with Mrs. Tingley, preceptress of the Point Loma, Calif., theosophical colony, Lyman T. Gage, former secretary of treasury and multi-millionaire, caused a surprise here today by the statement he never had been a supporter of Mrs. Tingley in any way. He said the report he had broken with Mrs. Tingley was therefore unfounded. He said he never had been a member of the universal brotherhood. He owns a home near the Tingley place and common report said he was a member of the cult.

LARGE WHEAT SALE MADE AT ADAMS

WOODWARD BROTHERS SELL 12,000 BUSHELS AT 73 CENTS

Balfour Guthrie Company Makes Purchases Through Walla Walla Agency—Growers Own Private Warehouse.

Twelve thousand bushels of wheat changed hands at Adams recently, according to reports received from there today. This is one of the largest single transactions reported in the county for some time. The price is said to have been 73 cents f. o. b. cars Adams.

The sale was made by Woodward Brothers and the Balfour-Guthrie company is the purchaser.

Wheat is being quoted today in the local markets at 70 cents, but Woodward Brothers own their own warehouse and were therefore in a position to get more than the ruling market price. They were paid the full market price and the warehouse and handling charges in addition.

MEXICAN REVOLUTIONISTS MAY ATTACK AMERICANS

El Paso, Dec. 2.—A report that Mexican revolutionists have been ordered to attack Madero, an American colony, is causing uneasiness here. Rebels drilling in the vicinity of Madero have promised not to molest Americans, but refugees arriving here say Americans fear a secret attack is being planned. It is feared that the city of Chihuahua is to be attacked. Merchants and bankers there have shipped large amounts of coin to this city.

MANY SLANDER SUITS DURING ENGLISH ELECTION

London, Dec. 2.—Scores of suits for slander are expected as an aftermath of the present political campaign which is the bitterest in English modern history. Charges of treason, theft and lying have been handled freely. Members of parliament in seventy constituencies are to be elected in England.

Culberson for a Leader.

Washington.—There is talk among democrats of re-electing Senator Culberson of Texas as leader of the senate minority, a position he held for several years, and until his health failed. Senator Money of Mississippi is now minority leader, but he leaves the senate on March 4 and a new leader will be chosen when the sixty-second congress organizes.

As Senator Culberson has fully regained his health, he is a logical candidate for leadership, and perhaps is better equipped than any other democrat in the senate. Then, too, it must be recalled that Senator Culberson has several times been mentioned as democratic nominee for president. Texas democrats have a feeling that the south should be recognized on a national ticket.

Carelessness in Mailing.

London.—One of the most noticeable features in the annual report of the postmaster general is the carelessness of correspondents, probably due to twentieth century hustling. The number of undelivered packets of all kinds, including packets entirely unaddressed and articles found loose in postoffice boxes are estimated to have reached a total of 21,241,000, an appreciable increase on the previous year.

BIG STRIKE IS THREATENED

O. R. & N. Engineers Vote to Go Out Unless Increase of Wages is Granted.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINE WILL ALSO BE TIED UP

Pendleton May Be Cut Off from Direct Communication With Portland—Engineers on All Western Roads Demand Increase of 15 Per Cent.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 2.—Members of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers living in and running into Portland on the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific have voted to strike unless the demands of the engineers on all western railroads for a fifteen per cent increase are granted. Balloting was done secretly during the last three weeks here and throughout the west. The ballots were sent to the Chicago headquarters of the organization to be opened December 10. Shortly afterwards there will be a conference with the managers of the railroad lines. It is generally believed a compromise may be reached without a strike. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern members of the organization live at Tacoma, mostly. Very little could be learned as to how the vote went.

Eastern Engineers Considering

Cleveland, Dec. 2.—Warren Stone, president of the brotherhood of railroad engineers, would not talk concerning whether there would be a strike of locomotive engineers if the western railroads would not grant demands for an increase of wages today.

Other Trainmen Involved.

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 2.—Discussing the poll of brotherhood locomotive engineers on the question of a general strike on railroads of the west to enforce a wage increase which would involve forty thousand men, S. N. Wallon, chief engineer of Sacramento division, today said that the organizations of brakemen, firemen and conductors are also voting secretly on the matter of going on strike for an increase.

"FATHER OF TRUSTS" IS DEAD AT NEW JERSEY HOME

Orange, N. J., Dec. 2.—Judge Jas. C. Dill, called the father of trusts, died here today. He helped incorporate some of the biggest trusts in this country and derived an income of \$300,000 yearly on this account. He received a fee of a million dollars for organizing the United Steel trust. The capital of corporations he personally organized total \$793,000,000. He was formerly a newspaper reporter.

TURKISH TROOPS KILL 700 NEAR DAMASCUS

Constantinople, Dec. 2.—Seven hundred Druses are reported slain in a battle with Turkish troops at Houran and Syria near Damascus today. The main body of Druses estimated at 10,000, is said to be holding out while the Turks are reconnoitering. Another battle is expected soon. The outbreak occurred over religious differences. Smarting under oppressions, the peasants have been arming for weeks.

NORRIS MAKES A FORECAST

Says Last Year's Fight Regarding Naming of Committees to Be Revived.

WOULD SHEAR SPEAKER OF POWER TO NAME

Move Was Started Last Year for Committee on Committees But Dropped to Prevent Prolongation of Session—Norris Says Country Behind Insurgency.

Washington, Dec. 2.—That the fight started at the last session of congress over the method of appointing committees in the house will be one of the battles in the coming session, is the belief of Congressman Norris, Nebraska insurgent leader, who arrived today. Norris said: "This session will be for insurgency. The country is behind us." He said the session will be one of the most important in the history of the insurgency movement and that upon the victories gained will depend largely the future of the progressives.

Norris, continuing, said: "The fight which is expected to open the insurgent campaign is over the appointment of the committees of the house." Just before the close of the last session Norris introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee on committees. This committee was to be divided according to geographical divisions, made up of twenty members. It would give twelve divisions for the majority and eight for the minority party. The committee would have power to appoint all other committees including that on rules. This caused a sensation last year but was not pushed because it was believed then it would mean a fight on Cannon and would result in a prolongation of the session then about to adjourn. The new idea will probably be revived.

WENDLING DENIES MURDER OF ALMA KELLNER

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 2.—John Wendling on trial for the murder of Alma Kellner, whose body was found here several months ago in a church basement, today denied on the stand having murdered the child. Wendling is unable to account for bloodstains on his bicycle after he fled or those on his trunk.

ELEVEN UNIONISTS CHOSEN TO ENGLISH PARLIAMENT

London, Dec. 2.—Eleven unionists and four radicals were re-elected members of parliament today. Among them were Joseph Chamberlain and Arthur Balfour.

BANK ROBBERS IN FIGHT WITH POSSE

Garden City, Iowa, Dec. 2.—Yeggen under the fire of a posse of citizens for dynamiting the safe of the Farmers' Saving bank here today. They fought off their pursuers and escaped with eight hundred dollars. Citizens were awakened by shots of the night watchman and joined in the attack. The robbers returned the fire and continued working on the vault. They broke it in and with the loot escaped in a buggy. Poses are pursuing them.

PENDLETON MAKES STRONG SHOWING FOR BRANCH ASYLUM

This forenoon Messrs. Cochran and McCarty, representing the state board, visited the Cheney-Clopton place at the mouth of McKay creek to investigate the desirability of that place for a location for the eastern Oregon branch asylum. This afternoon they have been viewing the Byers property above the city and also the Rugg ranch. It is understood that the men will complete their local investigations tomorrow. After they have inspected all the sites they will then meet with the committee that has been gathering data showing the advantages of Pendleton as a location for the branch asylum. Three general committees have been at work gathering data and the chairmen have been Leon Cohen, transportation, T. C. Taylor, water, and C. E. Roosevelt, weather. The data gathered by these committees has been placed in writing and copies of the reports will be turned over to the state board through Messrs. Cochran and McCarty. So favorable is the showing made by Pendleton through this data that members of the local committee are confident they have the inside track for the location. Another feature that may have a strong bearing in locating the asylum is the fact that with some of the local sites offered go water power rights. In view of the fact that the branch asylum will necessarily need much electricity for lighting and for power purposes it is possible this feature may have much weight.

HELIX WILL HOLD ELECTION TUESDAY

(Special Correspondence.) Helix, Dec. 2.—Next Tuesday, December 6, the people of Helix will elect a new set of town officials. A mayor, three councilmen, a treasurer and a marshal are to be elected. The following is the ticket now in the field: For mayor, two years—J. S. Norvill. For councilmen, two years—M. L. Morrison, Charles Stanton, L. L. Hutchinson, Charles Behrens and S. E. Starr. Only three are to be elected. For treasurer, two years—Carl Engdahl. For marshal, two years—C. A. Logan, R. C. Dunnington, Julius Nelson. At the election the people will also vote upon the adoption or rejection of a five-mill municipal tax levy.

MEXICANS WOULD TAKE LOWER CALIFORNIA

San Diego, Dec. 2.—Andrew Tirado an armed Mexican arrested here today, confessed there is a Mexican revolutionary organization being perfected in this city for the purpose of capturing lower California. The Juana was the first town marked for attack. It is just across the line.

BIG CHURCHMEN HERE TOMORROW

CONFERENCE TO BE FOLLOWED BY SUPPER

Rev. W. S. Holt, Rev. E. F. Hall, Dr. Milligan and Rev. J. F. Vernon Will Constitute Outside Delegation—in West End Towns Today.

A series of conferences is now in progress in the different Presbyterian churches of the presbytery of Pendleton. They are conducted by prominent men of the church, including Dr. W. S. Holt of Portland, Rev. Ernest F. Hall of San Francisco, Dr. Milligan of Portland and Rev. J. F. Vernon, Prescott. These leaders will be in Pendleton on the motor Saturday morning, coming from Echo and Stanfield. They will conduct a similar conference in the Pendleton Presbyterian church. There will be a supper for the members of the church. Following the supper speeches will be made by the leaders of particular interest to the men of the church. This is a "get acquainted" supper. It is hoped that all who are interested will be present. One of the visiting clergymen will address the congregation on Sunday morning at the usual hour and in the evening there will be a popular meeting in the interest of home and foreign missions and the youth of the church. One leader will accompany Rev. J. M. Cornelison to the Indian government school to address the children in the morning and from there to Tutuilla to address the congregation in the afternoon.

LABOR PARTY IS ACTIVE

Much Legislation Has Been Put On Books by English Parliament.

London.—The Labor party made its first appearance in Parliament in 1905, with 30 members. Since then, nearly every piece of labor legislation that the administration has placed upon the statute books has been placed upon them simply because the small but unanimous Labor party insisted on it and threatened to raise "Ned" with the administration unless it yielded. The very first thing that the Laborites did was to force the passage of a bill compelling local authorities to feed necessitous school children. Upon the same party's demand, the administration introduced a measure to safeguard labor unions from the encroachments of employers. The bill had before the Commons was so unsatisfactory to the Laborites, however, that the ministry was compelled to withdraw it and a new one was offered by the Labor members themselves. The administration was afraid to oppose it, it passed accordingly and now it is law.

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Cleveland.—Divorced a few days ago and on the eve of his second marriage, Andrew Wyland, 22 years old, fell down the steps at the home of his fiancée, Miss Ida Farrance, and broke his neck. Wyland was to have been married and called on his fiancée to discuss the final wedding arrangements. In leaving her he mounted a flight of steps leading from the basement, stumbled at the head of them and fell headlong to the girl's feet. Laughing at what she thought was a slight mishap she went to his assistance and found him dead.

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The man who said he could see through Taft evidently didn't expect his hearers to take him literally.—Centralla Chronicle.

RACING MEN KEPT NO BOOKS

Committee Attorney Despairs of Proving Charges Made Against New York Sports.

TREASURER ADMITS \$300,000 WAS RAISED

Lack of Positive Evidence Will Probably Prevent Conviction of Men Charged With Having Bribed New York Legislators to Oppose Hughes Measures.

New York, Dec. 2.—That the legislative investigation committee will be unable to trace the vast sum of money which the allied race interests are said to have spent for "legal service" in an attempt to prevent the passage of anti-betting laws in New York, is the belief of Bruce Linn, attorney for the committee. The treasurer of the Metropolitan association, a bookmakers organization, James Evans, testified he kept no books showing how and where the money went. He estimates that \$300,000 were raised to defeat the race track laws.

T. B. WILCOX REELECTED HEAD DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Salem, Ore., Dec. 2.—With the reelection of Theodore B. Wilcox and C. C. Chapman of Portland as president and secretary, respectively, the greatest congress of the Oregon Development league closed its three days' session at Salem yesterday afternoon and will hold its next conference at Astoria some time next summer at a date to be fixed by the executive board of the league, but which, no doubt, will correspond with the date for the holding of the commemorative centennial at the sea coast town. As first vice president the league chose J. S. Van Winkle of Albany; as second vice president, G. Wingate of Astoria; as third vice president, W. M. Colvig of Medford as fourth vice president, William Hanley of Burns; and as fifth vice president, J. H. Raley of Pendleton. The league has no organization except on paper, there being no provision made for regular meetings or election of officers except as custom has provided. The Oregon Development league is merely a very loose confederation of booster clubs and commercial organizations of Oregon.

Before adjourning the congress adopted a number of resolutions, though it was the endeavor of the officials throughout the session not to allow any resolutions except of merely a perfunctory order to be introduced as the leaders in the movement have attempted to keep the league out of any movement that savored of politics. Secretary Chapman even deprecated the introduction of a good roads resolution.

Addresses were also delivered at the closing session by Leon Chapman of Portland; President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon; Charles H. Carey of the legal department of the Northern Pacific railroad and C. L. Dick, manager of the Salem Fruit L. Dick, manager of the Salem Fruit poses of the fruit union, the value they were to fruit growers and the assistance to business men that deal with them. He advocated giving fruit inspectors more power and if possible to have them directly responsible to a state department rather than to the county.

SHELTON WOMEN MAY BE THE FIRST TO USE FRANCHISE

Shelton, Wash., Dec. 2.—The women of Shelton may be the first women in Washington to vote, following the adoption of the equal suffrage law at the last state election. They asked for a ruling concerning the time they can vote and City Attorney Fisk rules the law is now operative, so they would ballot at the city election Tuesday.

ORANGEMEN WOULD FIGHT IF HOME RULE WINS

Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 2.—Orangemen of Ulster this afternoon predicted that bloodshed would follow the granting of home rule to Ireland. Prominent Orangemen publicly invited tenders for the immediate delivery of arms and ammunition.

CALIFORNIA WILL GET FOUR NEW CONGRESSMEN

Washington, Dec. 12.—The population of California is 2,377,549, an increase of 892,496. This means four new congressmen. The state of Virginia has 2,061,612, an increase of 11.2 per cent. Virginia gets one additional congressman.