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# TAFT GIVES HIS VIEWS

### Declares Permanent Non-Partisan Tariff Commission Must Be Created.

#### MEANING OF PANAMA CANAL TO AMERICANS

President Gives Out Remarkable Interview—Newspaper Readers Given Intimate Personal View of Chief Executive—Taft Says Permanent Tariff Commission Will Form Basis for Intelligent Tariff Legislation—Scientific Revision Impossible Without Facts—Canal Will Reduce Transcontinental Freight Rates.

(Copyright, 1910, by the United Press) Washington, Dec. 20.—The purpose of this article is to give newspaper readers an intimate, personal view of their president, William Howard Taft, just as if it were possible for each one to call upon him today at the white house and talk over affairs uppermost in his mind. It is designed to bring the reader face to face with the president as he may hear why Mr. Taft is fighting an effort to destroy his non-partisan, permanent tariff commission plan. It purposes to let the reader hear, from him, the reasons why every American should swell with pride at the successful construction of the great Panama canal.

The writer found the president busily engaged, confronted on all sides by appeals of congressmen, bickerings of politicians, demands of office-seekers, and yet with serene, earnest and cheerfully optimistic.

The trained judicial mind of the chief magistrate was quickly concentrated upon the subjects which his caller suggested for discussion. He was all attention, all interest, whether talking personally or listening; he was alert, enthusiastic, forceful.

The visitor, seated and immediately put at ease by the president's geniality; then followed a conversation bearing upon two subjects, chosen from dozens of topics. The permanent tariff commission was taken up first. The president freely gave his personal opinions and beliefs which form the basis of his earnest plan of making the commission a permanent rule. He prohibited direct quotation of the president, but in the following an attempt is made faithfully to give his ideas as he expressed them to the writer.

The permanent tariff commission will provide the necessary basis for intelligent legislation, no matter by what party or to what end. If the democrats are Champ Clark and not "Chump" Clarks they will support it. No scientific revision of the tariff is possible without true facts upon which to base it, and the facts are obtainable in no other way. It is beyond the ability of any body of men, working temporarily on the tariff, to collect and digest the vast amount of detailed information which must be considered in making of the tariff.

The tariff commission will be a permanent institution, where from year to year data and information required in such work will be sorted, catalogued and digested in such a way as to be ready for instant use. It will be to the tariff what the congressional library is to literature. You can send a note to the library, saying you are working upon a certain subject and you are immediately provided with all the best reference books and records on that topic.

What difference does it make whether democrats or republicans are engaged in tariff legislation. The work cannot be properly accomplished without the facts upon which it is based. Without a tariff commission, the making of a tariff must be based upon such knowledge as the various members are able to obtain and inevitably in such event, the interests of one section of the country as against the interests of another arise as arguments that often overshadow the

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- ◆ PRESIDENT DIAZ FEARS ASSASSINATION.
- ◆ Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 20.—President Diaz fears assassination and has taken the precaution of having his food tasted and his sleeping quarters effectively guarded, it was learned today. It is said he changed his sleeping quarters nightly. The streets leading to the palace are closed to traffic and all messengers arriving from the country are searched before admitted to the executive building.

# HOLIDAYS WILL BE OBSERVED MONDAY

By arrangement between the leading business houses of the city holidays will be observed this year on the Mondays following Christmas and New Years. The move was started by clerks who do not want to lose both holidays through the fact that Christmas and New Years fall upon Sunday this time. A petition calling for the closing of all establishments on Mondays was started yesterday and was circulated by George Ferguson of the Alexander store. However it was not fully signed up until this morning and for a time it looked like the move would fall through the refusal of one or more business houses to go into the agreement.

As it now stands the agreement for the observance of all day holidays Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, is signed by the following firms: Alexander Department Store, The Peoples Warehouse, The Wohlberg Department Store, A. L. Schaefer, R. M. Swettell, H. H. Westell, W. E. Hancock, Despain & Bonney, W. E. Waters, Ladow & Peterson, Owl Tea House, Taylor Hardware Company, Bond Bros., Walsh Grocery, Standard Grocery Company, W. J. Clarke & Co., Gray Bros. Grocery Co. Under the law all public offices are permitted to remain closed on Mondays when holidays fall upon the Sabbath so it is evident that the Mondays following Christmas and New Years will be generally observed as holidays throughout the city.

# NEGRO MURDERS TWO GIRLS AND A MAN

### POSSE OF FARMERS SEEK TO LYNCH THE MURDERER

#### Sheriff Rushing Colored Man to Safety—Farm Home Entered at Night—Two Year Old Babe One of Victims—Girl Assaulted and Then Murdered—House Is Fired by Fiend.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—Following the murder of three persons, Sheriff Wheeler and two deputies are rushing here today with Nathan Montague, a negro, in order to protect him from a posse of farmers who want to lynch him. Montague last night entered the home of Leyton Sanders, a farmer, slew Sanders, his grand child, aged two, and assaulted Mina Sanders, a daughter. He then cut her throat with a jackknife and fired the house.

A farmhand alarmed the sheriff and Montague was arrested. All roads are being guarded by Sanders' friends. The sheriff is endeavoring to bring the prisoner in a roundabout way.

# TO SETTLE OREGON-WASHINGTON FISH DISPUTE

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 20.—It was learned today that Attorney General Dell will represent Washington, instead of Governor Hay at the conference at Portland December 22, for the purpose of settling the Oregon Washington Columbia river dispute. Hay wrote the governor of Oregon saying he could not attend.

# JAPANESE PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT FOR KNOX

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The problem of preventing an affront to Japan and at the same time pacifying the people of the Pacific coast who would protest against any concession to Japanese, confronts Secretary Knox who has begun preparations for the preliminary convention upon which the new treaty is to be based. The proposed treaty will replace that of 1894.

The mikado will probably ask for the elimination of the clause prohibiting the immigration of Japanese into the United States. This is sure to meet with protests from the Pacific slope.

# Bandits Organize

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—Reports from Northern Mexico state that Francisco Vega, a well known bandit leader, has organized a band of 25 men, well armed and mounted and is preying upon both the government and insurrecto factions. Vega is said to have 27 notches on his gun, each representing a man killed. Pasqual Drozco, the mining man who is reported in command of the insurrectos near Pedernales, is said to have ordered his men to kill Vega on sight.

# LAST BODY RECOVERED

### List of Dead in New York's Gas Explosion Disaster Now Complete.

#### FIVE OF INJURED WILL PROBABLY DIE OF WOUNDS

#### Two Supposed to Have Been Killed, Have Been Found—Investigation Shows Gas, Not Dynamite, Was Cause of Disaster Which Shook the Whole of New York—Damage May Exceed Two Million Dollars—Coroner Starts Investigation.

New York, Dec. 20.—The body of the tenth victim of yesterday's explosion was taken from the ruins of the Grand Central power house today. It is believed the death list is now complete. Two other persons, supposedly killed, have been found. Of the injured five have fractured skulls and will probably die. Several others are in a precarious condition.

An investigation was started today by the coroner, district attorney and the railroad company.

#### Gas, Not Dynamite.

For some hours it was believed that only dynamite could have wrought such instantaneous and demolishing havoc, but late in the afternoon Fire Chief Croker said he was convinced the explosion was due to a mixture of air and illuminating gas, used in lighting railroad cars, touched off by an electric spark. The gas had accumulated in the auxiliary power house from a broken pipe snapped off by a runaway passenger car.

Foundations were jarred, walls were shaken out of plumb, windows were blown in by the thousands, ceilings came crashing down on the heads of those beneath, and the pavements were littered with pulverized glass.

The full amount of the property damage is yet unavailable and may exceed the rough and conservative estimate of \$2,000,000. The loss to the New York Central railroad company includes the physical damage done to the power house, which was completely wrecked; the delay to construction work and the damage done to cars standing near the power house.

The loss to shop keepers and property owners in the vicinity will spread over a wide range of items.

# EMPLOYEES REFUSE TO TALK

District Attorney Whitman personally looked into the explosion. He declared he is not convinced that dynamite was not a contributing cause of the explosion. He questioned several railroad employees but they declined to talk.

# PACKAGES OF FOOD MUST BE FULL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—In order to conform to the pure food law all packages of foods will have to bear a statement of the exact measure of the contents on the label if a substitute bill to be submitted to congress today by Representative Mann of Illinois becomes a law. The bill is calculated to replace Mann's original amendment to the pure food law. He decided to change his bill after a conference with New York and Chicago business men.

# SENATOR LORIMER IS EXONERATED FROM BRIBERY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The report exonerating Senator Lorimer from the charges that he secured his election to the senate through legislative bribery was formally adopted by the senate committee on privileges and elections today.

# YOUNG MERCHANT IS MURDERED WITH CLUB

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—S. Cahen, 26 years old, son of F. Cahen, a wealthy retired merchant, was beaten to death by three men with clubs on a vacant lot in the rear of an apartment house at 321 South Olive street last night. The attack was witnessed from a window of the hotel by A. Jones, who raised an alarm, but the highwaymen completed their work and after taking the money, watch and chain from the body of their victim, fled from the scene.

The young man lived but a few minutes after aid reached him. Cahen was on his way home from a lodge meeting, and his father said he was carrying about \$200 with him.

# "HORNET" MAY BE FILIBUSTER

### Former United States Gunboat Ready to Sail With Cargo.

#### SHIP TO CLEAR NEW ORLEANS PORT TODAY

#### Captain and Members of Crew Said to Have Been Connected With Central American Troubles—Captain Denies Report—Vessel Being Closely Watched by Government Officials.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Former United States gunboat Hornet reported purchased by Honduran revolutionists, will clear from this port this afternoon at 3 o'clock for Cape Gracias, with a crew of 20 men, 200 tons of coal and provisions for 30 days. Among the crew are several men said to have been connected with previous filibustering expeditions directed against Central American republics.

#### Cleared As Merchant.

The Hornet was cleared yesterday as a merchant vessel by G. W. Reuff, Jr., agent for the owner, who is given as Joseph Beer, head of a line of schooners now in the Central American trade.

Mr. Reuff branded as false the report that the steamer was involved in a revolutionary expedition.

Captain Johnson, the master, has been employed by the Estrada government in Nicaragua for several months and until recently was commander of the Nicaraguan gunboat Yula. David P. Rowland, the chief engineer, has seen service in Central American waters.

Although the clearance papers were aboard shortly after noon, Captain Johnson had not shown up at the boat at an early hour tonight. Announcement was made at 7 o'clock last evening that the Hornet probably would sail after midnight.

The revenue cutter Davy was lashed to the Hornet's side all morning and a thorough inspection was made of the craft and her supplies. Government agents even moved and examined many of the bags of coal with which she is lined.

The members of the crew are under contract for a "30 day voyage." Late yesterday afternoon two unidentified Central Americans boarded the Hornet and remained several hours waiting for Captain Johnson. They finally departed without having seen him.

Jesse Ulloa, Honduran consul to this port, last night notified the Honduran minister at Washington that the Hornet expedition "looks strongly revolutionary and the vessel is undoubtedly fitted out for a revolutionary movement against Honduras by former President Bonilla and General Lee Christmas."

Senator Ulloa expects the state department to take some action to prevent the sailing of the Hornet.

# NO PROTEST MADE

Washington, Dec. 20.—If the Hornet is engaged in a filibustering expedition directed either against Honduras or Mexico, it is regarded as strange that no formal protest against her departure was made to the state department or with the United States attorney at New Orleans.

# BORAH'S BILL PASSED

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate has passed Senator Borah's bill permitting entry upon lands under irrigation projects which have been relinquished by the original locators, without regard to the provision in the act of last session prohibiting entries until after irrigation charges are fixed. The new measure applies only to old projects.

# MAY INVESTIGATE ROOSEVELT'S RECORD

Washington, Dec. 20.—A congressional investigation of Theodore Roosevelt's railroad transportation expenses while he was president of the United States is called for in a resolution introduced by Representative Rainey of Illinois, a democrat. It was referred to the committee on rules.

The resolution provides that a committee of five be selected to investigate how much if any, of these expenses were paid by Mr. Roosevelt or by any one acting for him. It further provides for inquiry as to the contracts made for him, while president, with the Pennsylvania railroad or its officials "or the demands for transportation made by Theodore Roosevelt while president, on said road."

# TWO HELIX BURGLARS LODGED IN JAIL

Jack Wilson and Steve Selner are the two latest additions to the guest list of the Umatilla county jail. Opposite their names on the register appears the word "burglary" which tells briefly the profession of the two new arrivals. They were brought in this morning from Helix on the Northern Pacific train, having been captured yesterday morning at Vansycle after they had raided the cellar of William Knuckles near Stanton.

For some time past the Helix country has been made the scene of the depredations of these or other burglars and yesterday, when Knuckles discovered that his cellar door had been pried off during the night and a goodly lot of his canned fruit along with his overcoat carried off, he immediately called in two neighbors, Will Isaacs and J. Peterson and the three started in pursuit. The culprits were trailed to Vansycle station where they were located and arrested in the bunk house of the grain warehouse at that place. They had cached their booty but the self appointed officers had no doubt as to their identity. They were taken to Helix for the night and brought on to Pendleton today by their captors and turned over to the custody of Sheriff Taylor and his deputies.

# Report Unfounded.

Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—The report of the death of Carl Hagenbach, at his home near Hamburg, Germany, was untrue, according to a private cablegram received here yesterday by Alfred Bode, in Cincinnati. The cablegram said that William Hagenbach, a brother of Carl, had passed away. The message was signed Lorenz Hagenbach, a son of the man reported as dead.

# MAY OUST SEATTLE CHIEF OF POLICE

### CITY COUNCIL ASKS FOR HIS DISMISSAL

#### Graft Investigating Committee Finds Chief Guilty—Matter Now in Hands of Mayor—Sergeant and Two Patrolmen to Be Disciplined.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—A monster petition demanding that an election be held to determine the recall of Mayor Gill was filed today with the city comptroller. Over eleven thousand names were signed to the petition, which was circulated by the welfare league, which started the recall movement and was the cause of the police graft investigation by the city council.

The city council graft investigating committee which has been investigating the police and lighting departments of the city government for several months completed its work and filed its final report with the council last night. The report, which is an elaboration of the partial report filed several weeks ago, again recommends the dismissal of Chief of Police Charles W. Wapenstein. The report was adopted with two dissenting votes. As the chief of police the report must go to Mayor Hiram C. Gill for approval and unless he agrees with the committee's findings Wapenstein will remain at the head of the police department.

The report also recommends that Sergeant Frank Bryant and two patrolmen who were on duty in the restricted district be severely disciplined, if not dismissed from the service, holding that they were either negligent or incompetent. The committee finds that Richard M. Arms, superintendent of lighting turned away profitable business and was overcautious in seeking new contracts, but exonerates him of the charge of attempting to wreck the municipal light and power plant.

# STRIKEBREAKER SHOT AND KILLED IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—John Donnelly, a teamster employed by the garment manufacturers was shot and killed here today. He drove a team half a mile before he became unconscious. He died in a hospital. The police are seeking his assailant among the striking garment workers but have no clew.

# KNAPP IS MADE U. S. COMMERCE COMMISSIONER

Washington, Dec. 20.—The appointment of Martin Knapp to the United States commerce court was confirmed this afternoon by the senate. Knapp has been chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

# CHARGES MADE AGAINST COE

### W. J. Furnish Et Al Allege Promoter Failed to Pay to Trustee Over \$100,000.

#### GROSS VIOLATIONS OF CONTRACT ARE ALLEGED

#### In Statement Recorded Here Today Some Light is Thrown on Furnish-Coe Controversy—Answer to Million Dollar Damage Suit Has Not Yet Been Filed.

Further light upon the Furnish-Coe controversy now on in the courts of Multnomah county was thrown today when Col. J. H. Raley, attorney for the Furnish people filed with County Recorder Hendrix a long and detailed statement of charges against Dr. H. W. Coe. In substance the statement charges that Dr. Coe grossly willfully and wrongfully violated the terms of the agreement made with the Inland Irrigation company; that he has withheld something over \$100,000 that should have been paid to the Inland Irrigation company; that he duplicated notes and committed various and sundry other offenses.

The statement was prepared in Portland and bears the date of October 29. It is signed by the Inland Irrigation company by E. P. Marshall, vice president and R. H. Irwin, secretary; by the Furnish Ditch Co., by the same men as officials and by W. J. Furnish. The statement is addressed to Dr. Coe and is in the nature of a formal notice that he has violated the terms of his contract and that the signers will no longer recognize him as a party to the contract and that they would proceed to take possession of the property.

**Coe Kept Money.** It is set forth in the statement filed that on July 2, 1910, Dr. Coe had collected all told the sum of \$103,411.00 in various ways from lands held by the company. Of this amount \$24,298 in first payments upon contracts; \$32,860 in cash sales of land, the entire purchase price being paid by the purchaser; \$32,251 upon options and as first payments on contracts; and the sum of \$11,962.96 in deferred payments. All of this money should have been turned over to the trustee for distribution according to the statement. None of it was so applied but was retained by Dr. Coe.

**Concealed Facts.** The statement also sets forth that Dr. Coe had concealed the facts relating to these payments and relating to sales from the officers of the company. It is charged that he failed to report many sales. Among the sales unreported were sales made to J. A. Long, George McDonald, O. B. Bray, W. S. Seshaw, E. J. Thomas, G. A. Anderson, V. S. Wisner, Dr. A. J. McCannell, C. C. Carr, H. J. Newland, S. W. Jordan, Wrederick Heath, H. H. Townsend and Thomas Connelly. In many of these sales sums ranging as high as \$1100 were paid in cash while in other instances notes were given in payment. That Dr. Coe duplicated some of these notes is charged. None of the payments were turned over to the trustee as required under the contract.

Upon the strength of the false showing made it is asserted that a conditional extension of time was granted Dr. Coe in making payments. It is also charged that Dr. Coe made improper contracts with purchasers of land under the project; that his actions have burdened the company; that he violated the terms of his contract by selling competitive land under the Umatilla project; and that he violated a promise to endorse notes to the sum of \$17,950 to finance work on the reservoir and dam at Horse-shoe curve. It is charged that this sum is now due from Dr. Coe upon that work and is unpaid.

**Answer Not Ready.** The statement recorded here today is not the answer of the Furnish people to the sensational suit filed recently by Dr. H. W. Coe in which he asks for damages from W. J. Furnish amounting to \$1,400,000. The answer to that complaint has not yet been filed.

# WINNIPEG HAS STRIKE DISORDERS.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 20.—Strike disorders resembling those of the street car riots, broke out last night. Several cars were demolished in the darkness of a snowstorm by union sympathizers. There are about 200 strikebreakers in this city and the company promises full service today. It is probable there will be more trouble as the labor council has endorsed the strikers.