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RECIPROCITY PASSES HOUSE

United Democracy Wins Victory for President Taft's Treaty.

INSURGENT REPUBLICANS ALSO SUPPORT EXECUTIVE

Measure Carries By Big Majority After Long and Bitter Debate—Majority of Republicans Vote No—Democrats Welcome Taft and Insurgents Into Fold of Democracy.

Washington, Feb. 15.—President Taft's reciprocity agreement, with Canada was referred in the house of representatives last night, through the support of an almost solid democratic vote. The McCall bill carrying the agreement into effect was passed, 211 to 92.

The majority of the republicans present voted against the measure the division being 78 nays and 78 yeas. The democratic vote was 143 yeas and only five noes.

A majority of the republican insurgents present voted for the bill.

The McCall bill now goes to the senate. That its fate will be in that body is problematical. President Taft believes if a filibuster can be avoided and a vote taken, the bill will pass. He is insistent that the senate shall act one way or the other and has indicated that he would call an extra session of congress if it does not do so.

The passage of the bill in the house came at the end of a long debate that at times was as bitter as has been heard on the floor of that chamber in years. The fight was confined almost wholly to the republican side. Democratic members joined in from time to time, and taunted the majority members for their lack of unity.

The democratic leaders also put in the claim that the reciprocity agreement was good democratic doctrine and declared they were glad to welcome President Taft and many of the house republicans into the democratic fold.

Change Is Denied.

Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 15.—The government today refused the request to make a change in the reciprocity agreement, from the book and writing scrap makers who assert that the admission of paper into Canada up to four cents a pound value will put them out of business.

To Alleviate Farmers' Fears.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—To bolster up Taft's reciprocity policy, Secretary Knox and James J. Hill, will address the Chicago chamber of commerce tonight. Both speeches are designed to remove the apprehensions of the middle west farmers that they will suffer through the operation of the agreement.

Trouble Looms in Senate.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—The reciprocity agreement with Canada which passed the house last night will likely meet with trouble in the senate as many democrats and progressives are opposed. Filibustering is feared. Taft today is trying to smooth the way for his pet measure partly by argument and partly by threats of an extra session.

Victoria Is Displeased.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15.—Champ Clark's speech in the house was received with bad grace in British Columbia and both friends and opponents of reciprocity say the ultimate effect will be prejudicial to a ratification of reciprocity by Canada.

Treaty in Senate.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The senate received the reciprocity measure today and immediately referred it to the committee on finance.

CANNON DECLARES HE IS AGAINST RECIPROCITY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—For the purpose of declaring himself a standpatter, Cannon took the floor today and announced that he is against reciprocity and always will be. He said he would oppose all such steps.

NO BOXING MATCHES ALLOWED IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15.—Chief of Police Bannick today flat-footed prohibited the boxing exhibition under the auspices of clubs. This is the first step in the clean-up of Seattle.

STANDARD OIL DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

New York, Feb. 15.—The directors of Standard Oil today declared a quarterly dividend of \$15, the same as last year or five dollars more than in 1909.

FAIR NOW BELONGS TO SAN FRANCISCO

Washington, Feb. 15.—Taft today signed the resolution awarding the Panama-Pacific exposition to San Francisco. In the presence of the California campaigners, members of congress and others, he signed with a pen made of California gold and then a photograph of him signing with the group was taken.

Taft signed two copies. One goes to the state department archives and the other will be taken to San Francisco by R. B. Hale and Garvin McNab, leader of the exposition fighters.

SMALL HOPE OF EVER CAPTURING JEWEL THIEF

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15.—With only a poor description of the jewels and the robber of the Diamond Palace jewelry store, the police today admitted there is small chance of catching the man. The police of the Pacific coast cities have been notified as it is believed he has left town. The Pinkertons started to work on the case today.

ASSAILANT OF CONDUCTOR CAUGHT

RAILROAD DETECTIVE NABS MURDEROUS THIEF

Joe Pluver Makes Arrest and Secures Confession—Prisoner Now in Jail—Victim in Precarious Condition.

Walla Walla, Wash., February 15.—As a result of quick work on the part of Detective Joe Pluver of the O.-W. R. & N. company, John Burns, alias Grover Hill, is now in the hands of the law and has made a written confession of the shooting of Conductor D. J. Reader in the Pullman car at Lewiston Junction yesterday morning about 1:30 o'clock. Detective Pluver happened to be in the immediate vicinity of the shooting and was quickly on the scene. Obtaining what knowledge he could of the affair he went to work and last evening succeeded in obtaining the written confession. Hill is now in jail at Colfax, where he will be tried on a charge which depends upon the result of Conductor Reader's fight for life in the hospital.

In his confession Hill says that he arrived at Texas City early this morning in a box car and was almost starved. Noticing a Pullman diner on the track, he thought he would try to obtain something to eat and accordingly climbed onto the car. He struck the glass door with the butt of his pistol to gain admittance but the first blow did not break the glass and realizing that he might have awakened someone he sneaked onto the ground again and listened. Conductor Reader was awakened by the noise and walked to the rear of the car, when Hill again climbed onto the platform. Seeing the intruder, Conductor Reader shouted to him: "What are you doing here? Get out of here," and started towards the door. Hill covered him with his revolver and Reader kept advancing until he reached the door and stopped. Hill says that he was then about to retreat, when Conductor Reader shoved the door open with his foot and it struck him on the forehead and on the body, the jar and shock contracting his muscles in such a way that the leveled revolver discharged itself into the breast of Reader. He then felt feeling horrified at what he had done, explaining that he had no intention of shooting the conductor, but merely was going to run a bluff to satisfy his hunger.

Wound Is Serious.

With the ugly bullet wound in his left breast, Reader is now lying at St. Mary's hospital fighting a grim battle of life and death. At a rate hour last night he was reported resting easily, although it is said by those who are familiar with such cases that a bullet wound in a vital part of the body does not begin to react until considerable time after its occurrence.

JEWES WOULD ABROGATE TREATY WITH RUSSIA

Washington, Feb. 15.—Representative of B'Nai B'rith, an American union of American Hebrew congregations and the American Jewish committee today asked the president to abrogate the commercial treaty with Russia because it doesn't recognize Jewish-American citizens. Under the Russian law citizenship does not change Jewish racial standing.

POPE CONFINED TO BED BY ILLNESS

Rome, Italy, Feb. 15.—Alarm was caused here today by the announcement that the Pope is confined to his bed with influenza. Pope Pius' temperature has reached 105, considered dangerous by his physicians, who are alarmed.

JUAREZ IS NOW SAFE

Navarro Arrives With Large Reinforcements While Rebels Sleep.

IS NOT FORCED TO FIRE SINGLE SHOT

Rescuer Hailed as Hero, Banqueted and Feted—Only Revolutionists Seen Were Scattering Pickets—Forced to Repair Twenty-Five Bridges Causes Delay in Arrival.

AMERICAN MURDERED BY MEXICAN SOLDIERS

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 15.—The federal government has been asked today to investigate the murder of Ralph Reynolds of Cleveland, and the imprisonment of Howard Rhodes of Kansas City and Hugh Ford of Independence, Kansas, by Mexicans. They were prospecting in the Sierra Madre mountains when attacked. Two escaped to Imperial, Calif., after several days imprisonment.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 15.—The campaign of Mexican insurgents around Juarez is believed to have ended, following the arrival of General Navarro with a thousand infantry and 500 cavalry. Navarro was hailed as a hero, banqueted and feted.

He declared he saw no revolutionists save scattering pickets. The fact that he had to repair 25 bridges before his train could arrive delayed him. It is expected he will rally forth and chase the disheartened rebels soon. They are near Zaragosa today.

Troops on Border Duty.

Huachuca, Arizona, Feb. 15.—Parts of two troops of 12th cavalry from the Presidio at San Francisco, arrived here today for border duty.

American Smelting Plant Raided.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Raiding the American smelting plant at Vallarta, Mexican revolutionists today secured \$700 in cash, many rifles and saddles, according to word received by the state department.

Orozoq May Be Fined.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 15.—Orozoq's force tonight retired to Casa Grandes. It is asserted and is marching to attack Navarro's guard at Apumada. It is probable that Orozoq will be deported. There is too much delay in his makeup.

Fall of Cities Predicted.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 15.—Notwithstanding the elation of the Diaz adherents the insurgent Junta here declares that Chihuahua and Juarez will be captured by the revolutionists within a month.

COURT RESENTS SLURS OF LEGISLATORS

Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 15.—As a result of the veiled attack on the judiciary in the legislature the state supreme court today addressed an open letter to the senate and assembly asking the legislature to fully investigate its procedure, particularly with reference to its decision granting a rehearing of the case of Reuf, the grafter whose appeal for a rehearing of his case on technicalities was recently granted by the court.

DOROTHY ARNOLD IS NOT IN HOSPITAL

New York, Feb. 15.—Denial is made today by officials that Dorothy Arnold, the heiress was at the Flower hospital, a patient, is reported by a rumor which arose over the fact that Dr. Hughes, the superintendent, is a relative.

LORD AND LADY DECIES ARE BACK FROM ISLE

Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 15.—Lord and Lady Decies, who was Vivien Gould, after spending a week on Jekyll island, are today en route to New York. Friday they will sail for Egypt where they will remain until about time for the coronation of King George.

VICTORIA WILL SEND AID TO FAMINE VICTIMS

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15.—Chinese here are preparing to collect funds for the famine sufferers in Anhui. It is believed the fund will be large, as several millionaire Chinese will offer large sums.

It makes a man feel like a sucker to see the kiss he has coaxed for wasted upon a little black and white pup.

SCHOOL IS ENDANGERED

University of Oregon Medical Department May Be Compelled to Close.

RECONSIDERATION OF BILL ONLY HOPE FOR SCHOOL

House Votes Against Measure Providing Maintenance Fund for Two Years—Oregon City Can't Extend Limits and Take in Valuable Power Plants—Increase Revenues.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 15.—Unless the bill is reconsidered the medical department of the University of Oregon will suspend next year for lack of funds. This afternoon the house voted against the bill providing for its maintenance for the next two years.

In its original form \$60,000 was asked for a new building. The committee on ways and means cut out the amount asked for a building and allowed only \$20,000 for salaries and \$10,000 for new equipment. It was learned today that Dimick's bill allowing municipalities to extend their limits was aimed directly at the Portland Light & Power Co., which has a \$3,000,000 plant at Oregon City which would bring \$24,000 additional in taxation to the town if the limits are extended.

The bill was passed a week ago and the real significance was kept secret until yesterday when it was too late to reconsider. Oregon City wants to include also the paper mills in the town so as to reduce taxation further.

HOUSE KILLS PROPOSED NET WEIGHT MEASURE

Salem, Ore., Feb. 15.—The proposed net weight law, to which Portland wholesalers objected, was killed in the house yesterday afternoon. Ambrose of Multnomah, led the fight with the declaration that if the legislature acted, instead of leaving this matter to congress, which is now considering the Mann bill, it would result in driving jobbing trade from Portland into Seattle, where the wholesalers would not be hampered by such a law. The bill provided that the net weight must be marked on each food package.

FRAUDULENT HOSPITALS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL

Salem, Ore., Feb. 15.—Fraudulent hospital associations, concerning which there has been much complaint in Portland in recent years, would be handicapped under the provisions of house bill No. 303, presented by Hollis of Washington and passed by the house yesterday afternoon. There was some opposition to it and Hollis and Fouts both defended it on the grounds that it prevented the "wildcat" associations from doing business. All but legitimate hospitals and benevolent associations are brought under the control of the insurance department by the bill.

OREGON TAKES STEPS FOR 1915 FAIR EXHIBIT

Salem, Ore., Feb. 15.—The first step toward providing for an exposition in San Francisco was taken by the senate yesterday morning in the adoption of a resolution by Joseph authorizing the governor to name three commissioners to select a site at the exposition grounds and make preliminary arrangements. The commission is to serve without pay and no appropriation is contemplated until the next session of the legislature. Joseph said he believed three good men could be found to perform the service for, forth without compensation. The resolution carried with one dissenting vote, vast by Dimick of Clackamas.

ATTEMPTED MURDERER CAPTURED AT COLFAX

Colfax, Wash., Feb. 15.—Elmer Sparks who shot Fred Day at Hay station yesterday, was captured by a posse at his father's ranch last night. Deputy Sheriff Cole had no trouble persuading young Sparks to surrender and almost immediately started for Colfax via Lacrosse with his prisoner. They will arrive here today.

DAY WAS SHOT TWICE AND IS IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

The cause of the shooting has not been ascertained.

TIMBER KING WEYERHAUSER NOT ILL AT PASADENA

Pasadena, Calif., Feb. 15.—It is denied today that Frederick Weyerhaeuser the timber king is seriously ill from a stroke of paralysis at his winter home in Pasadena.

YOU NEVER REALIZE HOW MANY MEN THERE ARE OUT OF WORK UNTIL YOU START TO DO SOME OUTDOOR JOB THAT IS A LITTLE DIFFICULT OF PERFORMANCE.

ONE HUNDRED BRIDES FROM OLD COUNTRY

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Feb. 15.—The steamer Royal Edward arrived today but there is no trace of Ethel Leneve, who was reported to be aboard. She is reported to have boarded the vessel at Bristol, Eng.

One hundred prospective brides from England, Scotland and Ireland came on the steamer, in charge of a matron who will accompany them to Toronto, where they will be distributed throughout northwest Canada.

BABE BORN ON CAR 23 ON 13TH OF MONTH

Baker, Ore., Feb. 15.—Mrs. R. Kirkland of Austin, gave birth to a baby girl Monday evening on the Sumpter Valley train while three miles south of this city. The mother and babe are doing nicely.

Passengers on the train vacated the car and the new arrival was brought into the world without much trouble. She will probably bear a charmed life, as she was born on car No. 23 on the 13th of the month.

CHAMP CLARK IS CAUSE OF FURORE

PROPOSES ANNEXATION OF CANADA IN HOUSE SPEECH

Statements May Seriously Jeopardize Approval of Reciprocity Treaty—England and Canada Displeased.

London, Feb. 15.—Champ Clark's "annexation speech," in the house yesterday has aroused England to the fear of ultimately losing Canada if Taft's reciprocity agreement is ratified. Practically all the papers united in censuring Clark and declaring that this country aims to annex Canada.

The Morning Post appeals to Englishmen to save the empire, declares America can no longer conceal her aim to annex Canada.

The Westminster Gazette, a pro-reciprocity organ, says: "Clark must be singularly ignorant if he desires this consummation and he imagines it would be promoted by such a frank avowal now. The Times doubts if Americans will take the speech seriously."

Taft Angry at Clark.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Thoroughly angered over Champ Clark's talk of annexation in the house yesterday, Taft today instructed Secretary Knox to voice a sharp rebuke to the democratic leader in his speech tonight in Chicago. Taft apparently believes Clark's talk is a serious menace to his reciprocity plans, and to callers this afternoon intimated he had instructed Knox to deny forcibly that the administration contemplates the annexation of Canada.

Taft Writes Letter.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—In a letter to Congressman McCall today, President Taft writes: "Canada is and will remain a political unit. The agreement has no political significance. There is no thought of future political union in the minds of negotiators on either side." The letter is designed as an offset to Clark's speech.

CHIEF JUSTICE GETS INCREASE IN SALARY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—On motion of Representative Mann of Illinois, the house today increased the salary of the chief justice of the supreme court to \$15,000, and the associate justices to \$14,500.

STUDENTS EXPLODE "BOMB" IN MOVING PICTURE SHOW

Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 15.—It is believed that high school youths were the ones who exploded a small "bomb" in a variety moving picture show, creating a panic, but causing no damage.

BATTLESHIP MAINE BLOWN UP THIRTEEN YEARS AGO

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—The battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor thirteen years ago today. Exercises commemorating the event was held by patriotic military and religious organizations.

EARTHQUAKES FELT IN SALT LAKE TODAY

Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 15.—Three sharp earthquakes were felt here today. There was no damage.

SNOWSTORM SWEEPS NEW YORK—ONE DEAD

New York, Feb. 15.—One is dead and 15 injured in today's snowstorm which is sweeping this city.

It always seems cold when a man's pocketbook gets down to 0.

MAY FORCE EXTRA SESSION

Magazine Publishers and Friends Protest Against Postal Increase.

WOULD PUT PUBLICATIONS OUT OF BUSINESS

Measure May Be Talked to Death by Progressive Republicans and Democrats—Publishers Laugh at Government's Order to Investigate and Prosecute Them As Trust.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Threats of forcing an extra session of congress if the administration adheres to its plan of increasing second class postal rates were made freely here today by friends of those magazines affected and which, it is said, would put those magazines out of business.

The magazine officials say they have received promises enough of progressive republicans and democratic senators to insure a successful filibustering against the increase. The plan is to talk the bill to death. There is great bitterness and the publishers laugh at the administration's order to United States District Attorney Wise of New York to investigate with a view to prosecution of the magazines as a trust. They say there is none.

Reply to Hitchcock.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The reply of the Periodical Publishers' association to the statement of Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday in support of his proposal to increase the postage on the advertising portions of the large magazines was made last night in the form of a statement by the postal committee of the association.

"Mr. Hitchcock entirely ignores," the committee says, "the fact that second class mail is the chief proponent of the first class postage that finally saves the face of postoffice revenue sheets."

The publishers show advertisements on which the postoffice department had made 114 per cent profit from carrying magazine advertisements.

"Mr. Hitchcock instances one magazine, and perhaps the most profitable periodical in the country, to show that this periodical's recent increase in advertising rates resulted in a profit of \$917,108 or enough to pay its postage bill. The absurdity of this sort of long distance accounting is obvious when it is explained that the American magazine costs to edit, manufacture, deliver and administer, nearly twice as much as the publishers net from subscriptions.

"The difference made up from advertising is given to the subscriber in his opportunity to purchase a much better article than his subscription price will produce.

Blythe Charges Politics.

Washington, Feb. 15.—That not economic, but political considerations, is the underlying cause for the Taft administration's determination to increase second class postage, is the statement of Samuel G. Blythe, a well known Washington correspondent. Blythe maintains the whole movement is destined to wipe out certain of those popular magazines which have dared to criticize the acts of the Taft administration. He says:

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Politics, and not the postal deficit, is the underlying motive for the administration's attack on the magazines and the periodical press through increase of second class postage.

Postmaster General Hitchcock's excuse for the move is the alleged postal deficit; President Taft's excuse is that he is supporting his cabinet minister who is trying to put the department on a self-sustaining basis; the administration senators who tackled the amendment on the post-office bill have the excuse that the president demands the increase.

They are making these excuses, too, now that they are discovering how thoroughly the people are aroused on this matter of using the taxing power of the government to confiscate. That's what it amounts to for the free press that dared to criticize and condemn certain acts both of the administration and of the administration's supporters in congress.

The question is bigger than one of money, either in the government's purse or out of the purses of the publishers.

It is bigger than even the interest of even the thousands of men who will be thrown out of employment if the publishing business is curtailed as it will be if the proposed increase of second class postage becomes law.

It is a blow at that liberty guaranteed by the constitution of the United States and is subversive of every American idea of justice, of fair play and of decent politics.