TAFT'S MESSAGE DELIVERED

## **President Recommends Tariff Reforms** and Parcels Post, and Urges Ship Subsidy Measure.

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The United States proposed that the in-ternational prize court, when established, the stock as should be endowed with the functions of an arbitral court of justice under and pur-suant to the recommendation adopted by the last Hague conference. The replies re-ceived from the various powers to this pro-posal inspire the hope that this also may be accomplished within the reasonably near future.

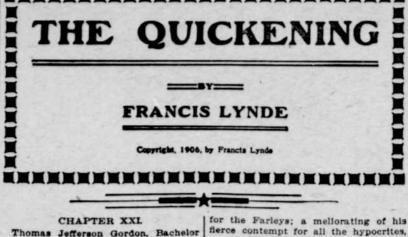
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has proven the value of cordial co-operation.
Negotiations regarding the refunding of the bonded debt of Honduras have been under way for more than a year, and it is now confidently believed, he says, that a short time will suffice to conclude an arrangement which will be satisfactory to foreign creditors and eminently advantageous to Honduras.
The President then reviews the rebelieved to further unwarranted execution of two American citizens who had regularly enlisted in the ranks of the revolutionists," which involved the unwarranted execution of two American citizens who had regularly enlisted in the ranks of the proposition to make Olongapo and Subig Bay the naval base of the Pacific was a supply station, while the fortifications in the Philippines are to be largely confined the philippines are to be

The President reviews the creation of

be accompliance within the reasonably near Congress at its last session passed a law providing for the appointment of a com-mission of five members for the purpose of limiting the armaments of the nations of the world by international agreement. have not yet made appointments to this commission because 1 have invited and am availing the expressions of foreign govern-missions. Several important treaties have been ne-rotiated with Great Britain in the past 12 renews his advocacy of the plan, of which he says:

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CHAPTER XXL Thomas Jefferson Gordon, Bachelor of Science, and one of the six prize-

conscious and subconscious. And now • • With Alecto's men in his class, was expected home on the first day of July; and it was remaddening finger pressed on the soul-hurt, no man is responsible. After the furious storm of upbubbling curses had marked as a coincidence by the curious that Deer True manor-house was spent itself there was a little calm, not closed for the summer no more than a of surcease but of vacuity, since even week before the return of the Gordon the cursing vocabulary has its limita-tions. Then a grouping of words long black sheep.

That Tom was a black sheep, a hopeless and incorrigible social iconoclast. was po longer a matter of doubt in the minds of any. Something may be forgiven a promising young man who has been unhappy enough, or imprudent snough, to begin to make history for aimself in the irresponsible 'teens; but also the act of oblivion may be repealed. When it became noised about that there were two children instead of one in the old dog-keeper's cabin in the glen, Mountain View avenue was justly indignant, and even the lenient Gordonians scowled and shook their heads at the mention of the young boss'

shut out the sight of the words. Far-ther on, he felt his way across the To such an atmosphere of potential social estracism Tom returned after the final scholastic triumph in Boston; and could look across to the gray, shadowy for the first few days he escaped asbulk of the manor-house, to the house phyxiation chiefly because the affairs of Gordon & Gordon and the Chiawasand to the window of the upper room see Consolidated gave him no time to test its quality.

breathe it unmistakably. One evening he called on the Farnsworths; the ladies were not at home to him. The next night he saddled Saladin and rode over to Fairmount; the Misses Harrison were also unable to see him, and he butler conveyed a deftly-worded inimation pointing to future invisibilities on the part of his mistress. The even with Norman too busy at the pipe foundry to worry him, and the ironing being still young, Tom tried Rockwood and the Dell, suspicion settling master president too deeply engrossed into conviction when the trim maidin matters mechanical, Mr. Henry servant at the Stanley villa went near Dyckman, still bookkeeper and cashier to shutting the door in his face. At the for Chiawassee Consolidated, had fewe Dell he fared a little better. The nightmares; and by the time he had Young-Dicksons were going out for an been a month in undisputed command after-dinner call on one of the neighat the general office he had given over searching for a certain packet of pa-pers which had mysteriously disappeared from a secret compartment in his desk.

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 Dispute be & Gordon success; with urgings for the return of the exiled dynasty; and late in May he had news of the homecoming intention. From that on there were alternating chills and fever. Colonel Duxbury should arrive and resume the reins of management before Tom Gordon should reappear, all might yet be well. If not-the alternative mpaired the bookkeeper's appetite, and there were hot nights in June when he slept badly. When Tom's advent preceded the earliest date named by Mr. Farley by a

night fear and a sharp premonition of

it, and again the roving eyes of the bookkeeper swept the interio larger rooms for the means to an end; sought and found not.

The eye-search was not fully con-cluded when Gordon pressed the electric-button which summoned the young man who kept the local books of the Chiawassee plant across the way. While he waited he saw the conclusion of the eye-search and smiled rather grimly. he

You'll not find it, Dyckman." said, divining the desperate purpose of the other; adding, as an after-thought: "and if you should, you wouldn't have the courage to use it. That is the fatal lack in your make-up. It is what kept you from taking the train last night with the money belt which you emptied this morning. You'll never make a successful criminal; it takes a good deal more nerve than it does to be an honest man."

Hereupon the young man from the office across the pike came in, and

Gordon handed a pen to Dyckman. "I want you to witness Mr. Dyckman's signature to this paper, Dillard." he said, folding the confession so that it could not be read by the witness; and when the thing was done, the young man appended his notarial attestation and went back to his duties. "Well?" said Dyckman, when they forgotten arrayed itself before him, like the handwriting on the wall of were once more alone together. Belshazzer's banqueting ball. "When the unclean spirit is gone out

"That's all," said Gordon, curtly, "As long as you are discreet, you needn't lose any sleep over this. If you don't of a man, he walketh through dry mind hurrying a little, you can make the 10:40 back to town."

places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my Dyckman restrapped his books and house from whence I came out; and made a show of hastening. But before he closed the office door behind him he when he is come, he findeth it empty. swept ,and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other had seen Gordon place the typewritten sheet, neatly folded, on top of the thick packet, snapping an elastic band over spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the whole and returning it to its pigconhole in the small safe.

(To be continued.)

NEW KING WILL HAVE HIS WAY.

George V. Has Imbilied High Ideas of a Ruler's Functions.

George V. will not hesitate to make himself the permanent adviser-in-chief to his ministers. He will not strain the constitution in doing so. His late father and his illustrious grandmother did not live up to figurehead theory of their function and England will acquiesce in the tory attitude of the new king. For no error could be so egregious as that which, disseminated in this country ever since Edward died, inspired the average American with the notion that a British sovereign is without power, says Current Literature. The English themselves, taking their cue from the leading London dailies, have lost whatever wish they may have had for a phantom potentate. It was only by degrees, as Prof. J. H. B. Masterman of St. John's College, Cambridge, points out, that Englishmen learned how very strongly

the influence of the late Queen Vic-Later, when the time for the return toria affected the course of English of the younger Gordon drew near, there politics. The accession of the late Edwas encouraging news from Europe. Dyckman had not failed to keep the mails warm with reports of the Gordon ward VII. might be said to mark the revival of the political importance of the British monarch. During the nine years that the late sovereign sat upon the throne everything tended to demonstrate the right of the king to assert his authority and influence far more strongly than had been the case when Victoria was newly come to the crown. George V. was reared by his father in no such theory of the royal authority as makes it out a shadow. In this sense he is a tory-in the sense that the constitution bestows upon him

many definite political functions. Some earliest date hand of the bookkeep-er missed other of his meals, and one ward the Paris Figaro predicted that his successor would "assert himself." close-pressing disaster laid cold hands and of the truth of the prediction there

which was Ardea's. "They've got me down," he whisper-But after the first week he began to ed, as if the words might reach her "The devils have come back, Arear. dea, my love; but you can cast them out again, if you will. Ah, girl, girl! Vincent Farley will never need you as I need you this night!" CHAPTER XXII. During the first half of the year 1894.

the first."

He put his hands before his face to

oom to stand at the window where he

vised. Every effort has been made by each de-partment chief to reduce the estimated con-present the smallest sum which will main-present the smallest sum which will main-tain the department, bureaus and offices of the Government and meet its other obligations under existing law, and a cut-of these estimates would result in embarrase in the performance of the Government in the performance of the diversion of the Government in the performance of the Government in the performance of the diversion of the Government in the performance of the diversion of the Government in the performance of the diversion of the Government in the performance of the diversion of the commendation of a federal incorpor-ation act is renewed. Congress is urged to pay promptly just claims against the government delays in the payment of which injures the reputation of the Government, delays in the payment of which injures the reputation of the Government delays and hore sege says:

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any customs bill in the history of the country." He continues: The corporation excise tax, proportioned to the met income of every business corpora-1812 it did not hurt him.

esque veranda at Woodlawn when he reached home. For a time there was

tion into this country is increasing such silence as stands for communion between men of one blood, and was th Ellis father who first broke it. "Been out callin', son?" he asked.

marking the Tuxedo and the white ex panse of shirt front. "No. I reckon not." was the reply

punctuated by a short laugh. "The ave-"So? I hadn't heard of anybody go-

in' away," said Caleb the literal. "Nor I," said Tom, curtly; and the conversation paused until the ironmaster said:

"Ardee thinks a heap o' you, and if you could jest 've made out to keep from gettin' so tangled with that gal o' Tike-" he stopped abruptly, but not uite soon enough, and the word was as the flick of a whip on a wound al-

ready made raw by the abrasion of the closed doors. "So that miserable story has got around to you at last, has it?" said

Tom, in fine scorn. "I did hope they'd spare you and mother." "She's spared yet, so far as I know,"

said the father, with a backward nod to indicate the antecedent of the pronoun. Following which, he said what lay uppermost in his mind. "I been alowin' maybe you'd come back this time with your head sot on lettin' that gal

alone, son." "You've believed all you've heard. have you ?- condemned me before I could say a word in my own defense? That's what they've all done.'

"I don't say that, son." Then, with a note of fatherly yearning in his voice; "I'm waitin' to hear that word right now, Buddy-or as much of it as ye

can say honestly."

"Why, it's in mighty near ever'body's mouth, son!" said Caleb, in mild sur-prise. "You certain'y didn't take any pains to cover it up."

"Didn't take any pains? Why should 1?" Tom burst out. After which he tramped heavily to the farther end of the veranda, glooming over at ing May. The Japanese newspapers darkened windows of Deer Trace and attribute the shortening of the time to letting bitter anger and disappointment work their will on him. And when he finally turned and tramped back it was only to say an abrupt "Good-night," and to pass into the house and up to

He thought he was alone in the moon-lighted dusk of the upper chamber when he closed the door and began New Orleans-Augustus Post, the to pace a rageful sentry-beat back and forth between the windows. But all unknown to him one of the three fell sisters, she of the implacable front and and was painfully bruised. In making deep-set, burning eyes, had entered

a turn, he swooped too near the with him to pace evenly as he paced. ground, the tail of his machine catch- and to lay a maddening finger on his ing in a tree and sending the areoplane soul. Without vowing a vow and confirm en to a hotel. The machine was badly ing it with an oath, he had partly turnwrecked. Later Post was reported to ed a new life-leaf on the night of heav-

who told you!"

be almost recovered from his in- enly comfort when Ardes had sent him forth to tramp the pike with her kiss of sisterly love still careasing him. Be-yond the needs of the moment, the re-

call of Norman and the determination to turn his back on the world struggle New York-Joseph Zeitlin, a Russian, who died in Brooklyn Saturday, for the time being, he had not gone in was 106 years old. He spent most of that first fervor of the uplifting im-bia life in Moscow and said he saw Napoleon when he invaded Russia in

Gordon sat down at his desk to read

ing in the great train shed at the rallway station, a ticket to Canada in his pocket, a goodly sum of the company's money tightly buckled in a safety-belt next to his skin-all things ready for flight save one, the courage requisite to the final step-taking.

The following morning the prominition became a certainty. In the Gordonia mail there was a note from the younger Gordon, directing him to come to the office of the pipe foundry, bringing the cash-book and ledger for a year whose number was written out in ters of fire in the bookkeeper's brain. He went, again lacking the courage either to refuse or to disappear, and

found Gordon waiting for him. There were no preliminaries. "Good-morning, Dyckman," said the

tyrant, pushing aside the papers on his "You have brought the books? desk. Sit down at that table and open ledger at the company's expense account for the year. I wish to make a few comparisons," and he took a thick packet of papers from a pigeonhole of

the small fron safe behind his chair. Dyckman was unbuckling the shawl-

strap in which he had carried the two heavy books, but at the significant command he desisted, went swiftly to the door opening into the stenographer's room, satisfied himself that there were no listeners, and resumed his chair.

"You have cut out some of the pr face, Mr. Gordon; I'll cut out the remainder," he said, moistening his dry lips. "You have the true record of the expense account in that package. I'm down and out; what is it you want? "I want a written confession of just what you did, and what you did it for." was the direct reply. "You'll find Miss Ackerman's typewriter in the other "You'll never hear it from me-never

room; I'll wait while you put it in in this world or another. Now tell me You're not giving me a show, Mr.

Gordon; the poor show a common murderer would have in any court of law You are asking me to convict myself. Goldon held up the packet of papers

"Here is your conviction, Mr. Dyckman-the original leaves taken from those books when you had them bound. I need your statement of the facts for quite another purpose."

"And if I refuse to make it? A cor nered rat will fight for his life, Mr. lordon."

"If you refuse I shall be reluctantly ompelled to hand these papers over to our attorneys-reluctantly, I say, be cause you can serve me better just now

out of jail than in it." "It's an unfair advantage you're taking; at the worst, I am only an accessory. My principals will be here in

few days, and---" "Precisely," was the cold rejoinder "It is because your principals are comng home, and because they are not yet here, that I want your statement Oblige me, if you please; my time is

imited this morning." There was no help for it, or none ap parent to the fear-stricken; and for the twenty succeeding minutes typewriter clicked monotously in the small ante-room. Dyckman could hear his persecutor pacing the floor of the private office, and once he found himself looking about him for a weapon But at the end of the writing interval he was handing the freshly-typed sheet other steps: a growing hunger for suc- to a man who was yet alive and un-

is little doubt in Europe.

Steel Superseding Wood,

The substitution of steel for wood goes steadily on. Beginning with January 1, or thereabouts, the National Lead Company will pack its white lead in steel kegs, having decided to abandon the use of wooden kegs. This innovation is made because the company has concluded that steel kegs will have many advantages over the wooden kegs. In the first place, the steel package does not absorb the oil from the lead as porous wooden packages do, and there is, therefore, no drying and caking of the lead around the edges, making it possible to remove every particle of white lead easily from the steel keg. The new steel kegs also will be much lighter, as well as being stronger than the wooden ones, and this will effect a saving in freight rates. Taking up less room than the wooden kegs, the new steel packages also will save stor-

The Shah's Highway.

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way.

It is true we have some bad roads but most of our highways compared with those of Persia would be as a paved street to a plowed field, says a

correspondent of Harper's Weekly. You would think that the keeping of the shah's highway would be one of the first cares of a state, yet so little attention has been given to this subject by the Persian government that there are not a dozen good wagon roads throughout the whole country.

The caravan routes are, except in a very few cases, merely trails. only are the wagon roads bad as well as scarce, but it is an astonishing fact that although Persia is one of the oldest of civilized states, a counttry comprising an area of 628,000 square miles and a population of 9,000,000, she has but six miles of rail-

Reducing the Hips with Toothpicks. One of the newest and cleverest flesh reducing methods includes only toothpicks-and a teacup as its apparatus. Stand close up to the wall somewhere," directs the exponent of th's method, "first making sure that there is a high mantel shelf or other shelf so far above your head that the uplifted hand can just touch it. The toothpicks-fifty of them-are to be thrown on the floor just in front of the toes, and with one sweep of the body a toothpick is picked up and placed by a stretching of the arm, in the teacure which stands on the high shelf. This motion brings in the bending of the body at the waist, which reduces the abdomen, and the twisting of the torso. which makes the waist supple and sleader and reduces the hips an inch a week.

One of the most ingenious French aviators is trying out a combined dirigible balloon and aeroplane, a cigar shaped gas bag helping to raise and support the machine.

He smoked and drank and said cess with self-respect kept whole; a hurt. Aulitar of the sharp edge of his hatred