

## TARIFF BOARD DECLARES MANY TARIFFS PROHIBITIVE Its Report on Schedule K--Wool--Is Sent to Congress by President Taft--Blame for High Prices Put on Retailer

### NEIGHBOR SAID TO HAVE KILLED HILL FAMILY

B. N. Harvey, for 25 Years a Resident of Neighborhood in Which Atrocious Crime Was Committed, Is Taken Into Custody.

ARREST FOLLOWS MONTHS OF PAINSTAKING WORK

He Is About 55 Years of Age and Has Two Children Nearly Grown.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Charged with the atrocious murder of William H. Hill and his wife and Mrs. Hill's two children by a former marriage, Phillip and Dorothy Rintoul, at Ardenwald, near Portland, June 9, B. N. Harvey, for 25 years a resident of the vicinity, was arrested late last night and lodged in the county jail at Oregon City. The sheriff's office kept the news of his arrest secret until today.

Harvey lived within 100 yards of the Hill home, where he operated a nursery and had accumulated a small fortune. He is about 55 years of age, is married and has two children nearly grown.

Point to Harvey. Circumstances pointed to Harvey for a number of months, according to the officials, and no effort has been spared to supply the missing links of circumstantial evidence.

The Hill family murder was one of the most atrocious in the history of the state.

William Hill, with his wife and children were found dead in their cottage near Ardenwald station by neighbors. Their heads had been horribly crushed with an axe, which was found near by. The bodies of the two little children were found in their beds. Hill's body was found in bed lying under that of his wife. The woman and girl had been mistreated.

Motive Was Lost.

With the motive for the crime and the bloody axe as clues the authorities began the hunt for the murderer. Bloodhounds were put on the trail but they failed to track the murderer. Then Sheriff Mass of Clackamas county, in which the murders were committed, and Sheriff Stevens of Multnomah county rounded up every tramp in the neighborhood but they were released after thorough examinations. Clues extending throughout the northwest were followed.

Mass finally concluded that the murderer was familiar with the Hill home and neighborhood and, disregarding all other theories, he and his deputies with the assistance of Sheriff Stevens of Multnomah county confined themselves in gathering evidence in the immediate locality, with the result that Harvey was arrested after months of patient, untiring work.

Sues Author.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Charging that he was featured in Gelett Burgess' book, "The Heart Line," as an objectionable character with an inordinate appetite for duck and champagne, William H. Daily, who lives at the Palace hotel when in San Francisco, has sued the author for \$100,000 damages. Here is the paragraph he objects most strenuously to:

"Then there's 'Manson's' mystery' on the North Beach road. Nobody ever found out who Manson is. And Daily, the star eater of the Palace hotel—he used to have four canvasbacks cooked, selected one and used only the juice of the others. He ordered soup at a dollar a plate, and he had a happy way of buying a case of champagne with each meal, drinking only the top from each bottle."

Daily says this reference classifies him with people of unsound mind, disreputable and indecent habits.

A small boy by any other name would get his hands just as dirty.

### CHINA'S STRONG MAN



YUAN SHI-KAI.

### FULL ABDICATION OF MANCHUSHANGS PREMIER'S WORD

If Yuan Shi Kai Concedes Downfall of Chinese Emperor He Is Certain to Be First President of the New Republic.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20.—Announcing his readiness to accept the establishment of the reported republic of China if Premier Yuan Shi Kai would consent, Tang Shao Yi, the imperial peace envoy, today dispatched a message to Peking to this effect.

Pending the premier's reply, upon which hangs the complete abdication of the Manchu dynasty, the peace envoys here have declared an extension of the armistice until December 31, and new orders have been issued to the commanders in chief of the rebel and imperial forces to refrain from hostilities until the expiration of the truce.

It is declared here today that if Yuan Shi Kai concedes the downfall of the Chinese empire and recognizes the proclaimed republic, he will be the first president of China.

Tang Shao Yi's action obviously resulted from the presentation of the note from the six powers yesterday, in which the foreign representatives expressed the hope of their governments that the peace conference would be successful. Tang Shao Yi is declared to have renounced the possibility of further effort to uphold the empire and the futility of further attempts to secure material concessions from the revolutionary envoys.

The United States gets the credit for bringing about the concerted action of the six great world powers. The plan had its inception several weeks ago in a note asking the powers concerned to take action in the matter. The suggestion met with willing reception and the action yesterday, which is obviously responsible for the imperialist envoys' concession today followed.

Japan, Great Britain, Russia, France, Germany and the United States united in the effort to assist Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the revolutionary leader, and Tang Shao Yi in the negotiations.

### WANT TAFT TO ACT ON BEHALF OF PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—President Taft was today asked to exercise his good offices toward ending the Turco-Italian war, Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook, and Dr. Mary Eddy, the famed woman surgeon, working in behalf of Turkey, presenting a mediation plan for his consideration. The president has the matter under advisement.

Dr. Abbott informed the president that under the terms of The Hague conference, any nation is empowered to offer mediation.

### LEAVES BUTTE FALLS FOR THIS CITY; MISSING

Sergeant Frederick G. Oliver of Company E First Infantry, U. S. A., Last Seen on November 22, When He Started for Medford.

HAD BEEN HUNTING WITH CHIEF HITTSON

Colonel of His Regiment Stationed at Vancouver, Wash., Wires Instructing Search.

Having dropped completely from sight since he boarded a Pacific & Eastern train at Butte Falls on November 22 and started for Medford, the United States army officials as well as local authorities are seeking to rend the veil of secrecy which has been drawn about the present whereabouts of Frederick G. Oliver, sergeant, Company E, United States Infantry. Since Oliver's start for Medford nothing has been heard from him, either by Medford friends or his fellow soldiers.

Oliver arrived in Medford early in November accompanied by a soldier friend from the Vancouver, Wash. barracks, on a three months' furlough. The men had spent some time previously in the timber above Butte Falls fighting forest fires and returned for the purpose of hunting in that section. When they had reached camp above the falls they fell in with a party of local people, among whom was Chief of Police Hittson of this city. The sergeant and the chief grew to be warm friends and spent much time hunting together. Finally, leaving his companion in camp, the man went to Butte Falls for supplies and stated that he would probably go on to Medford. It is known that he boarded the train at Butte Falls. Since then he has not been heard of.

When Oliver did not turn up in camp again his friend became worried and came out to look for him. In the meantime Chief Hittson had returned to Medford and here Oliver's friend looked him up and stated that he feared that something had befallen Oliver. The friend was then forced to return to Vancouver, his furlough coming to an end.

On his return to Vancouver he reported to the colonel commanding, and that official has started the army machinery for locating the man, who is now classed as a deserter. He has authorized Chief of Police Hittson to take whatever steps are necessary to locate Oliver and return him to the barracks at Vancouver.

Oliver is said to bear an excellent reputation, being a Spanish-American war veteran. He has four months' wages coming to him from the government. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

### ASHLAND STILL IN "DRY" RANKS

Defeats Licensed Saloons—Woman Is Elected Park Commissioner—Again Salaries of Officials Fail to Be Voted.

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—One woman will serve as a city official here for the next year as the result of the municipal election yesterday. She is Mrs. Mary Vaupel, who was chosen as a park commissioner. Completed returns today indicate that the proposition of licensing saloons was beaten, as was the proposition of paying salaries to city officials.

L. E. England, G. S. Butler, Cushman Cunningham and W. H. Gowdy were elected councilmen.

He who never stole a kiss doesn't know what he has missed.

### Boston Minister, Accused of Murder, Attempts Suicide



THE REV. CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON'S HOME IN HYANNIS

### LOEB AND ROOT TO GUIDE TAFT'S CAMPAIGN SHIP

Loeb Will Have Charge of Taft Campaign in New York—Root Has Nothing to Do But Raise the Money for Expenses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—With William Loeb, Jr., and United States Senator Elihu Root of New York slated as the helm-men for the Taft presidential candidacy ship, important national developments followed a series of conferences between President Taft and the Republican leaders today.

Among the principal developments was the selection of Loeb, collector of the port of New York and former private secretary to President Roosevelt, to have charge of the Taft campaign for the New York delegation to the national convention in Chicago next year. Senator Root was selected to have charge of financing the campaign. Root's task will consist largely in allaying the antagonism of business circles to the present administration, which has arisen because of the recent trust prosecutions.

Loeb will receive no political title in his leadership of the New York delegation.

The conference of the leaders was held at the home of the president's brother, Henry W. Taft. The first callers were William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the New York state republican committee, and Otto Barnard, former republican candidate for mayor of New York City. It is understood that President Taft declared himself at the conference to be in favor of the retention of Barnes as chairman of the state committee.

Indications are that the president will assist Vice President Sherman to secure the republican nomination for governor of New York.

### Many Robberies in Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Police reports today indicate that a considerable decrease of robberies and holdups took place during the last 18 hours as a result of the action of Chief of Police Slover in detaching 42 extra policemen to the residence districts last night.

The entire force has been temporarily reorganized with the view of keeping the extra patrolmen on outside stations until the bands of yegg-men now infesting northwestern cities move on.

According to Captain Bailey, a big band of eastern holdup men and housebreakers are working in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane. He predicts that they will soon migrate to California and Nevada.

It's easy to convince a spinster that it is unwise to marry young.

### REV. RICHESON IS UNSUCCESSFUL IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Cuts Himself With Jagged Piece of Tin and Is Suffering Intensely From Heavy Loss of Blood—Has Been Model Prisoner.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 20.—The Rev. Clarence T. Richeson, who is in jail awaiting trial for the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, attempted suicide early this morning by cutting himself with a jagged piece of tin.

Guards heard moans coming from Richeson's cell and asked him what was the matter. He cried, "My God! I have cut myself and am bleeding to death. I am dying!"

Richeson had been a model prisoner up to this time. He is suffering intensely from loss of blood.

The jail officials are of the opinion that Richeson did not attempt to commit suicide but mutilated himself in an insane frenzy while brooding over his relations with Avis Linnell. At 1 o'clock this afternoon the attending physician said the minister will undoubtedly recover.

It was found the demented clergyman had wrenched a piece of tin from the spout of one of the prison cups and ground it to a fine edge on the cement floor of his cell. The wardens declare that it must have required several days to sharpen it by this laborious process.

### NEXT SOCIALIST CONVENTION TO BE HELD OKLAHOMA CITY

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 20.—The next socialist national convention will be held at Oklahoma City, beginning May 12, according to announcement from the national socialist headquarters here today. The selection is made as the result of a special referendum vote taken from all over the country. Indianapolis is second and Cincinnati third choice.

Three hundred delegates are expected to attend the convention.

The representation will be on the basis of one delegate at large from each state and one delegate to each 400 socialists paying dues into the organization.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 20.—Governor Dineen granted reprieves to Frank and Edward Shiblewski, Philip Sommerling and Thomas Shultz, the four boys stenciled to hang here Friday, until February 16. This enables the youths to appeal their cases to the supreme court. They were convicted of murdering F. Guelzo, a truck farmer.

### CENTRAL OREGON SEEMS CERTAIN OF NEW RAILROAD

Contracts for Roadbed Construction of the \$6,000,000,000 Project Has Been Let to the Utah Construction Company—Assembling Workmen.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Vale and Salt Lake dispatches today confirm the report that the Harriman system will build a 138 mile extension of the Oregon Short Line westward from Vale to Dog Mountain in Harney county. Contracts for the roadbed construction of the \$6,000,000 project have been let to the Utah Construction company, which has assembled laborers at Vale and will start actual work on the extension this week.

The ultimate purpose of the extension is to join with the new main line of the Southern Pacific from Klamath Falls to Natron.

This taken in connection with the announced plan of the Harriman interests to build from Eugene to Coos Bay, indicates that the system is planning on a direct cross-state route from Ontario, Ore., to Coos Bay.

### WEST TO VISIT HONOR MEN SOON

Leaves St. Paul in a Hurry in Order to Reach Oregon in Time to Keep Promise Made to Citizens of Westville.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 20.—Governor West of Oregon did not attend the governors' congress here, as he left for home. One of the reasons given for the governor's departure was his desire to keep a promise made to a number of convicts.

Last summer Governor West put a handful of convicts from the state penitentiary at work making roads in the mountains. He put them on their honor, with no attempt at surveillance or curbing of liberties made. It was an experiment that had never been made before. After everything had been arranged he told them:

"I'm coming up to see you Christmas."

"We'll be here if you are," was the answer.

If a man has money he can buy friends—but they are never worth the price.

### COSTS 19 CENTS TO RAISE POUND OF WOOL IN OHIO

In Australia Cost Per Pound Is Only 4 Cents—American Labor Is Paid Far More Than in Europe and Is Not as Efficient.

\$1 OF EVERY \$4 PAID RETAILER GOES TO MAKER

In General Retailer Is Blamed for High Cost of Clothing—Recommend Scientific Duties.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Declaring that many schedules of the Payne tariff law are "prohibitive," the report of the tariff board on schedule K—the wool schedule—was submitted to congress today by President Taft. Regarding the difference in cost of production at home and abroad, the report declares that in nearly every woolen product, from dirty fleece to finished worsted, it costs more to produce wool and woolen goods in the United States than in any country on earth. It costs 19 cents to raise a pound of wool in Ohio, while in Australia it costs considerably under 4 cents.

These differences continue throughout the whole woolen industry. While American labor is much higher paid than the labor of Europe, the board finds that it is not as efficient as that in the European mills.

Where Profit Goes.

About \$1 of every \$4 paid to the retailer of men's clothing goes to the manufacturer of the cloth. A suit retailing at \$23 is sold wholesale by the manufacturer for \$16.50. It costs him \$14.32. Thus, in general, the manufacturer of cloth clothing is absolved by the board from the greater part of his share in the high cost of clothing, and it is attributed to the retailer. The board states, however, that the high duties on wool have not resulted in making retail prices as high as might be expected. Competition has held prices down. This competition was stimulated when the high duties made the manufacture of woolsens very profitable. Then foreign capital came in and built mills.

For all woolen entries the board recommends scientific duties instead of the present method of assessing ad valorem rates.

The ad valorem system makes the duties higher when prices are high and the consumer most needs relief, although the producer, at the same time, is best able to bear competition. When prices are low the consumer has the need of foreign competition and then, under the ad valorem system, when duties are low, foreign competition comes in.

Want Specific Duties.

The board advocates specific duties as the easiest way to offset the difference in the cost of production here and abroad. Because of the difficulty in classifying fabrics, the board recommends a combination of specific and ad valorem duties on woolen cloths, a low ad valorem rate on cheap goods, increasing the highest rate on expensive goods. This is exactly the reverse of the policy adopted by the framers of the Payne tariff.

The experts studied wool growing in Australia, South Africa, South America, Great Britain, other European countries and in 173 counties in 19 states of America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Today's opening stock market developed an irregular movement with an upward tendency by most of the leaders. International Harvester rose 1-4 and National Lead 1/4. Union Pacific and Lehigh Valley were down 5-8. At the end of the first hour the entire list was up strongly. Union Pacific, Amalgamated Copper, General Electric and Westinghouse Electric advanced from 1 to 1 1/4 points. Later profit taking depressed the upward movement. The market closed steady. Bonds were irregular.