

THE MESSAGE IS CRITICISED

By Some of the London Newspapers

A CONSERVATIVE POLICY

Rather than a Revolutionary One to Court Pleasure of Congress

IN DEALING WITH TRUSTS AND TARIFF QUESTIONS—INFLUENCED BY RESULT OF ELECTION—EVIDENCE HEARD IN HUNTINGTON LITIGATION.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Some of the London newspapers regard President Roosevelt's message as a disappointment, inasmuch as, according to their views, "He adopts a cautious and conservative policy rather than a revolutionary one in dealing with the trusts and the tariff question."

On the whole, however, there is not a strong disposition on the part of the press to strongly criticize it. The general impression is that President Roosevelt has been influenced by the warning echoes of the last election and that he seeks to attract rather than attempt to compel the support of Congress.

Taking the Evidence.

New York, Dec. 2.—Surrogate Thomas heard the evidence today on the question raised in the motion for an order to show cause why the inventory of the estate of the late Collis P. Huntington should not be filed in the proceedings instituted by Walter Morehead, a London lawyer, now a citizen of the United States, against the Huntington estate, to recover about \$123,000,000, alleged to have been wrongfully diverted from the old Central Pacific Railroad Company.

PLUNGED INTO RIVER

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SWITCH ENGINE RAN OFF SPUR—ENGINEER ESCAPED.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 2.—While making a "fly" of a coach of a Southern Pacific train at the Jefferson Street depot at 6:25 o'clock last evening, the locomotive was let into a switch which opened out into a spur undergoing repairs, and a moment later was precipitated from the dock to the river, a distance of twenty feet.

The engineer, Frank S. Crow, of 523 Flinders street, remained at his post and miraculously escaped death. After the engine had struck the bottom of the river and partly cleared over, he climbed out of the window of the cab and made his way, with the assistance of lanterns held on the dock, ashore on the braces nailed to the piling. Beyond receiving a slight scalp wound, he was not injured.

How the switch happened to be open is a mystery, and it looks as if it had been thrown with murderous intent. Eyewitness A. Spaulding had stepped off the engine to throw the proper switch, and neither he nor any of the crew noticed that the spur was open, owing to the darkness.

Engineer Crow, seen at his home this morning, stated that he was unable to account for the accident, and will make the following report to the Southern Pacific officials.

"We were making up train No. 35 to leave the Jefferson Street depot at 6:25 o'clock last evening, and were making a 'fly' of the coach on track No. 2, and letting the engine down on track No. 1. Off track No. 1 is a spur undergoing repairs (all trestle work). For some cause, the switch of track No. 1 opening onto the spur was open, and was not seen by any of our crew. The engine passed into it and went off the trestle and to the bottom."

The switch must have been thrown some time after 5 o'clock p. m., as at that hour the regular Oregon train pulled out, and had made the switch without mishap. Trains leave the Jefferson Street depot every hour. The switch, which opens onto the spur and which was undergoing repairs, was always kept securely closed, and, being of the safety kind, it could not possibly have been disturbed. It is said, without deliberate intent.

A wrecking crew started to work early this morning to raise the engine, a portion of which is submerged in the water. In descending, the boiler fell onto a rotten pile and broke it off half way down. The damage cannot be ascertained until the wreckage is cleared away and the engine raised to the dock.

Engineer Crow has been in the employ of the Southern Pacific twenty-five years, and is a careful man. His escape from death last night is considered miraculous by those who viewed the wreckage this morning.

THE FRANCHISE TAX

LAW UPHOLD IN LOWER COURTS NOW BEFORE APPELLATE COURT.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Argument in the appeal from the decision declaring constitutional the franchise tax law was begun in the appellate division of the Supreme Court here today, and will continue for three days. Forty-seven corporations, among the largest in New York City, are parties to the controversy. The decision in question sets forth that the special tax law violated neither the state nor the Federal constitutions, that the State Board of Tax Commissioners is not required in determining the value of the value of the tangible to separate the value of the intangible property constituting the franchise, and that the rate of taxation on special franchises should correspond with the rate applied in deter-

mining the value of other species of real estate in the same tax district.

The amount involved aggregates \$12,000,000, which has been assessed against the corporations of the state and paid by them under protest. The decision in the case was rendered by Judge Robert Earl (who died at Herkimer today), as referee, and was confirmed by Supreme Court Justice Herlick.

COOKS GRANTED A CHARTER.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 2.—The Marine Cooks of the Pacific Coast today were granted a charter by the International Seamen's Union of America.

WISCONSIN WILL COME WEST.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—A special to the Daily News from Milwaukee says that Manager Patrick stated this morning the Wisconsin University football team will surely make the trip to California, leaving on December 18th.

AN INCREASE IN ANNUITY

The Only Difficulty to Be Adjusted

ISTHMIAN CANAL TREATY

Probably Hinges Upon that Single Difference—Other Matters Arranged

COLUMBIA DEMANDS INCREASE OF HALF MILLION ANNUALLY—MAJOR GLENN, OF "WATER CURE" FAME, TO BE TRIED AGAIN FOR CRUELTY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Following the change in the Colombian Legation steps have been taken to immediately resume the exchanges between the State Department and the Colombian Legation with a view of perfecting the Canal Treaty.

What was regarded as the most difficult problem to solve has been successfully met by negotiators in the arrangement of the perpetual control clause of the projected treaty.

Under this the United States may hold the necessary strip of land indefinitely.

The real difference now is as to the compensation to be paid Colombia, which seeks increase of annuity to the sum of more than \$500,000 per annum.

To Be Tried Again.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 2.—Orders have been received from Washington directing that Major Glenn, of the Fifth Infantry, be put on trial the second time for alleged cruelty committed during the Samar campaign. Glenn is charged with having ordered the execution of the native guides for misleading the American column sent against the enemy's stronghold.

Glenn was tried last May for administering the "water cure" to the natives, found guilty and was sentenced to one month suspension and a fine of \$500. He returned to duty in September.

Rice Famine Averted.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 2.—The price of rice has been broken, and the operators have insured the supply of foodstuff at reasonable rates. The Philippine Commission, when the rice famine was threatened at the beginning of November, appropriated \$5,000,000 Mexican and quietly purchased more than 20,000 tons of rice in India and on the Asiatic coast, to be sold to the sufferers at a price which would cover the cost. The plans of the Commission were concealed to prevent a possible combination on the part of the operators with a view to raising the prices.

IN THE STORM BELT

FIERCE GALES AND BLIZZARD CREATING HAVOC IN THE EAST.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 2.—The cold wave which struck Colorado today has developed into a regular blizzard and snow is falling in all the Northern portion of the state, driven by a strong north wind. Much damage to cattle on the range is feared.

Terrific Gale in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 2.—One of the heaviest storms of the year struck this city today. The wind early this evening was blowing fifty-two miles an hour. Since daylight this morning not a boat of any description has arrived. The wind caused much damage to telegraph and telephone wires throughout the city.

Temperature Below Zero.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 2.—A severe snow storm began here this morning. The temperature has fallen to zero.

TO ASK FOR INCREASE

COMMITTEE FROM FOUR POWERFUL RAILROAD ORGANIZATIONS IN SESSION.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 2.—The chronicle tomorrow will say: With the purpose of formulating requests for increases of from 10 to 20 per cent in the pay of 170,000 railroad employees, a committee from four powerful labor organizations are now meeting in Chicago. The organizations represented are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and the Order of Railway Conductors.

It is announced the requests for increases in pay will be made from every railroad system in the Middle West and Northwest.

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SECOND DAY OF SESSION

Heightened by the President's Message

SWEARING OF APPOINTEES

Both Houses Adjourned Out of Respect to Departed Members

REPUBLICANS APPLAUDED THE MESSAGE, WHILE FEW DEMOCRATS LISTENED TO READING. CULLOM INTRODUCED MEASURE TO AMEND TRUST LAW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Interest in the session of the Senate was heightened by the fact that the President's message to Congress would be read and that General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, former Secretary of War, would be sworn in to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator McMillan.

Almost the entire Republican representation were in their seats, but not more than half the seats on the Democratic side were occupied. The closest attention was paid to the President's message as it was being read. At 1:50 p. m. the Senate adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Chas. H. Russell, Representative from Connecticut.

To Amend Anti-Trust Law.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Cullom today introduced a bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law. It prohibits interstate commerce in articles produced by trusts, the penalty for violations being a fine of from \$500 to \$5,000.

Proceedings In the House.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The House was in session an hour and forty minutes today. An hour of that time was consumed in reading the President's message. At the conclusion of the reading the Republicans applauded generously.

The deaths of the late Representatives De Gaffenred and Sheppard, of Texas, were announced, and, after adopting the customary resolutions, the House adjourned.

Committee Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Immediately after the reading of the Journal, Gordon Russell, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. C. DeGaffenred, of Texas, and Edward Swann, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Amos J. Cummings, of New York, appeared at the bar and took the oath.

The Speaker announced the following committee appointments: Mr. Hill (Connecticut) on ways and means; Mr. Palmer (Pennsylvania) on Judiciary; Mr. Fowler (New Jersey) director of the Columbian Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, and Mr. Jenkins (Wisconsin) as consulting trustee of the Reform School of the District of Columbia.

To Investigate Constitution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Election Committee No. 1 of the House decided today to report adversely on the resolution offered yesterday proposing that the credentials of Carter Glass, elected to the House from Virginia, be investigated. The resolution was presented with a view of having inquiry made of the new Virginia constitution as regards the alleged disfranchisement of voters.

To Prosecute Offenders.

Washington, Dec. 2.—It is the purpose of Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, to urge the present Congress to pass a measure providing for the prosecution in the Federal Courts of the offenders against the election laws. Today Bartholdt had an interview with the President on the subject.

Ex-Speaker Reed Is Ill.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed had a sudden attack of colic this evening. He was prostrated for a time. The sudden illness of the ex-Speaker caused considerable alarm to his friends, but at a late hour he was better.

To Support Cannon.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The New York delegation in the House this afternoon unanimously decided to support Representative Cannon for Speaker.

Insures Cannon's Election.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Representative Dalsell, of Pennsylvania, has withdrawn from the contest for the Speakership of the next House in favor of Cannon, who has been endorsed by the Pennsylvania delegation. This practically assures Cannon's unanimous election.

To Increase Salaries.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Attorney General Knox in his annual report renews the commendation of the increase of the salaries of the judicial officers throughout the country.

Postmasters Nominated.

Washington, Dec. 2.—President Roosevelt today submitted to the Senate his nominations for third class postmasters for the Pacific Northwest: Oregon—L. A. Githens, of Athens; H. Proctor, of Elsie; P. E. Wilcox, of Milton, and M. E. Merwin, of Independence. Washington—G. A. Gwynn, of Garfield.

Bill for General Staff.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Representative Hull, chairman of the House committee on military affairs, has introduced a bill for a general staff of the army. The bill follows closely that which was recommended by Secretary Root.

FAMILY CREMATED.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 2.—News of the cremation of Mrs. Chas. Lody and her children in their little home in the recesses of the Jemez Mountains has just reached this city. The cabin took fire from the stove and the frantic mother attempted to force the children—the oldest about 15 years of age—through a window, but before

she could succeed the roof fell in upon them and they were burned to death. The father was away from home at the time.

ORIENTAL HAS DEPARTED.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 2.—The Crown Prince of Siam and party sailed for Yokohama en route home to Siam early this morning, the steamer Empress of China having been held until then in deference to the superstition of the Prince and party. Monday is the Friday of the Siamese, and it is unlucky to sail on Monday, therefore, the steamer was kept until the beginning of Tuesday.

The Crown Prince yesterday sent a telegram to President Roosevelt in which he thanked the President, officials and lastly the people of the United States for courtesies extended during his visit, and expressed himself as highly pleased with what he saw in the United States, being much taken with the country and its people.

MONTANA BANK WAS ROBBED

Relieved of About \$10,000 in Cold Cash

OCCURRED AT NOON HOUR

Three Bold Robbers Held Up the Cashier and Helped Themselves

MAKE THEIR ESCAPE ON HORSEBACK WITH POSSE IN PURSUIT. BELIEVED TO BE DESPERATE MEN AND MAKING FOR HOLE-IN-WALL COUNTRY.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 2.—A special to the Inter-Mountain from Billings, Montana, says: The bank at Bridger, Carbon county, was held up by three masked men today and the cashier relieved of \$2,000. The robbery occurred at noon.

Cashier Trumbo was at work and looked up to see two big Colt's revolvers pointing directly at his head. The third man, also armed, stood at the door.

"Hold up your hands!" said one of the two masked robbers. Trumbo complied, and at this instant a mail carrier, Frank Williams, appeared at the side door and was immediately covered with two guns. Williams and Trumbo were ordered to the wall both with their hands high up, while one man covered them with his gun. The other man ran behind the counter and grabbed all the money in sight.

All three men mounted horses, the alarm was quickly given, every horse in sight was pressed into service, and the pursuit was begun. A mile and a half out of town the posse began shooting from the saddle. The robbers returned the fire.

The posse, seeing that it had to deal with desperate men, hesitated for a moment, and presently the robbers disappeared in the timber.

It is believed the men will make for the famous "Hole-in-the-Wall" country. "The latest advice is that the robbers have not been captured. The amount of money taken is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Had the robbery been committed yesterday, the haul would have been large, as Monday was pay day in the mines.

He Wanted To Drown.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 2.—James J. Rogers, believed to be an attorney of Boise, Idaho, jumped into the river at the foot of Michigan avenue today, but was rescued. After being resuscitated Rogers became indignant because his plans were interfered with.

NEW SETTLERS' RATE

NORTHERN PACIFIC AND GREAT NORTHERN WILL ENCOURAGE IMMIGRATION.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 2.—The Northern Pacific and Great Northern today put into effect a one-way rate of \$35 for settlers from St. Paul to the Pacific Coast points. From February 15th to April 30th the same companies will make a proportionately low rate from St. Paul to intermediate points. The railroad officials expressed the opinion that the movement of settlers would be much larger this winter and spring than ever before.

THE CREW WAS SAVED

WERE SAFELY LANDED ON THE SHORE BY MEANS OF BOAT-SWAIN'S CHAIR.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 2.—The crew of the steamer Hebard was rescued Sunday night and pulled ashore in a "boatswain's chair," when the steamer was pounding to pieces on the rocks off Maimaise Point. Two members of the crew succeeded in getting the line ashore through tremendous seas, and with the help of the men on shore the balance of the crew were safely landed.

LOST MAN FOUND

HOSEA STOKES WANDERED ABOUT FIFTY-SIX HOURS IN THE HILLS.

ROSEBURG, Nov. 29.—Hosea Stokes aged 79 years, wandered away from his home at Looking Glass at 11 o'clock Monday morning and was lost in the hills until 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, being fifty-six hours without food or shelter. When found he had lost his hat, coat, shoes and stockings, and his feet were much cut and swollen, but otherwise he appeared in better condition than was expected. The whole neighborhood had joined in the search for over two days.

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