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STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION BILL CAUSES BATTLE ROYAL IN HOUSE

THE UNION AND GRANGERS UNITE AGAINST PORTLAND GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

Cow Counties Get the First Fall Out of the Automobilists and Millionaires Backing Judge Webster--The Big Steam Road Roller Is Still in Good Working Order and the Farmers' Union and Grangers Seem to Be in Charge of It--The Mariner Bill Has the Inside of the Track.

The big fight on the highways bills was opened up in the house this morning by a motion to substitute the Mariner bill, No. 230, for the Webster good roads bill that has passed the senate. The cow county steam roller was brought into requisition, and the bill backed by the Grangers and farmers' union was first read and adopted in committee of the whole. Then the state highways commission bill, senate bill No. 42, was also taken up and read. There were majority and minority reports on all the senate bills. The house of representatives is crowded with good roads champions and farmers opposing the Portland measure and the fight will be long and bitter.

On Second Round.
In the second round of the battle the Good Roads people won out by getting permission for Judge Webster to address the house for 15 minutes in behalf of the good roads bill. Abrams and Johnson voted for the state highway commission bill and

Libby, Reynolds and Steelhammer against it. Abrams said he would rather go without his dinner than not have this bill considered. Brownhill and McKinney slugged the bill in a merciless manner and tried to prevent consideration. The house first struck the words "state highway commission" out, and then on motion of Buchanan reconsidered its action. Webster spoke at 11 a. m., denying that he is interested in the passage of these bills to secure a place for himself.

Farmers Union to Bat.
Webster was asked a great many leading questions by Representative Chapman, the granger member from Washington county, who had his legs tangled for awhile, but Webster got his second wind and was given 15 minutes more. He was asked a piercing question by Carter of Clackamas, and finally sat down after a number of interrogatory interruptions from Brownhill, L. B. Huffman, one of the Farmers' union delegation

Victims of Ptomaine Poisoning.
Portland, Or., Feb. 10.—The victim of ptomaine poisoning, Mabel, 5, daughter of Thomas King, of 727 1/2 Williams avenue, died today, and King, his wife and two children were reported in precarious condition. All members of the family became violently ill last night shortly after eating dinner, at which fried liver was the principal article of diet.
Physicians worked over them all night. The coroner has just ordered an investigation.

from Union county was next given the floor and made a plain statement for the Mariner bill. He showed that small counties to get the benefit of state aid would have to make big tax levies, while Multnomah could get the state aid with a half mill levy, or even less. This is the marrow of the whole case and is why the cow counties are fighting the bill.

Took a Recess.
The house in committee of the whole took a recess until 1:30 p. m., and there may be an amendment offered to have the governor appoint a state highway commissioner, without the intervention of a state highway commission, who shall have power to use convicts and build state roads open to every county on the same terms, and the county to pay in proportion to its proportionate share of the traffic over such road. It is not believed that State Engineer Lewis has the time nor the equipment for a

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Eight Hundred Corpses Burned.

Peking, Feb. 10.—Eight hundred corpses, piled in a heap, were burned at Chan Chun today. The bodies were last week's victims of the plague. Four hundred and forty-nine deaths occurred in Mukden in January, according to health statistics. The present daily rate there is 40. Choo Foo reports 400 deaths, including two French sisters of charity.

A MEXICAN GENERAL WOUNDED

General Torres Commander of the Department of Sonora, Shot in the Neck by One of his Own Soldiers.

MANY RUMORS ARE AFLOAT
One Says 1500 Regular Soldiers have Gone Over to the Rebels, Leaving Sonora Practically Defenseless—Hundreds Are Flocking to Orozco's Camp to Join the Rebel Forces—Federals Reported as Losing Heart.

Huachuca, Ariz., Feb. 10.—News of the wounding of General Torres, military head of the department of Sonora, was brought here by a courier today from Tonichi, 50 miles south of the border.

General Torres was shot in the neck by one of his own troopers, attempting assassination, according to the report. He was shot during an engagement with a small band of rebels and was so badly wounded that he had to be carried from the field.

Wild rumors of engagement between the federals and rebels, following rapidly on the arrival of the courier bearing the news of the shooting of General Torres. One report was that the rival forces had mixed in a general engagement at Sauharipa, and that 1500 federal soldiers had deserted in a body to the rebel ranks, leaving Sonora state practically defenseless. Another was that the battle at Tonichi had been a bloody one and that at least 50 men had been lost on both sides.

A pack train arriving from Cananea reported a large column of dust near Sauharipa, and the sound of heavy firing.

An armed body of 80 men were preparing to cross into Mexico near Deming, N. M., according to a report sent to Fort Huachuca, and a detachment of United States cavalry was sent out to intercept them. Several small groups of men in wagons with weapons concealed in the wagon beds passed here today, ostensibly headed for the rebel headquarters.

Continued rebel successes have encouraged supporters on this side of the line, and it is believed more than a hundred men will cross to the rebel camps today and tomorrow.

On the other hand, the federals appear to be losing heart. One American today reported that he had offered to supply President Diaz with "Hessians" at a certain price per man, and General Kosteritzky, to whom he had made the overtures, had replied simply "too late." The situation in Sinaloa state is reported critical, the rebels having gained the upper hand and threatened to establish revolutionary rule. A part of General Kosteritzky's forces have been sent to check a rebel advance on Culiacan.

IT IS "DONE DID" WHAT'S THE USE?

New York, Feb. 10.—Following unsuccessful efforts to prevent the union, Mrs. George Gammons, of Portland, Oregon, today retained Attorney Gilbert Montague to bring suit to annul the marriage of her son, Nelson, to Mrs. Gaynor, former wife of Mayor Gaynor's son, Rufus Gaynor. Mrs. Gammons insists that her son is only 19 years old, although he gave his age as 22. The mother says she will not give her son a cent until he can support himself.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT COLUMBUS URGES RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA

Machine Was Too Weak.

Douai, France, Feb. 10.—Too much strain on the braces of the wings of their machine caused the death of Aviators Noel and De La Tierre, according to an investigating committee today. The men, exhibiting before a delegation of army officers and others, yesterday flew for more than an hour without mishap. When they attempted to alight, and while sailing along evenly at a height of 250 feet, the wings of their machine suddenly crumpled up. In the fall both men were killed.

DOROTHY ARNOLD IS ALMOST DISCOVERED

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 10.—Dorothy Arnold, who was said to have been "almost" discovered in Vancouver, B. C., through letters forwarded to her by a local attorney, is still in Vancouver, but she is not the Dorothy Arnold, of New York fame. The woman who was traced by the local sleuths lived in Bellingham for several years. She is the wife of O. H. Arnold, of Winnipeg, formerly a bookkeeper for a local lumber firm. She is several years older than the missing girl, and resembles her in name only.

BURGLARS OPERATE WITH LUMBER WAGON

Bakersfield, Calif., Feb. 10.—The police today are searching for burglars who operate with a lumber wagon and double team. Entering the home of John Johnson while he was at the theater last night, they stole nearly every bit of furniture in the house.

ALFONSO GETS COAT OF WHITEWASH

SPANISH OFFICIALS NOW THAT THE KING AND QUEEN HAVE PATCHED UP THEIR ROW, SAY THERE NEVER WAS ONE.

London, Feb. 10.—Despite official denials from the Spanish court that King Alfonso's escapades in foreign capitals brought about marital difficulties, government agents sent out to get an official line on the Spanish king's jaunts, learned today that he traveled under aliases. In the cafes of Paris he was known as "Monsieur Lamy."

As it has been a month since the United Press sent out the first reports of differences between Alfonso and Queen Victoria, it is pointed out that the royal couple have had ample time to become reconciled. It is intimated that a reconciliation was brought about, the king agreeing to forego another trip to Paris.

Now that all differences between the royal pair have been patched up, the Spanish court comes out with strong denials that any differences ever existed. They declare that the queen was aware that the reports of Alfonso's "unkingly" conduct in the Parisian cafes were circulated by political enemies.

She Saw Washington.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 10.—Claiming to be the eldest woman in the world, and the only person now living who saw George Washington, Mrs. Lucie Owens is dying at the home of her daughter at Longview, near here. Mrs. Owens says she saw Washington when she was three years old. Her age, she says, is 136. Her daughter is 98.

WAGES AND CONDITIONS LIKE OURS AND THERE IS NO REASON FOR PROTECTION

Canada Is Our Neighbor--Her Soil, Traditions, Language and Climate Are Like Ours, She Has Free Popular Government, and Her Wage-Earning Class Are as Well Paid as Our Own, and There Is No Justification for Any Protective Tariff Whatever Against Her.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Columbus, O., Feb. 10.—Speaking at the annual corn show here today, President Taft urged the adoption of the Canadian reciprocity treaty.

"The greatest reason for adopting the agreement," the president said, "is that it will unite two countries of kindred people in a commercial and social union which would be of great advantage to both. Such a result does not need justification by a nice balancing of pecuniary profit to each. It is merely a truism to say that a country's farmers are the greatest wealth-producing class, and that it is most important that their welfare shall be conserved. Anyone initiating a policy injurious to the farmers has much to answer for before the bar of public opinion."

"I am a Republican, because the Republican party has always pursued a policy of protection for American industries and manufactures, later limiting its purpose in the matter of protection to the differences in the cost of production here and abroad, with allowance for a reasonable profit for the American producer. Protection thus stated removes justification for any protective tariff whatever on articles imported from countries where conditions of labor and other circumstances are identical with ours."

"Canada is our neighbor. Her soil, traditions, language and climate are like ours. She has free popular government, with a wage-earning class as intelligent and well paid as our own. It is difficult to see in what

respect our farmers have an advantage over ours, except in the virgin soil of the far Northwest. The United States secured for the farmers the free-listing of such important agricultural products as cotton seed oil, fruit, vegetables, timothy, clover seed and other products in which the movement to Canada from the United States is greater than from Canada to the United States. The remission of duties on rough lumber by free-listing and heavy reductions in rates on dressed lumber, laths and shingles all are in the farmers' interest.

"Reduction in the rates on agricultural products and manufactured articles will stimulate the trade of both countries. The country would be like the change in trade effected by the opening and settling of far western states, except that it would come much quicker. Let the agreement be adopted, and within six months the farmers on the border will rejoice that a step has been taken toward closer business regulations with their neighbors. The whole country—farmers, manufacturers, railroads, middlemen and warehouse men—would be the gainers."

THIRTY OF THE CREW DROWNED IN WRECK

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Cossack, West Australia, Feb. 10.—All except one of a crew of 30 of the Russian bark Glennbank were drowned when the vessel was wrecked off here today, according to reports late this afternoon.

THE CHICAGO STORE HAS PURCHASED THE Bankrupt Stock

of The Style Craft Store

It is now on sale on the second floor over the millinery department. We are selling out the entire stock at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c on the dollar. This is a chance of a lifetime to buy goods at such ridiculous prices; goods worth 25c for 5c, goods worth 50c for 10c and 15c, goods worth \$1.00 for 20c and 25c, \$5.00 hats for 98c, \$15.00 suits for \$2.50 and \$3.50, flowers worth \$1.00 for 10c and 15c, and so along the line with the entire stock. We bought the goods cheap enough so we can give you bargains.

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