

President Taft Defends Treaty For Reciprocity

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., Feb. 10.—"Reciprocity will benefit the entire United States, farmer, manufacturer, railroad company, middle man."

persons, I may not be thought to abandon the broad ground upon which the opportunity to confirm this agreement ought to be seized."

"Taking up first the effect of the agreement on corn he said: 'The total production of corn in the United States in 1910 was 3,125,713,000 bushels, of which we exported 44,072,200 and used the rest in domestic consumption, chiefly in raising cattle and hogs, of which in live cattle and packing house products we exported in value \$135,985,212. The Canadian production of corn was 18,726,000 bushels, or six tenths of one per cent of the total production of the United States. We exported 6,000,000 bushels to Canada. Certainly in respect of corn the American farmer is king and will remain so, reciprocity or no reciprocity. Indeed the change will greatly help him by increasing his supply of young and thin cattle, now very scarce, for feeding with corn and making good beef."

"But it is said that the farm lands of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and other states is much more valuable than the land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Assiniboine and Alberta, the four great Northwest provinces of Canada and that to give Canadian farmers free entry of products raised on cheaper and will be certain to lower farm lands in this country. Nothing could be further from the fact. The Canadian lines are farther removed from the Minneapolis and Chicago markets than the lands of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa or Illinois; and proximity to market is an important element in the value of farm land. The natural change in farming in this country is from the raising of grain for export to the raising of grain for consumption and development of the secondary products in the form of cattle and hogs. The live cattle are bought and fattened. The hogs are raised and fed. It is farming of this kind that explains the high value of farm lands in Illinois and Iowa."

"If the argument as to the disastrous effect of admitting the crops of the Canadian Northwest to our market upon the value of our farm land is correct, then the opening of lands in Kansas, Nebraska and the two Dakotas in the two decades from 1890 to 1910 should have had a similar effect upon the land of the older states. Now, what was the fact? What was the effect upon the farm lands of the older states of the competition of these newer states? The land in the older states became more devoted to corn and cattle and hogs, while the wheat and other cereals were left to the new lands. The effect was that the values of the land of the older farming states were in most cases more than doubled."

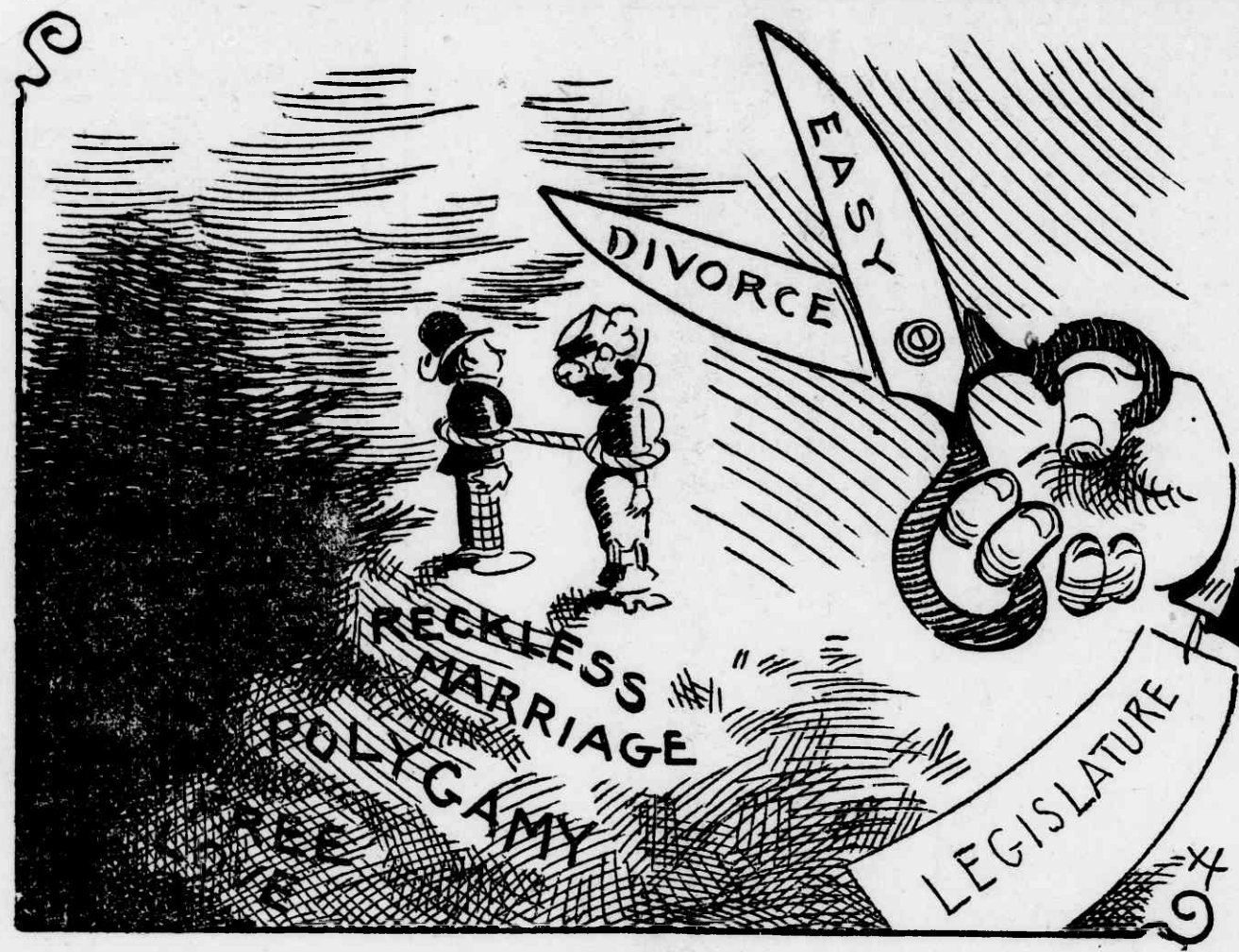
"The difference in the value of the acre between Manitoba and Minnesota is but little more than eight dollars while the difference between Minnesota and Wisconsin is six dollars, between Wisconsin and Illinois is \$25, between Wisconsin and Iowa is \$40; between Michigan and Indiana is \$31. These figures show inconceivable increase in value."

"How is the farmer to be hurt?" the President asked. He then took up the effect it would have on corn and wheat prices, on the value of farm lands in this country and on the milling industry in this country."

"He declared that 'in respect to corn the American farmer is king and will remain so, reciprocity or no reciprocity.' As to wheat he said the domestic price is governed by the world price and that 'the sending of any part of Canada's surplus through our country instead of through Canada to be milled or to be exported without milling will not perceptibly or materially affect the price of wheat for our farmers.' The value of farm lands, he said, is affected by the proximity to market more than by any other element and he maintained that the American farmer would still have the advantage in this respect. He also predicted a great increase in American milling as a result of the agreement."

"It is a mere truism" said the president to say that the farmers of a country constitute the greatest wealth producing class of the country and that it is of the greatest importance to conserve their welfare. When we have had good crops, the wheels of all industries have moved and wealth has been stored. Any one, therefore, who would initiate a policy to injure the farmer has much to answer for at the bar of public opinion."

"The greatest reason for adopting this agreement is the fact that it is going to unite two countries with kindred people and lying together across a wide continent, in a commercial and social union to the great advantage of both. Such a result does not need to be justified by a nice balancing of pecuniary profit to each. I say this in order that by answering the arguments directed to the detailed effect of the agreement upon different classes of



Votes On Bond Issue Will Be Counted To-night

People Make the Last Day of Straw Voting Election One of The Best of The Campaign, Beginning Early.

Result is Looked Forward to With More Than Ordinary Interest by Citizenship of Charlotte And the County.

Now is the accepted time! With the closing of the ballot boxes in The News' straw vote bond election tonight hundreds will have written for or against the issuance by the city of bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000, as proposed under resolutions adopted by the board of aldermen and forwarded to the members of the general assembly now in session in Raleigh."

VICE-PRESIDENT GAVE OUT INTERVIEW ABOUT SUFFRAGE.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 10.—Vice-President James S. Sherman, according to an interview printed in the Yale News today, holds that it is the duty of every young man to take an active interest in political affairs, not simply in national elections but so far as little municipalities are concerned, where we are interested in having honesty and efficiency in public service."

Hiram A. Tuttle Dead.

Pittsfield, N. H., Feb. 10.—Hiram A. Tuttle, governor of New Hampshire from 1891 to 1893, died today.

POSTPONE ACTION ON THE RECIPROCITY BILL.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The house committee on ways and means today postponed action on the Canadian reciprocity agreement until tomorrow morning, when the committee will probably vote to report favorably the measure.

Over One Hundred Fishermen Adrift On Ice Floe Probably Perished

By Associated Press. Viborg, Finland, Feb. 10.—One hundred and fifty-three fishermen who were adrift on an ice floe have perished, is the belief of members of a rescuing party who have been in search of the castaways for the last four days. Nearly 300 fishermen established a village on an ice floe. A lashing gale broke up the floe. As it drifted away 100 of the men were taken off but others refused the aid of rescuing ships, believing they were in no danger. The gale increased and now it is feared the floe was broken up, precipitating its settlers into the sea.

\$1,000,000 Bond Ballot

Aldermen favor the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000. Upon the proposition as it is submitted, answer YES or NO by signing your name and giving your address upon the lines on the coupon.

Wadsworth Property Sold to Many People Of Greater Charlotte

With Developments That are to Follow it is Estimated That The Sites Will Aggregate More Than \$300,000.

More Than a Dozen Prominent Gentlemen Buy Valuable Lots Upon Which They Will Build if Conditions Demand.

The Wadsworth property, bounded by Tryon, College and Sixth streets, one block from the Square, is now held by new owners, negotiations that have been in progress for some weeks being completed today by Mr. George Stephens, who secured the option some time ago, at a figure said to be in the neighborhood of \$135,000. In the aggregate it is not known what the new property is worth, but it can be said without fear of contradiction that with the developments which are to follow, the different sites will sum up more than \$300,000.

Bill To Add \$400,000 To The Public Schools

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10.—The recall feature for recorder for Wilmington stirred a contest in the senate on account of objection to the recall of any judicial officer and protest was made on such feature already provided in Greensboro's commission government bill which has already been ratified. Borden introduced a bill for medical inspection of public school children in towns of four thousand and more population. Senator Gardner offered a bill to provide medals for members of the state militia after 15 years' service and exempt members from civil or criminal liability for acts under orders. In the house the Battle bill to allow cities and towns to change or amend their charters at will without special legislative enactment passed the second reading. This is the bill asked for by the North Carolina Municipal League and allows the commission or other form of government. It is a separate day roll call bill. The house passed a resolution asking congressmen to support the Parcels Post bill. A resolution passed to allow Representative W. A. Bailey, of Davie per diem although he has never yet been able to come to the legislature. Among the new bills in the house was one by Sykes to fix salaries of supreme court justices. Spaulhour to appropriate \$400,000 additional to the public schools. By Privett, to assist the farmers by co-operative field experiments. By Kent, to prevent carrying revolvers and the sale of them except to officers of the law.

DETECTIVES HAVE GLUE TO ROBBERY OF MAUSOLEUM

By Associated Press. Erie, Pa., Feb. 10.—Detectives are working on a clue today that may throw light on the mystery of the robbery of the Scott mausoleum in Erie cemetery. Louis Wadlinger, a milk dealer, has informed the officers that about 2 o'clock on the morning of January 27 his wagon was stopped near the cemetery by a man who asked for a match. Wadlinger says the man told him he had heard hammering in the cemetery and later saw four men emerge through a hole in the cemetery fence. On account of the reticence of the police and members of the family much mystery surrounds the desecration of the mausoleum. Although a statement issued by the family is to the effect that the body stolen is that of Mrs. Anna M. McCullum, a sister-in-law of former Congressman Scott, rumors are persistent that the ghouls have taken the body of the millionaire lawmaker. For the present it has been impossible to secure a confirmation.

COLORED WIFE MURDERER DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10.—At 10:30 this morning Phillip Mills, the colored wife murderer, of Transylvania county, died in the electric chair in the state prison. The prisoner made no statement. He and his wife quarreled about the possession of their children. She ran with the baby in her arms. He struck her over the head with a gun, killing her and causing fatal injuries to the child.

Earth Shocks Felt.

Danville, Va., Feb. 10.—An earthquake shock lasting thirty seconds was felt here at 5:22 this morning. No damage resulted. Only Local Earth Tremor. Washington, Feb. 10.—In the opinion of the scientists at Georgetown University the earthquake at Danville, Va., was merely a local tremor.

Noted Teacher Dead.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 10.—Col. Ellison S. Keitt, a Confederate veteran and former legislator, who spoke throughout the North and West for Cleveland in the latter's first campaign for the presidency and who had since been of similar service to the national democratic committee, was buried today in St. Peter's churchyard, Columbia, having died yesterday at his plantation, Enoree, in Newberry county. One of his sons is professor T. W. Keitt of Clemson College.

Tragedy at Memphis.

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 10.—Two negroes were killed and one white man and a third negro had narrow escapes here today when an iron water tank fell through the roof of the Novelty Candy Company.

Admiral Schley Improved.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley, who fractured two ribs by a fall on an icy sidewalk here a few days ago, was a little better today.