

Taft Quoted In Unpolitic Interview By French Paper

What Purports to Be Interview With American President Quotes President on Many Delicate Matters of International Import.

America's Attitude in Regard to China, the Situation in Mexico, the Turco-Italian War, and Arbitration Fully Set Forth.

Paris, Nov. 29.—The Matin publishes this morning what purports to be an interview with President Taft, written by Francois de Tesson. The writer quotes the president on such questions as intervention in the Turco-Italian war, on America's attitude in regard to China, on the situation in Mexico and on the general subject of arbitration.

When asked about the possibility of American mediation in the Turco-Italian war, the writer says that the president Taft declared that the United States was certainly disposed in favor of the re-establishment of peace. Nevertheless he felt that it would be unwise to depart from the path of wisdom.

Our relations with the two beligerents are equally friendly. We do not wish to offend the national dignity of either. Moreover the Turco-Italian war concerns primarily the question of tact for the United States not to put herself forward to bring an end to a conflict which, however, from the bottom of her heart, she desires to see ended.

Speaking of the subject of China President Taft is stated to have said that the United States would naturally defend its interests, remaining at the same time faithful to the double principle of the maintenance of the integrity of the Celestial empire and of the open door.

The president is quoted: "The United States cannot conceive of the other side of the Pacific a nation dismembered and a prey to foreign creditors in which our enterprises are no longer in a state of stability. What will emerge from the Chinese revolution is a question which no one knows how to answer. It is necessary therefore to act with prudence and within the limits of the international accords concluded after the Boxer troubles. We are adopting a patient attitude so as not to add further troubles to the existing confusion in the interior. The point of view of the United States has not varied since the time of John Hay. We wish to see China reformed to youth and modernized, so that when industry and public works are actively pushed forward we shall be able to develop our commerce in accordance with the rules of loyal competition."

REBELS REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSS.

Nanking, China, Nov. 29.—Imperial troops have driven back the revolutionists with heavy losses. The revolutionaries directed a concerted attack on the gates of the city.

Europe preserved from war by rules of arbitration becoming each day more powerful.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Regarding the Tesson interview in the Paris Matin, a statement in part as follows, was given out at the white house today: "Mr. Hilles explained that much surprise had been felt at the white house in finding that a gentleman, the cousin of the French military attache, coming introduced by the French ambassador, should have thought, without any authorization, to circulate as an interview his recollection of casual remarks made by the president in the course of hurried conversations. The gentleman in question was one of a very large number received during a busy morning and no interview whatever was authorized."

Thanksgiving Turkey In Reach Of Poor

Chicago, Nov. 29.—With Thanksgiving turkey hanging this year in reach of the small wage-earners and with a plentiful stock in sight and weather conditions predicted as ideal, the holiday is expected to be more generally enjoyed in Chicago than it has been in years.

More than 3,000 of the city's poor tramped merrily home last night through the light snow, loaded down with baskets of good things from the seven dispensing stations of the county agent.

Wholesale and retail merchants said that prices of all kinds of fowls and other things that go to make up the Thanksgiving dinner would be lower in Chicago today than the corresponding day for many years.

Turkeys were quoted at 20 to 22 cents a pound, cranberries 6 cents a quart, celery 13 cents a bunch and sweet potatoes 11 cents for 5 pounds. Ducks and geese are slightly cheaper than turkey while chickens are 12 cents.

EARTH SHOCKS RECORDED.

Santiago, Cuba, Nov. 29.—Two further earthquake shocks were felt here this morning at 6:10 and 7:30. While the tremors caused great alarm no damage has been reported.

MILLIONAIRES IN GRAND PRIZE RACE TOMORROW

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 29.—Five reputed millionaires are scheduled to start tomorrow in the grand prize race. They are David Bruce Brown, of New York, who will drive a Fiat car; Spencer Wishart, of Philadelphia, in a Benz; Eddie Hearne, of Chicago, in a Benz, and Caleb Brass, of Cincinnati, in a Fiat.

BOB LEONARD HELD FOR MURDER OF CHAS. EVERHART

Special to The News. Thomasville, N. C., Nov. 29.—Yesterday afternoon at the coroner's inquest as to the cause of the mysterious death of Charles Lee Everhart last Saturday and whose body was found Monday evening by two boys while out rabbit hunting, the following verdict was rendered by the jury: "We, the jury, find according to the evidence rendered at the inquest that the deceased, Chas. Lee Everhart came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by one Bob Leonard. Signed: J. C. Green, A. L. Boggs, E. W. Bruton, Chas. R. Thomas, P. W. White, H. D. Harris."

A large number of witnesses were summoned and a voluminous amount of testimony was taken, summing up as proven that Bob Leonard was the last man seen with Everhart and at Leonard immediately after he arrived at the shooting match held about two miles south of here was seen to be very nervous and uneasy, that Leonard had a larger roll of greenbacks in his pocket, blood stains were found on his handkerchief, shirt and clothing, and that a spot of blood was seen on Leonard's face at the shooting match shortly after his arrival, it was proven that Everhart had a large roll of greenbacks in his pocket, when last seen and when the body was found there was no pocketbook or money on his person. One of the bills Leonard had was identified as being one of the bills that Everhart had when last seen. When Leonard was carried to jail Monday night and searched closely in the jail a roll of greenbacks was found in his stocking containing \$64; his pocketbook which contained \$2.20 and which he firmly declared was all the money he had in his possession.

NO VERDICT IN PATTERSON CASE THIS MORNING

Denver, Col., Nov. 29.—The jury trying Gertrude Gibson Patterson for the murder of her husband, which went out last night, had not returned at 7 o'clock this morning. Sounds from the jury room, however, indicated that the twelve men were again stirring about after their late vigil last night.

At seven o'clock counsel in the case were still at their respective homes. Over the telephone they stated that they did not expect to be in court until 10 o'clock, explaining that they looked for no developments in the jury room until that hour.

At 7:30 it was stated by a court official that at that hour the jury had not agreed on a verdict.

Mrs. Patterson spent a restless night. Her brother and sister remained with her until midnight. At this hour she told the matron she was glad the actual trial was over.

From time to time during the remainder of the night the matron looked into the cell. The prisoner was either awake tossing fitfully or moaning in her sleep.

Thirty yards away, in the second story of the court house 12 men, scarcely less restless, discussed the case.

It was nearly eight o'clock this morning when Mrs. Patterson arose. The pallor noticeable in court yesterday was still apparent.

Judge Allen at his home said that no announcement of the verdict, even if one was reached, would be made before the coroner's inquest to attend a funeral and could not be in court until that hour at the best, possibly later.

At 11:30 a court attaché stated that the jury had reached a verdict. Judge Allen, however, had not returned to court and those chiefly interested remained awaiting him.

TRIAL OF SHOW GIRLS.

New York, Nov. 29.—Attorneys for the show girls, Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, expected to finish their cross-examination of W. E. D. Stokes today.



Snapshot of Mrs. Gertrude Patterson, who is on trial for the murder of her husband in Denver, Col., on her way to the court house from the jail, in charge of a deputy sheriff.

McNamara Trial Complicated By Bribery Charge

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 29.—Three battlefields instead of one loomed up today before District Attorney John D. Fredericks and Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for James B. and John J. McNamara, jointly indicted for murder in connection with the Los Angeles Times explosion Oct. 1, 1910.

Besides the daily clash before Judge Walter Bordwell, in the case of James B. McNamara, the two opposing chiefs will direct their attention also to the latest development—the arrest of Burt H. Franklin, an ex-deputy United States marshal, on a charge of having bribed a prospective juror in the McNamara case and of having attempted to influence the verdict of the jury.

A preliminary hearing was set for 1 o'clock today by a justice of the peace and counsel for the McNamaras, who yesterday furnished \$10,000 cash bail for Franklin, will wage a vigorous fight to clear him of the charges.

Approaching too is the trial of H. B. Connor, A. B. Maple and F. Ira Bender, indicted by the grand jury for an alleged attempt to dynamite the hall of the building then under construction but now completed, that furnishes the stage for the central McNamara trial.

The trial of the trio is scheduled to begin on Dec. 12 and will be a third meeting ground as counsel for the McNamaras will also defend the three men indicted, all of whom are members of the Iron Workers Union.

Both District Attorney Fredericks and Attorney Darrow, therefore, faced today the prospect of distributing their assistants to handle the ramifications of these cases.

Gary Says Publicity In Affairs Of Corporations Will Solve Trust Problem

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Government control of corporations to protect public interests and insure stability of business; publicity of corporation affairs and less presidential politics were urged today by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, as remedies for trust evils and business unrest.

Mass Meeting To Decide Whether We Want New Road

Wolgast Has Appendicitis

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 29.—Ad Wolgast, champion lightweight fighter, who was scheduled to defend his title against the British boxer Freddie Welsh, at Yermor Arena tomorrow, was stricken with appendicitis at 3 o'clock this morning in his training quarters.

SNOW FALLS IN PARTS OF THE SOUTH

Del Rio, Texas, on the Mexican border and in the same latitude as St. Augustine, Fla., officially reported a temperature of above zero.

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 29.—The temperature here last night dropped to 18 degrees above zero.

At Houston the minimum was 23 degrees with ice plentiful. No damage was apprehended to the orange crop in that section and 18 degrees above zero has been successfully withstood in the past by the orange trees.

San Antonio experienced the first freeze of the season with the temperature at 26 degrees. There was suffering among the poor. The Associated Charities was busy today supplying necessities for their relief.

Boston, Nov. 29.—A slight snow fell here this morning, the first recorded in eight years past.

UNITED STATES OFFERS TROOPS TO CHINA

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—The United States today formally offered to China the services of 2,500 American troops now stationed in the Philippines to aid in keeping open the railway from Peking to the sea and for the protection of foreigners in China.

Berlin, Nov. 29.—The German government has ordered 200 troops from the forces stationed at Kiao Chau to proceed to Tsientsin for eventual use in the war office is dispatching 200 men as a reinforcement to the garrison at Kiao Chau to be sent from Hamburg on November 30th.

WANT LIST OF STEEL TRUST SHAREHOLDERS

New York, Nov. 29.—Brokerage and banking houses today received a request from the United States Steel Corporation for a list of shareholders in the corporation. The steel organization, it is understood, is seeking to learn the actual number of its shareholders in order to show that shares are not concentrated in the hands of "so-called interests" but are generally distributed over all the world.

CONTROLLER BAY CASE.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—On the ground that the administration has substantially changed its announced Alaskan policy Attorney Louis D. Brandeis, counsel for the house committee on interior department expenditures, has advised Chairman Graham that no further action by that committee in investigating Controller Bay affairs is necessary.

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Mass Meeting of Citizens Called to Meet Tonight at 8:30 O'clock at the Selwyn Hotel to Talk of a New Railroad For Charlotte.

The officials of the Greater Charlotte Club, with a committee of citizens, were in conference throughout yesterday afternoon with Mr. E. C. Duncan, who is here in the interest of the new railroad. Another conference will take place this morning at which time the further details will be gone into. The president of the Greater Charlotte Club realizes that it is a matter of vast importance to the city and feels it right and proper that the results of these conferences be given to the public and to do this a meeting is called tonight at 8 o'clock at the Selwyn Hotel to hear the report and also the proposition by Mr. Duncan.

Representatives of The Norfolk Southern Will be on Hand to Lay The Matter Before the Meeting-Conference on Matter Today.

Every citizen of Charlotte is invited to be present at this time as the responsibility of such a proposition as this is going to be placed on the citizens at large. Gentlemen, come out tonight and hear the results. The session will be brief, but very vital to the interests of the whole community.

C. O. KUESTER.

A mass meeting of Charlotte citizens tonight at the Selwyn hotel in the assembly hall will answer the question put to Charlotteans yesterday as to whether they want a third great railroad system to enter the Queen City bringing with it the sure and inevitable result of greater prosperity and opportunity to the city.

The meeting is called for 8:30 and not the least doubt exists in anybody's mind today that all the real builders and makers of Charlotte will be there to indicate their desire for the entrance of the new road to the largest city in the state.

Whatever opinion the business men of Charlotte may entertain toward other chances for helping build a Greater Charlotte they are agreed that opportunity is knocking loudly at Charlotte's door and from all indications of yesterday and today there will be a record attendance tonight.

As announced yesterday ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, as legal representative of the Norfolk Southern railway, Mr. E. Carl Duncan and Mr. A. W. White also representing that road are in the city and were in conference with leading citizens sounding them as to the possibility of securing operation, among Charlotte men for bringing the new road to Charlotte.

Today the gentlemen named above have been joined by former President J. M. Barr, of the Seaboard Air Line railway.

There has been much conferring of Charlotte capitalists with one another all day and with the railroad officials named above. The main business of today was an informal conferring among the railroad men and local business men.

Under the guidance of President Kuester, of the Greater Charlotte Club and others a tour was made this morning about the city to investigate suitable sites for tracks, depots and other things necessary to the entrance of a great railway system into this city.

The people of Charlotte are not asking for the kind. They are merely asked to provide the right of way inside the city and to provide suitable sites for a depot and necessary adjuncts. The Norfolk-Southern will provide its own right of way outside the city and the easy conditions on which the new line can be secured makes it practically certain that when the plan of campaign is laid before the meeting of Charlotte citizens tonight there will be a response on the part of local interests sufficient to insure the coming of the new trunk line. Charlotte business men displayed great interest in the first announcement that a new development of railroads was under way and now that opportunity is practically laid before them amounting almost to a certainty, that the mass meeting will not adjourn tonight until the details are complete, which will insure the entrance of the new line into the Queen City.

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