

"BEST TARIFF BILL" SAYS TAFT, ON PAYNE MEASURE, PEOPLE EVER KNEW

President's Most Important Utterance Since He Entered the White House, in Speech at Winona, Minn.

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL GIVE HIM BIG GREETING

Representative Tawney's Followers Give a Mighty Cheer as President Warmly Approves His Course.

Minneapolis, Sept. 18.—Flags and other patriotic decorations flying in the breeze wafted a silent welcome to President Taft while the big crowd which surrounded the exits to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul station gave the nation's chief executive a noisy greeting as he stepped from his private car here today.

B. F. Nelson for the Minneapolis committee and Frank B. Kellogg for the St. Paul committee greeted President Taft. They rode with him in the first of three big automobiles, which carried the party to the station.

The president was given breakfast as the guest of 50 of the prominent men of Minneapolis.

Speech at Winona.

In the most important utterance he has made since his occupancy of the White House, President Taft at Winona last night, in a state which is the hot bed of "insurgent" movement within the republican party, defended the Payne tariff bill as the best tariff measure ever passed by a republican congress and hence the best tariff bill the people have ever known.

The president boldly asserted that the insurgents who voted against the bill had abandoned the republican party.

Stands by the Payne Bill.

"Was it the duty of the member of congress who believed that the bill did not accomplish everything that it ought to accomplish, to vote against it?" asked the president. "I am here to justify those who answer this question in the negative. I am not here to defend those who voted for the Payne bill, but to support them."

To this statement, the crowd in the Winona opera house responded with a cheer which could be heard far down the street. It was shouted by the adherents of Representative James A. Tawney of this district, the chairman of the house committee on appropriations, who has been on the defensive ever since the adjournment of congress because he did not vote with the other members of the delegation.

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IS STILL FIGHTING GRIM MONSTER

Doctor Says Johnson is Resting Easily and is Suffering Little Pain, at 8:30 a.m.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 18.—The following bulletin has just been issued by Dr. McNevin: "The governor's pulse is 105 and his temperature 99.2. Respiration normal. He is resting easily and is suffering little pain. He is, however, in a very badly exhausted condition, but is holding his own."

"In two and one half hours from now (8:30 a. m.) the first crisis period of 72 hours will have been reached and passed. If the governor continues to hold his own and passes the period successfully, and continues through the rest of the day and night until tomorrow morning in as good condition as at present, his chances for recovery will be better."

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 18.—At 7:30 o'clock this morning the night nurse at St. Mary's hospital stated that Governor Johnson was sleeping and that his condition was somewhat improved.

With his wife at his bedside and his physicians in constant attendance, Governor Johnson is swaying between life and death. In the official statement given out by Dr. Charles Mayo, shortly before midnight the surgeon stated:

"I do not think Governor Johnson will die tonight. If he survives tomorrow he will have an even chance for his life."

Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, a nurse, said at 7:05: "I feel much alarmed for Governor Johnson. Mrs. Johnson says the governor is very low." Dr. Charles Mayo entered the sick room at 7 o'clock.

Dr. McNevin could not be seen. It was learned that the governor was in another sinking spell. His pulse dropped from 105 to 78 between 2:30 and 3:30 o'clock, when Mrs. Johnson was called to her husband's bedside.

Is Resting Easier.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 18.—Dr. Wm. J. Mayo issued the following bulletin at 8:30 o'clock: "Governor Johnson is resting easier. I think he is getting some little strength. I look for no immediate change."

INJURED IN A CAR COLLISION

Two Cars Returning from Coney Island Collide—Young Women Are Trampled upon.

New York, Sept. 18.—A rear-end collision of two street cars heavily loaded with passengers returning from the Mardi-Gras, at Coney Island today, caused severe injuries to a dozen persons. The two cars were moving at a rapid rate, the forward car was stopped suddenly, and the rear one crashed into it, derailing both cars. Several young women were trampled upon by men who scrambled out of the wrecked cars, and men and women were painfully cut and bruised.

A WAR ON RACE TRACK GAMBLING IN NEW YORK

Twenty Additional Warrants Obtained Today—Attempt Will Be Made to Seize Them.

New York, Sept. 18.—Assistant District Attorney Elder of Brooklyn said today that twenty additional warrants against alleged bookmakers had been obtained, from County Judge Fawcett and an attempt to seize them would be made at the Gravesend track this afternoon. The eighteen men arrested at the track yesterday were arraigned today and held for examination September 27. It was said that probably indictments would be filed against them in the meantime.

MARTINIQUE POLITICS AT STAGE OF BLOODSHED

A Mayor Shot to Death by a Policeman—Further Serious Trouble Feared.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, Sept. 18.—The local political situation here is serious and factional feeling runs high. Yesterday Frederick Norbert, mayor of Le Marin, a town 20 miles from Fort de France, was shot to death on the street by a policeman.

The elections of members of grand council are to be held September 26, and further bloodshed is feared then. Men are threatening to go to the polling places with revolvers in their hands.

COL. GEORGE HARVEY VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

It is Said That He Was Hurt Today in Automobile Wreck—Editor Harper's Weekly.

Manahakkin, N. J., Sept. 18.—An automobile containing three men and a boy turned turtle on the shore boulevard near here, and one of the men injured, is understood to be Colonel George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly. He suffered a broken shoulder blade and internal injuries.

Moving Towards Gulf.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 18.—The weather bureau this morning issued the following: "The center of a tropical disturbance passed over Pinar Del Rio province of Cuba last night and is now central about 100 miles north of Yucatan channel and apparently moving towards the central portion of the Gulf of Mexico."

Drunkenness in Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 18.—The police records of Nashville show an average of six and two-seventh arrests per day for drunkenness since the prohibition law went into effect on July 18th of this year.

Redmond-Farmer Bout.

New Orleans, Sept. 18.—Jack Redmond and Kid Farmer are scheduled for a ten round go at the Royal Athletic club here tonight.

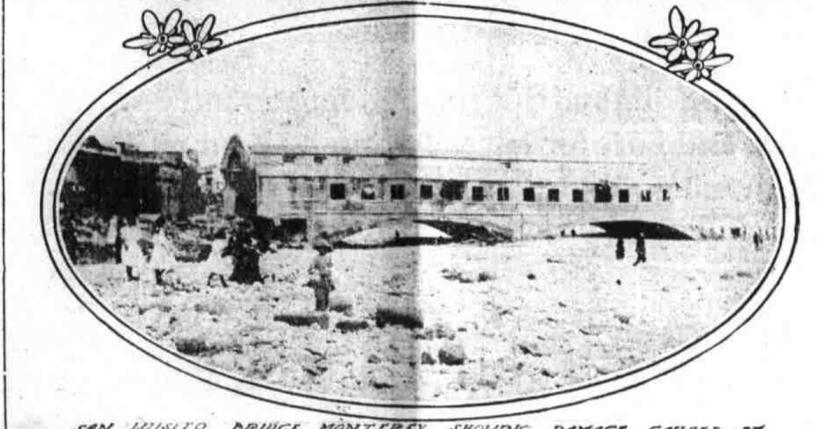
To Meet Across the River.

New Orleans, Sept. 18.—Packy McFarland and Ray Bronson, will meet in a twenty round bout Sunday just across the river from New Orleans.

Scenes of Devastation Done By Recent Floods in Mexico



RUINED HOUSES OF THE NATIVES AT MONTEREY MEXICO



SAN LUISITO BRIDGE MONTEREY, SHOWING DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOOD

WATER RATE IS CUT TO FIFTY PER CENT.

Minimum Put at 50 Cents—The "Jim Crow" Division in the Near-Beer Places—Mr. Israel to Be Made "City Plumber"—Routine Business of the Aldermen.

Probably the most important action of the board of aldermen for months was taken last night when the city dads, on recommendation of the water committee, reduced one-half the minimum meter rate for water, cutting the charge from \$1 per month to 50 cents per month. This simply means that consumers of water who use no more than the minimum amount during a month will in future have to pay only 50 cents per month instead of \$1. The near-beer places also came into the limelight again during the aldermanic session on a plea of Judge W. P. Brown appearing for one or more of the near-beereries that the little two-foot partition separating the whiter from the blacks be allowed to remain. There was some discussion of this two-foot partition and in reply to a question the corporation counsel said that under the law these partitions are obstructions. It was finally decided and a resolution was passed to this effect, to allow the partitions to remain the height of the counter but no higher.

Chief of Police. The board complained of a certain flock of ducks over in that end of town and earnestly prayed the board to remove or cause to be removed the said "quack-quacks." This job was handed over to the chief of police and the corporation counsel.

The board was called to order promptly and after the reading of the minutes J. E. Rich appearing asking the board's attention to the gutter street at a point near where Mr. Rich's is situated. He said the street's condition at that point is bad. Referred to the street committee.

Appeal for Associated Charities. Fred Cone, on behalf of the Flower Mission and Associated charities, appeared requesting that the board increase the monthly allowance of \$25. Mr. Cone said that during the summer months the secretary of the Associated charities had been forced to work, and relieve as far as possible needy cases, without funds; that it was the city's unfortunate the charity was looking after and that he thought the city should pay more toward maintenance. On motion of Alderman Glenn the monthly contribution was increased to \$25.

Supt. Tighe spoke a word for the Flower Mission but said that he was before the board primarily in the interest of a walk-way through property leading away from Southside avenue to the Ashland avenue school for the benefit of children attending that school and who reside in the Atkins street section for instance. Mr. Tighe thought a plank walk would meet the needs. The matter was referred to the street committee.

Mud in East Asheville. A petition was presented from colored citizens of east Asheville asking that they be given some relief from the mud. It was stated that recently there was a sidewalk on Poplar street but that, now there was none. It was further stated that these people were practically unable to attend church on account of bad condition of streets. Referred to the street committee.

Harrison Wilson, a negro, complained about not being able to get into his property through Courtland avenue. This complaint had to do with a matter which the board has been wrestling with; a matter of condemning and opening a passage way which Mr. Courtland claimed belonged to him and which he had fenced. Later in the evening the board adopted a jury report on the matter and instructed the street superintendent to open up the way.

Judge W. P. Brown appeared in the interest of the soft drink places. His complaint had to do with the instructions given yesterday by Chief of Police Chambers that the two-foot partitions in these places must be removed. Judge Brown referred to the fact that the board of aldermen had placed its stamp of approval on these places by taxing or licensing them; that all the dealers in such wares wanted was the "little two-foot" partition to separate the negro and the white man; that they wanted to observe the law but that they thought that this two-foot partition might be allowed to remain for "Jim Crow" purposes. Judge Brown said that after the passage of the near-beer ordinance these men had asked Chief Chambers about the two-foot partition and the chief had told 'em it would be all right. Chief Chambers at this point interrupted to say that he had told the men this but conditionally; that if there was objection or complaint they would have to come down. The chief said that there had been complaint and he yesterday notified the soft drink dealers to take the partitions down. The matter was discussed at some length; the corporation counsel was asked for and gave an opinion and finally a resolution was passed permitting the partitions to the height of the counter, but no higher. Street Repairs.

BAD FOREST FIRES RAGING IN IDAHO

Four Fires in the Coeur D'Alene National Reserve—Great Loss Threatened.

Wallace, Idaho, Sept. 18.—Four disastrous forest fires, two supposed to have been of incendiary origin, are raging in the Coeur D'Alene National Forest Reserve. One homestead has been destroyed by the flames and another is threatened. The entire available force of forest employes has been called to the scenes of the four fires.

One fire is near the town of Murray, another on the North Fork, a third at the old mission and the fourth is near Enavilla. The fires are reported to have gained considerable headway and much valuable timber is in danger of destruction.

FRENCH AVIATOR WINS THE \$5000

He Covered More Than 45 Miles in an Hour, and in Alighting, Fell into Water.

Ostend, Sept. 18.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, flying in a Voisin biplane, won the prize of \$5,000. He covered 73 kilometers, 43 1/3 miles, in one hour, at an altitude ranging from 240 to 200 feet. In alighting the aviator fell into the water. He was promptly rescued by spectators and sustained no injuries.

THE CARMEN WILL JOIN AMERICAN FEDERATION

Brotherhood Reported to Have Voted Yesterday to Affiliate, After a Long Fight.

Atlanta, Sept. 18.—It is authoritatively stated that the convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, in executive session, yesterday voted to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

This question has been before the convention of carmen for years, and it was only after a hard fight that a vote was finally taken.

DR. COOK IS READY, HE TELLS ASSOCIATED PRESS, TO PROVE CLAIMS

RENEGAR DECISION IS MAIN RELIANCE

So It is Said, of Maj. Breese and Mr. Dickerson—Other Points to Be Argued.

THE BANK CASE GOES UP TO CIRCUIT APPEALS COURT

The Final Chapter of the Long, Tedious Case is Closed, So far as Circuit Court is Concerned.

After the ending of the hearing yesterday afternoon, investigating the charges of alleged improper remarks of Deputy Marshal Robert Ramsey, while in charge of the jury, Judge Newman drew up a formal order to the effect that the officer never made any such remarks as was alleged in the affidavits of Jurors J. E. Norton and John Garren; and denied the motion of counsel for Messrs. Breese and Dickerson, under sentence to imprisonment and fine, for a new trial upon the grounds that the jury was tampered with.

Judge Newman also made another order in the case, formally denying the motion for a new trial upon the assignment of errors which was submitted to the court this week by attorneys for the defendants. Judge Moore asked the court for time to submit the bill of exceptions, and it was agreed that Judge Newman sign an order allowing the bill of exceptions to be presented to him at Atlanta.

To Court of Appeals.

As far as the United District court is concerned the matter is now practically ended, and will be entirely so when the bill of exceptions is signed. The defendants have given notice of appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and the case will be reviewed by that court probably next summer.

The defense is relying, it is held, upon the recent Renegar decision to quash the bill of indictment quashed. Another point which the defense will argue before the appellate court is that which was argued before Judge Newman here last summer, when the defense alleged that members of the grand jury which presented the bill of indictment at Greensboro in 1897 had not paid their poll taxes; in fact that two members of the grand jury had failed to pay their poll tax. The matter was thoroughly investigated and Judge Newman overruled the motion to quash the bill of indictment upon that ground, holding that the members of the grand jury had paid their poll tax within the meaning of the law. In June of this summer another effort was made by the defense, when, relying upon the recent Renegar decision that the grand jury should report the bill of indictment in open court in a body; they argued that the bill of indictment had not been properly presented; that it was simply handed in by the foreman and was placed away in a pigeon hole until last summer when it was taken out again and the defendants were arraigned upon the bill charging conspiracy to defraud the First National bank. It is said that another point they will rely upon is that they will allege that the grand jury was not properly constituted, not being duly summoned.

Should the United States Circuit Court of Appeals hold that the Renegar decision applies in this case, and that the bill of indictment was not properly returned, and quash the bill, then will be written the final chapter in this noted case which has been before the courts for the past twelve years, as under the statute of limitations the finding of another bill of indictment is barred.

Another legal point that will be argued, it is thought on appeal, is, if there was a conspiracy as alleged in the bill of indictment, prior to three years before the bill of indictment was found, whether that conspiracy, if Continued on Page Four.

WRIGHT MAKES A NEW RECORD

He Remained in the Air for an Hour and a Half This Forenoon.

Berlin, Sept. 18.—Orville Wright made a new record at Tempelhof field for sustained aeroplane flight with a passenger. He remained in the air for one hour and thirty-five minutes, carrying Captain Englehart. He broke his own record, made July 27.

THE WEATHER

Forecast until 8 p. m. Sunday for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather tonight and Sunday.

"Tell the American to Have the Fullest Confidence in My Conquest of Pole" He Says.

HE TALKS QUITE FREELY OF PEARY'S ASSERTIONS

Reports That Peary Told Cook's Eskimos at Annotok That He Was no Longer Alive.

On Board the Steamer Oscar II, at Sea, Sept. 17.—(via Marconi wireless telegraph to Cape Race, N. F., 18.—

"Tell the people of America to have the fullest confidence in my conquest of the pole. I have records of observations made by me which will prove my claim. I shall be glad again to set foot on American soil."

This was the brief message Dr. Frederick A. Cook asked the Associated Press to give to his countrymen as he nears home on the steamer Oscar II, due to arrive at New York next Monday.

Dr. Cook discussed freely with the Associated Press correspondent the assertions of Commander Peary that he (Cook) had never reached the North pole.

When he departed from the North, Dr. Cook said, he left a depot of provisions at Annotok, north of Etah, in charge of Endolph Francks and instructions to go south aboard a whaler and return later. This he did but missed the returning vessel, owing to a slight illness. He was then taken aboard Peary's ship, the Roosevelt.

"Commander Peary found my supply depot at Annotok," Dr. Cook continued, "and the Eskimos in charge and told him that I was dead, which they believed to be true. Peary placed two men in charge of the depot, boatswain Murphy and another, Harry Whitney, the New Haven hunter, also remained there, Murphy had orders not to search for me, but was told he could send Eskimos northward the following spring from the relief depot.

"When I returned from the pole unexpectedly, Harry Whitney was the first to see me and to tell me what had occurred. Whitney was placed in possession of the facts concerning my journey to the pole on the condition that he would not inform Commander Peary or his men of them. At the same time the Eskimos who had accompanied me north were told to maintain the strictest silence.

"When I went into the depot there was a dispute between myself and Murphy, who delivered to me written instructions he had received from Peary although he himself could neither read nor write. These instructions showed that he was making a trading station of my depot, the contents of which had been used in trading for furs and skins.

"On one occasion Murphy asked me abruptly: 'Have you been beyond 87?' But it was determined not to let Peary know of my movements and replied evasively that I had been much farther north. From this statement has been concocted the declaration that I Continued on Page Four.

ASK A WRIT OF ERROR IN B. F. ROBERTS CASE

In Which \$2000 Damages Was Recovered for the Death of Plaintiff's Son.

Judge James H. Merrimon, attorney for the Louisville & Nashville Railway company in the suit of B. F. Roberts, administrator for John Wesley Roberts, deceased, against the Louisville & Nashville Railway company, has applied to Judge Newman for a writ of error in the case, which has been granted and the case will be reviewed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The question involved in the appeal is that of jurisdiction, whether the act having taken place in Tennessee, the United States court for the Western district of North Carolina had jurisdiction.

The case was tried before Judge Newman this summer and Roberts recovered \$2,000 damages for the death of his son, John Wesley Roberts, a boy about 19 years of age, who was alleged to have met his death while employed by the Louisville & Nashville Railway company in clearing out a culvert under the tracks of the L. & N. It was alleged that owing to the running of trains over the tracks, the earth caved in and crushed the boy so badly that death ensued from injuries. M. W. Bell, Locke Craig and Mr. Dilard represented the plaintiff.

Contenders for Pennant.

Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—With Big "Chief" Bender on the firing line, for Philadelphia, and "Wild Bill" Donovan doing the twirling for Detroit, the two contenders for the American league pennant, begin this afternoon.