

TAFT PROGRAM IS UNALTERED

He is so Reported to Have Told Callers—Has Begun Work on Special Message to Congress.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND TRUSTS ITS SUBJECT

Idea as to Federal License for Corporations Will Also Be Brought Forward, It Is Said.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Taft today began the preparation of his first special message to congress. The message will deal with amendments which he believes necessary in the interstate commerce and Sherman anti-trust acts.

READ ADMIRAL KIMBALL VISITS NEW PRESIDENT

Says His Call on Madrid Is Merely Private—Millions of Graft May Be Restored.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral William Wirt Kimball, in command of the American warships at Corinto, accompanied by George T. Weisler, secretary of the American legation at Panama, and two naval aides, arrived at Managua yesterday to pay an official call upon President Madrid.

NIGHT OF INSANITY STRIKES HIM SUDDENLY

Freight Traffic Expert, High Reading Official, Becomes Violent and Is Locked Up.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Bernard H. Ball, second vice president of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, became violently insane in his office today, and after a struggle was removed to a hospital for the insane.

MAN WHO SHOT HIS MOTHER IS HOLDING POSSE AT BAY

Killing Followed Quarrel About Money, and the Woman Will Probably Die.

Memphis, Dec. 23.—James F. Roach, who shot and probably fatally wounded his mother, Mrs. Sallie Miller, following a quarrel over money matters, this morning held a sheriff's posse at bay, hiding, well armed, in a little dwelling house.

Another Broken Rail Accident

Camden, N. J., Dec. 23.—Fifteen persons were injured by the overturning of two passenger coaches on the West Jersey Seashore railroad, near Penn's Grove, today. The accident was due to a broken rail.

THE WEATHER

Forecast until 3 p. m. Wednesday for Asheville and vicinity: Continued fair weather tonight and Wednesday.

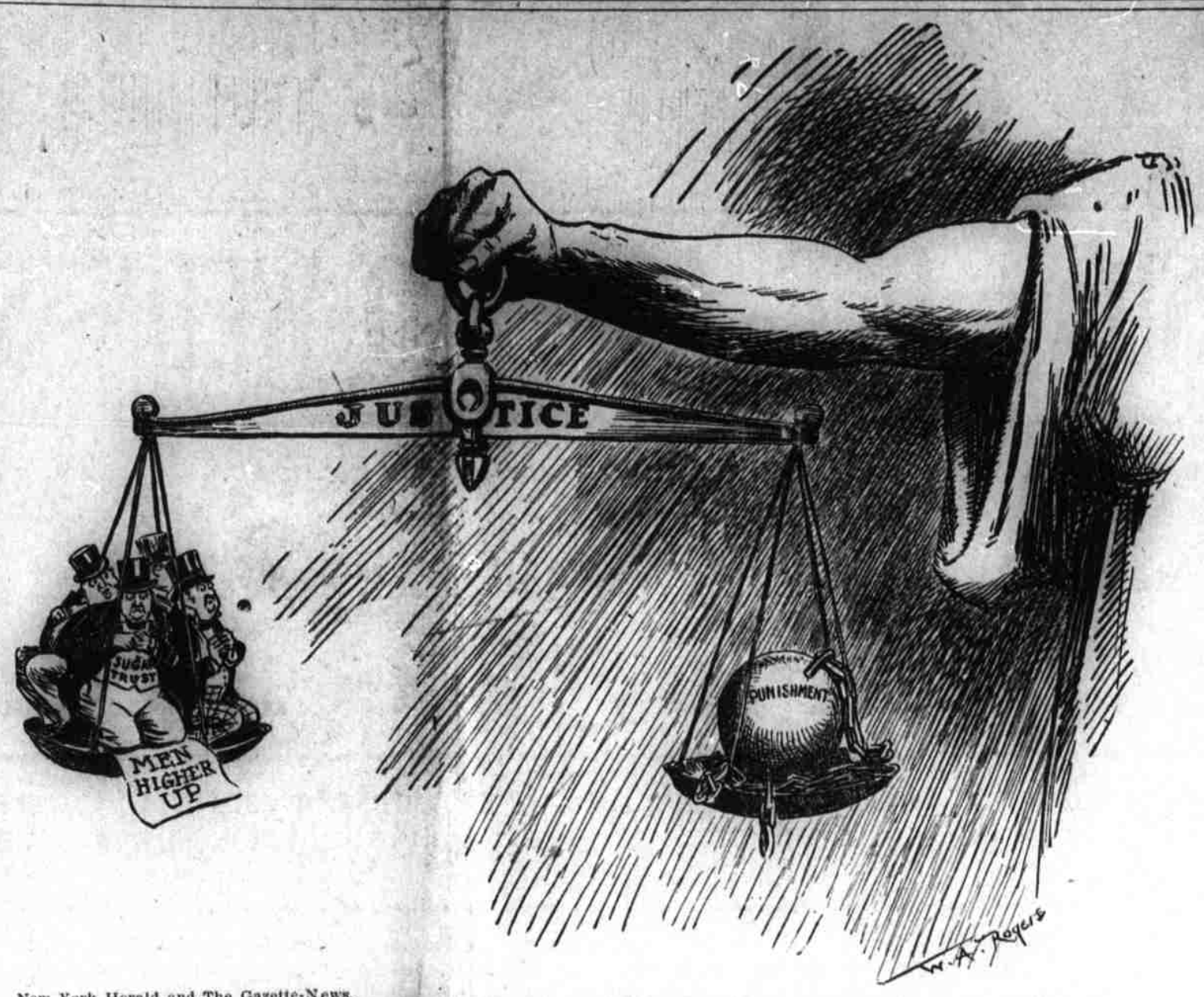
WAS VERY CAREFUL OF WIFE'S HEALTH

Brokaw Says Telegrams of Inquiry Were Sent, Out of Solicitude.

New York, Dec. 23.—With the resumption of Mary Brokaw's case against W. Gould Brokaw, there was a promise of the introduction of more letters from the defendant, such as yesterday proved an evident source of embarrassment to Brokaw. In this correspondence reproaches, threats, accusations and expressions of affection were curiously intermingled.

He explains these by declaring his procedure was inspired by solicitude for his wife's health. Why They Broke the Door. Brokaw was questioned sharply about his going down the door of his wife's bed room in her Great Neck home. It was Secretary Byford who forced door, Brokaw testified. Before resorting to force, they rapped repeatedly, without eliciting a response, and the husband feared something had happened to Mrs. Brokaw.

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New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

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KILLS HIS WIFE; COMMITTS SUICIDE

Seriously Injures Mother-in-Law—Macon Man, Sobering up, Becomes Maniac.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 23.—Despondent and in an ugly mood, following excessive intoxication, Edward B. Alford last night shot and instantly killed his wife, seriously injuring his mother-in-law, Mrs. Martha Exum, then turned the pistol on himself, firing one bullet into his right temple and another into his right lung, inflicting injuries which will result in his death.

HE WANTS ZELAYA TO FIGHT A DUEL

Nicaraguan Exile Sends Peppery Telegram to the Man Who Exiled Him.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Dr. Marcose Velazquez, now in Washington, has wired former President Zelaya at Mexico City, reciting the latter's shameful career in Nicaragua and inviting him to the border line of the United States to fight a duel. Velazquez was exiled by Zelaya nine years ago.

CARNEGIE SLIPS DOWN ON THE ICY PAVEMENT

Injured Left Knee, and Could not Attend Dinner Party—Feels Better Today.

New York, Dec. 23.—Andrew Carnegie, who suffered a bad fall on the icy pavement, while walking through Central park yesterday, is much improved this morning. In the fall his left knee was injured.

Jersey Towns Vote on Consolidation

New York, Dec. 23.—Following an agitation extending over a period of several years, a half dozen of the flourishing towns lying on the New Jersey side of the Hudson opposite the upper end of Manhattan are engaged in a special election today to decide upon the adoption or rejection of a plan to consolidate. The list includes the towns of West Hoboken, Guttenberg, Union Hill and West New York, and the townships of West Bergen and Weehawken.

STEAMER WAS ON FIRE; PASSENGERS KNEW IT NOT

Flames in Celtic's Hold from Wednesday Until Yesterday, When She Reached Port.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Fire was discovered in the hold of the White Star liner Celtic Wednesday, when the vessel was four days out from New York. When the liner arrived here yesterday the fire was still burning, but its presence was unknown to the 400 passengers.

LOOKS FAVORABLE FOR A. & E. T. ROAD

It is Reported That Early Completion of Line to Galax May Be Expected.

Interesting to the people of Asheville and the north Buncombe section is the report current here that an early completion of the Asheville & East Tennessee railroad from Weaver-ville on to the forks of Ivy and thence through to Galax to connect with the C. C. & O. may be expected. The report has it that capitalists in New York have interested themselves in the A. & E. T., and are ready to furnish the necessary money to complete the road.

LIVES OF 7 CHILDREN ARE LOST IN FLAMES

Three Other Persons Were Perhaps Fatally Injured—All of the Victims Foreigners.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 23.—Seven children, ranging in age from two to twelve years, were burned to death and three persons perhaps fatally injured late last night, when a fire followed by the explosion of powder destroyed the home of Steven Bronosky, a miner, at Sykesville, Pa. All the victims were foreigners.

PHILIP GRIFFITH NOMINATED AS DEARMON'S SUCCESSOR

He Is Republican Candidate, to Oppose C. C. Dickinson, Democrat.

WOMAN'S BODY IS FOUND; POLICE SEARCH FOR NEGRO

Man Had Triled to Enter Her Home, and Was Driven Away by Her With a Gun.

Denver, Dec. 23.—The body of Mrs. Belle Rupp, wife of a railroad employe, was found in the Platte river today. The head was crushed.

WEIGH FOOTBALL IN THE BALANCES

Future of the Game in America Will Be Decided by Intercollegiate Association.

New York, Dec. 23.—The future of American football will be shaped at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic association of the United States, which began its sessions today. The attitude of the leading colleges throughout the country is already shown by a canvass. Fifty institutions favor retention of the rules of the game, with such changes as would eliminate mass or limbo. The institutions of the opinion that the rules of play are satisfactory, perhaps, in minor details, but that plays of an unusually dangerous character to life and limb should be eliminated, number seven. Seventeen believe that the game should be superseded by Rugby or by association, "soccer," the English call it.

REFLECTED SUITOR MURDERED MAN WHO WEDDED THE GIRL

Tragedy Occurred Just After the Marriage, in a Remote Georgia Community.

TWO GEORGIANS ARE SHOT; PROBABLY FATALLY WOUNDED

They Were Attempting to Force An Entrance to the Home of Lexington, Ga., Man.

Tunnel Foreman Killed

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 23.—George T. Kinney, foreman of a tunnel construction company, was killed today by the ceiling falling upon him.

KNOX UNFAIR, ZELAYA THINKS

Deposed Nicaraguan President Tells His Troubles to Associated Press, on His Arrival in Mexico.

SAYS AN ENEMY OF HIS HAD SENT FALSE STORIES

No One Else, He Says, Would Have Acted Differently in the Matter of Execution of Cannon and Groce.

Santa Lucia, Mexico, Dec. 23.—The private car in which former President Zelaya is proceeding to Mexico city passed here today. Zelaya is accompanied by a number of his political associates, including the former secretary of war. Members of the party show considerable nervousness. They made uncomplimentary remarks about the American consul and vice consul at Managua. Just before taking train the party requested an introduction to the American consul at Salina Cruz, C. Ludlow Livingston.

Salina Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Declaring that the attitude of Secretary Knox toward him could not fall to be disapproved by all fair minded people and that he believed the secretary's judgment was warped by false reports of conditions in Nicaragua, made by an American vice-consul at Managua, former President Jose Santos Zelaya endeavored in an interview here to justify his treatment of the Americans, Cannon and Groce as an act which anyone in his position would have committed.

Zelaya departed from the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero yesterday afternoon and left last night for Mexico City in a private car attached to the regular passenger train due in that city Wednesday morning. Will Spend Six Months in Mexico.

"I am going to Mexico City to remain for six months," he said. "If the climate agrees with me I will send or go for my family. If it does not agree with me I will go to some place in Europe. I am going to Mexico City to thank President Diaz and the Mexican officials for their kindness to me." Zelaya was accompanied on his trip hither by Luis A. Cousin, his former secretary of war; Robert C. Bowe, his secretary and former jefe politico, and several friends.

Zelaya to the Associated Press. To a representative of The Associated Press whom he received on board the gunboat, Zelaya discussed the killing of Cannon and Groce, and the note of Secretary Knox. "Cannon and Groce," Zelaya declared, "were engaged by the conservative party and were brought from Guatemala by that party which was working hand in hand with Cabrera. As they never had any ground for accusing me of infringement of the treaty adopted by the Central American republics, they attempted to create a cause and began trying to instigate a mutiny and armed rebellion. In order to force the United States government to intervene. "As regards Cannon and Groce, no Continued on Page Four.

OBSTRUCTION PROGRAM OF HOUSE MINORITY

Clark Says They Will Fight Ship Subsidy and Oppose Appropriations.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The program of the democrats in the house this session is to keep down the amount of appropriations bills and vote against ship subsidy, says the minority leader, Champ Clark, of Missouri. "The house leaders are rushing everything to get appropriation measures through, and that subject and the ship subsidy proposition seem to be about the only two things to be taken up. "We're opposed to a ship subsidy bill. I favor a river and harbor bill. I look for the adjournment of congress in April, certainly by May."

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The police are searching for a negro, who tried to force his way into Mrs. Rupp's house, but ran away when she shot at him. Mrs. Rupp wanted to call the police and was not allowed to.