

FAVOR SPECIAL TARIFF MESSAGE

President Taft, It Is Alleged, Decides to Touch Lightly on Subject in General Document.

SMITH OF NEW JERSEY SAYS REVISION IS A SOLEMN DUTY

Leaders in Connecticut, With Whom President Will Discuss Message, Are Averse to Any Further Tariff Agitation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—It is the present purpose of President Taft to leave extended discussion of the tariff to a special message. Unless some strong argument is presented to change his views on this subject the president will probably dismiss the tariff in his general message with the statement that the tariff board is unable to make a full report upon any schedule at this time. It is likely that no argument will be advanced to change this plan.

Leaders of the republican party in congress with whom the president will discuss his message this week are averse to tariff agitation. They are willing to permit the democrats to attempt to make it their chief political work.

That the president will soon reach the writing of a special message on the tariff is regarded as improbable unless conditions change. The tariff board is in a maze and has discovered that a drawback exists to schedule revision in the fact that each schedule is interlocked with others. It is unlikely that they will be able to make a report of a definite character before the expiration of this congress.

The president's plan to touch lightly on the tariff in his general message is likely to meet with the approval of business, although it would, it is said here, go much faster under a definite statement as to revision at the opening of the new season.

That he may, if possible, complete his message by Wednesday night the president Sunday remained away from church and worked a part of the day upon his material. This he varied by two long automobile rides, the first taken before lunch and another with Mrs. Taft during the afternoon.

Calls Revision a Solemn Duty. Tariff and what to do about it continues to be the political question discussed by both parties. Mr. James Smith, Jr., of New Jersey, once a United States senator and again a candidate, who passed through Washington on his way south, declared revision of the tariff the most solemn duty of the democratic party.

"The tariff should receive early attention," Mr. Smith said earnestly. "The present law is generally considered as evidence of a party's breach of faith. A revision downward is expected, especially with reference to the necessities of life. To my mind that is the most solemn duty of the democratic party at the moment. But its duty is two fold—to the people and to the business interests of the country. That both may be well served, announcement should presently be made of a congressional plan in this regard. Business halts while tariffs are being made. In the interest, then, of the common welfare the democratic program should include a set purpose to proceed without delay to a downward revision of the tariff where needed and a resolute and speedy accomplishment of that purpose. Economy in the administration of federal affairs is also demanded. Put those affairs upon a business basis and handle them as carefully as we do our private affairs.

Urges Three Reforms. "The democratic party is about to be put to the test. I am hopeful of the outcome, but I would suggest that we approach the task in a spirit of general fairness. The people are protesting against burdens which are not uniformly borne. They complain of the high cost of living, of public extravagance and of the tariff. The present cost of living is due to many causes, to the tariff, to public extravagance and to abuse of corporate power. When these three causes are under proper control the cost of living will seek its natural level, for it will

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Twenty-six Days to Christmas, Don't Forget Grandma's Christmas Present.

TENNESSEE COPPER CO. WINS ITS CASE

United States Supreme Court Denies to Ladew and Associates Relief from Copper Fumes.

SOUGHT TO STOP OPERATION OF SMELTERS AT DUCKTOWN, TENN.

Damage to Timber Interests Was Alleged by the Complainants—Decision Is Not Final.

Washington, Nov. 29.—By affirming the decision of the lower court, the Supreme court of the United States denied J. Harvel Ladew and other capitalists of New York and West Virginia relief in federal courts from the alleged nuisance caused by the operation of the smelters of the Tennessee Copper company in Tennessee.

Ladew and his associates own large timber interests aggregating in all 24,000 acres in Franklin, Gilmer and Pickens counties, Georgia. Just across the line in Tennessee are the smelters of the Tennessee Copper company and other companies. The sulphurous fumes it is claimed, have been ruining the timber belonging to Ladew and his associates in Georgia.

State May Ask for Injunction. Several years ago the state of Georgia started proceedings to stop the alleged destruction. The last step taken by Georgia resulted in an injunction from the Supreme court of the United States that it would issue an injunction upon the request of the state for the abatement of the alleged nuisance. This application was not made and Ladew and his associates began the fight as individuals for an injunction.

The Circuit court of the United States for the Eastern district of Tennessee dismissed the petition for an injunction on the ground that the action for the abatement of a nuisance was not a suit of a local nature to enforce a claim against real estate, and as neither of the parties were domiciled within the district the court had no jurisdiction. From this decision an appeal was taken to the Supreme court. The court today approved the findings of the lower court.

Company Makes \$1,000,000 a Year Out of "Waste" Fumes. In connection with the litigation over the destruction of timber due to the sulphurous fumes from the Tennessee Copper company's Duckytown plant it is interesting to note that the company is now using the fumes for the manufacture of sulphuric acid. For years these fumes have been going to waste and destroying vegetable life. About a year ago the company decided to install a sulphuric acid plant at a cost of about \$1,000,000 and this plant has only been in operation for about a year. The annual report of the company issued only a few weeks ago shows that during the past year it actually \$1,000,000, and of this amount \$600,000 was profit from the manufacture of sulphuric acid.

With the great demand for sulphuric acid in the manufacture of commercial fertilizer, the copper company has a nice source of revenue as by product besides saving the vegetation in the nearby country. It takes practically a ton of sulphuric acid to dissolve a ton of phosphate rock, forming a compound that is easily assimilated by plant life. The nearness of the acid plant to the phosphate beds of Georgia and Florida makes this a very attractive project.

Capt. Scott Goes After South Pole. British Expedition Gradually Working South—Hopes to Reach Pole by December, 1911.

Christ Church, New Zealand, Nov. 29.—The ship Terra Nova, bearing the British south polar expedition, commanded by Captain Robert F. Scott, sailed from Port Chalmers for the Antarctic today. The Terra Nova sailed from London June 1, gradually working her way south. Capt. Scott joined the vessel in New Zealand, and hopes to reach the south pole in December, 1911.

Jonathan Dwight Dead. New York, Nov. 29.—Jonathan Dwight, a retired engineer and railroad builder, died today, aged 80.

Searching Investigation Will be Made Into Cause of the Newark, N. J., Fire



SCENE AT THE FATAL FACTORY FIRE, NEWARK, N. J.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 29.—Another victim, Miss Anna Haag, is added to the casualties in the High street factory fire, Miss Haag, who jumped from the fourth story when cut off by fire and smoke, died this morning, bringing the list of dead to 24.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 29.—"If I find any city or state official guilty of negligence in the inspection of this building," said County Prosecutor Mott as he stood by the ruins of the factory in which 23 girls lost their lives by fire last Saturday, "there will be the bitterest word of prosecution."

"I do not mean to imply," he continued, "that I have before me any evidence of criminal negligence, but I do mean that the investigation which begins today shall be in earnest. My view is that it ought to take the form of some sort of public hearing and I think a coroner's jury will be the most effective instrument."

Accordingly a coroner's jury was sworn in, the first of its kind that has sat here in twenty years. There will be separate inquiries by the grand jury, the state labor department and the city building department.

The destroyed building was the property of Miss Barbara Glass, who has issued a statement declaring that the structure was adequately equipped with fire escapes.

Funerals of many of the victims were held today. That of Dora, Minnie and Tillie Gottlieb, three sisters, was particularly pathetic.

Many of the girls and women killed were supporting their families in whole or in part. One woman left a blind daughter almost penniless and there is much actual want in other households. A relief fund started yesterday has now reached \$2,000.

General Lewis T. Bryant, state commissioner of labor, yesterday made an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the fire at 216 High street, Newark, last Saturday in which 24 persons lost their lives.

At the conclusion of his investigation, General Bryant issued a statement absolving the owners from any guilt.

SEE 85 WOMEN AT DES MOINES BARS

Citizens' Committees Watch Saloons and Report 12,245 Seeking Drinks in Two Hours.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 29.—Eighty-five women entered saloons here Saturday night and drank at the bar, according to figures furnished by committees from the Citizens' association, which is fighting the consent petitions now being circulated by the liquor men.

Ninety-five of the 103 saloons were watched by committees appointed by the association to ascertain the number that entered saloons on a given night. According to the report compiled and read in every church in Des Moines Sunday morning, 12,245 entered saloons between 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock, the closing time. At 8 o'clock there were 690 men in saloons and during the two hours following 12,245 men entered.

The committees asserted that 129 who apparently were minors were seen in the saloons, and that 693 intoxicated men were counted. Of the total number, 2650 were poorly dressed.

The committees declare bartenders did not hesitate to serve women who ordered their drinks at the bar or carried beer away with them in buckets. The move was a part of a whirlwind campaign to drive the saloons from the city.

Hunting Season in Massachusetts Ends—Deer Browsed in Pasture With Cattle.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 29.—Tamer than they have been for years, more than one thousand deer were killed, it is estimated, in the state during the season, which closed Saturday night. In several instances sportsmen failed to get their game, because it was browsing in pastures with cattle and could not be killed safely.

One sportsman from Athol was approached by a deer, which rubbed its nose against the barrel of the stalker's gun. The deer was permitted to go its way.

The open season was not attended by any fatalities, and so far as known only four persons were injured. In one instance a sportsman shot himself in the foot and in another a gun barrel exploded.

It is expected that dead deer will be found in the woods in the five western counties for weeks, as hundreds of the wounded animals escaped. Strong opposition is likely to develop to a further trial of the open season and the protests of the farming element, which is strong in the legislature, will be supported by prominent men and women in the cities.

PRESIDENT SAYS THAT ESTIMATE MUST BE CUT

Tells Cabinet That Draft at Present Will not Do—Must Make Further and Deeper Cuts.

Washington, Nov. 29.—President Taft today informed the cabinet officers, after scrutinizing the final draft of estimates of various government departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1911, that there must be a further and deeper cut in them; that they would not do in their present form.

LANDING STAGE IS SWEEPED OUT TO SEA

Sudden Tempest in Caspian Sea Carries Away Structure and Drags 300 Workers to Death.

THE STORM WAS SO VIOLENT ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE FUTILE

Scores of Ships With Crews Aboard Reported Sunk—Hundreds of People Sought Safety in Hay Stacks.

Astrakhan, Russia, Nov. 29.—During a sudden tempest in the Caspian sea the landing stage, bearing 300 persons dock workers was dragged from its moorings and swept out to sea. The storm was so violent that attempts at rescue were futile. All hope that any will be saved is abandoned.

Scores of Ships Sunk. Scores of ships, several with crews aboard, were sunk at their moorings at different Caspian coast towns. Several towns along the coast are flooded. The inhabitants in hundreds of cases were forced to take refuge in hay stacks. The sufferers' plight is pitiable. Intense cold added to the general misery. A number of steamers have been sent to aid the sufferers.

WOMAN HAS CHARGE OF WIRELESS ROOM

Miss Packer, 22 Years of Age, Bears Distinction of Being First Woman Wireless Operator.

New York, Nov. 29.—On the Clyde liner, Mohawk, sailing today for Charleston and Jacksonville, the first woman telegraph operator ever bearing the responsibility of this position on an ocean liner, has charge of the wireless room. She is Miss Graymilla Packer of Jacksonville.

Miss Packer is 22 years old and was previously manager of the telegraph office at Sanford, Fla.

SUICIDE OF A WIDOW IS STOPPED BY PHONE LEAK

Mrs. Handman Overheard Telling a Friend She Intended Suiciding—Police Interfere in Time.

New York, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Anna Handman, thirty-six years old, a widow with six children living at No. 8,655 Twenty-first avenue, Bay Ridge, was arrested Saturday night on a charge of attempted suicide soon after she had been overheard making a statement on a telephone in a Bay Ridge drug store that she had determined to kill herself.

Mrs. Handman had a dispute Friday with a relative over money matters, and in the evening she left her home and went to Fanning's drug store, at Twenty-first avenue and Eighty-sixth street.

Her conversation with a person believed to be in Manhattan was overheard by the drug store's wife, who was startled when she heard the woman at the telephone declare to the person at the other end of the line that she would return to her home and commit suicide.

As Mr. Handman walked out of the drug store Mrs. Fanning ran to the telephone and called up police headquarters and related to the officer what she had overheard. The police of the Bath Beach station and the ambulance surgeon at the Coney Island Reception Hospital were in turn notified and were directed to No. 8,625 Twenty-first avenue, which Mrs. Fanning had given as the address of Mrs. Handman.

Policemen and an ambulance reached Twenty-first avenue about the same time and an investigation was started. At the address given by the druggist's wife everything was found all right, so the police visited adjoining houses and asked questions. In this first investigation they called at Mrs. Handman's house, but were assured by a maid that her mistress was safe and well.

The police were about to abandon the case when one decided to call police headquarters again to get more light on the report. He was ordered to make another investigation. The second time the police visited Mrs. Handman's house the maid offered to convince the police and ambulance surgeon that all was well by calling Mrs. Handman.

No response came to the girl's call, so she went to the second floor and began a search which revealed Mrs. Handman in the bathroom holding in her mouth a rubber tube, one end of which was attached to an open gas burner. Mrs. Handman was partly unconscious when found.

The police and ambulance surgeon Greenwald rushed upstairs when they heard the maid's cries. Dr. Greenwald quickly revived the woman. Then the police took her to the Bath Beach station and held her on a charge of attempted suicide.

FOUGHT AT THE GATES OF CITY

Insurgents and Loyal Mexican Troops Engage in Sharp Skirmish—Slain Insurgents Are Shown as Object Lesson.

UNITED STATES CAVALRY STATIONED ALONG BORDER

Passengers Out of Mexico Say There Is Heavy Movement of Troops North—Madero Safe and Uninjured.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Nov. 29.—A sharp skirmish lasting three hours was fought yesterday between government troops under General Navarro and 300 insurgents at the very gates of the city. The insurgents lost seven killed, their bodies having been brought here and laid out at police headquarters as an object lesson to disturbers of the peace. The government lost one killed and seven wounded.

Cavalry Along Border. Douglas, Arizona, Nov. 29.—For the first time since the Indian campaign resulting in the capture of the Apache Indian chief Geronimo, United States cavalry squadrons are stationed on the border here. Two troops of the eighth cavalry under Lieutenant Powers made a rapid trip from Hereford, arriving here yesterday.

Brigadier General Thomas, with his aides, Lieutenant Cox and Lieutenant Collins left here today for a conference with General Torres of the Mexican army at Naco.

Passengers out of Mexico say there is a heavy movement of troops towards northern Sonora and Chihuahua, indicating that the Mexican government is striving to concentrate its forces to surround Madero's army of Monclova. Passengers arriving from Guaymas, Mexico, report a small uprising of Yaqui Indians at Bacum, on the Yaqui river. In a skirmish three days ago, three Yaquis were killed and one was wounded. Advice from Chihuahua says that one battalion of the 20th Infantry has arrived from Mexico City. This battalion numbers 500 men, with artillery and machine guns. These troops have taken the place of regular troops of the 12th battalion and 13th cavalry which have gone on a campaign against Madero. Revolutionists have taken a stand at Ferdenales, where a combat is expected with government troops sent out by Jefe Politico Zea.

Madero Safe and Uninjured. San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 29.—That Francisco I. Madero is safe and uninjured is the news brought to his family by a courier who comes direct from him.

The messenger says that Madero is at present gathering his forces in the Laguna district near Lerda and Parral. Madero was not wounded at any time, says the envoy, and is constantly gathering allies to his standard.

As far as the confiscation of the Madero estates is concerned the courier states Madero is not much concerned since the bulk of his interests are in the hands of friendly Americans.

American Officials Threatened. Laredo, Texas, Nov. 29.—According to reports received here on both sides of the border, everything is quiet. The Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, postal and customs authorities seized 300 pistols there. These weapons, which came by mail, were returned to this country today as prohibited importations into the republic of Mexico.

A prominent American official of this district received an anonymous letter, written in Spanish, stating that if he did not desist in his efforts in behalf of the Mexican government he would be killed.

The company of state rangers which has been camped at Minerva, Texas, for the past five days, returned to Laredo yesterday afternoon.

HONDURAS PORTS TAKEN BY REVOLUTION LEADER

San Juan, Del Sur, Nicaragua, Nov. 29.—Advices from Tegucigalpa state that the Atlantic ports of Honduras and the department of Comayagua were captured by revolutionists under former President Bonilla's leadership. The government forces have been sent to retake the territory.

Mrs. Hay Gives Yale \$5000. New Haven, Nov. 29.—Mrs. John Hay, widow of late secretary of state, has donated \$5000 for establishing memorial rooms in the new Wright memorial dormitory at Yale university, in memory of her son, Adolphus S. Hay, who was killed by falling from New Haven house window several years ago.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity—Fair, continued cold tonight and Wednesday. For North Carolina—Fair tonight, cold in east portion. Wind, S.W.

Bomb Explodes in New York; Serious Damage

New York, Nov. 29.—A bomb explosion early this morning shook up one of the most populated blocks in New York. The explosion did extensive damage and created a panic in the neighborhood. The bomb exploded in the doorway of Bella Trinitaria saloon in the heart of a Sicilian settlement in Elizabeth street. It wrecked the saloon, hurled steppers in adjacent tenements from their beds and cracked windows for blocks around.

Fortner Takes Two Years in Prison. Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 29.—M. Dwight Fortner of St. Louis under two years sentence for forging a name to a \$12,000 check, appeared in court, dismissed his appeal and went to the penitentiary. Fortner was arrested in Paris after a chase through Central America.

Nebraska's Population Is 1,192,214. Washington, Nov. 29.—The population of Nebraska is 1,192,214, according to the 13th census, an increase of 125,814 over 1900. The population of Maryland is 1,294,450, increase of 164,400. The population of Duluth, Minn., is 78,468, increase of 25,497.