

EARLY ACTION ON RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT URGED IN MESSAGE

President Asks This in "Deference to Popular Sentiment and as Duty to the Great Masses of the American People."

MENTIONS NAUGHT ELSE IN HIS BRIEF DOCUMENT

Points Out in General, Advantages Which Are Expected to Result—Says It Has Met With Widespread Approval.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President Taft today transmitted to congress a message urging early action on the reciprocity agreement with Canada.

To the Senate and House of Representatives: I transmitted to the sixty-first congress on January 26 last, the text of the reciprocal trade agreement which had been negotiated under my direction by the secretary of state with the representatives of the Dominion of Canada.

The agreement in its intent and its terms was purely economic and commercial. While the general subject was under discussion by the cabinet, I felt assured that the sentiment of the people of the United States was such that they would welcome a measure which would result in the increase of trade on both sides of the boundary line, would open up the reserve productive resources of Canada to the great mass of our own consumers on advantageous conditions, and at the same time offer a broader outlet for the excess products of our farms and many of our industries.

Passed by the House. The house of representatives of the sixty-first congress, after the full text of the arrangement with all the details in regard to the different provisions had been before it, as they were before the American people, passed a bill confirming the agreement as negotiated and as transmitted to congress. This measure failed of action in the senate.

WEALTHY WOMAN'S DEATH IS TO BE INVESTIGATED

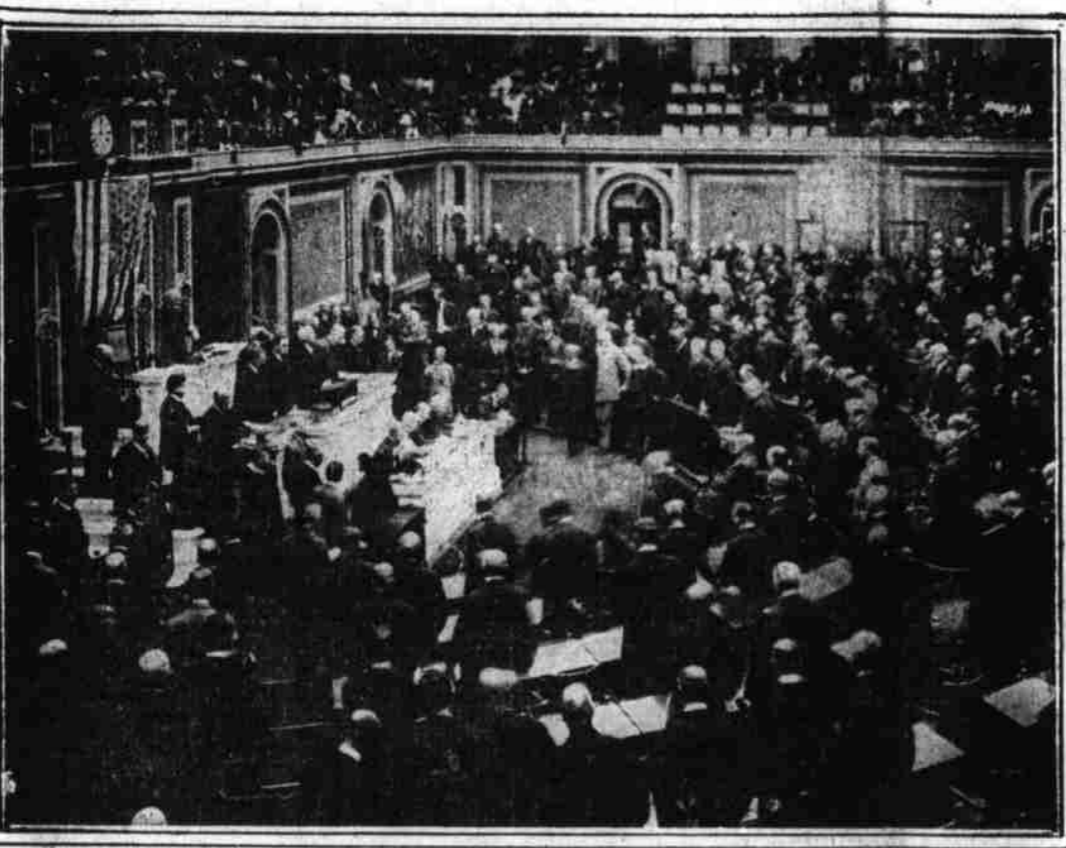
Relatives of Miss Earle Are not Satisfied With Coroner's Jury Verdict of Suicide.

Pennacola, Fla., April 5.—Despite the coroner's jury verdict that Miss Laura H. Earle, a former Philadelphia, wealthy, met death by her own hand, the young woman's relatives will demand a searching investigation.

Members of her family are expected here this week. The woman was found dead in her winter cottage on the bayou near here Saturday. There was a bullet wound in her head and a revolver lay nearby the body.

Elected President of Panama Exposition Company.

San Francisco, April 5.—Charles C. Moore is unanimously elected president of the Panama Pacific International Exposition company. He is president of a civil engineering firm.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT PRAYER IN OPENING SESSION OF CONGRESS

HAS NICE PLUMS TO GIVE FRIENDS

Harrison Says He Proposes to Give Chicago Democratic Administration—Party Is in Control.

Chicago, April 5.—"I propose to give Chicago a democratic administration," said Mayor-elect Carter H. Harrison, after the returns of yesterday's election were all in showing him a victor over the republican nominee. While the democrats made a gain in the city count and will have a majority of 12 instead of six as during last year, it is said that republican organization committees, which have been the custom for 15 years, will prevail. The council will stand 41 democrats and 23 republicans. Mayor-elect Harrison is an advocate of non-partisan organization of council.

Mr. Harrison will have the appointment of about 50 heads of departments exempt from civil service. The salaries of these positions each range from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually. The mayor announces that he will follow the policy he has followed in previous administrations by appointing personal friends to choice positions.

It was the fifth time Harrison has been given the office and his plurality in the neighborhood of 18,000. Chas. E. Merriam, his republican opponent, conceded the election two and a half hours after the polls closed. Scrutiny of the returns by ward and precinct shows that Prof. Merriam got nearly seven per cent fewer votes than Fred Huse, republican, had four years ago, while Harrison ran over 17 per cent of the figures attained by E. F. Dunne, at that time. The vote reached above 340,000, which is approximately 25,000 more than the record at the last previous majority contest. In spite of this, both sides agreed that Merriam lost through failure of the "silk stocking" ward to show the strength that had been expected from them in favor of Merriam.

TREASURER OF CAMORRA ENTERS GENERAL DENIAL

Calls Attention to Discrepancies in Informer's Testimony—Tries to Impress the Jury.

Viterbo, Italy, April 5.—One of the most interesting characters in the Camorra, Giovanni Rapi, supposed to be treasurer, was heard in his own defense when the assizes court opened today. Questioned by President Bianchi, he made a general denial of complicity in the murder of Cuocoletto, called attention to discrepancies in the testimony of Genaro Abbatemaggio, the informer, and sought to impress the jury by the assertion that having escaped from the court's jurisdiction he "voluntarily" returned to stand trial.

Says Funk Told Him of "Stush" Fund

Springfield, Ill., April 5.—H. H. Kohman today told the senate bribery investigating committee that Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, was the man who informed Kohman that a "stush" fund of \$100,000 was to be used to elect Governor

BRYAN LINES UP THE PROGRESSIVES

They Want a Steering Committee to Name Democratic Committee Assignments in Senate.

Washington, April 5.—As the result of the visit of W. J. Bryan to Washington, progressive democrats in the senate, it is said, have formed a coalition which promises to be almost as effective as the insurgent organization on the republican side.

Already progressive democrats have had two or three in the senate and have gone far toward preparation of a program which it is understood will include approval of the Arizona constitution, with the initiative and referendum and recall provisions. As a class the progressives oppose the selection of Senator Martin of Virginia as minority leader. If they ultimately consent they say it must be with the understanding that democratic assignments to committees must be made by a steering committee and not by the Virginia senator.

WELL KNOWN ENGINEER OF SOUTHERN IS KILLED

Thomas S. Anderson of Alabama Run Over by Truck in Washington, Dying Shortly Afterwards.

Washington, April 5.—Thomas Anderson, aged 47, of Fuscumbia, Ala., one of the best known engineers on the Southern railway, was run over this morning by an automobile truck, dying soon afterwards at a local hospital.

Mr. Anderson was on his way to an executive meeting of engineers when struck by the wagon. The front wheel of the machine passed over his neck; three ribs were broken, and one of his lungs was punctured. An inquest to place the responsibility for Anderson's death will be held tomorrow.

TROLLEY CAR IS HELD UP; 30 PASSENGERS ROBBED

Two Men, Who Did the Trick, Get Much Money and Valuables, and Make Safe Getaway.

Los Angeles, April 5.—An incoming Glendale interurban car was held up last night by two men who robbed 30 passengers of much money and valuables. The passengers after being robbed were ordered to leave the car and the motorman was forced to run the car a mile into the city, where the robbers left it.

Hard Times Meet New York City Lawyers

New York, April 5.—Hard times have met many lawyers in New York city, according to the Lawyers' association committee, which has dropped 485 members for non-payment of their annual \$100 dues.

AN AMERICAN SHOT DOWN ON HIS RANCH

Dr. Craichfield, an Explorer, Ambushed in Mexico—Probably Fatal Injury.

Washington, April 5.—George Craichfield, an American, was shot from ambush at his ranch near Tuxtla, Mexico, and probably fatally wounded according to a telegram received yesterday by the state department from United States Consul Miller at Tuxtla. The department immediately ordered the consul to make a thorough investigation of the shooting. It is not known here by whom the shooting was done.

Wealthy Explorer.

New York, April 5.—Mr. Craichfield is well known in New Jersey, where he recently was a candidate for congress on the republican ticket and is reported to be a millionaire. He left for Mexico about two months ago when he heard that the revolutionary troubles had spread to the vicinity of the asphalt lakes' mine and Chile forests in which he was interested. It is believed that his efforts to protect his property brought about the attack.

As a mining engineer Mr. Craichfield was one of the first to go to Central America. His name and fame as an explorer and a stubborn fighter for his rights are known from the Rio Grande to the Equator. It was he who organized the Venezuela Asphalt company in 1903 and bought an asphalt lake from President Castro.

Heretofore of the agreement of Castro to impose a tax on the exportation of asphalt provided the company built a railroad from the lake to the sea prompted an international controversy which at one time threatened to call for armed force.

After expelling Castro the Venezuelan government finally paid the company \$450,000 in settlement of a two million dollar claim. This was by no means satisfactory to Mr. Craichfield and he voiced his disapproval in writing a book dealing with conditions in Central and South America.

WILL DEVOTE TIME TO LIVE STOCK GROWING

Southern Railway Company Has Selected F. L. Word to Give His Time to This Business.

Special to The Gazette-News. Washington, April 5.—In pursuance of the policy of the Southern Railway company to encourage the growing of live stock in the territory traversed by its lines, the appointment of F. L. Word to the position of live stock agent of that company will soon be made.

Mr. Word is to devote his entire time to the encouragement of live stock growing in agricultural communities along the lines of the company, to the dissemination of information relative to markets and facilities for shipment and to developing the business of shipping cattle into those localities along the lines of the company where they can be most advantageously fed for market. He is also to give attention to the matter of facilities for feeding live stock in transit.

NO PROGRAM IS YET READY

Underwood Thinks That no Tariff Legislation or Method of Procedure Will Be Decided upon for Several Days.

SAYS HE WILL INTRODUCE A RECIPROCITY MEASURE

Similar to Former One—Will Not Say When—Committee to Control Appointment of Employees Named.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Following a meeting today of the democratic members of the house ways and means committee, Chairman Underwood expressed the belief no tariff legislation or method of procedure will be laid before the house for several days.

The work of organization of the house delayed decision upon a tariff program and the committee did not decide at its meeting today what plan will be followed.

Mr. Underwood will introduce a Canadian reciprocity bill which will conform in essential particulars to the agreement submitted to congress last session by the president as a result of the Canadian negotiation. Chairman Underwood would not say when the bill will be introduced or whether it will be free from amendments containing tariff revision legislation. A committee to control the appointment of employees of the house is named as follows: James T. Lloyd of Missouri, chairman; Benjamin G. Humphreys of Mississippi and Martin D. Foster of Illinois.

SCHOOLS TO LOSE \$400,000 IN TAX?

Defect Again Alleged in Act—Argument Will Be Heard by Judge Daniels Tonight.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, Raleigh, April 5.

The question of a mandamus against the state treasurer to require him to call on the counties for \$1.25 poll tax along with \$1.45 property tax fixed by the last legislature in the revenue act, instead of \$1.29 poll tax, that the act contains property tax of only \$1.57 that could then be levied in observing the constitutional provision, will be argued tonight at Greensboro before Judge Daniels of Superior court by Attorney General Bickett and other counsel in a friendly suit to settle a defect in the act that threatens to deprive the public school fund of over \$400,000 during the next two years.

A similar defect in 1907 elicited a ruling from the Supreme court that the act was void and that the old act must apply. Clark and Douglas dissented. The new hope to save this increased revenue to the schools is that a majority of the court this time will sustain the dissenting opinions of Clark and Douglas before. If the court holds the new provision void, the tax rates this year and next will be \$1.29 poll and \$1.43 property, instead of \$1.25 and \$1.45, poll and property, respectively, as the recent legislature intended.

REVERSES ITS ATTITUDE ON PROHIBITION ISSUE

Decides to Let Large Hotels Serve Liquor to Guests, and Drug Stores Sell It in Bottles.

Colorado Springs, Col., April 5.—Colorado Springs yesterday reversed its attitude on prohibition.

By a majority of 922 out of a total vote of 9518 the town decided upon a plan of restricted liquor selling, permitting hotels of 75 rooms or more to serve their guests, and allowing drug stores to handle bottled goods.

Hon. Henry B. Lovering of Massachusetts Dies.

Boston, April 5.—Former Representative Henry B. Lovering, democrat, of the sixth Massachusetts district, died today. Mr. Lovering was born in Portsmouth in 1841. He served in the civil war, and lost his left leg in the battle of Winchester.

Municipal Elections in Idaho.

Boise, Idaho, April 5.—The republicans yesterday elected a mayor of Boise by 275 majority over the democratic candidate. He is also to give attention to the matter of facilities for feeding live stock in transit.

SHARP FIGHT TO BE MADE

FRANK DICKEY IS APPOINTED AS POSTMASTER AT MURPHY

Spirited Factional Fight Over Office Which Led to Embarrassment For Mr. Grant.

Gazette-News Bureau, Hotel Hamilton, Washington April 5. Frank Dickey has been appointed postmaster at Murphy at the instance of former Congressman Grant. There was a spirited factional contest over the office, and Grant was embarrassed in having to make a choice between friends.

BELIEVED FRANK CARTER WILL BE GIVEN JUDGESHIP

Strong Pressure on Governor—Endorsements for Judges Jones, Merrimon; A. S. Barnard, J. C. Martin.

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Strong pressure is being brought on Governor Kitchin for Frank Carter's appointment as judge. He has endorsements also for Judge T. A. Jones, A. S. Barnard, Judge Merrimon and J. C. Martin. It is believed here that Carter will get the job, although Jones has a good chance. It is understood that Judge J. D. Murphy is a receptive candidate. The appointment will likely be made before Saturday.

THE YELLOW FLAG FLIES FROM SHIP'S FORECAST

Verona's 800 Passengers Will Be Detained at Delaware Breakwater for Observation.

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Philadelphia, April 5.—With the yellow flag flying from her forecast signaling that the vessel is under quarantine, the steamship Verona, on which snuffbox was discovered on arrival in American waters from Genoa and Naples is waiting with steam up to proceed to Delaware breakwater, 90 miles below Philadelphia, where nearly 800 passengers will be detained at the government hospital for observation.

It is planned to detain for ten days those who cannot show that they were successfully vaccinated.

WIND AND HAIL STORM IN SOUTHWEST TEXAS

Damage Offset by Benefit of Heavy Rain to Crops—Three Hundred Goats Killed by Hail.

San Antonio, Tex., April 5.—A wind and hail storm played havoc in the extreme southwestern portion of the state yesterday, according to dispatches received here this morning. The damage to property is offset by the benefit growing crops will derive from the heavy rainfall.

On Will ranch, nine miles east of Brackett, 300 goats were killed by hail. In Kendall county the storm reached the proportions of a tornado, demolishing three buildings.

THE NEW ANGLIO-JAPANESE COMMERCIAL TREATY RATIFIED

Provides for Reduction in Rates of New Japanese Tariff on Principal Textiles and Metals.

London, April 5.—The new Anglo-Japanese commercial treaty, ratified at Tokyo today, provides for reductions in the rates of the New Japanese tariff on the chief British textile and metal imports in Japan.

On Gray cotton tissues the duties is reduced from one-third to one-fourth; on the most important tissues, pure wool and cotton mixed and linen yarns, the reduction of one-fifth is made. Still Too Rough for Target Practice. On Board the U. S. S. Dolphin, off Virginia Capes, April 5.—Facing a brisk gale and a heavy sea the Atlantic fleet is again confronted with conditions prohibiting target practice. In a gale yesterday the battleship Rhode Island lost two of her anchors

Republicans Serve Notice—The House Takes up Adoption of New Rules—Plea of the Insurgents Denied.

ONLY ONE SUBSTITUTE SET OF RULES TO BE OFFERED

Comparatively Few Changes—Senate Holds Brief Session, Following Policy of Working Time, Awaiting House.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The special rule is adopted by a vote of 198 to 135. Chairman Henry of the rules committee opened debate upon the proposed new rules.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President Taft's message was the chief feature in the two houses of congress today. It was short, and dealt only with Canadian reciprocity. Reciprocity having failed at the regular session, the president stated that he felt under international obligations to call the new congress into extraordinary session to further consider the matter. Mr. Taft in strong terms urged ratification of the agreement.

The senate, following its purpose to mark time and wait for the policy of the house democrats to develop, adjourned soon after listening to the message.

An Important Day. The house had an important day ahead. The new democratic rules came up for adoption, following the disposal of the president's message. The republicans served notice of a sharp fight against the proposed rules. The republicans' principal fight centers about the action of the democrats in increasing the size of various committees without increasing the minority representation thereof. While the democrats eventually will have their own way, the republicans promise to make the fight a lengthy one.

Representative Mann of Illinois has fallen gracefully into the new rule of minority leader. He has always been rated one of the strongest floor fighters on the republican side. None of the republican places on committees will be filled until after today's fight on the rules is settled. Mann was authorized by the regular republican caucus to fill republican berths.

One Substitute Set of Rules. It was known in advance that the president in his message would confine himself to the subject of reciprocity alone. This robbed the message of its unusual interest; it was listened to without applause and referred to the appropriations committee. The senate session lasted 25 minutes.

House Takes Up New Rules. The house took up adoption of new rules, limiting general debate to four hours equally divided, and granting the privilege of offering only one substitute set of rules.

The insurgents pleaded for the privilege of separate amendments, but were told by the democratic leaders that their amendments would have to be included in the proposed republican substitute.

The rules offered by the democrats, and which will be adopted, provide comparatively few changes. They provide for the election of committees instead of their appointment by the speaker and the membership membership of several committees.

Six old committees are abolished. The principal change is the rule permitting germane legislation on an appropriation bill when it tends to retrench expenditures.

The democrats continue "Calendar Wednesday," and enlarge the rule for the discharge of committees.

Tariff Deadlock Freely Predicted. Champ Clark, elected speaker of the sixty-second congress yesterday, polled 217 votes against 131 for James R. Mann of Illinois. The insurgent republicans in their votes for speaker indicated that they intend to maintain a separate working organization. Fifteen of them voted for the republican, Couper of Wisconsin. Old guard republicans of the senate are determined there shall be no tariff legislation before next December and a deadlock between the two houses is freely predicted. Mrs. Taft, wife of the president; Mrs. Helen Taft, Charles Taft and Horace D. Taft, brother of the president, occupied the presidential gallery in the house.

Initial Ceremonies in Senate. Initial ceremonies of the extra session in the senate were quite secondary in interest to those of the house, although there was a large attendance in the galleries and the scene was animated. Old senators mingled with new, and a general round of introductions gave the scene on the

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BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS. The International Bible Study Questions on Next Sunday's Sunday school lessons appear in today's Gazette-News.