

CANADA WILL WAIT ON EXTRA SESSION TO ACT ON TREATY

Canadian Parliament Will Not Endeavor to Reach Vote Before Congress Acts

MUCH OPPOSITION BEING DEVELOPED

Anti-Reciprocity Organized at Montreal With Branches Through Dominion

OTTAWA, Ont., March 5.—President Taft's immediate call for an extra session of congress in April puts a new face on the reciprocity situation and may in the opinion of some of the opponents as well as the champions of the proposed agreement save the cause of Canada from any peril it may have incurred by the failure of the United States to endorse the plan.

It is generally conceded that if a reciprocity session of congress had been left to regular session next fall, the Canadian advocates of the plan might have been disheartened and probably parliament would follow the example of congress, leaving ratification over the succeeding session.

Situation Relieved. The action of President Taft considerably relieves the awkward situation created here by the failure of the senate to endorse the agreement. The liberal majority at Ottawa today declare that Mr. Taft has made good for his government the joint agreement that each party to the bargain should use its best endeavors to secure legislative approval of the reciprocity pact, and consequently they assert that the Canadian government must forthwith compel ratification by parliament.

However, the fight at Ottawa is by no means concluded. There will be a deal of opposition and as much defending before a vote is reached. Both sides say today the government is more than ever determined to put the measure through and the opposition continues to show a resolute front to consummation.

Must Act Quickly. Quick action at Washington, action within a month or so of the convening of the extra session, will be necessary to avoid complications. If congress has not paved the way for parliament.

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MINNEAPOLIS HAS SPECTACULAR FIRE IN EARLY MORNING

Million Dollar Loss as Old Syndicate Building Is Destroyed by Flames

FIREMEN PERFORM HEROIC SERVICES

Number of People Caught in Upper Stories Barely Escape With Lives

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 5.—One of the most disastrous fires this city has ever known destroyed today the syndicate block on Nicollet avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets. The total loss is estimated at \$1,000,000 and it is possible that two lives were lost, although this has not as yet been definitely determined.

Twelve persons were rescued from the upper stories of the building while the flames were roaring around them. Some of these sustained slight injuries, but none was seriously hurt.

Origin Is Unknown. The origin of the fire is unknown. The alarm was given by some passer by on Nicollet avenue, but before the firemen had arrived the tenants of the building, who were asleep in the upper rooms, began to appear at the windows, calling frantically for aid.

A strong southwest wind was blowing and in a very few minutes the west half of the building was a roaring furnace. The entire department of Minneapolis was called out but it was totally inadequate to check the flames. Later a call was sent to St. Paul for help, and this was immediately furnished.

The instant the fire department arrived men were rushed into the building where the flames were not already choked with flames and numerous ladders were hastily extended to aid the people who were hemmed in by fire on the second and third floors.

On the second floor were Mrs. M. Buck and Miss E. Buck, proprietors of a lunch room. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Franson, Inga Franson, Miss Etha Franson, Miss Merlie Downend and Miss Marie Heller were on the third floor. On the fifth floor, Mrs. Mary Hollister and Miss Treler were hemmed in by flames.

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CHINA FEARS THAT RUSSIA WILL MAKE AGGRESSIVE MOVE

May Take Advantage of Unsettled Condition Arising From Plague

GOVERNMENT NOW AIDING SUFFERERS

Russian Papers Claim That Conditions Justify Military Occupation

PEKING, Mar. 5.—The fear of Russian aggression is increasing here. Reports published in the Russian newspapers and reprinted in the Peking papers greatly exaggerate the dangers from the plague. Many of the high class Chinese fear a campaign designed to alarm Europe and justify military occupation. Despatches from Harbin state that Russian military circles are advocating occupation. The Vladivostok newspapers print warnings of the danger of a Boxer uprising, but the Chinese government emphatically deny the possibility of such a thing, declaring that the entire country is under control.

The measures taken to combat the plague beyond Harbin are not yet satisfactory to the Russian government and the frontier is still closed to Chinese. Outbreaks in Manchuria are anticipated later owing to the distress occasioned by the long stoppage of transportation and the consequent interference with trade. Agitators, probably affiliated with the Boxers, are reported to be rousing the superstitious natives but the government with the aid of the police is limiting their sphere of activity. Proclamations are also being issued, explaining the nature of the plague and the measures which must be observed to prevent its spread.

The melting snow in many places are exposing to view bodies which were hastily secreted during the early period of the epidemic so that they might not be burned. These are being collected into piles and cremated.

The government is removing famine refugees from Nanking and other cities in that district to the homes which they deserted, some of them hundreds of miles away.

Supplies and copper coin are given to the sufferers sufficient for some weeks maintenance. A despatch from Shanghai says a Catholic missionary, Father Damm, states that 15,000 persons already have died in Mengchen.



EXTRAORDINARY SESSION MAY BE CONSUMED WITH TARIFF REVISION

Tremendous Pressure Brought on President to Prevent Calling Extra Session.—Many Did Not Believe Taft Would Make Good His Threat.—Conceded That Reciprocity Will be Passed.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Notwithstanding the positiveness with which President Taft had declared repeatedly in all but direct and official language that unless congress should enact legislation to put into operation the Canadian reciprocity agreement he would summon an extra session to resume consideration of the subject his fulfillment of that threat within two hours of adjournment was an actual surprise to many members of that body.

It was especially so in the senate. As late as an hour before final adjournment yesterday, prominent senators and others about the capital made bets that there would be no extra session.

The blockade of the appropriation bills in the filibusters in both houses yesterday tended to give color to these stories. Some go so far as to say that if certain senators had believed that the president would actually make good his threat they would have made strenuous efforts to pass the reciprocity. Whatever may be the degree or absence of truth in any of these stories, there can be no doubt that the issue of the president's session proclamation met scant welcome at the hands of those members of congress who after the stress of the present past session will barely have time to go home for a brief respite and to adjust their affairs for another session which many think will extend far into the summer.

Pressure nothing less than tremendous had been brought to bear upon the administration and upon members of congress to prevent the calling of the extra session. Until the last moment rumors were incessant that a way would be found to avoid it. One of the most persistent was that there were in progress some kind of negotiations between the president and the Canadian government looking to the withdrawal of the agreement by one party or the other, so as to give excuse for withholding the special call.

Another rumor was that there was some kind of understanding between the president and the republican leaders in congress to the effect that one or more of the great appropriation bills, preferably the general deficiency bill was to be "lost in the shuffle," so that the special session would be unavoidable. Still another was that the leaders had determined to hold up some appropriation bill in which the white house was especially interested and at the last moment makes its passage conditional upon the abandonment of the extra session.

The best informed leaders of both the democratic and republican parties, who are familiar with tariff questions realize that whatever may be the sentiment there can be no sudden reduction of customs duties. It is conceded that even democratic which will be bombarded with demands for radical modifications of the tariff or even the destruction of the protective policy must of necessity proceed with caution.

ROCKEFELLER'S PASTOR IN NEW YORK SAYS HIS MINISTRY IS A FAILURE

Has Received Call to Big Church in San Francisco and May Accept

TEN DAYS OF GRACE

NEW YORK, March 5.—Frankly stating the disappointment he had experienced in his ministry to the wealthy congregation of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, the Rev. Chas. F. Aked formally announced from his pulpit today that he had received a unanimous and enthusiastic call to the First Congregational church of San Francisco, and said he had been unable to find any good reason why he should not accept.

He regretfully acknowledged his fears that the great enterprises which he hoped to lead as pastor of one of the wealthiest churches in America, popularly known as the John D. Rockefeller church, were only "such stuff as dreams are made of."

Notwithstanding the ten-thousand dollar salary offered him when he came here from Pembroke chapel in Liverpool, England, barely four years ago, and the recent increase to \$12,000, or his ties of friendship in the metropolis, he did not see how he could contemplate a permanent ministry here under present conditions. He chafed under the failure of the church to provide a larger edifice and undertake larger enterprises.

GOVERNMENT WANTS BOYS AS CADETS AT WEST POINT TO FILL MANY VACANCIES

Examinations Will Shortly Be Held at Various Army Posts for Applicants

GRADUATES TOO FEW

WASHINGTON, March 5.—A special examination of applicants for cadets at the West Point has been ordered by the war department May 16 at a number of military posts throughout the country. Explanatory of the statement the general staff calls attention to the fact that for a number of years the cadet corps has been 75 to 85 below its full quota. It is regarded as of vital importance to the army that the institution turn out the largest possible number of graduates.

Believing that many young men are deterred from taking the examination by the expense of the long journey to the point, the center of examination, candidates will be examined at the nearest suitable military post. To further stimulate applications, the department hereafter will make public the existence of any vacancies in the congressional districts. In fact the general staff began this campaign of publicity today by announcing the existence of 129 vacancies, present or prospective. The distribution among southern states, follows:

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS TO BE GREATEST MEETING OF SOUTH'S BUSINESS MEN

Many Notable Speakers Has Greatly Added to Interest Manifested

ATLANTA DECORATING

ATLANTA, Ga., March 5.—The Southern Commercial congress which meets here next Wednesday for a three days' session will be the largest and most important gathering of representative business men in the history of the South if predictions of the officers of the congress now here do not fail. Several thousand delegates are expected and a large part of the business section of the city as well as most of the public buildings will be decorated in honor of their coming.

Managing Director G. Grosvenor Dugg and Secretary Edward Quarles, who have been here for several days making arrangements for the congress, say it will be the most brilliant week in the history of Atlanta. The list of notable speakers on the program has without doubt added greatly to the interest which is being manifested throughout the South in the congress, and it is expected that the meeting will be of far reaching consequences to the South.

RAILROAD FIREMEN MAY CALL GENERAL STRIKE

Seniority Rule Alleged Cause but May be to Eliminate Negroes from Road

CINCINNATI, O., March 5.—Firemen in the employ of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific railroad today sent out ballots for a mail vote which will decide whether a strike shall be called on that system. While the notice declares that promotion according to seniority is the main issue, it is understood that the firemen are insisting on the elimination of colored men.

Vice President Powell, of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific, declined today to discuss the proposition which was presented to him yesterday. At the headquarters of the firemen it was stated that unless favorable action is taken there may be a strike of men east of the Mississippi and east of Ohio and Potomac river lines allied with what is known as the Cincinnati Southern system.

SUNDAY BASEBALL GAME IS WITNESSED BY CROWDS

Players Not Disturbed Though Manager of Baseball Park Is Arrested

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 5.—All-Americans defeated the Brooklyns this afternoon in a one-sided contest before a large Sunday audience. The initial public appearance of Walter Johnson, pitching for the All-Americans, was the signal for an extended ovation.

Crawford's home run and three-base hit in 4th appearances at bat was the feature. Doc Owens, manager of Whittington park, was arrested by a constable from the prosecuting attorney's office sent to the grounds to prevent any violation of the Sunday law but the constable did not arrest the players, and no further action will be taken unless insisted upon by the prosecuting attorney.

MODERATE TEMPERATURES PREDICTED FOR THE WEEK

May be Some Cloudiness But Springtime is on Way Everywhere

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Indications are that the coming week will be one of moderate temperature with considerable cloudiness and well distributed precipitation according to the prediction of the weather bureau. The principal disturbance to cross the United States during the week is now off the north Pacific coast, whence it will move eastward, crossing the middle west Tuesday and Wednesday and the eastern states by Wednesday. This disturbance will be preceded by rising temperature and accompanied by general precipitation. It will be followed by a change to colder weather in northern and central districts from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic coast during the latter part of the week.

INHALED GAS TO DIE. RICHMOND, Va., March 5.—Edmond H. Steptoe, a linotype operator for The Evening Journal here aged 22 and married, but without children went to the operating room of his partner today, turned on the gas which runs his machine, placed the gas tube in his mouth, and died as a result of the inhalation. He worked as usual yesterday, and one of his fellow workmen found him dead at his machine today. No cause for his suicide can be imagined. He left no explanation.

SHEEHAN SAYS HE WON'T WITHDRAW FOR GOVERNOR DIX

Accuses Governor of Obstructing Carrying Out of Wishes of Majority

GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT

New York Democrats Must Hold Another Caucus to get Sheehan Out of Race

NEW YORK, March 5.—After consultation with his Tammany supporters, Wm. F. Sheehan issued a statement today in which he accuses Governor Dix of "obstructing the election of the regularly chosen candidate of the party for the United States senator," and says that he will not withdraw as the democratic caucus nominee.

Chas. F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, said Mr. Sheehan's statement spoke for itself. He would not add to it.

The general belief of Tammany leaders is that Sheehan will still hold 78 votes when the full effect of Governor Dix's letter has made itself felt. The governor's attitude toward Sheehan has been no secret to Tammany for some time, and there was no expectation tonight that it would produce any immediate result.

No Change for Littleton. Friends of Martin W. Littleton pointed today to the real significance of Mr. Littleton's self-announced candidacy. They say Mr. Littleton realized fully that as matters now stand no United States senator to represent the state of New York can be elected without the support of Murphy and Tammany Hall, and that the support of Mr. Murphy, having once been given, he does not expect to need support and consequently he does not expect to need leadership he may be able to contribute to it.

Sheehan's Statement. Mr. Sheehan's statement said: "I regret to see that the democratic governor of the state has yielded to the solicitations of the minority of the party who for weeks have been obstructing the election of the regularly chosen candidate of the party for United States senator. That my position may not be misunderstood, I now repeat what I said in my letter of Feb. 28, addressed to the democratic members of the legislature: "I shall remain as my party's candidate for United States senator so long as the party desires me to do so, no matter what the personal consequences to me may be, nor will I, by word or deed, do anything that will justify the minority in their efforts to frustrate the declared will of the majority. If, however, the majority of all the elected democratic senators and assemblymen shall sign a call requesting that the democratic caucus be reassembled, I shall loyally abide by the decision of that caucus, and if such caucus shall decide that another than myself be chosen to carry the party standard which I have been carrying since Jan. 16, 1911, I will give to such candidate my unqualified and whole-hearted support, but short of such action I shall not be a party to the destruction of the principle of majority rule."

REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN PARAGUAY WHICH MAY PROVE SERIOUS AFFAIR

Revolutionists Have Gained Control of the Principal Railroad

3,000 TROOPS OUT

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Serious revolutionary disturbances in Paraguay were reported to the state department today by Edwin V. Morgan, United States minister in Paraguay and in the latter country. Mr. Morgan was notified by the American consul at Asuncion, Paraguay, that an armed movement had been begun against Colonel Alberto Jara, who recently forced the resignation of President Gondra and secured his election to the presidency. The revolutionists have control of the southern end of the railway between Concepcion and Asuncion and 3,000 government troops have been sent to oppose them. All traffic on the railroad has been suspended. The revolutionists have five vessels here started north on the La Palatte river, three of the craft flying the Argentine flag. The Argentine government has demanded that these vessels which were seized on February 25 last be returned immediately. The Argentine minister at Asuncion who has been absent on leave is returning to his post aboard a gunboat. At the state department today the belief was expressed that the revolution would be successful.

