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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

States That Tariff Board Is Not Ready to Report and Will Not Be Able to Report Its Finding Before December 1.

Washington, D. C., June 20.—In a special message to the House of Representatives to-day, President Taft stated that the tariff board would not be ready to submit a comprehensive report on wool and cotton schedules of the tariff law until December 1, next. He declares the board was instructed, when reorganized in April last, to be ready to report in December, and that in the meantime it was not in a position to transmit anything except some figures already sent to the House Ways and Means Committee.

The President's message was called out of a House resolution requesting him to transmit at once all of the information procured by the tariff board relating to wool and the manufactures of wool. Mr. Taft included in his message a statement from the tariff board as to the status of its inquiry and also a statement by a committee of the National Tariff Commission Association which recently conducted an investigation of the methods of the tariff board. This report was highly commendatory of the board's work.

The tariff board declares it in conducting an inquiry which involves original research work that is world-wide in its scope. A large amount of material has already been obtained.

"This incomplete information," the board says, "necessarily fragmentary in character, if transmitted to Congress, would be not only of doubtful utility, but actually misleading. We shall develop the essential facts in relation to both the wool and the cotton schedules in time for forwarding to Congress next December; and in this endeavor, we are not only working to the limit of the present appropriation, but to the utmost capacity of our entire force."

EXPOSITION OFFICIALS RESIGN.

The Panama-California Exposition Management Have a Split—Believed That Plans Will Go Forward.

San Diego, Cal., June 20.—As a climax to a period of unrest in the inner circles of the Panama-California Exposition management comes the resignation of President U. S. Grant, Jr., Vice-President John D. Spreckels, Director William Clayton and Director Joseph W. Sefton, Jr.

This action was taken following a conference in which each expressed his opinion that the exposition situation had reached such a serious condition that some drastic action was necessary in order to awaken the stockholders to a realization of it.

That the exposition plans will go forward is the belief of those who back up the park commission, Spreckels contributed \$100,000 to the stock subscription fund of \$1,000,000.

CORONATION SHOW DAY.

London Crowded With Visitors to Witness To-day's Great Events.

London, June 21.—London was taxed to its capacity to-day. It was coronation show day. Thousands flocked from the suburbs to the city west end to see the decoration and watch the preparation for to-morrow's great event. The day was filled with interesting events. The royal carriages, with scarlet clad footmen, moved to and fro conveying the King's guests to entertainments in their honor. The attractions included the drive of the King and Queen through the west end to the national horse show at Olympia.

Sad Accident at Lumberton.

Lumberton, N. C., June 20.—A touchingly sad accident occurred at the National cotton mills, two miles west of town, when the Wilmington-bound passenger train killed the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brisson. No one saw the accident, but the little fellow was found lying near the track a few minutes after the train had passed with one leg broken and the back of his head crushed in. The engineer did not see the boy, on account, it is presumed, of the fact that the weeds are very thick near the track at the point where he evidently attempted to cross. There is said to have been a defect in the boy's hearing and this, together with the noise of the mill only a few feet away, caused him not to hear the approaching train.

Swallowed Pine Splinter, Causing His Death.

Fayetteville, N. C., June 19.—As a result of swallowing a particle of a pine wood splinter which he used for a toothpick, W. B. West, of Godwin, died in High Smith Hospital here to-day. West was brought here last night and the splinter was removed by an operation.

FOR ONE CENT POSTAGE

Postmaster General Favors Reduction in Amount Paid Railways for Mail Service

DEFENSE FOR CANAL

The Superintendent Has Announced That He Is Ready to Begin Work on the Canal Defenses—The Second Lorimer Investigation Begun Tuesday—President of the Harvester Trust the First Witness—President Taft's Silver Wedding Most Brilliant Function Ever Held at Nation's Capital.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., June 20, 1911.—The celebration of President Taft's silver wedding at the White House last night was the most brilliant function ever held at the Nation's capital. Over five thousand persons were received by the President and Mrs. Taft and spent the evening in the magnificent grounds back of the White House, which were most brilliantly illuminated with artistic electric lights and beautified with flags, flowers and other decorations.

Mrs. Taft was so delighted with the pleasure which the five thousand guests seemed to gather from the evening and the brilliantly illuminated grounds that before the reception was over she requested the President that the grounds be thrown open tonight to the public of Washington. This will be done. The same decorations and illuminations have all been preserved so that all of Washington can enjoy the brilliant scene.

One Cent Letter Postage in Sight.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock has just announced that he has been working on a schedule for the reduction of railway mail pay to the railroads that will result next year in a saving of nine million dollars, and that with this saving and other economies which he has in view, that he expects soon to be in a position to advocate the establishment of one-cent letter postage.

For the last twenty-five years there have been efforts made in nearly every session of Congress to pass a law providing for a reduction of the outrageously high prices which the Government paid the railroads for railway mail service. The last reduction made in the railway mail pay was nearly thirty years ago, and since that time freight rates and passenger rates have been reduced almost one-half.

But There is a "Fly in the Ointment."

There is only one thing in the announcement of Postmaster General Hitchcock which will arouse antagonism, and that is the suggestion that he is in favor of increasing the postage rate on second-class matter in order to make the Postoffice Department self-sustaining with one-cent letter postage. This proposition will be vigorously opposed by the people generally. The fact is that this Government should establish one-cent letter postage whether it pays or not. The first consideration that the Postoffice Department should give the public is the best postal service in the world, and to furnish this service, of course, as economically as possible; but there is no sense in trying to make this department of the Postoffice Department self-sustaining any more than there is in any other department of the Government. A parcels post would greatly increase the revenue and be a great blessing.

Defenses for the Panama Canal.

Work on building the Panama Canal has advanced so far that Col. Goethals, the superintendent in charge, has announced that he is ready now to begin the building of the canal defenses. He announces that he will have to soon turn off thousands and thousands of laborers who have been on the work for a long time unless the coast defenses to protect the canal are at once begun, and that with the force that he has he can carry on the defenses and finish them about the time the canal is finished.

Second Lorimer Investigation Begun.

The committee appointed to reopen and re-investigate the charges of bribery and corruption connected with the election of Senator Lorimer began sessions to-day. The first witness called was Mr. McCormick, president of the Harvester Trust, who testified that a Mr. Hines, one of Mr. Lorimer's friends, approached his company to contribute ten thousand dollars to help make up a hundred thousand dollar fund to be used in securing the election of Senator Lorimer.

Senator Lorimer was not present when this witness was examined, though it is reported that he will be

present to-morrow or at an early date.

The committee announces that they have gone into the investigation in earnest, and will press the matter to a conclusion as soon as possible. For the investigation this time shall be complete and thorough.

It is believed that some Senators who claim that they are for reciprocity are really trying to defeat the measure with amendments. Is Senator Simmons one of this number?

House Passes Wool Bill.

By a vote of 221 to 109 the House to-day passed the woolen schedule which provides for a 20 per cent duty on wool. Twenty-four Republicans voted for the passage of the measure, and one Democrat, Representative of Ohio, voted against it.

Several amendments were offered and voted down. Just before the final vote Representative Payne, of New York, offered a motion that the bill be re-submitted to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions that it await a report from the tariff board on the woolen industry before making final report of the bill, but the motion was lost.

All Favor a Parcels Post.

Washington, D. C., June 16.—There is little sameness about the hearing before the House Committee on Postoffices and Postroads which is now considering various bills to establish a permanent parcels post. The committee hears a farmer one moment, a lawyer the next, then a woman suffragist, and occasionally a plain member of Congress, and everybody says there ought to be a parcels post.

The discussion to-day was all in favor of a parcels post. It ran the gauntlet from violets and clothes dyes to women's suffrage and postal revenue.

Child Drowned in Tub of Water.

Graham, N. C., June 16.—This morning the 18-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bason, of Haw River, fell into a tub of water and was drowned.

The mother had gone out to draw a bucket of water, when the baby fell into the tub of about seven inches and was drowned before it was noticed. It was an ordinary lard tub, which easily allowed the infant to overbalance and fall into. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

Young Lady Killed by Lightning.

Ellenboro, N. C., June 20.—The sixteen-year-old daughter of Bud Dobbins, a well-known farmer who lives near Cliffside Junction, was struck and instantly killed by lightning during a heavy rain and electric storm which passed over this section this afternoon. The mule hitched to the wagon in which Miss Dobbins was riding was also killed.

Mrs. Taft Thanks Senate for Gift.

Washington, D. C., June 20.—A letter of thanks was read in the Senate to-day from Mrs. Taft in acknowledgment of the silver wedding present sent by Senators. The letter addressed to Vice-President Sherman follows:

"The beautiful silver tea service which the members of the Senate have so kindly sent us in remembrance of our twenty-fifth anniversary has just arrived, and I hasten to express to you and through you to the Senators, our deep appreciation of their courtesy.

"In conveying our sincere thanks, will you kindly add that we shall value the exquisite gift more especially as a souvenir of the kindness and courtesy of the distinguished body of men from whom it comes.

"In sending our cordial thanks believe me, with kind regards, from the President and myself,

"Very sincerely yours,
HELEN H. TAFT."

Democratic Candidates Booming Themselves.

Union Republican.]

Governor Harmon's boom for President has been fully launched and so has that of Governor Wilson, both of whom are seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1912. Governor Wilson has just finished a tour of the country making speeches, even touching North Carolina in his "swing around." Governor Harmon has chosen another method and by the use of the American Press Association plate service has furnished the daily and weekly Democratic press of the country with an illustrated page "write-up" telling of his life and achievements and how essential it would be for him to be thus honored. Speaker Clark is yet to be heard from. When Congress adjourns he might tour the country with his mule team and give himself a boost, with Mr. Bryan following in the wake, but not least, among these Democratic Presidential aspirants.

KRAMER ON THE STAND

Tells How American Tobacco Company Crushed His Business

HE ALSO GAVE REBATES

New York Tobacco Jobber Tells the Court How the Trust Put Him Out of Business—The American Tobacco Company Held Stock Through Other Names—Its Representatives Watched All Shipments Made by the Ware-Kramer Company and Secured Addresses of All Its Patrons.

The case of the Ware-Kramer Co. against the American Tobacco Co. is still holding the boards in Federal Court in Raleigh, and it promises to be a continuous performance for many days yet.

Mr. Kramer was on the stand Tuesday and yesterday. Mr. Kramer admitted that his company had also furnished free cigarettes to jobbers and dealers and that he also gave some other premiums in order to have the dealers push his goods on the market. In fact, the defense had their first inning yesterday, but the prosecution had presented some very damaging evidence against the trust.

Several depositions from New York have been read to the jury. A deposition by A. H. Hilman, former tobacco jobber, of New York, setting out the conditions of the tobacco trade in New York under the domination of the American Tobacco Company, occupied some time and the oral testimony of J. R. Hardie, express agent and J. E. Morton, freight agent at Wilson, was heard as to espionage on the part of the American Tobacco Company in its fight against the Ware-Kramer people.

Hilman testified that he had been a tobacco jobber in New York forty-one years prior to the coming of the Metropolitan Tobacco Company to New York and that since the formation of this company he and 250 other jobbers had gone out of business because it was impossible to maintain a trade with the American Tobacco Company's good concentrated in the hands of the Metropolitan for competition. He said he established large trades with a number of independent manufacturers' goods, but each time the manufacturer would be bought up by the A. T. Co., and the trade he had worked up would pass to the Metropolitan Company. He testified that at the beginning of the war between the independents and the A. T. Co., the latter had about 60 per cent of the Greater New York trade and that now it has fully 90 per cent. In his judgment it is impossible for a jobber to be successful in handling independent goods in the tobacco trade and that the concentration of the A. T. Co., goods in the hands of Metropolitan Co., had driven practically all the independent jobbers out of business.

The cross examination of Hilman brought out the fact that he did business as an independent jobber, preferring to handle the independent goods and that he is now in the tobacco business as a small manufacturer and maker of snuff; also that he is now being sued by the American Tobacco Company for infringement of a trade-mark.

J. R. Hardie, express agent at Wilson, testified that when the Ware-Kramer Co. shipped goods through the Southern Express that representatives of Wells-Whitehead Company, then a part of the American Tobacco Company, would come with note-book and take the addresses of the Ware-Kramer goods; that he took to packing the goods on the trucks with the addresses turned in so that they could not be seen and that then Wells-Whitehead employees would go to the trucks and turn the packages about so as to get the addresses. He testified that finally he wrote a note to M. Carter, manager of Wells-Whitehead Company, and gave him to understand that if this were not stopped there would be serious trouble. Carter replied that he would see that there was no further trouble, and there was no more.

Freight Agent J. E. Morton, of Wilson, testified that the Ware-Kramer Company and the Wells-Whitehead factories were both close by the freight depot at Wilson and that the Wells-Whitehead Company's people could see when Ware-Kramer Company was making shipments and that they would send men out to the freight shed with note-books to write down the addresses of the goods being shipped by the Ware-Kramer Co.

Asheville is in danger of losing its attraction for summer visitors. The mercury went up to 92 there Sunday and the officers are destroying all the booze. Better be careful.—Shelby Aurora.

BANK CASHIER COMMITS SUICIDE

Luther Hart, of Tarboro, Ends Life After Looting Bank—Assistant Cashier Arrested as an Accomplice in the Looting—Makes Confession—Shortage May Exceed \$50,000 and Will Wreck Bank.

Tarboro, June 14.—A more stunned or shocked community would be hard to find than Tarboro about 2 o'clock this afternoon. Report came down the street that Luther Hart had shot himself.

At 1 o'clock Mr. Hart was seemingly in his usual good humor, even told a man that would see him after dinner, to which he was on his way. Soon after reaching home his wife, who was in a room superintending the serving of dinner, when in a room above she heard a pistol shot. A hurried visit up there disclosed her unconscious husband lying prone with a wound through his head. The ball had entered just above the temple and came out just back of the ear on the other side. Physicians were sent for, but they could do nothing.

For years he had been the accommodating cashier of the Bank of Tarboro. The motive for the suicide became known about 4 o'clock, just about the time Mr. Hart died.

As Bank Examiner Doughton delved into the books, he began to find entries that needed explanation. Of this he asked Braxton Hussey, the assistant cashier, who, after being piled with questions, broke down and stated that the stealing had been going on for seven years and that he was glad it was all over, that he knew the crash would come and he was glad that the suspense was over.

Solicitor Allbrooks, apprised of this confession, swore out a warrant for Mr. Hussey and had him bound over to court. At this writing he has not given bond.

There are all kinds of speculations about the extent of the shortage. Mr. Hussey says he received \$12,500, but no one believes that this will begin to cover the amount of the shortage. Mr. Hussey's bond is fixed at \$15,000.

Mr. Hussey not only made a confession, but he also conveyed to the bank every item of property that he had.

Kansas Supreme Court Issues Injunction Against Oil Trust.

Topeka, Kansas, June 15.—The Kansas Supreme Court to-day handed down a decision prohibiting three subsidiary concerns of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, from "combining to stifle competition."

The three companies against which the suit was brought are the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Standard Oil Company of Kansas, and the Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

Each of these companies is chartered in Kansas to produce, purchase and otherwise secure crude oil, to refine it and to market it.

No one of the companies has been doing all this, according to the findings.

On the contrary, each has been working as part of a system.

The defendant companies are enjoined from owning stock in each other. They are enjoined from selling petroleum products cheaper in one part of the State than in another for the purpose of driving out competition, and from making contracts with any person to cause such person to refrain from selling oil in Kansas.

Colored Reform Association Hold Meeting in Winston.

Winston-Salem, N. C., June 20.—A largely attended mass meeting of negroes was held last night in the interest of the formation of a branch of the Colored Reform Association of North Carolina, which has a plot of 360 acres of land in Mecklenburg County, with a school building where about a dozen boys are cared for. The association was chartered by the Legislature but cannot be said to be in actual operation yet. C. H. Watson, of Charlotte, manager of the school, and Grace Goins, head of the Hope Day Nursery of this city, spoke last night, as did also Dr. Geo. C. Clement, of Charlotte, editor of The Star of Zion, and J. S. Lanier, a lawyer of this city. Leading men of the State have given their hearty endorsement to the enterprise.

Bridegroom Shoots Serranaders, Killing One.

West Orange, N. J., June 20.—A party of farm folks gathered early this morning under the windows of J. Walter Force, a young bridegroom in Livingston, to give the bridal couple "Shivaree," to give the bridegroom a serenade, fell mortally wounded. Hugh Porter is seriously hurt.

New President of Portugal.

Lisbon, June 21.—Anselmo Braamcamp was elected President of the Republic of Portugal by the constitutional assembly.