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HOT SPEECH ON THE TARIFF BY SEN. BEVERIDGE

What The Producers of America Are Demanding

ADVOCATES BILL FOR A TARIFF COMMISSION

Philadelphia Senator Shells the Dingley Schedules and Presents Facts to Support His Assertion That America's Tariff Must be Adapted to Trade Needs—If Uncle Sam is to Gain Ascendancy on the Commercial Seas He Must Go It Strong on Common Sense Tariff Legislation, Says the Senator.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Feb. 5.—Addressing the senate this afternoon in a forceful speech in behalf of his bill for a tariff commission, Senator Albert J. Beveridge arraigned the existing Dingley schedules in severe terms. He presented facts to support his assertion that America's tariff must be adapted to trade needs and that common sense must be applied if this country is to succeed in the worldwide contest for commerce. Senator Beveridge declared this country must have more foreign trade.

"American producers demand," he said, "that the doors of other nations that are open to their rivals no longer be closed to them."

A maximum and minimum tariff was strongly advocated by the senator from Indiana. By this plan German producers are selling more goods abroad, he asserted, than any other nation.

The classifications made by the treasury department under the tariff law were sharply arraigned by Senator Beveridge. He declared nearly all our classifications were a generation old and not one was systematic, accurate, and up-to-date. Since the present law was enacted, he declared, there had been 600,000 disputes over classifications that had gone to the board of general supervisors and part of them from there to the courts. He attacked the present tariff law for want of plainness in classifications.

"Compared with the scientific, clear, accurate classification of the German schedules," he said, "our classifications are confused, uncertain, chaotic. The German classification reduces confusion and doubt to the minimum. Our classification raises confusion and doubt to the maximum."

HERE'S THE SHOT THAT WILL STOP NAVAL CRITICS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The report of Admiral Converse, in defense of the construction of the navy has been completed and is ready for submission to President Roosevelt. Having been prepared by the admiral, with the view of publication, it probably will be given out by President Roosevelt to silence once and for all the naval critics, both within and without the fold.

PUBLIC PRINTER STILLINGS ONCE MORE BOUNCED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The suspension of Charles Stillings of Boston, public printer by President Roosevelt today, and the appointment of W. R. Kessler, chief clerk of the census bureau, a printing expert, to take charge pending further action in the case of Stillings, are clear indications that Stillings' removal is at hand.

FOUR BLOCKS BURNED Great Steel Wire And Cable Plants Destroyed Today

Immense Buildings and Equipment Consumed in Three Hours This Morning—Whole Fire Department of Big City of Trenton Called Out. Reported That Three Firemen Are Buried in the Debris.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 5.—The great steel wire and cable plant of John A. Roeblings Sons Company, which occupied four square blocks here, caught fire in one of its main buildings at 6:10 a. m. today and in three hours three of the buildings had been destroyed and most of the plant was threatened with destruction.

The whole fire department of Trenton was called out and tried to hem the fire in, but the latest word from the burning plant is that the fire is entirely beyond control.

It is reported that three firemen have been buried beneath the ruins of one of the burned buildings.

The flames started in the rope shop of the plant. The flames spread so swiftly through the plant that the whole building was afire before the firemen could get into action.

The two buildings adjoining were soon a mass of seething flames.

FRANK MUNSEY SAYS ROOSEVELT AGAIN SURE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Feb. 5.—Mr. Frank A. Munsey will say in the Washington Times today:
"As analysis of the political situation today, and a careful estimate of the personal and running strength of the various candidates in the presidential race, point emphatically to the conclusion that Mr. Roosevelt will be re-nominated in spite of himself. And his re-nomination will mean his re-election by a majority of matchless dimensions."

THE STORY OF A FIGHT FOR LIFE

Thrilling Tale of How a Ship's Crew Won And Lost

FIFTEEN SAVED; 32 LOST

Battled for Thirty-six Hours With the Flames—The Men, Half Starved and Nearly Frozen, Continued the Struggle to Save These Aboard a Ship Loaded With a Cargo Largely Composed of Combustible Material—Capt. Finch's Narrative of a Hair-Lifting Sea Horror.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Boston, Mass., Feb. 5.—With the arrival of the White Star liner Cymric at her pier in Charlestown early today were related the first series of the fearful fight for life which took place aboard the St. Cutbert, which was burned at sea and the daring rescue of the crew of the big liner.

Captain Narrates Hair-Lifting Sea Horror

Captain Finch, of the Cymric, told a thrilling and detailed story of the sea horror and was loud in his praises of the bravery of his men, who, time and again, risked their lives by being dashed against the burning vessel. The fire, Captain Finch said, was discovered by D. J. Touhy, a second officer of the doomed vessel, who was on watch about 3 o'clock Sunday morning and he immediately notified Captain Lewis. The latter rushed to the deck and was scorched by the flames, which shot through one of the ventilators as he passed. Hardly had he reached the deck when there was a series of explosions in hatches Nos. 1 and 2. All hands were called to deck, but some of the men who were forward at the time were unable to reach the after part of the steamer as the forepart was a mass of flames.

Every effort was made to quell the fire. (Continued on Second Page.)

THAW'S SISTER GETS DIVORCE

Countess Of Yarmouth Won Her Suit This Afternoon

ENGLISH COURT'S ORDER

The Court Grants the Divorce "Immediately by Default," Because of Satisfactory Arrangement Between Parties to Suit—In Plain United States This Means that Old Yarmouth Has Demanded and Will Receive a Big Pile of the Thaw Money Controlled by the Countess.

(By Cable to The Times.)
London, Jan. 5.—(Bulletin)—The countess was this afternoon formally granted the divorce she has been suing for in the English court.

Old Rake Gets Pile of Thaw Money. (By Cable to The Times.)
London, Feb. 5.—The Countess of Yarmouth, formerly Alice Thaw, sister of Harry K. Thaw, was called today in the divorce court before Sir Percival Carnes, but it was announced before the proceedings that a settlement had been arrived at and that the countess would be allowed to get her divorce immediately by default. The proceedings therefore were merely formal, and for the purpose of laying legal foundation for the court's decree.

The countess and the earl signed the compact fixing the terms of settlement before the court opened. The earl agreed not to defend the suit. It is believed that the countess agreed to a financial arrangement satisfactory to Yarmouth.

This probably means a settlement of a big sum upon the earl. It is probable that the trustees of the Thaw estate in Pittsburg have consented to the settlement.

The whole of England, and more particularly the members of the British nobility were as vitally interested in the suit of the countess as Americans were in the trial of her brother, Harry K. Thaw, for the murder of Stanford White.

ATLANTA JUDGE SAYS THAW WILL BE LIBERATED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 5.—In the opinion of Judge H. D. D. Twigg, one of the south's most credited criminal lawyers, Harry Thaw will be released from the Matteawan Asylum in a short time. Judge Twigg has followed the famous case with the eye and mind of an expert.

"The first trial was mismanaged by Mr. Dolmas," said Judge Twigg, "and his plea of dementia Americana injured his cause. He tried to introduce evidence to show that Thaw was insane and pleaded the case the other way. The result was bewildering for the jury."

"Littleton took the only course open. He introduced evidence to show hereditary insanity and adroitly tried to show that Thaw was not insane now. Justice Dowling was necessarily compelled to send Thaw to the asylum, for if he was subject to these paroxysms he was a dangerous person to be at large. The result will be that Thaw will be retained until decency permits his release. His attorneys will make a vigorous effort to free him. There will be an examination by experts and there will be plenty of alienists who will render an opinion that he is not now insane."

BIG ICE GORGE STOPS ALL SHIPS AND COMMERCE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Charlevoix, Pa., Feb. 5.—Ice, gorged nearly twenty-five feet at lock No. 4 on the Monongahela River, near here, threatens to destroy six steamboats and damage other craft. The gorge extends three miles.

Word has been sent to steamers down the river and upon their arrival an effort will be made to get the boats out of immediate danger.

WAS HERO IN THE WAVES

When Old Dominion Steamer Cut Down Schooner

Three Lives Lost and Others Barely Escaped Death Off Virginia Coast. The Jefferson Cut Down and Submerges the Schooner Emelie Bird-sall.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Feb. 5.—Plunging through white-capped swells in the face of a piping and frosty northwester, the Old Dominion liner Jefferson, in from Norfolk, cut down the old three-masted schooner Emelie E. Bird-sall off the upper Virginia coast, about ten miles northeast of Winter Quarter Shoal lightship.

Mate Herbert M. Robinson of Machiasport, Me., and two of the crew of the schooner lost their lives and Captain Joseph L. Bletta and three other survivors owe their salvation largely to the persistent pluck of second officer Frederick Bang, of the Jefferson, who spent more than an hour in the freezing sea and on the main top of the half submerged schooner.

WAR CHIEF WAS THE SENATOR'S GRANDFATHER; MEDAL BY JEFFERSON.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, called at the white house this morning to show the president a large silver medal that was presented by President Jefferson to his grandfather in 1818. Around the rim is inscribed "Medal of peace and friendship presented by Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Chisholm, last of the Cherokee Hereditary War Chiefs, 1808."

OUR TORPEDO FLOTILLA MAKES RECORD RUN.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Feb. 5.—The torpedo flotilla made a record run from Buenos Ayres to Punta Arenas, according to a cablegram received at the navy department from Admiral Evans. In order to make sure of catching up with the battleship fleet the flotilla left Buenos Ayres one day ahead of its schedule and arrived at Punta Arenas four days ahead. The fleet will be conveyed through the remainder of the straits or a part of the way.

NOW WATCH THE OYSTER SOAR!

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Norfolk, Va., Feb. 5.—Incoming steamers report the worst freeze of the winter in the Chesapeake Bay, with ice formations extending from Sandy Point to the Susquehanna. At the head of the bay the ice has seriously impeded traffic. Sailing vessels have had to secure assistance of tugs. On the eastern shore ice has massed and tied up traffic. The oyster business is crippled and the oysters will be scarce on the market until there is a thaw.

ROTTEN HOSE COSTS LIVES OF TWO FIREMEN

Inadequate Water Supply Is Cause of Great Loss

OVER QUARTER MILLION BURNED THIS MORNING

The Fall of a Great Safe Wrecked the Interior of a Five-Story Building After the Flames Had Gained Headway—A Score of Firemen Badly Hurt and Two Are Killed Outright—Particulars of a Great Conflagration in New York City This Morning—After Three Alarms Firemen Were Still Juggling With Frozen Hydrants and Rotten Hoses—Valuable Time Wasted—\$250,000 Consumed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Feb. 5.—Rotten hose and inadequate water supply cost the lives of two firemen, resulted in the serious injury of twenty others and entailed a property loss of over \$250,000 in a fire which completely destroyed the interior of the five story building at 43 and 45 Worth street, late yesterday afternoon.

The fall of a great safe wrecked the interior of the building after the flames had gained headway and fourteen firemen were caught in the debris. By the heroic work of the firemen, all of these, except one were rescued from the burning building and taken to hospitals.

Frank E. Glington, of truck company No. 19, and John Conlin, fireman of engine No. 4, were the men who perished in the burning debris. Efforts to reach their bodies were unavailing.

Captain Andrew Sweet, who is in a serious condition from internal injuries, will probably die.

Just as the fireman began to fight the flames the rotten hose began to burst. Almost as soon as the water was turned on, a line of hose underneath the Sixth Avenue elevated road burst and the water shot up on the structure, drenching the trains as they passed. A few seconds later another line of rotten hose burst in Worth street and the steam quickly became a torrent of icy water, which not only laydred the work of the firemen, but caused intense suffering in their efforts to check the flames.

For fully fifteen minutes after the engines responded to the three alarms the firemen were struggling with the frozen hydrants and not a stream of water could be turned against the building. In the meantime the flames gained great headway. To add to the troubles the cable in one of the elevators burned and six girls had to fight their way down the smoke-filled stairways.

Several of them fell fainting in the street as soon as they reached the open air.

GEN. STOESEL SENTENCED TO SPEEDY DEATH

(By Cable to The Times.)
Berlin, Feb. 5.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says that General Stoessel has been sentenced to die for his action in surrendering Port Arthur.

The Court Proceedings.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—The crown prosecutor in winding up the court martial of General Stoessel and others on trial for the surrender of Port Arthur, demanded that Generals Stoessel, Reuss, and Fock be sentenced to death and that General Smirnov be sentenced to ten years imprisonment in a fortress.