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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SENT TO CONGRESS

#### The Last Message of President Taft to a Republican Congress

### THE MERCHANTS MARINE

#### The President's Most Urgent Recommendation is for the Ship Subsidy—Urges Mail Subsidy to Help Develop Shipping Before the Completion of the Panama Canal—Points With Pride to the Economics of His Administration—Urges Change in American Court Procedure—Defends Payne-Aldrich Tariff—The Panama Canal.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Demanding the restoration of the American flag to its ancient place upon the seas, President William H. Taft, in his annual message, delivered to congress today, urged strongly that legislation be enacted to establish a ship subsidy or otherwise guarantee the establishment of the rapid development of merchant marine in this country.

Aside from eager appeals for the enlargement of the regular army; reconstruction of American court procedure and the prohibition of traffic through the Panama canal of ships owned by interstate railroads, the message might be summed up in the following trinity:

National economy, the enlargement of opportunities for foreign trade and the strengthening of confidence of capital in domestic investment. The entire message is a "safe and sane" document, strong in its conservatism.

The president's most urgent recommendation is in favor of legislation for the institution of a mercantile marine service and possibilities or its expansion before the Panama canal is finished and one paragraph of the speech in this connection reads:

"I alluded to this most important subject in my last annual message. Unless prompt action be taken the completion of the Panama canal will find this the only great commercial nation to avail in international maritime business of this great contribution to the means of the world's commercial intercourse. Where could we find in case of war the transports and subsidiary vessels without which a naval fleet is arms without a body? For many reasons I cannot urge too strongly upon this congress the passage of a measure by mail subsidy or other intervention to develop the American marine."

Next in the rank of importance and urged only a little less strongly than the plea of a merchant marine is the demand that the trained fighting force of the United States be increased by laws augmenting the number of commissioned officers and through closer co-operation between the national guards of the various states and the regular standing army. "I recommend," says Mr. Taft, "that congress appoint a commission to determine as early as practicable a comprehensive policy for the organization and administration of the regular army, the organized militia and the volunteer forces in the event of war."

The president urges the fortification of the Panama canal, declaring that America is building it and that it is fitting that America should protect it. Mr. Taft is anxious that the canal become a paying enterprise, suggesting that the toll of one dollar per net ton be charged ships passing through.

However, he adds that this is only tentative. He says that a rate should be established which would return a fair profit upon the investment of \$100,000,000.

President Taft takes a strong stand in the matter of disposing of public lands bearing coal, urging that the government not sell these valuable mineral tracts but lease portions of the public domain containing 1,000,000,000 tons of coal. Mr. Taft declares in favor of making 2,500 acres the maximum. He frankly admits (Continued on Page Two.)

### THE PREACHERS LEAVE

#### Elizabeth City Emptied of Its Methodist Hosts

#### Conference Adjourned Shortly Before Noon—Appointments Pleaded All—Bishop Hendrix Goes to Hold South Carolina Conference—The Local Appointments.

After almost a week of helpful conference with each other and their beloved presiding officer, Bishop Hendrix, the host of North Carolina Methodist itinerants have, scattered to their different charges, most of them going back to resume their former work; others whose four years were up, moving to some other field of labor and usefulness. A few for special reasons, to fill a more pressing need elsewhere were moved before their four years were up. All returned to whatever work the conference saw fit to send them with perfect confidence and faith in their presiding officers and ready and eager to take up their new work.

The bishop yesterday morning prefaced the reading of the appointments by a few remarks to the preachers. A man practically made his own appointment, the bishop said, for it was to the work he was best able to do and to the condition he was most able to meet that the men were sent. During his twenty-four years in the Episcopacy, he has had very few changes to make in his appointments. For the reason that he gives the most careful thought and study and prayer to every appointment the men are very generally satisfied with their appointments. Changes are seldom made by Bishop Hendrix when there is a special desire on the part of the people and their minister for his return. The appointments yesterday were received with favor by all, every one seeming to be happy and glad in the prospect of returning to his special field of work.

Adjourning shortly before noon, most of the members of the conference and the delegates left on the 12:25 train, extra coaches being put on to accommodate the crowd. Others left during the afternoon and night, all expressing themselves as being delighted with the hospitality of the good people of Elizabeth City, who have cared for them so royally. As to the conference itself, there has never been a more pleasant, congenial and helpful session, the harmony and good fellowship being due mainly to the presiding genius and loving brotherliness of the bishop, who won the deepest reverence and love of all.

Bishop Hendrix came as far as Wilmington last night, where he spent the night before going on to South Carolina today to hold the South Carolina conference. The train was filled with a jolly, happy crowd, most of them coming on through Raleigh, taking other trains here to return to their homes. Farewells and best wishes for a good year's work were heard on all sides as they parted, with each other looking forward to the meeting again at the conference at Kinston next year. Raleigh people, and especially those of Edenton Street and Central churches, will be glad of the return of the same pastors, Rev. H. M. North and Rev. A. D. Wilcox, both having served only one year at these churches, and having done splendid work last year, winning the love and admiration of their whole congregations. Rev. P. D. Woodall, former pastor at Epworth, is also attached to Edenton Street. He is now studying at the Curry School of Expression in Boston.

The four years of Rev. R. B. Join as presiding elder having expired he has been transferred to the Fayetteville district. During his four years residence in this city he and his charming wife have mingled much with the people of all denominations, becoming part of the life of the city. Both will be greatly missed and while as presiding elder, Mr. John's work has been divided among the many churches of his district, Mrs. Join has identified herself with the work at Edenton Street church, giving active service in all of its departments and she will be greatly missed from the ranks there.

The new presiding elder of this district is Rev. W. L. Cunningham, who comes from the Wilmington district. As conference secretary Mr. Cunningham is closely identified with the work of that body, and is one of the strongest preachers in the conference.

At both Epworth and Jenkins Memorial churches changes have been made. Rev. W. E. Hocutt, of Jenkins (Continued From Page Six.)



Miss Jane Haskell, daughter of Governor Charles N. Haskell, of Oklahoma, who recently made her debut as an amateur actress in Cincinnati. The play was Sir Arthur W. Pinero's "The Scheenmistress." It was given under auspices of the local school of dramatic art and Miss Haskell played the role of Peggy Hessleridge most acceptably. Miss Haskell will go on the professional stage as soon as she completes her course at the dramatic school.

### FOUR ELECTROCUTIONS

#### Two In January and Two In February

#### Governor Kitchin Today Fixed the Date of the Execution of Chas. Plyler—The Others Are Phillip Mills, Norman Lewis and J. B. Allison.

Governor Kitchin today named January 20 as the day for the electrocution of Charles Plyler, white, of Union county, who was convicted in the first degree. Plyler appealed to the supreme court which recently affirmed the decision of the lower court. Plyler has been in the Lee county jail since being sentenced last summer, as it was considered unsafe for him to be in Union county pending the appeal to the supreme court.

This makes four men who are now under sentence of death in this state, three white and one colored. The others Phillip Mills, white, of Transylvania, who was recently sentenced to be electrocuted February 10, for murdering his wife; Norman Lewis, colored, of Nash county, will be executed January 5 for the murder of the chief of police of Spring Hope. The date for the execution of J. B. Allison, white, of Buncombe county, has been fixed for February 24. He was convicted of murder.

### SURPRISE IN LEBLANC CASE

#### Comb Found in Laundry Belonged to Miss Glover.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
East Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 6.—One of the biggest surprises of the trial of Hattie Leblanc on the charge of having murdered Clarence F. Glover, came today when William H. McCall, superintendent of the Glover Laundry, testified that the ladies comb found in the laundry the next day after the tragedy was that of Mrs. Lillian M. Glover.

The comb was introduced into the case by the state and Mrs. Glover testified that it belonged to Hattie Leblanc. McCall swore that he often visited the Glover home and that he saw the comb in question or one just like it. He said that it was being worn by a woman when he saw it.

"Who was wearing it?" Lawyer Melvin M. Johnson asked.

"Mrs. Glover," replied the witness.

### Spoke for Retirement Fund.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Representatives Bennett and Calder, of New York, and Hamil, of New Jersey, spoke for the pensioning of government clerks at a mass meeting under the auspices of the United States Civil Service Institute last night. They gave a decided impetus to the movement, when all pledged themselves to vote for such a bill if it came up in this congress.

Will be Buried at Mount Auburn. Boston, Mass., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Eddy will be buried at Mount Auburn cemetery, Cambridge.

### BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY IN ENGLAND

#### Forty-One Seats in Parliament to Be Filled by Today's Elections

### POLLING IN IRELAND

#### Two Seats in London Voted on Today and the Balance in the Country Districts—First Voting in Ireland—Warm Contest Between Redmond and O'Brien—Liberals and Their Allies Ahead So Far in the Number of Members Elected—Unionists Will be Able to do Little More Than Endorse the Government.

(By Cable to The Times.)  
London, Dec. 6.—The first break in the dreary, stormy weather which has marked the British elections so far, came today. Forty-one parliamentary seats, twenty-two of them in London and the balance outside the city, were voted for.

The first polling in Ireland was held today and a stormy time was promised, especially in the city of Cork, where a battle royal was waged between William Redmond and William O'Brien for supremacy. O'Brien, leader of the "All For Ireland" party, and boasted that he would sweep the city. Police and soldiers were held in readiness for rioting.

The rains and fogs which had prevailed for a week, were gone this morning and the weather was mild and dry.

At the opening of the polls today one-third of the membership of the new parliament had already been elected, and, while it was predicted that the government coalition would be reduced in strength, it was admitted in many quarters that the Irish Nationalists, led by Joan Redmond, would again hold the balance of power.

Political experts predicted that the Unionists will be able to do little more than endorse the government, according to the indications so far expressed as to the complete complexion of the next parliament. This makes it possible that the constitutional crisis, after all, will have to be settled next year by a series of conferences instead of in parliament.

At noon today tables prepared by the various parties showed the following totals: Unionists, 118 (including three returned unopposed today); Liberals, 90; Laborites, 52; Nationalists, 17.

A report from the parliamentary borough of Sunderland in Durham, received at 11 a. m. stated that two Liberals had been returned and that the Laborites had made a gain of two seats.

At Newcastle two Liberals and one Laborite were returned.

### Fire in Chicago.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Chicago, Dec. 6.—The man was fatally burned, two policemen seriously injured by five fires and a score of families made homeless by a fire which destroyed three buildings on West Thirtieth street early today. The dying man is John Smith. The loss was \$75,000.

### ONLY 16 SHOPPING DAYS TILL

### Christmas

#### Begin Planning For the Christmas Dinner



Thomas A. Edison, the world's greatest inventor, who admitted that he sent to Washington to be patented a "single little device" for a heavy-duty air machine. His invention consists of a basket hung on a vertical shaft on the upper end of which revolve two lines, designed, at sufficient speed to lift the whole affair. Its chief merit is that the centre of gravity, being h.w., the machine is kept in automatic balance.

### NO WORKED UP CASES

#### Private Detectives Not Encouraged by Judge Connor

#### Walter Mitchell Discharged in Federal Court Yesterday Afternoon—Enough Crimes Being Committed Without Private Detectives Working Up Cases—Yesterday's Court Proceedings.

Judge Connor put his foot down on the habit of private individuals working up cases against blind thieves when he discharged Walter Mitchell yesterday afternoon.

Mitchell was charged with selling whiskey, the evidence having been worked up by Davis Detective Agency that has been the means of gathering evidence against a number of "tigers" in this and other cities. When the case against Mitchell was called yesterday afternoon, Judge Connor, by asking a few questions, found that neither the city nor state had employed the detectives, but that they sought the evidence on their own hook. When this state of affairs became known the defendant was discharged. Judge Connor remarking that enough crime was being committed without anyone indulging people to violate the law.

Gus Judd, colored, of Wake county, was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year and one day and pay a fine of \$100 and costs for illicit distilling.

Rufus Langdon, of Johnston county, was tried upon the charge of illicit distilling. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of aiding and abetting. He was given a sentence of 30 days in jail and fined \$100 and costs. W. C. Wood, of Johnston county, was sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$100 and costs for illicit distilling.

### South Carolina Census.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The population of the State of South Carolina is 1,515,200, a gain of 33.1 percent over the population of 1,140,316 in 1900.

The population of the state or Arkansas is 1,574,449, a gain of 29.9 percent over the population of 1,211,564 in 1900.

The returns from this enumeration give South Carolina no new members in congress and Arkansas one.

These figures were issued by the census bureau today from the returns of the 1910 census.

### Steamer Ashore.

Tarleton, Dec. 6.—The Italian steamer Nord America, with thirty-five souls aboard, is ashore at Arzila, and is slowly going to pieces in the turbulent seas which are raging there, according to a commercial cable received here today. The vessel is commanded by Captain Carbone and was bound from Lucnos Ayres to Genoa.

### SHOT AT THE NEGRO

#### Mr. J. S. Koonce Fired at a Negro Assailant Today

#### Shooting Took Place on Wilmington Street This Morning—Negro Attacked Mr. Koonce—Two Men Had Already Had One Fight This Morning—Negro Escaped.

This morning about 10 o'clock, considerable excitement was created on Wilmington street, between Hargett and Exchange, by Mr. J. S. Koonce shooting at an unknown negro. The negro fell when Mr. Koonce fired, but quickly regained his feet and the last heard of him he was going out New Bern avenue at a gallop that would make a ten-second man look like a cripple, closely pursued by Policeman Wyatt.

Yesterday the negro went to the store of Koonce Brothers, on East Hargett street, and sold a small bronze clock to Mr. Harris, a clerk. Mr. Harris paid the negro one dollar and told him to come back today and he would give him another dollar if the price was satisfactory to Mr. Koonce.

This morning when Mr. Koonce came to the store the negro was arguing with the clerk about the clock. Mr. Koonce told the negro that he could not give him two dollars, as the clock was not worth over a dollar, but if he would bring the dollar that had been paid him he could get his clock. The negro grew impudent and began back-talk, whereupon Mr. Koonce ordered him from the store. When he did this the negro struck Mr. Koonce and the two men went together. The negro was putting up a stiff fight and Mr. Koonce reached for an old gun that was in the window, for the purpose of hitting the black man, who broke away and ran up Hargett street, saying he would be back.

When Mr. Koonce started to breakfast a short time after this, remembering the threat of the negro, he put a pistol in his pocket for protection. As he was passing down South Wilmington street the negro jumped on him again, and there was a lively scrap for a moment, until Mr. Koonce succeeded in pulling his pistol. In the scuffle Mr. Koonce fired at him and in running he fell in the middle of the street, but got up immediately and dodging behind a horse led around the street corner, while Mr. Koonce was trying to get another shot at him.

Policeman Wyatt pursued the fugitive, and last seen of them they were headed out New Bern avenue. It is not known whether the ball struck the negro or not, some believe it did, which caused him to fall. The bullet hit a door-facing on the east side of Wilmington street.

It is thought that the negro is one of the band of burglars, for he stated that he had several other clocks to sell.

### SHARP DISAGREEMENT

#### Between the President and Secretary Ballinger Over Conservation.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, Dec. 6.—President Taft and Secretary Ballinger have reached a sharp disagreement on the very fundamentals of conservation policy.

The president announces the fact in his message to congress, explaining that while approving the secretary's course in fully setting forth his views, he (the president) is unable to accept them.

Right at the top of this remarkable exposure of an intra-administration disagreement about conservation, comes from the interior department the circumstantial story of a grave stress in the relations between Secretary Ballinger and one of his chief subordinates, Commissioner Fred Dennett, of the general land office.

The development of the facts about these two differences between the secretary and his official associates has added distinct piquancy to the discussions of the probable fate of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy and to conjecture about the probable tenure of the secretary in the presidential family.

### Sully In Court.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Daniel J. Sully, "the cotton king," today filed an answer in the district supreme court, denying allegations that he conspired with John Hays Hammond and Harris Hammond to defraud Lemuel A. Green out of \$50,000 promised him and taken from him by his patents on a cotton grader.

Fortunate is the man who wants only what he can get.

### GREAT SNOW

#### STORM AND COLD WAVE

#### Entire West and North Covered With Snow and Colder Weather Coming

### NO RELIEF IN SIGHT

#### Has Been Snowing in Washington Since Early Yesterday—Baltimore Has Ten Inches—Pittsburg and New York Suffering From Blizzard—Kentucky Covered With Snow From One to Two Feet Deep—Fair But Colder Weather Promised for Tomorrow—Storm and Cold Extended Quite Generally Over the Country.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, Dec. 6.—Old King Winter has blown into Washington, bringing along a miniature blizzard that threatens to leave the capital snowbound. Whipped along by a biting wind, snow has fallen for twenty-four hours.

No relief is offered by the weather bureau. "More snow today, with tomorrow fair and colder," was the only answer the anxious questioners received this morning from the weather man.

If the western blizzard which is raging in the region of the Great Lakes sweeps over the middle Atlantic states today, Washington will be in the throes of a storm that will run a close second to that of last inauguration day when the city was completely isolated from the rest of the country.

The storm in part of the blizzard that has been making things uncomfortable in the northwestern section of the country. It came from the Rocky Mountains, moving across the lower Mississippi valley and attacking all the eastern seaboard simultaneously. Trains coming to this city by way of St. Louis arrived at the Union station from one to two hours late today and the street car lines are experiencing great difficulty in maintaining anything like a schedule.

### First Real Blizzard.

New York, Dec. 6.—The first real blizzard of the winter started in New York today. A heavy fall of snow accompanied by cutting winds, caused injuries to more than three score persons and drove hundreds of poor to seek shelter in charitable institutions and lodging houses. Traffic was crippled to a great extent.

Ambulances were kept busy through the morning hours and before 8 o'clock there had been 100 calls to the various hospitals in Greater New York. At the municipal lodging house six hundred persons were cared for, a record this year. Of these 30 were women and ten children of tender ages who were found wandering in the snow storm.

The injuries came mostly from falls although a number were hurt by being struck by street cars and automobiles while blinded by the snow.

A stylishly dressed woman, about 45 years of age, was found lying unconscious in the snow at Second Avenue and One Hundred and Forty-Sixth street. At the Harlem Hospital she gave the name of Nellie Berger. The physician said if she had lain in the snow twenty minutes longer she would have perished.

Charles Demarest, of Tenally, N. J., fell upon the pavement and sustained concussion of the brain. He is dying in the New York Hospital.

Practically all the other injured are suffering from broken limbs and dislocated joints. Many of the wounded are women.

Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards started this morning on his first big job of the year. With an army of over 5,000 men at work he undertook the task of keeping the street clear.

He sent a letter to Mayor Gaynor asking that the police compel all property owners to clean the streets in front of their homes.

As the day advanced the snow storm grew in volume and the thermometer fell. By nine o'clock four inches of snow lay upon the ground and the thermometer was 25 degrees above zero.

### Ten Inches Deep in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 6.—Baltimore is today in the grip of real winter. Snow has been falling continuously since 8 a. m. yesterday morning. The ground is covered to a depth of ten inches.

This is the coldest day of the season, the thermometer at eight o'clock registering 25 degrees above zero.

Kentucky Covered. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 6.—The mountain and lowland districts of Kentucky are snowbound today and the whole state lies under a thick blanket. Two feet of snow cover the mountain regions and communication is completely cut off. In the bluegrass section a blizzard which has raged for nearly 24 hours (Continued on Page Six.)