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DEATH KNEEL OF PAYNE BILL

Senator Elkins Says That The Bill As It Now Stands Will Never Become a Law.

Washington, Special.—Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, Tuesday sounded what is believed to be the death knell of the Payne tariff bill in its present shape, when he declared in the most emphatic terms that such a bill as that presented to the House for adoption by the ways and means committee would never become a law, and that if necessary the Senate would remain in session until Christmas, if required to do so, to get a bill more acceptable to all sections of the country. This is the opinion also expressed by many other Senators. They maintain that a close analysis will show that such a bill as that now proposed would be most harmful to the interests of the South and that, as millions of dollars of money belonging to Eastern capitalists are invested there, such a bill will never become a law.

Objections to the Bill.

Among the objections set out are that it increases the taxation on the necessities of life, and that those articles actually required by the poor man will come higher to him.

That the maximum and minimum features of the bill are loosely drawn and, if placed in operation, would be both burdensome to the American and otherwise be hurtful to American industries.

That the drawback provisions of the bill will work out injuriously to the wheat raisers of the great West, and otherwise be hurtful to American industries.

That the inheritance tax provisions interfere with the State laws bearing on the same subject.

That the bill is lacking in any reciprocal features, which would enable the United States to make favorable trade arrangements.

That the system of valuation based on the American wholesale market price is of doubtful wisdom, and will work to increase duties.

That too much has been done to—

DEPRESSION DOES NOT EFFECT THE DAM.

Washington, Special.—Chairman Goethals, of the isthmian canal commission, who is about to return to Panama, said Friday that the three hundred feet of embankment of the rebuilt Panama Railroad line which Thursday's dispatches from Colon report had settled about thirty feet, was a mile and a half from the Gatun dam, and therefore, has no direct bearing in connection with the construction of that portion of the canal waterways. The settling occurred at a place where the re-located road is being constructed over a swamp. The road is being raised from a height of 6 feet to 95 feet above sea level.

"Unless there is some unforeseen difficulty such as labor trouble or an epidemic of some kind, I feel confident that the canal will be opened by January 1, 1915," said Colonel Goethals Friday. "I was originally an advocate of a sea level canal at Panama. That was at a time when I formed my judgment upon what seemed to be the demand of commerce and from general information concerning conditions that would be encountered. Going to the isthmus about two years ago, observation and

careful study convinced me that the construction of a sea level canal would involve expense so great as to make it impracticable and at the same time would result less satisfactorily because of difficulties connected with its maintenance.

"Since that time everything that has come to my attention has strengthened my belief in the advantage of a lock canal."

Colonel Goethals declared that reports of engineering difficulties that would be met on the isthmus have been greatly exaggerated.

"There is not a single thing in connection with the lock canal," he said, "that can be called unusual beyond the question of the magnitude. Engineers have performed similar work elsewhere. There are no doubtful problems. If I knew of anything that might jeopardize the stability of this work after its completion, or make doubtful its successful construction, I would promptly make a report on it, but there is nothing of that kind."

President Taft Friday again told Colonel Goethals that if the great waterway can be completed by the close of 1913, he wanted to see that accomplished.

Colonel Goethals, although not thinking it likely of accomplishment, told the President he would put every effort to work to expedite matters to carry out the President's orders. Colonel Goethals left Washington and will sail from New York for Panama Saturday.

A CRISIS NOW REACHED IN THE BALKANS

Paris, By Cable.—It is held in official circles that the Balkan situation, on account of the irreconcilable attitude of the Austro-Hungarian government, has now reached a most critical stage and that the next few days will decide between peace and war. The efforts of Great Britain, France and Russia to present a formula for the settlement of the difficulties in the Balkans.

KIDNAPER BOYLE IS LANDED BEHIND THE JAIL BARS

Mercer, Pa., Special.—Heavily maimed to Sheriff Chess, and guarded by several detectives, James Boyle, one of the kidnappers of little Billy Whirla, was brought here Friday from Pittsburgh and lodged in the Mercer county jail. His wife, it is said, will be brought here from Pittsburgh and the couple will be formally arraigned on a charge of kidnapping in a few days. Boyle feared violence on his arrival in Mercer, and on the journey from Pittsburgh asked Sheriff Chess if he thought the crowd would harm him. The prisoner looked

CASTRO TO FIGHT FOR HIS LOST POWER IN VENEZUELA

Paris, By Cable.—Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, left Thursday morning for Bordeaux. At the station Senor Castro confided to a small group of Venezuelan admirers his intention of re-establishing his power in Venezuela by a revolution, should this be necessary. After entering the car he leaned from a window and spoke with an earnestness and passion which left no doubt

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

Near Green River, Wyoming, Wednesday, a train ploughed into a sand slide burying the engine and killing five freight cars and killing engineer Layman and Brakeman Pearson.

Mrs. Jessie Culbertson, of Vincennes, Ind., was, in the absence of her husband, taken from her house into a shed Wednesday by a strange man and woman, who poured carbolic acid down her throat and tied her mouth shut, then left her. She could tell the tale.

A rather severe tornado passed over parts of Texas Wednesday and over parts of South Carolina Thursday morning, killing several persons and doing much damage to property.

Two negroes in Asheville, N. C., fought a duel with razors last Tuesday and both came out cut within an inch of their lives.

The Montgomery Advertiser figures it up that President Taft, within the last nine years, has traveled 202,114 miles, exceeding all others who ever arrived at the White House.

Captain Mueller and his five com-

panions in the balloon America were

found safe near Pasacena, after

landing in the mountains. It was

thought that they had floated out of

the ocean.

A 20-year-old widow, who re-

married, has been awarded the estate

of her first husband, amounting to

\$20,000, in Brooklyn, in a suit

brought against her by her relatives.

Five months after the husband's

death a child was born and, although

the plaintiff's contend that it was

dead at birth, the young woman

proved by the testimony of a nurse

that the baby lived a minute and

therefore she was entitled to the full

estate.

Joe and Isham Taylor and Lewis

Jenkins were found guilty of guilt

of first-degree murder in the Skipwith

murder and arson case at Powhatan, Va., and John Brown, guilty of murder in the second degree. All are negroes.

Brown got 15 years in the penitentiary and the others will die in the electric chair.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of

Virginia decided that voters may pay

their poll tax, which is essential to

qualification, in person, by messenger, by check or by postal order.

The National Association of

Liquor Dealers will test in the United

States Supreme Court, the provision of the Byrd law, of Virginia,

which requires a license of \$500 for

salesmen selling liquors by sample.

Willie Whirla identified the Cleve-

land suspect as his kidnapper, and

his father said he knew John Boyle,

the man, but refused to talk of the

woman prisoner.

The anthracite miners will ask

President Taft to arbitrate their dif-

ferences and will not strike April 1.

F. H. H. Richardson, of Elmira, N. Y., accused of embezzling \$300,000, committed suicide in Harrisburg Wednesday.

Portsmouth, by the annexation of

its suburbs, is now the third city in

size in Virginia.

The penalty in Virginia for kid-

napping is death or in the discretion

of the jury, it may be imprisonment

from 8 to 18 years.

Henry A. Wise, a member of the well-known Virginia family, has been appointed United States District At-

torney for the New York district.

Washington Affairs.

The Inaugural committee has a surplus of \$6,000 left from the Taft inauguration fund.

Republican insurgents are fighting the proposed special rule to cut off amendments to the Payne bill in the House.

The Senate Finance Committee is framing a practically new Tariff bill of its own.

President Taft has already changed 14 of the policies of Mr. Roosevelt and is considering a number of other changes.

Senator Aldrich is said to be opposed to all kinds of special taxes and would so adjust the rates as to reduce the revenues required from customs duties.

The new Senate committee hopes to point out means by which the Government can save millions.

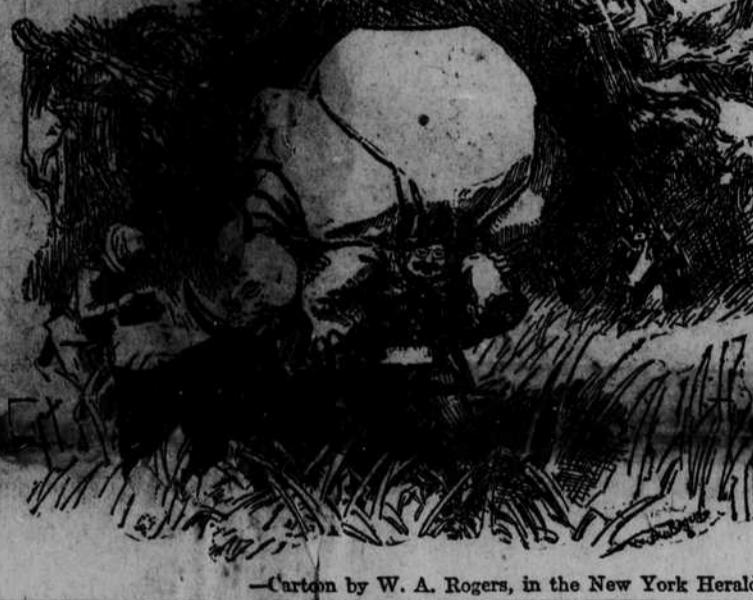
Minority Leader Champ Clark made a vigorous attack on certain features of the Payne bill and outlined the position of the Democratic members on tariff legislation last Thursday.

Chairman Payne completed his elaborate defense of the Tariff bill Wednesday.

License was issued for the marriage of William Mangum, a white carpenter, to Middie Hayes, colored, in Washington city Thursday. A Negro is to officiate in the ceremony.

Twenty-nine persons died from pneumonia in Washington last week, many of them as a result of the stormy Inauguration Day.

GOOD HUNTING!



—Cartoon by W. A. Rogers, in the New York Herald.

THIRTY-TWO LIONS SIGHTED WHERE ROOSEVELT WILL GO

Despatch From British East Africa Tells of the Good Prospects for Big Game--Great Plans for a Well-come to the Former President.

Mombasa, British East Africa.—R. J. Cunningham, a noted English big game hunter and field naturalist, who is to be guide to and general companion of the Roosevelt party, has been here from the time of the preparations for the trip into the wilderness as well as the shooting and collecting excursions along the line of the railroad. He is selecting and hiring native porters for the expedition. He takes only experienced men who are known to be courageous and to possess great physical strength. The "safari" kit—in other words, the camp equipment for the work in the open—is arriving from London, and all will be in readiness when Mr. Roosevelt arrives. The railroad car used on the line as far as Port Florence by other distinguished visitors to Uganda, such as the Duke of Mecklenburg, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Abruzzi, Joseph Chamberlain and Winston Spencer Churchill, is being refitted for the use of Mr. Roosevelt.

Everything points to a successful stay in British East Africa and Uganda for Mr. Roosevelt. The natives are peaceful, game is plentiful and the people of Mombasa are waiting eagerly to extend him a welcome.

The rains are late this year, and a heavy fall is expected (the regular

time for the "big rain") is from the end-of-the-month to the middle of the month.

The settlers are considered quiet. Many of the settlers in the outlying districts, realizing the increasing interest in the prospects for sport because of the coming of Mr. Roosevelt, are voluntarily sending in information about the movements of game.

According to a dispatch received here a record group of lions, numbering thirty-two, was seen on the Nandi plateau recently at a point about fifty miles north of Port Florence (the Nandi plateau is on the west side of the great Rift Valley). Among them are three huge bulls. Four families of lions have been seen Makindu, 200 miles inland from here on the line of the Uganda Railroad, and elephants have been seen at Elburon, 475 miles inland on the railroad.

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