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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.

The Chamber of Commerce of Petersburg has secured an option on the Index-Appel of that city and will buy the paper in order to boom the city.

The two and one-half passenger rate on all railroads in Virginia except the Norfolk and Western goes into effect April 1st.

Mrs. Mary Farmer was electrocuted at Auburn, N. Y., Monday morning for the most brutal murder of Mrs. Sarah Brennan, last April.

William Brant Eyster, of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, is now of the opinion that he is the long lost Charlie Ross. He discovered that his foster parents, who are now dead, were not his real parents. Charlie Ross was kidnapped 35 years ago.

Four persons were killed and five fatally wounded near Pittsburg, Pa., last Saturday by a head-on collision.

Gunjiro Aoki, a Japanese, and Miss Helen Gladys Emery, the daughter of Archdeacon Emery, of the Episcopal Diocese of California, were married at the Trinity Church, Seattle, last Saturday. They came from California, where they could not be legally married.

Three dry kilns just outside of Norfolk burned Wednesday, consuming a fine lot of timber. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

An offer for Willie Whitla to go on the vaudeville stage at \$1,000 a week has been received by his father, who merely remarked: "They will have to go higher than that."

Lawrence R. Boyle, who had been for 20 years the staff of the Boston Globe, in a fit of despondency last Saturday night, shot and killed his wife and himself.

The State of Georgia has abandoned the former method of leasing convicts from the penitentiary and an order has been issued against putting chains on women convicted of misdemeanors.

Dr. W. M. Ader, a North Carolinian was shot and mortally wounded in the late Indian uprising in Oklahoma.

The Southern Life Insurance Company of Fayetteville, N. C., which came so near being wrecked by the Seminole disaster, has been absorbed by the Jefferson Life Insurance Company of Raleigh, and policyholders are thereby secured and the stockholders get about 90 per cent of original investments.

In Raleigh, N. C., the citizens Democratic ticket won Tuesday in a very exciting municipal primary, carrying all before it but one alderman.

At Cumberland, Maryland, last week, a woman dying of blood poison, in token of the intense love she bore for her nurse, requested a kiss. The nurse complied, but caught the disease and died a few days later.

The Confederate Veterans' Reunion will be held this year at Memphis from June 8th to 10th.

San Francisco is said to be putting \$12,000,000 annually into slot machines.

The United States Commissioner at New York has decided that Jan Janscoff Pouren was a revolutionist and is not to be extradited to Russia for crimes committed.

A man said to have murdered a girl in Indiana 32 years ago, was recently found living in Texas, married and wealthy.

Foreign Affairs.
Six thousand persons were rendered homeless, and 30,000 domestic animals were drowned by late heavy floods in Southern Russia.

The French bar, Jules Henry blew up at Marseilles Thursday and 12 men were killed. It was a petroleum carrier and being inspected when it is believed the fumes of empty tanks caught from the inspectors light.

The last batch of U. S. troops left Cuba Wednesday noon to return to America, leaving the islanders again to govern themselves.

Accused of embezzling upwards of \$51,000 from the Russian Government, a man believed to be Isaac Yakovlev Matsaenko was arrested in Philadelphia Tuesday night.

Count Zepplin and a small party ascended in his airship at Friederichshafen, Germany, last week, and were caught in a hurricane. One motor refused to work and he could not safely land until he spent 11 hours in the air. He then landed in a 35 mile gale.

Washington News Notes.
April 1st was the first check issuing day for President Taft and \$5,625.01 is the sum.

President Taft has approved The Baltimore Sun's suggestion of a new system of accounting for the Government departments.

After April 1st no opium in any form whatever can be legally shipped into the United States except it be strictly for medical purposes.

A tornado struck Fort Deposit, Ala., last Sunday destroying several houses in the vicinity, producing one fatality.

The great strike in the post office department which had cut off Paris from the outside world last week, has been called off. Both sides were disposed to be conciliatory.

Commissioner Bingham in asking for a secret service fund for the city of New York, says a dishonest police commissioner can get a million dollars in a short while by letting badness alone.

Representative Edwards, of Georgia is the author of a bill to reduce the pay of congressmen from \$7,500 to \$5,000. He is willing to serve at that.

Reid Whitford of the U.S. Engineering Department has ordered the construction of reservoirs along the Yadkin river in North Carolina to obviate the frequent damaging overflows of that river.

Two piers of the Havana Central Railroad, Havana, Cuba were burned last Saturday entailing a loss of \$1,000,000.

Woman Blackmailer Peppered With Shot.
Washington, Ind., Special.—A woman was shot Tuesday night as she picked up a decoy prepared after Banker N. G. Read had received a letter demanding that he deposit \$30,000 at a designated spot. A man who accompanied the woman escaped unhurt, and the police are looking for him. The woman, besmeared with blood, was taken to jail, where she was identified as Miss Zella Clark. She has been employed as a domestic.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.
Brooklyn, N. Y., citizens asked that the city take over the East River ferries.

Charles M. Schwab predicted steel prices will go lower before they advance.

Former President Roosevelt paid a farewell visit to his old nurse before his departure for Africa.

Justice Truxa declared he was not disposed to grant a separation to a man who admitted he spanked his wife.

The old J. B. & J. M. Cornell Company, engaged in steel and iron construction, passed into receivers' hands.

A little American superintendent, attacked by two big mutinous mates on a West Indian steamship, whipped them and made them prisoners.

Organizers of the Workingmen's political party, a new organization, say it will hold the balance of power in the important election next November.

The bill providing that no aliens shall be allowed to fish in Hawaiian waters, aimed at Japanese fishermen, has been passed by the Territorial Senate.

Milliners and manufacturers of feathers employed a woman to fight the bill introduced to change the date of the inauguration of President from March 4 to the last Thursday in April.

United States Senator Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois, the new member of the Senate Finance Committee, which will deal with the Payne tariff bill, and one of the most conservative members of the upper house, declared himself in favor of an income tax.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.
The Shah of Persia is in financial straits.

Ex-President Roosevelt will be his own barber on his African trip.

Captain Baldwin and H. H. Clayton will attempt to cross the continent in a balloon.

Bishop Greer presided at a meeting in Trinity Chapel, New York City, in the interest of the child.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise in a speech placed the blame for child labor in the South on Northern capitalists.

Forsed to abandon his concert tour by an attack of rheumatism, Faderowski, the pianist, went to New York City.

John Mitchell addressed the congregation of the Free Synagogue, New York City, on "The Industrial Unrest."

Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, declined for business reasons the post of Ambassador offered to him by President-elect Taft.

The Duke of the Abruzzi left Genoa, Italy, for Marseilles, preparatory to starting on his expedition to the Himalayas.

Cipriano Castro informed President Gomez of Venezuela of his desire to return and live as a private citizen, but has not received a reply to the letter.

President Taft, Chief Justice Fuller, Governor Hughes, Mayor McCallan and others took part in exercises at Carnegie Hall, New York City, in memory of the late Grover Cleveland.

President Taft, in an address at memorial exercises in New York in honor of former President Cleveland's memory, compared his Democratic predecessor with Lincoln in devotion to public trust.

THE CENT SCHOOL.
A Cent School is so called because the children who come to it bring each one a cent, clutched tightly in a little hand, or knotted in the corner of a handkerchief—a daily offering. If the cent is forgotten or lost on the way, the child goes home for another, that is all, and has a scolding for carelessness into the bargain. The littlest children go to it—used to go,

WENT QUIETLY TO DEATH

Mrs. Farmer, the Principal in the Brennan Murder, Suffers the Death Penalty For Her Deed.

Auburn, N. Y., Special.—Murmuring a prayer for her soul, Mrs. Mary Farmer was quietly led to the electric chair in Auburn prison shortly after 6 o'clock Monday morning and executed for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Brennan at Brownville last April.

The execution of Mrs. Farmer—the second infliction of the death penalty on a woman by electricity in this State—was effected without sensational incidents. Father Hickey, spiritual adviser of the condemned woman following the execution gave out a statement signed by Mrs. Farmer.

Her husband, James Farmer, was entirely innocent and knew nothing of the crime until after it had been committed.

The first contact lasted a full minute, the voltage starting at 1,340 and being gradually lowered to 200, then raised again to the full limit of 1,340 volts. The current was applied at 6:05 o'clock. The current was shut off and a strange sound—half moan and half murmur, came from the woman's lips. Dr. Gerin and Dr. Spitzka applied the stethoscope to the heart while Electrician David felt the artery in the neck. Muscular action was noted by the physicians, and again the current passed through the woman's body for a period of a few seconds. Once more the physicians stepped forward and applied the tests to determine if life still remained in the limp figure in the chair. For the third time the State electrician sent the current through the body. The first contact was said to have produced death but there were still muscular movements.

The physicians report that the autopsy disclosed that Mrs. Farmer was normal in every respect and that the brain showed no lesions that would indicate a criminal tendency.

The crime for which the woman forfeited her life were very horrible. She lived just across the street from Mrs. Brennan and envied the Brennans the neat little home they had gained by industry and economy.

Mrs. Brennan was seen to cross the street to visit Mrs. Farmer and was never seen to return. The facts were that Mrs. Farmer brutally killed her with an axe, chopped up her body and hid it away. She then forged a deed to the home and impersonating Mrs. Brennan, in whose name the property seems to have been deeded, went before the proper officials and had the deed regularly recorded. She then moved into the home at once. When Mr. Brennan returned home in the evening and asked for an explanation the deed was shown him and he was told that Mrs. Brennan had gone away. Mr. Brennan called the police to his aid and a search soon found the ghastly victim of the crime and unearthed the horrible scheme.

Crazy Snake Still Messing.
Oklahoma City, Okla., Special.—A detachment of Crazy Snake's band of belligerent Indians was surrounded by deputy sheriffs Monday afternoon near Crazy Snake's home, and a lively battle ensued. More than 200 shots were fired and one Indian was killed. Eight Indians were captured and the remainder fled with the deputies in pursuit. There were about 50 Indians in the band, and they had taken refuge in a house. The deputies had tracked them for some distance. Advancing from all sides, the posse fired a volley at the frail house. The Indians rushed out, scattered among the trees and made a valiant defense. The posse, fired steadily, advanced and routed the band. None of those captured is seriously injured but it is said that a number of other Indians were hit with bullets. Crazy Snake's band apparently has broken up into numerous small groups.

Telegraphic Briefs.
The Silver Service Commission of Mississippi has decided to have the likeness of Jefferson Davis on one centre piece and Beauvoir on the other in the silver service that the State will give to the battleship named in her honor.

The 6th annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. of North and South Carolina was held last week in Charlotte, N. C.

Silly Canard.
On last Saturday morning it was flashed over the wires all along the line that the U. S. Battleship Mississippi had been blown up at Guantanamo, Cuba. The ill-fated Maine came quickly into mind and the resultant war with Spain and ours was a nation on tiptoe of expectation. Message after message said it was reported, till finally before noon the report was declared only a silly canard. The Mississippi is safe and the 750 men said to dead are living and happy.

Mrs. Boyle Makes Sensation.
Pittsburg, Special.—Making a sensational and foolhardy attempt to escape from a train going at the rate of 30 miles an hour; denying that she had a hand in the kidnapping of little Willie Whitla; asserting that she is not Anna McDermott, of Chicago; saying that numerous other stories are absolutely incorrect, and through it all strictly maintaining the great air of mystery that surrounded her.

STOP AT GIBRALTAR

Mr. Roosevelt Spends Several Hours There

WOULD NOT BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

The ex-President Stops Off For a Short Visit—Is Assailed by the American Consul and Governor General of Gibraltar—Seaman Sails For Naples at 12:20 O'clock—Tells of the Allied Assault.

Gibraltar, By Cable.—The steamer Hamburg with Theodore Roosevelt and a party on board, arrived at this port Tuesday before 9 o'clock morning. Mr. Roosevelt came ashore with Richard L. Sprague, the American consul, and an aide-de-camp of General Sir Frederick Poynter-Walker, Governor of Gibraltar.

Accompanied by the Governor, an aide, and Mr. Sprague, Mr. Roosevelt drove in the Governor's carriage out along the North front and up to the limit of British territory.

With Mr. Sprague Mr. Roosevelt then visited the Mediterranean Club, where his name was entered on the visitors' book.

Mr. Sprague and Mr. Roosevelt then drove back to the pier, whence Mr. Roosevelt went off to the Hamburg shortly after half-past eleven. The dock was crowded with people, who gave Mr. Roosevelt an enthusiastic farewell. The Hamburg sailed for Naples at 12:20 o'clock.

Mr. Roosevelt refused to be photographed and declined every request for an interview.

Wednesday night at a dance on the Hamburg, Mr. Roosevelt danced with Miss Ruth Draper. Before withdrawing for the night Mr. Roosevelt appeared in the smoking room and chatted with the passengers for twenty minutes.

When asked directly concerning the rumor that an attack had been made upon him during the voyage, Mr. Roosevelt said that the only basis for it was an "idiotic, excitable Italian" used angry expressions to him while he was on the bridge of the vessel talking to the Captain. He said this man made no attempt upon him whatever and that he was promptly removed and confined below the remainder of the voyage.

As to Child Labor.
New Orleans, Special.—The Southern child labor conference at its session here adopted resolutions embodying a number of important recommendations for legislation on the subject of child labor in the South.

The following are the recommendations in substance:
The employment in factories of a child under the age of 14 years.

The employment in a mine or quarry of no child under the age of 16 years.

The employment of no child under the age of 16 years in any painful occupation except agricultural and domestic service unless such child can read an "write simple sentences in the English language.

That no boy under the age of 16 nor girl under the age of 18 years, except in agricultural or domestic service, be employed between the hours of 7 p. m. and 6 a. m.

An eight-hour day law for children under 16 years of age and for all women.

Employment under the certificate plan.

The employment by the State of proper officials for the inspection of all mines and factories with the power to prosecute violations.

Thorough sanitary and safety regulations.

Making the conference a permanent organization.

In connection with the recommendation for employment under the certificate system, the provisions of the Kentucky law are endorsed.

At the morning session of the conference Oliver R. Lovjoy of New York, general secretary of the National Labor committee, made an address stating that the South wants capital, but that capital must conform to reasonable statutes for the guarding of the welfare of children.

Three Negroes Murdered.
Elizabeth City, Special.—One of the bloodiest brivels that has ever been known in this section occurred Thursday night at Columbia, Tyrrell county, in which three negroes were killed and one terribly wounded. Nothing was known of the trouble until Friday morning when a white man passing heard someone say, "Don't let me any more." Upon investigation dead negroes with blood still flowing, razors and guns were found on the ground, presenting a horrible spectacle.

Adams-Butler Suit.
Greensboro, Special.—Friday's proceedings in the Adams-Butler libel suit were rather dull and listless, the greater part of the time being consumed in reading a number of depositions made by persons in Oklahoma and Washington, the object being to attempt to justify the publication by the defendants of articles in The Raleigh Caucasian reflecting on the personal and official integrity of Judge Adams.

WAR IN HONDURAS

Guatemala and Honduras Again at the Old Game of War—Situation Viewed With Alarm in Mexico—Presidents of Both Republics Asking Explanations of Each Other.

Mexico City, Special.—Private

telegraphic advices received here Tuesday are to the effect that Guatemala has concentrated a large portion of her army on the Honduran frontier. The Honduran minister to Guatemala demanded an explanation and was told that President Cabrera desired to check the exiled Honduran revolutionists from crossing the border and fomenting an uprising against General Davila, President of Honduras. This concentration of troops has not been confirmed from other quarters.

The situation in Central America is regarded in Mexico City with pessimism in spite of various denials of hostile intention. The latest reported move on the part of Cabrera is thought to have been taken to checkmate President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, and President Davila, who are said to contemplate a joint assault on Guatemala.

Servia Accepts Note.
Belgrade, By Cable.—The formula agreed upon by the powers of Europe and Austria-Hungary for the settlement of the dispute between the dual monarchy and Servia, was accepted by the Servian government Tuesday.

The formula was presented to the Austrian government to the following effect:
"First, Servia declares that her rights have not been violated by the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and accepts the powers' decision to annex paragraph 25 of the Berlin treaty; second, Servia will not protest against the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina; third, Servia will maintain peaceful relations with Austria-Hungary; fourth, Servia will return her military forces to normal conditions by discharging the reservists and volunteers and she will not permit the formation of irregular troops or bands."

This note has been prepared at the suggestion of the powers and will be sent with the object of terminating all misunderstandings between Austria-Hungary and Servia.

Woman Prevents Lynching.
Chillicothe, Mo., Special.—Lynching of two men accused of shooting and mortally wounding Marshal Caraway at Jamesport Monday was prevented by Mrs. James Wood, the wife of a farmer living near Jamesport. The men had been wounded by a posse of farmers. A rope had been procured and the farmers were stringing up the prisoners in the yard of the Wood home when Mrs. Wood pleaded with the leader of the posse to permit the law to take its course. Her plea prevailed and the men were taken to the jail at Gallatin, Mo. Farmers have followed the third suspected man to the Grand river bottoms, seven miles northwest of Chillicothe.

Makes Valuable Discovery.
Minneapolis, Minn., Special.—Dean George D. Frankforter, of the College of Chemistry of the University of Minnesota, says he has made a discovery by which he claims that the United States will produce a hundred times as much wood pulp paper as was believed possible. It is causing interested discussion here. It is certain that the discovery means that every cord of fibre will yield \$10 on by-products alone, and that most of the 60 per cent of a tree now wasted will be utilized.

Mexican Mine Disaster.
Eagle Pass, Tex., Special.—Thirty-eight Mexican miners are entombed in the coal mine at Minor, Mexico, operated by the Consuelo Mining Company, as the result of an explosion caused by fire damp. Up to Tuesday none of the miners had been rescued and it is probable all are dead.

Eight Killed by Explosion.
Chillicothe, O., Special.—Eight workmen were killed and eight others were injured Tuesday by an explosion of several hundred pounds of dynamite at Indian Creek, near here, where the Norfolk & Western Railroad is double tracking. A crew of men was unloading a car of dynamite when it exploded. The dead include Charles Buchanan, Columbus, conductor in charge of the work train; M. Jonathan Floyd, Prides, O., and John Hayes, Antonio, O.

Durham Boy Sent to Reformatory.
Durham, Special.—Hobson Martin, the son of a very good father in this city, was Saturday morning ordered sent to the Jackson Training School by the recorder on account of the theft of a purse and a small amount of money. The young fellow has not been regarded as an incorrigible but has borne a rather good reputation for a kid. He is the first to go from this place to the reformatory.

FIRE AT NEWBERN

Conflagration Destroys \$4,000 Worth of Property.

Newbern, Special.—Fire Saturday morning at 2:30 threatened for a time the block on the corner of Middle and Pollock streets, and gutted the Hughes Building, a double story brick building, occupied by the Delmonico Cafe and the George B. Waters cigar and stationery store. Soon after the firemen reached the fire an explosion took place in the Waters store and one of the colored helpers in the fire department was badly cut by flying glass. The loss is about \$4,000 with \$1,200 insurance. Mr. Waters, it is stated, had \$1,300 insurance and a stock of about \$2,500.

Probing Deforestation.
Winston-Salem, Special.—Reid Whitford, of the United States engineering department, has been in this section several days to ascertain by consultation with well informed citizens, as well as by personal investigations and examinations, the approximate amount of deforestation which has taken place in Wilkes and adjoining counties during the last 20 years; this is with the view of determining how this clearing of land has influenced the water levels in the Yadkin river, causing disastrous floods, and at other times unusual and long periods of low water; or, if deforestation has not caused these conditions, to find out what has. The government seeks by some means to prevent such disastrous overflows of the Yadkin as are now almost yearly occurring.

The New Building at the University.
The site for the new building of the university for which the legislature donated the necessary sum last session was decided on by the trustees at their last meeting and will be the corner of Bull and Pendleton streets, facing towards the handsome building just being completed.

This is a most suitable place, it is stated, as the new class room building which is about completed occupies the opposite site on the corner of Bull and Green streets. This will also be in keeping with the plans laid out for the gradual enlargement of the university and the science building will be a fitting structure to stand on this corner.

Dr. Smith Has Accepted.
Chapel Hill, Special.—Dr. Charles Alphonso Smith, of the department of English, has accepted the call to the University of Virginia. The chair is that of English, not Teutonic languages. Negotiations have been under way for a year. Dr. James A. Harrison having urged the appointment of Dr. Smith as soon as the former thought of retiring. "I have given the matter most careful consideration," said Dr. Smith. "Nothing can change my love for the University of North Carolina or my native State, but the call to the University of Virginia is a call to a wider field of service."

Bridge Falls; Killing Elder.
Winston-Salem, Special.—One span of the approach to the bridge over the Yadkin river at the east end of North Wilkesboro fell in while Elder J. Frank Hutchenson, a Primitive Baptist preacher, was crossing, dropping him, his buggy and two mules into the river twenty feet below. Elder Hutchenson was fatally injured, living only thirty minutes, the buggy demolished and the mules badly crippled. The bridge had been condemned and closed up, but the public insisted on tearing down the obstruction and using it.

President Taft to Visit Charlotte.
A committee of prominent citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county, N. C., waited on President Taft last Wednesday and secured his promise to attend the celebration of the Declaration of Independence in Charlotte on the 20th of May, 1909. Singularly enough, however, the President says he never heard of that historic event before.

\$18,000 Fire at Salisbury.
Salisbury, Special.—With a loss of the Kincaid Vener Plant in this city was destroyed Saturday morning by fire, which is said to have originated from a spark from a passing train. The blaze was discovered by a night watchman but had gotten beyond control. The plant had been idle for some months and was in the hands of receivers, advertised for sale in April. The receivers held \$6,500 insurance.

Tariff Bureau.
President Taft Wednesday declared himself in favor of a tariff bureau, to be created at this session of Congress. He believes that such a bureau would be of great assistance to him in the application of the maximum and minimum principle of the Payne bill in the negotiation of foreign trade agreements, as well as in furnishing detailed information to Congress and to the White House on various tariff questions as they arise.

The President's announcement was made to the executive committee of the committee of 100 created by the national tariff convention recently held in Indianapolis. This committee, consisting of H. E. Miles, chairman; Henry R. Towne, of New York, and D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., called at the White House to lay before the President the views of the tariff convention and to recommend a permanent tariff commission.

Dr. Eliot Will Not Accept Ministry to England.
Washington, Special.—Both at the State Department and the White House Friday it was officially announced that Dr. Charles W. Eliot, the retiring president of Harvard University, had definitely and finally decided that he could not accept the tender of the ambassadorship to Great Britain.

WASHINGTON NOTES

Use Stamped Envelopes.
A special effort is being made by the Postoffice Department to increase the use of stamped envelopes instead of those which have to have a stamp affixed.

In furtherance of this endeavor A. L. Lawshe, Third Assistant Postmaster General, has issued a highly ornate circular describing and illustrating the different sizes and colors of the envelopes the government has on sale. This has been distributed by the letter carriers who, forgetting for the moment the length of their routes and the weight of their sacks of mail, have for the most part, entered into enthusiastic details as to the cheapness and convenience and altogether desirability of this class of postage wares.

"Everyone who uses government stamped envelopes is aiding the Postoffice Department in improving the service," is what Lawshe's circular says, and, in addition, it enumerates several advantages which are to be obtained from their use.

For instance, it points out that stamps may be easily lost, misappropriated, or may become useless by sticking together. Also a stamp may drop off in the mail, and then there is the time consumed in affixing the stamp as an item of consideration. All of these difficulties, the circular says, are overcome by using the stamped envelopes.

Then when a purchaser is willing to buy as many as 500 stamped envelopes at a time, the government will print his name and address in the upper left hand corner without any extra charge. The advantage of this is that such envelopes do not find their way to the dead letter office. If the address cannot be found the letter is returned without extra postage to the sender. Such envelopes, if misdirected, are redeemable at the Postoffice from original purchasers only at full stamp value. This is not true of adhesive stamps.

The Postoffice Department sells the envelopes in various sizes, colors, and qualities, but the most useful size can be obtained for about eight for a cent, stamp value extra. Thus eight two-cent envelopes would cost about seventeen cents. One can get them in white, amber, blue, buff or marula.

Payne Bill in Danger.
There is imminent danger that the Payne tariff bill may be seriously delayed in its consideration by the House. President Taft was in conference Tuesday with Speaker Cannon; Representative Payne, of New York, the Republican floor leader, and Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania. It is understood the House leaders impressed the Chief Executive with the unfavorable situation regarding the tariff bill and the difficulty being experienced in getting the Republican members in line to vote for a rule which would expedite the passage of the measure. It is conceded Tuesday night by several Republican leaders that it would be impossible to pass a rule restricting amendments to the bill until some time next week; and then only by granting the demands made by a number of members that certain important schedules be opened to amendment. As a means of settling the differences that exist and securing general support to a rule which would restrict amendments entirely to those which the ways and means committee will offer, they propose that the committee should recommend changes that would take the countervailing duty clause on coffee out of the bill and strike out the tariff on tea. It has also been suggested that a duty should be provided for long staple cotton or some other products of the South.

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