

TAFT GIVES HIS "OWN VIEW"

Comes Forth With Big Article in Outlook

Discusses Current Topics in Lengthy Manner, Especially the Tariff—Would Change the Wording of His Winona Speech—Still Believes in a General Income Tax and Tells Why.

New York, Dec. 1.—In the current issue of The Outlook there appears an article entitled "President Taft's Own View, an Authorized Interview," in which the President discusses current topics with an interviewer, as follows in part:

"Speaking of the tariff issue, Mr. President, if you could begin your Administration again, would you repeat your Winona speech tomorrow?" the interviewer asked.

"In phraseology, no; in effect, yes. Had I known as much then as I do now, I should have realized that there are some things one cannot leave to be taken for granted. I dictated that speech to a stenographer on the cars between two stations, and glanced through it only enough to straighten its grammar; it was sent out by the press with correspondingly little ceremony, so that the papers received it in all sorts of shapes. If I had prepared it two or three weeks before and revised it deliberately, as I ought to have done, I should have clarified several passages. And, particularly, I should have changed the sentence where I proclaim the Payne Tariff act the best ever passed. The comparative would have been a better description than the superlative; for, whatever its shortcomings, the Act still contains less to be criticized than its predecessors, and it did, as a whole, revise the existing schedules downward.

"I had no fault to find with either Democrats or Republicans for trying to reduce any duties they chose; what I object to is disturbing the business of the country today, when there is nothing better than guess work to proceed upon, and then disturbing it afresh six months later when the best available information is before us. I do not join in the charge of inconsistency against the Democrats for compromising with LaFollette on the wool schedule instead of standing by their own figures. If they could not get all the reduction they asked for, they were quite justified in taking what they could get. My chief criticism on their tariff activities last session was that they were willing to send me legislation so crude and ill digested that they must have known, if they had paused to think, that I could not possibly approve it."

"Is your tariff reduction program based on the theory that it will bring about a corresponding reduction in the cost of living?"

"I think that that effect is greatly over estimated. My chief objection to a needlessly high tariff is that it nourishes monopoly. It holds forth a constant temptation to the formation of little trusts, which often are more directly oppressive to the consumer than big ones."

"Mr. President, there is your Tariff Board. You have been sharply criticized for making it up of men who are not tariff experts."

"And that is true; they are not. If I had been appointing a board of tariff experts I could not have got along with less than twenty-five, order to do justice to all branches of the subject. What I undertook to do was to make up a board of trained investigators, capable of canvassing a thorough inquiry into costs of production and of analyzing its elements. First, Mr. MacVeagh wrote to friends in leading universities, asking each to give me a list of the economists considered by them best equipped for the task in hand. Professor Emery's name was on all the lists and at the top of half of them, so I made him chairman of the Board. Page comes from the University of Virginia; Sanders is an authority on agriculture; Reynolds, in interesting and enforcing the tariff laws for four years, had presumably learned the ins and outs of that business; and Howard I regarded as the ablest Southern Representative in Congress in my day. These men made no pretense of being tariff experts; they employ all the expert help they need.

"I fully realize, and I wish our people would, that the present prosperity of the Treasury is due in no small measure to the existing tariff, which, notwithstanding all its faults, is a revenue producer. There is a good deal more that can be said for that act. It

THE OLD NORTH STATE FOREVER

Again Captures Honors for Best Products

Won First Prizes at Horticultural Congress in St. Joseph, Mo.—Won Sweepstakes Last Year For Best State Exhibit and "Comes Back" Strong This Year.

Special to The Dispatch.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—Duplicating the feat of last year when she captured the grand sweepstakes for the best State exhibit at the National Horticultural Congress, North Carolina came back this year and at St. Joseph, Mo., won the grand prize, the first prize for collection of nuts, the first for subtropical fruit, the first on canned and preserved products, the first on five boxes of commercial pack and the first and second on delicious apples. This information is contained in a telegram today from W. N. Hutt to Commissioner Graham. Carolina's exhibit was not as good as last year but was great.

CUMMINS HAS BILL FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Cummins, of Iowa, announced today he would introduce a bill at the coming session providing for presidential primary elections in each State, at which the electors of both parties could announce their preferences for Presidential candidates.

Thousands of Laborers Affected.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The lockout of metal workers, which went into effect last night, already has affected fifty to sixty thousand men. Representatives of the men who had refused to accept the agreement drawn up by the joint committee of the employers and trades unionists, met again today with delegates of the employers to endeavor to reach a settlement.

STOKES ILL UNABLE RESUME TESTIFYING

New York, Dec. 1.—Illness of W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire, today caused another interruption in the trial of the chorus girls, Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, for attempted murder of Stokes. Although not seriously ill, Stokes was unable to resume the stand today. He was attacked by acute indigestion last night.

Notwithstanding the illness of Stokes the case was called, and Miss Marion Prophy, Stokes' stenographer, took the stand. Counsel for Stokes said he would be unable to resume the stand till Monday.



Washington, Dec. 1.—The coming session of Congress will be unique in the fact that two Democrats will represent Maine in the Senate. They are Senators Charles S. Johnson and Obadiah Gardner. Johnson was duly elected by the legislature, while Gardner was recently appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Frye.

PERSIA SPURNS THE ULTIMATUM

And Russia Orders Her Troops to Attack

Persian Council Today Rejected Russia's Demands in Spite of the Advice of Great Britain—Father of American Treasurer-General Consults State Department About Welfare of His Son.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 1.—The Persian National Council has rejected the Russian ultimatum by a big majority. The Foreign Minister has resigned. The Russian ultimatum called for the instant dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer-General, and a cash indemnity to cover the cost of the dispatch of Russian troops to Persia.

Wouldn't Take England's Advice.

A cablegram from the British Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, was presented to the assembly urgently advising compliance with Russia's demands, but some of the members pointed out that England's advice hitherto had led only to Persian humiliation. They thought resistance to the Russian demands would awaken foreign attention and lead to an impartial inquiry.

Speaker after speaker declared that it was impossible for Persia ever to sign away her own independence if Russia should wrest it from her that would be God's will. A deputation of members waited on W. Moran Shuster before the vote was taken in parliamentary session. The American Treasurer-General begged them to consult only the interests of their country and not to consider him.

The National Council registered its refusal of the Russian ultimatum just a quarter of an hour before the expiration of the ultimatum. Meanwhile large silent crowds thronged around the precincts of parliament house waiting for the verdict of the deputies.

Ex-Governor Assassinated.

Ala.—Ed Dowble, ex-Governor of Fara Province, was assassinated when leaving his residence this morning. Three men participated in the crime, firing seven shots.

Father Anxious About Son.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Shuster's father conferred with State Department officials today regarding the position of his son. The officials declined to make any statement as to the nature of the conversation.

Russia Orators Troops to Attack.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—In consequence of the rejection by the Persian National Council of the Russian demands, Russia has ordered the troops now concentrated at Rasht, the capital of the Persian Province of Ghelan, 16 miles from Enzell, on the Caspian Sea, to advance on Teheran.

Persians Appeal For Peace.

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Taft was appealed to today by the Persian American Education Society to use his good offices in the United States to prevent war between Persia and Persia. The society also addressed letters of appeal to the Senate and House and to Andrew Carnegie, asking the latter's help as a friend of world peace.

"The Lost Necklace."

An American Drama of Vigorous Action, Grand Drama.

MUCH DAMAGE

Resulted From Bombardment By Turkish Ships.

Perim, Dec. 1.—The Italian bombardment of Mocha, Arabia, by a fleet of warships caused considerable damage, but only three Turks were killed. The Turks replied, but none of the shots was effective on the ships. Bombardment probably resumed December 4th by a more powerful fleet.

STANDARD'S NEW COMPANIES START IN

New York, Dec. 1.—The thirty three subsidiary companies into which the Standard Oil Company was divided after the Supreme Court decreed its dissolution, began their individual existence today. Some two hundred thousand new stock certificates, containing proportionate shares in these companies, were mailed yesterday to six thousand and odd stockholders in the old company.

Pathe's Weekly of Current Events. Among the Fine Films Today at the Grand.



Atlanta, Dec. 1.—Charles W. Morse, banker-convict, is now an inmate of the hospital at Fort McPherson. Resting on a stretcher and seemingly unable to sit up, the New Yorker was taken to the hospital, the removal being made by order of President Taft, that the prisoner, who is afflicted with Bright's disease, may have a better chance to recover. Morse looks to be in very serious condition. The ride through the city on a bright autumn day raised the spirits of the sick man, who has hopes that sooner or later his petition for pardon will be granted. It is reported in Atlanta on what seems to be good authority that Attorney General Wickersham long ago would have given Morse his freedom but that he feared the sudden shock while in so weakened a condition would have caused his death.

WANT TREATY WITH RUSSIA ABOLISHED

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 1.—The Jewish-Americans here have joined a Nation-wide movement for early abrogation of the 1832 treaty between the U. S. and Russia, because of Russia's alleged refusal to recognize American passports of Jewish citizens. It was announced today that the California legislature would be memorialized to have the matter taken up in Congress.

Has a Bill For Congress.

New York, Dec. 1.—Russia must live up to the terms of the treaty with us or the treaty must be abrogated, declared Congressman Sulzer, chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, in a speech before the Spanish war veterans here last night. Mr. Sulzer will introduce a resolution, calling for abrogation of the treaty when Congress convenes. He says he will make it not merely a Jewish question, but an American question, and that when Congress passes his resolution "no President will dare veto it."

Well Known Journalists Dead.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Charles S. Francis, proprietor of the Troy Times and former American Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, died here early today, aged fifty eight years.

PRINTS A NEW BEATTIE CONFESSION

Richmond, Va., Dec. 1.—The News-Leader today prints the outline of what it said to have been a detailed and private confession left by Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., for the perusal of his family alone. According to the alleged confession, Beattie decided two weeks before the crime was committed to kill his wife. Details of the murder coincide almost precisely with the theory set out by the State at the trial. Beattie is said to have asserted that his marriage was comparatively loveless and was forced upon him by his father's earnest wishes.

Mr. Jas. Andrews Dead.

It will be sad news for friends for friends in this city and elsewhere to learn of the death of Mr. James Andrews, of Edgecombe, aged 77, who died at an early hour today. A coffin is being sent up from the city for the interment. The venerable gentleman is survived by his widow and 9 children, who will be accorded the tender sympathy of many friends in their hour of sorrow. Rev. Mr. Baker will preach the funeral at Balow's Baptist church.

HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED

Which Tariff Schedule Will Come First

Chairman Underwood Speaks of the Tariff Revision Work by the Next Congress—Will Call Committee Together As Soon as Session Convenes.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Representative Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, announced today he would call the meeting of his committee as soon as Congress convened to sound the sentiments of members as to the tariff revision program.

"The President," said Mr. Underwood, "will be given reasonable time in which to submit reports of the tariff board. If these are withheld too long the committee will proceed without them. It has not been decided which schedules we will take up first. We are certain, however, to submit bills on wool, cotton and iron and steel. The sugar schedule may come later."

STIRRED THEM UP

Professor Coon Causes Sensation at Teachers' Assembly by Denouncing the Present School System—Teachers Are Having a Big Convention.

Dispatch News Bureau
 Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1, 1911.

The annual address of President Chas. L. Coon, in which he scored the present educational system, was discussed largely by teachers today. In his remarkable address last night Mr. Coon struck out boldly, hitting the evils that he believed infested the school system. He likened the system to a variegated pair of pants, of which the parts had been contributed in a haphazard sort of way by one friend or another.

Declaring that the teachers lacked professional pride, he pointed out the fact that men who are not teachers belong to the assembly simply because they pay dues. Book agents and others, he said, were members of the assembly, and he could not conceive of lawyers and doctors permitting other professional men to join their societies.

He thought the teachers' assembly should be a delegated body, made up of delegates from smaller educational organizations.

He criticized the manner of electing school boards and county superintendents, and believed that each county should have the right to say who should serve in these capacities and not the state superintendent of public instruction.

Those who discussed the address today freely predicted that it would have its aftermath tomorrow, when the resolutions committee meets and when the business session is held.

After listening to the addresses last night of Speaker Champ Clark and President Coon, the teachers were up early today to begin the session. Adjournment will be taken tomorrow.

There was considerable complaint on the part of teachers that the general assembly is too large a body to meet at one time. The advantage of good speakers was appreciated, but where so many are gathered, as was the case here, it was difficult for the teachers to get down to business. Each of the allied organizations may return to the plan, it has been suggested, of holding separate sessions.

State Administration Endorsed.

Unanimously endorsing the administration of State Superintendent Joyner, and pledging him their support, the State Association of County Superintendents this afternoon adopted resolutions praising his administration of school laws. Superintendent Hall, of Gaston county, on behalf of the Association presented Superintendent Joyner with a gold headed cane. Mr. Joyner in attempting to express appreciation admitted that there are times when words fail. This manifestation of confidence, coming after last night's speech, created big surprise.

CREW RESCUED OFF WILMINGTON

New York, Dec. 1.—Captain McLeod and eight men were rescued Wednesday from the Nova Scotia brig Marconi, off Wilmington, by the steamer Chalmette and landed here today. The Marconi was dismasted in a storm.

FIRST REPORT TO COME SOON

Tariff Board Will Submit It By Dec. 11

Chairman and Another Member of the Tariff Board Conferred With President Taft Today—President Urged Them to Hasten—Wool Report First and Then Cotton.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The much discussed report of the tariff board on the wool schedule of the Payne tariff and on the wool industry will be in the hands of President Taft not later than December 11th. This prediction was made at the White House today, following a visit of Chairman Emery and A. H. Sanders, of the board. The cotton report will be sent to the White House a few days later. Mr. Taft spent nearly an hour with the two members of the board today, and urged them to make all possible haste in preparation of both reports. Mr. Taft's two special tariff messages, one on wool and the other on cotton, if become known today, will be merely formal documents of transmittal. The report will show the cost of production of wool and cotton in the various States and abroad, but it will not contain conclusions as to any rates.

TAYLOR LOVE DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Special to The Dispatch.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—Taylor Love, colored, paid the death penalty in the electric chair in the State's prison here today. Love killed Fred Morehead, in Haywood county, and was respited until today. He was a married negro and the man he killed was single. Both were chambermaids of a hotel.

Pathe's Weekly of Current Events. Among the Fine Films Today at the Grand.

NO MOVE TO SEND AMERICAN TROOPS

Washington, Dec. 1.—Although other foreign countries are sending troops to China, the United States further than to instruct Minister Calhoun that the men were ready at Manila has made no move for the dispatch of soldiers. The movement of American troops is dependent entirely upon decision of the Council of Foreign Representatives at Peking, as to whether or not they will be needed.



Denver, Dec. 1.—Sarah Platt Decker, one of the most eminent woman suffragists of the country and especially prominent in Colorado, is being put forward by her colleagues as a candidate for the United States Senate and is getting such support that her candidacy has passed the stage of being a joke. Colorado has been unable to elect a successor to Senator Hughes. No male candidate can get enough votes to elect, and in this dilemma the suffragists offer one of their number. They have received some encouragement from the followers of Judge Ben Lindsey.

"Dreams, Just Dreams."
 Will Be Sung by Mr. Harry Morgan, Grand Today.