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## Taft Favors World-Wide Reciprocity

### Advocates Closer Commercial Union Between North and South America

#### Champ Clark, Democratic Leader, Endorses President's View and Says: "Honest Trade Never Hurt Any Nation Yet"—Other Notable Speakers at Pan-American Commercial Conference

Canadian Press.  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Reciprocity with Canada, reciprocity with all countries of North and South America and reciprocity with all nations, was advocated by both President Taft and speaker-to-be Champ Clark in stirring addresses at the opening session of the Pan-American Commercial Conference today. Speeches favoring a closer commercial union of North and South America with reference to the future influence of the Panama canal were made by the Secretary of State, Mr. Knox; James A. Farwell, president of the United States Steel Corporation; Senor Galvo, the Costa Rican minister to the United States; and Senor Casas, formerly the Mexican ambassador to this country. Nearly 600 delegates and almost the entire diplomatic corps were present.

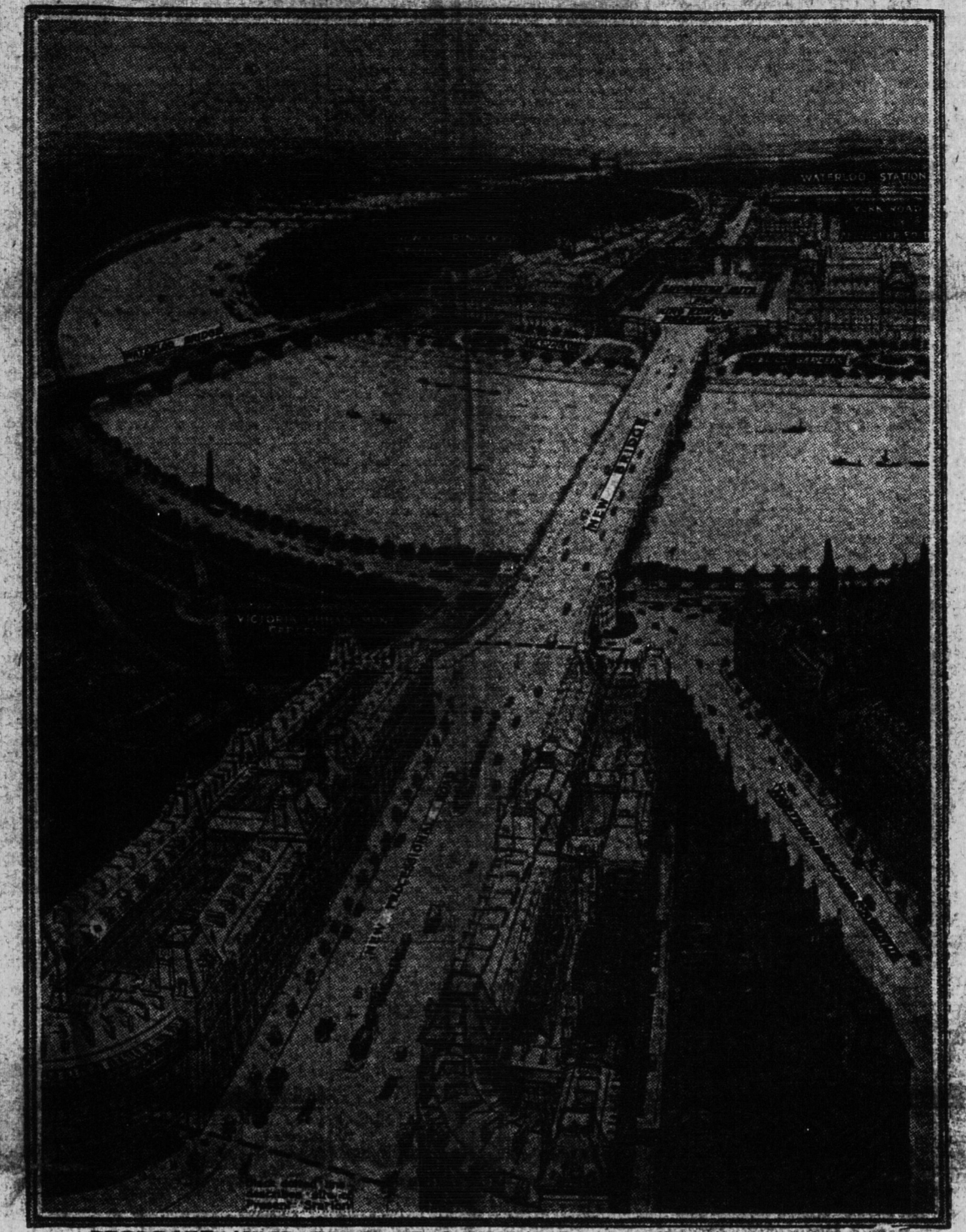
Champ Clark, who had just left the house of representatives announced in his address amid loud applause, that the test vote for immediate consideration of the Canadian reciprocity bill, had been won by the administration. Turning to President Taft, he said laughingly:

"That's a document which the president and myself own in partnership. But speaking for myself—not for President Taft or any one else—I am for reciprocity not only with Canada, but with all South and Central American republics. In fact, I'm in favor of reciprocity with all nations of the earth. My principle is that honest trade never hurt any nation yet."

Mr. Clark's concluding statement that the Pan-American Union and the Hague tribunal were two influences which would finally put an end to war among civilized nations was enthusiastically received.

"The last speaker and the next speaker, and I," said President Taft, who followed Mr. Clark, "have gotten together on one plank of a platform; we're both rather heavy men, and I hope it'll support us. It's a great pleasure to be with him in the promotion of trade in one part of the world, Canada. He is in favor of reciprocity in all parts of the world and so am I, but that doesn't help much toward a definite agreement."

## LONDON SCHEME TO HONOR MEMORY OF KING EDWARD



PROPOSED KING EDWARD BRIDGE OVER THE THAMES

London has evolved a new plan to honor the memory of King Edward by building a new bridge. The necessary changes would be made to the river. The lighter area indicates the space affected by the proposed alterations. Charing Cross Station and Hotel having been moved to the south of the river, ample scope would be afforded for an extension of the new Processional road from Buckingham Palace down the Mall, across Trafalgar Square and over the bridge to the square on the south side of the river.

## CONGRESS DEBATES RECIPROCITY BILL

### Indications Point to Its Passing Today By a Big Majority

#### Motion to Give Trade Agreement Precedence Over Other Legislation Carried by 77 Majority—Bulk of Republicans Sought to Delay Its Consideration, but Democrats Were Almost Solid to Press It—American Farmers Still Fighting Its Passage

Canadian Press.  
Washington, Feb. 13.—The McCall bill carrying into effect the reciprocity agreement reached the floor of the house today and probably will be passed by that body before adjournment tomorrow night. When the opponents of the measure admitted today that there was no stopping it in the house.

A test vote came today soon after the house was called to order by Speaker Cannon. Mr. McCall moved the immediate consideration of his bill. This was objected to ostensibly on the ground that it was District of Columbia day on the calendar and more important matters of legislation affecting the district were pending.

When the voting began, however, it soon became apparent that, with comparatively few exceptions the lines were being tightly drawn between those favoring and those opposing the trade agreement.

As finally corrected the vote to take up the bill was 197 to 120. The bill will be passed it is expected by even a larger majority. Today 101 Republicans voted against immediate consideration. This number will show a decided diminution on the final roll call. Sixty-three Republicans voted for immediate consideration. The Democrats vote was divided, 194 in favor of immediate consideration and 10 against. Democratic leaders say there will be but six or seven votes against the passage of the bill from their side.

#### A Wall From the Poor Meat Packers.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—A delegation representing the meat packers saw the government this afternoon and registered an objection to the reciprocity measure in so far as its alterations in the tariff affect them. They met with scant sympathy from the members of the cabinet interested, however. The delegation was made up of Messrs. J. W. Flavell, C. S. Blackwell, Toronto; Peter Laing, John Gunn, Montreal; R. Farman, W. W. Walkley, Hamilton; C. C. Wilson, Ingersoll; W. F. W. Stewart, W. E. Matthews, Ottawa.

The memorial read by J. W. Flavell set forth that the reciprocity proposals were "in view of the fact that British exports had increased to nearly seven million dollars worth and there was also a growing domestic trade. The market in this province to get a supply and they would have to close down, thus injuring their export trade. The market would be deprivation of western trade by competition and of the export trade during part of the year, followed by removal of packing houses to the United States. The memorial denied the existence of a combine. J. W. Flavell said that the serious side of their case was the diversion of the hog trade from the packers of Ontario and in Quebec during seasons when the United States prices were higher. Mr. Fielding told the delegation that manufacturers were not always the best judges of what was good for the industry. They were too prone to alarm and depict changes in the past there had been tariff changes which proved satisfactory.

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## TORY CHANGE OF BASE ON PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

### Want Government to Take Over and Operate Terminal Elevators

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The plan of the Canadian government for the control of terminal elevators by a commission under legislation modeled on the Minnesota act does not satisfy the opposition, and they moved a resolution calling on the government to take immediate steps to operate the elevators at Port William and Port Arthur. They declared that the mixing operations of the elevator men were depriving the farmers of proper payment for their wheat.

The government pointed out that they had a bill now before the senate for the control of the elevators, and that it would shortly become law. In view of this fact the opposition amendment was rejected.

Mr. Brodeur, minister of marine, introduced a bill for the government to acquire the terminal elevators at Halifax, for which the money was voted last year.

## WANT ST. JOHN VALLEY ROAD AT ONCE

### Meductic Board of Trade Protests Against Any Extension of Time Being Given Company to Begin Construction

Meductic, N. B., Feb. 13.—(Special)—At a meeting of the Meductic board of trade which took place here yesterday afternoon it was decided to enter a protest to the provincial government against granting an extension of time to the St. John Valley Railway Company for the commencement and completion of the said railway. The following resolution to this effect was drawn up and adopted:

Whereas, the St. John Valley Railway Company at the session of the New Brunswick legislature, 1909, secured a charter to construct a line of railway along the St. John Valley, and to begin construction to begin not later than April 26, 1911; and

Whereas, the said company have applied for an extension of time for the commencement and completion of said railway; and

Whereas, we believe an extension of time will be detrimental to the interests of the St. John Valley, causing further delay in this much needed and long delayed project;

Resolved, that this board of trade protest against the government granting an extension of time to the above named company, but pursue a policy that will ensure railway facilities to the residents of the St. John Valley at the earliest possible moment.

## NEWCASTLE SUSPECT ACCUSED IN WOMAN ASSAULT CASE

### Patrick Carroll Taken Into Custody on Suspicion of Being Assailant of Mrs. Harvey Phinney.

Newcastle, N. B., Feb. 13.—Patrick Carroll, about twenty years of age, was arrested today on suspicion of having been the party who committed the assault upon Mrs. Harvey Phinney Saturday evening. Mrs. Phinney is recovering from her fright and injuries but is not yet able to leave her bed, hence the prisoner has not yet been brought before her for identification.

## BIRRELL HINTS OF HOME RULE FOR IRELAND SOON

London, Feb. 13.—The entire reconstruction of the Irish administration, was the chief secretary for Ireland was giving to a question regarding retention of the vice-presidency of the department of agriculture for Ireland by Thomas W. Russell, although he has lost his seat in Parliament. The secretary attributed the situation to the "probability of a not remote date, of a reconstruction of the Irish administration."

Various National cheers greeted the promise which was taken to indicate the position of Irish administration being ended earlier than has been anticipated.

## FIVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN G.T.P. TUNNEL

### Accident Occurred at Kitzelas, B. C.—Box of Powder Became Overheated and Blew Up

Hazelton, B. C., Feb. 13.—Five men were killed and two severely injured yesterday as the result of a premature explosion in a small tunnel on the Grand Trunk Pacific at Kitzelas (B. C.). The men were working at the far end of the tunnel when a box of powder, left near the mouth, presumably to be taken out, became overheated and exploded.

The dead are: M. F. Burgess, station man; Charles Quarmston, W. E. Kora, Eli Elaszvich and John Elaszvich.

## LIVERPOOL-HONG KONG MAIL CONTRACT EXPIRES APRIL 6

### C. P. R. Likely to Have Stiff Competition for a Renewal of the Service.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Mail contracts for Canada for both the Atlantic and Pacific services between Liverpool and Hong Kong expire this year and it is expected that there will be much competition between railway lines for the business. The contract, which is at present held by the Canadian Pacific Railway, expires April 6, and while it is evident that there will be competition for the subsidy, the Canadian Pacific Railway has the advantage of having their service complete, rival companies' services being yet in a process of organization.

With the anticipated renewal of the Canadian Pacific Railway's mail contract, that company is being credited with all kinds of projects. It is stated that the Empress of Britain and the Empress of Ireland will be transferred to the Pacific Coast, and that new steamships will be built for the Atlantic service. As a matter of fact, these latter are assured and other changes are under contemplation.

## ROOSEVELT AND OWEN MORAN REMINISCE ON FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

### "Teddy" Meets Famous British Lightweight on Train and Both Were Delighted.

New York, Feb. 13.—Owen Moran, the English lightweight champion pugilist, and Theodore Roosevelt, clasped hands and exchanged good wishes in the dining car of a New York Central train which brought both the colonel and the game little British boxer on to this city from Michigan today.

Moran had never seen the former president, but picked out the colonel among a party which entered the dining car of the Wolverine train as it was speeding through Canada toward Niagara Falls last night. When a friend who noted Moran's presence approached Mr. Roosevelt, and asked him if he would like to meet the English lightweight, the colonel immediately turned away from his companion and walked over to Moran's table.

"I've been a little out of line on boxing matters for the last year or so," said the colonel, after greetings were exchanged. He was speedily enlightened as to Moran's record on kindred pugilistic events among the lightweights.

"So you knocked Nelson out, did you? Fine, magnificent," exclaimed the colonel, who looked the little fighter over appreciatively and examined closely a peculiarity of one of Moran's hands. For some time they exchanged reminiscences of fights and fighters.

When Moran remarked on the readiness with which Colonel Roosevelt had consented to talk with him, and the contrast which the fighter found with the exclusiveness of eminent men abroad, the colonel straightened up and clenched his hands.

"Well, there's no king that I can't talk to, and no honest man that can't talk to me," the colonel declared, with characteristic emphasis. Boxer and former president wished each the best of good fortune on parting.

## Crow's Nest Strike Settled.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The difficulty between the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company and its miners has been settled, according to a despatch to the department from Calgary.

## Royal Princes Have the Measles.

London, Feb. 13.—Edward, Prince of Wales and his brother, Prince Albert, have been attacked by the measles at the naval college at Dartmouth, where there is an epidemic of the disease. The condition of the princes causes no anxiety.

## THINK MONCTON SMALLPOX IS STAMPED OUT

### No New Cases Encourages Authorities—Great Interest in Hockey Game Tonight

Moncton, Feb. 13.—With no new cases of smallpox developing in Moncton, the authorities believe the epidemic practically killed out.

A slight fire took place in a house owned by Mrs. Kate Jeffrey on Peel street this afternoon. The house was quarantined for smallpox up to Saturday night. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

Mrs. Thaddey Richard, aged 84 years, died of smallpox at Grand Digue this afternoon.

Great interest is being taken by hockey fans in the outcome of tomorrow night's game between Moncton and the Halifax Crescents. This game practically decides the winner of the professional league. It is stated that Halifax will be strengthened by one or two upper province stars. Halifax is running a special train to Moncton for the game.

## DALHOUSIE COLLEGE PLANS TO RAISE \$300,000 FUND

Halifax, Feb. 13.—The governors of Dalhousie College have started a campaign to raise a fund of \$300,000 to pay for the new site recently purchased to erect a science building, take over the Halifax medical college and provide an endowment fund. The Halifax Medical College at present is affiliated with Dalhousie.

George S. Campbell, chairman of the board of governors, who is taking a leading part in this movement, has secured \$30,000 from six friends of the college and other sums have been subscribed.

Andrew Carnegie, it is expected, will contribute an equal amount to the science building as that raised locally. Dr. John Forrest, who has been president of the university for twenty-four years, has tendered his resignation to become effective in the spring.

#### Not a bit," replied Mr. Gaines, amid laughter.

"The whole proposition is just this," interjected Representative Sierley of Kentucky, "the opposition in England and Canada as well as the opposition here, is that of the special interests that would be hurt."

"The answer to that is, that it is not so," retorted Mr. Gaines, hotly, "and you have no right to make such a statement against the motives and the interest of those who oppose the measure. You can't answer their argument with a sneer."

"It's not a sneer; it is a lamentable fact," declared Mr. Sierley.

#### Will Likely Pass Today.

No time for a vote was set today, but tomorrow Mr. McCall will endeavor to secure an agreement to end the general debate at 5 o'clock and then to begin the reading of the bill for amendment. The house to remain in session until the measure is passed.

All amendments except one or two minor ones to the wool pulp schedule to correct errors will be voted down for serious amendment would nullify the negotiations of the past six months.

The test vote taken today and the general debate that followed, clearly demonstrated the serious split that exists among the Republicans in the house on reciprocity. It now appears that a majority of the Republicans will vote against the measure, although the president is likely to get more support from that side of the chamber than he first anticipated. Like the "Regulars" the "Insurgents" ranks are torn wide open and a majority of them will vote against the measure.

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H. PICKETT TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS OF RELATIVES HERE

Connection With Estate of Late Multi-millionaire, Robt. Dawson Evans—Several to Be Examined in St. John and Vicinity.

Wednesday, Feb. 8.—A despatch to The Telegraph from Boston evening stated that at a session the supreme court which took place yesterday, the application of Mrs. Eva A. Evans, widow of the late multi-millionaire, Robert Dawson Evans, asking a commission be appointed to take depositions of the heirs-at-law and of other persons connected with the estate whom there are several residing in this city, was granted. Homer Albion, of St. John, and H. H. Pickett, of this city, are the commissioners appointed. The patch further states that Mrs. Evans wishes to perpetuate the testimony of the heirs-at-law and next of kin, in order that the same may be used in connection with the distribution of several million dollars after death. Evans having died childless. H. H. Pickett said last evening that he has the utmost confidence in the appointment of purpose of taking the evidence, he wishes to establish who are the relatives to make up the family tree. "He was certain as to just whom the witnesses should be taken. Among those who will be examined in this city are Richard Mrs. George Baxter, wife of Sir George Baxter; Mrs. E. J. Sproul, wife of James Sproul; Mrs. Thomas H. Law and Mrs. William Foster. There are other relatives residing at Lorneville and St. River.

## LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must stamp for return postage.

any friends in this city of Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Prosser, will regret to hear of the death in London, on January 29, of their infant son, Wilfred, of bronchitis. The child five months old.

Robert J. Strothard, who, according to catches from Cambridge, Mass., has been arrested on a charge of forgery to the amount of \$700, was a resident of St. John for about a year. He employed in a furniture store here was also in the public hospital for the insane and underwent an operation for appendicitis. He was also for a time engaged in a large mercantile establishment in Essex.

The following subscriptions are gratefully acknowledged by the board of management of the Saint John Protestant Orphan Asylum: H. C. Rankine, treasurer—Geo. E. hour, \$20; M. F. Stetson, G. West, W. H. Thorne, each \$10; Hon. Jas. R. D. Patterson, Hon. J. G. J. M. M. Dr. A. F. Emery, Gilbert, A. O. Skinner, each \$5; C. F. E. E. J. Heist, each \$2; A. McMurphy, \$100; J. L. Turner, Fred Fleming, Wm. Lewis, Sr., J. Alfred Clarke, Rose M. Ritchie, H. H. Clarke, Mrs. Brighton Clarke, each \$1.

Earl and Countess of Aberdeen are visiting themselves in two balls to be given at Ely House, Dublin, on two Feb. 14 in February, the 10th and the 25th, of the Irish branch of the Women's Social Health Association. A fancy ball is also to be given in aid of the enterprise on St. Patrick's night, the dresses must be of Irish manufacture and represent the fancy dresses which worn at a St. Patrick's ball given 100 ago. Lady Aberdeen has bought 250 dresses, Dublin, out of the funds of the Women's Health Association, in order to head-quarters for carrying on the association's work. Ely House, originally the residence of the Marquesses of Ely, is the finest old mansion in Dublin. It recently was the residence of Sir Stanley Stoker.

delicious salad for cold fish is made primary white sauce with a couple spoonfuls of cream have been used the milk and a herring boned and the added with a little lemon. This is especially tasty with a per course, white-meat fish.