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CHIEF PROBLEM OF NEW TARIFF

Senators Puzzle Over Question of Intercourse With Other Nations

PAYNE SYSTEM DOUBTFUL

Ohio Congressman Makes a Strong Argument For Free Lumber

Washington, March 26.—Various systems of regulating United States tariff intercourse with other nations so as to give to the executive a margin in the application of rates as between friendly and unfriendly countries are being considered by the senate committee on finance. It was learned today that the minimum and maximum principle contained in the Payne bill is unsatisfactory to many of the senate leaders, and that a reversal of this principle likewise would not be received with favor. It has been suggested that some entirely new principle may result.

Just what are the objections raised against the principle of the Payne bill, which makes the rates established the minimum and permits the executive to apply a 20 per cent. retaliatory increase to any nation which fails to give to the United States the advantage of her most favored nation clause, has not been made clear. All of the proceedings thus far by the Senate committee, however, make it evident that the provisions of the Payne bill respecting this administrative feature are likely to be disapproved. From some sources there has come a demand for the reversal of the Payne system so as to make the established rates the maximum and give a reduction of twenty per cent. to the nations giving the United States the greatest advantages, but opposition to this method developed on the ground that such a plan would upset the estimates of revenue to be derived from the new tariff. It is said that the reciprocity arrangement might be more popular if it were not a fact that the reciprocity treaties met with so much ill-fortune during the McKinley administration.

When the committee meets tomorrow it will take up the lumber schedules, which already have been discussed at some length. Certain experts in values, freight rates and the operation of existing duties on the lumber trade will appear before the committee

The three articles which have come nearest to swamping the finance committee with briefs and arguments of all kinds and demands for hearings are said to be wood pulp, which the Payne bill puts on the free list conditioned upon there being no expert tax levied upon it; lumber, the rate on which was reduced one half, and hides, which were placed upon the free list. In spite of this fact, many of the senate leaders believe them to be of minor importance, so far as revenue questions are concerned.

It was said today that the senate had reached a state where it can conclude consideration of the bill upon a day's notice. The Democratic members of the committee will not be given opportunity to review the work of their Republican colleagues until within twenty-four hours of the time the Senate bill is likely to be reported.

Speaking in the House in favor of placing lumber on the free list, Mr. Howland, Ohio, declared that the continuance of the lumber tariff on the statute books as a protective tariff casts discredit on the entire system of protection. He said that those who favor the tariff on lumber oppose its removal because it keeps up prices and makes it pay to work up the entire tree, and not leave the tops or limbs in the forests to rot or burn. Claiming that Canada was one of the largest purchasers of American lumber and forest products, Mr. Howland said this would lead to the conclusion that if we were able to compete with in in the markets, the need for the tariff no longer existed. He said the talk of cheaper Canadian lumber and cheaper cost of production in the Canadian mills was the merest buncombe. Mr. Howland said that he was in sympathy with the movement for the conservation of the forests. "There is one industry left in the country," said Mr. Howland, "which, whether we are free traders or protectionists, we desire to encourage, and that is the building of homes. The frame in the mill is still the type of home of the majority of our people. In my judgment the time has come when the government should refuse longer to put any burden, in the shape of a tariff on lumber, on the home-building of our country."

BETTER NEWS

Announcement of Continued Operation By B. C. Copper Company is Welcomed

Nelson, B. C., March 27.—It was announced yesterday that the B. C. Copper Co.'s mines and smelter at Greenwood would not close down on April 1, as lately intended. J. E. McAllister, manager of the B. C. Copper Co., in an interview yesterday said: "The smelter and mines will continue to operate without any change. This reversal of the determination to close down is the result of telegraphed instructions from New York. The improved outlook for copper is the reason for the change of plan. The notices posted a few days ago announcing the closing down on the first of April were torn down today."

This announcement is of the first importance to Greenwood and the province generally. There are four hundred men on the payroll and directly affected. The news of the closing down had caused a bad impression in the district. It is expected that the improvement in the copper market may cause development in other quarters.

Estate of Mr. Stairs.

Halifax, March 27.—The estate of John F. Stairs was up in the probate court today for partial settlement. The total value was put at $279,758.00 and the succession duty paid amounted to $10,738.50.

Another Fish Commission.

Ottawa, March 27.—The appointment of Prof. Prince, T. L. Metcalf of Winnipeg, and Dr. Reid, of Selkirk, as commissioners to inquire into and report upon the requirements and conditions of the fisheries of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan is gazetted.

Indian Killed.

Vancouver, March 27.—An Indian named Charlie Steps was run over and killed by a C.P.R. yard engine last night near the cold storage plant on Gore avenue. The man lived in North Vancouver, and had just reached this side of the harbor and climbed the bank on to the tracks when the engine struck him.

Aero-Auto Alliance.

New York, March 27.—Cortlandt Field Bishop, president of the Aero club of America, announced today that an agreement had been entered into between the Automobile club of America and the Aero club, by which the latter club becomes hereafter the aviation section of the Automobile club of America, and the two organizations will work together for the advancement of aeronautics in this country. Mr. Bishop said that the "working agreement" had been ratified by the president of the respective clubs by Judge E. H. Gary, for the Automobile club, and by himself for the Aero club. "The agreement does not change the status of either club," he said, "but is simply a working agreement furthering the science of aviation."

NEW ZEALAND OFFER HIGHLY APPRECIATED

King Edward Sends His Thanks —Western Canadian Opinions

London, March 27.—King Edward has wired Premier Ward, through Lord Crewe, expressing gratitude and high appreciation of the fine patriotism and generosity shown by New Zealand in her magnificent offer, made so promptly and spontaneously.

Sydney, N.S.W., March 27.—The mayor of Sydney has appealed to the people of New South Wales for £25,000 towards a Dreadnought. The premier of New South Wales advocates the increase of the naval subsidy to £500,000.

Indian Head, Sask., March 27.—At the board of trade annual meeting last night a resolution was adopted urging the Dominion government at once to contribute a Dreadnought to the Imperial navy.

Winnipeg, March 27—Throughout the prairie west boards of trade are passing resolutions favoring the contribution by Canada of a Dreadnought or a lump sum to the Imperial navy. A local paper has asked the mayors of western towns and prominent members of various boards of trade for their opinions as to what action, if any, should be taken by Canada to contribute to the navy, and the response has been practically unanimous in favor of aid, though opinions are naturally divided as to the precise form, whether Canada shall give battleships or shall set about the creation of her own navy.

FROM LORD STRATHCONA

Expresses Gratitude for Reception of His Offer of Funds to Encourage Physical Training

Ottawa, March 27.—Sir Frederick Borden has received the following cable from Lord Strathcona, under London date of March 26:

"Many thanks for your two telegrams. It is entirely foreign both to my thoughts and desires that the proposal should have attracted such publicity, yet I cannot but feel deeply touched by the action of parliament in so generously recognizing my personal effort to secure, even in so small a measure, the movement initiated by you on behalf of the government. I wish to offer my grateful thanks for the consideration extended to me; I also feel highly honored that the proposal has received countenance of his excellency the governor-general and the prime minister. I regard it as a special privilege to be permitted to assist in a movement which I cannot but think will have an important influence in strengthening self-reliance and usefulness of the rising generation as citizens of the Dominion and the Empire. I entirely appreciate your kind thought of associating my name with the trust, but hope you will decide to designate it simply as a trust for the encouragement of physical and military training in the public schools."

Colonel Clarke Ill

Elora, Ont., March 27.—Col. Charles Clarke, former Speaker of the Ontario legislature, is seriously ill here.

Ore Reduction.

Nelson, B.C., March 27.—The announcement already sent out that the B. C. Copper company will not close down at Greenwood on April 1, but will continue on as usual, was the most noteworthy feature of the past week. The Le Roi mine at Rossland has dropped from the shipping list, but otherwise the ore output for the district is about normal.

Vancouver's Advertising

Vancouver, March 27.—More than $6,000 has been pledged to the work of advertising Vancouver at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific fair, although the committee has been working only two days. As this amount comes from only about 25 or 30 persons, it is believed now that at least $15,000 will be raised by private subscription instead of the $10,000 figured on before. This amount, added to the $10,000 expected from the city, will be enough to advertise Vancouver as well as any city outside of Seattle. The real subscription campaign has not yet started.

COME IN QUEST OF B. C. TIMBER

Party of Nebraska Capitalists Ready to Invest Million Dollars

NOW VISITING PROVINCE

Officials of Bridge Company Seek Independent Source of Supply

Vancouver, March 27.—A party of Nebraska capitalists, including several individuals of prominence, may invest a million or two of dollars in British Columbia timber limits. For the purpose of investigating meritorious propositions along the Pacific coast the visitors will spend a month in Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle and Portland. The Nebraskans reached here yesterday, after making several stops in the Selkirks and Rockies. They are guests at the hotel Vancouver.

"We are visiting the coast for two reasons. The main one is to make investments in timber, and the other is to insure a certain supply for our plant," said Jos. T. Roberts, general manager of the Standard Bridge company of Omaha.

"Although we mainly build bridges, we use vast quantities of lumber for other purposes in connection with our enterprise. To be independent of the dealers, we propose to buy our own limits, as we foresee a revival of industrial prosperity at an early date.

"Apart from this proposition the members of our party have organized a syndicate with a view to purchasing timber limits. We are ready to consider any proposition of merit. If we can secure what we are after we shall part with good money for British Columbia timber limits. We have already under consideration several big propositions in Oregon, and these we intend to examine in person. It is likely that we will also erect sawmills, but all this depends on circumstances. We will also inspect tracts in Washington.

"We are all delighted with Vancouver. Real estate here looks so good to some of our party that they are now down town talking to brokers.

The head of the visiting party is Robert Drake, of Omaha, principal owner of the Standard Bridge company. Other members are H. D. Miller, banker, of Stanton, Neb.; Robert Tate, capitalist, of Freemont, Neb.; Robert Y. Appleby, banker, of Stanton, Neb.; and W. B. Jamison, of Portland, manager of the Mountain Timber company of Oregon, a corporation controlled by Mr. Drake.

FINDS NEW DROCESS FOR PRODUCING PULP

Minnesota Professor Gets a Valuable Yield From Fir Wood

Minneapolis, March 27.—A method which Dean George D. Frankforter, of the College of Chemistry of the University of Minnesota, said today he had discovered, and by which it is claimed that the United States will produce a hundred times as much wood pulp paper as was believed possible is causing interested discussion here. It is claimed that the discovery means that every cord of fir lumber will yield $10 on by-products alone, and that most of the sixty per cent. of a tree now wasted will be utilized.

Dr. Frankforter says he experimented for twelve years. He described the perfected process as placing small pieces of waste wood or saw dust on a steel incline over a furnace and forcing distillation of the waste wood by saturating it with carbon dissulphide or gasoline, thus causing the turpentine and resin to pass off as gases and leaving the wood pulp free from pitch and perfectly adapted to the manufacture of paper. The common method of distillation leaves the pulp in the form of charcoal, chemically of little value.

Dr. Frankforter extracted from one cord of Norway pine worth $7.50 turpentine worth $41 and wood pulp worth $39, a yield of $80 from $7.50 worth of raw material.

To Work on G.T.P.

Vancouver, March 26.—On board the Monteagle, which arrived today, were fifty-five Russians, who have been imported to work on construction of the G.T.P. in the north.

Colonial Governors

London, March 26.—The following changes in the British colonial service have been announced: Sir William Macgregor, governor of Newfoundland, has been made governor of Queensland; Sir Ralph Chayneys Williams, governor of the Windward Islands, succeeds to the governorship of Newfoundland, and Sir James Hayes Hadley, governor and commander-in-chief of the African Protectorate, becomes governor of the Windward Islands.

Iron Wages Reduced

Youngstown, Ohio, March 26.—Notices were posted in all the works here of the Republic Iron and Steel Co. of a reduction in wages, effective April 1. About 4,000 men are affected locally, including all employees from salaried men to laborers and tin workers. The reduction is believed to apply to all works of the company, including nine rolling mills, nine blast furnaces and one steel plant, in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Alabama, and affecting about twelve thousand men. The reduction is approximately ten per cent.

Constable Smith's Injuries

Hamilton, Ont., March 27.—Constable Henry Smith, who was shot in the head by a burglar on March 4 has been discharged from the city hospital. His eyesight is affected.

Grand Trunk Subsidy

Ottawa, March 27.—The Commons last night gave the third reading to the bill respecting the subsidy from the Ontario government to the Lake Superior branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

Explosion Story Denied.

New York, March 27.—John C. Freeman, commanding the U. S. battleship Mississippi, sends the following denial to the Associated Press concerning the reported explosion on board his vessel: "The report that an explosion has occurred on the Mississippi is utterly absurd. There is not the faintest basis for such a rumor."

Liberia Commission

Washington, March 27.—Robt. C. Ogden, of New York, has declined membership on the commission which is to go to Liberia to make a study of conditions there for the United States government. Mr. Ogden is not in the best of health, and is engaged in some philanthropical work, which he feels he should not leave at this time. The commission will go to Liberia on a war vessel, on board which they will make their home during the investigation, thus avoiding as far as possible the dangers of the climate. The commission will meet in this city on Monday, and will depart for Liberia in about two weeks. President Taft today discussed Liberian affairs with Bishop Hartzel, in charge of African missionary work, who is going to Africa soon.

EXCLUSION OF OPIUM FROM UNITED STATES

Law Passed By Congress Last Session Goes Into Force Next Thursday

Washington, March 27.—After April 1 next neither opium nor any mixture or compound containing opium in any form can be legally brought into the United States or any of its outlying possessions, except for strictly medical purposes.

Carrying into effect a law passed at the last session of congress embodying this restriction, the secretary of the treasury today issued regulations in which it is declared that the term "opium" shall cover all of the forms, including the following named alkaloids, their salts or combinations, and such others as it may be found necessary to include in the future: Morphine, codeine, dionine, diacetyl, morphone, heroin, peronine, their chlorides, sulphates, phosphates, etc., and all mixtures or preparations containing them.

The term "for medicinal purposes only" used in the law is declared to mean for the treatment or prevention of disease of man or other animals. Smoking opium will be seized forthwith and destroyed, as an illegal importation.

Opium, other than smoking opium, and its preparations and derivatives, imported for medical purposes, may be entered for immediate transportation in bond to and for consumption or for warehouse in specified positions, and for other purposes importers are required to file with the collector a declaration stating that the importation is made in good faith and giving the name of the firm to whom it is to be used in the preparation of medicine. They are required also to keep complete records as to the persons to whom their articles are sold.

ALLEGED BLACK HAND GANG NOW IN CUSTODY

Successful Raid By Officers in Fairmont District, West Virginia

Fairmont, W. Va., March 27.—What is believed to be an important raid occurred here tonight, when county and government officers took into custody nineteen Italians, all of whom are believed to be members of a Black Hand society which has terrified the foreigners in the Fairmont coal fields for a long time past.

In the house in which the men were arrested were pictures of Lt. Petrosino, who was murdered in Italy, suposedly by members of the Black Hand, and articles referring to the assassination. Around the pictures and clippings were various comments written with a red pencil, such as "Good," "Thanks," "Fine," etc.

The arrests were made as a result of marked bills being found on the men who are alleged to have attempted to extort money from Corno Graftano, a fruit dealer.

JAPANESE HUSBAND

Couple From California Much Talked About Get Married in Trinity Church, Seattle

Seattle, March 27.—With Rev. H. G. Cowan as the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. A. Patterson, Gunjiro Aoki, a Japanese, and Miss Helen Gladys Emery, the daughter of Archdeacon John Emery of the Episcopal diocese of California, were married at Trinity church today.

They had traveled for more than a thousand miles to become legally united as man and wife, as the laws of California, where the girl was born and reared, prevent such a union.

Archdeacon Emery's wife, although her husband had strongly opposed the marriage of his daughter with the Japanese, herself insisted on the marriage. The parents and J. Unadi were the only witnesses to the ceremony.

BALKAN PEACE WELL ASSURED

Sir Edward Grey's Efforts Are Likely to Be Crowned With Success

THE TASK MOST DIFFICULT

Russia's Failure as Spokesman of Slavs Cause of Trouble

London, March 27.—Official cablegrams which passed between London and Vienna today support the hope that an amicable settlement of the Austro-Servian crisis is appreciably nearer. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, and Baron von Ashrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, have not as yet decided upon the wording of the note in which Servia is to make formal renunciation of her aspirations, but the differences between the two ministers are so small that diplomats hold it to be inconceivable that they can stand in the way of an agreement.

Foreign Secretary Grey had to overcome the greatest difficulties to reach the present stage, and criticisms of M. Iswolsky's failure to support him at critical times are becoming general. Russia's announcement that she was prepared to recognize the annexation of Bosnia and Herzgovina by Austria, which did not reach London until after it was published on the continent, is considered particularly unfortunate. It was the only remaining card the powers held against Austria, and if France had followed her ally instead of Great Britain, Sir Edward's efforts toward a peaceful solution of the question would have probably come to naught.

"Russia's weakness throughout," said a diplomat today, "has enabled Austria with the support of Germany, to triumph over the other powers. Great Britain and France could not under any circumstances enter into war, and the condition of Russia's finances and army made it impossible for her to do so. So long as Russia continued to speak as a representative of the Slavs, France and Great Britain loyally supported her, and it was not until it was recognized that Russia's efforts were hopeless that Sir Edward Grey, with the approval of the other powers, took up direct negotiations with the administration at Vienna, and overcoming almost insurmountable difficulties, has about, it is hoped, reached a final settlement.

Vienna, March 27.—According to official reports from Belgrade, the Servian premier tomorrow will publish a rescript dismissing all the Servian reserves.

AMERICANS SECURE MUCH B. C. TIMBER

Tracts on Vancouver Island and Mainland Bought Up Recently

Vancouver, March 26.—A number of important timber deals have been closed this week, and others of even greater magnitude are pending, the buyers in nearly every instance being Americans.

W. J. Malcolm, of New Westminster, has sold 16,000 acres of fir and spruce located at Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island, to Minneapolis investors. The consideration was $45,000. The deal was negotiated by W. A. Ward, general manager of the General Agency Corporation of this city, in co-operation with F. J. King, of Seattle.

They also sold Messrs. DeBeck and Tait, of New Westminster, 1,400 acres of crown-granted lands situated on the line of the Great Northern Railway in Langley district. The price was $30,000. It is the intention of the buyers to erect a sawmill at once. The tract is estimated to contain 30,000,000 feet of timber.

Another of their deals just closed was the sale of the timber limits of Joseph Fisher, of Vancouver, to Andrew Howat, of Salt Lake, Utah. The area comprises eight sections on Craycroft Island, up the coast. The price was $65,000. The same buyers, through the same medium, also bought 6,500 acres of timber lands from Messrs. Danaher & Hulbert, of this city. The consideration was $55,000. The limits are situated on Broughton Island.

Old Orchard Pier Damaged.

Old Orchard Beach, Me., March 26.—Two sections of the 1,500 foot steel pier here were ripped out and partly carried away by gale and sea today. About three hundred feet of the middle section, including the "White City" building, containing booths for exhibition, comprised one of the parts wrecked. The damage is estimated at $20,000. The morning tide was one of the highest ever known in this section. The wind reached a velocity of fifty-six miles an hour.

BY ALCOHOL LAMP

Alberta Woman, Recently Arrived at Nanaimo, Badly Burned in Her New Home

Nanaimo, March 26.—Mrs. John Grocott, who recently arrived with her husband from Alberta to take up residence here, was severely burned tonight while lighting an alcohol lamp. They had just moved into their house, and having no stove up were using an alcohol lamp. It is not known whether she will recover. The woman's husband had his hands badly burned while rescuing her from the flames.

Favors Dreadnought Contribution.

Toronto, March 26.—At a meeting of the Empire club today, it was resolved that Canada should contribute a first class battleship to the British navy.

New Monsignor McCann.

Toronto, March 26.—Vicar-General McCann, who is now in Rome, has been raised to the dignity of a domestic prelate by the pope, and is in future Monsignor McCann.

Assistant Fire Chief's Fatal Fall

London, Ont., March 26.—Assistant Fire Chief Scott was fatally injured last night by falling down an elevator shaft during a fire in the fur store of Edmund Beltz on Dundas street.

Judge Barron's View.

Hamilton, Ont., March 26.—Judge Barron, of Stratford, delivered an address before the Canadian club last evening on the subject of a Canadian contribution to the imperial navy. He did not advocate an annual grant towards the maintenance of the British navy, but thought Canada should have a small navy of her own, manned by Canadians. These warships would suffice to protect Canadian commerce.

Shoots Son and Himself.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 27.—After firing two bullets at his wife, pointing a revolver at his mother-in-law when she attempted to help her daughter, and trying vainly to get his little daughter out of a neighbor's house that he might kill her, Harry Smith, aged 31 years, a motorman living at Coriopolis, near here, today sent a bullet through the brain of his six-year-old son, Richard, killing the boy instantly, and then shot himself through the head, dying in a few moments. The cause of the tragedy is said to have been liquor and jealousy.

CASTRO INDIGNANT OVER HIS EXCLUSION

Deposed President Will Probably Try to Raise Disturbance

Bordeaux, March 26.—"If I am a criminal why haven't my accusers the courage to allow me to return to Venezuela and defend myself," exclaimed Cipriano Castro this forenoon when an agent of the French steamship company officially informed him that he must leave the steamer Guadeloupe, on which he sails today, before that vessel reaches Venezuela.

The former Venezuelan president was furious at the action taken by the steamship company. He entered an automobile and was driven to the offices of the company where he indulged in a tirade against Juan Vicente Gomez, president of the republic. "All I ask is the right to a fair trial," he declared. "I am prepared to accept the result. The refusal of Gomez to permit me to enter Venezuela is overwhelming proof that they have no case against me, but realize that if I set foot on Venezuelan soil their game is up."

Castro's protestations were all in vain, however, and he had to accept tickets to Port of Spain, Trinidad. His words here leave no doubt of his intention to try and organize a revolution to overthrow his enemies and re-establish himself at Caracas. After Castro returned to his hotel from the steamship office, he had a long conference with a Mr. Roy, the agent of a Paris company, engaged in the manufacture of arms. It is believed that the matter of a shipment of arms was discussed.

As the party was leaving for Pauillo, where they will go on board the Guadeloupe, Carmelco Castro, the former president's brother, said the "president" was awaiting important telegrams which might affect his plans. Carmelco then asked the Associated Press to announce that his brother desired to register a world-wide protest against the refusal of the French steamship company to convey him to Venezuela, declaring that the world would appreciate the flagrant violation of international law involved.

Bordeaux, France, March 26.—The British consul tonight asked officially for information from the French line, which owns the steamer Guadeloupe, whether Senor Castro is bound for Trinidad. This is interpreted to mean that Great Britain contemplates preventing his taking refuge there. A report is in circulation here tonight that Castro has a vessel chartered at Antwerp which will pick him up at Trinidad when the opportune moment arrives.

Pauillo, France, March 26.—After boarding the Guadeloupe, Castro called to the agent of the line to allow his wife and family to continue on to Venezuela, but he was met with a flat refusal. Just before the lines were cast off, he was raging against what he termed an outrageous breach of the international law, and said this action would prove what cowards those in control at Caracas are. When he had grown calmer, Castro announced that after recuperating at Trinidad he would go to Venezuela.

He said: "I am sure the people are ready to receive me. The Gomez government seeks to exclude me because it fears the country will proclaim me president."

To the direct question as to whether he intended to organize a revolution, the former president replied sharply: "No, my purpose is to return to the fatherland and live as a peaceful citizen."

Asked whether he had the ambition to again become president of Venezuela, Senor Castro removed his cap and replied: "I seek the quietude of my native soil," and with a grand flourish of his arms he added: "but I am a man of destiny." As the correspondent was leaving he was called back by the former president. "I want you to picture me to the world as a man betrayed by false friends, as a man who went forth in search of health and now returns to establish his honor." Notwithstanding Castro's protestations that he did not contemplate a revolution his whole attitude bespoke the contrary.

Gasoline Explosion

Vancouver, March 27.—The gasoline launch Ariadne was burned and sunk on Burrard inlet tonight, owing to the explosion of the gasoline. J. W. Hall, one of the owners was badly burned, and is in the hospital.

Alleged Iron Works Plans.

Vancouver, March 26.—It is understood that James A. Moore, of the Moore iron works, near Port Townsend, Wash., is negotiating for a site here on which to locate immense iron work, and possibly a steel plant. The investment planned contemplates the initial expenditure of at least half a million dollars.

CREEK INDIANS SHOOT OFFICERS

Volley Fired at Posse While Attempting to Serve Warrant on Chief

TWO KILLED, ONE WOUNDED

Armed Whites Start for Scene and Militia Companies Called Out

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 27.—In a pitched battle at Hickory camp ground tonight between a posse of five officers and twenty Creek Indians of the Snake clan, Officers Edward Daun and Herbert Odom, both of Checolah, were killed. Frank Jones and William Carr, other members of the posse, escaped without injury and fled to the settlement, where the news of the battle was telephoned to Sheriff Odom.

Frank Swift, a member of the posse of officers sent to the home of Chitti Harjo, chief of the Snake clan of the Creek Indians, to serve a warrant on the chief, was not killed, but was probably fatally wounded. Herbert Odom, son of the sheriff of McIntosh county, and Edward Daun, city marshal of Checolah, were killed outright. Swift dragged himself from the scene of the battle and was later picked up by Wm. Carr, one of the escaping officers, and taken to Pierce, a station a mile away. Frank Jones, another of the posse who escaped, boarded a train at Pierce and went to Checolah, bearing some details of the battle.

The officers, having heard that the Indians and negroes were again peaceable after the battle of Thursday morning, approached the cabin of Harjo, near Hickory camp ground, without fear. As they entered the chief's yard twenty guns were levelled upon them from as many men in the house and around the corners. Odom and Daun fell dead and Swift was seriously wounded. Jones ran some yards and hid himself in a clump of trees until the Indians disappeared. Then he hurried to Pierce.

Within thirty minutes of the time when reports of the battle reached Checolah, a hundred men were armed. Every available gun and practically all the ammunition in town were taken. In an hour fifty men were marching toward Hickory ground. When the news reached Muskogee, officers immediately issued a call for men, and in a short time a posse of fifty were ready to march. From Henrietta and Weleetka men will also go tonight to Pierce, the place selected for mobilization.

At 11 o'clock tonight Adjutant General Canton had wired Col. Roy Hoffman of Chandler to call immediately four companies of the state guard for mobilization. Companies at Oklahoma City, Chandler, Muskogee and Durant will probably depart soon for Henrietta.

A despatch from Checolah says that the Snake Indians have been purchasing rifles and ammunition for a month, and that they are supplied with powder and lead enough to last them two days. Harjo, who had so often within the past two years expressed displeasure at the restraint of law, and has often called his men into council on that account, is believed to be determined to make a firm stand in behalf of his ideas of liberty. His band have been outlaws for years. Officers from Henrietta visited Hickory Ground today and found it practically deserted. They returned late this afternoon and reported that four negroes killed in the fight of Thursday were buried today.

MRS. BOYLE'S ADMISSION

She is Daughter of Wm. McDermott of Chicago—Says She Will Stand By Her Husband

Pittsburg, Pa., March 27.—A special to the Gazette-Times of this city from Mercer, Pa., tonight says that Mrs. Boyle admitted to the correspondent that she was Anna McDermott, and that her father was William McDermott, of Chicago. According to the correspondent, the young woman, when told that her father was in Pittsburg and had retained a lawyer to look after her interests, said: "I'm tired and sick of the whole business. There is no use denying it any longer. I am Anna McDermott, and my father is William McDermott of Chicago. I have told so many lies lately that I thought I would tell the truth. Yes, he is my father."

"My early education," continued Mrs. Boyle, "was received in the public schools of Chicago. Then later I was sent to a convent in Wisconsin. My mother has been dead for several years. I really am Mrs. Boyle. We were married three years ago. We have no children, but I am very fond of little ones. Am I afraid to stand trial? No. When I go on the stage and tell my story, it will throw an entirely different light on the kidnapping episode. Until then I would ask the public to withhold its judgment. I want you to correct one thing for me. I'm in no way related to the Whitlas or the Buhls in Sharon.

"I mean to stand by my husband in this affair. I do not know what his connection with this dreadful thing is, but I am sure he was not the instigator of the kidnapping plot. I will not say whether he had any knowledge of it or not."

Prosperous Sugar Company

Windsor, Ont., March 27.—At the forthcoming meeting of the Wallaceburg Sugar company, to be held in May, a stock dividend of one hundred per cent will be declared, and in addition the stock will be placed on a regular dividend basis.

Rowdy Students

Sackville, N.B., March 27.—Mount Allison university students got into a bad mix-up with the police last night. While celebrating their victory in a debate with the university of New Brunswick, they pulled fire alarms, rang church bells and lit bonfires in the streets. The whole police department turned out and after some injuries had been received the students dispersed.