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PRESIDENT TAFT AND CANADA.

The full text of President Taft's message to Congress shows that he made no specific mention of Canada in his references to the tariff question. This portion of his message may apply equally to European countries, though the Chicago Tribune thinks he had Canada principally in mind. His tone is friendly and even reassuring. He points out that the law gives him a wide discretion. In order that the maximum tariff shall be imposed against any country, it is necessary that he shall find on the part of that country not only discrimination against the United States, but that the discrimination found shall be undue; that is, without good and fair reason. He adds:

"I conceive that this power was reposed in the President with the hope that the maximum duties might never be applied in any case, but that the power to apply them would enable the President and the state department, through friendly negotiation, to secure the elimination from the laws and the practice under them of any foreign country of that which is unduly discriminatory. No one is seeking a tariff war or a condition in which the spirit of retaliation shall be aroused."

The President has had little time to study the effects of the Franco-Canadian treaty, but his message is an assurance that even if he considers it unduly discriminating against the United States, he will make overtures to Canada before entering upon reprisals.

ELECTION PROSPECTS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The present British House of Commons was elected in January, 1906, so that it will have lasted four years when it is dissolved next month. The House by which it was immediately preceded was elected in the autumn of 1900. The number of members of the House of Commons is fixed by the redistribution act of 1885 at 670. The present strength of the parties is as follows:

Liberals	374
Conservative	230
Nationalists	164
Total	670

The Liberals have a majority of 75 over all parties combined. The majority of Liberals, Laborists and Nationalists over the Unionists is 338. Of the 670 seats, 455 are in England, 103 in Ireland, 52 in Scotland and 59 in Wales. No one expects any considerable change in the representation from Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The Unionists have only 55 members in these three divisions of the kingdom. They rely entirely upon the English counties and boroughs. In England the parties stand as follows: Liberals, 230; Unionists, 140; Laborists, 40. The Liberals and Laborists together have, therefore, a majority over the Unionists in England of 175. If the Liberals and Laborists lost 100 seats to the Unionists in England, the Unionists would still have fewer members in the House than the Liberals, provided Scotland and Wales remained as before. It is plain that nothing less than a political landslide will give the Unionists a majority over all parties combined. On the other hand, if the Liberals lose more than 25 seats they will not have a working majority, but will be at the mercy of a combination of Nationalists and Laborists. These two parties are favorable to the budget, and the destruction of the veto power of the House of Lords, but they could not be relied upon in any contingency. The situation would become dramatic, indeed, if neither of the historic parties had an absolute majority in the next House.

AS TO PUBLIC WORKS.

During the discussion in committee of supply of the public works estimates, Hon. Mr. Pugsley took occasion to answer the oft-repeated charge that the Government shows a crop of public buildings only where there will be a harvest of votes. Never in the history of the Dominion has there been a time when there was so little ground for this complaint. There are Conservative members, representing constituencies in all parts of the country, who can testify that Mr. Pugsley has endeavored to do his duty impartially. Take the city of Toronto. It seldom elects a Liberal member. The present Government certainly owes it no political favors. Yet the Government is at present spending about \$700,000 there in improvements. The minister claims he has honestly endeavored to do as far as possible recognize the legitimate claims of the various sections of the country.

Mr. Pugsley does not agree with the Opposition that any kind of structure is good enough for the smaller cities and towns, and that the Government ought not to put up a public building in any place where the interest upon the cost and the expense of caretaking will amount to more than the postal revenue. In the larger cities the Government does not limit the class of building to one which is immediately sufficient for the purpose, but shows some regard for appearance. The smaller municipalities also are entitled to buildings of which the citizens will be proud. In the great majority of these towns there are no harbors to be dredged, no navigable channels to be dredged, no wharfs to be built, and the only public expenditure they get is the small amount of money which may be devoted to the erection of public offices. Mr. Pugsley is therefore determined to give fair consideration to the requests which may be made to him for the construction of public buildings in the thriving towns of the country, regardless of party politics.

BRITAIN'S COTTON KING SPEAKS.

The greatest name in the cotton world is that of Charles Wright Macara, of Manchester. He has been since 1894 the president of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations, which embraces nearly every cotton manufacturer of the United Kingdom. No one can speak more authoritatively for the cotton trade than Mr. Macara. In fact he is its accredited spokesman. His opinion carries enormous weight, especially in Lancashire, the seat of the leading British industry, upon which millions depend for their livelihood. Mr. Macara declares unreservedly that the maintenance of the present fiscal system is necessary to Great Britain's supremacy in cotton manufacturing. He says:

"In fifty years Lancashire has doubled in population, doubled its cotton spinning and manufacturing machinery and built up an export trade three times bigger than its home trade. This enormous growth has maintained by the cheapness of production. Tax food and mill requisites, and our pre-eminence would be endangered. Protected America, where two-thirds of the world's cotton crop grows, only exports 10 per cent of her manufactured goods against England's 75 per cent. The cotton industry here is imperilled and every other industry suffers. The teeming population of Lancashire are among the biggest consumers of agricultural produce."

In what way could a tariff possibly benefit the cotton industry of Great Britain? In 1907 the exports of British cotton goods were £110,500,000; the imports were only £7,000,000, consisting chiefly of lace and hosiery. Cotton represents one-fourth of all the exports of the United Kingdom. A general tariff would not increase by a half penny the price the British exporter would get for his goods in foreign markets, but it would increase the cost of everything he used in his business, except the raw cotton itself, which the Unionists propose to exempt from taxation. It would further increase the cost of living to the operatives. In countries like Canada and the United States, where the home market has still to be conquered by home industry, there is a plausible argument for tariff protection, but an industry that depends largely for its sales upon outside markets has everything to lose and nothing to gain by it.

King Leopold has been stricken with paralysis. When the world hears that he may have been stricken with remorse it may show him some sympathy.

Canadians are unmoved when Lord Northcliffe tells them that the integrity of the empire is involved in the result of the British general election. They regard all such shrieking as party clap-trap, and so it is.

If capital is being frightened out of Great Britain it must come to America. There is no country in Europe to which it can go and receive better treatment than in Great Britain. Germany and France are in a financial slough of despond.

They are calling Watson, the poet, a cad, for what he wrote about Violet Asquith. But what will they call Violet for what she said about Campbell-Bannerman? — Hamilton Spectator.

TOUCHING THEIR VANITY.

The bell rang with a petting sound, very small push. When the woman opened the door a young chap stood outside with his hat in his hand. "I am offering a knife sharpener to-day," he said, "which is worth a quarter, for 10 cents. Look. A little steel knife with it. If you will let me show it to you I will make it sure you will like it."

"My maid is out at present," said the woman, "but I'll take it." Then she left the door open a trifle to see if he would work the maid racket on her east side neighbor, who had no more maid than she had. He did. The neighbor also took the knife and the sharpener at 10 cents.

"Caught Cold."

Had a Distressing, Tickling Sensation In The Throat.

Mr. Albert MacPhee, Chignecto Mines, N.S., writes: "In Oct., 1908, I caught cold by working in water, and had a very bad cough and that distressing, tickling sensation in my throat so that I could not sleep at night, and my lungs were so very sore I had to give up work. Our doctor gave me medicine but it did me no good so I got a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and by the time I had used two bottles I was entirely cured. I am always recommending it to my friends."

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shall probably make the attempt to pay a "living" visit to my home in Ireland about Christmas time. The machine I shall use is now being built. It is partly my own invention, and is a biplane with several improvements on existing types. Built of spruce, the aeroplane will weigh only 200 pounds, and will carry ten gallons of petrol. "I have even decided on the costume I shall wear for flying. It is being specially made for me, and includes a thick woollen jersey and cap and knickerbockers. There is no place for a skirt on an aeroplane. "Nervous? Not a bit. A woman who can drive a big car through the thickest traffic is not going to be scared by a journey in mid-air. I mean to have a boat following me, in case I should come to grief in the Irish Sea, but I am a strong swimmer, and I have no fear at all."

BALLAST.

[Cornell Widow.] Reggie—What is that awful place down there? Fernie—That's the steerage, my dear boy. Reggie—Oh, does it take all those people to make the boat go straight?

QUITE SUFFICIENT.

[Exchanged.] Tourist—I suppose travellers often fall over this cliff? Guide—No, mein Herr; never more than once.

NO SUCH LUCK.

[Lippincott's.] He looked in a store window and saw "Hats reduced." "Heavens!" said he to himself. "What was their original size?"

THE USUAL EXPLANATION.

[New York World.] Black—I say, old man, how would you like to buy my motor car? White—Which is broke—or the machine?

A SURMISE.

[Boston Transcript.] Scott—Half the people in the world don't know what the other half are doing. Mott—No, that is because the other half are doing them.

GOING TO HEADQUARTERS.

[Yonkers Stateman.] "And that young man kissed you on the lips. Why didn't you offer him your hand?" said the father. "Oh, I didn't have to, papa," said the girl; "he's going to ask you for that."

A FORECAST.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.] "What's the matter, daughter?" "Ferdie and I have parted forever." "Um! In that case I suppose he won't be around for a couple of months."

HER COMPLAINT.

[Judge.] Country Woman—I've been expecting a packet of needles for a week, and haven't received it yet. Postoffice Clerk—Yes, madam. Kindly fill in this form and state the nature of your complaint.

IN TUNE.

[Isabel's Evening Post.] Centre of harmonic sublime Is He who guides the course of time And holds the kindly rod; And those who life from Him derive In all their varied longings strive To be in tune with God.

TO BE IN TUNE WITH GOD.

To Him Creation's powers conform; He rules the sunshine and the storm, The diamond and the cloud; The essence of the highest bliss In earth or heaven is always this: To be in tune with God.

UP TO THE GLORY-CIRCLED HEIGHT.

Ascend the words of those who fight, Shielded and armed and shod; In gloomy vale and sun-scorched plain His servants seek through ease and pain To be in tune with God.

HIS MUSIC IS TO SORROW'S FROWN.

Like day which comes those heights to crown, Where pines and cedars nod; Discordant notes shall find their place, And all His own shall see His face, And be in tune with God.

AMID THE TUMULT AND THE DIN.

Those who are called the prize to win Must toil and clutch and plod; They do not heed the tempter's snares, Because the happiness is theirs To be in tune with God.

THAT HARMONY REMOVES ALL DREAD.

And gives them strength to bravely tread The path the heroes trod; Unmoved are they by flood or fire While granted is their one desire— To be in tune with God.

TO BE IN TUNE WITH GOD.

Granturst, Ont., 1909.

A "BULL."

[London Daily News.] A correspondent writes: Lord Lansdowne is reported to have said in yesterday's debate: "The income taxpayer is the mitch cow of British finance, and no doubt he is willing to help the Government. . . ." The "he" is surely a "bull."

STINGERS AND STUNG.

[Washington Star.] "What is Mrs. Gabson's favorite book?" "I don't know," answered Miss Cayenne.

CHAPMAN'S CHAPMAN'S

Christmas Cards, Seals, Calendars and Wall Texts.
Little Red Stamps for use on Christmas mail, letters and packages, for sale at our office. The proceeds from the sale of these stamps goes to the London Free Sanatorium for Consumptives. Price one cent each.

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Seek your Christmas Gifts in the China Room on the third floor. Plates, Cups and Saucers, Chocolate Pots, Teapots, Sugars and Creams, Fern Dishes, Chop Dishes and such pretty, useful things as these always make good gifts. No housekeeper ever had too much China. Today we mention as special values, Plate and Cup and Saucer Sets at, each 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

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Pique Glove and Kid Glove, pair \$1.50
Suede Glove \$1.50
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Far-Lined Gloves, per pair \$2 and \$2.50
Cashmere Gloves, per pair 25c to 50c
Wool Gloves, per pair 25c, 35c, 50c

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COFFIN ON ROLLERS

Held Biggest Man and Was Too Heavy To Be Carried.
Ottawa, Dec. 8. — The funeral of J. J. Muldoon, the heaviest man in Canada, who died last Sunday, took place at Guyon, Que., this morning.

Owing to his great weight, 450 pounds, it was impossible to get the specially built coffin into a hearse, and the remains were conveyed to the cemetery in an open vehicle.

The weight of the coffin, and the body was so great that instead of being carried out of the house, the coffin had to be taken out on rollers.

RED HAT FOR BEGIN

Catholic Archbishop of Quebec May Be Raised To Cardinalate.
Washington, Dec. 9.—That Monsignor Falconio, papal delegate to the

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That's what you are if you patronize our laundry. From hose to collar we launder perfectly.

Garments torn?—No!

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During this sale you can also have the use of our CREDIT system. So come, make your desired purchase and pay part down and the balance in regular weekly or monthly payments. Pay as you are paid.

A nice lot of three-quarter length coats, of all-wood materials, as Meltons, Coverts and Tweeds; well tailored and neatly trimmed with broad Values up to \$15.00, all reduced to \$7.50.

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United States (who is a naturalized citizen, having voted for President Grant in 1872), will be an American cardinal, appointed by the Pope at the next consistory, scheduled to be held within three months is the forecast of leading Vatican authorities, including Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state.

This information was received from Rome yesterday.

It is also deemed possible that if a first woman appointed to such a post, Canadian is not elevated to the red cap

that one other American will be appointed. As it now stands, Archbishop Beghin, of Quebec, or Archbishop Foley, of New York, are the possible candidates.

Mary, the Rose, and I'll buy you CATSPAW RUBBER HEELS, so you won't slip.

Frau Johanna Redl, who shortly enters upon her duties as sexton in the Hutterdorf Cemetery at Vienna, is the first woman appointed to such a post in Austria.