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PRESIDENT TAKES RESPONSIBILITY

Sends Special Message to Congress in Connection with Opening of Lands at Controller Bay

SAYS HIS BROTHER HAD NO INTEREST

Describes as "Wicked Fabrication" Story of Miss Abbott About Alleged "Dick to Dick" Postscript

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Full responsibility for the opening for settlement and development of 12,800 acres of the Chugach National Forest reserve in Alaska was shouldered by President Taft in a special message transmitted to the senate late today. The case in question has become known as the Controller Bay affair.

Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, "has no interest in Alaska, never had, and knows nothing of the circumstances connected with the transaction," states the message.

As a "wicked fabrication," the president branded the famous "Dick to Dick" postcript. Charles P. Taft, the president asserted, does not even remember that he ever met Richard R. Ryan, representing the Controller Bay Railway and Navigation company, who is alleged to have written the "Dick to Dick" communication to the then secretary of the interior, Richard A. Ballinger. The president says:

"The fact is that Mr. Ballinger never saw the letter of July 13, 1910, to which this postcript is said to have been attached. It was sent to me by Mr. Carr, Secretary Ballinger's private secretary, at Beverly on July 14—the next day. I read the letter at Beverly in August with other papers and sent them to the White House. It was placed upon the White House files and remained there until April 22, 1911, when it was, by request of Secretary Fisher, returned to the interior department, and it was after this that Miss Abbott says she saw the letter with the postscript attached. Mr. Carr saw no such postscript when he sent the letter to me. I did not see it when I read it. No one saw it in the executive office, but it remained to appear as a postcript when Miss Abbott saw the letter in April or May on the files of the interior department. All others were denied the sight."

The message concludes:

"I am in full sympathy with the concern of the reasonable and patriotic men that the valuable resources of Alaska should not be turned over to be exploited for the profit of greedy absorbing, monopolistic corporations or syndicates. Whatever the attempts which have been made, no one, as a matter of fact, has secured in Alaska any undue privilege or franchise not completely under the control of Congress, and in all the scandal with which the public has been regaled very few specific instances of corrupt or improper attempts to acquire vested interests in Alaska have been shown by evidence that would stand the test of judicial examination."

CHICAGO RIOT

Serious Affray Grows Out of Pedlars' Strike—Policemen and Others Injured

CHICAGO, July 26—Riots in which three policemen were injured, one pedlar was hit on the head with a hatchet and scores were severely beaten, marked another day of the pedlars' strike against the anti-noise ordinance.

Women carrying babies in their arms took part in the biggest riot, in which police, with revolvers drawn, charged a mob that had attacked a pedlar, who refused to join the strikers.

The pedlar's wagon had been overturned, the contents spilled in the street and the owner was being stoned when the police arrived. The rioters hurled bricks at the police, and two of them fell, seriously injured. Police were forced to shoot over the heads of the rioters many times to compel them to retreat. Scores of arrests were made, several being women.

Beaumont Wins Race.

BROOKLANDS, Eng., July 26.—A. Beaumont (Lieut. De Conneau) won the $50,000 prize offered by the London Daily Mail for the circuit of Great Britain aviation race of 1,010 miles. The Frenchman reached the finish here at 2.07 this afternoon, making a splendid "volplane" from a height of 1,000 feet. Vedrines reached the goal at 3.17 o'clock. Both Frenchmen received an enthusiastic reception from a huge crowd. Beaumont, on alighting, was seized by admirers and carried shoulder high to his tent. Beaumont's total actual flying time was 22 hours 28 minutes. Vedrines' time was 23 hours 39 minutes.

CRUISER FOR CHINA

First Order for Celestial Empire to Be Filled in U. S. Goes to Camden, N. J.

SEATTLE, July 26.—According to the statement of Commander C. S. Yang of the Chinese cruiser Hai Shin, the first Chinese war vessel to be constructed to order in this country, is to be built in the New York shipyards at Camden, N. J.

Commander Yang is on his way to New York from China in company with Lieut. L. Y. Wong and Engineer Commander C. C. Chen, and will go at once to Camden, where the three officers will oversee the construction of the cruiser, and when it is completed, will sail it home through the Suez Canal.

The new vessel will be twenty months in construction and will be a cruiser of the third class, of 2,400 tons. Two sister ships are being constructed in England.

Bavarian Regent Ill

MUNICH, July 27.—Considerable anxiety is felt concerning the health of Prince Regent Luitpold. He has been ordered to forego his customary summer trip to Chiomzi.

Jump from High Bridge

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 26.—Caught on the long Southern Pacific bridge near Gaviota, Miss Irma Frazee of Gaviota, and Miss Esther Smith, of this city, jumped eighty feet to the bottom of an arroyo today to avoid being crushed by a train. Miss Frazee's skull was crushed and she died at hospital here shortly after noon. Miss Smith was seriously injured.

PORTUGUESE IN FIERCE BATTLE

Royalist and Republican Bands Commence a Fight in Church and Continue it on the Street

LISBON, July 27.—Despatches just received here tell of a serious conflict which occurred in a church at Lobrigo between Royalists and Republicans. Senor Costa, a Republican leader, was stabbed to death in the back and a fierce fight followed. The fray was soon transferred to the street, assuming considerable proportions. Quarter was neither asked nor given. Troops were called out and finally restored order.

Four persons were killed, 14 fatally injured and 30 less seriously hurt.

MADRID, July 26.—A son of Homen Christo, the Portuguese monarchist and publicist, in an interview given in El Liberal, declared that Manuel was personally directing the campaign for his restoration to the throne of Portugal.

The deposed monarch, he said had offered to place himself at the head of the monarchist troops. He had contributed one-third of his fortune to the monarchist cause and rallied 10,000 men to his support.

Christo said that if the consignment of arms seized aboard the steamer Gromma and at the railway station at Orenze, Spain, had been allowed to fall into the hands of the monarchists, the war of restoration would have been begun two days later.

The court of Italy, especially, and the court of Germany, favor the return of the monarch, but France is supporting the republic, according to Christo.

HARVESTER COMBINE

Attorney-General Wickersham Is Questioned Concerning Report Made to His Predecessor

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Attorney-General Wickersham appeared before the "Stanley Steel Trust" investigating committee today to tell what he knew concerning a report made to former Attorney-General Bonaparte by Hurdette Townsend, a special agent of the department, in 1908, in which the latter said that the International Harvester Company had operated in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. The Attorney-General, when shown a copy of the voluminous document by Representative Stanley, said he never had seen it before, though since he had been head of the department of justice, he had heard rumors that there had been an investigation of the harvester combine.

"Do you know of any reason," Chairman Stanley asked, "why this harvester company question was not acted upon by the department of justice prior to the time you assumed charge of the department?"

"I do not know," Mr. Wickersham replied. "I surmise—this is a surmise—that the case was delayed pending a decision by the supreme court in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases. It was not considered desirable to press these cases until a decision of the supreme court was received, and in this I think many of the same points were involved."

Fire in Toronto.

TORONTO, July 26.—Fifteen thousand dollars damage was done by fire in the Central Electrical and Schools Supply company's premises this evening.

SWINDLERS GET MANY VICTIMS

Two Self-Styled French Counts Said to Have Obtained Half Million Dollars Through Fraud Scheme

STEEL IMPORTERS ARE THEIR GAME

Operations Resumed After Period of Suspension—Reward is Now Offered for Their Capture

NEW YORK, July 26.—An offer of $5,000 reward will be sent broadcast over the country tomorrow by the Swedish Iron & Steel Company, of New York and New Orleans, for evidence that will convict two or more alleged swindlers of a fraud, by which it is charged $500,000, has already been cleaned up, and which is still flourishing.

For seven years the swindlers—known to the trade as the "two French swindlers," have been preying upon steel importers, a body of men who annually bring into the country goods valued at $25,000,000, to such an extent that salesmen handling imported steel now report that they have difficulty in persuading customers that they themselves represent reputable firms. The victims chosen have been always of high financial rating. They include business concerns of all kinds in New England, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis, Brooklyn, New York, Buffalo, Lansing, Detroit and Grand Rapids.

The Frenchmen, who claim to be counts, began operations seven years ago, but two years ago found it was getting too hot for them. They vanished, but the game was too good to let die. It had never been brought to a prosecution, or even exposure, and now evidence is rapidly accumulating that it is being pushed again, either by the two Frenchmen, or by close students of their methods.

The two "Frenchmen," representing themselves as Count So-and-So and his secretary, would visit a factory office, pick their way through the shops, compliment the superintendent upon his progressiveness, and then solicit sample orders for high class tool steel made abroad by the count's father. While the "count" engaged the superintendent the secretary would dictate on the firm's stationery an order for a much larger amount, and walk out with a perfunctory signature. The order would be turned over to supposedly innocent jobbers, who would deliver an inferior quality of steel, worth perhaps ten cents a pound, and collect from 39 to 90 cents a pound.

Usually the manufacturer would pay rather than fight in court a transaction that appeared bona fide.

HINDU MANIAC FIRES AT CROWD

Shoots Down Five People on Chicago Street with Rifle, One of Whom is Expected to Die

INCOHERENT NOTE TO PRESIDENT TAFT

CHICAGO, July 26.—While the police were planning to send him to an asylum for the criminal insane, N. Hausin, a Hindu and former member of the British army, who wounded five persons and caused a panic in Chicago's crowded downtown streets yesterday by discharging a rifle at the passing throng, sat in a cell at Central station today and jeered at his guards.

Indifferent as to the fate of his victims, the man smiled when told that one of the wounded men might die.

"I bought the rifle to kill all the bad people in Chicago," he said. "I hate all of your white American faces. You have been cruel to me and I want to kill everybody."

Hausin came to this country from India four years ago. A letter addressed to President Taft was found in his pocket and evidently was written a few hours before he ran amuck in Chicago's streets. It was scribled in lead pencil and began: "His Highness, President Taft, of the United States of America, Washington, D.C.

"Your Highness, Dear, Dead, Deaf, Dumb and Blind President."

The text is incoherent and refers to May 24 as the most important date in the world. Dr. P. L. Prentiss, chief of the local immigration inspectors, has begun an investigation with a view to having Hausin deported.

FOREST FIRE SPREADS

Flames Threaten Resorts in San Bernardino Mountains—More Help Is Called for.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 26.—The San Bernardino mountain forest fire, which was thought to have been brought under control broke out afresh this afternoon. A high wind is again sweeping the flames up the side of the mountain. A call was sent to this city for an additional 75 men.

The fire late today reached the summit of the range and threatened to sweep over the desert side. In the path of the flames are the resorts Squirrel Inn, Pine Crest and Skyland, which appear to be doomed unless hundreds of men centred about those camps can throw the flames back or to one side.

A hundred men left this city in electric cars and automobiles.

Windsor Castle Sanitation.

LONDON, July 26.—Fifty years ago Windsor Castle was one of the most insanitary houses in the kingdom. After the death of the Prince Consort, Sir Robert Rawlinson, the sanitary expert, was sent for to inspect the castle. He reported that, within the reign of Queen Victoria, "cesspools full of putrid refuse and drains of the worst description existed beneath the basements. Twenty of these cespools were removed from the upper ward, and 28 from the middle and lower wards. Means of ventilation by windows in Windsor Castle were very defective. Even in the royal apartments the upper portions of the windows were fixed. Lower casements alone could be opened, so that by far the largest amount of air-spaces in the rooms contained vitiated air, comparatively stagnant."

STRANGE CRIME AT SACRAMENTO

Lady Stenographer in Employ of State Engineering Department Shot Dead—Murderer Killed by Officers

SACRAMENTO, July 26.—Anna Dudley, former stenographer to Governor Gillette, and recently in the employ of the state engineering department, was shot and killed today by a man believed to be Sidney E. Cole, of San Francisco. The man was killed in the battle against the police.

Miss Dudley was on her way to the capitol and as she passed an alley, Cole opened fire. Her cries quickly attracted a crowd, and Cole calmly reloaded his revolver and leveling it at H. H. Potter, who was the first to reach the scene, told him to "clear out."

Potter started to run, and Cole shot him in the knee. A negro, Sam G. Mickey, was shot in the arm.

Cole stood over the body of the woman, firing an occasional shot in the direction of the approaching crowd and then turned his revolver on the prostrate form, firing four shots into the body. Then he ran down the alley, with the crowd at his heels. A police patrol wagon was sent in pursuit. Then ensued an exciting revolver battle. The crowd had chased the man through the northern section of the city. He crossed over the north levee and disappeared in the brush on the opposite side, near the American river. Deputy Sheriffs Thisby and Moffett shot at him after he had answered their command to surrender with his pistol. Thisby approached within fifty feet of the murderer and the two men exchanged shots. While Thisby and Cole were thus engaged the police arrived. Captain Penniss, with a short-barrelled pump gun loaded with buckshot fired into the thickest part of the brush. The shot brought a reply from Cole. The police captain ran down into the brush, still firing. Cole gave a yell and tumbled over. Deputy Moffett ran to the man and found him dying, riddled with buckshot. The motive for the crime is a mystery. The theory is advanced that Cole was infatuated with the woman.

Miss Dudley met him in the office of Dr. Wong Him, at 1268 O'Farrell street, San Francisco, about a year ago, when she had gone there for treatment. She did not mention his name or otherwise discuss him with her friends, and it is believed that he was endeavoring to force his attention upon her.

Miss Dudley was much esteemed in this city, and also in Eureka, where she formerly resided.

She came to this city with Governor Gillett as his stenographer and took a similar position with State Engineer Ellery when Governor Gillett went out of office. For several years Miss Dudley has been practically an invalid, and kept much to her home at 1214 H. street. She was reported engaged to F. P. Anthes, a musician in San Francisco, but a quarrel is said to have terminated their relations.

A brother, Lincoln Dudley, of Oakland, came to Sacramento tonight to take charge of the remains.

Doctors Expelled.

TORONTO, July 26.—The council of the college of Physicians and Surgeons today expelled from membership Dr. Edgar M. Cook and Dr. William Lehman, two Toronto doctors, who are fugitives from justice on account of illegal practices.

DISSOLUTION AT EARLY DATE

Expectation in Ottawa that it Will Come on Thursday or Friday of Next Week—Election in September

RECIPROCITY WILL BE ONLY ISSUE

Rumors Concerning Campaign Funds Flying About — No Cessation in Parliamentary Struggle Probable

OTTAWA, July 26.—It is stated on the best of authority that parliament will be dissolved next week, probably on Thursday or Friday, and that a general election will take place some time between September 20 and 25. Reciprocity will be practically the sole issue.

The government is relying for success at the polls upon the popularity of reciprocity in the rural constituencies. It concedes that the cities are less promising.

It is said the opposition is depending largely on big campaign funds to which British Imperialists and American opponents of reciprocity are expected to contribute.

The Ottawa Free Press (Liberal) announces tonight that a Canadian member of parliament who has just returned from England has brought from a group of tariff reformers an invitation to the Canadian opponents of reciprocity to draw upon them for funds for the campaign. It is understood also that the war chest of the government is likely to be well lined.

Opposition to reciprocity was continued throughout today's sittings. Hon. Wm. Pugsley read a letter from the manager of the Recorder Paper company saying that reciprocity would benefit the company materially. Mr. Perley, Conservative whip, is vice-president of the company. Mr. Crocket, the member for York, N.B., again brought up the New Brunswick dredging scandals, and was replied to by Hon. Mr. Emmerson, former minister of public works. The ministers say the house will be kept sitting almost continuously from now on, and the opposition members are prepared to keep up the fight.

Montmorency Nomination.

QUEBEC, July 26.—At an important meeting of the Conservative electors of the county of Montmorency, it was unanimously decided to offer the candidature at the approaching elections for the Dominion house to Mr. Rodolphe Forget. Requisition lists are now being signed asking him to oppose Mr. George Parent in this division.

HIGH WAR RISKS PAID AT LLOYDS

Ten Per Cent. Against War Between Britain and Germany and 12 Per Cent. Where France is Concerned

FOREIGN OFFICE EXCEEDINGLY ACTIVE

LONDON, July 26.—At Lloyds today war risks against hostilities between Great Britain and Germany within three months rose rapidly from 5 to 8 per cent. In some cases even 10 per cent was paid.

Against the risk of war between France and Germany 12 per cent. was paid.

The activity of the foreign office today was again marked, the indications pointing to the near approach of a stage where the crisis either will become acutely virulent or begin to dissolve.

King Alfonso appeared on the scene today, having arrived at Portsmouth on the Spanish royal yacht Giraldi. He immediately came to London, where he conferred with Sir Edward Grey.

McDougall Stays in Asylum.

MONTREAL, July 26.—The habeas corpus proceedings by which the release of Justin McDougall from St. Benoit asylum was fought in the Montreal courts was dropped this morning by private arrangement between Mrs. George Osborne Hayne, granddaughter of Emperor Francis Joseph and A. W. McDougall, father of the young man. Young McDougall consented to bow to his father's wishes and remain in the asylum, after an emotional scene in which Mrs. Hayne promised to wed the young man as soon as her divorce was granted.

NO CHOLERA IN CITY

New York Health Authorities Are Satisfied With Situation—Many Passengers Released

NEW YORK, July 26.—Apparently there is no cholera in New York city proper. The city health authorities made an announcement to this effect today, following bacteriological examinations of two suspects at Bellevue hospital.

The tests in the most suspicious case, that of Edgar Herrmann, the hospital orderly, was found to be negative in a second examination. Although a third test will be made, the hospital authorities seem confident they have no cholera on their hands.

The case of Louis Mach turned out to be nothing worse than summer complaint.

Satisfaction also was reflected at the gate of the city, where two vessels arrived from Italian ports with clean bills of health.

All were reported well on the steamer Berlin, which arrived today from Naples. Sixty-one of the passengers of the Moltke, which still remains in quarantine were released this morning and sent to Ellis Island.

Money from Maine Wreck

NEW YORK, July 26.—A quantity of money, said to have been reclaimed from the ruins of the battleship Maine, was deposited with the Trust Company of America today. Officials of the bank would not verify the reports, although they did say that the money was deposited by a Cuban bank, and that it was in a badly mutilated condition. All the money was in the form of bills of an old date.

PART OF BILL NOW IN EFFECT

Instructions Sent Out from Washington to Collectors of Customs Concerning Reciprocity Agreement

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Instructions for the administration of so much of the reciprocity agreements as is effective until the whole agreement is ratified by the Canadian parliament were telegraphed to customs collectors along the Canadian border today.

Until the Canadian parliament ratifies the agreement only section 2, which covers wood pulp, paper and paper board, will be effective.

The new law provides free entry to all such imports from private lands or from crown lands if no export tax has been levied.

Congratulations upon the passage of the measure kept the White House telegraph wires busy all day.

Speaker Clark and Vice-President Sherman today signed the reciprocity bill. It was at once forwarded to the president. The bill reached the White House shortly after 1 p. m. Mr. Taft signed the bill at 3.10 p. m. Secretary of State Knox and other officials were present.

CUSTOMS SCANDAL

Officials at San Francisco Accused of Receiving Gifts of Whisky From Firm

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—Fred S. Stratton, collector of the port of San Francisco, forwarded to Washington today a report that 17 customs house officials, ranging from clerks and inspectors to associate heads of departments, have been found guilty of receiving gifts of whiskey and other liquors from the Haslett bonded manufacturing warehouse. The investigation was conducted by Stratton, Duncan McKinlay, surveyor of the port and special treasury agents.

The names of the men accused are withheld, but the report states that practically all admitted having received the bottles of liquor.

The Haslett concern was fined several months ago for substituting water for whiskey removed from a bonded warehouse without paying the revenue tax. As the result of the investigation several customs employees were discharged.

Requisition for W. G. Souther

SACRAMENTO, July 26.—Governor Johnson honored today the requisition papers of the governor of Oregon, who asks for the return to Portland of W. G. Souther, who is wanted for embezzlement. The request was first made last May, but was delayed because Souther was ill in a hospital in San Francisco. Within a few days, when a state agent came from Portland to obtain custody of another prisoner, he visited Souther at San Francisco and then made application to the governor for Souther's extradition. While the papers have been issued, it has not been decided whether Souther will be taken to Portland at once or not. The final decision will depend upon the recommendations made by Souther's physicians.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., July 26.—Mrs. Fred Warner, wife of the master of the steamer Corwin, now in the Alaskan trade, died yesterday at Glendale. Mrs. Warner had been in bed for several years, her illness having been caused after an X-ray burn.

FINAL SOLUTION IS UNCERTAIN

Complication in British Political Affairs Has No Prospect of Immediate Settlement—Mr. Balfour's Stand

INSURGENT STRENGTH NOT YET KNOWN

Demonstration at Banquet in Honor of Lord Halsbury—Ministers and Others Hold Conferences

LONDON, July 26.—The final solution of the political crisis is uncertain, but it may safely be presumed now that Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne will remain as leaders of the Unionist party.

Mr. Balfour at one of the most serious crises of his career has again proved himself an astute leader. No sooner was his letter affirming his intention to stand or fall by Lord Lansdowne published than the incipient mutiny collapsed.

Organizers of the Halsbury banquet tumbled over each other to repudiate any disloyalty to Mr. Balfour. A list of more than 230 peers is published tonight who by letter declare themselves supporters of Lord Lansdowne's policy and ready to allow the parliament bill to pass under protest.

The exact number of peers adhering to the Earl of Halsbury is not known but it is believed will not exceed 130. As, however, Lord Lansdowne's present intention is merely to abstain, and not vote for the bill when it is returned to the lords, the insurgents can defeat it unless the government creates sufficient peers or Lord Lansdowne decides to vote for the bill, which is considered exceedingly improbable.

Several days are likely to elapse before the result of the numerous conferences of political leaders are seen, and it is probable that the government will be obliged to postpone consideration of the bill in the Commons beyond Sunday.

Insurgents' Banquet.

The banner of revolt against political party leadership was raised today at a dinner given for the Earl of Halsbury, which the extremists among the Unionists intended should be a demonstration of their strength. Several hundred Unionist peers, Unionist members of the House of Commons and party workers cheered the policy of resistance.

The Earl of Selbourne, who is credited with being a candidate for leader of the opposition in the House of Lords, presided, and conspicuous among the diners were the Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Northumberland, the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Marlborough, the Marquis of Salisbury, Viscount Milner, Baron Amthill, Lord Hugh Cecil, Austen Chamberlain, Frederick E. Smith, M. P., for the Walton division of Liverpool, and the Right Hon. George Wyndham, who was chief secretary for Ireland, 1900-05, and who sat is the Balfour cabinet in 1902. The younger Unionists and tariff reformers composed the bulk of the company.

A letter from Joseph Chamberlain was read in which he said: "I heartily support the object of the meeting. The country owes a great debt to Lord Halsbury, since in this crisis of its history he has refused to surrender his principles."

The Earl of Selbourne said the House of Lords was the trustee of the people for their powers and rights under the constitution. He concluded amid cheers: "Our duty is to stand by the amendments unless and until we are outvoted.

"The division in our party is on the single issue of creation of peers. When that issue is past the party will close its ranks and fight for the restoration of the constitution and repeal the parliament act."

Lord Salsbury was given a great ovation. He said Lord Lansdowne had declared that if the bill passed no institution would be safe, neither the crown nor the constitution, Irish Union, the Church nor political liberties.

Austen Chamberlain made a stirring speech. When he had finished there were cries of "The future premier."

A reference to Premier Asquith was greeted with shouts of "Traitor."

Many Conferences.

Members of the cabinet were busy yesterday. Chancellor David Lloyd George, John Burns, president of the local government board, and Home Secretary Churchill were early callers on Premier Asquith, and there were frequent conferences, the most important of which were at the foreign office, in which the premier and Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, and Lloyd George participated. The Master of Elibank, chief government whip, also was called in, doubtless to give the ministers an idea of the views of the rank and file of the party, with whom, naturally, he keeps in touch.

The Unionist leaders are awaiting the result of Lord Lansdowne's canvas of the peers, to whom he has addressed a circular inquiring whether they are pre-

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