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FORCES HOSTILE TO RECIPROCITY

Report From Washington That Arrangements Concluded By Negotiators Will Be Strongly Opposed In Congress

VARIOUS INTERESTS WILL COMBINE

Lead In Opposition Is Unexpectedly Taken By New England Men—Old Story Likely To Be Repeated

TORONTO, Jan. 25.—A Telegram special from New York this afternoon quotes a special to the Journal of Commerce from Washington as saying: "Information which has reached the senate with reference to the contents of the reciprocity treaty or arrangement concluded by President Taft with Canada is already leading to a strong combination of forces against the adoption of the agreement. Singularly enough, the antagonism seems to be headed by some of the New England men who have been leading the talk about reciprocity. The treaty, it is authoritatively stated, has been framed largely along the New England lines, with the idea of placating New England's desires for better trade relations and as far as possible offsetting the popularity of Democrats based on their alleged friendliness to reciprocity.

"In spite of this fact, New England men in both houses, who have been investigating the status of the agreement have obtained what they consider enough official information to warrant them in stating that they expect to be obliged to vote against the agreement. This is considered a startling change as coming from some of the men who had been re-elected by a bare majority because of their professed allegiance to reciprocity. Investigation at the capitol shows that the old combination, which has always killed reciprocity in the past, is drawing together for the same purpose now. Interests of an agricultural character located in the northwest, in states like North and South Dakota and others of the same general position, are hostile to reciprocity in food products. Northern Michigan and Northern Wisconsin interests are opposed to the proposed concessions on pulp and lumber, while New England is getting ready to resist on the strength of the concessions made on fish, wood pulp, and paper."

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—During today's sitting Hon. Wm. Patterson took his seat in the house. The appearance of the minister of customs fresh from the scene of reciprocity negotiations was greeted with Liberal cheers. Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that tomorrow afternoon Hon. Mr. Fielding would make an announcement of the reciprocity arrangements.

President Taft's Message. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—After a day of almost incessant labor on his message, which will be sent to Congress tomorrow, with the reciprocity agreement recently reached by representatives of the United States and Canada, President Taft called a special meeting of the cabinet at 10 o'clock tonight for the purpose, it is understood, of discussing the message.

The same secrecy that characterized the negotiations of the reciprocity conference has been maintained as to the contents of the agreement. The president, it is said, has prepared an exhaustive argument in his message, explaining in detail the principal features of the agreement. It also is reported that a statement analyzing the effects of the tariff laws on trade with Canada in the past and the probable results that would be obtained by the proposed reciprocity agreement will be transmitted through the president from the state department. In Canada the farmers, particularly in the west, have been clamoring for lower duties on manufactured products, and have at various times petitioned the Dominion Government to effect an arrangement with the United States. Manufacturers in the Dominion have vigorously opposed the policy. The farmers have also asked for free trade in agricultural implements and natural products. The cabinet was in session about an hour. President Taft read his message, and the reciprocity agreement and the meeting adjourned. The quick adjustment was taken to mean that the message as set forth by President Taft and Secretary Knox met with the approval of the remaining members of the cabinet. Congress will receive the documents at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Alaska Coal Lands. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The leasing of coal lands in Alaska is provided for in a bill introduced today by Representative Mondell of Wyoming, chairman of the house committee on public lands. All lands containing merchantable coal in Alaska are to be reserved from all other disposition.

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FIRE ON THE STEAMER QUEEN

San Francisco Liner Has Cargo In Hold Burning—Fire Under Control—Vessel Not In Any Danger

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—A fire was discovered in the hold of the steamer Queen of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's line, bound for Seattle and Victoria with many passengers soon after she passed through the Golden Gate today, according to wireless communications tonight. Her position was given as off Point Reyes, 55 miles north.

Later advices by wireless stated that the fire was under control, and that there was no danger. The steamer President of the same line, which had passed out about the same time for south coast points, was ordered by wireless to go immediately to the assistance of the Queen and reached the vessel about 8 o'clock. The fire was discovered in hold No. 1, which soon emitted volumes of smoke, and continued to smoulder in spite of the large quantity of water with which the hold was immediately flooded.

The passengers, of whom there were about 150 aboard, became uneasy, but soon were calmed by the assurances from Captain Voh and two other officers that there was no immediate danger. At 11 o'clock a wireless message was received here that the Queen had turned back, and accompanied by the President, the tug Sea Queen, and the revenue cutter McCulloch, which went out when the "S.-O.-S." signal was received, would reach port about 3 o'clock. The wireless dispatches did not indicate how serious the fire was.

TROUBLE AT COBALT

Members Of Federation Of Miners Endeavor To Prevent Men From Working Kesley Mine

COBALT, Ont., Jan. 25.—The Kelley mine is in a state of siege. The Dominion Federation pickets are stationed at Loom Lake, where the trail from Silver Centre passes to the mine, and subject all passersby to scrutiny. The men still working at the Kelley mine are receiving threatening letters. The cook while driving was pulled from the sleigh and warned and other men are being warned. Manager Travers says he will not be intimidated. He says he will still working at the Kelley mine and will not be intimidated. He says he will still working at the Kelley mine and will not be intimidated.

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FUNERAL PUBLIC

Changes Made In Arrangements For Interment Of Body Of David Graham Phillips

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The funeral of David Graham Phillips will be public. So many of the friends and admirers of his work have been stirred by his assassination that plans for a private funeral were abandoned. It was announced that the services would be held on Friday afternoon at St. George's Episcopal church, near the scene of the attack.

The ceremony will be held at 2 o'clock with Archdeacon Nelson, assistant to Bishop Greer, of the New York diocese, officiating. The pallbearers will be: United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana; Robert W. Chambers, the author; Joseph W. Sears, head of the Appleton Publishing House; George Horace Lorimer, editor of the Saturday Evening Post; Arthur W. Little, editor of Pearson's Magazine; Sam. J. G. Blythe, Washington writer; John O'Hara Cosgrave, former editor of Everybody's Magazine, and Otto Carls.

In addition to Dr. Nelson, the Rev. Hugh Birkhead, rector of St. George's, will assist at the services, and a male sextette will sing. The services will be simple. After the funeral the body will be removed to a receiving vault in the Marble cemetery here and will remain there until taken to Mr. Phillips' former home in Indiana.

Tobacco In Essex

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 25.—South Essex farmers have signed contracts with the McAlpine Tobacco Co. agreeing to deliver 2,000,000 pounds of tobacco. This industry is steadily growing and many prominent farmers are devoting their energies to the cultivation of the leaf. Some immense crops have been harvested from a very few acres and

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W. S. Troops on Frontier. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 25.—Dispositions from Eagle Pass and Del Rio, Texas, report the arrival of United States troops to be distributed along the Texas-Mexican frontier to enforce neutrality laws. All the troops were drawn from the Third Cavalry, stationed at Fort Sam Houston. United States officials at Eagle Pass are quoted as saying the sending of troops resulted from a conference at San Antonio two weeks ago. The insurgents in the chuch in Mexico, the telegram says, and constitute nine-tenths of the insurrecto forces. At Laredo, it is reported that sympathizers of the revolution secretly organized. Del Rio reports the situation quiet.

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HEAVY LOSSES AMONG MEXICANS

Newspaper Report States That 180 Federals Were Killed In One Battle—Insurrectos Also Lose Many

DIFFERENT VERSION FROM GOVERNMENT

Federal Commander Driven To Rebel Side By Action Of Superior—Rumored Secession Of Sonora State

SLEEPING CAR RATES LOWERED

Railway Commissioners Approve New Tariffs, To Go Into Effect On February 15th—Different Rates In West

MONTREAL, Jan. 24.—The railway commissioners this morning gave their formal approval of the new sleeping and parlor car tariffs, which go into effect on the 15th of February. As pointed out by Chairman Mabee, the new tariff will make a general reduction in sleeping rates in spite of the fact that the rates west of Calgary will be higher by 2 mills per mile than in the eastern sections of Canada.

The new tariffs, Judge Mabee said, were the first effort to put the sleeping and parlor car rates on a scientific mileage basis. East of Calgary, six mills per mile would be charged for sleeping car berths, with a 20 per cent discount on the upper berths. In the case of parlor cars, 5 mills per mile will be the charge. West of Calgary sleeping car rates will be computed on the basis of 8 mills per mile, with a 20 per cent discount on uppers. The railway companies explained the differences by saying it cost more to haul the cars through the mountains. The parlor car rate will be two-thirds of a cent per mile.

Judge Mabee in giving approval, said that the commission hesitated in approving the higher western rates, but as the companies were anxious to have the new rates come into force on the 15th of February, they had decided to give consent to their adoption on the condition that the right of agitating for lower railway rates in the Canadian west be not interfered with. Their case, he said, would be presented before the commission this week.

CEIBA IS CAPTURED

Honduran Revolutionists Take Important Town From Government Forces After All-day Fight

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The Herald will print tomorrow a special despatch from Ceiba, Honduras, via wireless to Key West, saying that Ceiba fell into the hands of the Bonilla revolutionists this afternoon, after a day of desperate infantry and artillery fighting. Ten are said to be dead and many wounded. It is added that General Lee Christmas, chief aide of the provisional president, is in control of the town tonight. The attacking party of revolutionists, the despatch says, outpointed the Honduran army both in discipline and numbers and the Honduran gunboat Tatumbia is said to have fled at the first sign of attack. No Americans were injured, nor was American property damaged.

Alaska Mining Deals

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—Several large deals in mining properties round Seward, Alaska, have been made here tonight, and the hundreds of Seward people who are now in the city say that nothing remains but reports of the engineers who have been sent north to inaugurate a tremendous development on properties which have been personally taken over by some of the largest monied interests in the country. John Lechner of Seattle discovered the first gold veins on the Kenai peninsula on what is known as Falls Creek. The original discovery is now the property of the California-Alaska mining company, at the head of which is John Kapellamis, former Greek consul at San Francisco. Kapellamis, accompanied by ten miners, arrived on the steamer Victoria, to start operations. In the spring a two-stamp mill will be installed.

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