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TAFT OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR TARIFF AGREEMENT

Speaks at National Corn Exchange in Columbus

MANY HEAR HIM

President Speaks Chiefly in Reference to Effect of Tariff Changes Upon the Farmer—Niagara Delegation at Ottawa

(Canadian Press) Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 10.—Before an immense audience at the National Corn Exposition today, President Taft fired the first big administration gun for reciprocity with Canada. His speech was aimed particularly to quell the fears of the United States farmer. He declared that the greatest reason for adopting the agreement was the fact that it would unite two countries, with kindred people and lying together across a wide continent, in a commercial and social union, to the great advantage of both.

"Some two years ago," he said at the outset, "I submitted to congress an agreement which I had made with the authorities of Canada by which, subject to the approval and action of congress and the union parliament, the tariff of each country against the products and manufactures of the other is to be modified and reduced according to the schedule set forth as part of agreement."

"The changes in the tariff rates of the two countries are numerous and important and affect agricultural and manufactured products. The greatest reduction—and the change are all downward—however, are in grains, vegetables, dairy products and live cattle, which are free. "Such a result does not need to be justified by a nice balancing of reciprocity profit to each. Its undoubted general benefit will vindicate those who are responsible for it. I say this in order that, by answering the argument directed to the distant effect of the agreement upon different classes of persons, I may not be thought to abandon the broad ground upon which the agreement was entered into."

Answers Criticisms
"The agreement has been criticized in this country as an attack on the farmer by depriving him of his property and it is sought to arouse his opposition to the measure. It is said to be a mere trade agreement, that it is in the interest of the manufacturing class and adverse to the farmer."

"I am a Republican and the Republican party has always advocated and pursued a policy of protection to American products and manufactures. For a long time the policy had little or no limitation. It was thought that tariffs of protected products could not be too high, if all foreign products were excluded competition would stimulate production and reduce its cost and its price. The temptation to destroy competition by combinations became so great, however, that the party in its platform modified its policy and imposed the limitation that the tariff should be limited for purposes of protection to the difference between the cost of production in this country and the cost of production abroad with an allowance for a reasonable profit to the American producer."

"Canada is our neighbor on the north for 2,000 miles. Her population in English, Dutch and French, her soil is rich with a wage earning class as intelligent and as well paid as our own. It is difficult to see in what respect her farmers have any advantage over ours, except in virgin soil in the far northwest."

"How is the farmer to be hurt? Let us see."

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A MAINE MOVE FOR REFORESTING WASTE LANDS
Bill Before Legislature to Provide for a State Forest Nursery
Augusta, Feb. 10.—Rep. Morse of Watford introduced a resolution in the house yesterday to encourage the reforestation of waste lands in the state. It appropriates \$1,000 for 1911 and a similar amount for 1912, to be expended by Forest Commissioner King for the purpose of establishing a state forest nursery in connection with the school of forestry at the University of Maine. This nursery is to supply forest tree seedlings at the cost of production for use in planting waste lands throughout the state.

GRIPPEN'S WILL IS PROBATED; LEAVES \$1,342 TO LOUVE
London, Feb. 10.—(Canadian Press)—The will of Dr. H. H. Grippen made just before his execution in Fostonville prison and leaving all of his \$1,342 estate to Miss Louve, was recorded for probate today. Miss Louve is the sole executrix.

Woman Dies in Flames
Toronto, Feb. 10.—(Canadian Press)—Mrs. Matilda Andrews, aged 65, who lived alone, was burned to death by falling with a lighted lamp.

GIANTS IN GREAT WRESTLING BOUT; RUSSIAN FAILS TO DOWN POLE

Zbyszko Ousts Hackenschmidt From Chance of Meeting Gotch in World Championship Match

(Canadian Press) New York, Feb. 10.—Stanislaus Zbyszko, the Polish giant, will wrestle Frank Gotch for the world's championship instead of George Hackenschmidt.

This is the status in the wrestling world today as a result of the great wrestling match last night in Madison Square Garden between Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, and the pole, when the former tried unsuccessfully for an hour and a half to put Zbyszko upon the mat. There was not a fall during the bout although Hackenschmidt narrowly escaped having his own shoulder put upon the floor.

The international match last night which was one of the greatest ever seen in the east, was to determine whether the Russian or the Pole would go against Champion Gotch.

Hackenschmidt was the favorite and within two minutes he had the Pole thrown into a posture with a leg held but that was the best he could do. Hackenschmidt at times lifted the powerful and heavy Zbyszko clean off his feet but could not get his shoulders to the mat.

At times Hackenschmidt lay upon his stomach and the Pole sat upon his back. Arrangements of the championship bout will be underway within a few days, it was declared this morning.

We take our most important crop first, the corn crop. The total production of the United States in 1910 was 3,125,712,000 bushels, which we exported 44,078,200 and used the rest in domestic consumption, mostly in raising cattle and hogs, of which, in live cattles and packing hogs products, we exported in value \$128,982,000. The Canadian production of corn was 48,780,000 bushels, or six-tenths of one per cent of the total production of the United States. We exported six million bushels to Canada. Certainly in respect of corn, the American farmer is king and will remain so.

Delegation at Ottawa
Ottawa, Feb. 10.—(Special)—Three special trains this morning brought more than 2,000 fruit growers and vegetable growers to Ottawa from the Niagara peninsula and the number was increased by a few from Montreal. They filled the common chamber floor and galleries, just as the western grain growers did. They were met by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Mr. Piddington and Hon. Mr. Patterson. R. L. Borden and George E. Foster were present.

Mr. Selsley, M. P. for Westworth introduced the delegation. They wished to discuss the proposal for free trade with the United States in fruit. A resolution was read by Daniel Johnson, president of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. He stated that the deputation did not come so much to protest but to argue as to the effect. The policy of the government, he said, seemed to be to give protection to such interests as deserved it and free trade to such as deserved it as was indicated in the fact that protection was given the manufacturers who asked it and free trade to the farmers who had asked it. The fruit men had built up their business with toil, trouble and large investment.

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Views of a Statesman
Mr. Peter Binks is much impressed by the trouble of Hon. George E. Foster that the new trade agreement should not have been made in secret, but that the great interests vitally concerned should have been given a chance to make their representations at Ottawa and Washington. Each Hon. Mr. Binks contends, should have been considered separately, and a period of one month permitted to elapse before it was disposed of and the next one taken up. This would have enabled people from all parts of Canada to reach Ottawa, and people from all parts of the United States to reach Washington, to express their views. It might take ten years or a hundred to arrive at a decision concerning all the items, but time is not an element in these matters; and the deliberate method of procedure

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ST. JOHN AND CEDAR RAPIDS

The Rate of Taxation is Higher Here Than in The Iowa City—The Standard Wrong Again

The Standard this morning quoting an interview with ex-Mayor Bullock on the commission plan, says: "Referring to the Cedar Rapids plan Mr. Bullock said that their tax rate was 22.40 mills, while that of St. John was but 19.8 mills. There was no comparison between the property of the two cities and he was not surprised that they had insisted on a change."

At the opera house meeting Mr. Bullock asked Mr. Sherman what his tax rate was in Cedar Rapids. Mr. Sherman replied that it was 22.40 mills on a one-quarter valuation. He added that there was never a full valuation, and that in reality the rate was 39.60 mills on one-fourth of three-fourths of the valuation. But, assuming that the rate is 22.40 mills on one quarter of the valuation, this would be much lower than the rate in St. John, figured in the same way. In other words, the rate of taxation in Cedar Rapids is much lower than in St. John, and it has been further reduced since the commission plan was adopted.

In reply to a query from the Times, ex-Mayor Bullock stated this morning that he had not understood Mr. Sherman's statement that the quoted rate was on one-fourth of the valuation. This point was explained by Mr. Sherman at the luncheon at White's, as well as at the opera house.

TOO MUCH SNOW THERE

W. J. Scott Reports on Trip to Jacques River—Frederick Mariner to Command The Edna L.

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 10.—William J. Scott, who yesterday returned after a trip to Jacques River, reports that the snowfall has been the greatest for years and has hampered lumber operations in that section. The Lousbourg Lumber Company had planned to cut thirteen million feet but their actual cut will not exceed nine million.

THE CATECHISM IN SCHOOLS OF ONTARIO
Some Orangemen Want Religious Teaching Prohibited—Others Only in Part
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Director of Mines Says Peat Bogs Show Supply to Last 5,000,000 Families a Century
Toronto, Feb. 10.—"Nature has provided a substitute for coal and wood, for fuel, in the peat bogs scattered in abundance throughout the central provinces," said Dr. Eugene Haszard, director of mines for Canada, in an address to the Canadian Club. The doctor's subject was "The Fuel Supply of the Central Provinces of Canada and its Economic Value."

PEOPLE OF NOTE
Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence

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LIVES OF MORE THAN 80 PEOPLE LOST AT SEA

CREMATE VICTIMS OF PLAGUE

Eight Hundred Bodies Are Buried in One Day

FEARFUL CONDITIONS
Troops to Act as Body Diggers—No More Interments as Grave Diggers are All Dead and Soldiers Will Not Act

(Canadian Press) Quebec, Feb. 10.—An imperial government decision today to send a troop of Chinese coolies into the Chong-Chun districts of Manchuria to act as body burners if the Japanese and Russian governments will take similar action in the plague infected regions. The government declined to take the risk of sending a troop of cavalry and other government troops with equal interest in the epidemic belt would be like.

Following the burning of 800 corpses of plague victims at Chong-Chun yesterday, 300 additional bodies were buried today. Owing to the fact that all the grave diggers have died and soldiers have rebelled against the task, the plague centres all over the world will be cremated.

The bodies and roadways north of Harbin are strewn with decaying corpses of those who died from the city and were overtaken by the plague.

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Give Lives to Help Others
At Chafco nearly 300 have perished, including five foreigners, among them two French sisters who left the safety of the hospital, where they were employed to nurse the dying in the lazaretto.

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FEAR SEAL CATCH WILL BE LIGHT
(Canadian Press) St. John, N.B., Feb. 10.—Prospects for the seal fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are dubious with only a month and a day remaining before the departure of the sealing fleet on March 11. News has reached the owners of the vessels here that the straits of Belle Isle, so dense is the pack reported that open water can be seen for miles.

To add to the trouble of the owners, there are strike rumors among the crews. The steamers owners declare that the crews have been broken up but say that if the reported demands are made they will not send their steamers to the fishery. It is believed, however, this matter will be settled.

The report that the crews owners will increase the size of the vessels this season also has met with much opposition from sealers. About 2,000 men will go to the sealing grounds. The average total annual catch of seal is well above half a million. With favorable conditions, it had been hoped to surpass the amount this season as seven vessels of the fleet will carry wireless telegraph outfit. The two vessels so equipped last season were high liners for the fleet.

Burned To Death in Lock-up
Chatham, Ont., Feb. 10.—(Canadian Press)—C. H. Whitlock, a Mohawk Indian, from the reservation at Godsway, was burned to death in the lock-up at Wapole Island on Wednesday night. Whitlock was drinking and upset the stove, setting fire to the building.

COMIC VALENTINE HAS SEEN ITS DAY
The Fervent Romantic Love Missive Also Declines in Popular Favor

(Canadian Press) New York, Feb. 10.—The old-fashioned "comic valentines" which showed signs of passing a year ago, will be almost completely missing on February 14, this year. Wholesale distributors here report a brisk business but say that orders from all parts of the country are notable for the fact that they practically eliminate the comic type of valentine which breathes of romantic love in every line. Love in these later days shows a tendency, they say, to express itself symbolically or in a sort of sign language which would probably have been regarded as inadequate by lovers of an old-fashioned type.

Forty Years in Prison
Boston, Mass., Feb. 10.—After serving more than 40 years, Wm. E. Hill (colored), stepped from the gates of the state prison at Charlestown yesterday a free man. Hill was convicted in 1870 for the murder of William Jacobs near Stoughton Centre. He was sentenced to death but later the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Claflin.

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HEALY HAS HIS VICTOR UNSEATED

Successful in Contest to Nullify Election in Louth, Ireland

NO DEFENCE
Intimidation Was Shown And Deceived Member Proposes to Show There Was Also Bribery—Hazelton Has Another Seat

Dublin, Feb. 10.—Timothy Healy's contest to nullify the election of Richard Hazleton, who at the last election turned out to be a Tory, was successful today. The case has been before the court in Dundalk for several days during which Mr. Healy presented evidence of much intimidation and voting at the polling station. Healy's attorneys contended that having the election declared void without offering a defence.

The matter has not ended, however, as Healy asserted his right to introduce all his evidence in support of his charges which include bribery, and the court decided to hear it.

The fight in the Louth constituency was one of the most bitter in the recent campaign. The Redemptorists brought all their forces to bear against O'Brien's chief lieutenant and the defeat of Healy overhauled the charges in the Redemptorist camp at William Redmond's failure to oust O'Brien in Cork city. Exciting scenes marked the polling, free fights were frequent and Healy himself at times required police protection. When it was announced that Hazleton had secured Healy's seat, the House of Commons the independent candidate announced that he would protest the election, alleging gross corruption and intimidation. Hazelton was also returned unopposed for the fourth district of Galway.

Mr. Healy does not claim the seat now declared vacant, and a new election will be necessary.

WOMAN STARTS HOME FOR FRIENDLESS PRISONERS
Converted Actress Becomes Slum-worker in Spokane—Results of Her Work

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Flora M. "Sister" Billis, converted actress and present slum-worker and humanitarian, has fitted up a home at 601 Monroe street, Spokane, and made it a home for friendless prisoners and ex-convicts, who are released from the city and county jails, as well as the state penitentiary.

The house is fitted with sleeping quarters for the men, who pay for their lodging and board by doing their own work in the manufacture of home repairs and hominy, which she sells to the public.

There are men in Spokane today doing good work," said Mrs. Billis, and some of the men attend to these for their board. She says if the city will appropriate sufficient money to start a municipal home this cooperative plan can be made to work so that the running expenses of the home would be taken care of.

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Bark Wrecked With 29; Steamer With 41

BUT ONE SURVIVOR
Washed Ashore After 48 Hours Lashed to a Spar—Many Die in Mining Disaster in Colorado

(Canadian Press) Cascoak, West Australia, Feb. 10.—The Russian bark Glenbank was wrecked off here today and all except one of the crew of thirty were lost. The Glenbank, laden with copper ore, was bound up the coast when driven upon a reef by a squall. The sole survivor reached land after being lashed to a spar for forty-eight hours.

The Glenbank was a vessel of 1,200 tons, built at Glasgow in 1883 and hailed from the Finnhar port of Nyssa.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 10.—A life preserver marked Steamer Fanelio, New York, has been found at Niyarat, Vancouver Is. land. The name name is on a broken cork, found. Lumber, a ship's rail and empty provision cases have come ashore.

The steamer schooner Eudimos, formerly the George W. Roper, is registered in New York. She is 40 tons, carries six men and was built in Norfolk in 1880.

Odesa, Feb. 10.—The cattle steamer Sturman is lost at sea, and the forty-two persons on board, among them a number of women, wives and daughters of the captain, are missing. The vessel was wrecked on the coast by a gale. It is reported that a steam barge foundered with the steamer, and eight sailors were drowned.

Many Die in Mine Explosion
Trinidad, Col., Feb. 10.—The bodies of four shot miners had been removed from the Colorado mine, wrecked by an explosion last night, five more bodies had been discovered, and six were still unaccounted for today. A. S. Suttus, assistant superintendent in the charge of the rescue work, was overcome by gas and was carried to the surface. He will probably die.

The superintendent said this morning that he believed the explosion was due to the accidental discharge of blasting powder. There is little hope of finding the remaining six men alive. All the dead and missing are foreigners.

When the explosion took place, seven men were in the mine, but two shot miners were rescued two hours after the explosion. The force of the explosion, which was distinctly felt at Trinidad, was felt to have been greatest in the main slope. There were blown down 100 feet from the mouth of the mine.

The explosion wrecked the fan house, the fan was unharmed and is still working. The air has been shut off by the blowing out of brattices and doors. Twenty rescuers reached 200 feet, but distance black damp was encountered and helmet men are now making their way through the poisonous gas, bratticing the fire as they advance.

WOMAN STARTS HOME FOR FRIENDLESS PRISONERS
Converted Actress Becomes Slum-worker in Spokane—Results of Her Work

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Flora M. "Sister" Billis, converted actress and present slum-worker and humanitarian, has fitted up a home at 601 Monroe street, Spokane, and made it a home for friendless prisoners and ex-convicts, who are released from the city and county jails, as well as the state penitentiary.

The house is fitted with sleeping quarters for the men, who pay for their lodging and board by doing their own work in the manufacture of home repairs and hominy, which she sells to the public.

There are men in Spokane today doing good work," said Mrs. Billis, and some of the men attend to these for their board. She says if the city will appropriate sufficient money