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REVISE THE TARIFF TO "SQUARE WITH FACTS"

President Wilson In Message To Congress NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES Urges That All Artificial Advantage Be Wiped Out and Business Stand on Its Own Feet—Reforms in Banking and Currency Laws

ST. JOHN'S BUSINESS MEN'S OPINIONS ON TARIFF CHANGES See Enlarged Market and Consequent Expansion of Trade in This Province—Timely Talks on Important Subject

Washington, April 8.—President Woodrow Wilson today communicated his first message to the sixty-third congress, convened in extraordinary session. It was an unusually brief document, dealing exclusively with the need for a thorough, moderate and well-considered revision of the tariff. The president drew attention to the necessity for an early reform in the banking and currency laws, but refrained, he said, from urging, for the present, any other legislation that might divert the energies of congress "from its clearly defined duty" toward the tariff question.

The changes proposed in the revision of the United States tariff are of much interest to many in this city and province owing to the probable effect on market conditions. Producers, manufacturers, dealers and shippers will find their interests affected to a greater or less extent. The general impression among the business men of the city seems to be that the opening up of larger markets will be of great advantage to this province and will add materially to the prosperity of the people as a whole. Here are some interviews of today:

The new Fredericton-Minto railway is complete. The Queens county coal fields will be only about eighty miles by rail from the Maine border, and it will be easy to ship coal to that state in competition with the American mines. For seven months of the year the coal can be shipped by all water routes down the river to American ports and thus supply Maine asport and even go as far as Massachusetts. The proposed change would prove a great stimulus to coal mining in Brunswick.

The message urged that special privilege and exemptions from competition be cut out of the nation's tariff system and that the revision be made "to square with the facts as they are." At the outset, the president called attention to the party's pledge for tariff reduction. He said: "I to the Senate and House of Representatives—

John E. Moore—"Placing lumber on the free list would be a great boon to the maritime provinces. Under present market conditions the American market can take all the lumber which will be shipped from here without any material decrease in price and as a result the shippers from here will get the benefit of the saving of duty. The European market has not been encouraging lately and this would provide a profitable outlet for the lumber of the province. The fact that lumber products are also included in the free list should be a great benefit to the mill owners and workmen of this province.

Speaking of the effect of the reduction of the duty on lime Mr. Moore said that if the reduction was sufficient to enable Canadian lime to enter the states, as it appeared to be, it would prove a tremendous stimulus to the business which received such a severe blow when it was excluded from the American market by the heavy duty under the McKinley tariff.

UNEASINESS OVER POSITION TAKEN BY MONTENEGRO King Nicholas' Defiant Reply To The Powers Endangers The Situation (Times' Special Cable)

London, April 8.—It is admitted in official quarters that serious uneasiness is felt at the attitude of Montenegro towards the powers. The reply of King Nicholas is so defiant as to be almost provocative, and it has seriously endangered the situation.

There is no doubt that the Montenegrins are smarting under the bitter treatment they have received, and that it remains to be seen whether in calmer moments they can continue so obdurate. It is the general wish of the concert to do their duty in the matter. Their part is to see that Montenegro is adequately compensated for the sacrifices it has made. Meanwhile even this is being watched with little anxiety.

THREE VOLCANOES ACTIVE AT ONE TIME Rome, April 8.—Mount Etna, Vesuvius and Stromboli have all become active at the same time. This is something that has never before been recorded.

Weather Bulletin Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—The cold wave remains centered to the north of Lake Superior, with the depression stationary in the south-east states. Fair, cool weather prevails generally over the Dominion.

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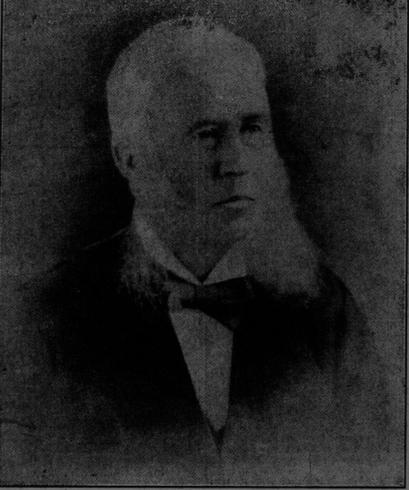
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RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA MAY COME TO BLOWS

Each Hour Shows Them Nearer to Outbreak of War EXCITEMENT IN IZAR'S LAND Feeling in England Reported Against Coercing of Montenegro—Austria Urging That Special Steps Be Taken at Belgrade (Times' Special Cable)

London, April 8.—Each hour now makes it more clear that Russia and Austria stand within measurable distance of war. This morning's news from St. Petersburg reveals Russia abashed with excitement. Pan-Slavists have swept the country. In the event of any attack by Austria on Serbia, Montenegro will almost certainly be regarded as a "casus belli." If Austria stood alone, the situation would be simpler, and military critics here maintain that the Serbian army alone would put up an exceedingly good fight against the Austrians. There is no hope, however, that if the conflict comes it can be local.

FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE TUCK IS DEAD



Notable Career Came To an End This Morning HAD REACHED AGE OF 82 On Retirement in 1908, Had Been on the Bench of New Brunswick For 23 Years and For Eleven Years Chief Justice

THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE TUCK

This morning saw the close of a noted career in the death of former Chief Justice William Henry Tuck, at his residence, 88 Orange street, at the age of 82. He had been in failing health for nearly a year and on Thursday morning took a turn for the worse, although he was able to be up and around for a while each day even up till yesterday, but last night it was seen that he was gradually sinking and the end came about 8:30 o'clock this morning. He remained conscious and his mind was perfectly clear to the last and only last evening he spoke of events in his early life.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons and two daughters. The sons are: Frank H. of Eborac, B. C., and Charles F. of Winnipeg. The daughters are Mrs. W. Percy Robinson, of Toronto, and Mrs. Freeman-Lake, of Durban, Natal, South Africa, who has been with her father for the last year and a half. One brother, S. Parker Tuck, of Nelson, B. C., sheriff of West Kootenay, also survives.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon. Services will be held in Centenary church, of which the former chief justice had been an active member for more than sixty years. (Continued on page 7, fifth column)

Object to Coercing Montenegro Liberal opposition to the government's policy in Montenegro is steadily rising. Even strong party loyalty and discipline are not sufficient to prevent an open protest.

MANUEL SEES PATH OPENING TO HIS THRONE Predicts That He Soon Shall Return to Rule in Portugal ALREADY PLANNING

Lisbon, April 8.—Former King Manuel of Portugal, declares: "I foresee that I shall return to the throne of Portugal." In an interview, published today in the monarchist newspaper Correio, which does not disclose his whereabouts. Manuel outlines a programme of social and economic reforms which he intends to introduce when he returns. He describes the condition of Portugal as deplorable, affirming that actual despotism has replaced parliamentary self-government and is controlling the courts of justice while neglecting the country's agriculture, commerce and industry and augmenting the taxes to such an extent as to force 120,000 Portuguese to emigrate during 1912.

MRS. PANKHURST IS EXPECTED TO BE FREED SOON Danger That Human Life May Not Be Safe From Extremists HISTORIC PLEA ATTACKED

Dudley, Eng., April 8.—Militant suffragettes last night attempted to blow up the ruins of the ancient and historic Dudley castle, the keep of which dates back to the eighth century, when the original stronghold was built by a Saxon prince. The inhabitants of the town were awakened by a loud explosion at midnight. A large force of local police found some chemicals and blasting powder, some of which had failed to explode. The two old siege guns, weighing a ton each, were thrown out of their positions in the embrasures of the castle by the explosion. Many of the windows of a group of adjacent cottages were broken but none of the inmates were injured.

APPEALS TO CANADA FOR FUNDS FOR THE STARVING Toronto, April 8.—"The famine is very severe in China involved; Kaifeng was visited while the famine relief funds. Wm. C. White." The foregoing cablegram was received from the Rev. Dr. In Canada, Gov. of the church of England Missionary Society in Canada, and will be considered by the executive this week.

TO CONFER ON MATTER OF RAILWAY WAGES Cleveland, Ohio, April 8.—A conference committee with authority to speak for the fifty-two railroads east of Chicago and North of the Ohio River, will meet with the heads of the order of railroad conductors and brotherhood of railway trainmen in New York on April 22, to settle the wage demands of the trainmen and conductors.

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THE ASSESSMENT Commissioner Schofield has received a reply from E. W. Doty, of the Solmer system of assessment, to the effect that they are waiting for a reply from Halifax before they can tell whether or not their representatives will be down in this direction soon. The commissioner wrote some time ago asking that their experts should visit here on their way to Halifax to advise a public meeting in St. John on the value of their system in order to enable the citizens to judge of its value.

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NO CHANGE FOR VOTES FOR WOMEN AT PRESENT TIME IN ENGLAND Temper of People Annihilated Against Suffragettes—Non-party Solution May Come Later (Times' Special Cable)

London, April 8.—The campaign of violence entered upon by the suffragettes is a serious menace to the country. "While there is no possible chance of women's suffrage being carried at the present time, owing to the temper of the people, there is an increasing feeling that this question ought to be considered upon non-party lines, with a view to a settlement at some future time.

AUDIENCES WERE TOO TRYING FOR POPE Pontiff Adversely Affected and Was Ill During the Night Rome, April 8.—The sudden return of Professor Marchisavi, papal physician, to visit Pope Pius early this morning, after a late visit last night, prompted reports that the Pontiff was again indisposed. Audiences have been suspended. Pope Pius suffered severe relapse in the course of last night. He was very feverish, his temperature rising to 100 degrees. Professor Marchisavi, was with him for an hour. After a thorough examination, he insisted that the Pontiff should take complete repose and forbade him even to receive the usual daily report on Vatican affairs.

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CLOSURE WILL NOT DO FOR CANADA

Conservative Paper Tells Mr. Borden Plainly—Sees Case Where it Might Mean Civil War (Ottawa Citizen, Conservative)

The closure would be welcomed only by despots and machine politicians, giving a dangerous power to those who would squander public money by rushing through the house votes for huge sums without adequate criticism. During the votes on estimates in Britain many millions of pounds are lumped together and passed like by means of the closure, allowing the opposition no opportunity of criticizing particular items. And the system has rebounded upon the heads of those responsible for its introduction.

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