

RECIPROCITY BILL IS REPORTED

RETURNED TO SENATE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Grand Trunk Chairman Believes Agreement Will Have Good Effect

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The senate finance committee to-day reported the reciprocity bill without recommendation.

The committee first voted 7 to 1 to report either favorably or unfavorably on the reciprocity agreement. The members then decided unanimously to return the bill to the senate without recommendation.

Will Not Go On Record. Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 24.—That some members of the California legislature are suspicious of President Taft's reciprocity plan is the belief of many who are wondering why no resolution has been forthcoming in response to Senator Perkins' telegram asking for the advice of his constituents.

Field For Investment. London, Feb. 24.—A. W. Smithers, chairman of the Grand Trunk, president of American and British shareholders, said at a meeting of the reciprocity committee, that although there might be some dislocation of individual interests for a time, he thought the effect on Canada as a whole must be good.

Toronto Resolutions. Toronto, Feb. 24.—A. S. Goodeve M. P. of British Columbia, was unable to attend the meeting of the reciprocity committee yesterday. In place of his address, J. I. Allan and G. T. Somers, of the Toronto Board of Trade, both leading Liberals, spoke against reciprocity.

KILLED BY TRAIN. Real Estate Agent Cut to Pieces Near North Vancouver Ferry.

Vancouver, Feb. 24.—Edward Thomas Bolok, a real estate agent of North Vancouver, was literally cut to pieces under the wheels of a freight train, just opposite North Vancouver ferry.

ELEVEN PERISH IN NEVADA MINE. Rescue Party Will Probably Save Five Men Who Are Still Entombed

(Times Leased Wire.) Tonopah, Nev., Feb. 24.—With eleven dead bodies reported recovered, the fire in the Belmont mine was practically out before noon to-day and there were strong hopes that the five men still in the mine would be rescued.

SHOULDERS TO AUTHORITIES. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—Darby Thielman, one of the Maybray gang of fake peddling promoters, is in the custody of the federal authorities to-day.

MAY BUY IRON WORKS. Government Will Probably Make Offer for Union Plant at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 24.—Whether the United States government will purchase the plant of the Union Iron Works at San Francisco, owned by Charles A. Brown, rests largely with congress, it is believed.

U. S. WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE

DETAILS OF NEW TREATY WITH JAPAN

Text of Promise to Limit Immigration of Japanese Laborers

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—That Japan, under President Taft's new treaty, now awaiting ratification, will not be discriminated against, but will enter the "most favored nation" class as regards the United States, is revealed here to-day by publication of the tariff paragraph of the treaty. It says:

"Important duties on articles, products or manufactures of either high contracting party upon importation into the territories of the other party, shall be regulated either by special arrangement between the two countries or by the internal legislation of each."

It declares that neither nation shall discriminate against the other in export duties, and adds:

"Nor shall any prohibition be imposed by either country on the importation or exportation of any article from one to the territories of the other which shall not equally extend to like article imported from or exported to any other country."

"The last provisions, however, shall not be applicable to any prohibition or restriction maintained or imposed as sanitary measures for the protection of animals or useful plants."

Referring to patent rights, the treaty says: "Citizens or subjects of each party shall enjoy in the territories of the other the same protection as the native citizens or subjects regarding patents, trade marks or designs upon the fulfillment of such formalities as the law prescribes."

The text of Japan's promise to limit the immigration of laborers into the United States, which is applied to the treaty is published here to-day by the administration. It says:

"In proceeding this day to sign a treaty of commerce and navigation between Japan and the United States, the undersigned Japanese ambassador, duly authorized by his government, declares that the Imperial Japanese government is fully prepared to maintain with effectiveness the limitation and control which they have exercised for the past three years in the regulation of the emigration of laborers to the United States."

Equality of the right to reside, conduct business or travel in the other country is guaranteed to the citizens of each, and the same trading and navigation rights as were contained in the former treaty are renewed.

Trains Collide. Macleod, Alta., Feb. 24.—The south-bound passenger train from Calgary collided with a way freight at West Macleod Junction shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday. Both engines were scrapped and a dozen freight cars were wrecked, while the tracks were blocked for several hours.

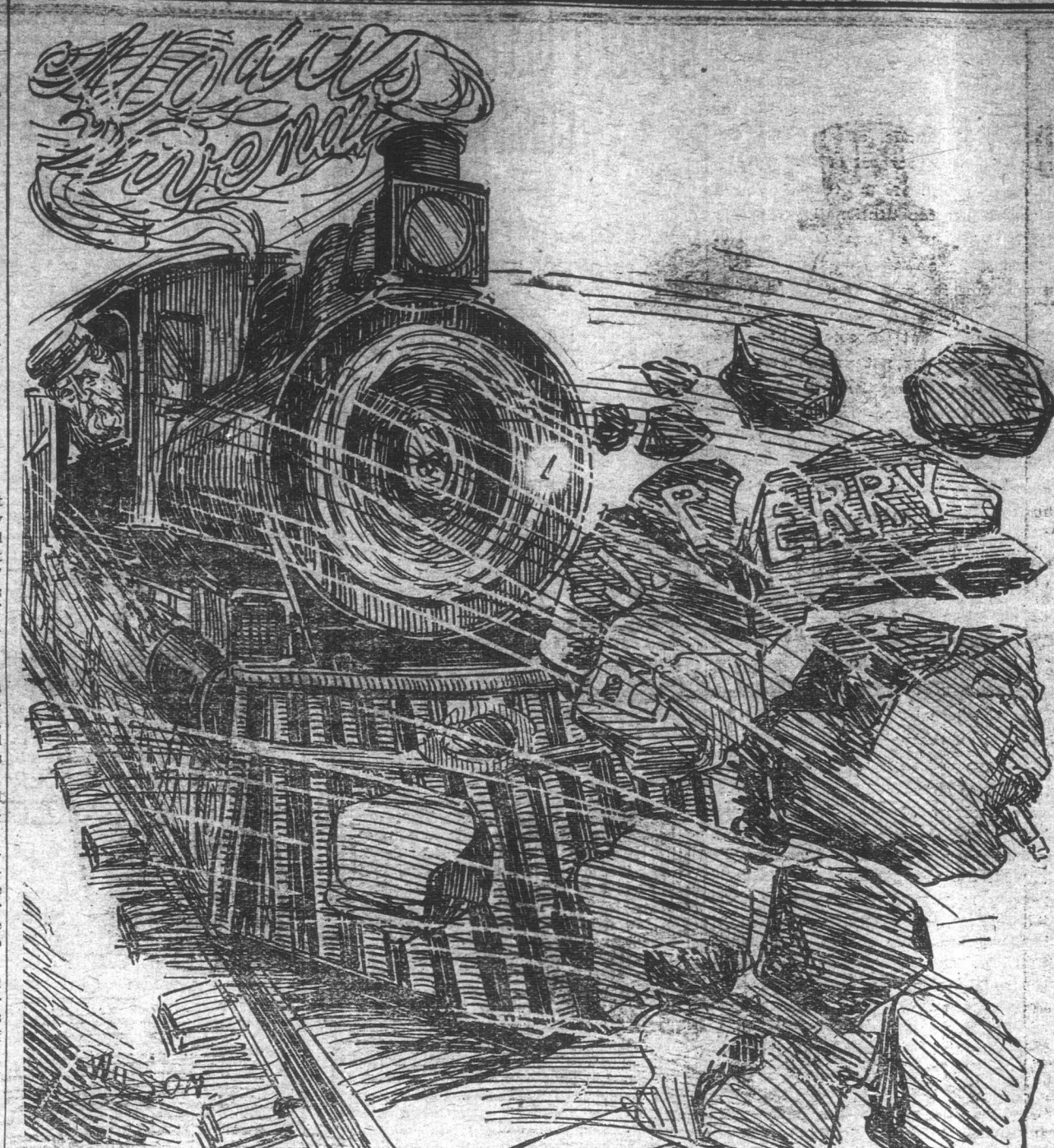
AVIATION FIELDS. San Diego, Cal., Feb. 24.—The Aero Club of San Diego, which is financing Glenn H. Curtiss' aviation school for army and navy men here, is considering a new proposition. It is proposed by V. M. Griffin, director of the Aero Club of California, and Frank T. Seagriff, director of the local club, to organize aviation enthusiasts in nearly every town in Southern California as the first step toward establishing a chain of aviation fields that will average about 30 miles apart between here and Los Angeles.

SEEKING DIVORCE. Paris, Feb. 24.—Baroness Vaughan, the morganatic wife of the late King Leopold of Belgium, has commenced divorce proceedings against Emmanuel Duxius, a merchant, to whom she was married at Arzonville, August 18 of last year. A formal attempt made by the judge to reconcile the couple failed.

SEATTLE WATER SUPPLY. Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The House bill permitting Seattle to purchase 2,000 acres of public land in the Cedar river basin and complete the city's control of its water shed passed yesterday. The price will be fixed by estimate. The minimum value of the timber is said to be \$1.25 per acre. The government is to retain title to the minerals in the land.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION. Spokane, Feb. 24.—Officials of the North Coast line to-day authorized a statement that construction work on forty miles of the new line of the North Coast between Spokane and Ayr Junction, where it will connect with the O. W. R. & N., will be begun immediately.

FUGITIVE CAPTURED. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—Fred Alvadore, wanted here to answer to a charge of smuggling opium, has been arrested at San Antonio, Texas, and a United States deputy marshal will leave for that city to-day to bring the fugitive back to this city for trial. Alvadore was out on a \$750 bond in 1909.



MUNICIPAL TRACK CLEAR AGAIN. B. J. P. (between puffs)—I did not expect such summary treatment from my friends. Base ingratitude, I call it.

NEW MOVE FOR CHURCH UNION

PRESBYTERIANS ARE FORMING ORGANIZATION

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The movement is the outcome of a decided dissatisfaction with the proposed basis for organization of the Protestant churches, and if hopes are realized similar organizations will soon spring up in the Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches.

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CUBANS CELEBRATE. Havana, Feb. 24.—The anniversary of the commencement of the insurrection against Spain, which, with the later intervention of the United States, resulted in throwing off the Spanish yoke, was celebrated by Cubans to-day.

KILLED BY HAT PIN. Boston, Feb. 23.—Captain Andrew England, the well known life saver, is dead here from blood poisoning, the result of a scratch received in a street car from a projecting hat pin.

POLICEMAN KILLED BY HIGHWAYMAN

Fatal Fight in Seattle—Two Thugs Are Wounded and One May Die

(Times Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—Patrolman Jason T. Davis, dead. John Ford, 22, one of the bandits, wounded in a pistol duel, is dying and will not survive the day, physicians say.

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RESIGNS CHAIRMANSHIP. Mr. Vautale, of Quebec Bridge Commission, Retires Owing to Ill Health. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The report that Chairman Vautale of the Quebec bridge commission has resigned, is confirmed. It is understood that his resignation is due to ill-health. Mr. Vautale had expressed a desire to drop out on a number of occasions owing to the physical strain the work entailed.

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FORMER VICEROY OF INDIA HONORED

FREEDOM OF LONDON FOR LORD MINTO

Refers to Connection With Canada—Tribute to Canadian Troops

(Special to the Times.) London, Feb. 24.—Earl Minto was yesterday presented with the freedom of the city in acknowledgment of the honor he had principally with Indian affairs, but in opening said:

It was in Canada that I first entered official life. Lord Lansdowne took me with him as military secretary in the early eighties. It was to Canada I returned in subsequent years as governor-general to witness the marvelous development of the gold fields of Alaska and of British Columbia, and the wheat fields of the Northwest territories, and to wish God-speed to those magnificent Canadian contingents which came to the aid of the Mother Country in South Africa, and stamped their name on our success at Paardeberg.

COUNCIL MAY RESIGN. Trouble May Follow Dismissal of Edmonton Public Utilities Commissioner.

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OLD COUNCIL AS A COMMISSION

PREMIER BRINGS DOWN LEGISLATION TO-DAY

Only Routine Business to Be Done, Pending Election on New Lists

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 23. In the House to-day Premier McBride made a statement of the government's intentions in regard to the chief legislative business to be done in the session in Victoria. These are precisely as foreshadowed in the Times on Wednesday—the old council to act as a commission for the carrying on of routine work, and the revision of the voters' list by an amendment body preparatory to a new election.

The premier rose during the afternoon and said he desired to make a statement on a matter of great importance, and one on which it was expected the legislature would be asked to pass. He referred to the conditions which obtained at the moment in the city of Victoria by reason of the decision which Mr. Justice Gregory had rendered in the proceedings taken by E. J. Perry against the mayor. The point of that judgment was that the mayor unlawfully occupied his seat, and as a consequence the city was without a chief magistrate. His colleagues were in like position if a proceeding now launched were pressed against them. In order that business might be carried on there would be necessary a bill of an extraordinary character, by reason of the urgency of the case and the unique position which had resulted.

The government had had the benefit of the views of the city barrister and had also listened to a "certain programme" which citizens would like to have adopted. Having in view this and the great importance of the matter to municipalities generally throughout the province the government had come to the determination to submit to parliament, to be passed by next afternoon, a bill which should have for its object, briefly:

First, to validate the acts of the city council from its swearing-in to date. Second, to authorize the present mayor and council to carry on, until a new election was held, the necessary civic business of a routine character, but without any powers either to submit or pass any money bylaws.

The act would also contain provision to protect the mayor and council, and provide that on a day to be fixed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council they must vacate office, while authority would be given to the lieutenant-governor-in-council to fix a election date and appoint an independent commission to compile, revise and confirm a new voters' list for the purpose of holding the new election, and for that purpose only, and from which list in order that there should be finally, there should be no appeal.

The new list would be posted for five days so that all persons interested could have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with its contents. The powers necessary to carry out this act would be vested in the lieutenant-governor-in-council, and the expenses would have to be borne by the city. The government believed that this course of action would not bring about any change in the present character of necessary protection. The premier, in conclusion, said he felt that the citizens of Victoria were looking for some announcement and hence he made it at the moment.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite wanted to know why the government did not take the short method of validating the election.

The premier reminded him that the matter was not open to debate at the moment.

LAND VALUES IN WEST WILL RISE

Twenty Million Acres Taken Up as Homesteads and Pre-Emptions in Two Years

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, Feb. 24.—F. T. Griffin, C. P. R. land commissioner at Winnipeg, who is on a visit to the headquarters in Montreal, states that within the last two years 20,000,000 acres of government land have been taken up as homesteads and pre-emptions. The result is that the last block of open prairie lands in the west available for homestead entry and pre-emption has now been practically taken up, and future homesteaders will have to resort to the partially wooded lands of the northern and outlying districts or will have to purchase from the railway companies and the holders. This is bound to mean a further increase in the value of land.

NEW LABOR TEMPLE. Vancouver, Feb. 23.—Plans of the proposed new labor temple to be erected on Dunsmuir street, at the corner of Homer street, have been submitted to Building Inspector Jarrett. The structure provides for four stories, besides the basement, and it is estimated to cost \$143,000. The basement will be utilized for reading, printing and billiard rooms; the ground floor will be occupied by stores and the upper floors will be devoted to offices, halls and committee rooms. The building, which is planned to be 75 feet by 125 feet, will have reinforced concrete and brick curtain walls.

APPEAL LIKELY BY RAILWAYS

DECISION IN RATE CASE DELIGHTS SHIPPERS

Heads of Railway Companies Declare Construction Will Be Curtailed

(Times Leased Wire.) What Decision Does. Disapproves advances in freight rates in official classification territory, aggregating the railroads an estimated increased earning of \$27,000,000 yearly. Declines to approve increases by the railroads in the western trunk line territory and proposed advances in commodity rates.

Orders the carriers in both cases to cancel their advanced tariffs on or before March 10 and restore former rates—those now in force.

Served formal notice that unless advanced tariffs are cancelled a formal order suspending them and putting existing rates into operation for at least two years will be issued.

The Western Trunk Line association filed rate increases with the Interstate Commerce Commission in the spring of 1910. Shortly afterwards the eastern roads (those in the so-called official classification territory) filed advances. Shippers protested to Washington and the government filed suit against the trunk line roads under the Sherman law, charging conspiracy in restraint of trade and secured a temporary injunction at Hannibal, Missouri. Shortly afterward the railroad representatives called on President Taft and by agreement withdrew advances, pending the passage of the railroad regulation bill then before congress while the government withheld prosecution of the suit. After this law was passed the suit was dismissed by the government and the rate advance schedules refiled. Under the new law the Interstate Commerce Commission promptly suspended the rates pending investigation as to their fairness. The suspension has been prolonged from time to time while hearings were held in Chicago and Washington. Final decision against the increases in rates was delivered yesterday, the opinion being delayed until after the stock market closed.

Preparing to Appeal. Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—With "fight" as their slogan, the railroads of the country to-day are preparing to appeal from the decision of the interstate commerce commission which prohibits the proposed advances in freight rates. The appeal will be made to the court of commerce before March 10 and an injunction will be asked nullifying the decision of the commission.

By this method, the railroads believe, it may be possible to obtain a reversal of the commission's findings. Action must be taken before March 10, because the commission announces that unless the tariffs are withdrawn it will itself fix the rates for two years. Authorities are in conflict whether the commerce court has the power to enjoin the interstate commerce commission in rates of the great victory ever won by the people. The decision, they point out, is based upon a section of the commerce law, passed last year, which places upon the railroads the burden of proof that their proposed advanced rates were reasonable.

Opinions by the legal lights for the government are that the legal obstacles the railroads can erect may indefinitely delay the effectiveness of the interstate commerce commission's decision.

Progressive members of congress to-day declare the interstate commerce commission's decision forbidding the advance in rates the greatest victory ever won by the people. The decision, they point out, is based upon a section of the commerce law, passed last year, which places upon the railroads the burden of proof that their proposed advanced rates were reasonable.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, who made over the Wickersham railroad bill, said the bill was gratifying and was evidence of the change in railroad legislation insisted upon by the Progressives last year.

Senator Bristow of Kansas, said: "If the Progressives had never accomplished anything else, they would feel well paid for their efforts by having laid the basis of the lawmaking decision possible. It was only after a hard contest that the Progressives were able to insert the provisions in the law by which the attempt of the railroads to increase their rates has been prevented."

Victory For Consumers. New York, Feb. 24.—Elation by shippers over the entire country and corresponding dejection by railroad managers is expressed to-day in telegrams from all points in here as comments on the rate decision made yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"It is a people's victory," is the general tenor of expression from the shippers, while the railroad heads, disgruntled, threaten reduction of expenses, curtailment of construction and appeal from the decision of the commerce tribunal.

"The commission's decision is a big triumph for the business men," is the expression of Secretary John Glenn of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, which led the fight against the rate increases. "We asked the roads to confer, and only when this was refused