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WOULD REMOVE TRADE BARRIERS

James J. Hill Advocates Reciprocity at Banquet in Vancouver

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Great Northern Magnate Hints at Change of Steamer Terminal

Vancouver, Nov. 7.—A strong plea for commercial reciprocity for the removal of what he regarded as injurious trade barriers between Canada and the United States, was the feature of an address made tonight by J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern to two hundred business men at a banquet tendered to the railway magnate by the Vancouver Board of Trade.

He also justified concentrated and ever increasing immigration from the United States to the fertile Canadian Northwest, adding: "Can you imagine them going to South America? Well, I don't know where else they could go unless they come here to your favored and prosperous Northwest."

He predicted that in 1950 the United States would have two hundred million people, and then said: "Your Canadian farmers can then sell to us every bushel of grain that they can raise."

"I always like to get north of the line," began the veteran Canadian-American, proud of his native land and proud of his adopted country. Speaking of the number of Canadians in the United States he said: "It is a large town and cities that I so frequently visit, it seems to me that in every six in the more active population has been born a Canadian."

In advocating commercial reciprocity he said: "I would like to wipe out these custom houses all along the line. It would give you a better chance to grow. I think that the people of the United States would be willing now more than they were years ago to meet you fairly in this matter on equal terms to both."

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After speaking of the future of British Columbia, which he predicted would be the lightest state and richest province of the Dominion, he strongly favored irrigation by a reference to the changes it had brought about in lands west of the Columbia river in Washington state.

His praise of the British and his tests at the American merchant marine, while speaking of the assured future of this port, convulsed the banqueters.

"Four vessels carry your own flag. Our carry Japan or any other war that will carry our exports at reasonable rates. Once in a while we in the United States build a vessel, but the fact is that we have all but forgotten what it is to own a vessel."

But he presented a vastly different picture in railway transportation. In this we more than hold our own with any nation. The average investment in railways in the United States is \$60,000 a mile, while the average performance in carrying goods is nine hundred thousand tons per mile, while in Great Britain the average investment per mile was nearly three and a half times as great and the freight carrying less.

"If a railway does not serve the people, enabling the merchants and farmers to make a fair profit on their shipments," added Mr. Hill, "it were better that the railway had never been built. Upon their intelligent management depends the prosperity of the country."

In an interview here tonight, Mr. Hill said: "It is a real live question whether it would not be advisable for the Great Northern to make the terminal of its trans-Pacific traffic at Vancouver rather than at Seattle, in view of the adverse ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission respecting the advance publication of rates for railway haulage of export cargoes, as well as in view of the unsatisfactory character of the United States navigation laws."

"If we should take action in the direction indicated, our big ocean liner, the Minnesota, would be given a British register. What I say respecting our own steamer applies to other American vessels engaged in Oriental trade. The present handicap is too great to compete on even terms with our rivals."

Michigan Banker's Death.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 7.—Former State Treasurer Daniel McColl, prominent as a Michigan lumberman and capitalist, died today of heart trouble. He was 63 years old.

Keep Out of Saloons.
Portland, Ore., Nov. 7.—Ralph Blaisdell, auditor for the Harriman system of railroads, who has been known as "for the good of the service," issued an order forbidding employees in his department visiting saloons or liquor houses for amusement purposes. The order affects about 500 employees. Several months ago Mr. Blaisdell discharged all the women clerks and stenographers in his department and replaced them with men. The women were dismissed on the ground that men are more efficient.

Funeral of Palma.
Santiago, Cuba, Nov. 6.—Business was suspended today and the entire population participated in the funeral of Tomas Estrada Palma, former president of Cuba. Twenty-six organizations, including the United States troops and rural guards, took part in the funeral, the largest in the history of Santiago.

Royal City Majority.
New Westminster, Nov. 7.—Mayor Keary will probably be elected by acclamation for the eighth consecutive term. The elections occur four weeks from now.

U. S. Tariff Inquiry.
Washington, Nov. 7.—Chairman Payne, of the House committee on ways and means arrived in Washington today and immediately set to work to get ready for the committee's hearing on the tariff.

Analysis of Pickles.
Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Of 148 samples of pickles collected throughout Canada during the months of July and August, and analyzed by Chief Analyst McGill, all but two were found to have been made of vegetables in good condition. In 25 cases alum was used to harden the vegetables.

U. S. Assistant Treasurer.
Washington, Nov. 7.—President Roosevelt today selected Job E. Hodges, of New York, as assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, to succeed Hamilton Fish, who resigned the office to become candidate for congress. It is understood that Mr. Hodges has already accepted the position.

Newfoundland Elections.
St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 7.—Complete returns from Monday's election in Bonaville confirm last night's report that the three seats in that district were captured by the opposition, headed by Sir Edward Morris. All three Morris men were elected by a majority of about 1,600, the largest ever received by an opponent in the district. The opposition is now sure of 16 seats, while the premier, Sir Robert Bond controls 17, although there will be a recount in one of the latter. Three seats are still to be heard from.

Invincible's Fate.
London, Nov. 7.—The British battleship Invincible, the latest addition to the British navy, in a trial yesterday under seventh-tenths of her power attained a speed of 25 knots an hour. It is expected that the vessel, when working under full power will reach a speed of 30 knots, a world's record.

The Invincible is the first of a new class of three great battleships which were laid down in the yards in 1906. First came the Indomitable, which carried the Prince of Wales to Canada at the time of the Quebec centenary, and which made record-breaking time on her return voyage to the United Kingdom. The second was the Inflexible, which had her speed test a few weeks ago, reaching the rate of 27 knots an hour. It was thought that it would have been greater but for a hindering fog. Now comes the Invincible to eclipse both her sister ships in the matter of speed.

GERMANY REJECTS PROPOSAL OF FRANCE

Insistence on Expression of Regret Keeps the Incident From Settlement

Paris, Nov. 7.—The Matin's Berlin correspondent says: Germany has rejected the French proposal submitted by Ambassador Cambon and that the government insists on France expressing regret at the actions of the French soldiers at Casablanca toward an official of the Moroccan government. The emperor alone is responsible for the actions of his soldiers, and the French government is not responsible for the actions of its soldiers.

Germany, it is learned here today, at first refused to accept the formula proposed by France for a settlement of the Casablanca incident, proposing at the same time certain modifications therein. These were rejected by France, and Germany has declined to re-examine the formula.

Last night, Herr Von Schonen, the German foreign secretary, informed Ambassador Cambon that the French formula was satisfactory provided a clause was added in which France expressed her regret for the violence committed on the person of the German consul at Casablanca, Germany at the same time to express regret for the actions of the French soldiers at Casablanca, and the German consul had exceeded his powers in offering protection to deserters from the foreign legion of the French army who were German subjects.

Ambassador Cambon politely but firmly declined to transmit such a proposition to Paris, explaining that his instructions did not permit him to receive any proposition involving censure of the French action. Herr Von Schonen thereupon refused to gain to examine the French formula.

The final response from Germany is not expected before next Tuesday. The cabinet today approved unanimously Ambassador Cambon's response to Herr Von Schonen, Sir Francis Bertie, the British ambassador, and Mr. Nollet, the Russian ambassador, who were in conference this afternoon with Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pichon.

PANAMA CANAL YARN
Imaginative Correspondent Finds Subterranean Lake Under Gatun Lock Sites

New Orleans, La., Nov. 7.—A report reached here today from Colon, Panama, that a subterranean lake found under the site of one of the proposed locks of the Panama canal at Gatun will result in a delay of several years in completing the canal and a much larger outlay of money than was at first anticipated. According to this report, the discovery of the lake has been kept a secret. Engineers who are said to know of the discovery declined to discuss the matter during the absence of Colonel Goethals, who is in the United States.

New York, Nov. 7.—Col. Goethals, chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, declined today to discuss the report of the discovery of a subterranean lake under the site of the canal locks at Gatun as "absolute rot."

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Eastern Steamship Company.
Portland, Me., Nov. 7.—The petition of the directors of the Eastern Steamship company for permission to borrow \$1,100,000 to pay off the floating indebtedness of the company was granted by Judge Putnam in the United States circuit court today. This, it is believed, will prevent foreclosure proceedings, and will take the affairs of the Eastern Steamship company out of the hands of the creditors who were appointed for the company in February last.

BRITAIN'S NAVY GROWS GREATER

Collingwood, Sixth Battleship of Dreadnought Class, is Launched

NAMED BY MRS. ASQUITH

Remarkable Performance of Invincible, Third of Giant Cruisers

Devonport, Eng., Nov. 7.—The Collingwood, the most powerful of all British battleships and the sixth vessel of the Dreadnought class, was placed in the water yesterday successfully launched here this afternoon. Mrs. Asquith, who was accompanied by her husband, the prime minister, gave the signal which set the launching machinery in motion, and as the huge mass of steel plunged into the water, she christened the vessel "Collingwood."

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THANKS FOR SUPPORT OF LABOR CHAMPIONS

President-Elect Sends Acknowledgment to New York Organization

New York, Nov. 7.—T. J. Dolan, general secretary and treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Steam, Fire and Marine Engineers, tonight sent the following telegram which he said, had been received from President-Elect Taft:

"I am very glad to hear that you and your fellow workers have been successful in your efforts to secure the passage of the bill for the prohibition of liquor traffic. It is a great triumph for the labor movement and a great step toward the betterment of the race."

"It is a peculiar gratification to me to note the independence and courage of the labor movement in the face of the opposition of the great trusts and the government. I am proud to be associated with you in this noble cause."

"I shall welcome suggestions from all leaders of labor to this end. (Sgd.) William H. Taft."

JUDGMENT AGAINST TOBACCO COMPANY

Judges of U. S. Circuit Court Find That It Violates Anti-Trust Law

New York, Nov. 7.—The contention of the United States against the American Tobacco company, is operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law was sustained today in decisions handed down by Judge LeCombe, Cox and Noyes, in the United States circuit court here. Judge Ward handed down a dissenting opinion.

The American Tobacco company is a combination of the American Tobacco company and its subsidiary companies on the ground that it was a legal and that it operated in restraint of trade and commerce. The government also asked the United States circuit court to appoint a receiver to wind up the affairs of the alleged corporations.

While finding that there was an illegal combination as charged, Judges LeCombe, Cox and Noyes, in their opinion, said that the company was legal and that it operated in restraint of trade and commerce. The government also asked the United States circuit court to appoint a receiver to wind up the affairs of the alleged corporations.

The hearing has been in progress for many months, and great volumes of testimony were taken. In the course of these examinations it developed that the American Tobacco company and its subsidiary companies controlled the tobacco trade of the world. This control, so far as foreign markets were concerned, was shown to have been comparatively recent origin, however, and came about through the formation of a working agreement with a Great Britain corporation which previously had controlled the production and consumption not only in Europe but in Asia as well.

The American Tobacco company was formed under the laws of New Jersey in 1904, when the old American Tobacco company, the Consolidated Tobacco company and the Continental Tobacco company were merged under a single head, under an agreement made in 1902 the vast export business of the American Tobacco company is conducted by the British-American Tobacco company, a corporation having a capital stock of \$20,000,000, two thirds of which is owned by the American Tobacco company.

The American Tobacco company is self-capitalized at \$180,000,000. Its president is James B. Duke, who is also president of the American Tobacco company. The company has been regarded as the most powerful force in the great corporation.

Typhoid in Mayor's Family.
New Westminster, Nov. 7.—Three members of Mayor Keary's family are ill with typhoid fever. Two of the young people are in the Royal Columbian hospital, and one is sick at home. All are expected to recover.

Pension for Widow of Palma.
Havana, Nov. 7.—In response to an appeal by Jose Miguel Gomez, the Liberal candidate for the presidency, Governor Magoon today issued a decree providing an annual pension of \$5,000 during her life to the widow of the late President Tomas Estrada Palma, and \$500 monthly in addition during the minority of her four children.

Ambassador's Residence Looted.
Paris, Nov. 7.—The residence of Henry White, the United States ambassador, was ransacked by burglars on Thursday night and a large quantity of valuables carried away. The ambassador is at present in the United States, while Mrs. and Miss White have been staying at the Chevreuse chateau. The servants made public the contents of the burglar's loot, which included gold bracelets, pearl necklaces, brooches and other jewelry.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 7.—A raid on an alleged "blind tiger" tonight cost three lives and on mortal injury. Policemen Little, M. R. Womack and chief of J. V. Harris were killed, and Harris himself was fatally wounded. The raid was made at Third and Eighth streets. Policeman Little Jones had gone to the suspected place, which is a private residence. Jones remained in front of the house while Little knocked at the back door, and when he was killed, he was stopping there, opened it and saw the officer, he began firing. Harris, who was in the house, was also killed.

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Fire in School.
Many Students in Washington Institution Narrowly Escaped Costa Rican's Bravery

Washington, Nov. 6.—Thrilling escapes and heroic rescue work by a Costa Rican student, Ruben Herrera, marked a fire which early today burned to the ground the Bliss electrical school in North Takoma, a suburb north of the city. More than 50 students in the dormitories were awakened to find the building in flames, and escaped in their night clothes, many jumping from second story windows, while others who were cut off by smoke and fire in the corridors, slid down the ropes to safety.

That there were no fatalities was miraculous. Herrera distinguished himself for bravery by rushing through the burning building and arousing his fellow students, resulting among others his roommate, Evan Smith, of Reading, Mich. Both young men were beaten back by the flames and smoke, and made a spectacular descent down the fire ropes that dangled from the cupola, all stories from the ground.

Many students lost all their effects. Prof. S. T. Cole, one of the instructors, was seriously burned.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 6.—President-elect William H. Taft, Mrs. Taft and Fred W. Carpenter, private secretary, left Cincinnati tonight for Hot Springs, Va., where Mr. Taft will remain for rest and recreation until Thanksgiving Day.

**Many Are Drowned
IN STEAMER WRECK**
One Hundred and Fifty Japanese Lost During Great Storm on Coast

Tokio, Nov. 6.—News has reached here of the loss of the steamer Tashiki, which was sunk during a storm off the coast of Hokkaido.

One hundred and fifty persons were drowned. The vessel was crowded with Japanese and passengers, and of these aboard only twenty-nine were saved.

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GOOD MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS

Latest Reports Change Composition of House of Representatives

MAJORITY OF FORTY-FIVE

Democrats Claim to Have Carried Nevada—The Prohibition Vote

New York, Nov. 6.—Wm. McKinley, chairman, and H. C. Loudenslager, secretary of the Republican congressional committee, tonight made public the membership-elect of the first congress as tabulated for the commission. According to the list, the national House of Representatives would be comprised of 218 Republicans and 173 Democrats.

Reno, Nev., Nov. 6.—Democratic State Headquarters tonight says Bryan carried the state of Nevada by 150 to 200.

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EIGHT LIVES LOST IN BURNING HOUSE

Use of Coal Oil to Start Fire Causes Tragedy at Swan River, Man.

Winnipeg, Nov. 6.—A terrible tragedy occurred at Swan River, a small village on the Canadian Northern railway, in the northern part of the province in which seven people lost their lives.

Mrs. Edward Carey, her five children and a Miss Gillespie, a school teacher of Swan River, who was stopping over night with the Carey family, were burned. Mr. Carey was badly burned and cannot recover.

Early this morning, Mr. Carey and his eldest son, Edward, arose to do the chores, the boy going to the stable, while the father remained in the house to light the fire. On his return from the stable the boy noticed smoke issuing from the house, and on opening the door the father staggered at the sight of the flames. The interior of the house was a mass of flames and shortly after the roof fell in.

No sound was heard, and it is thought that the family were suffocated as they slept. Neighbors rushed to the scene, and the work of getting out the bodies was begun. The whole seven were recovered, but were burned beyond recognition. It appears that Mr. Carey started the fire with coal oil, which exploded and immediately enveloped him in flames, all the clothing being burned from his body.

The Carey family were one of the best known and most highly respected in that part of the country.

POUREN'S ADVENTURES
Russian Refugee Comes Up in Court on Extradition Proceedings—Tale of His Escape

New York, Nov. 6.—A dramatic story was today told at the hearing of the extradition proceedings brought by the Russian government against the refugee, Janoff Pouron. It was a tale of the adventures of Pouron in the Russian army and his flight for life from the soldiers.

The facts were brought out in the testimony of Mrs. Trina Shepto, a young woman who now lives in Roxbury, Mass., although she originally came from St. Petersburg, Russia, where Pouron had lived. She was a witness to the escape of Pouron from the Russian army and his flight for life from the soldiers.

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"and those members to fight for the defense of the people. Everything went along smoothly until the Dragons came to the town. The officers fled and went into hiding." She said the literature of the secret society had been left in her charge and the soldiers came to her house and threatened to whip her and her mother and sister unless she gave up the records.

"Once he came to my house," continued the woman, "and I gave him something to eat. While he was eating the soldiers came, but he escaped. The soldiers whipped us and threatened to kill us if we did not tell them where Pouron was."

That was the last time she saw the man in Russia, the witness said. Mrs. Shepto then told of the black hundred, who, she said, were robbers and murderers who went about the country in the name of the Russian Democratic party.

The witness said that she finally had to come to this country in order to save her life.

Yonkers, N.Y., Nov. 7.—E. V. Skinner, eastern traffic manager for the Canadian Pacific railway, with offices in New York City, died at his home here tonight. He was stricken with apoplexy this morning while developing, resulting in his death. Mr. Skinner leaves a widow and a daughter.

Montreal, Nov. 6.—Oliver Tremblay, of Wheatlands, Que., was killed and 11 passengers and two tramsmen injured in a collision on the C.T.R. this morning at Danby, Que., between a local train from Island Pond, Vt., and a freight train of the C.T.R. The collision was caused by the engineer of the passenger train running past signals set against him. The killed and injured occupied the last of the train, which was carrying a smoking car next to the locomotive, which was telescoped by the force of the collision.

**Postal Authorities
UNCOVER A SWINDLE**
New York Sharks Said to Have Taken Half a Million From the Public

New York, Nov. 7.—That they have uncovered a "get rich quick" swindle rivaling in magnitude that of the Storer cotton company of Philadelphia, is the belief given expression tonight by postal authorities here, following a raid today upon the offices of George W. Emanuel and Co., private bankers, on Fifth avenue.