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## PAYS TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT

Senator Beveridge Says Taft is the Broadest and Most Conservative Exponent of the Republican Party.

## BELIEVES IN REVISION

Beveridge, in Making Plea For Tariff Revision Downward, Says Taft Originated Sentiment For Revision.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Lauding President Taft as the broadest and most conservative exponent of the republican party, Beveridge of Indiana today addressed the senate for a revision of the tariff downward along protective lines. He declared Taft himself originated the sentiment of the tariff revision two or three years ago. Taft's speech at Bath, Maine, Beveridge said, was the first expression of the necessity of a tariff revision, and "fate turned the calculation of future greatness upon him then." Taft's speech on the occasion of his notification, Beveridge lauded as the wisest, most conservative, best expression in all the history of the tariff revision.

Lumber Amendment Killed. After seven hours debate on the lumber question, the senate late yesterday afternoon voted down the McCumber amendment for free trade in rough and dressed lumber. The advocates of free lumber were able to muster only 25 votes, fifteen of which came from the republican side. Forty-six votes were recorded against the amendment, 17 of them being votes of democratic senators.

This decisive victory for dutiable lumber doubtless means that the senate will increase the duty on rough lumber from \$1 to \$1.50 a thousand, the Dingley rate of \$2 a thousand having been cut in two in the house bill. The finance committee has not formulated its recommendation as to the duty on dressed lumber, but it is probable a differential of 50 cents a thousand will be suggested.

The President's Talk. The senate finance committee laid aside today the lumber schedule and it will not be called up until action has been taken on the sugar schedule. In a speech today Senator Shively, Democrat, of Indiana, said the President has been given a task impossible of realization of the duty imposed upon him by the maximum and minimum provisions of the Aldrich bill. The real tariff, declared Shively, was constitutional by a higher tariff rate prescribed by the maximum provisions. "It is too plain for controversy," he said, "that the duties provided in the Aldrich bill, plus 25 per cent ad valorem, five cents per pound on coffee, and ten cents on tea, will be a general tariff of the United States after March 21, 1910." These high tariffs, Shively said, would remain permanent, except in case any country whose import or any other duties, "become subject of acquisition by the President," and the found to discriminate against the United States. Shively said it was possible the supreme court of the United States would hold the act unconstitutional, because the maximum and minimum provisions blundered at the delegation of legislative power to the executive department. Shively declared that there was a possibility that a higher rate would go into effect because the President did not see fit to issue a proclamation to make the rate lower.

## TERRIBLE PANIC IN OPERA HOUSE

One Child is Dead and Four Are Dying as Result of Fire in Opera House at Central City, Kentucky.

## MADE LIVING TORCHES

Little Girls Were Giving a Drill at Commencement Exercises When Their Garments Were Ignited by Sparklers.

## SHOT HIS WIFE IN CIRCUS CROWD

Young Farmer of Marion, Ill., Causes Wild Panic by Shooting Wife and Self.

MARION, Ill., May 25.—Festus Roberts, a young farmer of this county, a member of one of the oldest and best known families of this section, shot and mortally wounded his wife and killed himself in a circus crowd yesterday afternoon. The tragedy was witnessed by hundreds and caused a panic.

with whom she had become infatuated. Roberts met his wife on the circus grounds while the free open air exhibitions were going on, and, calling her aside, talked with her in undertones for several minutes. She was heard to say: "No, sir, I will not do it. Let me alone and go get you another woman." Pulling a revolver, he snapped it in her face. As she started to run he shot her in the back of the head. Turning toward his wife, Roberts sent a bullet into his head. The woman was a daughter of Marshal Boles.

## STRIKING SAILORS ABANDON SHIPS

Service in Algeria, Tunis and Corsica Has Been Suspended Account of Striking Seamen.

MARSEILLES, May 25.—Twenty additional ships were abandoned today by their crews, as a result of the strike of the sailors. Service in Algeria, Tunis and Corsica was suspended. Foreign vessels are not affected by the strike and are carrying important government papers. President Fallieres today signed a decree substituting government transport for regular ships in trade between France and Algeria.

## FOUR BURNED IN AN ELDON HOME

Authorities Suspect Foul Play in Fire Which Burned Carter and Four Grandchildren.

OSKALOOSA, Iowa, May 25.—James Carter and three grandchildren, Lillie, Hazel and Lynn Shaw were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed the Shaw home in Eldon, Iowa. The authorities suspect foul play, indications being that the fire is of incendiary origin.

## RAILWAY MEN ELECT.

Brotherhood of Trainmen Chooses Officers—Iowan is Honored.

COLUMBUS, O., May 25.—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen yesterday unanimously re-elected grand master or president, as he will be known, W. G. Lee, of Cleveland. D. L. Cease, of Cleveland, editor and manager; T. R. Dodge was re-elected assistant to the president; Val Fitzpatrick of Columbus, A. F. Whitney of Iowa, and James Murdock of Toronto, Ont., vice presidents.

End of Christian Slaughter. CONSTANTINOPLE, May 25.—Gen. Chetkek Pasha, head of the Turkish army, sent word today to the troops preserving order in Asiatic Turkish towns where the massacres recently occurred, to show no mercy to the Mohammedan population should it resume the slaughter of Armenians.

## ARKANSAS MOB HANGS NEGRO

Colored Man Who Choked White Girl of Pine Bluff, Ark., is Taken From the Jail and Hanged.

## MOB WAS ORDERLY ONE

Lynching in Pine Bluff For Fifteen Years—Sheriff Pleads in Vain For Prisoner's Life.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., May 25.—Lett Davis, a negro aged twenty-five years, was lynched today by a mob of three hundred. Davis confessed he entered the home of Amey Holmes, aged fifteen years, white, Friday, and choked her. He said he was afraid she would make an outcry while he was robbing the house. The mob quickly formed and took the negro from the authorities and hanged him. Davis was frightened from the house by the girl's screams. He was arrested and taken to jail here. The mob marched to the jail. The sheriff and Circuit Judge Grace was at the jail and pleaded with the mob not to harm the negro, but the mob would not listen. Davis was taken from the jail, led to a principal corner of the business section and hanged to a telegraph pole. At this corner a thousand electric lights were placed in preparation to welcome delegates to the convention to be held next month. As the negro was dragged to the corner, the lights were put out. A few minutes later they were relighted and the negro was in full view as he swung from the end of the rope. No shooting occurred and the mob was so quiet people a block away knew nothing of the lynching till daylight. Grace, in pleading with the mob declared all those implicated would have to face murder charges. No arrests have been made. It is the first lynching here in fifteen years.

## JAPAN IS NOW AFTER GRAFTERS

Twenty Directors of the House and Three Directors of Sugar Company Confessed Bribery.

TOKIO, May 25.—Former Vice President Fairbanks was among the hundreds that crowded in the court room today, at the opening of a sensational trial of twenty representatives of the house, and three directors of the Japan Sugar Company, all for confessed bribery. Revealing of the graft system by which the government investigation of the labor conditions on the plantations, were suppressed, the public is greatly aroused and much sympathy is expressed for Yokoi, formerly a Christian clergyman and education, whose tragic confession led to a general exposure. Yokoi is a son of Shonai, the celebrated patriot reformer.

## MASONS DEDICATE TEMPLE.

Indianapolis Building Said to be Finest in Country.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 25.—Gov. Marshall and the leading Masonic officials of the state, with Lucian Foote, aged 84, of Crawfordville, the oldest Master Mason, in the presence of thousands of visitors yesterday, dedicated the magnificent temple of the order. It is eight stories high, cost \$800,000 and accommodates eight blue lodges, the commandery and the chapters. It is claimed to be the finest Masonic Temple in the country. Rev. Llanheld, the leading Methodist preacher of Indiana, made the address.

## GALVA MAN KILLS SELF.

Charles J. Hall Commits Suicide by Shooting.

GALVA, Ill., May 25.—In a fit of temporary insanity Charles J. Hall, aged fifty-four, shot and killed himself Saturday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock at his home on North Grove street. The weapon used was very large, being a 44-caliber revolver, and the discharge was so powerful that the bullet passed completely through his head.

Rockefeller, Jr., in Oklahoma. TULSA, Okla., May 25.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and a party of Standard Oil officials remained here overnight as a result of the Oklahoma floods, which delayed the trains. The party left today for Muskogee, where the trip will end.

## WILL STAND BY WHITE FIREMEN

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood Firemen Out With an Announcement.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 25.—Officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers say today if other roads attempt to relieve the freight congestion on the Georgia Central, whose white firemen are striking against the employment of negroes, the engineers will be ordered not to take their trains out. A similar announcement was made by the Brotherhood Firemen.

## MOB THREATENS TO LYNCH BEAN

Murderer of Mrs. Maud Diltz Trembles in His Cell at Shouts of Crowds.

LIMA, May 25.—An angry mob surrounded the jail last night, and threatened with death John Beam, who tried to commit suicide yesterday when arrested for the murder of Mrs. Maud Diltz. No one ventured close to the building. Guards have orders to shoot the first man that tries to cross the dead line. Beam takes his arrest coolly, but trembles in his cell when he hears the shouts of a crowd.

## ANTI-SWEAR LAW IS KILLED.

Wisconsin Governor Vetoes Bill Forbidding Profanity in Public.

MADISON, Wis., May 25.—The inalienable right of a citizen of Wisconsin to use profanity under sufficient provocation is not to be abrogated by the legislature with the consent of Governor Davidson. The governor is not a profane man, but, having lived in the Kickapoo Valley for a quarter of a century, he realizes that a person may sometimes be so circumstanced that it is practically impossible for him to refrain from indulging in a few sulphurous remarks. Believing as he does, the governor vetoed the bill prohibiting swearing in any public place under a penalty of a \$25 fine or thirty days in jail, or both fine and imprisonment. Assemblyman Hull, author of the bill, is disappointed and will try to pass the bill over the veto.

Hull said he introduced the bill to prohibit the low-browed timber cruisers and lumber jacks from using profanity in the postoffice and other public places in Black River Falls. The governor also vetoed the Hoyt bill imposing heavy restrictions on mutual fire insurance companies.

## CHURCH ASSAILS LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Candidates Favoring License are Attacked by the Cumberland Presbyterians.

BENTONVILLE, Ark., May 25.—Not only did the general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church declare its adherence to the principles of prohibition today, but went a step further, adopting resolutions declaring that "no person or set of men who favor license or sale of liquor has a right to expect or receive the votes of Christian men, and any candidate for office, who declines to speak openly against the traffic deserves not and should not receive our support." At the afternoon session the reading of reports was continued. This afternoon the collection of pledges for legal funds to conduct litigation as to church property in general was made, the total amount now in hand reaching \$15,000.

## TAKE MODJESKA'S BODY HOME.

Family Will Accompany Dead Tragedienne to Grave in Poland.

LOS ANGELES, May 25.—The body of Mme. Helena Modjeska will be started on the long journey to Poland, for final interment at Cracow, today. Count Charles Bozenta Chlapowski, husband of the dead tragedienne, has paid his last tribute to his old home at Bay Island, near Newport, and has paid his last tribute to his old residence near Santa Ana, and is ready to go to the land of his birth to await the summons of death. The body will be taken first to Chicago, where it will remain for two or three weeks, until Ralph Modjeski, son of the actress, and his wife can arrange their affairs so they can accompany it to Cracow.

## MAN KILLED AT PRAYER.

Henry Culp Shot While Kneeling in Worship at School House.

KENNETT, Mo., May 25.—While kneeling in prayer at church services at Europa school house, Sunday, Henry Culp was shot and killed by his brother-in-law, Charles Champ, who escaped. Culp killed Henry Champ, the brother of the slayer, last August, after being driven from his home by the Champ brothers. He was acquitted, the jury deciding his act was justifiable.

## WIFE MURDERER TO BE EXECUTED

July 2nd is the Date Set For the Execution of John Hopkins, of Lawton, Okla., For Wife Murderer.

## HIS FIENDISH CRIME

Burned His Wife's Eyes Out and Poured Carbolic Acid Down Her Throat—Takes Sentence Calmly.

LAWTON, May 25.—Overruling the motion for a new trial Judge Bowles today fixed July 2 for the execution of John Hopkins, for the murder of his wife. Hopkins killed his wife October 29, 1907. When the woman was found her eyes were burned out and her throat and stomach eaten out with carbolic acid, which the husband had forced down her mouth. Her skull was crushed and her face lacerated by the blows from a hatchet. She lived 24 hours. Hopkins refused to allow the attorneys to plead insanity, and took the death sentence calmly.

## ALL JEWS WILL SOON BE IN AMERICA

Rev. Myer at Presbyterian Convention Says All the Jews of the World Will Come Here.

DENVER, May 25.—The report of the board of home missions was the feature of this morning's session of the 21st Presbyterian assembly. Dr. Charles L. Thompson, senior member of the board, made an eloquent appeal for more generous support of the home missions. He declared "the back door of the land is left open and the work of immigration must correct this." He said there will be 200,000,000 in the country in fifty years, half in the west and all will need evangelization. Rev. Louis Myer, chosen head of the Jewish work under the board said: "At the rate the Jews are coming in, all the Jews in the world will be in America soon." The board made a request for \$800,000 for work during the coming year.

## DROUGHT DRIVES ANIMALS MAD.

Many Persons in Mexico Bitten by Crazy Dogs and Wolves.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, May 25.—The drought is so serious in some sections of this state that many people are leaving. The streams and ponds have dried up and hundreds of cattle are dying. Wolves and dogs have gone mad and natives in a number of villages have been bitten by the crazed animals. The region of Tantzucua is suffering the most from the drought.

## CHANGES IN TODAY'S BALLOT.

SPRINGFIELD, May 25.—The following changes were made in the senatorial vote today: Butts changed from Foss to Lowden. Kowalski voted for Michael J. Walsh instead of Foss. Price, from Foss to Brentano. Terrill from Sherman to Hopkins. The Ballot. Hopkins, 87; Shurtleff, 19; Stringer, 40; Mason, 2; McKinley, 2; Lowden, 2; Lorimer, 1; Sherman, 1; Lee, 1; O'Neil, 1; Brown, 1; M. J. Walsh, 1; Judge Brentano, 1; Yates, 1; Collins, 1; W. B. Wright, 6; Edward J. Kelley, 11.

## SHOOTS HIS FATHER-IN-LAW.

Illinois Victim's Life Despaired of—Assault Gives \$1,000 Bail.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., May 25.—A shooting affray took place yesterday at Pisgah, seven miles southeast of Jacksonville, when John C. Moseley, 20 years old, shot and seriously wounded his father-in-law, Thomas Brooks, aged 45. The trouble started over Brooks' objection to the marriage of his daughter to Moseley. Brooks is not expected to live. Moseley is out on a \$1,000 bond.

## CURRENT GIVES BATTLESHIP TROUBLE.

NEW ORLEANS, May 25.—The Battleship Mississippi is finding it harder work to go down the river than it was to go up, according to wireless dispatches from the ship today. The Mississippi does not obey its steering gear well, because of the swift current of the river. Captain Clarmont abandoned the plan to make New Orleans tonight. Before the ship sailed from Natchez, Chaplain Reamy fell overboard. He was rescued by Lieutenant Commander McCormick.

## FATAL FLOOD IN OKLAHOMA

Five Killed, Many Injured and Thousands of Acres Inundated as Result of Heavy Rains.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 25.—Five people are dead and at least ten seriously injured, several thousand acres of crops are inundated, and every stream in the northern and eastern parts of the state is raging as a result of almost unprecedented rains in Oklahoma. A number of houses have been washed away. The dead are:

MRS. W. W. BROWN, and three children, of Foraker. MRS. MATTIE JONES, colored. The tornado struck Morris, doing much damage. Ernest Scott, his wife and child are seriously injured.

VINITA, Okla., May 25.—One of the heaviest rainfalls in Oklahoma in recent years has swollen the Grand, Canadian and Arkansas rivers, and other streams to flood stage, causing much damage to railroad property, farms and partially submerging the town of Afton, twelve miles east of Vinita.

## FORMER UMPIRE A STREET CLEANER

Thomas Stanton, Baseball Umpire and Magistrate Now Working for \$1.50 Per Day.

ST. LOUIS, May 25.—Thomas Stanton, aged 51 years, former baseball umpire, and police magistrate in St. Louis, receiving an average of \$300 per month, has resigned, and has taken a job as a street cleaner at \$1.50 per day. Last week Stanton applied for a position as street cleaner on Main street, which passes the court where he presided. Stanton has been in bad health several months and physicians advised him to get an outdoor job. "I would rather work for \$1.50 per day and be able to eat a square meal and sleep soundly, than to make hundreds of dollars per month and spend it all for medicine," he said. Stanton was umpire in the Texas and Pacific Northwest leagues.

## PACKWOOD MAN IN PEN.

Walter Elder Gets Twenty-Five Years in Wyoming Prison.

PACKWOOD, Iowa, May 25.—Word has been received here that Walter Elder, who was implicated in a quarrel which ended in murder on a ranch near Gillette, Wyoming, has been sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary. Elder was a resident of Packwood all his life, excepting the last two years.

## MADE PLEA FOR SHIP SUBSIDY

Former Congressman B. Landis of Indiana, Made Some Startling Statements at Detroit Bankers' Club.

## AFFECTS PANAMA CANAL

Says Unless Trade Situation in Latin America is Looked After Panama Canal Will be a Hindrance.

DETROIT, May 25.—Making the strongest plea for ship subsidy ever heard even on the floor of congress, former Congressman B. Landis, of Indiana, told the Detroit Bankers club startling things about Latin America and the Panama canal last night. He said: "Unless the United States awakens to the gravity of the trade situation in Latin America, and South America proper the completion of the Panama canal will be a hindrance, rather than a help to this country. It will not only enable foreign nations to get in under our coast line with foreign products at ballast prices, but will take from our trunk lines millions on millions of tons of trans-continental carriage." Landis outlined the great wealth of Latin America and pointed out the almost non-existent transportation direct between this country and South American countries. He declared that of the two billions of output last year Latin American trade, this country should have had three-fourths, instead of a quarter, that it did have. He declared that the neglect of the United States was allowing foreign powers to build up a great South American trade, while this country had practically none, "it may sometime lead to an international tangle that will test the Monroe doctrine."

## TEDDY SILENT ON POLITICS

Correspondent of United Press Spends Two Days With Roosevelt Party, But Ex-President Will Not Discuss Politics.

## HAVING SPLENDID TIME

Popularity of Roosevelt and Kermit With Hunters and Natives Has Not Been Over-estimated—Big Hunt.

(By Warrington Dawson, staff correspondent of the United Press.) NAIROBI, May 25.—The United Press correspondent was accorded the privilege of spending Sunday and Monday with the Roosevelt hunting party at its camp on the Heatley ranch. Heatley with your correspondent was permitted to ride with Roosevelt on a buffalo hunt. All stories told by the camp followers and runners of Roosevelt's popularity with other hunters, and natives, and of Kermit's prowess, were fully borne out by your correspondent's observation on Monday's hunt. The hunt was for a herd of seven buffaloes, whose trail was picked up near the camp. Though we rode hard for hours, with no trace of the buffaloes, Roosevelt and Kermit contented themselves with shooting smaller game, including wart hogs and hyenas. Roosevelt bagged a number of these, and established a record for not missing a shot. Kermit killed a wart hog of record size. Your correspondent queried Roosevelt concerning the action of some friends in New York City proposing him for the next republican majority. He refused to make a comment, asking to be excused. He said he had come to Africa to hunt and would taboo all politics while here. The health of Roosevelt and Kermit is splendid. They are thoroughly climated and able to endure as much hard work as the natives. Roosevelt's face is now of the darkest bronze, from the African winds and sun. He is enjoying every minute of his hunting and declared he is having so many exciting experiences it will be hard work selecting the most interesting for his published narratives. Roosevelt will return to Nairobi tomorrow to visit Gov. Jackson. He will remain until June 2, when he starts out for a seven weeks hunt, personally conducted by F. C. Selous. The expedition will be primarily for elephants. While in Nairobi, Roosevelt will spend much of his time preparing articles for his American publishers.

## BAD STORM IN TEXAS.

Hundreds of Cattle and Sheep Killed in Two Counties.

DALLAS, Texas, May 25.—Reports today say hundreds of cattle and sheep were killed by a storm which swept the eastern part of Tom Green and the western part of Concho counties. Mrs. W. J. Pebole, of Van Court, was killed when her home was wrecked.

## THE WEATHER.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, Wired From Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 25.—For Illinois: Threatening tonight and Wednesday with showers. Cooler in the south portion. For Iowa: Rain tonight and possibly Wednesday. For Missouri: Showers and cooler tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy. For Keokuk and vicinity: Showers and cooler tonight, Wednesday partly cloudy.

Table with weather data for Keokuk, Iowa, May 25. Columns include Daily River Bulletin, Stage, Height, Change, Weather, and Local Observations.

Local Observations. May 24 7 p.m. 29.82 58 E Rain. May 25 7 a.m. 29.68 55 NE Rain. Rainfall for past 24 hours 42 hundredths. River above low water of 1864 10 feet 8 tenths. Change in 24 hours fall 3 tenths. Mean temperature, 63. Maximum temperature, 70. Minimum temperature, 56. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.