

BLTYHE HAS HIS OPINION

Charge That Postoffice War Against Magazines Is Really Onslaught Against In-surgency.

HAS POLITICAL MOTIVE

Pronounces it Blow at Liberty and Effort to Tax the Free Press Into Bankruptcy and Oblivion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Samuel G. Blythe, one of the foremost writers and political students of America, makes the direct charge in an article written for The United Press that the effort to increase the postal rate on magazines is part of a plot to stamp out the progressive movement in politics.

Blythe declared that it was an act of direct reprisal on the part of President Taft, Postmaster General Hitchcock, Speaker Cannon, Senator Aldrich and "all the Cannon and Aldrich crowd in congress." The Blythe article follows:

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Politics, not a postal deficit, is the underlying motive of the administration's attack on the magazine and periodical press of this country through the medium of an increase in the second class postage.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has his excuse in his alleged deficit. President Taft has his excuse in his support of a cabinet member, who is trying to put his department on a self-sustaining basis. The administration senators who tacked the amendment on the postage bill have their excuse in the demand of the president that the increase shall be made.

They are making these excuses too now that they are discovering how thoroughly the people are aroused on the matter of using the taxing power of the government to confiscate—for that is what it amounts to—a free press that has dared to criticize and condemn certain acts of both the administration and the supporters of the administration in congress.

Laying aside the economic fact that the imposition of this tax by the government means the ruin of the magazine and periodical business in this country, the absolute extinction of the popular magazines, look at the politics of it. Three facts are certain: 1—This tax is a part of a carefully matured plan by the administration in conjunction with the interests of the republican majority in congress have served sixteen years, to stamp out the progressive republican movement in the country by depriving that movement of its means of publicity and its mediums for the spread of its propaganda.

2—It is especially directed at the newly formed progressive republican league and at the progressives in congress who have been supported by the magazine and periodical press in their attempts to rid the country of Aldrichism and Cannonism.

3—It is an act of direct reprisal on the part of the president, Hitchcock, Cannon, Aldrich and all the Cannon and Aldrich crowd in congress, of whom there are seven on the committee that put the amendment in the senate bill, intended to punish those magazines and periodicals that have spoken fearlessly about governmental and political abuses.

Of course the publishers can make the case and are making it vigorously and effectively—that this discriminatory reprisal tax will bankrupt them, or if any of them can continue will inevitably increase the price of the popular magazines to the reading public, but that isn't the main point.

The vital thing that concerns the people of the country is that this administration by exercising its taxing power, is endeavoring to abolish a free press, not only in the interests of its own political ambitions and those of the men who serve it, but also in the interests and for the protection of the financial powers it seeks to serve.

The question is bigger than one of money, either in the government's purse or out of the purses of the publishing business is curtailed as it will be if this increase in second class postage becomes a law.

It is a blow at the liberty guaranteed under the constitution and is an obversive to every American idea of justice, fair play and decent politics.

Talk it to Death. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The magazines announce that they have the

RECIPROCITY PASSES HOUSE

Representatives Vote for Canadian Treaty Last Night And It Carries by a Big Majority.

SENATE COMES NEXT

Other Branch of Congress is Told to Either Vote on the Measure or Look for Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—After a long day of heated debate, with feeling at times running high the house shortly before 8 o'clock last night ratified the Canadian reciprocity agreement by passing the McCall bill by a vote of 221 to 92. On this roll call 144 democrats voted for the Canadian reciprocity agreement, while 87 republicans and 5 democrats voted against it.

The vote was reached only through the application of a cloture rule, which shut off all amendments and even dispensed with the reading of the bill. This procedure was decided upon only after Mr. McCall, in charge of the bill, had failed to get unanimous consent to do away with the calendar today.

Whether the bill will come to a vote in the senate is problematical. Those opposing it declare it shall not, while its friends, including Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, do not believe the opposition will go the length of filibustering against it. President Taft is insistent that the senate shall act one way or the other and has indicated that he would call an extra session of congress if it does not do so.

Everywhere that men met in Washington today the subject of conversation was Canadian reciprocity. The passage of the McCall bill by an overwhelming vote was sufficient cause for elation among friends of the measure, who seem to be vastly in the majority outside of congress, and they certainly were in the house. The bill now goes to the senate, and, as Senator Cullom remarked, much depends upon when the bill can be got out of the finance committee whether there will be opportunity given for a vote before adjournment.

As Senator Warner of Missouri said: "If there is not a vote on it before adjournment, it is practically certain that there will be a special session of congress called." Both Senator Cullom and Senator Warner are for Canadian reciprocity and will vote for it if they get the chance. Senator Warner, who has been a frequent caller of late at the white house and spent some time with the president on matters which he would not discuss either for publication or privately, said there ought to be a vote allowed in the senate. If a senator is opposed to the bill he ought to be willing to vote against it. If he is for it, he ought to be permitted to vote for it. In any event the senate ought to give expression to its views through a vote.

CONTEST ELECTION OF G. M. HAUGEN

Congressman From Fourth District Had 300 Majority at Recent Election.

NEW HAMPTON, Ia. Feb. 15.—Lawyers from the Fourth Congressional district gathered here and decided the course of procedure in contesting the seat of Gilbert M. Haugen who, on the face of returns, was elected to congress by 300 majority. The democratic claim D. D. Murphy, the democratic candidate should be seated.

The evidence secured will be laid before the special session if called, or before the regular session next December. It was reported at the meeting that M. J. Wade will be the democratic candidate against Senator Cummins in 1914.

FALL FROM SLED MAY BE FATAL

Aged Wyaconda Man Seriously Injured and His Recovery is Very Doubtful.

WYACONDA, Mo. Feb. 15.—While driving to town, Ben Flesham, aged 73 years, fell from the sled in which he was riding and was seriously injured.

He was at once taken to the home of his daughter Mrs. Matthews when the doctors were called. They advised him to be removed to Kirksville. He was accompanied by his two daughters, Mrs. Tim Matthews and husband and Mrs. Ben Miller and husband, and his son, Mr. John Flesham. His recovery is very doubtful.

DEEMER BREAKS DEADLOCK, MAYBE

Senator Young Withdraws Today in Order to Give Judge a Chance to see What He Can Do.

DEVELOPMENTS SOON

Vote in Des Moines Tomorrow May Elect Deemer And Then Again It May Not.

DES MONIES, Feb. 15.—Senator Young dropped out of the senatorial race today and his supporters went to Judge Deemer.

Senator Young agreed to withdraw temporarily and give Deemer a chance to see what he could do. Deemer was favorably considered by President Taft as an appointee for a judgeship vacancy.

The vote today was as follows: Porter ..... 52 Deemer ..... 47 Kenyon ..... 46 Garst ..... 3 Sammis ..... 3 Judge Deemer may be selected tomorrow.

JEALOUSY CAUSES DOUBLE CRIME

Youth Murders Girl and Then Blows His Own Head Off With Shot Gun.

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 15.—J. W. Powell of Buchanan, killed Miss Maude West, 18 years old, and then turned the shotgun on himself and ended his life. Jealousy is given as a motive.

Powell called on Miss West and while at the home met another young man. He was heard to make threats as he was departing.

While the young woman was on her way to a mail box, to post a letter, Powell, who was in hiding, jumped from a clump of bushes and opened fire. He then placed the weapon to his head and fired. When found both of them were dead.

A Better Way. PRINCETON, Indiana, Feb. 15.—Downcast because Miss Kate Ward of Francisco, with whom he was in love, accepted other company, Forrest Butler, 19 years old, a barber, took arsenic in his shop at Somerville.

After taking the poison he attempted to shave a patron, but after a few strokes of the razor fell to the floor and died in a few minutes.

YOUNG PEOPLE WED AT CARTHAGE

Miss Flora Lake and Leslie Ray St. Clair United in Marriage Yesterday.

CARTHAGE, Ill. Feb. 15.—A very pretty wedding occurred at the M. E. parsonage Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The contracting parties were Leslie Ray St. Clair of Disco, Ill. and Miss Flora Lake, of near Dallas City, Ill. The parties were accompanied by William Lake, brother of the bride, and his wife, Mrs. Ella Lake, both now of Carthage, they having been married a few weeks since. Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair will make their home on a farm near Dallas City.

England is Alarmed. LONDON, Feb. 15.—England is alarmed over the prospectus of losing Canada following the speech of Champ Clark in congress yesterday when he stated that the time would come when England would gladly turn over her possessions to America. The conservative English press is filled with comment on this display of "Americaphobia."

PUBLIC MEETING Next Monday

In conformity with the resolution passed at the Public Meeting held January 12th, 1911, a Public Meeting is hereby called to meet at the County Court House at 7:30 P. M., on Monday, February 20th, 1911, to hear and approve, or reject, the report of the Committee of Thirty appointed by the undersigned, by authority of the resolution adopted by the Mass Meeting held January 12th, 1911.

WILLIAM LOGAN J. F. ELDER

INDIANS KILL WHITE CAMPER

Prospecting Party Displeased Savages Who Murder One and Take the Others as Captives.

TWO MADE ESCAPE

Federal Government Will be Asked to Make an Investigation of the Arizona Case.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—The federal government will probably be asked to investigate the murder of Ralph Reynolds of Cleveland, O., and the capture and imprisonment of two other American boys by Indians in New Mexico.

A camping party was located in the mountains and Reynolds did something to displease the Indians, who shot him dead in sight of his companions. The other two members of the party were captured by the Indians but managed to make their escape and tramped over many miles of wilderness before reaching civilization.

The camping party was on a prospecting trip.

Danville Investigation. DANVILLE, Ill. Feb. 15.—The grand jury today resumed its investigation. The examination of witnesses today was conducted by a young law student who is a member of the jury, owing to the absence of the county attorney. Two interests are allied against each other in the fight and Foreman Woodyard hopes by playing them together to be able to get to the bottom.

MOTHER'S ARM AROUND BABY

Shattered by Blackhanders Bomb and Mother is Killed in Her Bed Room Today.

CHILD WAS NOT KILLED

Wife of Wealthy Foreigner Meets Death After Refusal of the Family to Pay Black Mail.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Rena Vitoli, wife of a wealthy Sicilian is dying and her one year old baby is seriously hurt by a bomb which was exploded in her home today by black hand blackmailers.

The bomb was exploded near the bed room window and the woman's arm in which the baby was lying, was blown off and her skull was crushed. A dozen men have been arrested on suspicion.

LETTER THAN CURFEW LAW

Panther Prowling Around at Night Keeps Not Only Children But Everyone Inside After Dark.

AFTER STAGE HORSES

Coach Has Become Arsenal on Wheels for Fear Wild Animal Will Make Attack Upon the Team.

GOSHEN, Conn., Feb. 15.—This village is sleeping on its arms, following an unsuccessful hunt for an animal believed to be a panther. The creature has spread terror through the section about Tyler Pond.

No one dares to venture out after dark unless heavily armed, children are being kept from school, and the stage that A. N. James drives between Goshen and Torrington is a traveling arsenal. A couple of revolvers are always within his reach, and other firearms are kept in the coach where the passengers may grab them should the panther appear. It is common to see the farmers going along roads with guns over their shoulders.

The scare was started by the hearing of shrieks in the last few nights. An animal larger than a wildcat makes them, assert James and others who have heard the yells. In fact, James is positive the blood-curdling noises are exactly like those he heard from panthers at the circus last summer in the Torrington Driving park. James fears the panther will attack his horses while he is driving the stage.

Farmers have their live stock under lock and key. Theodore Roosevelt may be sent for if the posse that is unequal to the task of discovering and killing the beast.

GRASS WIDOW KIDNAPED YOUTH

After Honeymoon She Carried Butcher Knife and Taunted Him With Affinity Stories.

DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Clinton Stahl, a minor, brought suit for divorce from Della May Stahl, by his next friend, Howard B. Cromer. The petition reveals a remarkable tale of romance, in as much as Stahl claims that he was practically kidnaped when sixteen years of age by a young "grass widow," eleven years his senior, and the mother of a five-year-old child at the time of the marriage.

Stahl abandoned his school books, awed by the attentions showered upon him, he says, and eloped to Cleveland, Ohio, where the ceremony was performed. He now charges extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty.

He alleges that his wife has threatened his life and that on one occasion she took a butcher knife to bed with her and hid it under her pillow. The petition states that she taunted him about her associations with other men while he was away working as a fireman.

USED KEROSENE TO HELP FIRE

Mrs. Harry Jones Burned to Death When Clothing Caught on Fire From Explosion.

WEST LIBERTY, Ia. Feb. 15.—Because the fire in her kitchen range was slow in starting Mrs. Harry Jones, the wife of the local agent of the Standard Oil company, picked up a two gallon can of kerosene and started to pour the fluid on the fire. An explosion followed and in an instant she was enveloped in flames. A living torch, she ran screaming from her kitchen out onto the back porch and fell prostrate on the porch floor. Her husband who was in the rear of the premises, ran to her assistance and attempted to extinguish the flames with his coat. His efforts were practically without avail, however, and before the flames were subdued, Mrs. Jones was so terribly burned that her death resulted.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OIL FIELDS

Ten Million Dollar Pipe Line Company Has Been Formed in Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 15.—The Wyoite Pipe Line Co., with a capital stock of \$10,000,000, filed articles of incorporation today and will build a pipe line from the Wyoming oil fields to the railroad and later to Omaha. English capital is back of the corporation.

DAMAGES PAID BY THE STATE

Novel Employers Liability Plan for Washington Which is Attracting Attention From all Points.

FACTORIES PAY DUES

State Commission to Receive Funds and Make Settlements With Workmen Who May Get Injured.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 15.—The eyes of the industrial world will be fixed on the state of Washington if the employers' liability bill pending before the present legislature becomes a law. The proposed statute would revolutionize the present method of paying damages for injured employees and not only are the proprietors of industrial plants studying the proposed measure with keen interest but labor leaders and advocates of industrial arbitration are considering the probable effect of such a law.

Under the proposed act every line of industry employing men around machinery or on risks deemed at all hazardous will be assessed a percentage based upon pay rolls for the three months preceding October 1 each year.

The revenue is to be handled by a state commission which shall have full power to investigate all damage claims and to settle same without action at law. The powers of the commission are most sweeping. They may compel attendance by subpoena and have practically all the power of a superior court. An extensive auditing and information bureau is provided for. The lines affected include everything from printing offices to tunnel and bridge work.

One of the alleged objectionable features is the claim that such a law would put a premium on immorality because damages paid on account of the death or disability of a married man are so much greater than in the case of an unmarried man.

D. T. Ham, a prominent business man of Spokane, says he has talked with several persons who have observed the workings of such a law in England. In their opinion the law has thrown thousands of married men out of work. It is understood that the proposed Washington law is almost identical with the laws in effect on this point in England.

Peculiar Accident.

DENVER, Feb. 15.—Arthur Knowles a bartender was fatally wounded by a bullet which penetrated his brain after having passed through the head of William McCreary once a wealthy saloon-keeper, who shot and killed himself in a saloon owned by his brother, John McCreary.

THE WEATHER.

Until 7 p. m. Thursday. For Keokuk and Vicinity—Unsettled weather with snow or rain tonight or Thursday. Colder.

For Illinois—Unsettled weather with rain south and snow or rain in the north portion tonight or Thursday. Colder Thursday.

For Iowa—Unsettled weather with snow or rain tonight or Thursday. Colder.

For Missouri—Unsettled weather tonight and Thursday. Colder.

Weather Conditions.

The Iowa depression has passed out through the Northeastern States with snow or rain in the Lake Region and Northeastern States, and an area of high pressure, with low temperature covers New England this morning.

The western depression has been pushed southward by a field of high pressure, which has developed over Montana and North Dakota, and the depression extends from Western Texas to Kansas this morning.

The northern high area is causing colder weather from the Northern Mountain Region to Upper Mississippi Valley, and there has been snow in the Dakotas.

Conditions indicate unsettled weather, with rain or snow for this section tonight or Thursday, as the southwestern depression advances, and colder.

Local Observations. Feb. 15. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 14 7 p. m. ... 29.94 42 W Cldy 15 7 a. m. ... 30.09 36 E Cldy

Mean temperature Feb. 14, 48. Highest temperature, 50. Lowest temperature, 39. Lowest temperature last night, 36. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

MEXICAN FARGE RESCUE SCENE

Navarro Arrives at Juarez After Twelve Day's Trip Without One Shot Being Fired at Him.

CAME BY RAILROAD

Did Not Even Catch Glimpse of Rebels All During His Great Rush to Save the Besieged City.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—General Navarro of the Mexican regular army with approximately 1,000 men, including cavalry, infantry and artillery, arrived in Juarez at 7 o'clock last evening, amid the acclaim of the inhabitants. The troops occupied three passenger trains and a work train, the latter proceeding and carrying soldiers. Not a shot was fired by the insurgents, and Navarro's command was not intercepted at any of the mountain passes, and, in fact, did not see a rebel in the twelve days' trip. Bridges on this division of the Mexican Central railway were repaired yesterday by workmen, and those below were repaired by Navarro as he advanced.

Orozco and the other insurrecto chiefs camped at Samalayuca and, awaiting the arrival of Navarro, offered no resistance to the passage of the troop trains, although the insurgents occupied a strong position on the mountain heights overlooking the railway track and Samalayuca station. It is supposed that after the troops had passed the insurrectos moved south toward Chihuahua.

Navarro left Chihuahua with reinforcements for Juarez twelve days ago, but made slow progress on account of burned bridges and wrecked railway tracks. On the trip northward he was compelled to rebuild many bridges, one of which was 200 feet long.

Gen. Navarro was given public reception by the people of Juarez after his arrival. When asked for a statement, he said he had come to act, not to talk.

Some estimates place the number of troops at 1,500, but the conservative estimate places them at about 1,000. The reinforcement of the City of Juarez is regarded as the most serious block the insurrectos have received since the beginning of hostilities, and the uprising is regarded as practically at an end. It is believed that it will now resolve itself into a guerrilla warfare.

An hour after his arrival, General Navarro was escorted to the custom house, where the Taft-Diaz meeting took place. Here he received members of Col. Rabago's staff and citizens generally, among them several women. He appeared rugged and hearty. Since the beginning of the campaign he has grown a full set of white whiskers. His first official act was to write a telegram to President Diaz reporting his entrance into the city.

Col. Culler, aide de camp to President Diaz, and a member of Gen. Navarro's staff, stated the trip from Chihuahua, a distance of 200 miles, had been made without unusual incident. He declined to be interviewed, saying, "It is against orders for officers to give out information. The press has used us very badly, you know."

The federal troops traveled on two trains, preceded by a construction train. Their arrival was almost without warning. There have been so many false rumors of his arrival that but little attention was paid to reports that he would be in last evening.

The insurrectos are downhearted. Orozco has accomplished nothing since the insurrection began three months ago save to depress business. The Juarez campaign has been a miserable fiasco. Even the leaders of the junta admit this.

Had Orozco proceeded with energy and taken Juarez, as he might have done a week ago, the moral effect would have been marked, and no doubt would have added much to his strength in the way of recruits and arms.

Many Mexicans working in the United States awaited the taking of Juarez as a signal to join actively in the movement.

The capital at Guadalupe is far from permanent. It is on wheels and will be moved on the approach of a federal force. Driven along the border, it is now believed Orozco must retreat to Casas Grandes again. It is said he cannot even threaten the city of Chihuahua, for there is a garrison of 1,000 troops defending that place.