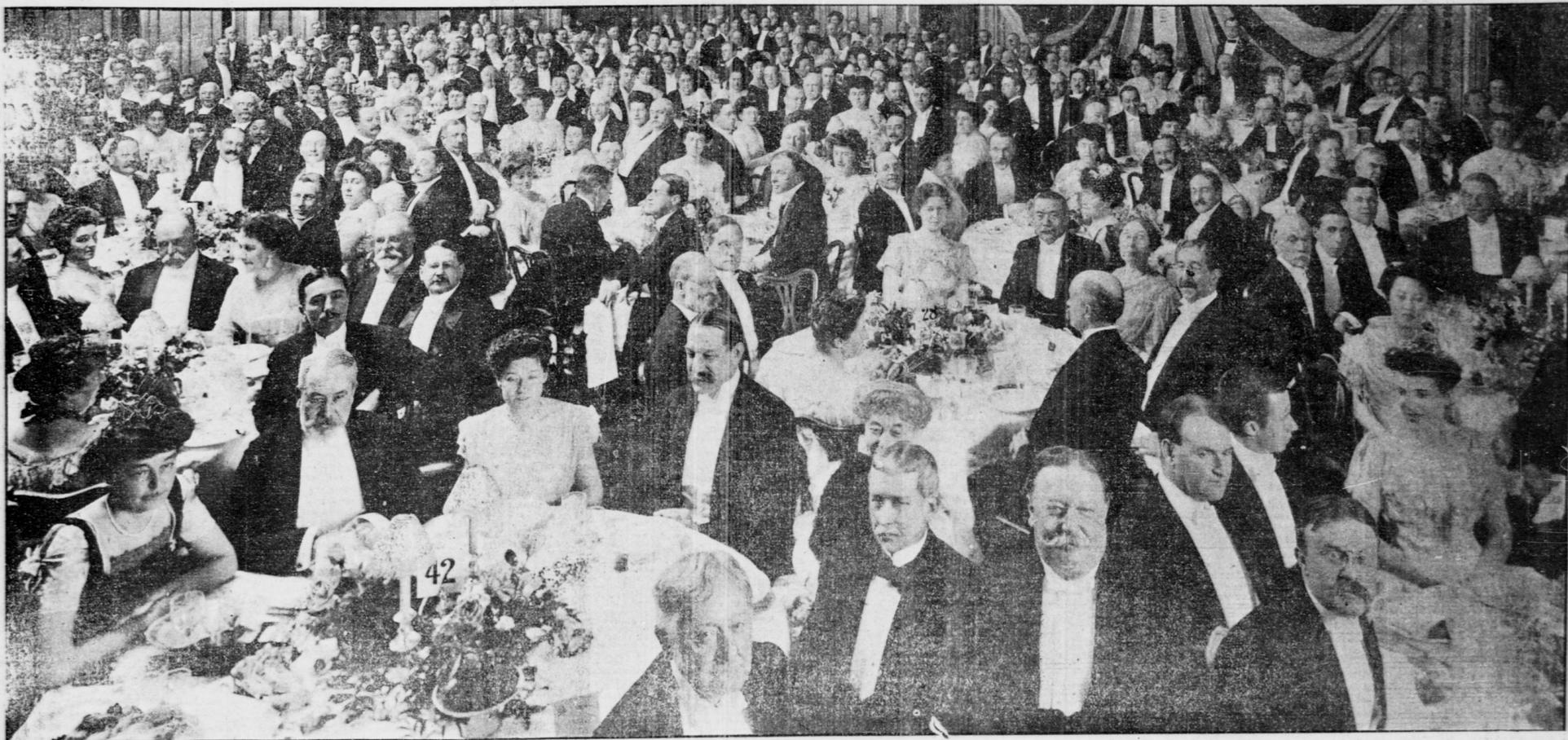




THE PEACE SOCIETY'S DINNER IN HONOR OF ELIHU ROOT AT THE HOTEL ASTOR.



JOSEPH H. CHOATE.

SENATOR-ELECT ELIHU ROOT.

PRESIDENT-ELECT WILLIAM H. TAFT.

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MR. TAFT'S TARIFF TALK DIDN'T SAY DEPRESSION DUE TO PRESENT BILL.

Business Lull Due Largely, He Said, to Revision Agitation—Permanent Commission Later.

President-elect Taft made a vigorous protest last night against what he said was an absolute misrepresentation in some afternoon newspapers as to what he had said during the day in answering questions regarding tariff revision.

He had stated, he said, that the present business depression was undoubtedly due in a large measure to the fact that the tariff was to be revised at an extra session of Congress, to meet on March 15, and that it was of the highest importance that this work of revision should not be delayed, but executed with all possible diligence.

Mr. Taft also said that he favored the idea of a permanent tariff commission, the plan for which should be worked out with deliberation, the duties of such a commission to be to make a careful study of the operation of the proposed new tariff law, to the end that suggestions might be made in the future which would tend to place the whole question of the tariff on a more certain and scientific basis.

Upon this statement Mr. Taft was made to say that the present tariff schedules were responsible for the present business depression and that when they were revised their own parents would not know them, all of which was amplified at length and made positive by appearing to be a vigorous and enthusiastic statement.

POSITION NOT CHANGED.

Mr. Taft was perturbed over what he called a misrepresentation. He had, he said, changed his position in no way, and held the same views he had publicly announced during and since the campaign.

The subject of the tariff came up yesterday because of a call on Mr. Taft by J. W. Van Cleave, president of the National Manufacturers' Association, in which the subject of a tariff commission was mentioned.

President Van Cleave was accompanied by H. E. Miles, of Racine, Wis., chairman of the tariff committee of the National Manufacturers' Association. They were acting in their capacity as part of a committee from the National Tariff Commission to aid Congress in adjusting the schedules.

Mr. Taft told Mr. Van Cleave that he desired further information concerning a commission of tariff experts. The present lull in industry, Mr. Taft said, was undoubtedly due to impending tariff legislation, but he thought, with that knowledge in view, Congress would finish its deliberations at an early date, possibly in June.

Mr. Van Cleave said that the President-elect had expressed his belief in a tariff commission to consider changes from year to year.

Mr. Van Cleave said later that Mr. Taft's well known views on the tariff were accepted and endorsed by the Manufacturers' Association and by the recent convention. Speaking about the tariff Mr. Van Cleave said that the association was not opposed to ad valorem rates, and that in some instances the members favored a maximum and minimum rate.

He said that his association wanted to impress the President-elect and the public with the necessity of securing a tariff commission which would study the question thoroughly and which would give the country an honest and intelligent tariff, instead of the one that has been in force for the last forty years.

Mr. Van Cleave said he expected that the special session of Congress would adjourn before the middle of June.

NOT ENTIRELY IN ACCORD.

When Mr. Van Cleave's words were reported to the President-elect Mr. Taft said that he did not endorse entirely the views of Mr. Van Cleave. The President-elect said that he favored immediate revision of the tariff. The im-

CUTS OFF MME. NORDICA.

Aunt of Prima Donna Leaves Extraordinary Will.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 26.—An extraordinary will in many respects, that of Mrs. Nannie F. Allen, of Malden, aunt by marriage of Mme. Lillian Nordica, was filed in the Middlesex County Probate Court here to-day. The will disposes of property valued at \$100,000.

Cutting off all her own blood relatives with the explanation that the estate originally belonged to her husband, John W. Allen, and discriminating between her husband's relatives by leaving nothing to those whom she believed to be "endowed with plenty of this world's goods," Mrs. Allen qualified her bequests still further by ordering that the legatees shall each make oath and sign an affidavit that they will devote no part of their legacies to church or religious purposes. It is thought that the will will be contested in the courts by those persons cut off by Mrs. Allen.

Among these are Mme. Nordica, Imogen A. Costello, of Los Angeles; Ione A. Walker, of New York, and Anna M. Baldwin, of Boston. The will will come up in the probate court on March 11 for a hearing. The only public bequest made by Mrs. Allen was one lot of land in the Malden Hospital.

GERMANY WITH AUSTRIA.

Von Buelow Quoted as Promising Aid in War Against Russia.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The "Matin's" Berlin correspondent reports that Prince von Buelow, speaking at a conference of the parties of the bloc which are considering financial reforms, said that, despite the optimism prevailing regarding the Balkans, he considered the situation grave and unsafe. Of the attitude of Russia, the Chancellor is quoted as saying:

The Balkan question is like a barrel of gunpowder near which is a lighted torch. The least spark will set it off. We are ready, and in the representations which we made to Russia we did not disguise the fact that in case of a conflict breaking out between Austria and Servia, in which Russia supported by arms the latter country, we immediately would place ourselves beside Austria and attack Russia.

The correspondent says the Chancellor urged a vote of \$20,000,000 in taxes and asked the conference not to complicate the foreign situation by prolonging the internal crisis.

NINE SAD GAMBLERS.

They Came on the Adriatic, Whose Passengers Had Been Warned.

Nine professional gamblers who made the westward trip on the White Star liner Adriatic, which arrived from Southampton yesterday, fared badly.

Soon after clearing Cherbourg word reached Captain Smith that the nine were on board, and orders were issued at once that notices informing the passengers of the gamblers' presence on board should be posted in conspicuous places. All the "professionals" took the tip, and there was little effort made to relieve passengers of their money.

It was said that three gamblers started a small game of poker, during which they spent about \$50 for refreshments. When the game closed two men not in the ring had lost about \$38. It is estimated that the price of transportation for the nine "knights of the card and chip" amounted to about \$1,400. This sum, contrasted with a winning of \$38, meant that the "professionals" for once, at least, made an unprofitable passage to New York.

MANY TENNESSEE SENATORS FLEE?

Alleged Plot to Defeat Elections Laws Passed Over Governor Patterson's Veto.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 26.—That thirteen members of the State Senate have fled from the state in order to defeat the purpose of the recent election laws, passed over Governor Patterson's veto, is asserted in well informed circles to-night.

The thirteen members were declared in contempt of the Senate by that body this afternoon, and the sergeant-at-arms was instructed to go in pursuit of the absentees.

\$233,250 FOR PICTURES.

PAINTINGS IN GRAVES COLLECTION SOLD.

Highest Price Was \$27,000, Paid for "Sheep Shearing" by J. F. Millet—Forty-nine in Lot.

Mendelssohn Hall was filled to overflowing last evening, when forty-nine notable paintings collected by the late Henry Graves realized \$233,250. The sale, which was conducted by Thomas E. Kirby, excited spirited bidding from start to finish. The good prices for the most noteworthy pictures elicited enthusiastic applause.

The highest price was \$27,000, which was paid by Scott & Fowles for "Sheep Shearing," by J. F. Millet. The bidding started at \$5,000, and ran with leaps and bounds to the figure at which the picture was knocked down.

"Summer Morn'ng on the Oise," by Rousseau, was sold to Herman Schaus for \$14,500; "An Old Mill at Ville d'Avray," by Corot, to Glanzer & Co. for \$13,500; "The Flock of Sheep," a water color, by Mauve, to Glanzer & Co. for \$13,200; "Edge of the Forest," by Diaz, to Herman Schaus for \$13,000, and "L'abri d'un Bois Coupé," by Rousseau, to Edward Cahill for \$11,000.

Other noteworthy sales were:

Table listing various artworks and their prices, including 'The Artist's Studio', 'The Old Mill at Ville d'Avray', 'The Flock of Sheep', etc.

The sale of porcelains of the Graves collection at the American Art Galleries yesterday brought \$42,632.50, making a total of \$38,202.50 for the two days of that sale.

VELEZ NOT CONFIRMED.

Cuban Senate Holds Up Confirmation of Minister.

Havana, Feb. 26.—The nomination of Carlos Garcia Velez as Minister to the United States was sent to the Senate to-day by President Gomez. Contrary to expectations, the Senate did not confirm the appointment, but referred the question to a committee.

JAPANESE EDITOR INDICTED.

Hawaiian Grand Jury Takes Step to Prevent Inflammatory Publications.

Honolulu, Feb. 26.—Y. Soga, editor of the "Nippon Jiji," which for several weeks has waged a virulent campaign for a strike of Japanese plantation laborers for higher wages, and went so far as to advocate that all Japanese leave the Hawaiian Islands if their demands were not granted, has been indicted by a grand jury as a dangerous and disorderly person because of the inflammatory articles appearing in his paper. Soga's bail was fixed at \$50.

Have you tasted "Salada" Tea? It is delicious. All grocers sell it.—Adv't.

MOHAWK ON THE ROCKS.

REVENUE CUTTER BADLY CAUGHT IN HELL GATE.

She Is Leaking, but Pumps Are Working Well—Many Vessels Rush to Her Assistance.

[By Wireless to The Tribune.]

On Board United States Revenue Cutter Mohawk, Feb. 26.—The United States revenue cutter Mohawk, bound from New London for Tompkinsville, ran aground on Little Hog's Back, Hell Gate, at 5:15 o'clock to-night. With the fall of the tide the bow is resting on two bad rocks, and it is feared they will tear a hole in her bottom when the tugs pull on her.

She is leaking badly. Some water is in the forenoon, but the pumps are keeping ahead of the flow. Several beams in the bow are broken and others are bent.

Three powerful tugs are standing by, pontoons and lighters are on the way from the navy yard, and the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company. The revenue cutter Ponceon is on the scene. A steam lighter transfer will leave the navy yard as soon as two barges can be collected. The revenue cutter Apache will follow as soon as she returns from Iona Island. The ship is lying badly on the starboard side.

Officials at Washington are in constant wireless communication with the vessel through the United Wireless station. A diver is coming from the Merritt-Chapman company.

Running at half speed through Hell Gate, on her way from New London, Conn., to Tompkinsville, the first class revenue cutter Mohawk struck a submerged reef known as Little Hog's Back and stuck hard and fast on the spine of the rock. The reef is situated about two hundred feet southeast of Ward's Island and a little more than a mile from Astoria. It is believed the vessel can be floated to-day.

The boat was caught in the strong ebb tide which rushes through the channel at this point with the velocity of a millrace, and it appeared to those who were watching the boat from shore that the Mohawk had lost control of her steering gear.

The boat bore down upon the reef broadside, and when she struck the jagged rock there was a crash that could be heard on the Long Island shore.

The revenue cutter Manhattan was at once dispatched to the aid of the stranded vessel from her station at the navy yard, while the police launch C, in charge of Sergeant William Beachler and ten patrolmen, also started for the scene. Several other boats were later sent to the place, including the fireboat George B. McClellan, transfer tugs Nos. 11 and 18, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company; a tug from the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company and a tug from the McConnell Wrecking Company, of Harlem.

It was expected that the boat could be floated at high tide, which was due at about 3:30 o'clock this morning.

Captain Hamlet and Lieutenant Cochran, of the revenue cutter service, returned to the Battery on the Manhattan late last night. They said they had talked with Captain Staley H. Landrey, of the Mohawk, who gave the following explanation of how the accident occurred:

"As we came through Hell Gate on our way to Tompkinsville for supplies we met two lighters coming in the opposite direction. The tide was running swiftly at the time, but I tried to go to starboard, the lighters also endeavoring to go to starboard. I feared, however, that I could not pass them, as we were very close, and to avoid running them down, with a possible consequent loss of life, I took the risk of going out of my course. I was drawing thirteen feet of water at the time, and promptly found myself on the rocks."

The Mohawk is a steel boat, of 980 tons burden, and 350 feet long. She carries a crew of twenty-five men and two small guns. Her wireless apparatus was called into play almost as soon as she struck the reef, and was of great service in summoning aid, and in keeping the officials at the navy yard and other posts informed of the boat's condition.

GREAT SHOCK RECORDED.

Earthquake Believed 5,000 Miles from Isle of Wight.

Cowes, Feb. 26.—Professor Milne's seismograph, on the Isle of Wight, recorded a great earthquake at 5 o'clock this evening, supposedly five thousand miles distant.

CRUISE WRECKED NERVES.

Captain Hutchins in Pitiable Mental Condition.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Captain Hamilton Hutchins, who was relieved of the command of the battleship Kearsarge by Admiral Sperry just before the fleet left Gibraltar, is to be examined by a special medical board, which will look into his mental and physical condition. His mental condition is said to be most pitiable.

It was because of the great nervousness under which Captain Hutchins labored that he was, at his own request, relieved of his command. He told Admiral Sperry that he did not feel willing to trust himself on the bridge of the vessel for any length of time, and felt that in justice to the department and to the officers and men under his command he should be relieved of the responsibility of bringing the ship back to the United States. His condition is believed to be due to the great strain and responsibilities incident to the voyage around the world.

The functions of a naval medical board are practically identical with those of an army retiring board, and on its recommendations will depend whether Captain Hutchins shall remain on the active list or be retired. Admiral Sperry says that there were no charges against the captain.

WESLEYAN BARS WOMEN.

Trustees Decide to Discontinue Co-educational System.

The trustees of Wesleyan University decided yesterday to discontinue the coeducational system within the next two years. This action was taken at a meeting held at No. 150 Fifth avenue, and was the result of a prolonged discussion. The question of whether or not a separate college for women will be founded in Middletown was put over until the next meeting, but it is believed that such a course will be taken if the money can be raised.

It was decided to make attendance at chapel on Sunday afternoon compulsory. The trustees took no action on a petition handed to them by the student body to allow them to hold a junior promenade in Fayerweather Gymnasium. As dancing is not sanctioned by the Methodist Episcopal Church, it has not been permitted in the gymnasium. The fraternity houses have frequently held "hops," but never on a large scale. The matter was left over until the next meeting.

For the last thirty-six years Wesleyan has been a coeducational institution. The number of women students has always been limited to 20 per cent of the total enrollment. The undergraduate body has frequently tried to have women barred from the college.

SEIZE 6,000 GALLONS OF WHISKEY.

Internal Revenue Officers Also Arrest Four Men in Bayonne Raid.

Internal Revenue Officers John J. Bechtold, James V. Logue and Joseph O'Hearn early yesterday morning seized twenty-three demijohns containing whiskey that was being loaded into a wagon from a Bayonne, N. J., warehouse, and which did not bear government stamps. The officers arrested Evan Coski, Philip Lipschitz, Nathan Schoobe and Harris Rubin.

The accused will have a hearing to-day before United States Commissioner Lindsay Rowe, in Jersey City. Rubin gave his address as No. 51 East Broadway, New York, and said he is a rabbi. The officers also worked down upon the distillery, and confiscated in all over six thousand gallons of whiskey.

FINED FOR A TOLSTOY ARTICLE.

Moscow, Feb. 25.—The newspaper "Zhig" was to-day fined \$1,500 for printing Count Tolstoy's latest article against the infliction of the death penalty, entitled "No Evil Without Good."

HONOR FOR MR. ROOT.

AS PEACE PROMOTER.

CENSURES THOSE WHO WOULD BAR JAPANESE.

Mr. Taft, Mr. Hughes and Ambassadors Bryce, Takahira and Nabuco Praise Work of Senator-elect.

"It rests with you and me to promote peace."

This was the message brought by Senator-elect Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, to the dinner given in his honor by the Peace Society of the City of New York at the Hotel Astor last night. He said there were few cases of actual injustice of one nation to another in the world to-day, and that the chief causes of war now were "insult, contemptuous treatment, bad manners, arrogant and provincial assertion of superiority." "And in this country we are far from free from being guilty of all these causes of war," added Mr. Root.

Referring to the legislation recently proposed in California, Nevada and Montana regarding the treatment of Japanese, Mr. Root said that those who had introduced it were guilty of an insult to a nation "worthy of respect, honor and homage of mankind" that would have brought on a private war in any private relation.

That the people should frown on all such things, and ostracize, if necessary, those guilty of them, was the advice of Mr. Root. This, he said, would do much for the promotion of peace.

It was in many ways the most noteworthy dinner held in this city in many years. Those who spoke, in addition to Mr. Root, were President-elect Taft, Governor Hughes, Ambassador James Bryce, Ambassador Takahira of Japan, Ambassador Joaquim Nabuco of Brazil and former Ambassador Joseph H. Choate, who presided in the absence of Andrew Carnegie, president of the Peace Society. All paid the highest tribute to the guest for his great services in the interest of peace.

The President-elect in the beginning of his speech paid this graceful tribute to the guest of the evening: "The first thing I want to say is in an apologetic tone, as my mind has been carried back through my knowledge and acquaintance with Elihu Root, that he ought to be President-elect and I ought to be a prospective member of his Cabinet, because I know how to serve under him."

Among the six hundred diners were many men of international reputation and in the public eye in the various walks of life. Many women of prominence were also at the tables. The dining rooms were beautifully decorated, the peace flags of various nations—the national emblems on fields of white—were arranged around the walls.

JAPAN'S TRIBUTE TO MR. ROOT.

Baron Takahira, the Japanese Ambassador, after paying a high tribute to Mr. Root, referred to the recent agitation regarding America's relations with Japan, and attributed it to much the same cause as that given by Mr. Root—that is, public clamor. He said he was happy to see that the public had become convinced of the folly of the propagation of war rumors.

On behalf of the Austrian Peace Society, of which she is president, the Baroness von Suttner sent a cable message of "homage to Elihu Root." She is the holder of a Nobel peace prize, and Mr. Choate referred to her as having done equal service with President Roosevelt in promoting the peace of the world.

Mr. Choate, in opening the speaking, said that the Peace Society was doing honor to Mr. Root "because in the last four years he has done more to promote peace in this nation, and all nations, than any other living man." It might be left to him, he thought, to speak of the professional side of Mr. Root's career, having known him for forty years. In a happy vein he sketched the rise of Mr. Root to pre-eminence at the bar. He spoke of the "sweet reasonableness and modesty" of Mr. Root, which singled

HAAN'S RESTAURANT, PARK ROW BLDG. Refined surroundings for Luncheon, Dinner, Music.—Adv't.