

"\$60,000 OR DYAMITE!" IS BLACK HAND THREAT Pinned Beneath Auto, Helpless Men Await Death by Fire

TAFT PUTS SIGNATURE TO TARIFF

Congress Adjourns After Duty Measures Fixed

CONFERENCE REPORT IS AC- CEPTED BY BOTH HOUSES

GOOD NATURE AMONG SOLONS SEEMS TO BE PREVALENT

Rates on Various Leather Manu- factures Are Reduced to Meet Views of Western Senators

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The tariff has been revised and the extraordinary session of congress is ended. Both houses adjourned sine die at 6 o'clock tonight. This is a matter of fact the house adjourned at 5:38 p. m. and the senate at 5:58 p. m.

The closing hours were uninteresting. The conference report was agreed to by the senate, 47 to 31, at 2 p. m., and soon after the concurrent resolution making certain changes in the leather schedule was adopted by both houses.

President Taft arrived at the capitol at 4:45 and entered the president's room. His appearance caused congressmen to form in line to be received by him. There was a constant procession of handshaking statesmen through the president's room from the time of his arrival until his departure, at 5:58 o'clock.

At six minutes past five the Payne tariff bill, as the measure will be known, was laid before the president. He picked up a pen supplied by Chairman Payne, which had been used by both the vice president and the speaker in signing the bill, and attached his signature.

After writing "William H. Taft," the president added "signed five minutes after 5 o'clock, Aug. 5, 1909—W. H. T."

Many Accompany Him

With the president at the time were Secretary Knox, Secretary MacVeagh, Attorney General Wickham, Postmaster General Hitchcock, Secretary Nagle, Secretary Wilson, Senator Aldrich, Representative Payne and numerous senators and representatives.

As the senators filed into the room the president had something of a personal nature to say to each, and good nature appeared to be overflowing. Senator Taliaferro of Florida, in rather a plaintive tone, said:

"Mr. President, surely you are not going to sign that bill with that pineapple paragraph in it?"

He referred to the fact that he had the duty increased on pineapples in the senate, but the advance was eliminated in conference.

"What would you have me do? Shall I strike out pineapples altogether or just write in a rate to suit you?" asked Mr. Taft, laughingly.

A short time afterward Senator Fletcher of Florida was calling the president good-bye. The Florida was dismissed with a "Goodbye, old pineapples, take care of yourself."

The president tried to mollify Senator Warren of his disappointment over free hides, and he greeted Senator Heyburn, who said on the floor today that no rate in the bill was too high to suit him, with a "how are you, old high tariff?"

No Hurry to Sign Bill

When the committee of the senate and house, appointed to inform the president that the extraordinary session was ready to adjourn, called at the president's room, the bill had not been signed.

"Well, I have not signed the bill yet," said the president. "Do you think I ought to adjourn congress before I sign it?"

The announcement had been made by Mr. Aldrich on the theory that nothing stood in the way of adjournment. There had been a good deal of talk about the possibility of a veto, everybody in the room caught the significance of the president's jocularity. "I certainly do not," hastily replied Senator Aldrich.

The delay in laying the bill before the president was due to Representative Payne's desire to convey the document to the president personally.

After signing the general tariff bill, Mr. Taft signed the Philippine tariff bill.

The president picked up a mother-of-pearl pen, which had been sent him from the Philippine islands to be used in signing this measure. He wrote his name with a flourish that was not in evidence when he signed the general tariff bill.

The president left the capitol at 5:30 to return to the White House through a driving storm. The signing of the bill had been preceded by a busy day in the White House and the senate.

Four Hours Devoted to Debate

Meeting at 10 o'clock, the senate devoted four hours to final debate on the measure. At 2 o'clock the vote was taken on the adoption of the conference report. The senate then adopted Mr. Aldrich's concurrent resolution providing for the adjournment of the session.

NEW PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL BASEBALL TO SUCCEED PULLIAM



CINCINNATI, Aug. 5.—It is probable that John A. Heydler, acting president of the National baseball league, will succeed to the presidency made vacant by the tragic death of Harry Pulliam. When Mr. Pulliam went on a long vacation because of ill health Mr. Heydler as secretary of the league assumed the duties of president at the request of the board of directors, and capably administered the affairs of the big organization. The constitution of the league requires the president to remain in office until thirty days after the death of an incumbent. But this was impossible following Pulliam's death, because several of the directors were in remote parts of the country on their vacations.

BELIEVES BED ON HAY WITH MILK DIET WILL CURE MANY DISEASES

SANTA MONICA, Aug. 5.—Believing he has discovered a new system of healing, J. M. Miller, a mechanic, who has been ill for several months, clambered on top of a hay stack near Eighth and Center streets Tuesday morning, determined to remain there until the warmth and sweetness of the hay had removed his sickness.

Miller took no nourishment save a few drinks of warm milk carried to him by a neighbor's boy. When found by the police he was in a helpless condition and had to be carried from the stack.

Miller says the combination of salt air and a fresh hay bed ought to cure all nervous and blood diseases, and that he will start a new school of healing. He is perfectly rational and believes that the police have prevented a successful demonstration of his theories.

THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST

For Los Angeles and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness Friday and showers in the foothills and mountains; light north wind, changing to fresh south. Maximum temperature yesterday, 83 degrees; minimum temperature, 57 degrees.

LOCAL

Sixty thousand dollars demanded from former Mayor W. H. Workman, E. W. Barrett and Warren Wilson by "Black Hand" fiend under pain of death.

Harry C. Freeman and J. Lawrence Elgholz have miraculous escape from death by fire while pinned under automobile on Venice road early yesterday morning.

Figures show that Owens river aqueduct will be finished, including cover, at less than estimated cost.

Chamber of commerce will ask supervisors to post signs on desert showing direction and distance to water.

Detailed story of "redlight" graft, implicating Broadhead, Harper, Kern and Schenck, is told on witness stand by Nick Oswald.

Los Angeles chamber of commerce special train with big party on board left for Seattle fair at 8:30 o'clock last night.

Examination of Chauffeur C. A. Fischer for killing of Mrs. Dora Fisher begun before Justice Summerfield.

"Egg session and 'harvest home' will be held by Illinois association at Playa del Rey Admision day.

Official action toward the erection of a new city hall is taken by councilmen at last.

Members of good roads advisory committee declare war on board of supervisors and decide to fight for fulfillment of promises made. Meeting scheduled for Monday.

COAST

Railroads with centers at San Francisco give notice they will fight so-called Spokane decision.

Governor Gillett will hear arguments for pardon of Col. Baron Bradbury at his summer home in mountains of Humboldt county.

EASTERN

Lieutenant Utley testifies in Sutton tragedy and corroborated other officers' testimony. Uncle runs away with niece whom he claims to love more than his wife.

President Taft signs new tariff bill and extraordinary session of congress adjourns.

Alton B. Parker declares new tariff measure to be deceptive and drawn to fool the people. Tales of Stanford White's infamy told again in Thaw trial.

Knights of Columbus convention at Mobile, Ala., ended. Half million dollar endowment fund is indorsed.

American aviator leaves New York for Europe to enter competition at Rheims, France.

Jealous stage rival becomes too realistic and slips real dagger instead of rubber one into colleague's.

FOREIGN

Even grave-diggers now on strike in Swedish capital. Gas and electric plants guarded by troops.

VICTIM WATCHES GASOLINE DRIP TOWARD FLAME

ONE MAN CONSCIOUS—OTHER PINNED BENEATH TONNEAU

NEITHER ABLE TO STOP FLOW OF DEADLY DISTILLATE

Harry C. Freeman Makes Crawl of Agony with Broken Arm and Wounds and Finally Saves J. L. Elgholz, Companion

HARRY C. FREEMAN and J. Lawrence Elgholz, who lay for an hour early yesterday morning under the debris of a wrecked automobile, awaiting an explosion from the ignition of escaping gas fumes by the Prestolite lamps on the car, told a hospital yesterday at the California hospital of deliverance from death at an instant when both had abandoned hope, in momentary expectation of the flash which would have ended their lives. The two men were the victims of an accident which occurred one-half mile east of the convergence of Washington and Adams streets with Venice road, when the Mitchell car which they were driving overturned, pinning Elgholz beneath the tonneau, and leaving Freeman helpless and frightfully injured beside the wreckage, listening to the drip of gasoline from the tank and counting the moments until the lamp flames should catch the fumes and end all in the consuming flash.

Held by Broken Bones

Freeman's first attempts to aid his more seriously injured companion were ineffectual because the protruding bones of his broken right arm was caught and held under a root of a tree against which he had been thrown, although later, after infinite struggle and pain, he freed himself.

Elgholz is an automobile writer and Freeman is the manager of the Stearns-Locomobile 300-mile race which will be held in Ascot park August 15. Elgholz received dangerous internal injuries, a deep cut on the forehead, in which eight stitches were taken, a deep gash on the right leg and painful bruises and contusions over the entire body.

Freeman is more painfully but not so dangerously injured. He received a compound comminuted fracture of the right forearm, several deep lacerations of the left shoulder and of the left ankle, in addition to a deep cut across the bridge of the nose and a number of painful bruises.

The victims of the accident were members of a party of newspaper men and automobile dealers who were guests at a dinner given Wednesday evening at the Alexandria hotel. After those in attendance had dispersed Freeman and Elgholz made a trip to Venice road in the latter's car, with several other members of the party, who also drove automobiles.

Going at Easy Speed

The Mitchell was the last of the procession of four cars which left Venice shortly after midnight, and was but a short distance behind the others when the crash occurred. All were traveling leisurely and Freeman and Elgholz could see through the fog bank the rear lights of the car ahead.

"The memory of the accident still seems like a delirium," said Freeman at the hospital late yesterday afternoon.

"The car was running smoothly and I remember that we lessened speed slightly as we passed the junction of Adams and Washington streets with the Venice road. I remembered Elgholz, who was the wheel, that the fog was lowering. Through the mists I could see dimly the lights of the car ahead and could occasionally catch the pounding of the wheels on the moon stood above the fog bank and we could see the road clearly for several hundred yards ahead.

Had Premonition of Danger

"As we approached a wide turn Elgholz lessened speed slightly, although we were traveling no more than thirty miles an hour. As the car swept around the turn I had a shuddering premonition of danger, with the skidding of the wheels on the oiled roadway.

"Just as I was about to shout a warning to Elgholz, there was a rift in the darkness, the darkness grew to a blinding instant of chaos, and the slow pulse of returning consciousness, with dim impressions crowding in on my returning senses. There was the moon again, still slipping behind the fog bank; there was the black silhouette of a grove of trees across the roadway, and finally a pencil of rays shot from the still burning lamps of the overturned automobile into the blackness ahead.

"It seemed to me that the engine still was running and that I could hear the pounding, but as I peered at the machine half blinded by fragments of my broken glasses, I saw that it was overturned, and I could see that the engine could not be running.

No Answer from Friend

"Larry," I called several times. "There was no answer and I moved slightly to crawl toward the machine. A wave of excruciating pain threw me again into a momentary unconsciousness and when I regained my senses I tried to move. My right arm was held fast. I felt it with my left. The forearm had been broken and one of the splintered ends had been driven under a root of a tree against which I lay.

"Cautiously I freed myself, and clinging to the tree trunk drew myself up. An instant later I fell on my face, again senseless.

"When I again regained consciousness the fog had lifted and the level of the ground that Elgholz was pinned under the tonneau. I could see his under

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CAN PUT COVER ON DITCH AND BEAT ESTIMATE

AQUEDUCT WILL BE READY BY END OF TIME LIMIT

BIG CEMENT OUTPUT SOLVES DIFFICULT PROBLEM

Assurances of Developments of Vast Importance Given Engineers' and Architects' Associa- tion by Assistant

ABSOLUTE assurance of developments of great importance in the Owens river aqueduct work was given to the Engineers' and Architects' Association of Southern California last night by J. B. Lippincott, assistant chief engineer of the aqueduct bureau. Mr. Lippincott showed the following definite facts, proved by recent work along the aqueduct and investigations lately concluded:

The aqueduct will be finished within the time limit, not as an open conduit, but as a closed tube between the Halvoo reservoir and the San Fernando valley, for less than the original estimate of approximately \$25,000,000. This estimate did not figure in the cover, but the saving which will be more than great enough to include the cost of the cover.

The Elizabeth tunnel, originally feared as the possible source of possible delay in completing the work, is so far advanced as to be no longer the controlling factor in determining the time in which the project may be finished. This factor of control is now shifted to the output of the cement mill. The cement plant was figured in at producing a maximum of 1000 barrels as a daily average. It is now running an average of 1050 barrels daily.

Half of Work Done

The most difficult part of the work was started first and is now far enough advanced to show that the aqueduct can certainly be finished in time and for less than the estimate. Fifty per cent of the tunnel work is now completed.

To finish the work within the five-year limit it was estimated at the end of March that the daily progress on completed conduit must average a rate of 750 feet a day. Instead of going forward at the rate of 400 feet daily with an indication that this may be increased several hundred feet as a daily average without great trouble, it was the opinion of the finance committee that the opinion of the committee was that the present city hall and the site on which it is located should be sold, lower-priced land secured and a magnificent building erected. It is the opinion of the committee that this could be done without the expenditure of one cent of tax or bond money, but solely from the proceeds of the sale of the old building and grounds.

Superior Water Promised

Other tests lately completed prove beyond question that the water supply to be diverted into Los Angeles mains by the aqueduct will be of a quality superior to the water now in use. Continued measure of the flow of streams tributary to the Owens river fully confirms the estimate as to the quantity available. Samples taken every seven days for an extended period from the Owens river and its tributary show conclusively that the blended water is of a superior quality, and that the mineral content of the water now delivered at city homes, "in other words," said Mr. Lippincott, "the water will be highly satisfactory, and better in quality than that we are now using."

These statements, related by Mr. Lippincott to an expert and critical audience last night, are backed by ample proof in the offices of the aqueduct bureau. They are sufficient to answer absolutely the anti-consolidation critics of the finance committee of the city council that Los Angeles does not know what she is talking about regarding the completion of the aqueduct on time and for the sum originally estimated.

Pays Tribute to Chief

Mr. Lippincott told these tremendous facts in a matter of fact a manner as though he were discussing zanias or storm sewers. He closed his talk with a strong tribute to the qualities of his chief, William Mulholland, than whom there is not, he said, "a man nobler, kinder, of broader ideas or of greater heart, possessing a most unique combination of skill, honesty and absolute genius."

The engineers and architects met for their monthly dinner and discussion in the basket room of the Hollenbeck hotel. It was the last meeting at which the president of the association, Capt. Amos A. Fries, presided, and the association took affairs out of his hands long enough to present him, through their secretary, Henry Z. Osborne, Jr., a resolution expressing their appreciation of their esteem for his work at the Los Angeles district. Capt. Fries leaves in his second term as president of the Engineers and Architects' association, and resolutions showing the strong affection and regard of the members were unanimously adopted last night.

Face Toward Southland

"I am not going away to stay with

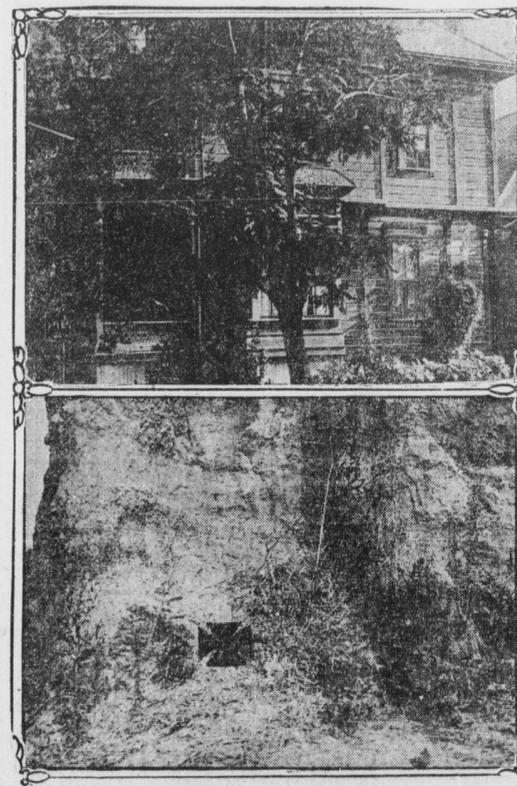
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SAN PEDRO HARBOR

The final article of the series entitled "San Pedro Harbor" will appear in tomorrow's Herald.

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Workman Residence Which Was Threatened by Plotters



Vacant lot at Hollenbeck drive and Boyle avenue, designated by blackmailers as place where money was to be placed. Cross shows where Uncle Billy Workman buried his decoy sack of washers.

NEW CITY HALL MOVE STARTED

OFFICIAL ACTION IS TAKEN BY COUNCILMEN

Wallace, Dromgold and Blanchard Be- lieve Fine Building Could Be Erected from Proceeds of Present Site

The first official action towards a new city hall was taken by the finance committee of the council yesterday when it issued a statement signed by all three members of the committee to the effect that it was the opinion of the finance committee that the present city hall and the site on which it is located should be sold, lower-priced land secured and a magnificent building erected. It is the opinion of the committee that this could be done without the expenditure of one cent of tax or bond money, but solely from the proceeds of the sale of the old building and grounds.

WOMAN WAITING FOR AUTO REPAIRS KILLED BY MOTOR

Speeding Machine Crushes Member of Another Party Who Is Delayed by Accident

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5.—Mrs. May Real, a widow, was killed early today by an unidentified automobile on the Linnton road, several miles north of this city.

Mrs. Real was one of a party of five or six persons whose automobile had broken down. While repairs were being made the autoists walked up and down the road.

Suddenly a big red car came down the road at high speed, struck Mrs. Real and threw her 20 feet from the road, killing her instantly. The red car continued on its way and was soon out of sight.

COURT SAYS FATHER NEED ONLY VISIT CHILD ONCE A WEEK

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Just how often a father of ordinary and proper affections should desire to see and visit with an infant son of sixteen months was officially passed on yesterday by Judge Brady in the supreme court.

The issue came up on a writ of habeas corpus secured by Joseph Magnus, directing his wife, Josephine, to produce in court their sixteen-months old son, Joseph, Jr.

The mother's attorney explained the father and mother were not living together. Judge Brady said he thought the proper place for the child was with the mother, but said that the father could come and visit it once a week.

"Once a week, I think, is all that any ordinary father, no matter how devoted, would care to visit an infant of sixteen months," commented the court.

Other Quarters Rented

In addition to using the attic as much as possible, suites of offices are rented by the city in the Copp building adjoining the city hall and the civil service commission has been authorized to secure offices in the Conservatory building.

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DEATH IS MENACE OF ASSASSIN

Three Prominent Citizens Receive Warning Notes

FORMER MAYOR WORKMAN ATTEMPTS CAPTURE

LEAVES IRON WASHERS INSTEAD OF GOLD AT INDICATED SPOT

E. W. Barrett and Warren Wilson Are Two Other Victims Selected by Man Who Leaves Threatening Letters at Front Doors

DEMANDING sums aggregating \$60,000, the refusal of which will result in murder, assassination and the blowing up of the homes of the victims by dynamite, a "Black Hand" organization has delivered letters to former Mayor William H. ("Uncle Billy") Workman, 357 South Boyle avenue; E. W. Barrett, capitalist, 542 South Boyle avenue, and left a warning at the home of Warren Wilson, owner of the Los Angeles Journal, of 517 South Boyle avenue. Mr. Wilson is now traveling in Europe and did not receive the letter.

The three letters now in the hands of the police are all written in German and bear no signature, but the handwriting is identical and the substance of the communications is practically the same.

The letter addressed to E. W. Barrett gives him until August 9 to deposit \$20,000 under some brush at the corner of Hollenbeck drive and Boyle avenue.

The one intended for Warren Wilson gives him until a later date to deposit a like amount.

Workman Tries a Ruse

Last week "Uncle Billy" Workman was ordered to leave his \$20,000 at the Boyle avenue rendezvous, but the sturdy and undaunted pioneer refused to be intimidated, and on the final night of grace allowed he went in his automobile to the spot designated by the blackmailers and placed a sack of iron washers under the brush pile there and hastened away, having in the meantime instructed detectives to be on the watch for the messenger sent to get the money.

In some manner the detectives were fooled. During the night the sack of supposed gold was removed from its place of concealment, but no person was seen to approach the spot.

The naming of the same place of concealment in each letter is no proof of this being the work of a crazy man, for the writer in each communication affixed terrible and immediate penalties as a result of the disclosure of the contents of the communication. The spot chosen for the hiding of the money demanded was arranged with remarkable foresight and craft.

Concealment Was Easy

To the north the thick growth of trees and the shrubbery of Hollenbeck park afford excellent facilities for concealment, while the open nature of the ground immediately surrounding the spot where the money was to be placed, would make it possible for a man to skulk in hiding and observe all that took place.

An abrupt rise in the ground at the southeast corner of Hollenbeck drive and Boyle avenue forms a miniature plateau, and there it might be possible for a night prowler to conceal himself in the weeds of this unsettled portion of ground and observe the country from every direction, and yet be able to have a safe means of retreat to the east or north.

On the west side of Boyle avenue a line of high sign boards throw a deep shadow of gloom at night, and there also it would be possible to observe and remain unobserved, and if anyone could gain access to the grounds of the Santa Fe hospital, several blocks to the southwest, he could watch the exact spot indicated in the letters from a safe distance from the high building there.

Only Quick Dash Needed

Abysmal blackness enshrouds all of the territory immediately adjacent to the corner and anyone who came to carry away money could dash to the spot and back into the blackness in an instant.

When seen at his home yesterday and confronted with details regarding the Black Hand plot, "Uncle Billy" Workman reluctantly admitted that he had received a letter of the kind described and eventually conceded that he had left a bag of iron washers at the rendezvous. At the memory of this the face of the grim old pioneer slightly relaxed and he appeared to grin.

"Yes, and if anyone goes fooling around here," commented the court.

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UNCLE BILLY WORKMAN