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## A TRIBUTE TO TAFT.

Kansas Congressman Says President Is Gaining Friends.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—"The people are endeavoring to read Taft," was the trite but truthful utterance of Phillip Campbell of Kansas, member of the house of representatives of congress, who was with President Taft during several days of the president's sojourn in Kansas. He was discussing, for publication, the results of the president's trans-continental tour.

"The people are now thinking it over," is the way he put it, "and they find much to praise and little to blame in the two and half years of President Taft's administration. They admire the president's straightforward way of doing and saying things, the goodness and simplicity of his nature; his quiet and unpretentious manner of doing things. His policy of breaking up monopolies, showing no hostility to successful business properly conducted, is winning favor everywhere. I have talked with farmers, railroad men, mechanics, miners and business men and they are not worrying because a few men who have been making loud noise have been deprived of their thunder by the quiet, forceful work of the president. They are wondering, however, why it is that as soon as the anti-trust law is given life and is being enforced the interests and certain leaders at once want the law changed. President Taft is gaining strength and the prospects for his re-election grow brighter day by day."

## Tariff Board Deadlocked.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The tariff board, it is said, will recommend specific duties on wool and cotton. The bills prepared by the present ways and means committee provided ad valorem duties. Chairman Underwood denounced specific duties as unduly favorable to protected interests. The tariff board is deadlocked in the last days of its consideration of the wool and woolen schedule, over the margin between the duties on raw and manufactured wool. The Underwood bill provided for an ad valorem duty of 20 per cent on raw wool. Mr. Taft vetoed the Underwood bill; because, he said, he did not know whether the duties were low or high.

"What duty Mr. Taft will advise is the question," said Representatives Brantley of the ways and means committee today. "He must drop below 44.31, the Payne-Aldrich duty."

Some time ago it was reported that the president would recommend 27 per cent ad valorem or its equivalent in specific duties.

## They Tarrered School Teacher.

LINCOLN CENTER, Kan., Nov. 20.—How the Sandy Bend "tar party" met at the mill of E. J. Clark, one of the wealthiest citizens of the community, and arranged the details of the plot to tar Miss Mary Chamberlain, was told on the witness stand by Chester Anderson, one of the "party" at the beginning of the trial today.

The three men on trial, Anderson testified, are not members of the band who actually "spread the tar," as they came to the rendezvous on foot and were unable to keep up with the others, who rode motor cycles.

County Attorney McCasless made the opening statement for the prosecution, narrating the history of the case. "They held up the buggy at the point of pistols," McCasless declared. "They took the young woman from the buggy and threw her on the ground. They tore off her clothes, while one poured rubber tar on her naked body. All of the men wore masks."

## Great Northern Train Wreck.

RUGBY, N. D., Nov. 20.—The Great Northern fast mail train, No. 28, east-bound, collided head-on with a freight train six miles from here Sunday, killing the engineer and fireman of the passenger and injuring five others.

harvester company ought not to be punished for the mere possession of power and it is announced its "intention of vigorously resisting the fine."

## Floods Cause Damage.

SEATTLE, Nov. 19.—The warm chinook winds of the past few days, bringing a heavy downpour of rain in the lowlands, and melting the six feet of early snow in the Cascade mountains, flooded the rivers of western Washington today, broke the dam of the municipal electric plant, cut off Seattle's water supply, demoralized railroad service, washed out bridges and flooded many farms and valley towns. No lives have been reported lost.

## Appeal Spokane Rate Case.

SPOKANE, Nov. 18.—Spokane shippers joined today with the department of justice and the Interstate Commerce commission in an appeal to the supreme court of the United States of the recent adverse decision of the commerce court in the Spokane rate case.

The department of justice requested the action, in a telegram to counsel for the local commercial organization.

## A Government Livestock Exhibit.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The department of agriculture will be among the exhibitors at the international livestock exposition to be held in Chicago December 29 and the national mid-winter sheep show now in connection with the national wool growers' association convention in Omaha December 13-16. The government entry will be two yearling sheep bred and owned by the department.

Secretary Wilson today ordered that this exhibit be made so as to afford sheepmen the first opportunity they have had to observe the progress of the experiment in breeding range sheep started by the department in 1906 and still maintained at Laramie, Wyo.

## PACKERS' TRIAL DELAYED.

Defendants Endeavor To Defeat Plans of Prosecution.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Counsel for the nine Chicago packers indicted under the Sherman anti-trust act succeeded late today in getting a further delay in the criminal trial, which was scheduled to begin Monday in the United States district court. The delay—until next Wednesday—was granted by Judge C. C. Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court, where, earlier in the day, the defendants had been defeated in efforts to make effective a writ of habeas corpus. An appeal to the United States supreme court was allowed by Judge Kohlsaat in his decision. After deciding to quash the writ of habeas corpus and after ordering the defendants remanded on their sureties, Judge Kohlsaat agreed to delay formal entry of his decision and order until Wednesday morning. This, it is asserted, will necessitate postponement of the opening of the criminal trial of the packers long enough to permit the indicted men to go before the United States supreme court, before they automatically have accepted jurisdiction in the district court by appearing at the trial there.

James Sheehan of special counsel for the government made sharp objection to this delay while the point was being argued before Judge Kohlsaat this afternoon.

"It has taken eight years to get a plea of 'not guilty' from these defendants," said Attorney Sheehan, "and now, six months after the 'not guilty' plea has been entered, the trial has not been begun and the defendants have not faced a jury. I protest at any further delay."

## Congressman Roasts Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Declaring that Theodore Roosevelt makes Alexander Hamilton look like a novice as an advocate of abolition, Representative Henry of Texas, chairman of the house committee on rules issued a formal statement today in answer to the former president's views on the trust question in his recent editorial in Outlook.

Mr. Henry asserts that Mr. Roosevelt, through his "message," is feeling the pulse of the American people for a third term, that he is "trying to discredit Mr. Taft and Mr. Wickersham," and predicts that he will "find the road to the presidency 'rocky' while he is running for a third term, with the steel trust snugly and congenially sitting astride his shoulders."

The democratic congressman who recently made public proposed amendments to the Sherman law providing that trust officials be forced to wear "felons' stripes," assails Mr. Roosevelt chiefly for what he terms his advocacy of "legislative courts" and "legislative executives."

## AGAINST PARCELS POST.

Resolutions in Trans-Mississippi Congress Not Favorable.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 17.—Having failed in their efforts to have their measures accepted by the committee on resolutions, friends of state rights and the parcels post carried their fight to the floor of the trans-Mississippi congress today when the resolutions came up for adoption.

Chairman Ralph Faxon of Garden City, Kansas, presented the resolutions committee report, which directly opposed the parcels post and was not firm enough on state's rights to satisfy some of the delegates. Several times during the reading of the report Dr. G. P. Neal of Fort Madison, Iowa, gave notice that he had a minority report to read.

The majority report declaring against the parcels post was adopted 90 to 16. The monetary question, which it was thought would precipitate a battle, did not cause a ripple. A resolution recommending the "careful consideration of the plan for stock by the national monetary commission," was adopted.

The report of the committee on permanent organization, nominating officers for next year headed by A. C. Trumbo of Muskogee, Oklahoma, for president was adopted.

## Court Controls Commission.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—That the interstate commerce commission had virtually been shorn of its powers as a result of the decision of the court of commerce affecting the long and short haul clauses of the law regulating interstate transportation is declared here today by men who for years have been actively connected with the work of the commission.

They believe that the decision just rendered will precipitate another legislative struggle to empower the commission with sole authority to act in cases where the principle is involved. Sentiment in congress against the continued existence of the court appears to be growing.

Officials here say that the decision means that the commission cannot fix "blanket rates," but must confine its work to fixing rates in special cases as they are presented on formal complaint.

## To Change Inauguration Date.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Determined efforts to amend the constitution changing the date of the inauguration of the president and vice president of the United States from March 4 to the last Thursday in April and altering the official term of the session of congress to be one of the features of the 62d congress, which will assemble in regular session next month.

## Opposed To Free Sugar.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Beet sugar manufacturers, who have been meeting in Chicago for the last few days, closed their session today, after formulating plans to oppose the propaganda in the interests of free sugar, said to be carried on by the cane sugar manufacturers and the New York importing interests.

The beet sugar men claim they produce annually 600,000 tons of sugar and draw raw material from 16 states, extending from Ohio to California, and pay the American farmer \$20,000,000 annually therefor.

They contend that by putting raw sugar on the free list the domestic industry would be destroyed and competition eliminated, and therefore the importers and refiners would have a complete monopoly.

## Alberta Strike Settled.

LETHBRIDGE, Nov. 16.—Sewed thousand coal miners of the Crows Nest Pass district, who have been on strike continuously since the beginning of April, will return to work on Monday morning, November 20, at increased wages.

This statement was made by President Carter, of the United Mine Workers of America, district 18, embracing southern Alberta and eastern British Columbia, who announced today that an agreement had been reached with the operators, and that the miners will return to work Monday.

## Denounced Coffee Combine.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Charges that a coffee combine exists that is "the most monstrous in the history of human commerce," were made before the National Coffee Roasters' association, in Chicago. Mr. Webb urged the association to initiate a movement to overthrow Brazilian dominion of the coffee market.

"We have to pay famine prices for coffee when no famine exists," he said. "We are at the mercy of a syndicate of bankers backed by the foreign

country of Brazil. It is the first instance in history where a sovereign country has abrogated its legislative powers to a committee dominated by aliens."

## A Girl Horse Thief.

BOISE, Ida., Nov. 17.—Marion Kirkpatrick, a handsome young woman of 22, is under arrest here on the charge of being a daring and successful horse thief. It is alleged that, unaided, she rounded up a large band of wild horses belonging to a large cattle company in Owyhee county, selected the best horse of the band, roped, threw and saddled him and rode him into Boise, where she sold the steed for \$45.

## For Vessels in Distress.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—To render assistance to vessels in distress at sea during the season of bad weather, President Taft today ordered the entire Atlantic fleet of revenue cutters to patrol the coast from Maine to Florida, beginning December 1, remaining at sea practically continuously until April 1, 1912.

## Opposed to Quick Divorces.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 16.—Quick divorces in Wyandotte county, Kan., are at an end, for the judges of the two divisions of the Wyandotte county court have agreed that hereafter no divorce case will be considered that has not been filed at least sixty days before it is heard by the court. The rule is to be incorporated in the book of court orders, published each year. Judge Hutchings wants a divorce rule with a six months clause on each end. "A divorce should be filed six months before it is tried and a divorce should not become effective for six months after being granted," he says.

## Charged With Rebating.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Thirteen indictments were returned this afternoon by the federal grand jury which has been investigating charges of rebating against several railway freight officials and members of firms here and in Chicago. The inquiry has been conducted with unusual secrecy.

## Slow Work Getting Jury.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18.—The sixth court week of the McNamara trial closed today with five sworn jurors and one provisionally accepted. The prediction of Attorney Clarence S. Darrow, chief of counsel for James B. McNamara, that Jan. 1, 1912, would see a jury to try his client for the alleged murder of Charles J. Haggerty, one of 21 victims of the Los Angeles Times explosion and fire a year ago, seemed to be optimistic, in view of the fact that 14 jurors finally will be sworn, two acting as supply jurors in case members of the original panel should become incapacitated. Nevertheless, it is hoped that the early weeks in January will see a complete jury.

## Floods Delay Traffic.

TACOMA, Nov. 18.—Owing to high water in all the mountain streams of the Cascades, many trains are unable to move. The Northern Pacific has a westbound passenger train stalled east of the Green river. The Milwaukee has four freight trains overdue from the east, owing to trouble near Snoqualmie pass. The Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation company has a landslide on the Gray's Harbor branch and more trouble is feared from the chinook and the rain. The Northern Pacific is still sending its trains east from here.

## Million Dollars For Sugar Beets.

BILLINGS, Nov. 16.—Approximately \$750,000 was distributed yesterday and today by the local sugar company among growers of the district who supplied beets to the big mill during the last thirty days, the sum being the largest disbursed by the company since the industry was started in the valley about four years ago, exceeding the entire amount paid for beets last year by more than \$50,000.

A feature of the disbursement was that fully \$200,000 of the amount went to farmers on the Huntley project, which four years ago was a wilderness so far as agriculture is concerned.

According to the manager of the factory some of the finest beets grown this season came from the Huntley territory and although this was only the second crop on that land, many of the growers harvested more than 20 tons to the acre, thereby netting almost three times the initial cost of their land in this single crop.

Another payment will be made by the company about the middle of December and it is estimated that the grand total disbursed will have been brought up to \$1,100,000.

## FAVORS PARCELS POST.

Speaker At Trans-Mississippi Congress Made Hot Remarks.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 16.—"This trans-Mississippi commercial congress is controlled by lobbyists representing the robber express companies, the railroads, and the sugar trust, and has been demonstrated repeatedly by the congress' action," was the startling statement made from the platform at today's session of the congress, by George J. Kindel of Denver.

Mr. Kindel's statement came as an angry retort to an interruption by a delegate. The Denver man was delivering an address advocating the parcels post in which he blamed the express companies for the annual postoffice deficit and said that if the laws against these express companies were enforced and a general parcels post established the postoffice department would be insured against annual deficits.

Mr. Kindel said the mail rates in the United States parcels post packages were out of all proportion to those of other countries and quoted figures showing that on the basis of an 11-pound package the United States rate was \$1.76, compared with 46 cents in the highest rated European country. Mr. Kindel pointed out that while it cost an American \$1.76 to send an 11-pound package into the next county from his home, he could send the package to Europe for \$1.32.

"We should have a rural parcels post," said Mr. Kindel, "at the postmaster general's proposed rates, namely, five cents for the first pound and two cents for every additional pound up the limit of thirteen pounds. That would make the postage on a rural package of eleven pounds 25 cents."

## Railroads May Assist Government.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, who has been here conferring with officials of the interior department regarding road building planned by his road to aid in developing Glacier national park, Montana, has been told that while the department cannot grant a right of way to the railroad, there would be no objection to "accepting the aid" of the railroad company in the work of construction. The proposed road is to be a public highway open to all persons lawfully entering the park and subject only to the control of the United States. The Great Northern also is to be given permission to construct a wagon road across the Blackfoot Indian reservation on the same conditions as apply in Glacier park.

## Would Amend Anti-Trust Law.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—"Felons' stripes," as a punishment to commercial outlaws, to end "commercial preying under benevolent 'rules of reason,'" are proposed in a bill amending the Sherman anti-trust law drafted by Representative Henry of Texas, to be introduced in the house. The bill specifically defines what constitutes a trust, legislates from the present statute the "rule of reason" as interpreted by the supreme court in the Standard Oil and tobacco difficulties and provides as a punishment for violation of the law imprisonment of from two to ten years in the penitentiary. It will be referred to the judiciary committee for deliberation.

## Northwestern Livestock Show.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 15.—Ten silver trophy cups and about \$10,000 in cash prizes will be given as premiums at the fifth annual Northwestern Livestock and Grain show, opened at South St. Paul. The championship trophies will be awarded for the best carload of grain fed cattle, the best car of feeder cattle, the best car of bacon hogs, the best car of grain fed sheep, and the best ten cars of various varieties of corn.

## Fear Sheep Quarantine.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 15.—Fearing that a quarantine may be established against the passage of Utah sheep into other states, representatives of the Utah stockmasters have appealed to Governor Spry and the board of examiners, asking that drastic steps be taken to enforce the quarantine laws and secure the segregation of infected sheep.

## Dog Receives Vindication.

SEATTLE, Nov. 15.—A dog has a right to bite a man who steps on the dog's tail.

This in effect, is the ruling made by Judge Roland today when he found for the defendant in a suit involving a claim for \$4,500 damages for a dog bite. It appeared from testimony that the dog sank his teeth in Samuel

Lavanburg's left leg only after he stepped on his tail. In addition there was no showing that the dog was vicious.

## Sweaters For Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Coats will no longer form part of the uniform of United States troops in the field. The war department has decided that a light sweater will be just as comfortable and a more practical garment than the service coat.

## Will Delay Packers' Trial.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Counsel for the government and for the packers under indictment for criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, who yesterday surrendered themselves to the federal authorities and through their lawyers secured an order for a writ of habeas corpus, busied themselves today in preparation for the argument they will present when the case is called before Judge C. C. Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court.

If the decision favors the packers, District Attorney Jas. H. Wilkerson will appeal to the supreme court of the United States, and if it is against the packers, counsel for the indicted men will carry their case to the higher court. In either case the so-called beef trust is out of the United States district court, where Judge Carpenter had set the trial of the packers for next Monday.

## TROOPS FOR CHINA.

Authorities Believe Foreigners Will Need Protection.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The state department has practically decided to send a regiment of troops from Manila to Chin Tao, a seaport in China about 250 miles from Peking on the gulf of Pechili. The purpose is to perform an international duty under the Boxer treaty in keeping open the line of communication between Peking and the sea.

Another independent republic has set up in China, according to American Consul Fowler, at Chesfoo, reported today to the state department that the former governor of the province of Shantung had been selected as head of the republic at Shantung, which yielded to the revolutionists without a struggle.

On 24 hours notice Captain Knapp, the naval hydrographer, today produced an excellent map of China, showing the location of the American and foreign warships at the different ports. There are altogether 112 foreign vessels of various types in Chinese waters.

England stands first with 31 vessels. Numerically, France comes next, with 20 vessels, but as these include a large number of extremely small craft the French tonnage is not nearly so formidable as the American naval representation of 19 vessels.

## Would Increase Reclamation Fund.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Senator Borah is preparing and will introduce in congress a bill authorizing an additional advance in the reclamation fund of \$15,000,000 out of the treasury, the said sum to be used in connection with the \$20,000,000 loan heretofore authorized for completing government projects now under way.

This bill, if it passes, will absolutely protect allotments heretofore made, and will enable the president to make new allotments to projects which received no money, or insufficient money, from the original apportionment. It also will enable the government to completely organize its field force and rush work on all existing projects, bringing them to early completion. This cannot be done unless additional funds are provided.

## Montana Indians in Gotham.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The whoops of Blackfoot Indians mingled with the cheers of richly gowned women last evening in Louis Martin's restaurant, at Forty-second street and Broadway. The Indians, their faces painted in war colors, whirled madly in their war dance for the entertainment of their hosts and many other diners, including "Uncle Joe" Cannon, formerly speaker of the house of representatives, and G. W. Wickersham, attorney general. It was a strangely contrasted picture as the Indians, in their moccasins, war feathers and suit of animal skin, whirled wildly, uttering whoops that could be heard a block away. One woman, in the interruption of the war dance, asked Spotted Eagle why he painted his face, and he replied, "Like woman."

The Indians were the guests of Hoke Smith, who gave an after-theater supper in honor of Howard A. Noble, general passenger agent of the Great Northern railway.