

TAFT GIVES REASONS FOR ASKING DELAY

PRESIDENT SAYS CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF SUGAR SCANDALS WOULD HAMPER EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT'S WORK.

MEMORY OF EDWARD HONORED BY SENATE

BODY AFTER PASSING RESOLUTIONS ADJOURNS AS FURTHER MARK OF RESPECT; NAVAL BILL REPORTED TO SENATE.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—President Taft sent a special message to the house today in response to a resolution asking him why he considers a congressional investigation of sugar frauds in the customs service inexpedient. His reason is that a "congressional investigation at this time would embarrass the executive department in the continuance and completion of the investigation of the appraisers and other offices of the customs services."

Resolutions expressing the regret of the senate at the death of King Edward were adopted today, and the senate adjourned as a further mark of respect.

The naval appropriation bill was reported to the senate today. It carries \$130,770, 934, compared with \$127,829, 608, carried by the bill as passed by the house.

Stop Gambling on Lake.

A favorable report was ordered in the senate committee of judiciary on the resolution which already had passed the house authorizing Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan to enter into a compact for the prosecution of crimes on the lake. This is aimed especially at gambling on specially chartered boats.

Taft into Breach.

With a flag of truce waving between the combatants President Taft has leaped into the breach in an effort to arrange the battle lines in such a manner that hostilities are renewed on the rate bill toward the end of the week the insurgents will be annihilated, horse, foot, and dragon. The president is battling with the so-called near-insurgents, who, during his absence in the west, cast their fortunes with the "progressives." Last night it was reported at the White House, with considerable assurance, that the president is making progress. The names of Senators Gamble and Crawford of South Dakota—near-insurgents—were given out as having deserted the insurgent forces and gone over to the regulars.

President Uses Tomahawk.

In this connection it is said that the president is most insistent upon maintaining strict party discipline. Senator Brandegee, who is among the staunchest of the stalwarts, is reported by his colleagues as having advised the chief executive to "quit kissing off the insurgents" and "to get out his tomahawk" and the president is said to have expressed no disapproval of the suggestion.

Hostilities will be renewed between the regulars and the insurgents in the senate as soon as Senators Cummins and Dooliver return from Iowa, where they have gone to open the campaign. They are not expected to arrive in Washington until Thursday. Senator Aldrich is expected to return from Rhode Island on Tuesday. If he should attempt to precipitate a vote on any important amendment Senators La Follette and Capper will undertake to hold the floor.

President Taft, as president of the American National Red Cross society, today issued an appeal for contributions for the earthquake sufferers of Costa Rica.

Taft Arrives in New York.

New York, May 9.—President Taft reached Jersey City at 3:10 o'clock this afternoon.

Falls From Train; May Die.

Des Moines, May 9.—(Special)—John Gearhart, aged 35, fell under a Milwaukee passenger train today and received injuries which are likely to prove fatal. He has a wife and family.

Ames Loses Track Meet.

Marshalltown, May 9.—(Special)—The Marshalltown high school track team defeated the Ames track team at Ames Saturday by a score of 68 to 51.

Milwaukee Editor Dead.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 9.—George Brumder, aged 71, the leading publisher of German newspapers in Milwaukee, is dead. He was rated several times a millionaire.

Drinking Cause of Death.

Cedar Rapids, May 9.—(Special)—W. P. Lockwood, an iron worker, died in the city last night of acute alcoholism. His home was in Ohio.

Cedar Rapids Man Stirs Racket by His Comet Gazing

Cedar Rapids, May 9.—(Special)—A local astronomer was the innocent cause of great excitement last night. He secured permission from the owner of a business block to go on top of the building and view the comet. The night watchman in the building thought it was attempted robbery and asked the Western Union to notify the police. By mistake a riot call and fire alarm was turned in and the fire department and all the policemen were summoned to the scene.

MANY KILLED IN EXPLOSION

BALL GAME CROWD WATCHING FIRE IN POWDER PLANT SLAIN AND MAIMED.

Ottawa, Ont., May 9.—Ten is the number of dead and fifty injured, some seriously, by the explosion here Sunday.

Ottawa, Canada, May 9.—An explosion late Sunday wrecked the plant of the General Explosives company of Canada, near Hull, Quebec, killed between fifteen and twenty persons and injured fifty others. The force of the explosion was terrific. The country for miles around was laid waste and many small dwellings in the city of Hull, on the side nearest the scene of the explosion, were flattened to the ground.

A baseball game was in progress a short distance from the powder works. The teams were playing the last innings and when a fire was seen in one of the small buildings of the powder plant the crowds began to swarm up the hill to get a better view of the blaze. Warning of the danger to the onlookers came in two minor explosions soon after the fire got well under way. A shower of sparks and fragments of the wrecked buildings fell among the spectators and there was a scurrying out of what was considered the danger zone.

Some of the men in the crowd who were aware of the possibilities of the danger when the main magazine was reached, pleaded with the crowd to go still further back and some of them heeded the warning. Others, apparently enjoying the element of danger in the spectacle, stood within 1,000 yards of the burning building. They were kept on the qui vive by explosions which sent showers of burning brands in all directions.

The baseball game broke up and the remainder of the spectators and the players rushed up to join the crowd at the fire. It was then that the main magazine exploded. There were two stunning detonations. Everything within radius of a mile and a half was torn and shattered. Giant trees were snapped off close to the earth; barns and dwelling houses were converted into kindling wood and even in Ottawa, four miles from the scene, hundreds of plate glass windows were broken.

The scene where the crowd from the ball field stood resembled a battle field. Headless, armless and legless bodies, were lying about among scores of unconscious forms. To the few who retained a flicker of consciousness it appeared as though over a hundred had been killed.

TAKES POISON WHEN SNUBBED

DES MOINES MAN PASSED UP BY SWEETHEART AND WANTS TO DIE.

Des Moines, May 9.—(Special)—Because Mrs. Dollie Hunt, his former sweetheart, passed him aside, Edward Flahie, aged 30, swallowed three grains of morphine and washed it down with five ounces of chloroform in the presence of fifty people on a street car near Valley Junction Sunday. He was promptly arrested by the city marshal and was sent to the hospital and will probably die. He is employed at the Rock Island shops.

Clinton Man Drops Dead.

Clinton, May 9.—(Special)—R. J. Rowley, aged 65, a widely known traveling salesman, dropped dead in the Percol cigar store. He walked into the store in apparently good health, but while engaged in conversation fell forward. Medical aid was summoned, but he had succumbed.

Iowan Dies in Montana.

Dubuque, May 9.—(Special)—William Sexton, a Dubuque structural iron worker was killed this morning at Greely, Montana, by falling from a building. His brother Frank, engaged in the same business, lost a leg in Omaha last month.

HYDE'S WIFE CONTRADICTS NURSES' TALES

TESTIFYING IN HUSBAND'S MURDER TRIAL SHE DECLARES SWOPE'S SYMPTOMS HAVE BEEN WRONGLY STATED.

Kansas City, May 9.—From the lips of Mrs. B. C. Hyde the jurors in her husband's trial today heard the story of the Swope tragedy. The salient features of her testimony were:

Dr. Twyman adjusted the string which stopped the flow of blood from Hunter's body.

She did not request her husband to stop the bleeding.

Col. Swope never cried out on his death bed that he wished he had never taken the medicine Hyde gave him.

The millionaire's symptoms were entirely different from those described by the nurses who testified for the state.

She ate of the candy which Hyde gave the Swope children and it did not make her ill.

She ordered filtered water taken to the Swope house and the family is now using it.

Upon the result of experiments now being made in the laboratories at the University of Kansas to determine whether the injection into a corpse of the kind of embalming fluid used on the body of Colonel Swope will create hydrocyanic acid, depends the course of the testimony in the Hyde murder trial this week. Hydrocyanic acid is a derivative of cyanogen.

Dr. Hyde May Take Stand.

Chemists who testified for Dr. Hyde last week said such a formation would take place. Desiring to break down this evidence, the state has had scientists experimenting at the university for several days. Last night it was said the investigation was uncompleted.

The defense will probably close its direct testimony today. Reading the deposition of Mrs. John M. Cleary, taken Saturday, may close Dr. Hyde's case.

Religious services, led by one of the jurymen, were held Sunday in the exercise room in which the jury is kept. Juries in this state are not permitted to attend church or go to places of amusement.

MINE YIELDING UP DEAD.

Inspector Expects to Have All Bodies Out Today From Stricken Alabama Shaft.

Falons, Ala., May 9.—State Mine Inspector Hillhouse said at midnight that he expected to have every body out of the mine by noon today.

The rescuers are working constantly and bodies are now being brought up every few minutes. The work is expected to proceed rapidly from now on unless there are further accidents to delay the rescuers.

At 10 o'clock last night sixty-four bodies had been recovered from the mine.

Jenkins to Porto Rico.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—The president today nominated as United States attorney for Porto Rico, John J. Jenkins of Wisconsin, former congressman and former chairman of the house judiciary committee.

HOLD CHICAGO MAN AS WITNESS

BURLINGTON POLICE ARREST DUKE IN MCGOVERN SHALE ROCK CASE.

Burlington, May 9.—(Special)—Chief of Police Hiltz made an important capture yesterday when he picked up Robert Duke, wanted in Chicago upon the charge of wife desertion, but really as the main witness for the state in the \$3,000 McGovern shale rock scandal. Detective Hopkins in State Attorney Wayman's office took Duke back to Chicago with him. Duke fled from Chicago because it was claimed he was threatened with death and in fact it had been reported that he was dead. He has traveled all over the country in the three months since leaving Chicago. Three weeks ago he arrived in Burlington where he has a brother, Blake Duke, and has been working as a laborer for a local construction company. Duke was a master mechanic for McGovern on the big job and knows the entire history of the alleged steal.

Marshalltown Woman Dies.

Marshalltown, May 9.—(Special)—Mrs. W. C. McCarten, wife of Councilman-at-large W. C. McCarten, died at her home here Sunday. She was 24 years of age and prominent in Catholic circles.

ROOSEVELT ON WAY TO DEED IN SAYS IS BETTER

FORMER PRESIDENT KEPT IN DOORS YESTERDAY BY ATTACK OF BRONCHITIS AND HAD FEVER LAST NIGHT.

Stockholm, May 9.—Roosevelt left for Berlin on a special train this morning. During the night the former president had a little fever and today his voice is husky, giving evidence of a slight attack of bronchitis. He said, however, he was feeling well.

Former President Roosevelt shortened his program Sunday even more than it had already been abbreviated by King Edward's death, because of the hoarseness from which he suffered, due to an inflammation of the bronchial tubes. A throat specialist visited the palace twice and recommended that Colonel Roosevelt stay indoors, as the weather was blustery and rainy.

Colonel Roosevelt only left his apartments once. He took lunch with Charles H. Graves, the American minister to Sweden, at the legation and there met Sven Hedlin, the explorer; Dr. Nordenskjold, the Anarctic explorer; Admiral Parander, Professor Arrhenius, who is connected with the Nobel institute, and other scientific and literary people. He intended to make a speech at the national museum before the students and the massed singing societies, but gave this up, and instead bowed from the balcony of the legation to the students and singers, who gathered in the street below and sang selections.

Immense Crowds Assemble.

The combined choruses rendered Swedish songs and the "Star Spangled Banner," and at the conclusion of the singing Colonel Roosevelt expressed his thanks. The crowds on both sides of the water front facing the legation were estimated at between 20,000 and 40,000, the greatest crowd Minister Graves said, he had ever seen in Stockholm. The roofs of the houses and the shipping in the harbor were crowded and a mighty shout went up when Mr. Roosevelt appeared.

Later Mr. Roosevelt received in the legation the Swedish members of the Interparliamentary union. Senator Beckman, addressing Mr. Roosevelt, referred to his services in the cause of peace and the former president replied briefly. Prof. Gunnar Anderson presented to him the first copy of the Norwegian geological survey.

Tissue of Absurdities.

A Stockholm paper publishes a statement that a messenger from President Taft has reached Mr. Roosevelt with a letter in which Mr. Taft says he does not intend to be a candidate for the presidency and invites Mr. Roosevelt to become secretary of state in succession to Mr. Knox. When he was shown this story Mr. Roosevelt said it was worse than a nightmare, and that it was a tissue of absurdities and that of course no such messenger or message exists.

TROUBLE AFTER STRIKE

Sheriff at Danville Called in Response to Help; Mine Strike Continues.

Danville, Ill., May 9.—Sheriff Helmick and a force of deputies have gone to Fairmont, Ill., in response to a call for help at the Caparis stone quarry, where 500 men struck this morning. The situation among the miners at Westville continues serious. Guards have been shot at in the darkness, though none were injured. Considering the situation acute, the authorities are taking special precautions to protect the mine property.

CONDITION OF WHEAT

Government Reports on Crop May 1, Showing Comparison with Former Dates.

Washington, May 9.—The average condition of winter wheat May 1, according to the department of agriculture, was 82.1, compared with 80.8 April first; 83.5 a year ago, and 86.7, the average for ten years.

The average condition of rye was 91.3, compared with 88.1 last year, 89.4 for ten years.

The area of winter wheat to be harvested is 29,044,000 acres, 714,000 more than in 1909.

ENJOINS MERCHANTS

The Speery & Hutchison Co., Gets Restraining Order Against Ottumwa Retailers.

Judge Smith McPherson has issued a temporary injunction against the Ottumwa Retail Merchants' association, et al on the prayer of Speery & Hutchison, in which the association of merchants are enjoined from inducing or attempting to induce any retailers who have contracted with the S. & H. people to disregard or not perform such contracts. United States Marshal Frank B. Clark this morning served notices on the Retail Merchants' association and others in the suit.

Former President's Son And Girl He is to Marry in June



One of the first events that former President Roosevelt will be called upon to witness on his return to this country in June will be the marriage of his son, Theodore Roosevelt Jr., to Miss Eleanor Alexander. The wedding is set for June 20, the first available date after the return of young Roosevelt's noted parent. Roosevelt's son has attracted favorable attention to himself by his action in starting into business life as a factory hand. He has learned his business well enough to be chosen a western representative for his firm.

CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY BYERS

SUMNER SIBERELL AND F. W. DARNER TAKE UP PHILIPS MATTER.

Des Moines, May 9.—(Special)—Sumner Siberell and F. W. Darnar of Ottumwa were here today to consult Attorney General Byers with a view of preferring charges against Mayor Phillips of Ottumwa of alleged neglect of duties along the line of charges against the mayor of Marengo recently ousted. Mr. Byers was not here, so the Ottumwa delegation held a conference with Governor Carroll. Nothing as yet has been done, at least Governor Carroll refuses to talk on the matter.

John W. Gray charges Mayor Phillips with being intoxicated on the afternoon of April 30. The mayor states that he was drugged, and that the charges are trumped up.

Photographers Want Laws.

Convention of State Association in Des Moines Tomorrow to Seek Legislative Aid.

Des Moines, May 9.—(Special)—F. A. Free of Davenport is being boomed for the president of the State Photographers' association and will meet here tomorrow. The photographers will consider the question of raising the price of pictures, will ask congress to strengthen the copyright laws and will ask the legislators for a lower express rate. The State Homeopathic convention and the Central Rebekah convention will also meet here tomorrow.

Creston Jeweler is Held.

Creston, May 9.—(Special)—C. D. Maus, a jeweler at this place is in trouble with the federal authorities, charged with sending first class mail matter through the mail at a low rate. He was arrested and was brought before the commissioner. He pleaded guilty.

Marshalltown Real "Dry."

Marshalltown, May 9.—(Special)—All the druggists have surrendered their permits with the filing of the remonstrance with the county officials and as the saloons were closed last week, the town is as dry as the Sahara desert.

DeWitt Man Suicides.

DeWitt, May 9.—(Special)—J. A. Emmers, aged 81, a prominent citizen of DeWitt, committed suicide at the home of his son here yesterday by hanging himself to a bed post. He had been despondent for some time.

Carriers and Clerks Convene.

Marshalltown, May 9.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the State Letter Carriers and Postal Clerks is being held in Marshalltown today. The delegates were entertained this afternoon by the Marshalltown club and will enjoy a banquet tonight.

New Church at Nichols.

Nichols, May 9.—(Special)—The new First M. E. church building was dedicated here yesterday. Rev. J. R. Hanley of Centerville was the principal speaker.

THE DEATH LIST MOUNTS HIGHER

ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 1,500 LOST LIVES IN CARTAGO EARTHQUAKE.

San Jose, Costa Rica, May 9.—More than 800 bodies have been taken from the ruins of the houses which were overturned in the earthquake last Wednesday evening at Cartago.

An estimate of the dead places the number at 1,500, but it is possible that this will be exceeded.

Large forces which have gone to Cartago from San Jose and other points are now engaged in the work of rescue, and even today several living persons were taken from under the piles of stone and timbers where dwelling houses once stood.

The number of sick and injured cannot be counted, many of them having been removed to adjoining towns and villages, and since the disaster scores have died from their injuries.

Dr. Bocanegra, the Guatemalan representative of the Central American court of justice, was demented when taken from the ruins, but he is recovering from the shock. The body of his wife, who was killed, has been embalmed.

Paraiso, a village of 2,000 about eighteen miles east of San Jose, also reports severely from earth shocks, reports reaching here indicating that nearly 100 persons were killed.

NOTED DETECTIVE DEAD

Inspector Byrnes, Terror to Crooks, Dies in New York of Indigestion.

New York, May 9.—Thomas F. Byrnes, formerly superintendent of police of the city of New York, but more famous for his work in the detective bureau as inspector, died at his home here from chronic indigestion after an illness of more than two years. He was 66 years old.

On the day of his appointment he announced the dead line at Fulton street, just above the offices of Jay Gould, who later became his close friend, and with other shrewd advisers helped him to make a fortune in Wall street, which he testified before the Lexow committee had in 1894 reached \$850,000. Only last Saturday he transferred to his wife real estate valued at \$550,000.

ALBIA MAN INDICTED

True Bill Returned Against Gilbert Nelson on Embezzlement Charges.

Albia, May 9.—(Special)—The grand jury has returned a true bill against Gilbert Nelson, charged with larceny by embezzlement. Nelson was taken into custody Saturday and gave bonds for his appearance at court Tuesday morning, on which day his trial begins. The charge is made by the Adams Express Co., for which Nelson was, until a few weeks ago, acting as agent.

ACCESSION OF KING GEORGE V. IS ANNOUNCED

BRILLIANT CEREMONY HANDED DOWN FROM MEDIEVAL TIMES IS CARRIED OUT; CROWD SING "GOD SAVE KING."

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD ON MAY 20

BODY OF LATE MONARCH WILL LIE IN STATE IN WESTMINSTER HALL; TOMB BENEATH ALBERT MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

London, May 9.—A proclamation announcing the accession of King George V. was read at St. James palace this morning. The ceremonies, brilliant and impressive, took place on the balcony of Friar court at St. James palace in the presence of the royal family, a notable gathering of public men and a great throng.

Friday, May 20, has been definitely fixed as the date of King Edward's funeral. It was officially announced at Buckingham palace at noon that Queen Mother Alexandra was well and bearing up bravely. This morning rumors were current that in a paroxysm of grief the mother of the king had broken a blood vessel and that her condition was serious.

The body will be removed on the 17th from Buckingham palace to Westminster hall, where it will lie in state for three days, thence being taken on the evening of the third day to Windsor for interment in St. George's chapel the following day.

Sharply at the stroke of 9 o'clock four heralds arrayed in medieval uniforms of scarlet, heavily braided with gold, mounted the balcony of Friar court at St. James palace, where Queen Victoria presented herself to the people upon the opening of her reign, and blew a fanfare through their long silver trumpets. In the precincts of the palace were a great mass of people on balconies and roofs. The palace was reserved for notables, all of whom were in the deepest mourning. Members of the royal household, the ministers and their wives and high officers of the state, all in brilliant uniforms, were gathered around the court. General French, with the headquarters staff in full dress uniform, stood surrounded by a troop of mounted guards. From the window of Marlborough house, immediately opposite, the children of King George watched the ceremony.

Crowds Sing "God Save King."

The heralds having concluded their duties, Sir Alfred Scott with the Duke of Norfolk and two other officers bearing the staves of office, stepped to the front of the balcony and read the proclamation, while great throngs stood uncovered in a drizzling rain. The people cheered the new king, the hand struck up "God Save the King," the anthem being followed by a royal salute from the battery, and the people taking up the refrain "God Save the King." Meanwhile the royal standard was hoisted over Marlborough house, indicating that the king was in the royal residence and the flags upon the public offices throughout the city were raised to the mast heads. The royal standard on Buckingham palace alone remained at half mast. The flags again will be lowered to half mast tomorrow.

American Ambassador Reid and embassy staff and other notables, including J. Pierpont Morgan, watched the proceedings from a balcony.

Streets Packed With People.

The popular demonstration at an end, the earl marshal and his attendants proceeded to the ambassadors' court, whence they drove to Charing Cross and thence to London to read the proclamation to the people at designated points. The route to the city proper was lined with 7,000 troops, while at the places at which the procession stopped and repeated the ceremony, troops and horse guards were stationed. The route was packed with people.

Reaching the boundary of the city proper, according to an ancient custom, the entrance of the procession was barred. Following a challenge of the marshal, the announcement of who was approaching was made. The lord mayor was informed, and by his order the procession was admitted. The proclamation was read and King George V. was acclaimed.

The tomb of Edward VII. will be beneath the Albert Memorial chapel at Windsor, where the body of his eldest son, the duke of Clarence, has a sepulchre. Before the funeral it has practically been decided, the body of the king will lie in state in Westminster.

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