

TAFT LETTER TO COMMITTEE MADE PUBLIC

ALTHOUGH FULL TEXT IS NOT MADE PUBLIC, PORTION RELATIVE TO TARIFF REVISION IS GIVEN OUT.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 24.—A synopsis of the contents of President Taft's keynote letter for the republican national congressional campaign became known here last night. The president will favor further revision of the tariff.

Mr. Taft does not propose that business shall be upset by another wholesale revision, but he will recommend to congress that individual schedules in the tariff system be taken up separately and be disposed of on a scientific basis. The new revision is to be based upon the findings of the tariff commission as to the cost of production at home and abroad. Only a fair profit is to be allowed the American producer. "Exorbitant and unreasonable" profits, the president declares, are to be tolerated no longer.

Outlines His Position. The president has stated these facts and has outlined his position in detail in the letter he has sent to Representative McKinley of Illinois for publication in the republican congressional campaign textbook. The letter was mailed from Beverly yesterday. The time of making it public has been left entirely in the judgment of the committee.

Political observers regard this move as about the shrewdest that has been made during the present administration. It offers an excellent opportunity for the insurgents and regulars to get together in the campaign, and President Taft has been exceedingly anxious to find a ground upon which the different factions could meet without embarrassment to either.

Bows to Insurgents. The principal fight of the insurgents was upon certain schedules of the tariff bill. President Taft is meeting them more than half way in admitting that individual schedules need further revision. At the same time he is backing up the regulars in that he believes they did the best they possibly could with the unreliable information that was in their hands.

With the creation of the tariff board under the Payne-Aldrich act and the enlargement of its power by provision of the last congress, the president believes a way has been opened to put the tariff on a scientific basis for the first time in the history of the country. The objection has been raised and urged upon the president that the opening of an individual schedule of the tariff would mean the possible throwing open of the entire tariff act, with another long debate and a stringing up of congress generally.

Mr. Taft proposes to meet this with the recommendation to congress that before any schedule is taken up for further consideration, a rule shall be passed both by the house and by the senate providing that amendments to a certain schedule of the tariff shall be in order and that any amendments not germane to that particular schedule shall be declared out of order. It is believed that with a workable majority in the two houses of congress, and with the insurgents lined up with the regulars for the program outlined by the president, there will be little or no difficulty in putting through such a rule.

From the very first President Taft has been deeply interested in the work of the new tariff commission. He regarded the creation of that body as one of the most important provisions of the new tariff act, and one of the reasons for his declaration that it was the best tariff act ever passed.

The president takes the ground that it was impossible to revise the tariff immediately after the republican platform was adopted, and to revise at the same time on a basis of the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad. He believes that substantial progress was made in the Payne-Aldrich act, and now that the tariff commission has got its inquiries well under way it soon will be possible to take up the individual schedules as fast as the facts and figures are available and revise them actually on the basis declared for in the party platform.

The president already has had two conferences with Chairman H. C. Emery of the tariff commission this summer. The first of these was on board the yacht Mayflower at Bar Harbor late in July and the second was at Burgess Point two weeks ago. The president proposes to have the entire tariff board meet here in Beverly some time in September.

Iowa Team Wins Rifle Match at Camp Perry, Ohio

Camp Perry, O., Aug. 24.—The national rifle match and national trophy was won today by the U. S. infantry team, which scored 3,186, fifty points more than the U. S. Marine corps, which finished second. For the first time, a western state has led the national guard contestants. Iowa tied the marine corps for the high skirmish score of 1,032 and ended with a total of 3,112. Wisconsin was second with 3,101 and Michigan scored 3,066.

POPULATION IS TREBLED

Michigan Town Shows Gain of 194.2 Per Cent; Battle Creek and Jackson Figures Advance.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Flint, Mich., has gained 194.2 per cent in population since 1900, according to census figures issued. The town now has 38,550 inhabitants, a gain of 25,447 as compared with the census ten years ago.

Two other towns in Michigan have gained heavily in ten years. The population of Jackson now is 37,433, an increase of 6,253, or 24.8 per cent, as compared with 25,180 in 1900. Battle Creek has 25,267 inhabitants, an increase of 6,704, or 36.1 per cent. The population of Kalamazoo, Mich., is 34,437, an increase of 15,038.

The wonderful growth of Flint is attributable to vast industrial expansion. In addition to being one of the largest carriage manufacturing cities in the country, Flint is the home of an automobile plant, employing thousands of skilled mechanics, and there are many other large plants manufacturing automobiles and carriage parts.

POWERS ARE INFORMED

Text of Convention by Which Japan Annexes Korea is Made Public Today.

Tokio, Aug. 24.—The text of the convention under which Korea is annexed to Japan was communicated today to representatives of the powers. About the close of August the independent existence of the hermit kingdom, the struggle for whose control started the Russo-Japanese war, will cease. The Japanese government is prepared to take over the machinery of the administration in Korea without delay. Sporadic outbreaks in protest against the absorption of Korea by Japan are anticipated, but serious rioting or even widespread objection from Koreans is not expected.

DUPLICATES FEAT

Catcher Sullivan of Chicago White Sox Catches Ball From Washington Monument.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Catcher "Billy" Sullivan of the Chicago Americans today duplicated the feat of Catcher Charles Street of the Washington American league team last year in catching a baseball thrown from a window at the top of the Washington monument, a perpendicular drop of 542 feet.

ICE CREAM CONE KILLS GIRL.

Ptomaine Poisoning Follows in the Case of Marie M. Koors of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Aug. 24.—Ten days ago Marie M. Koors, 16 years old, ate an ice cream cone. She became ill the next day and ptomaine poisoning developed. She died yesterday. A number of the girl's companions purchased cones with her at the time, but they were more fortunate, recovering in a few hours. The cones were bought at a temporary stand erected on the street.

HIGH COLLAR KILLS OWNER.

Pittsburg Tailor Choked to Death When He Falls Asleep in Chair With Clothes On.

Pittsburg, Aug. 24.—Charles E. Thompson, aged 30, a tailor, fell asleep in a chair yesterday. When a customer went to awake him he was dead. "Choked to death by a high collar," was the coroner's verdict.

Unknown Man Found Dead.

Clinton, Aug. 24.—(Special)—The body of an unknown man, presumably a German about 50 years of age, was found in a lane west of Clinton this morning. He was nearly bald and wore rings in his ears. He was seen Sunday by several farmers tramping about the country. It is supposed that he died Tuesday.

Day in Country for Roosevelt.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Roosevelt today was guest of his brother-in-law, Douglas Robinson, at the latter's country estate near Jordanville. Late this evening he will come to Utica and resume his journey westward.

Iowan Killed By Train.

Sabula, Aug. 24.—(Special)—Chris Christensen attempted to get out of the way of a moving train only to step in front of another and was instantly killed.

LEAGUE WILL ACT IF BYERS DELAYS LONGER

LAW AND ORDER BODY WILL SEE THAT OUSTER CASE IS BROUGHT AGAINST SHERIFF W. W. JACKSON SAYS MEMBER.

Unless the attorney general's office takes steps at once to institute ouster proceedings against Sheriff W. W. Jackson, the Ottumwa Law and Order league will take it upon itself to start such action in the Wapello county courts. Attorney W. W. Rankin, in whose hands the league left the Jackson case, today wrote Attorney General Byers and informed him that if the state did not become active in the case at once, the league would take the matter up with County Attorney Seneca Cornell and institute a case in the local court. Mr. Byers was asked in the letter point blank if he was going to file the case, and if his answer is in the negative, Mr. Rankin advised him to send back the nine affidavits filed with him in the action, and suit would be immediately fled through the office of County Attorney Seneca Cornell.

When asked if he would make any further statement of the matter Mr. Rankin stated that he was of the opinion that the league wanted the case rushed, and he said that the attorney general has had three months to file the suit, as the affidavits have been in his hands for that length of time.

FAKE DETECTIVES FINED.

Rice and Van Nostrand Sentenced at Des Moines; Former Pays; Latter Jailed.

Des Moines, Aug. 24.—Arthur Rice, alias Art Williams, and C. D. Van Nostrand, alias Jack Rogers, anti-saloon league detectives, who were arrested in the Costigan raid, pleaded guilty to being found in a disorderly house, and were sentenced by Justice Conroy to pay fines of \$15 each and costs. Rice paid the fine and was released, but Van Nostrand was unable to raise the money and must serve four days in the county jail.

CONDUCTOR IS INJURED.

C. B. Stout of Creston Falls Off Bridge at Lincoln While Setting Out Train.

Creston, Aug. 24.—(Special)—Conductor C. B. Stout was severely injured in the Burlington yards at Lincoln while setting out a part of his train. In the darkness he fell off of a fifteen foot bridge going to the bottom where he was later picked up unconscious and found to have sustained several fractured ribs and severe bodily injuries. His home is in this city.

ATTACKS A HUSBAND.

Jasper Pogue Cut With Butcher Knife at Des Moines By Irate Spouse.

Des Moines, Aug. 24.—(Special)—Insanely jealous when she found her husband giving his attention to another woman, Hattie Pogue, a negroess attacked her husband, Jasper Pogue, with a butcher knife at the corner of East Third street and Court avenue, inflicting injuries which will result fatally. Pogue lies in an unconscious condition at the police station.

DIVORCE DENIED BOTH.

Newton Physician and Wife Refused Decree After Court Fight.

Newton, Aug. 24.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary Ingalls who brought action against her husband, a well known physician of this city, charging him with his adultery was refused divorce by the court this morning. The husband was also refused a divorce. The case is one of long standing and Mrs. Ingalls stated that she would appeal the case to the supreme court.

RAID OPIUM JOINT.

Des Moines Police Catch Four Negroes Hitting Dope and Arrest Them.

Des Moines, Aug. 24.—(Special)—An opium joint at 211 East Walnut street was raided by the police last night. Four negroes were arrested and lodged in the city jail. The police have been after the alleged dive for some time. Further investigation of the place will be made today. The officers believe the dive shelters a complete opium layout.

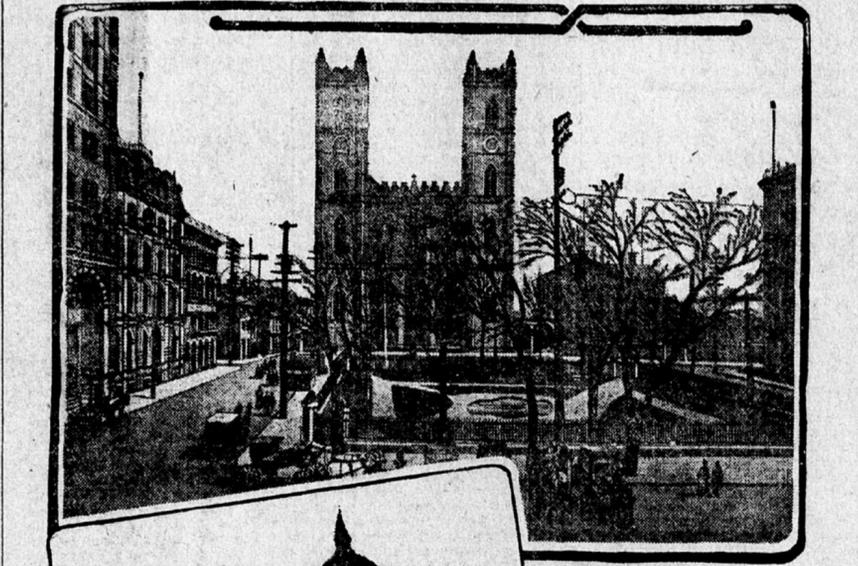
Austrian Killed at Clinton.

Clinton, Aug. 24.—(Special)—George Melanec, an Austrian, at the Northwestern ice house, attempted to crawl under a railroad water tank, fell off and was run over by a train. He died later at the Clinton hospital.

Carroll to Be Speaker.

Des Moines, Aug. 24.—(Special)—Governor Carroll will address the Iowa Federation of Commercial Clubs here on August 30. Representatives of thirty-five towns in the state will be present.

World's Eucharistic Meeting in Montreal



CATHEDRAL AND CHURCH WHERE EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE WILL HOLD SESSIONS. AT TOP, NOTRE DAME CHURCH; BELOW, ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL; CARDINAL GIBBONS.

DES MOINES IS READY FOR FAIR

CROWDS ARRIVING AT CAPITAL CITY FOR BIG EVENT OPENING SATURDAY.

Des Moines, Aug. 24.—(Special)—Crowds of people are today arriving on every train from all points in Iowa to attend the Iowa State fair which will start Saturday. Saturday is to be children's day with free admission to children under fifteen years. Sunday will have a musical program and two concerts will be given by Weber's band. Monday will be Des Moines and all soldiers and sailors of the civil and Mexican wars, their wives and widows will be admitted free. Wednesday will be State day and Thursday is Pioneers' day. Friday will be Parade day. At 1:30 the big feature of the fair, the million dollar parade of all prize winning horses, ponies, mules and cattle will take place on the race track. The fair is expected to be the best and biggest in its history. The city has made preparations so that every visitor will be cared for.

A. O. H. Meet at Iowa City.

Iowa City, Aug. 24.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Iowa City will hold its fourteenth biennial convention here today and Thursday. The second biennial convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be held the same day. Ralph Otto, mayor of Iowa City will deliver the address of welcome to the women. The responses will be the state president respectively, Thomas Maloney of Council Bluffs and Mary Leah Scanlon of Des Moines.

Florence Minn Wants Damages.

Waterloo, Aug. 24.—Florence Minn of Forshalle, one of the victims of the Rock Island wreck near Gladbrook, last March, has brought suit against the company for damages for injuries sustained. She was hurt about the back and limbs.

Hold Body For Eight Days.

Waterloo, Aug. 24.—The body of Charles Meldred, an aged blacksmith, known in many cities and towns of the state was buried. His body was held eight days in an effort to find relatives. It is said that his wife eloped with a Des Moines man over twenty years ago.

Mahaska County Real Estate.

Oskaloosa, Aug. 24.—The real estate in Mahaska county is worth \$21,376,284, according to computations just completed, but it no doubt would take twice that amount of money to purchase all the farms and town lots. The total amount of personal property in the county amounts to \$4,431,318. The live stock is worth nearly \$2,000,000, and the automobiles listed in the county have an assessor's book value of \$106,526.

NOTED PRELATES WILL BE PRESENT

LEADING DIGNITARIES OF CATHOLIC CHURCH TO BE AT CANADIAN MEETING.

Montreal, Aug. 24.—It is no exaggeration to say that the eyes of Roman Catholics throughout the world will be fixed on this city—the Rome of North America, as it has been well styled—from now until the close, in September, of the first eucharistic congress ever held in the western hemisphere. Upward of 200,000 people are expected to attend the great gathering the central figure of which will be Cardinal Bishop Vincent Vanuetti, whose see is Palestrina and who is perfect of the congregation of the council at Rome. In addition to his special duties as papal legate to the congress. Among the other illustrious visitors will be Michael Cardinal Logue, archbishop of Ireland; James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore; Most Rev. John Ireland, archbishop of St. Paul; Most Rev. Francis Bourne, archbishop of Westminster, England; Most Rev. John Murphy Farley, archbishop of New York; Most Rev. John Joseph Glennon, archbishop of St. Louis; Most Rev. William Henry O'Connell, archbishop of Boston; Right Rev. Camillus Paul Maes, bishop of Covington, Ky.; permanent president of the eucharistic congress; the duke of Norfolk, senior Catholic peer of England; Right Rev. Thomas Heylen of Namur, Belgium, president of the permanent committee of the international eucharistic congress; Right Rev. Charles Edward McDonnell, bishop of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Right Rev. George William Mundelein, auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Right Rev. John Joseph O'Connor, bishop of Newark, N. J., and Right Rev. Thomas Francis Cusack, auxiliary bishop of New York.

In addition to the above list prelates and dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church from almost every archdiocese and diocese of the United States and Canada are expected to be present. From abroad there will come, in addition to Cardinal Vanuetti and Archbishop Logue and the duke of Norfolk, several European archbishops 45 bishops, about 100 priests and 20 to 30 of the nobility of Spain, Austria, Italy, Germany and England. For the celebration of daily mass some 12 or more altars will be erected daily in the larger compartments of the vessel. A large number of lay organizations are expected from cities of the United States. The Catholic club of New York will act as a guard of honor to the sacred host, which will be carried in a monstrance, or portable tabernacle, for public veneration.

Ex-Senator Call Dead.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Former Senator Wilkinson Call of Florida died here today.



CARDINAL GIBBONS.

M'KINLEY SEES A BIG VICTORY

HE AND AIDES THINK REPUBLICANS WILL RULE NEXT HOUSE.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Congressman W. B. McKinley, chairman of the republican congressional committee, visited western headquarters here yesterday afternoon and issued his first statement regarding the campaign. President Taft's campaign letter, mailed yesterday, had not arrived. It is probable that it will not be made public until early next month. In his statement Mr. McKinley said: "We have canvassed the situation in various states and see no reason to change the opinion that republicans will control the next house of representatives by a good working majority. Our democratic friends are indulging themselves in their usual pre-election claims. "The republican party will make no apology for its record. The new tariff law has surprised all in producing the two results expected of a good tariff law, i. e., increased revenue and prosperity. The democrats have failed miserably in their effort to attribute the high cost of living, a world wide condition, to the tariff. Prices are as high in free trade England and elsewhere abroad, as in this country. "I consider that President Taft is growing stronger daily, in the faith of the American people, in his sincerity in working out his own, and the Roosevelt policies."

Hoke Smith is Nominated

Former Governor Wins at Primary; Old Congressmen Lose Seats.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24.—Hoke Smith of Atlanta probably will be the next governor of Georgia. Two of Georgia's oldest congressmen in point of service, Leonidas F. Livingston and William M. Howard, were defeated in campaigns in which alleged support of the so-called Cannon rules was the principal issue. These were the most notable results of yesterday's democratic primary.

PRISONERS ARE RELEASED

Estrada, New President of Nicaragua, Takes Prompt Action on Assuming Office.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—American Consul Johnson at Corinto has informed the state department that General Estrada has ordered the release of 200 prisoners confined on an island near Corinto.

Consul Olivares at Managua reported to the state department that one of the first acts of Estrada as president was to revise the tariff. All foodstuffs were put on the free list.

SNOW AND RAIN SERVE TO CHECK FOREST FIRES

STORM IN MONTANA BRINGS SOME RELIEF; LATE REPORT PLACES TOTAL NUMBER OF DEAD AT FIFTY-FOUR.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 24.—A heavy fall of snow in the mountains and rain in the valleys has done much toward bringing the forest fires under control. The storm has extended as far east as Helena, taking in the Coeur d'Alene district.

Avery, Idaho, Aug. 24.—The bodies of twenty employes of the United States forest service were found within a radius of one mile on Setser creek yesterday morning by a searching party.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 24.—News from the burning forests of Idaho, Montana and Washington, increases the seriousness of the situation as far as the destruction of magnificent trees is concerned, but reduced the estimate of loss of life. Only fifty-four persons are known to have perished.

Light rain began to fall yesterday afternoon in Wallace and other Coeur d'Alene mining towns that have been scorched or threatened by the forest fires and the weary firefighters took new hope. Nothing, however, but a long and heavy down-pour will quench the flames that are eating up the big trees of northern Idaho, northwestern Montana and northeastern Washington.

Loss Into Millions.

The fires in the great Coeur d'Alene national forest are quite beyond control and timber worth millions of dollars is burning. The area of the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation are checked, as are those in the famous national forest.

Along the St. Joe river, which runs through what is described on maps as "the largest body of standing white pine timber in the United States" there is a continuous fire from Plummer to a point in Montana. The United States is the largest loser and next in importance are the losses sustained by the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad, which has suffered the destruction of bridges, buildings and timber lands for forty miles.

Partial List of Dead.

Following is a partial list of dead to date in the fire areas in northern Idaho northwestern Washington, and Montana.

LOUIS HOLMES, Spokane.
THOMAS WELSH, Spokane.
GEORGE ZEIGLER, 57 years old, Newport, Wash.

MRS. ERNEST DENHARDT, Newport, Wash.
GEORGE CAMPBELL, Newport, Wash.
THOMAS CARRY, Newport, Wash.

CADY, rancher, Newport, Wash.
DAVIES, rancher, near Newport, Wash.

HENRY L. LILERMAN, Darwood, Idaho.
V. NICHOLSON, aged 17, Gem Ida.
LAWRENCE RYSON, aged 50, Wallace, Ida.

LESLIE SELLERS, aged 18, Gem, Idaho.
S. D. ADAMS, aged 30, Chicago.
A. RENSTON, Hillsdale, Wis.

ERNEST ELGIN, aged 60, Wallace, Idaho.
WILLIAM M'KAY, Taft, dead at Seltene, Mont.

RODERICK AMES, rancher, Big Creek, Ida.
JOSEPH BEAUCHAMP, rancher, Big Creek, Ida.

JOSEPH C. BOYD, Wallace, Ida.
JOSEPH FENE, Placer creek, Minn.
WILLIAM HEARMETH, War Eagle, Idaho.

JOSEPH SMITH, burned near Mul-lan, Ida.
"FRENCHY," famillar Spokane contractor, killed on Placer creek.
JOHN WILLIAMSON, fireman killed near Pocatone, Ida.

MRS. A. L. GREGORY and two children near Newport, Wash, reported dead.

Foresters Accounted For.

Wallace, Idaho, Aug. 24.—All the men on the list of government foresters employed in Idaho have reported to the supervisor or are known to be safe.

Town of 11,000 Destroyed.

Wallace, Idaho, Aug. 24.—Kay L. Baylor of Spokane, who arrived in Wallace today says Seltene, Mont., a town of 1,000 persons was destroyed by fire yesterday without loss of life.

Montana Rains General.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 24.—Reports indicate that the rain is general in Montana's fire swept section.