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NEWS OF THE WEEK

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Theodore Roosevelt, in the course of which President Taft is said to have referred to Canadian reciprocity as likely to "make Canada an adjunct of the United States."
Premier Asquith, who showed re-

sentment at the attack, sharply repudiated the reflection cast on James Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, and said that the ambassador had in no way influenced the views or policy of the late Canadian government, and that as the correspondence between President Taft and Theodore Roosevelt was private, Mr. Bryce could not have any knowledge whatever of it.

A Cheyenne, Wyo., dispatch to the Denver News, says: Orders were received by the Colorado and Southern railway to seize all empty flat, box and stock cars, no matter to whom consigned, and send them to Fort D. A. Russell for shipping of the horses and equipment of the Ninth cavalry which is expecting orders to move on the Mexican border at any hour. Thirty-five stock cars have been delivered already. It is expected that fifty more will be secured by morning. Scouts from the fort have been out all day rounding up the men.

Oscar Underwood carried the democratic primaries in the state of Mississippi.

James C. Dahlman and his entire ticket was elected city commissioners under the new commission form of government in Omaha.

Woodrow Wilson carried the democratic primaries in Texas, carrying every county in which Senator Bailey spoke. Roosevelt carried the republican primaries.

The Kansas republicans instructed for Theodore Roosevelt in the state convention at Independence. An Associated Press dispatch says:

Adopting strong resolutions favoring the entire progressive movement, and leaving out the time-honored custom of laudatory planks in praise of state and government officials, the republican state convention named four delegates-at-large to the national convention with iron-clad instructions for Theodore Roosevelt for president. The make-up of the "big four" is: Henry J. Allen, Wichita; Ralph A. Harris, Ottawa; Ansel Clark, Sterling and John M. Landon of Independence. William Allen White of Emporia was endorsed for national committeeman. From the minute the convention opened the one hundred and four delegates bearing instructions, for President Taft were working to get through some of the things they desired, but the Roosevelt majority of 790 was too great.

The republican national committee has been called in special session in Chicago June 6. This early meeting is necessary on account of the large number of contests that will have to be disposed of.

Edward Callahan, the noted Kentucky feudist, was shot from ambush and died as a result of the desperate wounds he received.

WHERE THE SILK COMES FROM

Pure silk is produced from two sources: the mulberry silk, or the silk obtained from the cocoon of the cultivated worm feeding on the mulberry leaf, and the wild silk, or that obtained from the cocoon of the wild worm, which usually feeds on oak leaves. The difference in the food and care of the worm itself has a decided effect upon the cocoon and the resulting fibres. The silk of the wild worm is inferior in smoothness and firmness of quality. The luster is less than that of cultivated silk; on the other hand, wild silk is often the stronger. The cocoons of either variety are always ecru in color. All silks of the pongee variety; Rajahs, Shantung, Tussahs, and the new

variations added to suit each season's styles, are products of the wild worm. As reeled out from the cocoon the silk is uneven in texture, and this unevenness gives that quality or roughness which we expect to find in pongee. The largest proportion of silk fabrics is made from the cocoon spun by the cultivated worm. If perfect cocoons are used and the silk merely unwound, the result is the extremely valuable product called "reeled silk." But a much cheaper silk may be made by using the imperfect cocoons, or those from which the moths have been allowed to escape. This is still pure silk, but these cocoons are made up of countless short fibres instead of the one continuous filament of the perfect cocoon. By the use of spinning machinery similar to that used in cotton manufacture, this waste silk is carded and spun into a product called spun silk. If this is of good quality it can be made into a most satisfactory fabric, but when a poor quality is used and factory waste added, the resulting silk is decidedly not worth while.—Charles Waite, in Good Housekeeping.

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