

PACT BILL PASSED

TAFT RECIPROcity MEASURE CARRIED BY SENATE BY VOTE OF 53 TO 27.

WILL BECOME LAW JULY 26

Amendments That Encumbered Canada Pact Quickly Swept Aside When Time Comes for Decisive Action--Party Lines Are Wiped Out.

Washington--The Canadian reciprocity bill was passed by the senate by a vote of 53 yeas and 27 nays, and the business for which congress was assembled in extraordinary session was concluded.

President Taft did not receive the measure for signature before leaving for Beverly as the senate took adjourned before the senate took the final vote, and the engrossment of the bill will take place while the branch in which it originated is in session.

Every amendment was voted down by a larger majority than that by which the original bill finally carried--in all cases where a roll call was had.

On the final passage 21 Republicans voted for the bill and 24 against, 32 Democrats for it and 3 against. The only significant thing as to votes on the various amendments was the practically unanimous disposition on the part of friends of the reciprocity measure not to allow anything to mar the agreement entered into between executive officials of the Canadian and United States governments.

Most of the votes on amendments on which there were roll calls ran about 16 to 64. The highest votes obtained in favor of any amendments were those on the Nelson cattle and farm products proposition and the McCumber scheme to prevent elimination of the duties on grain in bond.

No big crowds filled the galleries when the end came, but there were many members of the house on the floor as the finish approached. There was no oratory--just a series of roll calls, which brought the main issue to a vote.

Ottawa, Ont.--The favorable action by the United States senate on the reciprocity agreement puts the government in a somewhat stronger position, but it is conceded that it will not prove a factor in breaking the present deadlock on the question in the Canadian commons.

A dissolution of parliament and an appeal to the country in a general election with reciprocity as the issue is the only course left to the government, and it is expected that Premier Laurier will take advantage of the first opportunity within a fortnight. The new parliament would be able to enact the agreement before the first of the year.

BOSTON INVADED BY CHOLERA

Woman Succumbs to Disease Which is Traced to Sailors Taken as Lodgers--Men Disappear.

Boston--Astetic cholera has reached Boston and caused one death, while two foreign sailors who are believed to have brought the dread disease here after being taken ill disappeared and their whereabouts is unknown, according to a statement given out officially by Chairman Samuel H. Durgin of the Boston board of health.

The cholera victim was Mrs. Tamassino Mastrodencio, who died at the detention hospital on Gallup's island. Mrs. Mastrodencio took into her home as lodgers a few weeks ago two sailors who were members of the crew of a steamer supposed to have sailed from an Italian port.

The sailors subsequently were taken ill and disappeared. Efforts are being made to locate them.

MRS. SUSIE VAUGHN BURIED

Funeral of Founder of Decoration Day Held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Washington.

Washington--Mrs. Susie L. Vaughn, founder of Decoration day, who died at the Eastern Star home here, was buried at Mt. Olivet cemetery here. Shortly after the city war, Mrs. Vaughn started the movement for honoring graves of dead soldiers, which culminated in the act of congress setting aside Decoration day as a national holiday.

She was the widow of Judge J. N. Vaughn of San Francisco.

"Not Guilty" Gompers Plea. Washington--In lieu of formal answers to the contempt charges against them, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor entered oral pleas of "not guilty" before Justice Wright of the District Supreme court.

Indianian Blain: Rival Accused. Evansville, Ind.--Noah Russell, aged twenty-nine, was shot and killed, and Elbert Meridith, aged thirty, is accused of the crime. He is missing. The men were rivals.

VETERANS FEAR TAFT

PRESIDENT TALKS PEACE TO BLUE AND GRAY.

Announces Arbitration Treaties With France and Great Britain Will Be Signed Within Ten Days.

Manassas, Va.--President Taft in addressing several thousand Union and Confederate veterans made a vigorous plea for international peace and was applauded and cheered most heartily.

The president declared that a general arbitration treaty both with Great Britain and with France probably would be signed within the next ten days. He added that he hoped within the next few days to announce that three other great powers would enter into similar agreements with the United States.

President Taft reached Manassas after a tempestuous trip. It was so strenuous that the presidential party abandoned their motor cars here and returned to the capital by train. Mr. Taft laughingly likened his troubles in getting to Bull Run to those that some folks 60 years ago had in getting away.

"I brought some senators and representatives down with me from Washington," he said, "and because of the exigencies of the road and the storm and strife of the elements we came far more slowly than some senators and representatives who came down here half a century ago went back."

COMMONS IN WILD DISORDER

Premier is Howled Down When He Attempts to Obtain Consideration of Veto Bill.

London--Scenes of wild disorder marked the session of the house of commons. Half a dozen times the premier arose to move consideration of the lords' amendments to the parliamentary bill and each time he was howled down by a din so terrific that the speaker had difficulty in making himself heard as he appealed to both sides to observe parliamentary decorum.

After trying for three-quarters of an hour to get a hearing and finding himself unable to prevail against the uproar, Premier Asquith cut short his projected speech and amid a hubbub declared that if the lords would not consent to restore the veto bill, even with reasonable amendments, to substantially its original form, the government would be compelled to invoke the exercise of the royal prerogative for the creation of new peers.

Unable to restore order Speaker Lowther declared the sitting suspended.

ROADS MUST CUT WEST RATES

Interstate Commission Issues Sweeping Order Affecting All Freight Charges Between Coasts.

Washington--Decisions of far-reaching importance were announced by the Interstate commerce commission. They affect directly all freight rates between the Atlantic ocean and the Pacific coast. Particularly, they affect the rates in the territory lying between Denver and Pacific coast points.

By the opinions handed down the commission has attempted to arrive at a definite relation of the rates to the non-competitive points as compared with those to the coast, and has laid down the extent to which rates to interior points may exceed the coast rates.

In all the cases decided the carriers are given until October 15 to file tariffs with the commission, constructed in accordance with the views set forth in the opinions.

The net result of the decisions will be to give lower rates on all west-bound transcontinental traffic to cities in the inter-rocky mountain territory.

LEWIS STRANG IS KILLED

Noted Auto Driver Crushed to Death in Attempting to Avoid a Wagon.

Blue Rivers, Wis.--Louis Strang, the noted automobile race driver, was instantly killed near here, when, in an endeavor to avoid a wagon his automobile careened and went crashing over a high embankment.

Strang was driver of a car carrying the technical committee of the annual endurance tour of the Wisconsin Automobile association. In the car with Strang were three other passengers, including Joe Jaggerberger, also a driver of Case cars, and Lester Clark of Richland Center, Wis. The name of the other passenger has not been learned. Strang did not jump, but remained at the wheel and was crushed to death in the fall of thirty feet.

Senate Ratifies Seal Treaty. Washington--The north Pacific fur seal treaty, prohibiting pelagic sealing and regulating the killing of seals on land, was ratified by the senate. The treaty does not take effect until accepted by all signatory powers.

Boy Killed by Lightning. Akron, O.--Thousands of dollars in damage in this vicinity resulted from an electrical and wind storm. Clarence Beck, a boy residing near Palmyra, was killed by lightning.

Willmar, Minn.--Mrs. C. W. Carlson of Carpenter, S. D., is dead and her husband is seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident near this city.

SERVES WARNING

WICKERSHAM IN DENIAL.



Hi, Say, Don't Hang Around There Very Long; I Can Do All the Watching Necessary.

STEEL POOL PLANNED

ELEVEN FIRMS TO DIVIDE TRADE IS SHOWN IN U. S. INQUIRY.

Washington, D. C.--Attorney General Wickersham branded as falsehoods the charges of Delegate Wickersham of Alaska, that the attorney general had "shielded Alaskan criminals," and had allowed the statute of limitations to run in an alleged coal contract fraud case.

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INCREASE OF TAXES

STATE NEEDS AND MUST HAVE MORE MONEY.

TO MEET THE APPROPRIATIONS

Levy for State Purposes Enlarged to the Extent of One and One-fifth Mills.

The state board of assessment must increase the state levy or the state must go into debt for the increased appropriations made by the last legislature. The legislature appropriated funds for a state agricultural school, state aid for bridge building, a state tubercular hospital, a \$5,000 water main for the benefit of lot speculators near the state school for deaf at Omaha, and funds for many new buildings and the total to be drawn from the general fund aggregates \$4,997,209.27 for the two years ending March 31, 1913.

Secretary Henry Seymour of the board of assessment, has placed before each member of the state board a statement showing that to meet appropriations and with nothing to spare if all of the tax levy is collected, the state board must this year increase its levy from 5 mills to 6 1-5 mills. Last year the levy was 4 mills for the general and one mill for the university. This year he estimates that the levy should be 5 mills for the general fund, 1 for the university and 1-5 of 1 mill for state aid for bridges over streams 175 feet in width, making a total of 6 1-5 mills. This levy will raise \$2,576,040.30 for one year, as compared with a total of \$2,060,692.06 levied last year, the levy last year being 4 mills for the general and 1 mill for the university. The university levy is a fixed levy, provided by law, and is required to be made annually by the state board.

The statement to the board, made by Secretary Seymour, shows that the estimated receipts from miscellaneous sources to the state general fund (based on the receipts for the last biennial period) for the same period of time is \$643,499.61, leaving a balance to be raised by levy of taxes for the two years of \$4,152,709.66. One-half of this amount, or the amount required to meet the appropriations for one year, amounts to \$2,076,354.83. The total assessed valuation of the state as returned by the county assessors for 1911, is \$415,490,373.00 and a levy of 5 mills upon this valuation for general fund purposes will produce \$2,077,451.86. On this basis the General fund, 5 mills, \$2,077,451.86 University fund, 1 mill, 415,490.57 Aid bridge fund, 1-5 mill, 83,698.07

Total, 6 1-5 mills, \$2,576,040.30

The small increase in the assessed valuation of the state this year is attributed to the law providing for the election of precinct assessors, but most of the proposed increase in the levy is attributed to the increased appropriations of the last legislature.

Telephone Girls Exempt. Telephone girls may work all night and their employers cannot be fined for violation of the female labor law of Nebraska. This is the decision of Deputy Attorney General Ayres, given in answer to a question asked by labor Commissioner L. V. Guye.

Fair Attraction. A large display of torpedoes will be one of the features at the naval exhibit at the Nebraska state fair. The display will include complete torpedoes, such as are used by Uncle Sam's big warships, and materials used in their manufacture.

Relief for the Corn. Ten days of continuous rains have brought relief to corn in five Kansas counties, according to M. Well, who returned from Denver. In the counties of Republic, Jewell, Smith, Phillips and Norton the corn will yield a bumper crop, according to statements made by Mr. Well.

Pardoned by the Governor. Governor Aldrich gave an unconditional pardon to James Robley, who was sent to the penitentiary to serve a five-year sentence for criminal assault. Robley's sentence would have expired September 5, and his wife and children are destitute and sick and need him at home.

Lincoln Attorney Drowned. Frank C. Burke, a young attorney of this city, was drowned in Lake Michigan, according to reports received from Michigan City, Ind., where he was visiting. Young Burke, who strayed beyond the danger line, was rescued by the life savers' crew at that station, but they failed to revive him after two hours' attempt.

Lone Tree Monument Dedication. Word has been received that the date for dedication of the Lone Tree monument on the old California trail, near Central City, has been set for August 9, and that quite an event is being planned. An effort will be made to secure the attendance of officers and members of the state historical society. "Lone Tree" is located on the old trail south of Central City. As this will follow the exploration trip over the Oregon trail in this state Central City people hope to make the event important.

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Last Survivor of Seminole War Dead. Chattanooga, Tenn.--W. E. M. Rice, ninety-seven, is the only survivor of the Seminole war, is dead of old age at Flint Springs, Tenn.

SMOOT WOOL TARIFF BILL IN Offered by Utah Senator as Substitute for the Underwood and La Follette Measures.

Washington, July 20.--Senator Smoot introduced his wool tariff bill, which is expected to have the support of a majority of the Republicans in senate if any wool revision is agreed upon. He said his bill is not an "administration measure," but represents his own views of what reduction could be made in the wool tariff without destroying American industries. He offered his bill as a substitute for the Underwood and La Follette bills.

Canada Has Money Famine. Toronto, Ont.--Dealers in honey declare that the drought of June and early July has caused a shortage of over 1,000,000 pounds in Ontario's harvest from the hives. The practical failure of small flowering field crops is given as the cause.

Killed in Auto Crash. Willmar, Minn.--Mrs. C. W. Carlson of Carpenter, S. D., is dead and her husband is seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident near this city.

STATE'S ASSESSMENT.

A Slight Increase, Mostly in Douglas and Lancaster.

Three members of the state board of assessment, Land Commissioner Cowles, Auditor Barton and Secretary of State Wait, met to begin the annual work of equalizing values of assessable property. Secretary Henry Seymour had elaborate tabulations prepared for the board to begin work on the equalization of live stock in the various counties. All counties with the exception of Boone and Scotts Bluff counties have reported abstracts of assessable property. If these two counties report the same amount that was listed last year the total assessed valuation of the state will be \$415,744,876, or \$3,606,269 more than last year's values. Lancaster and Douglas counties combined reported an increase of \$3,166,349 this year, so these two counties alone account for nearly all of the increase in the total of this year.

There are 992,743 head of horses in the state, 2,188,818 cattle, 88,484 mules, and 1,932,413 hogs.

Assessed Values by Counties. The following shows the assessed values by counties this year and last year, two counties not having reported this year:

Table with columns for County, 1911, and 1910. Lists counties from Adams to York with their respective assessed values.

Stock Yards to Increase Charges. Application for leave to increase feeding rates at the union stock yards at South Omaha has been filed by Attorney Frank Ransom and General Manager Buckingham. The application is made under the provisions of the law passed by the last legislature which declares the stock yards to be a common carrier and gives the railway commission control of not only switching rates, but charges for yardage and feed.

Health Board Reorganized. The board of secretaries of the State Board of Health has reorganized for the coming year. Dr. E. A. Carr of Lincoln, after two years' service, has been retired as secretary, this place going to Dr. C. P. Fall of Beatrice.

Telephone Companies are Exempt. Because, in his opinion to Labor Commissioner Guye, telephone companies are neither mechanical, manufacturing nor mercantile institutions, Deputy Attorney General Ayres holds that telephone companies do not violate the law when they employ girls between the hours of 10 p. m. and 6 a. m.

Experiments with Flying Machine. B. W. Keach of Lincoln, and R. C. Cole of Hastings, have purchased an aeroplane and propose to experiment with it in the sixty-acre wheat field adjoining the state asylum grounds.

In Congressional Race. State Auditor Silas R. Barton of Grand Island has announced that he would make the race for congress in the Fifth district next year. The statement was given out immediately upon Mr. Barton's return from a trip to Denver and other western points.

HERMIT AND ARTIST

IN WEIRD WEDDING

DYNAMITE BLASTS AND INCENSE OF BURNED CEDAR BERRIES USED IN CEREMONY.

CUT OUT "HONOR AND OBEY"

John Otto and Miss Farnham Made One Before Rock-Hewn Altar on Ledge 100 Feet High--Devise Second Ceremony.

Grand Junction, Colo.--With weird and picturesque ceremony, preceded by a wedding banquet, cooked and served by the bride, and followed by a series of dynamite salutes to his bride and the American flag, Miss Beatrice Farnham, the Boston artist and sculptress, was married to John Otto, the trail builder, in the mountain fastnesses of Monument canon.

Out of deference to the minister, the plans for marriage on top of Independence rock were abandoned, and the ceremony was performed on Grand ledge, 100 feet high. The Rev. F. A. Hatch, congregational minister at Fruita, officiated and there were half a dozen invited guests.

The bride and bridegroom stood before an altar which they had fashioned from quartz and granite, under an arch of evergreen. In the rock the bride had carved the words "Truth, Honor, Love and Justice."

The usual ring service was used, but the clergyman omitted the words "honor and obey" from his questions to Miss Farnham, because of Otto's declaration that he did not believe in that part of the ceremony.

"What is the use of making women promise to honor and obey," he said, "when they don't have any intention of doing it. Half of the marriages performed simply force the woman to



He and I don't want my wife to make any promises she can't keep, for only so long as love lasts can marriage endure."

The marriage was solemnized by a double ceremony. To comply with the laws of the country, Otto secured a marriage license and was duly wedded by Rev. F. A. Hatch. The legal ceremony, to the mind of Otto, a professed atheist, and Miss Farnham, a free thinker, was not sufficient to "bind them in the holy bonds of wedlock," hence following the words which made them man and wife in the eyes of the law and the public at large, they climbed to the top of Independence monument, 550 feet high, by a fragile ladder of iron spikes, and went through a fantastic ceremony of their own. They were alone on the top of the pinnacle and to the few spectators on the ground their actions could not be plainly seen.

It had been their plan from the first to have both ceremonies performed on the top of the monument, but no minister or justice of the peace could be secured in any part of Mesa county who would risk his life in this task for love or money.

Following the ceremony Otto burned incense to his wife in the form of cedar berries, which he sprinkled on the camp fire. Then the bride and groom together planted a young spruce tree which they designated as their witness tree, and declared would grow as long as their love lasted.

Fought for Chum's Life. Shenandoah, Pa.--While a number of boys were swimming in a Leont mountain reservoir Anthony Mervage, 14 years old, took a cramp and was sinking for the second time when John Scheaffer, aged 16, went to the lad's assistance and saved him from a watery grave at great peril. Mr. Scheaffer had to fight the drowning boy off until he got him by the hair, and then he held him to safety.

Wed on a Hospital Oct. Lancaster, Pa.--By permission of her physician, Miss Mary Klingman of Jacksonville sat up in her hospital cot for an hour to be married to the Rev. Border Levi Stanley of Shenandoah Junction. She came here to attend the ordination of her ailing husband but was taken ill and sent to the hospital.