

# MARKS NEW EPOCH

## President Taft Issues Statement Anent Passage of Measure.

### HOPES CANADA WILL AGREE

Belief of Executive That Carrying Out of Provisions of Treaty Will Be of Surprising Value to Economic Conditions of the Country.

In his first statement since the passage of the reciprocity bill by the senate, President Taft, at the summer White House, freely acknowledged that his long, hard campaign in behalf of that measure would have proved unavailing if the Democrats had not helped him.

The statement reads as follows: "That I am very much pleased with the passage of the Canadian reciprocity bill through both houses of congress goes without saying. I believe and hope it will be followed by similar action by the Dominion parliament.

"In my judgment, the going into effect of the agreement will mark a new epoch in the relations between the United States and Canada, and will tend to a marked increase in the trade between the two countries, which will be in every way beneficial to both.

"I hope the credit that belongs to Secretary Knox and his special assistants at the state department in the negotiating and framing of the pact and their lucid explanation and defense of its terms will not be withheld.

"In a sense, the bill passed was a nonpartisan measure, though the Republicans who voted for it probably did so on an economic theory and the Democrats who voted for it on another. I should be wanting in straight forward speaking, however, if I did not freely acknowledge the credit that belongs to the Democratic majority in the house and the Democratic minority in the senate for their consistent support of the measure, in an earnest and sincere desire to secure its passage.

"Without this reciprocity would have been impossible. It would not have been difficult for them to fasten upon the bill amendments affecting the tariff generally in such a way as to embarrass the executive and to make it doubtful whether he could sign the bill, and yet to claim popular approval for their support of reciprocity in its defeat. In other words, the Democrats did not 'play politics' in the colloquial sense in which those words are used, but they followed the dictates of a higher policy.

"We Republicans who have earnestly sought reciprocity and some of whose votes were necessary to the passage of the bill may properly enjoy mutual congratulations on a work well done. To those who opposed the bill, on the ground that it will do harm to the farmers, we can only say that we who have supported the passage of the bill look forward to the test of the actual operation of the reciprocity measure to disprove their prophecies and allay their fears. The satisfaction that actual experience in its working will give, we confidently hope will secure its permanence. In a decade its benefits will contribute much to a greater United States and greater Canada."

### TRUST PIONEER PROUD

Promoter John E. Parsons Says Big Wrongs Right Themselves.

"All such wrongs right themselves," was the assurance John E. Parsons gave the sugar trust investigators at the hearing in New York when they asked him how to curb the big corporations. When the former attorney of the American Sugar Refining company took the stand again Representative Asher C. Hinds inquired:

"As probably the world's most eminent expert on these matters, what would you suggest that a sovereign government can do to prevent these great combinations of capital from the extravagances they have exhibited in the past?"

"My theory is, and it is supported by the greatest economic writers, that all such wrongs right themselves," replied Mr. Parsons. "If there is too much water in the stock that will take care of itself. The government cannot in equity interfere in private affairs. There should be no limit to capitalization so long as it is not injurious or fraudulent."

"I certainly claim to be the pioneer in the formation of the American trust," said Mr. Parsons, in answer to another question. "I am very proud of it."

Charles R. Helke, former secretary of the American Sugar Refining company, declared his ignorance of the mysterious resolution passed by the board of directors, in which H. O. Havemeyer said the company should take action relative to "injurious litigation and hurtful legislation and appeals from each of the political parties."

### Posse Kills Man Accused of Arson.

Surrounded by a posse eight miles north of St. Joseph, Louis Leggata, sought on charges of arson and attempted murder, refused to surrender and was riddled with bullets and buckshot. Just as the volley crashed out Leggata discharged a shotgun which he carried, the load hitting W. T. Kirtley, whose life he had attempted two rights in succession, in the back. His wounds are not dangerous.

## J. OGDEN ARMOUR.

One of Chicago's Rich Men Dropped by Chief As "Staff Policemen."



### TAKE TIME WITH WILEY CASE

Wilson Says Matter Is Too Important to Be Decided in a Hurry.

The Wiley case may not be settled this week. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson declared before the cabinet meeting that it would take him several days more to go through the papers in the case.

"This is a highly important matter and one over which I am not going to hurry. I may make a report this week, but I doubt it."

The charges filed against Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, by James Berry, a former employee of the bureau, to the effect that money had been expended unlawfully for the employment of experts, will be investigated by the house committee on expenditures in the department of agriculture.

The charges are similar to those against Dr. Wiley, which the committee also is preparing to investigate. They allege that Professor Moore went beyond his authority in engaging the services of Rev. F. L. Odenbach, a seismographical expert of Cleveland, payment to be made out of the exigency fund of the bureau.

### BIG FIRE AT CONSTANTINOPLE

Five Thousand Houses in Ancient Quarter of Stamboul Burned.

Constantinople, July 25.—The conflagration which started last evening continued until 3 a. m., by which time the flames were gotten under control, but practically because there was no further fuel in their path. The disaster was the greatest since the great fire in Pera, the European quarter, in 1870.

It is believed that the present fire broke out simultaneously at several points in Stamboul, the ancient city, while the people were celebrating the anniversary of the new constitution. The most formidable blaze flared up near the ministry of war and was borne by a strong north wind through the residential section of the southern coast. From the square in front of the war ministry east to the center of Stamboul to the sea of Marmora, on the south, practically nothing was left standing.

Two square miles of the city was devastated. It is roughly estimated that over 5,000 houses were destroyed. The greater number of these were wooden buildings, but several important stone structures were ruined.

### THE MARKETS

Chicago, July 24.—Closing prices: Wheat—July, 86½c; Sept., 88½c. Corn—July, 62c; Sept., 63½c. Oats—July, 39c; Sept., 40½c. Pork—Sept., \$16.47½. Lard—Sept., \$8.32½; Jan., \$8.30. Ribs—July, \$8.42½; Sept., \$8.52½. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 86½c; No. 2 corn, 65½c; No. 2 oats, new, 35c.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, July 24.—Receipts, 28,000; steady; hoes, \$5.10@7.10; western steers, \$4.00@5.90; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.40; cows and heifers, \$2.20@5.90; calves, \$5.50@8.00. Hogs—Receipts, 45,000; 5@10c lower; light, \$3.25@6.75; mixed, \$3.25@6.75; heavy, \$5.90@6.70; rough, \$3.00@6.25; pigs, \$5.25@6.50; bulk, \$6.45@6.65. Sheep—Receipts, 26,000; steady to 10c lower; natives, \$2.50@4.50; westerns, \$2.75@4.60; yearlings, \$4.25@5.50; lambs, \$3.75@7.20.

South Omaha Live Stock. South Omaha, July 24.—Receipts, 6,400; slow to lower; beef steers, \$4.70@6.65; cows and heifers, \$2.75@4.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.40@4.55; bulls, \$3.10@4.90; calves, \$4.25@6.50. Hogs—Receipts, 3,700; steady; long strings ranged at \$6.25@6.35 and best bacon grades brought \$6.45. Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; 10c lower; range ewes, \$2.75@3.75; wethers, \$3.25

## HARNESS HORSE NEWS

Palmer L. Clark Writes About the Trotting Meet at Indianapolis

### AUTO-TRUCK AND THE HORSE

The recent trotting meeting at the Indiana State Fair Grounds, Indianapolis, which practically opened the Grand Circuit season, clearly demonstrated that it makes but little difference whether horses are trained in the sunny South, the far North, the extreme East or the golden West—it all revolves to the important point of how they were trained, as proven by the way in which the money was decided. The only section that overshadowed all others at any one time occurred on Thursday when three of the four events were won by Illinois owned and trained horses in the hands of as many different trainers who furnished the surprise of the meeting in their successful efforts for first money.

Another thing proven beyond a shadow of doubt by the Indianapolis meeting is the demand for a big opening meeting in the spring, as decisive in character, to inaugurate not only the Grand Circuit, but the Great Western and the Middle West as well, that will compare in every respect with what Lexington stands for as the closing event in October—such a meeting as would inspire owners and trainers to prepare for with as much enthusiasm and to strive for the glory and money attaching to the winning of the events as they do for Lexington.

That the auto is a commercial necessity is proven by the fact that if it were not for the large gas-propelled machines large businesses which have great delivery work to do would be woefully handicapped for heavy draft and light delivery horses; but that the auto truck is superseding horses as predicted it would, is far from being verified. The auto truck has grown to be a necessity where roads are good and smooth, it is true; but even owners of the trucks must still keep horses to help them out. For the past year or more there has been a great demand for cocky little wagon horses weighing about 1,250 pounds. In speaking of this demand Mr. Tom Donellan, who buys all the horses for the Armour Packing Co., said:

"Why, we put two of these little fellows together on a three-quarter wagon and send them to the branch houses in the smaller towns. They can take all the meat we have to handle, make a good round of delivery and return the same day. Our largest loads are hauled by the auto-trucks. Then the delivering is done by the horses from these central points."

That the self-propelled truck will run in all sorts of weather as long as the going is good, there is no doubt. They are here to stay; but their limitations are well defined. The expense of up keep and operation is too great. While the machines are new and no expensive parts to be replaced and while the tires hold out, everything is lovely; but when the repair bills amount to hundreds of dollars, it becomes a different story. Several leading merchants have kept exact account of the relative expense attached to the use of both the trucks and horses for delivery purposes and not one, so far, has been heard to say that the figures are in favor of the machine. Possibly in the most congested districts of the largest cities the auto-truck may displace the horse; but even that is not positively presaged by the direction of current events.

### MALINDA SQUIBS

The weather still continues warm and dry.

Geo. Garvie was the victim of a bad runaway, the team running and throwing him out. His face and head were bruised and the buggy was damaged some.

Cal Derr went to Alliance Tuesday.

Edwin Dunlay went to the Bluffs, Wednesday.

Mrs. Annie Denton went to Alliance Sunday to attend the Normal two weeks.

The Randall brothers have the contract for putting up the hay on the Kilpatrick ranch, beginning work Monday.

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