

TEMPEST IN TEAPOT

Lord Rosebery's Characterization of Row Over Kaiser's Letter.

BLAME FOR YELLOW PRESS

Country is Accused of Making Itself Ridiculous Over Affair.

TEXT WILL NOT BE GIVEN OUT

Cabinet Announces that the Incident is Closed.

OPPOSITION ACCEPTS VIEW

Lord Tweedmouth Consulted Sir Edward Grey Before Replying to Message from the Emperor.

LONDON, March 9.—The government has decided to keep private a personal letter written by Emperor William to Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, in which it was charged that the London Times had made a statement to influence legislation in the matter of naval estimates of Great Britain. The decision, which was announced in the House of Commons this morning, will cause the country to remain in a state of confusion, speaking for the opposition, and the policy of the cabinet may be predicted that the public may consider the incident closed.

The remark made by Lord Rosebery that the nation was making itself ridiculous over this affair finds much support. The discussion today was brief and dry. All the participants proceeded as if they were walking on eggs, for criticism of the ruler of another nation is a delicate business. The fact that Lord Tweedmouth consulted Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, before replying to Emperor William's letter, was the only new fact brought out, and it goes far to diminish the criticism of Lord Tweedmouth because it relieves him of all suspicion of anything resembling duplicity to the interests of the navy.

The character of Emperor William's letter is now generally understood. The speaker assumed to be the reference to Lord Fisher, that he had better occupy himself with drapery and keep his hands off the navy. Lord Fisher was engaged in improving the drainage system of Windsor castle when Emperor William was there recently.

An amusing feature of the affair is that all the sensational newspapers of London are lecturing the Times for its sensationalism in exploiting the story.

Letters Will Not Be Given Out. The hope that the letter sent last month by Emperor William of Germany to Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, in which it was charged that the London Times had attempted to influence Great Britain's naval estimates, and the British minister's reply thereto, would be made public for the edification of the people, was quickly dispelled by Mr. Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, in the House of Commons this morning.

In a couple of curt sentences Mr. Asquith, who was acting as premier, told A. J. Balfour and his other questioners that he had nothing to add to his statement of Friday, and that so far as he knew Tweedmouth had nothing to add to his statement of Saturday.

Lord Tweedmouth expressed surprise at what he called the "extraordinary outburst of the press" during the last few days in connection with this matter. Concluding, he vouchsafed the information that he had on several occasions received letters from the German emperor which had come in the ordinary way through the postoffice. The particular letter now under discussion was a private and personal one, Lord Tweedmouth declared, very friendly in tone and quite informal.

The feature of the session in the House of Lords was a speech by Lord Rosebery, who had the prince of Wales in a seat beside him. The former premier made an attack upon the "yellow" journalism of England, with special reference to the inferences drawn by the London Times from the letters. "We have witnessed," Lord Rosebery said, "the spectacle of a drawing of the absolutely insane inference that the German emperor was attempting to influence Lord Tweedmouth, with the view of cutting down the naval estimates and checking the increase of British armaments. The country has been placed in an unseemly and ridiculous position, and I am quite sure that the idea mentioned in Emperor William's letter or the head of any educated person entitled to remain outside of a lunatic asylum.

"There is a section of the press which seems anxious to create bad feeling between these two countries, and there is an impression abroad that because Great Britain has arrived at a friendly feeling with France, it should be hostile to Germany. This section of the press took up this trivial incident to excite morbid suspicions between the two countries, suspicions which, in my opinion, gradually are developing into danger for the peace of Europe."

"Thoughtful observers," said Lord Rosebery, "should not overlook the fact that the German army of 4,000,000 men represent practically the German nation. Efforts any German government, however powerful, would be able to declare war on any country, it must have the support of this nation behind it, and it could only have the support of the German nation in a war against Great Britain when the feeling of the nation had been so exasperated as to render a continuance of peaceful conditions impracticable."

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Tuesday, March 10, 1908.

Table with columns for dates from 1908 to 1908, listing various events and page numbers.

THE WEATHER

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair Tuesday, rising temperature.

FOR NEBRASKA AND IOWA—Fair Tuesday, rising temperature.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Table showing temperature readings for Omaha at various times of the day.

DOMESTIC

United States Marshal Warner visits capital. Field conditions in Nebraska.

More cars are being placed in use continuously, according to reports of the railroads.

A new order of the War department increases the equipment of enlisted men.

Minority members of the house committee on banking and currency decide to support the Williams currency bill.

Mayor Becker orders the third floors of sixteen schools closed until properly equipped with fire escapes.

Eden valley irrigated tract will soon be open for entry.

The coroner's jury at Collinwood listens to the evidence in regard to the school fire.

Secretary Metcalf defends the present type of vessels of the navy.

Fifth district of Oklahoma declares for Taft.

District Attorney Jerome answers charges against him in detail.

King Alfonso insists on making trip to Barcelona in spite of many protests.

American fleet in two days ahead of its schedule and will arrive at Magdalena Bay Thursday.

No more information will be granted the public in relation to the Kaiser Wilhelm letter to Lord Tweedmouth.

Business men of London make an appeal to the business men for the reconstruction of the metropolis.

Railroad commission being called upon, the station at Buda has been reopened by the Union Pacific road.

Minimum weight is being raised on interstate shipments by Nebraska railroads.

Political. Fifth Nebraska district selects delegates to republican national convention and instructs for Taft.

Local. Ministerial association of Omaha sends a communication to Mayor Dahlman.

Superintendent W. M. Davidson of the Omaha public schools returns from the meeting of the National Educational association much impressed with the emphasis placed on manual and physical training.

Petitions are being circulated to oust the present Board of Park Commissioners, appointed by Mayor Dahlman.

Charter provides that the commissioners are to be appointed by the district judges.

Commercial and Industrial. Live stock markets. Grain and bonds.

Movements of Ocean Steamships. New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Liverpool, London, etc.

By Wire. Sabie Island, N. E.—Kron Princessen Cecilia, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on February 19, 1908.

CAR SITUATION IS IMPROVING

Fewer Idle Ones Than at Last Collection of Statistics by Railroads.

NEW YORK, March 9.—That the decline in railroad traffic, which reached such heavy proportions in January, was checked early in February, is indicated by the most recent reports of the committee on car efficiency of the American Railway association, which shows that the number of idle cars in the United States and Canada was smaller by over 20,000 cars on February 19 than it had been two weeks earlier. That the number of idle cars is still so large as to give much concern to railroad managers cannot be gainsaid, but some encouragement, at least, is found in the fact that there are now fewer idle cars now, or were on February 19 than on February 5, or at any date, since the beginning of the year. The net surplus of cars on February 19 is given as 28,564.

SOLDIERS GET HOUSEWIVES

New Order of War Department Adds to Equipment of Enlisted Men Army.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The recent order which supplies to an army recruit upon his enlistment a full kit of toilet articles, has run the gauntlet of judicial construction and has been sustained. As a result this is what the enlisted man gets in addition to his regular outfit: razor, brushes for hair, tooth, shaving and shoe comb, polish for black and tan shoes, two towels, toilet soap, whisker cream and last, but not least, "one housewife." The housewife is explained to be a neat little case containing thread, needles, buttons and patches.

WEST IS THE BETTER FIXED

Marshal Warner Finds Times Better at Home Than in East.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT MEADE

Nebraska Farmers Send Petitions to Senators Asking for a Commission to Revise the Tariff Rates.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—United States Marshal W. P. Warner of Nebraska arrived in the city today from Scranton, Pa. This is Mr. Warner's first visit to Washington since his appointment as successor to T. L. Mathews and having business in Pennsylvania planned his trip east to include the national capital. Mr. Warner will be presented to President Roosevelt and Attorney General Bonaparte tomorrow and will also meet representatives of the Department of Justice with whom he comes in contact by reason of his office. Mr. Warner stated there was more complaint of money stringency in the east than in Nebraska and it was his opinion the east had been harder hit in money matters than the west. Politically, Marshal Warner stated Nebraska was for Taft and the delegates would be instructed that way. "If there is any anti-Taft sentiment in the state," he said, "it has wholly disappeared."

Improvements at Fort Meade.

Senator Gamble this morning called upon Quartermaster General Alessie relative to improvements looking to the enlargement of Fort Meade, Mo. The senator was informed that plans and specifications are nearly completed for a band barracks to cost \$22,150, cavalry drill hall to cost \$55,000 and an administrative building upon which will be expended \$21,750. Appropriations to cover these expenditures are in hand and within a few days the War department will advertise for proposals. Further improvements are under contemplation for Fort Meade and will be included in the next annual estimate. The most important of these is an entire new sewerage system estimated to cost \$15,000 and the erection of additional barracks, a quartermaster's storehouse to cost \$100,000.

Move for Tariff Revision.

A movement has started among the farmers of Nebraska toward tariff revision. Petitions are reaching members of the Nebraska delegation asking that some action be taken that will make a start toward revision. The members of the Diller Farmers' institute recently passed resolutions favoring the appointment of a tariff revision commission to the end that the tariff may be taken out of politics and revised on a just, economic, equitable and commercial basis so that the foreign trade in farm and live stock products may be increased.

Against Tariff on Paper.

Resolutions of the stereotypers and electrotypers local union No. 24 of Omaha favoring the abolition of the duty on white paper, wood pulp and materials used in the manufacture of paper were also presented by Senator Brown today. In speaking of these resolutions Senator Brown stated today that the duty should be removed from these materials and he would push such removal whenever he had an opportunity.

Valentine Has a Show.

In a letter to Senator Brown today, Secretary Garfield stated that the place for registration and lot drawing for the opening of a station of the department of Dakota and northern Nebraska will not be made until next summer. Secretary Garfield promised Senator Brown to give the claims of Valentine careful consideration.

Move for Better Mail Service.

Senator Burkett says the eastern mail service out of Lincoln is abominable and that there is no excuse for it. He has taken up the matter with the railway mail officials and insists that by a little ingenuity on the part of the department the afternoon Nebraska mail could be gotten on to the fast mail train at Council Bluffs leaving at 6:30 p. m. and arriving at Chicago at 7 o'clock next morning.

Minor Matters at Capital.

Representative Lilly submitted a list of witnesses he desired and that he would like to name the order in which they are called. He also desired an attorney, Mr. Lilly said he was being shadowed by detectives constantly. An adjournment until Thursday morning was taken.

FIFTH DISTRICT FOR TAFT

Republicans in Oklahoma Declare in Favor of His Nomination—Hamp Convention.

SHAWNEE, Okl., March 9.—The republicans of the fifth congressional district here today selected James Kirkwood of Kiowa county and Frank V. Wright of Comanche county delegates to the national convention and instructed them to vote for the nomination of Taft.

OHIO RISING AT GALLIPOLIS

Heavy Rainfall Causes Rivers to Overflow, Doing Much Damage to Property.

GALLIPOLIS, O., March 9.—Heavy rainfall has again started all the rivers in this section to rise and the indications today point for a disastrous flood. The great Kanawha and Poca rivers are booming, and thousands of dollars' worth of timber has been lost near Spencer, W. Va. The flour mill situated on Millers was washed away. Many houses are flooded and many people have had narrow escapes. The Ohio river is forty-six feet here and rising over one inch an hour. Heavy rain and sleet has fallen for the past twenty-four hours.

HARRIMAN MAKES RATE CUT

Passage Between Portland and San Francisco Reduced and War Is On.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 9.—The heaviest cut in steamship rates on this coast in years was made today when the Harriman company announced a first-class rate between Portland and San Francisco of \$9 and a second-class rate of \$5. The North Pacific Steamship company, Harriman's principal competitor, will doubtless meet the cut.

EDEN VALLEY LAND OPENED

Wyoming Irrigated District Will Be Subject to Settlement First of June.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 9.—Robert E. Lemon has been appointed commissioner of deeds for Wyoming by Governor Brooks to accept filings for entry under the Carey act of congress on the great tract of irrigable lands in Eden Valley, Sweetwater county, Wyoming, about to be opened for settlement. Mr. Lemon will open a filing office at Kansas City, Mo., and will have charge of what will be known as the middle west district.

In Eden valley a large portion of an extensive irrigation system has recently been about completed and will furnish water for the crop season of 1908 for about 20,000 acres of the tract already opened, practically all of which has been entered by people from many parts of the country. The remainder of the tract, over 100,000 acres, will be ready for water during the season of 1909 and it is this large body of land which is announced to be opened to public entry June 1 next. The entire cost of the entry is \$20.00 an acre, including perpetual water right. The first payment required is \$3.25 an acre and the balance is to be made in ten annual installments, so that the settler may pay for the land from the crops.

This is public land irrigated from the public domain under the Carey act upon application of the state. Any person 21 years old or over is entitled to 160 acres or less if he or she has never made use of the Carey act. A person having exercised his homestead right is still entitled to 160 acres under the Carey act, under which, unlike the general homestead law, a person can make entry for land without leaving home and without having to go upon the land until after water is turned on. Thirty days' residence upon the land is required in order to obtain title. The money for perpetual water rights goes to pay for the construction of the irrigation works, which are built under the supervision of the state and turned over to the settler upon completion and settlement of the lands.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BURIED

Funeral of Children Who Lost Their Lives in Destruction of Lakeview School.

CLEVELAND, O., March 9.—Twenty-one little white caskets were placed beneath the ground in the cemetery in Collinwood today. The money for perpetual water rights goes to pay for the construction of the irrigation works, which are built under the supervision of the state and turned over to the settler upon completion and settlement of the lands.

Make No Exceptions.

Speaking of the demand, Rev. David R. Turnbull, a member of the committee, said: "The position taken by the ministers is that the law should be enforced, without exception, until the supreme court decides otherwise. It is a crying need for the enforcement of this law in Omaha, where people are compelled to work on Sunday. I believe the sentiments in Nebraska would favor the closing of business on Sunday now just as it did when the law was enacted forty years ago."

Jerome Answers Charges

District Attorney of New York Gives His Reasons for Not Prosecuting.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 9.—District Attorney Jerome filed today with Governor Hughes his answer to the charges preferred against him by William F. King, former president of the New York Merchants' association, and a committee of minority stockholders of the Metropolitan Street Railway company, in which the governor is asked to remove Mr. Jerome from office. The answer is a general denial of the charges. The governor said he would announce the procedure to be followed after he had examined the documents.

LILLY DESIRES WITNESSES

Connecticut Representative Announces Names of Witnesses in Boat Bribery Hearing.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The special committee of the house appointed by Speaker Cannon, at the request of Representative Lilly of Connecticut, "to investigate the conduct of the Electric Boat company of New Jersey and its predecessor, the Holland Boat company, respecting the methods employed by said companies in connection with past or proposed legislation before congress," began its investigation today.

HARRY ORCHARD'S TRIAL SOON

Famous Confessor Will Be Taken to Caldwell Tuesday for Hearing.

BOISE, Idaho, March 9.—Harry Orchard, charged with the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steunberger, will be taken from the state penitentiary at Caldwell tomorrow and his case will be called. It is probable that a definite date for his trial will be fixed.

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CLERGY FOR BLUE SUNDAY

Ministerial Association Demands Everything Closed on Sunday.

WANT THE STREET CARS STOPPED

Petition Mayor Dahlman to Enforce the Law and He Will Do So, He Says, to the Utmost Extreme.

"You can quote me as saying that while I consider the law a joke and a bad law, I will notify the chief of police to enforce the law to the letter. Nobody is going to throw me out of office for not complying with this demand, as radical and senseless as it is. I am in office to enforce the law and I will do it, good, bad or indifferent."—Mayor Dahlman when the petition reached him.

Mayor Dahlman was demanded by a committee of the Omaha Ministerial association. The ministers demand that the theaters be closed. Mayor Dahlman has received this communication from the ministers: "To His Honor, Mayor James C. Dahlman, Omaha, Nebraska: Dear Sir—There is on the statute books of the city of Omaha, a law prohibiting unnecessary labor on the first day of the week commonly called Sunday. This law has been and is violated by some of the citizens of Omaha, which fact has been called to your attention and you have instructed your police officers to make arrests and enforce this law. There is at this time a case in the supreme court of the state, appealed from Douglas county where a complaint was made against a violation of this statute. We request you to suspend the enforcement of this law until the decision of the court in this case is rendered. We believe that your efforts to enforce the law, which, in our opinion, is a procedure unwarranted. We therefore demand that you exercise your authority as mayor of the city and use the power of your office to close such places as theaters, barber shops, grocery stores, barber shops, theaters, etc., and all places where unnecessary labor is employed to this end until the supreme court has decided in favor of the law."

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TO ENLARGE MISSION FIELD

Host of Young People Meeting at Pittsburgh Convened to Spread of Religious Work.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 9.—Five special train bringing delegates from Canada and the north, east, south and west of this country, arrived here today for the first international convention of the Young People's missionary movement, which convenes here tomorrow morning for a three day session. The delegates now in the city number over 2,000 and at least 600 additional representatives of missionary societies will arrive before night.

Some of the ablest speakers of missionary and educational themes in Great Britain, Canada and the United States, Japan, China and India will present the progress and problems in the home and foreign mission fields.

The purpose is to consider an immediate advance movement in the mission fields at home and abroad; to realize the success of the present campaign of missionary education and the necessity of a more thorough and far-reaching educational movement by mission boards, societies and churches composed of 14,000,000 young people and Sunday school members of the United States and Canada, and perhaps half that number additional in Great Britain.

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STEVENS KNOCKS ON CANAL

Former Engineer of Undertaking Declares Its Completion Will Be No Benefit.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 9.—John F. Stevens, a vice president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and a former chief engineer of the Panama canal, issued a statement regarding the latter enterprise in which he prophesies a failure of the undertaking. Mr. Stevens says that the canal will not help the United States in its trade with South America, as practically all of the inhabitants of the southern continent are on the east of the Atlantic and their ships to the east by the way of the canal than it would be to send directly to the ports on our Pacific coast and then get on board ship. Furthermore, Mr. Stevens believes that our coal supply is fast diminishing and that China will be the source of future coal supply. He says, however, that the wheat country of the future, with India as a close second.

Mr. Stevens maintains that the Panama canal will not meet expenses and will cost more than is expected. The date of the finishing of the canal he fixes as January, 1914.

The idea of the canal being of great value to us in times of warfare since our naval forces can be quickly sent from one coast to the other, he says, is absurd. It would take days for the ships to get around and during that time hostile shells could sink our ships. Mr. Stevens believes that it would be a far wiser plan of defense to put the money that the canal will cost into a great navy.

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