

ANNEXATION JOKE STIRS UP STORM

Clark's Remarks About Stars and Stripes One Day Floating Over Hemisphere Cause Trow

CANADA AND ENGLAND TALKED

Author of Words Most Su... All by Reception.

TAFT WRITES TO MR. ...

President Disclaims with Emph... Intention to Unite Countries.

HUMOROUS FEATURE OVERLOOKED

English and Canadian Newspaper Correspondents Send "Skeletonized" Reports and Put Undue Emphasis on Remarks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The semi-secular remarks which Champ Clark, the democratic speaker, made in the house yesterday in the debate on the Canadian reciprocity agreement that he believed the stars and stripes would one day float over the entire western hemisphere, stirred up most unexpected trouble today.

The news that Mr. Clark's allusions had created excitement in Canada and in England occasioned a surprise and considerable amusement at the capital. The man most surprised of all was Mr. Clark himself.

Mr. Clark's entire speech on reciprocity yesterday was delivered in a half-humorous, half-taunting vein. The house was in a state of laughter most of the afternoon. In return for the laughs he was creating at their expense, some of the republicans tried to turn the tables on Mr. Clark by chiding him with the fact that he might have President Taft as an opponent for the democratic nomination.

Remarks Not Serious.

This humorous exchange reflected the spirit of the debate during the time Mr. Clark was on his feet, and no one gave serious consideration to his remarks regarding the possible annexation of Canada. They regarded his statements in the nature of a complaint to the Canadian people, in that he would be glad to see the friendship that exists at present between the Canadians and the United States so open in the future that all might some day be under one flag. There was a further touch of facetiousness to the debate when one of the republicans asked Mr. Clark if he would like to be the first president of the magnificent union he was creating, and he replied, amid a burst of laughter, that he certainly would.

The excitement abroad was attributed at the capital today to the fact that several English and Canadian newspaper correspondents were in the press gallery following the debate when Mr. Clark spoke. His remarks may have appeared to them as the most important feature of the story, and have been called according to "skeletonizing" his remarks for cable purposes the semi-humorous character of the debate was entirely lost sight of. Friends of the reciprocity measure were inclined to take the view that opponents of the agreement had simply seized upon what was said as an entirely personal and harmless statement to make capital against the ratification of the agreement.

Similar Speeches Made.

A declaration similar to that made by Mr. Clark was contained in the opening speech last Monday in favor of the reciprocity bill in the house delivered by Representative Hill of Connecticut, a member of the ways and means committee, and a member of the administration party. This speech, widely reported in the American papers, caused not a ripple so far as its annexation sentiments were concerned.

Mr. Hill also quoted from a speech made a few years ago by Speaker Cannon in which he not only took Canada in under the American flag, but proposed to make the entire western hemisphere into one country. Democratic leaders particularly were pleased today over the passage of the McCall bill. Representative Underwood of Alabama, minority leader Clark's chief lieutenant and the chairman of the ways and means committee of the next congress, said that he regarded the action of the house as in every way helpful to the democratic cause and the beginning of the end of high protection and forthrighted democratic victory in the national elections in 1912. Their vote showed that they were as badly split up as the democrats were in the last session of congress during the Cleveland administration.

Speaker Cannon, Republican Dwight, Chairman Daisell of the rules committee and other leaders of the republican party in the house were not unmoved, and a number of the administration members, out against the administration program, and its democratic leaders figured that this split in the ranks acquired well for democratic success.

Taft Expresses Surprise.

President Taft today to some of his congressional callers expressed astonishment that Representative Clark should have injected into the reciprocity discussion of the house yesterday any thought about the annexation of Canada.

The White House is said to regard the remarks of Mr. Clark as most unfortunate, and the president has made it known that he would like to have it understood throughout the world that his administration had no thought, whatever of annexation when the reciprocity agreement was arranged.

The president, it is said, is hopeful that the people of this country, Canada and Great Britain will look upon the speech of Mr. Clark merely as the expression of an individual who, in the sentiment, does not represent the democratic party or any party in this country.

President Taft writes to McCall. In reply to Representative Clark's statements, President Taft sent a letter today to Representative McCall of Massachusetts, whose name the reciprocity bill bears, declaring that "Canada is now and will remain a political unit."

I write to congratulate you sincerely on the passage through the house of the McCall bill, enacting into legislation the reciprocity agreement with Canada. I sincerely hope it will pass the senate and become a part of our statutes.

"This agreement, if it becomes a law,"

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Danville Grand Jury is Working Without Aid of Prosecutor

Two Hundred Bills Voted—Men "Higher Up" Charged with Perjury.

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 15.—With the grand jury working without an official prosecutor this morning, it was reported on reliable authority that already 200 indictments had been voted for "higher up" perjury.

The dismissal of State's Attorney Lewman from the grand jury room shortly after the adjournment yesterday created one of the biggest sensations of the vote selling investigation. It is stated that Lewman merely asked the witness perjury questions and this so nettled Foreman Woodyard that he asked the prosecutor to be more specific and try to get all the information possessed by the witness. Lewman is said to have replied that he would conduct the investigation as he thought best without the assistance of any of the jurors. This led to the break.

George C. Welsiger of Catlin, an attorney and member of the grand jury, is assisting Foreman Woodyard this morning in the selling investigation.

It is stated that an effort would be made to have Hardy H. Whitelock, former county treasurer, and E. X. Lesour, son-in-law of Speaker Cannon, before the grand jury.

American Company Must Pay Income Tax in Great Britain

London Court Holds that Thread Company Incorporated in New Jersey is Liable Under British Law.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Justice Hamilton, sitting in the king's bench division of the court of justice, today rendered a decision that the American Thread company, incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey, was liable to an income-tax assessment in this country on profits amounting to \$200,000.

The justice held that, although the mills and business of the company were in America, the fact that most of the common stock was held here and that the directors in England were highly concerned with the direction of its affairs, brought the concern within the provisions of the British income tax act.

Taft Signs Frisco Exposition Bill

Gold Pen Made of California Metal Will Be Placed on Exhibition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Taft today signed the bill dedicating San Francisco as the city in which will be held in 1915 the exposition signaling the opening of the Panama canal.

With a gold pen made of metal mined in California in the presence of the two United States senators and a number of representatives from that state, the president attached his signature to the engrossed bill.

Mr. Taft presented the pen to one of the members of the party and it will be placed on exhibition at the exposition.

Coins in Man's Vest Pocket Stop a Bullet

Dime, Two Nickels and Quarter Save Life of Guiano Laventure at New Haven, Conn.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 15.—To four small coins, a dime, two nickels and a quarter, which were in his vest pocket, Guiano Laventure of this city owes his escape from serious if not fatal injury. According to his allegation to the police, a fellow workman, Christiana Labagora, shot at him yesterday afternoon with a revolver, but the bullet struck the coins which happened to be piled together in his pocket. The coins were bent, but aside from the slight shock of the impact Laventure suffered no harm.

SHEPARD MEN FOR KERNAN

Slight Break in Monotony of Senatorial Deadlock in New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The monotony of the day's joint ballot for United States senators was varied today, when Senator Franklin D. Roosevelt, the insurgent leader, and several of his followers deserted Edward M. Shepard and cast their votes for John D. Kernan of Utica. As a result Mr. Kernan received 15 of the 30 insurgent ballots, while only 3 were cast for Mr. Shepard.

Senator Roosevelt said the increased vote for Mr. Kernan had no significance apart from showing that the insurgents can get together when they wish to do so.

Today's vote follows: Democrats—Sheehan, 51; Kernan, 15; Shepard, 3; Glyn, 2; Littleton, 3; Sulzer, 2; O'Brien, 1; Parker, 1; Dougherty, 1. Republican—Dewey, 12. Total vote cast, 138. Necessary for choice, 52.

Kentuckian Cuts Man's Throat While at Religious Meeting

The proverbial Kentucky quick temper was demonstrated to the horror of more than 100 people at the Gospel Mission, Thirteenth and Douglas streets, at 5:50 o'clock last night, when Orinsey Parcell of Russell, Ky., borrowed a knife from his brother Clyde, who sat beside him, calmly wiped the long, rusty blade with a handkerchief, and leaned over to Link Doster of Bowling Green, Ky., who had repudiated him when he made sacrilegious remarks about what the preacher was saying, and slashed his throat from ear to ear.

Doster was taken to the Omaha General hospital in the police ambulance, and his wound treated and sewed by Police Surgeon Bishop and T. T. Harris. He will recover.

Parcell was arrested and locked in the police station, where a charge of assault

GOULD TO LEAVE M. P. PRESIDENCY

Head of Road Says He is Only Waiting for Company to Secure Successor.

WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD Hopes that Selection Will Be Made Very Soon.

MR. TRUESDALE DECLINES OFFER Howard Gould, Clark and Pryor Retire as Directors.

PRESENT HEAD BIGGEST OWNER Gould and His Associates Now Control Between Three Hundred and Sixty and Four Hundred Thousand Shares.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—George J. Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific Railway company, this afternoon issued a statement regarding the reported contest for control of the Missouri Pacific, in which he said that he would retire from the presidency of the road and become chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. Gould, in his statement said: "In respect to various rumors of a contest for the control of the Missouri Pacific Railway company, there is and will be no controversy between controlling interests. It has long been my intention, known to Mr. Rockefeller and Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., to retire from the presidency of the company as soon as the corporation could obtain the services of the best equipped railroad man to take my place. The offer of the position was made many months ago, with the approval of my associates, and to a railroad man of the highest standing, who was unable to avail himself of it. Ever since, various men have been under consideration and discussion and it is hoped that a selection will be made in the very near future."

State of Directors. The stock owned and represented by the interests referred to will be voted at the annual election for the following directors: George J. Gould, Frederick T. Gates, Cornelius Vanderbill, E. T. Jeffrey, Paul M. Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Edwin Gould, Edgar L. Marston of Blair & Co.; Kingdon Gould, E. T. Adams, representatives in this country of the Deutsche bank; J. J. Slocum, W. K. Bixby, O. L. Garrison of St. Louis, and a vacancy, left for the president to be selected, who is to reside in St. Louis.

Mr. Gould will become chairman of the board of directors. The retiring members of the board are Howard Gould, Charles S. Clark and S. S. Pryor. They will be succeeded by Paul M. Warburg and Edgar L. Marston and the president of the road when elected.

The offer of the presidency of the Missouri Pacific was made to William H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway company several weeks ago, but declined. At that time it became known that Mr. Gould would retire as head of the Missouri Pacific.

Mr. Gould's associates are now the accredited owners of Missouri Pacific, controlling, it is said, between 350,000 and 400,000 shares of the total capital stock of approximately \$50,000,000.

Mr. Gould is credited with 20,000 shares. Kuhn-Loeb interests are said to hold 100,000 shares and John D. Rockefeller from 20,000 to 30,000 shares. The stock of Missouri Pacific had at 46 on January 11, and since then has risen 12 points on an increased volume of trading. Today it stood at 52.

Hundred Cases on Aberdeen Calendar

Spring Term of Circuit Court in Brown County, S. D., Will Be Longest on Record.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The spring term of circuit court for Brown county will open next Tuesday, February 21, with 106 cases on the calendar, the longest calendar in the history of the county except the calendar last fall. There are twenty-one cases of a criminal nature, ranging from grand larceny to keeping a barber shop open on Sunday, and the remainder are civil cases. Of the latter, perhaps those which have excited the most general interest is the damage suit of Captain W. W. Hubbard, well known in military circles in South Dakota, against Dr. E. B. Jackson for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections, and the suit for a divorce from Captain Hubbard, instituted by Mrs. Hubbard.

BURGLARS BREAK INTO JAIL AND ROB LONE PRISONER

Man Accused of Trivial Charge Then Goes Out and Notifies the Police.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 15.—Two masked burglars broke into the town jail at Warrick Run, Pa., near here today, and bursting open the door of the cell in which Stanley Jandus, the only prisoner, was confined, robbed him at the point of a revolver. The burglars then escaped and Jandus, who was being held on a trivial charge, finding himself free, went out and notified the police.

HARRIET BARNEY YOUNG DEAD

She Was Last Surviving Widow of the Mormon Prophet, Except One.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 15.—Harriet Barney Young, who became a bride of Brigham Young in 1851, died here today at the age of 59 years. She was the last survivor but one of the widows of the Mormon leader, the one still living being Eliza Burgess Young. Mrs. Harriet Young leaves three children and a number of grandchildren.

POPE CONFINED TO HIS ROOM

Attack of Influenza Causes Pontiff to Suspend Audiences for a Few Days.

ROME, Feb. 15.—The pope is ill with influenza and at the direction of his physician remained in bed today. This morning His Holiness had a slight excess of temperature and as a precautionary measure audiences were suspended and he was persuaded to remain in his chamber.

In the For Sale Column of the Bee today, you will find many valuable articles offered for sale.

They may be just such odds and ends as you have been looking for. They are bargains—everyone of them.

They will last through the day—maybe no longer. Investigate them by phone or otherwise.

Do it now. Don't wait. The Bee makes quick work of this business.

Tyler 1000.

One Mule is Gentle, the Other—



From the Washington Herald.

MADERO IS AT GUADAJUPE

Insurrecto President Who Left El Paso Joins Strategy Board.

REBELS INFEST CHIHUAHUA Thousand Armed Men in Western Part of State Are on Way Toward Capital—General Torres' Nephew Captured.

EL PASO, Feb. 15.—It was learned positively this afternoon that Francisco I. Madero, insurrecto provisional president of Mexico, is at Guadalupe, Mex., with Abram Gonzalez and members of the insurrecto board of strategy. This is admitted by the members of the Mexican insurrecto junta in El Paso.

Mail advices to the Herald from Chihuahua, dated February 12, says fifty revolutionists rode into San Andres, fifty miles west of Chihuahua, Saturday, and took charge of the town. They carried extra arms for fifty additional men and secured many recruits.

Rebels Infest Chihuahua. Railroad men reaching Chihuahua from La Junta report at least 1,000 armed insurrectos between the two points, the objective point being Chihuahua, the state capital. Mining men say if the country is not cleared soon nearly every mine in western Chihuahua will have to close.

Confirmatory news reaches Chihuahua, according to the Herald correspondent, of the capture of the nephew of General Torres in Sonora, near Tonicht on the Yaqui river. The Sonora insurgents also captured 500 Mauser rifles and much ammunition.

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Farm Animals More Valuable Per Head Than One Year Ago

Only Decrease Shown by Figures Compiled by Department of Agriculture is in Price of Sheep.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—All farm animals, excepting sheep, showed an increase in average value per head on January 4, compared with their value on that date in 1910, according to the Department of Agriculture. Mules showed the greatest increase in value, it being \$3.78 or 413.62 per head.

Value of other animals were: Horses, \$11.67, an increase of \$3.48; milch cows, \$6.26, an increase of \$4.79; sheep, \$3.73, a decrease of \$5 cents; and swine, \$6.33, an increase of 21 cents.

The highest and lowest averages per head of farm animals by states are given as follows: Horses, highest in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, \$18; lowest in New Mexico, \$5.

Mules, highest in North Carolina, \$13; lowest in New Mexico, \$2.

Milch cows, highest in New Jersey, \$13.30; lowest in Alabama, \$3.

Sheep, highest in Connecticut, \$5.00; lowest in Mississippi and Louisiana, \$1.30.

Swine, highest in Maine, \$13.10; lowest in Florida, \$4.00.

VOTE PROBE NEARING AN END

Proof of Corrupt Practices in Registration Introduced.

ELECTION COMMISSION PROPOSED Witness Would Checkmate Irregularities at Polls by Filing Impartial Body in Charge of Elections.

Proof of irregularity in the registration of voters and testimony concerning the circulation of blank affidavits for the swearing in of voters took up the session of the joint committee of legislators investigating Omaha's election yesterday.

The inquiry will probably come to a close early today. Further evidence to be introduced will come from the testimony of judges and clerks of the fifth precinct of the Third ward.

No report will come from either committee immediately following the close of the hearing. It will probably be more than a week hence when the report of either committee is submitted to the legislature, according to the statements of members of the committees.

A meeting of the members of both committees was held in the room at the Paxton occupied by B. S. Harrington, chairman of the house committee, last night after the close of the day's session. The members of the committee discussed the evidence of the day.

Blank affidavits, signed and sealed by a notary, with blank lines for the signatures of freeholders and voters were seen on election day by R. G. Van Ness, flagman for the Burlington, who testified in the afternoon session.

"Where did you see these?" he was asked by a member of the committee.

"They were brought into the voting place, the fourth precinct of the tenth ward, by a young fellow," replied Van Ness.

"Who was he?" "I don't know his last name. He was called Joe."

No Affidavits Used. Van Ness said that so far as he knew none of the affidavits which he saw in the hands of this young man were actually used in voting.

"He said he could get more if they were needed," testified the witness.

More blank affidavits, so arranged that the name of voters could be filled in were seen in the third precinct of the First ward by A. R. Hense, constable, 253 South Eleventh street.

"Who had them?" he was asked.

A bunch of Italians came rushing in about ten minutes before the polls closed, looking for someone to sign them for them," replied the witness.

Fred W. Anhauser, a lawyer, member of the Dahlman club and active in democratic affairs, denied all knowledge of any irregularity. He was questioned by John O. Veiser on matters relating to the naturalization of foreigners, but without result.

R. B. Howell, member of the Omaha Water board, was called to the witness stand by Senator Hoskland. Howell was

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COMMITTEE FOR NEW YARD RULES

Senate Body Decides to Recommend Ollis Stock Yards Measure to Pass.

PLACEK REAPPORTIONMENT BILL Saunders Man Would Give Douglas and Lancaster More Members.

BARTOS SALARY RAISE FAILS Senate Employs Will Not Secure Increase Hoped For.

TRADING STAMP BILL FAVORED Senator Hartling's Measure Against Gift Enterprises Recommended to Pass by Senate—Reciprocity Again Favored.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The stock yards bill of Senator Ollis will be recommended for passage with slight amendments. The live stock and grazing committee of the senate finished its hearing with a short session this morning and in spite of the arguments presented by Frank Ransom and other representatives of the stock yards the committee supported the chairman and decided to do everything possible to pass the bill.

The amendments suggested by Mr. Ollis include a change in the penalty making it a misdemeanor rather than a felony to disobey the law and fixing the penalty at \$ fine of \$100 to \$500 for the first offense, and \$100 to \$1000 for the second. The provision requiring that all stock must be delivered to the commission company within an hour and a half from the time of the arrival at the yards was retained and a forfeit fixed for those not complying with it.

The stock owner is to receive \$5 a car for every half hour's delay in yarding over the hour and a half and no yardage charge is allowed when there is a delay.

Tanner of Douglas and Burrman of Hall were against the bill in committee. Burrman of Hamilton, Cox of Kearney and Ollis, the chairman, voted for it.

Senate is for Reciprocity. The resolution of James of Gage in favor of the Canadian reciprocity treaty was passed by the senate this morning with a viva voce vote. The resolution is as follows: "Whereas there is now pending for ratification by our national congress a trade agreement between Canada and the United States establishing reciprocity between these countries, and

"Whereas it is firmly believed that such reciprocity will result in great benefits to both of these countries, whose interests and people are so closely allied; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the senate of Nebraska, in regular session assembled, most emphatically indorses the ratification of said trade agreement, and that we, our senators and representatives in the national congress to work and vote for this treaty, and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to our senators and representatives in the national congress, and to all our senators and representatives in the national congress to work and vote for this treaty, and be it further

New Reapportionment Bill. A new reapportionment bill appeared in the senate this afternoon from Placek of Saunders. It divides the state into twenty-eight senatorial districts and seventy-five representative districts. Lancaster is left with two senators and now and gets one more representative, making six. All the other counties get one senator and all one representative excepting Saunders, Dodge, Gage, Hall, Adams and Custer, which have two each.

Most of the afternoon session of the senate was spent in committee of the whole. H. R. 73, Nebraska's bill to regulate the operation in Nebraska of foreign insurance companies, was taken up and the committee authorized representative and shutting out all companies with less than \$200,000 capital, was recommended for passage.

Cordell's