

# CUMMINS FOR RECIPROCITY

## Iowa Senator Goes on Record in Favor of Treaty with Canada.

### FARMER MUST NOT BEAR ALL LOAD

When Protection Is Removed from What He Sells, Duty Must Also Come Down on What He Buys.

DES MOINES, March 24.—Senator Cummins of Iowa discussed Canadian reciprocity before the Grand club of this city tonight. Mr. Cummins said:

For ten years I have been discussing trade reciprocity with Canada from the standpoint of one who has professedly believed that the conditions of production in Canada as compared with the conditions in our country not only justified but demanded that we should deal with it upon an entirely different basis than that which we recognize in making up our general tariffs with other nations.

My conclusions so often expressed, remain unchanged, and my desire for fair reciprocal relations with our northern neighbor were never stronger than at the present moment, although I see, as every open-eyed observer must see, that the development of the dominion in manufactures in the last decade and the consequent strengthening of her protective policy has greatly narrowed the field for the advantageous application of commercial reciprocity.

He said that the indications are that the only interests that can possibly be affected by free competition with Canada are agriculture, lumber and paper-making. He believed that the imports of agricultural products, lumber, wood pulp and paper will be increased under the proposed arrangement.

"I am for free paper," he said, "not only paper of the value of 4 cents per pound or less, but of all paper, and I am for it because the paper-makers of this country have abused the privileges which has heretofore been conferred upon them."

"It is my opinion that if the farmer of the United States is put upon even terms with the farmer of Canada, with respect to the things he buys, the proposed arrangements will not injure him. I go further and declare that I have no doubt whatsoever that the farmer of Iowa, if given an even chance in his purchases with the farmer of Canada, will find in the arrangement a substantial advantage.

In my judgment there are just two agricultural products of importance raised in the United States which may, during short periods, be reduced in price through the free exchange with Canada. These are wheat and barley, and it has seemed to me for a long time that, so far as Iowa is concerned, it would be better for every farmer and for every acre of land in the state if we allowed Canada to raise all the wheat that we in Iowa have hitherto been producing. I will not stop to review the question, but I believe that every student who has studied the subject, and who has comprehended the vital necessity of preserving our soil without resorting to expensive fertilizers, will agree in what I have said.

### ROBBERS MAKE RICH HAUL

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had succeeded in inserting a charge of nitroglycerin into the "through" safe in the express car. They blew the safe to pieces and scattered its contents over the floor of the car. They made no haste. They had chosen a strategic position in which to stop the train. They were at least three miles from any human habitation.

After the three men had spent nearly an hour over the packages taken from the safe, the lights of two automobiles were seen drawing near from the direction of the Oklahoma line. As they came within about 200 yards of the train on the country road the automobiles were stopped. The lights were extinguished and men and automobiles disappeared.

The passengers who had remained huddled in the coaches, afraid to look out of the windows, relaxed and the disorganized train crew got to their places. When the train reached this city the sheriff was notified and with two deputies started on horseback southward in pursuit of the six bandits.

Passengers Hide Valuables. There were about 50 passengers on the car and all were awakened except one child of 5 years.

and under the seats. The women did not forget to put their railroad tickets and some small change in a suit purse to throw the robber off the track.

The railroad officials at Coffeyville were alarmed as to why the train which left Lenapah, only twelve miles away, nearly on time did not arrive. The train changes crews at Coffeyville and the trainmen who were to bring it to Kansas City were waiting.

Harry Coyne, the waiting conductor told of the tense two hours.

"We telegraphed Van Buren, Ark., said he, "but could get no trace of the train. Everyone thought it had been wrecked and everyone aboard killed. A few minutes before it arrived in Coffeyville, the railroad officials ordered a special relief train made up to go to the wreck."

Side of Car Torn Out. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 24.—The train reached Kansas City at 11:30 o'clock. The side of the express car was entirely torn off by one of the four explosions of nitroglycerin.

The fourth explosion threw the door of the safe off through the express across the car, and tore the hole in the side of the car.

Two or three persons who got inside the express car here saw what the robbers had left.

The scoured booty included a bundle six inches thick of unopened twenty-dollar bank notes, intended for an Independence (Kan.) bank.

About the car lay twisted silver coin, thrown about the floor by the explosion. The registered mail bags were in the corner of the car, where they were thrown after being rammed into the express car.

Amount of Booty Overestimated. ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24.—The special agent of the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern railway today received a brief report of the robbery near Coffeyville, Kan., of Train No. 36. Most of the money obtained by the robbers, which it was asserted was less than \$25,000, was taken from the express company.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 24.—Superintendent George F. Johnson of the Pacific Express company, with headquarters here, said the men who held up and robbed Iron Mountain train No. 36 Oklahoma last night got no money from the express car, and all the booty secured consists of a few "sealed packages," the value of which is not great.

Placemark Bill Passes Senate. The Placemark reappointment bill which has been decided upon by the democrats from the first as the majority's scheme of redistributing the state went through the senate this afternoon on a straight party vote and with it the Albee bill for judicial reappointment.

Oil Bill to Be Law. The house, following the action of yesterday put the Oil bill through by a vote of 71 to 21. This will leave the stock yards law up to the governor and in spite of the assertion by Taylor author of the Taylor-Dolezal bill that was vetoed, the governor is not expected to show any aversion to making it a law.

Trouble Over Adjourning. The house today refused to accept the report of the special committee on adjournment which had named April 4 as the day and another session of the committee will have to be held and a later date fixed.

Matraux Bill Killed in House. The Matraux nonpartisan board of control bill, the first of the bills which are to be considered on that question, failed to pass this morning by a constitutional majority.

Prince Bill Passes. With the Matraux bill out of the way the house passed the Prince bill, providing for a selective board. The vote was 67 to 1, the democrats voting for the bill to make good their party pledge for some board of control legislation.

Keotoc Bill is Killed. The Keotoc anti-discrimination insurance bill, which was defeated once before, and reconsidered, was killed finally this morning by a vote of 41 to 21. The bill, which came from the state auditor, was to provide for the insurance companies from driving state companies out of business by making out-of-town rates in localities where competition is heavy, and making it up in high rates in other places.

Women Are Cool. There was a hurried conference as to what was the best thing to do with valuables. Some one was sent ahead to see all the hands were pulled down so the robbers could not see what was being done. Then the hiding commenced. The women passengers were the coolest on the train. Most of them untied their hair and gazed their puffs about their pocketbooks and valuables. Others secreted valuables in their clothing

ing and it went by the board with little show of resistance.

Tanner Water Bill Passed. In the senate the Tanner bill allowing the Omaha Water board to sell water to other municipalities was passed.

The Cronin bill making a 1/2 mill levy for state aid to county bridges and the bill raising the pay of jurors from \$2 to \$3 per diem were also passed.

The governor sent up a special message to say that he has signed the initiative and referendum bill. This action was merely formal, as the concurrent resolution could have gone to the secretary of state and have been submitted to the people without action from the chief executive.

Number of Appropriation Measures Sent to Senate. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., March 24.—(Special.)—The house considered bills on passage today with the following result:

H. R. 25, by Fries, a board of control measure providing for a board of control for state institutions. Passed by a vote of 21 ayes, 1 nay.

H. R. 26, by Fries, the stockyards bill, making them a common carrier and placing them under regulatory provisions and within that definition. Secured passage by a vote of 21 ayes, 11 nays, eight absent.

H. R. 27, by Crossman, appropriating \$100,000 for construction of new building at the Omaha end of the University Medical school. Passed, 11 ayes, eight absent.

H. R. 28, by the joint good roads committee, each county to have a road organization and highway commission, appointed by county boards, in counties of less than 30,000 population. Passed, 27 ayes, 13 nays.

H. R. 29, by Gerdes, providing that in counties of over 15,000 population there shall be a road board. Passed, 70 ayes, 2 nays.

H. R. 30, by Sanborn, appropriating \$10,000 for a hog cholera fund at the state farm. Passed, 24 ayes, 8 nays.

H. R. 31, by Morehead, creating the office of registrar of counties, with 100 or more population and increases salary to \$1,500 per year. Passed, 70 ayes, 7 nays.

The house concurred in senate amendments to H. R. No. 7, the Fries bill, relating to salaries of clerks of district court, also H. R. No. 10, by Fries of Howard increasing the pay of petit jurors, and H. R. No. 6, the Potts reappointment measure.

H. R. 32, by Joint Committee on Roads and Bridges—Provides that poll tax may be worked out or paid in cash. Passed, 35 ayes, 7 nays.

H. R. 33, by Matraux—A joint resolution for a constitutional amendment abolishing the office of public administrator and creating a non-partisan board of control of three members to be appointed by the governor. Passed by a vote of 53 ayes to 43 nays; required a three-fifths affirmative vote.

H. R. 34, by Matraux—Provides that the state insurance department shall have authority over insurance rates and power to prevent discrimination. Defeated by a vote of 41 ayes to 54 nays. Five absent and not voting.

H. R. 35, by Brown, providing that annual corporation tax collected by the state shall be based on paid up capital stock. Passed, 70 ayes, 2 nays.

H. R. 36, by Matraux, amending the constitution so as to permit cities of over 1,000 to make their own charters. Passed 33 ayes, 6 nays.

H. R. 37, by Brown, providing that fees collected by the secretary of state for the filing of articles of incorporation shall be based on authorized capital stock. Passed 30 ayes, 6 nays.

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### Cincinnati Court Squabble Will Go to Supreme Bench

Affidavits Charge Two Circuit Judges with Prejudice Against Judge Gorman and Friendship for Cox.

CINCINNATI, O., March 24.—Three supplemental affidavits against Peter Swing and Samuel W. Smith, judges of the circuit court in Hamilton county, charging not only bias and prejudice against Judge Frank Gorman of the court of common pleas for prosecuting Attorney Henry T. Hunt, but also asserting that favoritism exists for George B. Cox, were filed today by the prosecutor. The affidavits will be presented to the chief justice of the Ohio bench as reinforcements for the affidavit alleging bias and prejudice filed by Mr. Hunt late yesterday.

Waft to Address Episcopalian. WASHINGTON, March 24.—President Taft today accepted the invitation to make the principal address before the Episcopal church congress on April 25 when it holds its twenty-ninth annual meeting here.

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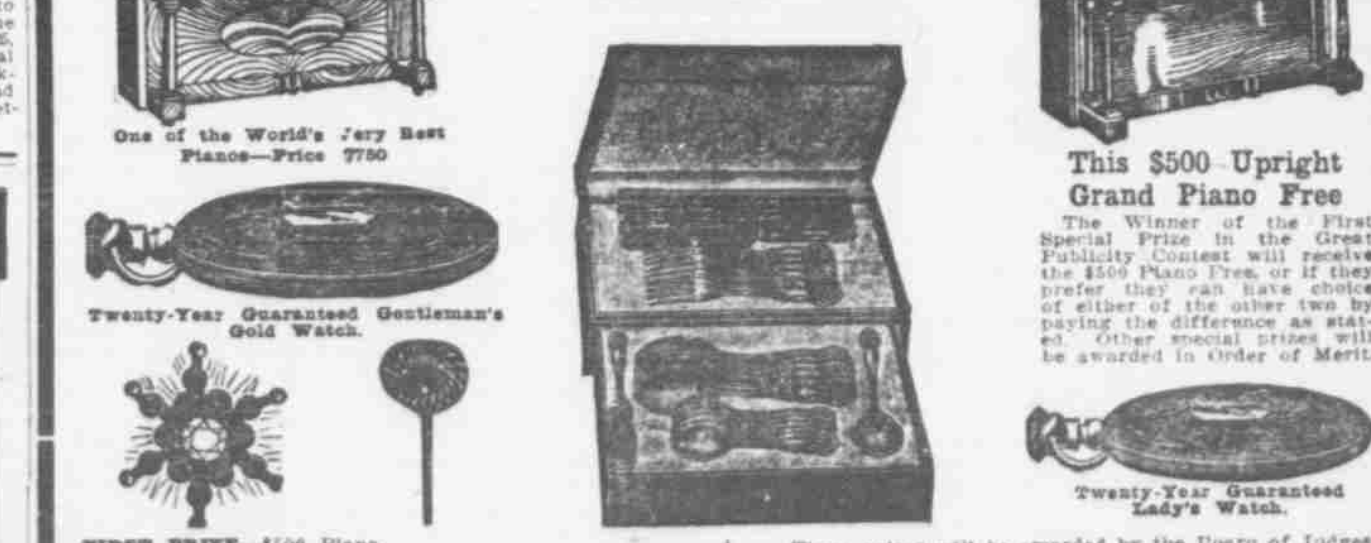
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