

TAFT MAY TENDER HIS GOOD OFFICES

Dr. Lyman Abbott and Dr. Mary Eddy Urge President to Offer Services to Italy and Tripoli.

MATTER IS UNDER ADVISEMENT

Under The Hague Agreement Any Nation May Take Initiative.

LEADERS CALL UPON TAFT

Republican Situation in New York Laid Before President.

TALKS WITH CHAIRMAN BARNES

Call of Head of State Committee Creates Surprise in View of His Attitude Toward the President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—At the suggestion of Dr. Lyman Abbott and Dr. Mary Eddy, an American woman who has spent many years in Turkey, President Taft took under advisement today the tendering of the good offices of the United States as mediator in the Turkish-Italian war.

Dr. Abbott and Eddy spent more than an hour with the president, urging him to take some action in the matter. When Dr. Abbott departed all he would say was that the president had the matter under consideration.

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Political Situation in New York

The republican situation in New York state was laid before President Taft today by leaders representing both the "old guard" and the so-called "progressives." One of his first callers was Otto T. Bannard, republican candidate for mayor at the last city election. After Mr. Bannard came Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the county committee, and later he had an appointment to receive William Barnes, Jr., state chairman.

SAYS SHE SAW WOMAN'S THROAT CUT WITH KNIFE

GOLDEN, Colo., Dec. 20.—Stella Forgiola, who, with her mother, claimed to have witnessed the murder of Mrs. Maria Laguardia, near here last August, for which Mrs. Angelina Garamone is being tried, took the stand to offer testimony for the state today. The girl reiterated her story of how she held Mrs. Garamone's infant while the woman drew a butcher knife across the throat of Mrs. Laguardia.

YANKTON BOYS AWARDED PRIZES FOR GROWING CORN

YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The annual Yankton County Corn show, held in connection with the annual meeting of the county teachers and school officers, is in session here with a very large attendance. Awards in the boys' classes have been awarded as follows: Boys over 14 and under 19: First, Christ Branden; second, Charles Bloch; third, Floyd Van Epps. Cash prizes were given. Same class, a different corn, the winners were Sam Walraev, Harry Nielson and Ed Hakecy.

MINNESOTA AND MONTANA WIN CUPS AT LAND SHOW

ST. PAUL, Dec. 20.—Minnesota today was awarded the silver trophy cup offered by the St. Paul Association of Commerce for the most comprehensive state exhibit at the Northwest Products show. The announcement was made by the management after the judges had spent several days making comparisons. Montana wins the sweepstakes trophy cup for the largest and the best exhibit of products from any one state.

BOY SMOTHERED TO DEATH IN FLAX AT HAMARA, N. D.

HAMARA, N. D., Dec. 20.—Arthur Knapp, 19 years old, today lost his life when he was caught in a slide of flax and dragged into an elevator bin. Knapp was attempting to free a clogged chute when the flax suddenly started to slide, carrying him with it. The body was recovered after several hours.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled. For Iowa—Heavy snow or rain; high easterly winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. Hours, Deg. 11 a.m. 20, 12 m. 20, 1 p.m. 20, 2 p.m. 20, 3 p.m. 20, 4 p.m. 20, 5 p.m. 20, 6 p.m. 20, 7 p.m. 20, 8 p.m. 20, 9 p.m. 20, 10 p.m. 20, 11 p.m. 20

The National Capital

Wednesday, December 20, 1911.

The Senate. President Taft's message recommending material reductions in wool and woollen tariff rates and transmitting tariff board's report was read.

PACKERS MAKE MOTIONS

First is to Take Case from Jury and Will Be Argued Later.

OTHERS ARE TO AMEND BILL

Prosecution Resists Attempt to Strike Out Sections, Because They Do Not Mention National Company.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—At a conference of counsel for the defense today it was decided that several representatives of the packers would make an opening address to the jury immediately following the close of United States District Attorney Wilkerson's statement.

Attorney George T. Buckingham, it is said, will make the first statement on behalf of the defendants and will be followed by Attorneys John S. Miller, John Barton Bayne and Levy Mayer. The indications are that the government will not call its first witness before next week.

District Attorney Wilkerson resumed his address when court opened. He described with minute detail the working of the system by which the combination of packers are alleged to have suppressed competition and fixed prices.

Directors Fix Prices. The crude methods of the old pool were supplanted in later years by the operation of the National Packing company, by which the packers attended weekly meetings as directors of the corporation.

Mr. Wilkerson then described the methods of the combination in suppressing competition.

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MABRAY RELATES STORY OF DEALS

Defense in Trial of Marks Sets Trap for Former Head of Giant Swindling Organization.

HOW SPOILS WERE DIVIDED

Attempt to Show Nothing Was Left for Defendant.

ADMITS LACKS MORAL FEELING

Chief of Mikers Confesses to Skill in Lying.

BOTH SIDES WELL SATISFIED

Attorney General Casson of Iowa Willing to Have Mabray's Character Shown in the Worst Light Possible.

Attorneys for Benjamin Marks, on trial at Council Bluffs on an indictment charging conspiracy, yesterday compelled John C. Mabray, the chief witness, and formerly head of a national swindling organization, to explain in detail the twenty-nine plots carried out in Council Bluffs.

Attorney General Casson of Iowa is endeavoring to show that efficient police protection was secured from Marks in consideration of a division of the proceeds of the robberies on a basis of 9 and 10 per cent of the gross receipts.

Mabray's cross-examination was continued yesterday by Attorney John P. Organ, and under his keen questioning Mabray confessed to a complete absence of any moral consideration at any stage of his career, and that he had acquired the same skill in lying as he had in stealing.

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From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

REPORT ON WOOL SCHEDULE

Tariff Board Suggests General Revision of the Duties.

MANY RATES ARE PROHIBITIVE

It is suggested that Tax Be Based on Scrubbed Wool and Not on Grease and Wool Combed.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The tariff board's report on schedule K, sent to congress today by President Taft, suggests a general revision of the duties on wool and woollens, and many individual reductions in the rates.

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