

REACTIONARIES EATING OUT OF TAFT'S HAND

Prediction That President-Elect Would Have Frictionless Administration May Be Fulfilled.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF NEEDED LEGISLATION

Will Recommend Amendment To Law Permitting Railroads to Agree on Tariff Schedules.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The prediction made immediately after election that President-elect Taft would have the most frictionless administration of any chief executive in recent history, gives early promise of fulfillment. Two weeks ago it seemed absolutely impossible that he could avoid conflict with the "reactionary" forces of the house of representatives, but today the "reactionaries" are eating out of the hand of the man who will be president after March 4. Just how it was brought about no man can quite say, but Taft has received assurances that an honest effort will be made to give the country what it wants in the way of tariff legislation, and he is satisfied the assurances are given in good faith.

Always Gets Own Way.

It has been thus with every knotty problem Taft has ever tackled. In the Philippines, in Cuba and at Panama, apparently irreconcilable differences have been immediately reconciled, and the adjustments always have been along the lines Taft proposed. No other man in American history has so conspicuously had this trait of getting his own way, and getting it without having to fight for it.

If Speaker Cannon and the other republican leaders in the house live up to the understanding they reached with the president-elect, and it will have to be assumed they intend to do so, the next four years ought to see a in the way of legislative achievement. President Taft ought to accomplish more, in fact, than President Roosevelt has been able to do, for Roosevelt has had to fight for everything he has gotten at the hands of congress.

Taft's Legislative Program. Mr. Taft has a very comprehensive program of legislation which he will advocate, and it is understood that Speaker Cannon has agreed to this program in principle, though reserving the right to disagree in the matter of details.

One of the things Mr. Taft has indicated he will recommend to congress, is an amendment to the present law permitting railroads to agree on tariff schedules. This recommendation has been made by President Roosevelt, but there is little chance of its being favorably considered before the end of the Roosevelt administration.

Congress Favors Change. There is practical unanimity among republican members of Congress in believing that this change in the law should be made, and there is no good reason why such a bill should not be put through between now and the Christmas holidays. The only reason it will not be put through at this session is because Theodore Roosevelt has recommended it. The statement of the fact thus baldly may be subjected to criticism, but it is the plain truth. The republican leaders in congress do not propose, if they can help it, that Mr. Roosevelt shall have credit for any more remedial legislation.

It is intended that only revision of the tariff shall be considered at the extra session to be called by President Taft immediately after March 4, so that this matter as well as other kindred legislative proposals will have to go over until the regular session to be convened in December of next year. If Mr. Taft advocates such legislation in his annual message next December, it will be enacted almost without question. It is very plainly a case where the present king is dying, and all the courtiers are waiting to curry favor with the heir apparent.

Aerial Navigation.

If the several plans now under consideration are successfully worked out, and congress gives assent and provides the necessary funds, next year the army and navy will co-operate in trying to devise a practical flying machine. Under the present system with each branch of the service going it alone, there is waste of money, time and talent. There is general agreement that the time has come when the problem of aerial navigation should occupy the serious attention of the government, and the only question is as to the best way to proceed.

Sentiment Changes. There is a striking difference in sentiment today from the days when the experiments of the late Prof. Langley used to be a standing joke in con-

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BONDS ARE SOLD

Meyer and Kiser Company of Indianapolis, Gives \$50 Premium.

3.65 PER CENT INTEREST.

The \$25,000 bond issue authorized by the city council to meet this year's deficiency, was disposed of yesterday by the Meyer & Kiser company of Indianapolis. This firm took the entire issue and paid \$50 premium. The issue is divided into fifth for redemption. Of the entire sum, \$5,000 is payable in two years and the same amount in each succeeding year up to the sixth. The bonds bear 3.65 per cent interest.

Two other Indianapolis banking concerns entered bids. J. F. Wild & company offered \$11 premium, and the Harris Trust and Saving company offered \$62.50. This company made its bid upon 4 per cent interest. The interest is larger than that specified, however, and for this reason the bid could not be accepted. City Controller Parry stated last night he believed it probable the company made a mistake in its bid, intending to provide a 3.45 per cent instead of 4 per cent interest.

HOPES TO REMEDY GRAVEL ROAD LAW

Representative Ratliff Would Change Unpopular Measure.

MANY COUNTIES SUFFER

EXPENSE ON TOWNSHIPS GREAT AND COMPLAINT HAS BEEN UNIVERSAL—WAYNE COUNTY NOT GREATLY HURT.

One of the measures that will be placed before the next session of the Indiana legislature by Walter Ratliff, member from Wayne county, will provide for the curtailment of the three mile gravel road law. It is recognized throughout the state that a change in this law is needed and for this reason, Representative Ratliff says he will prepare such a bill. The present law was enacted at the request of a certain favored few and has not proved satisfactory in the state at large.

The present law provides that upon petition to the county commissioners by the required number of resident taxpayers, the commissioners shall order the construction of a free gravel turnpike of less than three miles in length and charge the costs of the same against the entire township in which the road is located. The costs for the improvement are to be covered by an issue of bonds and these bonds are to be paid by taxation. The commissioners have no alternative. All that is necessary to secure the construction of such a road is a petition signed by the required number of property owners. The same law applies if the road lies partly within a corporation. In this way a street that is on the corporation limit, or extends into the corporation, may be built and the costs defrayed by taxing the entire township.

At the present time but two roads have been constructed in Wayne county under this law. One of these is located in Washington township, and the other, upon completion will become South L street of this city. The Washington township petition was remonstrated against, but no t within the specified time and the case was appealed to the circuit court. The ruling of the commissioners' court was sustained.

No remonstrance was presented against the improvement of South L street. The work now is in progress and prospects are for its completion before spring. Steam shovels have been used by the contractor and the work pushed as rapidly as possible. This will be a gravel street similar to those in other sections of the city. It

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Gives \$10,000 to Rev. Hadley

Aged Woman of Newark, N. J., Rewards Her Pastor Who Was Very Attentive By Leaving Him Large Sum.

The Rev. Henry Hadley, formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city, and now rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Newark, N. J., has fallen heir to \$10,000, left to him by one of the members of his congregation. This information has just been received by several of the Rev. Mr. Hadley's local friends. This legacy was left to the Rev. Mr. Hadley by Anna A. Burnett, an aged and wealthy member of his church. During her last illness Mr. Hadley was very attentive to her, and for his kindness and many services she rewarded him by leaving him \$10,000, and his church \$5,000. Mrs. Burnett died the

WILL Y. M. C. A. DEMAND FORFEIT

Time Allowed Contractors to Complete Building Expired December 1.

OFFICERS SAY NOTHING.

PROBABLE ACTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS YET UNKNOWN ALTHOUGH THE SECRETARY SAYS THERE WILL BE NO TROUBLE.

Officers of the Richmond Y. M. C. A. refuse to state what action they will take in regards to the failure of the contracting firm which constructed the building, to complete its work by time specified in the contract, Dec. 1. Under the terms of the contract the contractors agree to pay a forfeit of \$15 per day for every day after that date it takes them to complete the work. The construction work is finished but all the work on the building has not been completed. Caldwell and Drake of Columbus, Ind., are the contractors.

"I don't care to discuss that matter," said Secretary George L. Goodwin of the Y. M. C. A. when asked last evening what action the directors of the association would take. "The contract calls for a forfeit of \$15 per day after December 1 and you know the building is not yet completed. However the directors will safely guard the interests of the association and at the right time a complete report will be made public.

No Trouble Anticipated.

"Is it true that the contractors have threatened to bring suit to enjoin, should the directors of the association make an effort to collect the forfeit money?" Mr. Goodwin was asked.

"We have not heard that the contractors have contemplated such action. There will be no trouble between the directors and the contractors, I am certain," he replied.

It is an absolute certainty that the new building will be dedicated on Sunday, December 27. Mr. Goodwin states that he has not yet secured a speaker to deliver the dedicatory address but that he thinks he will be able to secure quite a prominent man for this purpose. He states that he hopes to be able to announce who the speaker will be by the middle of this week. He also states that at that time he will probably be able to announce who the speakers at the other entertainments held during dedicatory week will be.

SHOOTS HIS WIFE THEN KILLS HIMSELF

Chicago Man Principal in Tragedy Before Children.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—John Schapinski, 32 years old, of 218 Barry Ave., shot and fatally wounded his wife in their home this afternoon and then committed suicide in the yard at the rear of their place. Schapinski and his wife were quarreling during the day and at 3 o'clock their words grew loud. Finally shots were fired. The man was then seen to run from the rear door with a revolver in his hand. He stopped at the bottom of the steps and hesitated, but then placed the weapon to his temple and pulled the trigger. The children witnessed the tragedy and their screams were pitiful.

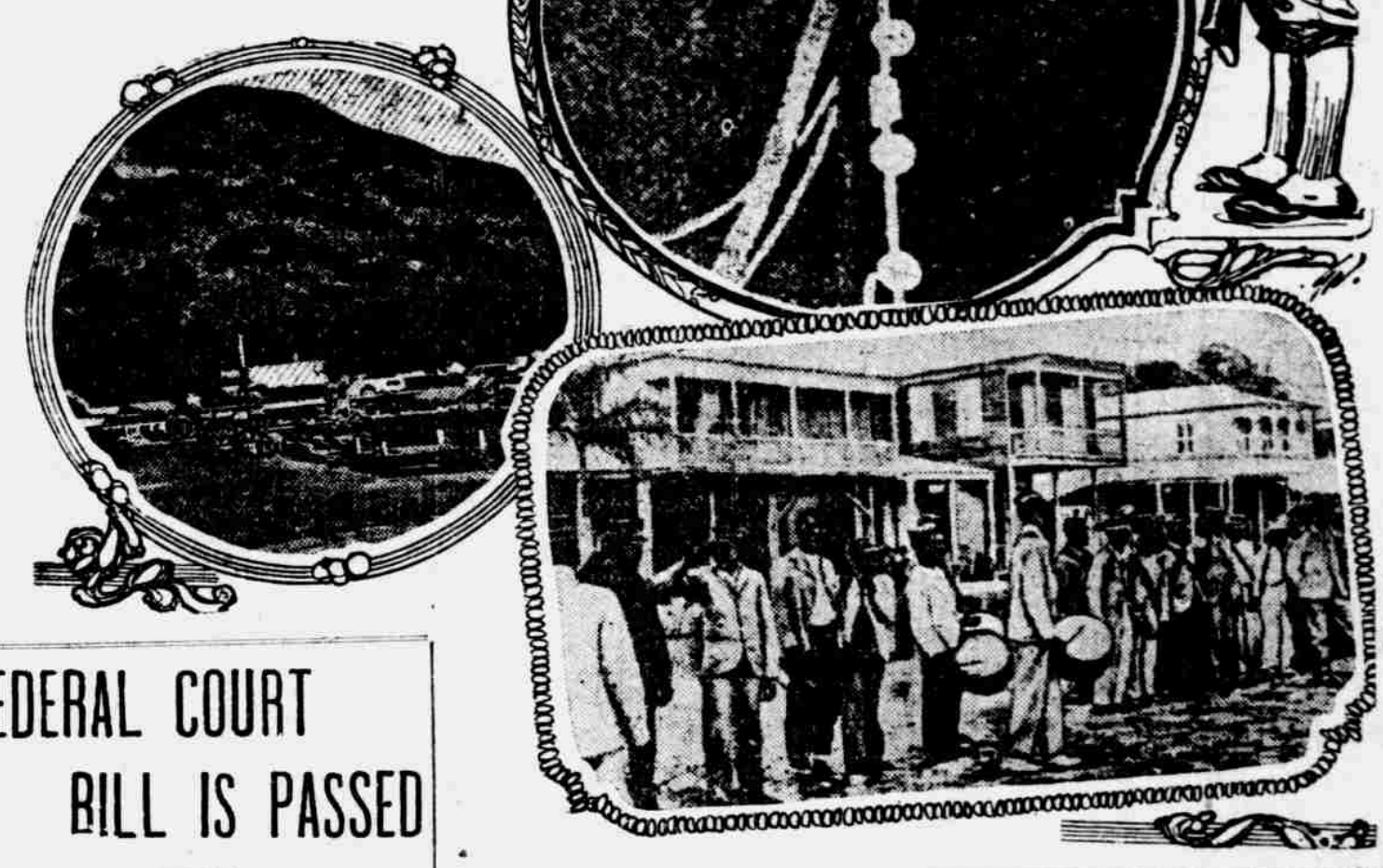
FIFTY DROWNED WHEN SHIP GROUNDS

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—A telegram received here from Sebastopol reports that a Turkish steamship bound from Constantinople for Sebastopol grounded in a storm on the Black Sea. Details are lacking but it is believed that the crew and fifty passengers were drowned.

SCENES FROM LITTLE ISLAND OF HAITI WHICH IS TORN BY REBELLION

Port au Prince, Dec. 12.—Although rumors are heard of rebellious uprisings in various parts of Haiti, these are not as numerous as before the overthrow of Nord Alexis, president of the island, and the subsequent taking over of the reigns of government by General Simons, the rebel leader. General Simons is handling the affairs of the island in a loose manner and already grumbling is being heard from many of the better class of citizens.

The upper picture shows Nord Alexis, the aged ex-president, who was forced to seek refuge aboard a French man-of-war for protection. Below, to the left is Cape Haitien, a typical port of the island, and to the right is a body of native police of Port au Prince, who proved treacherous to Nord Alexis when he steadfastly refused to make concessions to the revolutionists.



FEDERAL COURT BILL IS PASSED

State of Indiana Divided Into Six Federal Judicial Sub-districts.

WAS CHANEY'S HOBBY.

OVERSTREET, AVOWED ENEMY OF MEASURE, WAS ABSENT FROM CHAMBER WHEN BILL WAS PASSED BY HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The House of Representatives this afternoon passed Representative Chaney's bill reorganizing the federal court, district of Indiana. Those members of the house from the state who are opposed to the legislation were taken unawares. On the call of committees Mr. Chaney, when the judiciary committee was reached, called up the court reorganization bill. No one objected to it and it was passed unopposed.

Representative Overstreet, who has all along been very much opposed to the legislation, was out of the chamber at the time. As soon as he heard of the action he hurried to the floor and called Mr. Chaney's attention to the fact that the Speaker had agreed to let him know when the bill was called up. He also reminded Chairman Jenkins, of the judiciary committee, that he had made the same promise. Both the speaker and Mr. Jenkins had overlooked the promise.

Provisions of the Bill. Mr. Overstreet at once began seeking a way to have the house action rescinded, but it is not at all certain that he can succeed with such a program. The bill had been pending since early last session. It divides the state into six federal judicial subdistricts and provides that the United States district judge shall not hold court at Indianapolis, Hammond, New Albany, Evansville, Terre Haute and Ft. Wayne.

The bill does not provide for another district judge, but does provide for a separate grand jury and a separate trial jury, for each of the six subdivisions. The supporters of the bill will now attempt to get it through the senate. Mr. Chaney says he did not attempt to take advantage of Mr. Overstreet, and that he was not aware the speaker and Mr. Jenkins had made any promise to the Indianapolis member, he says.

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE

Fire Department Extinguishes Small Blaze.

The fire department was called last evening to extinguish a fire located in a house on South Fifth street. No damage was done and the members of the fire department took so little heed as to fail to note the name of the occupant of the house.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Sunday, partly cloudy, with cooler in north portions.

OHIO—Probably cloudy Sunday, with rain or snow near the lakes; rising temperature, Sunday.

LABOR TAKES HAND IN SENATE FIGHT

Aspiring Democrat's Record Will Be Probed by Organizations.

THE RANKS ARE DIVIDED.

YOUNGER UNION MEN FAVOR SLACK OR HOFFMAN—LEADERS SAY THEY HAVE NO FEAR OF INVESTIGATION.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.—Some of the Indiana labor leaders, who propose to take a hand in the United States senatorship contest, are to get together and go over the "labor" records of the various Democratic leaders who now aspire to succeed James A. Hemenway, the knocked-out republican incumbent.

It is stated that the labor organization men will make public their findings. If they discover that this or that candidate has been unfair or unfriendly towards labor and labor legislation which the organizations regard as reasonable, the union chiefs will say so publicly before the democratic legislative caucus goes to a vote. Until the records have been scanned and the labor leaders have had their say, it will not be known who is the favored man among the toilers.

At this time the labor leaders are divided, just as other citizens are divided, in the matter of personal preference. Some of the younger union men are working for Slack or Hoffman. Others, among the older labor leaders, are in favor of the election of Kern, Lamb, and Shively, Menzies and Hering and Sims and others have their friends in the labor unions as well as in other lines of business. It is said that Lamb will be opposed by a strong element among the laborers, on account of former connections as attorney with corporations that proved unfriendly to unions.

Kern and Slack, who are looked on as the strongest of the senatorship aspirants, say they are not afraid of any scrutiny the labor men may make of their records.

A GREAT INAUGURAL

President Roosevelt Plans the Occasion for Next March.

TROOPS TO BE PRESENT

Washington, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt has drawn up plans for giving President-elect Taft the biggest military display ever attendant upon a presidential inauguration.

These plans, which are now being developed by the army and navy, include the presence in Washington for purposes of parade and review of several thousand soldiers fresh from the evacuation of Cuba, and almost an equal number of bluejackets from their triumphant trip around the world.

The army will be headed by Major-General Barry, commanding the Cuban army of pacification, and his entire staff, the navy section of the parade will be headed by Rear-Admiral Sperry and all the admirals and captains of his fleet.

WIFE OF OUTING EDITOR GETS DITRORCE

Sum of \$300 a Month Alimony Given Mrs. Whitney.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Cora Whitney, wife of Casper Whitney, of New York, editor of the Outing Magazine, and one of the best known sporting writers in the country, was granted a divorce with \$300 per month alimony in Judge Estell's Division District court here this afternoon. Charges of cruelty and non-support were registered.

CAREFUL WATCH KEPT ON BUGGIES

Many Petty Thefts Reported Recently.

The police department was instructed last evening to keep careful watch on the buggies. A large crowd of country folks was in the city. Many of them left their rigs attached to the public racks. A number of thefts of articles from buggies has been reported lately, so the coppers were notified to be on the alert.

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