

TAFT TO URGE AMENDMENTS TO ANTI-TRUST AND COMMERCE LAWS

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Washington, Dec. 28.—President Taft today began the preparation of the first of his special messages to Congress. This message will deal with amendments which he believes are necessary in the interstate commerce and Sherman anti-trust acts. The president will deal with the anti-trust act at great length. He also will bring forward his ideas as to issuing federal licenses to corporations. The proposed license will be a voluntary one, to be taken advantage of by such corporations as desire to place themselves under federal jurisdiction, or left alone as the directors of the corporation see fit.

It has been currently reported for some time that President Taft might delay his anti-trust recommendations until the supreme court had finally passed upon the recent Standard Oil decision. Those to whom the president has talked within the past day or two say, however, he has decided to go forward with his legislative program regardless of the pending decision.

FAVOR TO CORPORATIONS.

There has been a disposition among some of the leaders of the Senate and House during the past two days to urge the president not to send in his anti-trust message just now. They argued that pending a decision in the Standard Oil case on proceedings brought under the Sherman act the president in recommending changes in granting states might be put by his political opponents in the light of granting a respite or a favor to the corporations especially in regard to federal charters or license.

Mr. Taft is said to feel, nevertheless, that his views on the entire subject have been so fully expressed in the past and so generally understood as reflecting his attitude that he can go ahead with his recommendations upon lines decided upon early in the fall.

The president's message will be ready to be read in the two houses of Congress on Wednesday, January 5.

Congress reassembles on January 4, but will adjourn immediately, out of respect to the memory of the late Senator A. J. McLaurin, of Mississippi.

DEMOCRATS MAP OUT A PROGRAM

WILL ENDEAVOR TO KEEP DOWN THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION BILLS AND VOTE AGAINST A SHIP SUBSIDY.

Washington, Dec. 28.—"The program of the Democrats in the house at this session is to keep down the amount of the appropriation bills and to vote against a ship subsidy," said Minority Leader Champ Clark, of Missouri, today. "The house leaders are rushing everything to get the appropriation measures through and that subject and the ship subsidy proposition seem to be about the only two things that are to be taken up."

"We are opposed to the ship subsidy bill. We favor a river and harbors bill. I look for adjustment of Congress in April, certainly by May 1."

Noted Educators of South Are in Session at Charlotte

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 28.—With many noted educators of the South in attendance, the Southern Educational association began a three days session here today. Four hundred delegates were present and fifteen hundred delegates and visitors are expected before the convention ends.

In welcoming the delegates, Superintendent Joyner, of the North Carolina schools, recounted the progress of education in the South in the past year and pointed out that during 1909 a new schoolhouse had been built every day in North Carolina. Mayor Hawkins also delivered an address of welcome.

The program today was occupied

Ohio River is Choked With Ice From Pittsburg to Cairo

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—The Ohio river from Madison, Ind., south continues to freeze steadily and is almost choked with floating ice from Pittsburg to Cairo. Fears are entertained by Louisville river men that the present conditions, which have effectually stopped navigation, will continue for some time. The most serious trouble is expected, however, when a rise comes and the ice gorges are broken. Unusual precautions are being taken by coal dealers and towboat men to safely harbor their boats, the extremely low stage of the water being conducive to a solid freeze.

At Madison, Ind., the river is frozen as seen from shore to shore. An ice gorge several miles long and blocking the channel of the Ohio has formed near Three-Mile island, between Evansville and Newburgh, Ind. All wharf boats at Evansville have been towed to Green river, nine miles away, where all craft of value are harbored. At Leavenworth, Ind., people are crossing to Kentucky on the ice for the first time in many years. The Wabash river is reported gorged in many places.

GOULD BROKAW HAD A BAD DAY

HAD TO ADMIT THAT HE BROKE DOWN HIS WIFE'S DOOR, ACCUSED HER OF LOVING ANOTHER MAN AND DRINKING TOO MUCH WINE.

New York, Dec. 28.—W. Gould Brokaw had a bad day on the witness stand in the trial of his wife's suit for divorce and sixty thousand a year alimony.

He previously testified to his fairness toward his wife, but under cross-examination today was forced to admit that he accused her in a letter to his mother-in-law of loving another man, drinking too much port wine and smoking cigarettes. He also admitted his secretary had aided him in breaking down a door to his wife's bedroom on one occasion.

Brokaw was in an irritable mood and forgetful of details.

In addition to interesting developments in Brokaw's testimony, it became known today that Mrs. Frank J. Gould and other friends of Mrs. Brokaw's had offered to testify in her behalf. These friends were nearly all members of the house party to which Brokaw objected.

Asked what he considered a drinking man, Brokaw said: "I would not call anyone a drinking man who takes less than seven or eight drinks a day."

RAILROAD MAN BECOMES INSANE

BERNARD H. BAIL, A TRAFFIC EXPERT OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND READING, VIOLENTLY INSANE, DUE TO OVERWORK.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Bernard H. Bail, second vice-president and general freight traffic manager of the Philadelphia and Reading company, became violently insane at his office today. Overwork is believed to be the cause.

For years Mr. Bail has been considered one of the greatest freight traffic experts in the country.

LEWIS RE-ELECTED AS PRESIDENT BY BIG MAJORITY

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—"My majority for re-election this year is twice as large as it was last year," said Thomas L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, today.

The tellers of the vote of the individual unions arrived today and they will at once begin counting the ballots. Approximately 1,800 local unions voted and Lewis says he has returns from 756 of them, from which he is able to calculate that he has a majority of 36,000 votes over his opponent, William Green, of Coshocton, O.

with various papers and discussions relating to the improvement of schoolhouses and grounds and reports of educational progress.

Various auxiliary bodies are meeting in connection with the association including the American School Peace league, Southern Association for improvement of the schoolhouses, Religious Educational association and the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology.

President Emeritus Eliot, of Harvard, will deliver an address before the association Thursday. University presidents of Missouri, Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and Tennessee will also speak during the convention.

GEN. ESTRADA REFUSES THE TERMS OF MADRIZ

Revolutionary Party Will Not Recognize Madriz As President.

NEITHER WILL HE SURRENDER ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO HIS ENEMY — MADRIZ SAYS HE WANTS PEACE AND NO FURTHER BLOODSHED, AND BEGS THE REVOLUTIONARY LEADER NOT TO OBSTRUCT HIS EFFORTS — ZELAYA'S SON-IN-LAW AT LARGE.

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executive office.

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New York, Dec. 28.—Scores of detectives and uniform patrolmen were sent into Chinatown today to check if possible the outbreak of the Tong war in which one Chinaman has been killed and another mortally injured.

Police Captain Galvin states that the new assassins, known in the tong as "sun men" were sent here from Boston following the recent legal execution there of five Hip Sing Tong members, who were convicted of killing several On Leong Tong men and that their mission was revenge.

Low Jung, the 75-year-old celestial whose body was riddled with bullets last night, was the treasurer of the Brothers society, a Western tong, which has taken a part in the war, making it three-sided.

Lu Yo Fong, the younger Chinese, who was shot three times, was Low Jung's assistant and companion.

FEARFUL CONDITION OF D'VILLIERS STREET WORK

Sewer, Must Be Taken Up and Relaid Before It Can Be Used.

MATTER FOR DETERMINING WHO MAY BE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR STARTLING CONDITION REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY, WHO WILL REPORT ON SAME—TWO WEEKS OF INVESTIGATION

Summoned in special session at the direction of the mayor, the board of works yesterday at 10 a. m. heard the report from the city engineer about the startling condition of the DeVilliers street sewer, and the matter was referred to the city attorney, who was asked to determine just who was responsible for the practically useless piece of work. The city engineer, at the mayor's direction, has carefully inspected the sewer on DeVilliers street, and made the examination with great deliberation. The work covered a period of about two weeks, and as it was a serious question, Engineer Thornton made the examination all the more careful. He submitted his report to the mayor. Mayor Reilly hurriedly summoned the board of works in session, and the report was then read. It developed that the sewer was in much worse condition than either of the several members of the board had ever contemplated, and it was seen that immediate action would have to be taken in order that the paving would not be delayed.

Paving and curbing has already started on that street, and the street railway has improved its line there. In case the entire sewer is ordered taken up, the street railway work will hardly be disturbed. All paving and curbing there, however, will be stopped until the sewer is changed. To make the change as contemplated in the engineer's recommendation an expense of \$2,500 will be incurred, and the city attorney has been instructed to look into the question and determine upon whom this cost may be legally affixed. Upon a report being received from the city attorney, the board of works will again act, and then the council will hear from it finally.

The board convened yesterday at 10 a. m., with Chairman Jennings in the chair. Dr. Blocker and Messrs. Schad and Fisher were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting having been stated, the engineer's report to the mayor was then ordered read. It was as follows:

REPORT OF ENGINEER.

"Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 28, 1909.

"Hon. Frank Reilly, Mayor, Pensacola, Florida.

"Dear Sir: In accordance with your instructions, I have investigated the condition of the DeVilliers street sewer, from Gregory street to Government street, and beg to report as follows:

"The joints in this sewer from In-

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ZELAYA SAYS HE IS NO PRISONER

SAYS HE CAN GO WHEREVER HE MAY DESIRE—FAVORS INTERVENTION TO BRING ABOUT CONSOLIDATION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Zelaya denied emphatically today that he is a prisoner in any sense. He stated that he is free to go where he chose.

He declared he favors the friendly intervention of Mexico and the United States to the end of a consolidation of all Central American republics. He said he believed that Knox is now realizing the injustice of his attitude toward him. He might go and live in Belgium, but will not return to Nicaragua in any event until peace is restored. In his opinion, the war will end in two months. He did not say which of the combatants he thought would be successful.

ARMY AND NAVY AIDS TO THE PRESIDENT WHO DIRECT WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL AFFAIRS



President Taft has just completed the appointment of his personal aids from the army and navy, the staff consisting of only five officers. The aids are Captain Archibald Butt, U. S. A.; Captain Daniel Van Voorhis, U. S. A.; Captain Graham L. Johnson, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Commander Leigh C. Palmer, U. S. N., and Colonel Spencer Cosby, U. S. A. These men will all be prominent figures in the president's "golf cabinet" during the next three years. Captain Butt has been the president's personal aid ever since the inauguration of last March and accompanied him on his long journey to the Pacific coast and through the South. He is not only a popular man in the army, but probably has the widest acquaintance among statesmen and civilians of any man connected with the military of the United States. All the others are well-known figures at Washington. The season of social gaiety is now fairly on at the capital, and numerous brilliant social events are scheduled to take place between now and New Year's.

STRIKE IS NOW WAITING GAME

NOTHING WILL BE DONE PENDING OUTCOME OF APPEAL FOR FEDERAL INTERVENTION BY ONE OF THE LABOR LEADERS.

St. Paul, Dec. 28.—The strike situation has become a waiting game, pending the result of the visit of H. B. Perham, chairman of the railway branch of the Federation of Labor, to Washington to endeavor to secure federal intervention.

Vice-President Harshbarger, of the Switchmen's union, said today that influences are at work in St. Paul and Washington which may result in the termination of the strike in a short time.

RIVER TRAFFIC IS ABANDONED

TEN MILLION BUSHELS OF COAL HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO RAILROADS BY ICE GORGES—MANY RAILROAD BRIDGES ARE IN DANGER.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—With tons of ice piled high against the piers of the bridge spanning the Ohio river here and points below, river traffic has been abandoned. It is estimated ten million bushels of coal have been diverted from the usual river transportation to southern points and cars are being requested from railroad by coal operators to offset the delay before the coal fleets can move down the Ohio.

Stations below Pittsburg report unprecedented ice sorges. At East Liverpool ice has jammed against the stone abutments of the old county wood bridge and the authorities are arranging to break the pack with dynamite.

At Steubenville the Pennsylvania railroad cantilever bridge, in course of construction, is being closely watched. The weather conditions at all points do not indicate an immediate marked change in the temperature.

DR. STILES SPEAKS ON THE HOOKWORM PROBLEM

Boston, Dec. 28.—More than thirty division meetings marked the second day of the convention of the American Society for the Advancement of Science. An address by Dr. Charles W. Stiles, of the United States public health and marine hospital service, on the hookworm problem, was one of the most important.

HILMI PASHA, THE GRAND VIZIER, TENDERS RESIGNATION

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Hilmi Pasha, grand vizier, resigned today. It is believed the young Turks party concluded the accusations against the former Grand Vizier Kiamil Pasha were unjust. It is understood that Tewfik Pasha, the present ambassador to London, is favored for appointment.

7 CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

FIRE DESTROYS HOME OF A MINER AND MANY LITTLE ONES ARE CREMATED—THREE OLDER PERSONS FATALLY INJURED.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 28.—Seven children, from 2 to 12 years old, were burned, and three persons perhaps fatally injured late last night when fire destroyed the home of Stephen Bronosky, a miner at Sykesville, Pa., near here. All the victims are foreigners.

Six of the children were members of the Bronosky family and the seventh belonged to a boarder.

The fire started from an overheated coal stove. It spread rapidly and communicated with a keg of mining powder.

Many Colleges Represented at Gathering of Athletic Interests

New York, Dec. 28.—Seventy-seven colleges and universities were represented today at a gathering in this city of athletic interests, which is expected to give force to the demand for reform in the rules of football.

The convention was the fourth annual of the intercollegiate athletic association of the United States, an organization which now includes fifteen of the twenty-four largest institutes of learning in the country and is so representative of the trend of modern collegiate athletic ideas that its action is considered certain to shape decisively the football rules committee's action in revision of the rules of play.

Sentiment among the delegates is strong for reform in a game which of late has fallen under much reprobatation through frequent distressing and sometimes fatal accidents.

West Point has taken the lead in proposing a number of reforms and these have found support among numbers of the college representatives.

These were submitted to the committee today. They include the elimination of the neutral zone, modification of the forward pass, limiting the number of men in the interference and other changes designed to make the game safer. English rugby or soccer football is suggested by some of the colleges as a substitute for the present game.

A general discussion of football at the session's open to the public was one of the interesting features on today's program.