

# U. S. VIEWS OF TARIFF TROUBLE

President Taft Like Hon. Mr. Fielding  
Refuses to Talk on Subject,  
**BUT IS HOPEFUL.**

U. S. Congressmen Hold Various  
Opinions on the Matter.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—President Taft got back to his desk this morning evidently very well satisfied with the progress he has made in the negotiations to prevent a tariff war with Canada. He declined to talk of the situation with any of his callers, however, putting his reticence frankly upon the ground that any discussion of the subject coming from him at this stage of the affair might interfere with the course of the negotiations. But he was obviously very hopeful of the outcome, if not entirely confident that an agreement would be reached which will enable him to issue a proclamation declaring that there is no undue discrimination against American commerce in the Canadian tariff. During the day a number of men interested in the Canadian tariff situation saw the President, but none of them was any more communicative than Mr. Taft after their interviews.

**IN FRIENDLY SPIRIT.**  
While nothing definite as to the character of the efforts being made for an agreement was forthcoming from any authoritative source, it was said by several Administration officials that the two Governments are working in the most friendly spirit, and that there is the best of reason for hoping that an agreement will be reached in time for the President to issue his proclamation before March 31st, when, otherwise, the maximum rates will go into effect against Canada, and the tariff war will be on.

**WHAT CONGRESSMEN SAY.**  
New York, March 23.—The Herald has received from its Washington bureau a despatch giving the views of prominent men in both Houses of Congress on the present tariff situation. Here are some of them:

Representative Henry S. Boutell, of Illinois—I fully believe that the most amicable trade relations should be sought with Canada, but I think we should negotiate an agreement under the existing law. So far as amending the present Payne bill is concerned, this would be impracticable. France and Germany and other countries were able to come to an agreement with us under the present tariff law. Why shouldn't Canada?

Representative Seno E. Payne, of New York, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House—I hope, as I have hoped ever since the new tariff law was enacted, that we will be able to get the lowest rates of every important country of the world under its provisions. The news this morning is more encouraging. I can't say what Congress would do in the way of changing the tariff in order to meet Canada's conditions. That would have to be settled when some definite proposition was presented.

Representative James A. Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the Appropriation Committee of the House—If the maximum tariff goes into effect against Canada it will be a bad blow to the Republican party in all of the border States. Mr. Tawney added that the situation was very serious, and intimated that there would be little chance of changing the Payne tariff law to meet Canada's wishes, because to do so would destroy the whole scheme of the law.

Representative James R. Mann, of Illinois—It looks to-day as if the chances of reaching an agreement are better, but if our maximum goes into effect and a tariff war results it would be worse than a mistake. It would be a crime. If our maximum goes into effect again Canada it will surely mean tariff war. If the whole question is not settled by the end of this month I believe that Congress ought to pass a resolution suspending the operation of this feature of the Payne act for several months to give more time for negotiations.

Senator J. H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire—I believe in treating Canada just as we do every other country. Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, while declining to be quoted, said that he was heartily in favor of such a reciprocity; that Canada should be upon a different basis from other countries; that her tariff policy had made her a great manufacturing country and that he was distinctly in favor of reciprocity with her.

Senator S. B. Elkins, of West Virginia—We tried a reciprocity agreement with the Dominion of Canada once, many years ago, and it proved unsuccessful and was abandoned.

Senator J. C. Burrows, of Michigan—I am for any agreement which will give us the advantage of trade with Canada. I do not know what this is to be.

Senator J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa—There would be hesitation about making any attempt to reopen the question of the tariff in Congress in any way. The time to have talked of a reciprocity agreement with Canada was when we were reducing the tariff on lumber and coal last summer. We tried for twenty-five years to negotiate a reciprocity agreement with Argentina, then in two or three days gave her free fields, which was the one obstacle in the way.

Senator S. B. Cullom, of Illinois—I am for any fair and just arrangement with Canada, but the present tariff law must not be changed.

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## HOME MISSIONS

Presbyterian Church Women's Society Meeting at London.

Large Number of Reports Received and Adopted at The Meeting.

London, Ont., despatch: The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church began its seventh annual meeting to-day in St. Andrew's Church. The President, Mrs. John Somerville, presided, and there was an attendance of about 300 delegates. After devotional exercises, followed by warm words of welcome from Mrs. (Rev.) Jas. Rollins, President of the London branch, reports of twenty-two branch societies were presented; also reports from a number of auxiliaries and mission bands not in the presbyterials. These outlined the work that had been done by the different organizations, and showed the energetic and progressive spirit that characterized all of the organizations.

The report of the Board of Managers was presented by Mrs. Donald Macdonald. The report of the Life Membership Secretary, Miss Margaret Gardiner, showed that during the year 75 new life members had been added since the first of April, 1909. The report also spoke of the improvements and gifts to the various hospitals in the west. A paid secretary for publications, the report stated, had been appointed, with very beneficial results.

Realizing the advantage of educational work in dealing with the incoming foreigners in the west, the board had set aside \$2,250 for that work, \$800 of which was being spent in helping Gallegan students studying in Manitoba University.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Miss Helen Macdonald, and showed a most gratifying financial standing. The receipts for the past year totalled \$23,632.48. The expenditures were: To the hospital at Atlin, \$1,320; Tuelon, \$2,480; Vegreville, \$1,800; Wakaw, \$1,570; Sifton, \$1,580; Ethelbert, \$988, and general expenses totalling \$14,280.

The hospital reports were presented by Mrs. H. M. Kipp, Corresponding Secretary, who reported for the six different hospitals at Atlin, Tuelon, Vegreville, Wakaw, Sifton and Ethelbert.

The organization report, which was presented by Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, of Toronto, showed that during the year 109 new organizations had been added to the Women's Home Missionary Society. Of these five are Presbyterian societies, 59 are auxiliaries, 35 are mission bands and 9 are affiliated societies.

The report showed 22 Presbyterials in the general society. The five new Presbyterials are: Chatham, Kingston and

## EXODUS.

Statistics of Officials Show Great Trek From Old Province.

Quebec, March 23.—According to statistics furnished by Mr. Rene Dupont, local colonization agent for the department of the interior of Ottawa, on every day of the year 1909, 52 inhabitants of the Province of Quebec left their parishes to go either to the States, to the Northwest, or Ontario. In all, 10,183 inhabitants of the province went away.

Mr. Dupont explains this heavy exodus of population by the lack of local industries and also to the natural taste of the French-Canadians for travelling. Among other causes of departure given are debts, luxury, too easy credit at the dealers, and the great pressure exercised by agents in selling farm implements, and who give too easy credit to farmers unable to pay.

## WHAT'S THIS?

Sheep Develop Rabies in Bruce County After Attack By Dogs.

Owen Sound, March 23.—A peculiar case is reported from the township of Anabel, where sheep worried by dogs have developed symptoms of rabies.

Three of the sheep, after the escapade with the dogs, carried on very peculiarly, tearing the wool from each other and otherwise displaying evidences of madness. Later one of them died. The sheep belonged to a farmer named Johnson Currie.

Dr. McEwan, of Wiarton, was notified of the occurrence, and requested that the head of the animal be forwarded to him that he might send it to the authorities at Ottawa for examination.

Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons, of Toronto, with a previous conviction, was given ninety days in jail by Magistrate Denison for shoplifting.

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## News in Brief

Victor J. Babelka, of Toronto, was robbed of \$2,000 by a woman in Pittsburgh.

San Francisco has begun the collection of \$5,000,000 for a Panama-Pacific world's fair in 1915.

The shortage in the funds of the City National Bank of Cambridge, Mass., is \$250,000. Two men are under arrest.

S. Bovitch, of Whittemouth, who was wounded by the discharge of his rifle on Monday, died in the Winnipeg hospital.

For the theft of a package of letters Peter J. Trues, a Toronto letter carrier, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

C. Martin, of the Michigan Puget Sound Lumber Company, committed suicide at Victoria, B. C., by taking cyanide of potassium.

Rev. W. F. Carpenter has been appointed rural dean of South Simcoe, to succeed Rev. W. G. G. Dreyer, who goes to the Northwest.

South African veterans' land warrants have taken another jump on the Winnipeg exchange, and are selling at \$840, an advance of \$325 in about three months.

A Winnipeg scavenger found a human head among the garbage in a lane. It is partly decomposed, but is believed to be part of a body used by a medical student.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has acquired a block of property on the east side of Milwaukee, near Lake Michigan, for what is said to be a terminal.

Messrs. Gourlay, Winter & Leeming intend to erect a four-storey and best-ment piano factory on Logan avenue, Toronto. The building will be of mill construction.

Further advice by wireless from the sealing fleet in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and on the Grand Banks indicate that the vessels are meeting with decided success.

A horse attached to an empty coal wagon ran away in Smith's Falls and literally jumped into the buggy in which were seated Hugh Shirley and his sister. No one was hurt.

According to a verdict brought in by six men sitting as a jury in Morristown, N. J., "damn" is not an oath, or a "swear word," such as is prohibited by the vice and immorality act of New Jersey.

A transaction involving nearly \$100,000 was completed yesterday when the plant of the Empire Salt Company, at Sarnia, passed into the hands of the Cleveland-Sarnia Sawmills Company.

The largest deal in agricultural lands ever negotiated at Edmonton, Alta., has just been closed, 80,000 acres near Beaver Hills changing hands for a million dollars. N. Boggs, of Saskatoon, was the buyer.

William Thomson & Co., of St. John, N. B., are reported to have secured control of the Montreal-Canada and the Anglo-Saxon Fire Insurance Companies, whose present head offices are in Toronto.

A party of Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway survivors arrived at Greta, Man., to locate a line to Winnipeg. The road already has its right-of-way to Neche, and will soon invade the Manitoba capital.

The bill terminating the present lease of the fur seal killing on the Pribiloff Islands in the Pacific and authorizing United States Secretary of Commerce and Labor to declare a closed season on the islands has been passed by the Senate.

Congress has passed a bill providing a penalty of not more than \$1,000 fine on any proprietor of a place of amusement in the district of Columbia and the territories who may refuse admission to a soldier or a sailor of the United States because of his uniform.

The switch tenders and townsmen on the Michigan Central, west of the Detroit River, and also the entire Pere Marquette system, have been granted an increase in wages of three cents an hour for switch tenders and switchmen and \$5 a month for townsmen.

A family of four little children named Hamilton, who went to Prince Albert, Sask., with their father from Yellow Grass four weeks ago, are now a charge on the town. The father left at once, presumably in search for a farm, and has not been heard of since.

The jury in the case of George T. Remsworth, a commercial traveller, who sued James Harris, manufacturing furrier, of Toronto, for \$3,000 damages for alleged malicious prosecution, failed to agree in the Spring Assizes and Chief Justice Meredith dismissed the action.

Premier Botha in a speech at Durban, South Africa, stated that his dearest ambition was to create the best colonial defence force in the Empire, representing both races. It is considered that Botha's recent speech in Pretoria finally disposes of the question of Government coalition.

A wireless station is to be established at Washington Harbor, Isle Royale, immediately. When it is in working condition practically every strategic point on Lake Superior will be covered by wireless, and it will be impossible for a boat equipped with the tickers to get out of range of the instruments.

The raising of the United States battleship Maine from Havana harbor is provided for in a bill passed by the House. Under this measure the wreck can be examined to determine the manner of its destruction. The remains of the sailors dead that may be found will be interred in Arlington cemetery.

Speaking at a free trade demonstration in London, Sir Edward Grey said he dreaded tariff reform in Imperial politics much as in home politics. It would mean more duties within the Empire. If duties were imposed which raised prices, there would be an overwhelming demand that the colonial office here should have its say in colonial tariffs. That would be the greatest danger they could have to Imperial unity.

A Finlander who was found wandering aimlessly in the woods between North Chippewa and Batchewana Bay was brought to the "Soos" by Indians. He

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## DANGEROUS GAME

Central Prison for Man Who Said He Put \$200 in Letter to Brother.

Toronto, Ont., despatch: Samuel H. C. Buck wrung his hands and shook his head as one who had swallowed the dregs of misery. He was just sentenced to Central Prison for six months because he swore to his brother in England that he put \$200 in a registered letter, which never reached its destination. By such an oath he cast suspicion on the Postal Department, uttered a falsehood and had been successful in his "bluff" might have compelled the Government to pay him the amount he said he enclosed. Half a year away from wife and children and liberty is therefore his reward.

At the trial a few days ago he was found guilty on evidence of Inspector Henderson, of the Postoffice Department.

"Under the Act," read off the Colonel, "he is liable to two years' imprisonment."

"But he didn't go to the Postoffice people to try fraud," argued the prisoner's counsel, W. J. Henderson.

"But he threw suspicion on them," retorted his Whorship.

"Through his brother in England."

"No, through himself. His brother was not to blame at all."

"He has had a good deal of publicity in the newspapers," observed the lawyer.

"I don't know anything about that and I care less."

"It's a very serious matter for Buck."

"You don't know until you hear the sentence. The Act of Parliament says 'Up to three years.'"

"That's what the Act says, of course," agreed the lawyer.

"And do you think I'm going to override or ignore an Act of Parliament?"

"Well, I wouldn't exactly say that."

"But you're going to send him to Central Prison for six months; it may not satisfy anyone else, but it does me."

## MORE WAGES.

Western Railroads Settle Trouble With Their 27,000 Firemen.

Chicago, March 23.—Terms of agreement in the Federal mediation of the controversy between the 27,000 firemen on western railroads and the railroad managers were reached at an early hour this morning. The demands of the firemen for a 12 1/2 per cent. increase in pay will be arbitrated under the Erdman Act. Any fireman temporarily promoted to be a fireman, after having held the position for sixty days establishes his seniority and must not be reduced hereafter. The agreement in all except the wage question was a compromise by both sides.

The terms were agreed to by W. G. Nixon, general manager of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, on behalf of the Managers' Committee and by W. G. Carter, President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

When he discovered that it was no train, that it was in fact, might be further than Spoken and any more to be all," said the man on Wednesday night on Monday night, unable to be found and that means ours the Eastern trouble in making can promise you only in getting an am caught. He had just thought of the escape from the mind, and that Barrison Hall, the great battle between the Pawnees was out for the East bound to come to Clifford. He had discovered of all hardships proposed to do him, but he saw the difficulty with. With cunning way back to the chased a stock of last him far beyond train to arrive. He had little of his heavy sea sickness to protect him. At the juncture and the road to deep hollow in he had discovered quite by chance. him well on several had been forced to ly. Neither the village seemed to know of discovered that he safe from both sides. With Clifford of was of the utmost he would never find was a way to a hied himself to his with all possible. Thus that night, knowing, and as the of the encounter had spoken to him upon him that he for him to join the. He realized, too, was probably seen over the delay his plans. He knew, too, that hands after that would be pretty vengeance upon his place. He knew that he knew that he had pot when he heard of the locomotive. He was well of the Pawnees to not attempt to and for they stood to big, puffing engine refused to stand refused to approach. He knew that he had discovered or caught the train returned to Harris supposed he must Spokane to try there. Thus he settled missed the subject. There was only of his conscience, an little Spokane had of Chowhsky. He spent in his pl could think of no. In those hours truth, and that W. Norine—ay, cared times more than sible that he could save himself. The eventual W. around, and Cliff with all the impa the welcome was was glad to think and go ere the would take place, very thing that the. He wondered that the mystery had not of the Pawnees, w raid against the v until after that were a mental. While these th through his mind was being unacted from the spot whi conceivably a sec Joe—bonest, faithf tors. Although so been unable to ven of concealment them, owing to the Pawnees that pass from time to time. When at length forth, they were of any of the stages. It was with a heart that he described what the mountain roa.

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