

# TAFT FOE OF AMENDMENT

Declared He is Opposed to Root Amendment to Reciprocity Bill.

DOES NOT NULLIFY THE AGREEMENT

Senator Smoot Says Senate Will Vote on Measure Middle of July.

Washington, June 10.—I am opposed to the Root amendment of the Canadian reciprocity treaty, but I am not obliged to admit that its adoption is not a violation of the agreement made with Canada. My views on the subject are contained in my speech at Chicago on June 7.

That is what President Taft telegraphed the Boston chamber of commerce today after he had read the following telegram sent him by that body:

"Considerable vagueness here in reference to your attitude regarding the Root amendment. We wish you would send the chamber of commerce an explicit statement of your position in order that we may support you. Are you opposed to the Root amendment?"

WILL VOTE NEXT MONTH.

Washington, June 10.—"It is my personal opinion that we will have a vote on the reciprocity bill July 15 or 17," said Senator Smoot, of Utah, after a talk with President Taft at the White House today.

Other leaders at the White House differed with Senator Smoot as to the time of adjournment. "The reciprocity debate in the senate," said Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, "will be over in three weeks or not until October."

SAVE DROWNING LAD.

Willard Draker is Dragged Out by Young Companions.

Willard Draker, a lad residing on Third street, was dragged out of a pool of water near Lawson park Thursday barely in time to save his life by companions with whom he was swimming. The Draker boy was seized by cramps and after his physicians had plucked him from the water and resuscitated him it required but a few hours' work by Dr. C. M. Gibson to restore consciousness. Young Draker is recovering rapidly.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE.

Columbia City, Ind., June 10.—The ministers of this city met Thursday afternoon for the purpose of talking over matters in relation to the organization of an inter-Sunday school league, and from all present indications the league will be proclaimed in the very near future and will continue until fall or until the champions are determined.

# HANNA SCHOOL WINS HONORS

Musical Contest of Grammar Grade Pupils Was Very Close.

## DECISION DIFFICULT

With a percentage of forty-nine points out of the fifty considered by the judges to be a perfect marking of their work, the pupils from the Hanna school won the coveted honors in the annual contest of school choirs of 7th and 8th grades of public school children, given in the auditorium of the high school building last night.

Prof. William Miles appeared on the stage there was pronounced applause, and when the children in the gallery caught sight of the three judges, William ApMadoc, of Chicago; Mr. J. H. S. of the high school corps, and Mr. Thompson, musical director at the state institution, taking their place in the front row, there was more applause. Prof. Miles called on pupils to draw numbers for the six buildings represented in order to decide the order of their singing. The result was the Bloomingdale school, which held the honor banner for the contest a year ago, had to begin the program and that school was followed by the Hanna school and the Clay center.

When Mr. ApMadoc appeared before the audience to announce the decision he declared that in hearing and judging 133 choirs before his work last night he had never heard such perfect intonation. Even the children realized how great a compliment had been bestowed upon them and when Mr. ApMadoc went on to say that the singing of each choir had presented so many good points and so few imperfections that it had been almost impossible to come to a decision, more applause burst forth and the children, knowing that only one choir could get the coveted banner, settled down, content with the realization that they had done their best and that it was splendid. Mr. ApMadoc stated that the following points had been considered in the contest: Attack, intonation, rhythm and shade of tones, phrasing, interpretation. Each of these qualities was rated on ten points, making fifty perfect.

BABY BUFFALO BORN.

Herd at Brookside Farm Increased by New Arrival.

The herd of buffaloes at John H. Basse's Brookside farm has been increased by the arrival of a baby buffalo born a few days ago. It is the first calf born in the herd in some years, and is a handsome specimen.

# CARRIE NATION HAS PASSED ON

Noted Temperance Woman and Joint Smasher, is Dead.

## REMARKABLE CAREER

Leavenworth, Kas., June 10.—The body of Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Kansas anti-saloon worker, who died here last night, was taken today to Kansas City, Kas., by Mrs. M. D. Moore, of that city, sister-in-law of Mrs. Nation, and Mr. George Schubert, of Los Angeles, her niece. The funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. Moore tomorrow. Carrying out the expressed desire of Mrs. Nation, the burial will be in Richmond, Mo., where her parents are buried.

Mrs. Nation succumbed to pneumonia, from which she had been suffering for a long period. Several months ago her condition was so critical that it was believed she could not survive more than a few weeks, but she rallied.

Recently she began to fall rapidly and yesterday the physician in attendance announced that life could not be prolonged through the night.

Begins Smashing Career.

Mrs. Nation first emerged from the obscurity which had wrapped her for half a century when she started upon her career as a saloon wrecker in 1909. It was on June 6 of that year that a stout, matronly woman with a broad countenance went out into her back yard at Medicine Lodge, Kan., and collecting six or seven bricks, wrapped them separately in fragments of newspapers. This equipped her for the attack on the saloon.

Has Trouble in England.

In the early part of 1909 Mrs. Nation made a trip to England, taking her last breath with her in the Pacific. She was successful on the lecture platform, and even entered the overcrowded ranks of vaudeville. Her personal emblem was the hatchet.

Sketch of Her Career.

Mrs. Carrie Nation was born in Kentucky in 1846. Her maiden name was Carrie Moore. She was a girl, it is said, who was absolutely fearless. In her early life she married a man addicted to the use of intoxicants, which created in her an intense aversion to the saloon. When he died she determined to devote her life to the suppression of the liquor traffic.

State Wide Crusade in Kansas.

During the next three months Mrs. Nation surprised the saloon men in various Kansas towns, appearing unheralded and leaving a trail of ruined barroom fixtures wherever she went. Many saloonkeepers locked their places and fled before the faithful hatchet could get into action.

Becomes Editor of Paper.

Mrs. Nation after her activities in Kansas became a lecturer and the editor of a paper called the Smasher's Mail. She did little smashing outside of Kansas. While lecturing in New York city she created a sensation by appearing at the horse show in Madison Square garden and demanding that the occupants of the Vanderbilt box contribute money for a home for thankless veterans which she founded in Kansas City, Kan.

SAYS HE WAS ROBBED.

Decatur, Ind., June 10.—A traveling man, T. E. Berry, of Ellettsburg, Ohio, handling a line of paints and oils, alleges that Thursday night he was held up and relieved of a pocketbook containing a sum of money. In the alley in the rear of the Temple, Brandyberry & Peterson store, in this city, between the hours of 9 and 10.

# GOVERNMENT WILL LOSE HALF BILLION

Joker Lurked in Law Which Was Designed to Reserve Rights.

## RAILWAY WILL REAP

Washington, D. C., June 9.—Just as the government is sitting for the biggest legal game it ever played the discovery is made that it is bound to lose the Southern Pacific railroad to win \$500,000,000 in the play goes on.

The stakes are a great area of California's richest oil lands. They were granted to the railroad with a clause in the grant expressly excepting all mineral lands save those containing coal and iron. Most of these lands were patented to the grantee more than six years ago.

Effect of Bar Proceedings.

The effect of these acts, as construed by the United States supreme court, is absolutely to bar proceedings by the government to annul a patent of land to a land grant railroad after six years from the issuance of the patent. Until these acts are repealed, the government has not a chance on earth to get back its lands.

Will Turn Results of His Studies Over to Colonel Zinn.

BEGAN IT YEARS AGO

W. T. Harris, of Chicago, who is perhaps the pioneer upon the general plan for the construction of a lake-to-lake canal, connecting Lake Erie and Lake Michigan, was in Fort Wayne Saturday, and in the afternoon at a conference held at the Commercial club, submitted to a local committee, which he will turn over to Colonel Zinn, the United army engineer who is in direction of the investigation of the route between Fort Wayne and Chicago.

HIGH JINKS WHILE HUSBAND IS GONE

Pittsburg Woman Shot at Her Home in Affray Over a Kiss.

HUSBAND VERY RICH

Pittsburg, Pa., June 10.—Mrs. C. F. Hill, wife of a wealthy oil operator, was shot in the side today by C. R. Shamm, who was arrested together with William Dutton and a woman named Emma Horner. The shooting occurred in the Hill residence on the north side. Mr. Hill is on a business trip to oil fields in the west.

TO REMODEL HIGH SCHOOL.

Ligonier, Ind., June 10.—The local high school building is to be remodeled this summer. The contract for the plans having been awarded to an Elk-hart architect. Whereas the present seating capacity for the high school students is only about seventy-five the new plan calls for rooms to accommodate twice that number. An auditorium with 500 seating capacity will also be included in the new building. The various grade rooms will be enlarged, the heating and ventilating system altered and larger cloak rooms installed. The remodeling calls for an expenditure of between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Bittler is Reappointed for Four Year Term

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9.—Governor Marshall today reappointed George A. Bittler a member of the state board of accountants for a four-year term which began June 7 last. Mr. Bittler is a democrat of Fort Wayne and first was appointed to fill the unexpired term of William Fogarty, who resigned February 3, 1910.

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# FLOWERS CARRY WORD OF CHEER

Over 700 Bouquets Distributed by Ladies of the W. C. T. U.

## ANNUAL FLOWER DAY

More than seven hundred beautiful bouquets, each bearing its message of cheer and each printed with some verse of scripture, were distributed in Fort Wayne Friday by the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance union in its observance of Flower day.

From the headquarters in the basement of the First M. E. church the ladies carried the flowers to every part of the city. They were presented to the sick poor, to homes unaccustomed to adornment of this character, to hospital patients from out of the city who have no local friends, to the prisoners in the jail, to newsboys and to others who do not have an opportunity often to enjoy them.

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HARRIS SUBMITS REPORT ON CANAL

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Bitten by Rattler.

Warsaw, Ind., June 10.—Paul, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith, of this city, was bitten by a rattlesnake, at Chapman's lake Thursday evening. The little lad's condition is serious for awhile but from latest reports he is now getting along nicely.

Fort Wayne Lad is West Point Graduate

PAUL W. BADE.

Paul W. Bade of this city, is a member of the class to be graduated from the United States Military academy at West Point, N. Y., within a few days, and will enter the regular army with the rank of lieutenant.

How My Boy Went Down.

It was not on the field of battle, it was not with a ship at sea. But a fate far worse than either that stole him away from me. 'Twas the death in the tempting wine-cup.

The Tragedy of the Quicksands.

Every young person should read Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables," which is one of the finest productions in literature. One of the features of the book not soon forgotten is the description of the men in the quicksands.

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# OUR TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT



## MOTHER GOOSE

That was her real name, and not a fictitious one, as many people believe. Elizabeth Foster was born in Charlestown, Mass., a town near Boston, in 1465. Her family being Puritans, she was reared, as other little maidens then were, "to be industrious." She was also taught to cook and sew and spin. On Sunday she went to the meeting-house and sat demurely quiet through the long sermon, and on week-days went to the free school, and learned to read, write and count.

Why Not Exhibit Finished Product?

Brewers and liquor producers never lost an opportunity to advertise their goods. They even violate the law in order to bring their wares to the attention of persons living in "dry" territory. At many fairs and exhibitions they secure space to show the different processes of manufacture and in industrial parades their fine horses and big wagons are sights common to all.

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