

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.

Boston, 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 2."

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. "The bill will pass and congress will adjourn with all business out of the way. I believe, about July 27."

Senator Smoot said that the Root amendment to the reciprocity bill would not invalidate the agreement. He declared, on the other hand, that the amendment would perfect the pact and that with the amendment attached the bill before congress was in every detail like the bill before the Canadian parliament.

"The Root amendment," said the speaker, "may not pass. The vote will be close. It is the only amendment for which I shall vote and the only one which will have a chance."

Other callers 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."

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, said he was at sea about adjournment.

"I don't expect to see it before the first of August," said he.

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 Lawton 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 playmates had plunged into the water and rescued him it required half an hour's 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 launched 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. The few interested parents and the principal and teachers from which classes entered the contest felt well repaid for their effort to attend. The heat was unpleasant, but no one watched the gathering of nearly six hundred children that literally swarmed all over the auditorium, including the gallery, unmoved or unmotivated, for they were a beautiful sight. When Prof. William Miles appeared on the stage there was prolonged applause, and when the children in the gallery caught sight of the three judges, William Miles, of Chicago; Mr. J. H. 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 following: Hanna school, which held the honor banner for the contest a year ago, had to begin the program, and that school was followed by Jefferson, then the Harmon, the Lincoln, the Hanna, and the Clay schools. Each choir of children sang the same two songs from memory. Each choir marched upon the stage and off again to the line accompanied by Miss Helena Spindler, played, and her appearance upon the stage at first was the signal for more enthusiastic demonstration from the children. Every school did so well that the critics found they had a most difficult task before them. Each choir made a beautiful sight while the dignity of the children, their unconsciousness of self and generosity to each other were as beautiful to witness as their fresh sweet voices were a delight to hear.

When Mr. Apudoe appeared before the audience to announce the decisions 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. Apudoe went on to say that the singing of each choir had presented so many other were as beautiful to witness as their fresh sweet voices were a delight to hear.

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Each of these qualities was rated on ten points, making fifty perfect. No choir was rated below forty-one, while the Hanna school, the Harmon, and the Jefferson, the Hanna, and the Clay got through the puzzle was as difficult as ever.

Mr. Apudoe gave quite a talk about singing and the pupils, hot and weary, gave remarkably quiet attention for the hour was getting late.

BABY BUFFALO BORN.

Hard at Brookside Farm Increased by New Arrival.

The herd at 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 fail rapidly and yesterday the physician in attendance announced that life could not be prolonged through the night.

Next morning the news went over the country. Mrs. Nation woke up famous; Keweenaw on the map, and the whole country laughed. Encouraged by the applause of the prohibition forces in Kansas, Mrs. Nation then embarked seriously upon the business of carrying terror and confusion to the saloonkeepers of the land. She was fairly successful.

Later on Mrs. Nation was welcomed to the lecture platform, and even entered the overcrowded ranks of vaudeville. Her personal emblem was the hatchet.

Mrs. Nation made one visit to Chicago, during which she smashed one saloon. After that the police guarded her so closely she did not have an opportunity to do any more damage.

Has Trouble in England.

In the early part of 1903 Mrs. Nation made a trip to England, taking her hatchet with her, and got into trouble the moment she landed. As a result of a raid on a saloon at Newcastle-on-Tyne she was arrested and fined. Later, while speaking in Canterbury Music hall, she was booed, hissed and pelted with eggs. A week afterward, in London, she was arrested and fined for smashing a glass cigarette case with her umbrella.

So persistent was Mrs. Nation in advancing her propaganda that she had been in more times than she could count in the criminal courts, for wrecking bars and furnishings and otherwise disturbing the peace. Mrs. Nation had been under arrest at Wichita three times, at Topeka seven times, at Kansas City once, at Coney Island once, at Pittsburgh three times, at Los Angeles, at San Francisco, at Scranton and Philadelphia and at other places.

Sketch of Her Career.

Mrs. Carrie Nation was born in Kentucky in 1846. Her maiden name was Carrie Moore and she was married to John H. Nation, an absolutely fearless man. 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.

Later she moved to Kansas and married David Nation, who sympathized with her temperance principles. Mrs. Nation's first saloon smashing was done in the barroom of the Carey hotel at Wichita, Dec. 27, 1900. She was arrested and remained in jail several days before she was released on bond.

Jan. 21, 1901, armed with her favorite weapon, a hatchet, Mrs. Nation made another raid in Wichita. This time she smashed two joints.

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.

Remarkably few of the saloon men used violence in resisting Mrs. Nation, although she was attacked and badly hurt while wrecking a joint at Enterprise, Kas.

By this time the state of Kansas was in a ferment. Aroused by the spirit of the dauntless woman from Kentucky, the people began to demand that all the saloons and joints be closed at once. Smashing parties were organized all over the state. The saloon power was being wrecked. As a result of the agitation bills were passed by the legislature which strengthened the state prohibition law.

Thus, Carrie Nation has been. Mrs. Nation was responsible for the greatest temperance awakening in Kansas.

Becomes Editor of Paper.

Mrs. Nation after her activities in Kansas became a lecturer and the editor of a paper called the Smashers' 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 drunkards' wives which she founded in Kansas City, Kas.

SAYS HE WAS ROBBED.

Decatur, Ind., June 10.—A traveling man, T. B. Berry, of Elkhart, 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 Teeple, 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 and 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 grantees more than six years ago.

The joker in the situation is a special statute of limitation, slipped through congress in an act of March 3, 1891, and perfected by another act of March 2, 1896.

Effect to 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.

Announcement has been made that within a few weeks the government will file suit as to these lands with Special Assistant Attorney General Townsend in charge. The oil men of California are thoroughly aroused and alarmed by the discovery of the joker.

They are advised by some of the ablest lawyers in the state the suits can result only in confirming the railroad's title and so they are appealing to Washington with all the force they can command to hold off the litigation until the "joker" act can be repealed.

This they believe congress will not hesitate to do, once it knows the inwardness and gravity of the situation. Suits already have been instituted with respect to lands patented to the railroad company less than six years ago, and as to these there is no question. The special statute of limitations cannot affect these proceedings. As to the contemplated actions touching lands patented before June, 1896, there is a certainty that to sue now, before the repeal of the acts of 1891 and 1896, would be to make a present to the Southern Pacific of about half a billion dollars.

Involves Vast Territory.

The magnitude of the issue may be appreciated when it is explained that the Southern Pacific empire on the Pacific slope ranges from Portland, Ore., southward to Yuma, Ariz., and from Sacramento, Cal., eastward to Salt Lake City. It is composed of land grants made by congress to numerous railroad companies which have since become merged in the Southern Pacific system.

By acquiring ownership or control of these various railroads and their land grants, the Southern Pacific company has become the largest and wealthiest landholding corporation in the world.

The area of land bestowed upon these railroads and now claimed by the Southern Pacific reaches the enormous total of 26,177,518 acres, a principally carved from the richest section of country on the globe.

Of this land, an immense area lies in the oil belt at Kern, Fresno and Kings counties. Much of it has been positively demonstrated to be petroleum bearing and is being developed and exploited for the railroad.

Forfeiture of Title Contended.

It is contended that by the discovery that make the land so valuable, the railroad has forfeited title. It was definitely stipulated that all mineral lands, except coal and iron, were to be eliminated from the grant.

It was on the declaration of the railroad alone that the lands were not mineral that title was bestowed. It is to cancel these titles the government is now acting.

The value of these mineral lands has been estimated from \$500,000,000 upward. It may be twice as great.

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. Shaum, 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.

Mrs. Hill was taken to the Allegheny general hospital. Physicians say the wound is not fatal unless peritonitis develops.

Dutton and Miss Horner were released from custody, but Shaum was held to await the result of Mrs. Hill's injury.

Following an automobile ride last night the party returned to the Hill home. Early today Dutton, it is alleged, kissed Mrs. Hill and Shaum attempted to shoot him. As Dutton fled through a door, Mrs. Hill threw herself in front of Shaum and received the bullet. Policemen heard the shot and made the arrests.

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 was quite serious for awhile but from latest reports he is now getting along nicely.

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 bearing a text card upon which was printed 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 the aged, shut-ins, to the hospital wards, 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. That this work of the ladies is deeply appreciated is evidenced by the reports of the delight manifested by recipients given as the ladies return from their visitations.

The work is under the auspices of the flower mission department of the W. C. T. U., and has been carried on in Fort Wayne for something like ten years, but each year is growing more extensive. In addition to the flowers contributed by local ladies, friends of the movement in surrounding towns also sent flowers to Fort Wayne for this purpose today. Thirteen large boxes came from Berne, one from Highland, three from Woodburn and one from Grapell, while local florists gave generously to the work and the express companies brought the flowers to Fort Wayne free of charge. June 9 is the anniversary of the birth of Jennie Cassedy, founder of the pretty custom.

HARRIS SUBMITS REPORT ON CANAL

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, his report on the project, 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.

As early as 1895 Mr. Harris was in Fort Wayne talking the canal project, and he says he has given it almost continuous study and investigation since that time. His latest study, he says, has been to present the results of his investigations.

Mr. Harris, on route to Fort Wayne, has discussed the proposition at Michigan City, South Bend, Elkhart, Goshen, Milford and Columbus City.

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 Elkhart architect. Whereas the present building 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.

Bitler is Reappointed for Four Year Term

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.

That the reason and senses drown; He drank the alluring poison. And thus my boy went down.

Down from the brightness of manhood, To the depths of disgrace and sin; Down to a worthless being.

From the hope of what might have been, For the brand of a beast besotted, He bartered his manhood's crown; Through the gate of a sinful pleasure My poor, weak boy went down.

"The only the same old story That mothers so often tell, With scenes of infinite sadness, Like the tones of a funeral bell; But I never once thought when I heard it, I should learn all its meaning myself; I thought he'd be true to his mother, I thought he'd be true to himself."

But alas; for hope, all delusion! Alas for his youthful pride! Alas! who are safe when danger is open on every side? Can nothing destroy this great evil, No bar in its pathway be thrown To save from the terrible maelstrom The thousands of boys going down? —Selected.

The Tragedy of the Quicksands.

Every young person should read Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables," which is one of the finest productions in literature.

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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 1655. 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.

Little Elizabeth was, nevertheless, a mirth-loving child, and greatly beloved by her playmates.

History does not tell us how early she began to produce her little rhymes. At the age of twenty-seven she was wooed by a widower named Isaac Goose, who had two little motherless "youngsters." Her family, and indeed Elizabeth herself, opposed the match, but at length her kind heart was softened by the piteous plight of Father Goose and his little "gossings," and finally she married him.

Then six children of her own were added to the number, making sixteen in all. No wonder poor Mother Goose tells us that "she had so many children she did not know what to do."

She probably sang them to sleep at night to "Rock-a-bye, baby, on the tree-top," or by "Bye-a-baby bunting, father's gone a-hunting," and on wash-days merrily rubbed to "Rub-a-dub-dub, three maids in a tub."

When Joshua and Gidiliah took the pall to bury their father, and disaster befell them, she probably made them laugh, even while the tears stood in their eyes, and they were being plastered up with vinegar and brown sugar, by singing "Jack and Jill went up the hill."

She also put into rhymes the tragedies which occurred in the neighborhood, telling of the children that were drowned, "Sliding on the ice, upon a summer's day," and about the poor pussy that naughty Johnny Green put in the well.

But finally the flock were all scattered. Father Goose departed this life and poor Mother Goose was left all alone. Then her favorite daughter, Elizabeth, who had married Thomas Fleet, a printer, prevailed upon her to make her home henceforth with them, and to this fortunate circumstance we owe it that thousands of children all over this land have been made happy by her simple little fables.

Don't, merry Grandmother Goose, think of me to live among another flock of little ones in Pudding Lane, Boston.

Thomas Fleet had a printing office of his own, and to his wise head came the thought that if his own children were so pleased and entertained by his mother-in-law's fun, why might not others be also? So he began to write down her fables whenever he got a chance to do so, following her about the house, and even asking for more, as the children did.

One day Mr. Fleet laid before Mother Goose a manuscript and astonished eyes the first volume of the now famous book. How she laughed when she turned to the little page, and found pictured there a goose with its mouth wide open! It bore this title: "Songs for the Nursery; or, Mother Goose's Melodies for Children." Printed by T. Fleet at his Printing House, Pudding Lane, 1719. Price, two coppers." Her historian tells us that for thirty-eight years she lived to add new rhymes to each new edition, and died in 1737, at the age of ninety-two, "her name a household word, dear to children, her memory blessed by mothers in many lands."—Our Companion.

Fort Wayne Lad is West Point Graduate

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With No Back Pains—No Nervousness—No Loss of Ambition—But With Plenty of Life and Energy and the Vigor of Youth Restored.

Is This the Way You Feel? Do you feel tired in the morning, and early exhaustion? Is your back weak or lame? Do you have difficulty in taking your "dunk"? Is your memory failing? Are you losing ambition? Do you feel you are not the man you once were? Do you have but "ups and downs" the whole of your life? Do you feel weak, and at the base of the brain, sudden spells of light from no apparent cause? Are you restless or sleepless at night? Are you very nervous, irritable, with the feeling that you want to be alone? Are you gloomy with a sense of some great oppression upon you? If so, then you need my treatment now, and I want you to call or write today. Don't delay. You surely do not want to remain in this condition, but suffer longer. I cure others. I can cure you. Master your disease before it masters you.

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