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HAVE A TALK WITH TAFT ON TARIFF AND THE PANAMA CANAL

President Gets Personal Over His Troubles at White House.

TARIFF AND PANAMA CANAL Note.—The United Press is able, as a result of a special personal audience granted its Washington manager, to present the following story dealing with the views of President Taft upon the permanent tariff commission, and the future meaning of the Panama canal to American citizens:

(Copyright 1910 by the United Press.) Washington, Dec. 21.—The purpose of this article is to give newspaper readers an intimate personal view of their president, William Howard Taft, just as if it were possible for each one to call upon him at the White House and talk over the affairs uppermost in his mind.

Face to Face It is designed to bring the reader face to face with the president so that he may hear why Mr. Taft is fighting an effort to destroy his non-partisan permanent tariff commission plan.

Bickerings of Politicians The writer found the President fully engaged, confronted on all sides by the appeals of congressmen, the bickerings of politicians and the demands of office-seekers, and, yet, withal, serene, earnest and cheerfully optimistic.

Can't Quote Taft Then followed a conversation, bearing upon two subjects, chosen from dozens of possible topics. The permanent tariff commission was taken up first.

Tariff Commission The permanent tariff commission will provide the necessary basis for intelligent tariff legislation, no matter by what party or to what end.

Need Information It is beyond the ability of any body of men, working temporarily on the tariff, to collect and digest the vast amount of detailed information which must be considered in the making of a tariff.

Long and Hopeless Without such a library, how long and how hopeless a task would it be to obtain full and accurate information by running through a volume here and a volume there and skimming through a file of newspapers without system and without knowledge as to what might have been overlooked?

Against American Meat Budapest, Dec. 21.—The minister of commerce has upheld the protests of the agrarian party in the Hungarian chamber against the importation of American meat. He said he could not as a rule permit the importation of meat, although Hungary as a favor had allowed Austria to import a small quantity from Argentina.

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UNIONS MAKE JUST DEMANDS

Electricians Ask More Pay; Firemen Want Double Platoon.

In a letter which cites the high cost of living as a necessity for demanding higher pay, Electrical Workers No. 9 makes a demand for an increase from the present rate of 50 cents an hour on city work to 56 1/4 cents. This demand was first made some time ago, but has received no attention. It was revived last night when a demand was made to the city council. That body referred it to the finance committee.

Ask Double Platoon Another measure to come before the council and to be sent to the finance committee was the revival of the demand for the double platoon in the Chicago Fire Department.

Away From Families While on duty, however, they are in the fire houses at all times except for meals. As many live at a distance from the houses in which they are stationed they see their families only every third day.

Under the double platoon system each 24 hours would be divided into two shifts. The day shift would consist of 10 hours and the night shift of 14.

There are seventy members of Local No. 9 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, in the employ of the city, who sent the following letter to Mayor Busse, which was brought before the city council last night:

Dear Sir: We desire to submit the following demand and resolution in behalf of the city employes, who submit:

FRANCE TURNS WORKERS DOWN

Socialists Put Up Spirited Fight for French Toilers.

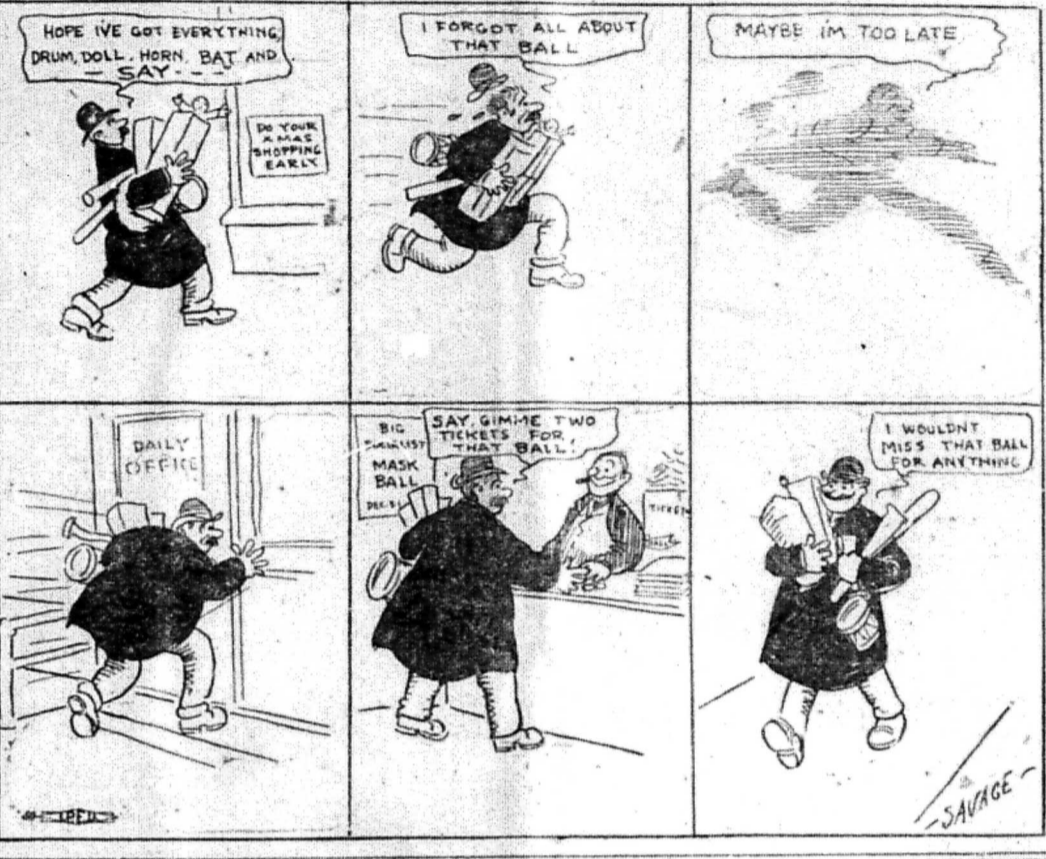
Paris, Dec. 21.—The government of the labor crushing maintained its position against the attacks of the Socialists under the leadership of M. Jaures, who demanded the reinstatement of all railroad employes dismissed in connection with the recent strike.

Government's Position The government took the position that it was impossible to extend general reinstatement to the men dismissed for insubordination, but was ready to consider the merits of individual cases.

Italian Socialists Busy Rome, Dec. 21.—The Socialists have revolted because Prime Minister Luzzatti insists upon combining the proposed extension of suffrage with compulsory voting. Their position weakens the government and may possibly result in its fall after the holidays.

Cincinnati that Mrs. Alma will withdraw her \$100,000 gift rather than permit two memorials to be erected there to the martyred president, Public Service Director Lea today wrote Mrs. Alma asking that her memorial be erected in Cleveland instead.

MORAL: DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY



SOCIALIST IN BIG VICTORY

Tom Richardson Tells How Whitehaven Was Carried by Workers.

BY TOM RICHARDSON (Socialist, M. P.) London, Dec. 21.—Whitehaven has been won for labor and Socialism.

I told the electors at my first meeting that I was not only a trade unionist and an adherent to the principles and policy of the National Labor party, but I was (and had been for fifteen years) a Socialist.

Some Issues Raised The abolition of the lords, as at present constituted and in the meantime the absolute removal of the veto, was put before the electors; the right to work bill, poor law reform, (on the lines of the minority report), the absolute reversal of the Osborne judgment, the importance of mining legislation, nationalization of the mines, and the removal of the sex disability by the passing of a women's franchise bill were among the many subjects dealt with.

Workers Aid I have had a splendid army of workers among the miners and other trade unionists.

King Calls Asquith to Discuss Political Outlook London, Dec. 21.—The king has summoned Premier Asquith to London from Edinburgh.

New Parliament As the new parliament now stands, the Liberal government, in coalition with the Nationalists, regular and independent, and the Labor members, holds 395 seats, as against 272 held by the Unionists, a majority of 123.

Railroads Make Strike MOVE—OUT OFF TRAINS Summing up the reductions in passenger schedules which have been made during the last few weeks, it is estimated that trains making a daily mileage of over 15,000 miles have been withdrawn by the principal lines running out of Chicago, in addition to the usual winter reductions, and more cuts in service are still to come.

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WORK OF THE DAY IN CONGRESS (Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1910)

SENATE The omnibus claims bill, carrying more than \$2,000,000, was passed by a vote of 45 to 11 despite the six-day fight made against it by Senator Bristow of Kansas. The senate confirmed the nomination of Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to be presiding justice of the new Court of Commerce. Adjourned to noon Wednesday.

HOUSE The House devoted virtually the entire day to consideration of the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill, which carries \$35,325,219. Representative Mason of Arkansas successfully opposed all efforts to force increases in the measure, and it was not disposed of. Adjourned to noon Wednesday.

'JOHN D.' GIVES FROM HIS HOARD

Rockefeller Makes Final Gift of Ten-Million to Chicago University.

John D. Rockefeller, the world's richest man, has just given to the University of Chicago \$10,000,000.

Withdraws Connection Mr. Rockefeller believes he has done his share. He believes he has placed the university on a solid and permanent basis.

Total Gifts \$34,226,049 With the addition of the \$10,000,000 gift of Mr. Rockefeller his benefactions to the University of Chicago now reach the princely total of \$34,226,049.

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Schools as Polling Places A committee has been appointed to investigate the feasibility of using the public schools as polling places.

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DIAZ OF MEXICO FEARS FOR LIFE

Tyrant Lives in Seclusion to Guard Against Suspected Intruders.

(By United Press Associations.) Mexico City, Dec. 21.—Employing every precaution against assassination known to the deposed Ottoman ruler, President Diaz of Mexico is living in fear for his life.

Fears Plot It became known today that trusted servants taste all food before he will eat, and that the aged president changes his sleeping apartment nightly fearing a plot to kill him.

Reyes to Return On good authority it is said that Diaz is continuing negotiations to induce General Reyes, the exile, to return to his cabinet.

SEEK HOME RULE IN MILWAUKEE

City Council Also Votes Free Water for Laundresses.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 21.—After passing the ordinance providing that washerwomen who support children under age shall be furnished water free by the city, the city council authorized the twenty-seven bills which embody the home rule for this city giving it the right to own and operate public utilities.

Penalize Autoists The salary ordinances which were to be passed on were deferred to the first meeting in January when they will all come up at one time.

DAMAGE IS MILLIONS The explosion damage runs into the millions. It was estimated by the inspectors of the building department today that to put all of the damaged structures in the "explosion zone" into condition will require \$1,500,000.

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BODIES CHEAP HERE; BIG BUSINESS WON'T HELP SAVE WORKERS

Bosses Admit Workers Are Association of Commerce Declares It Is "Non-Partisan;" Read Report.

Levy Mayer, representing the firm of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, at a conference in the office of Mayor Busse, late yesterday, informed the representatives of the striking garment workers and of the Chicago Federation of Labor, that the big firm has come to the conclusion that it would be futile to carry on any further conferences for the purpose of settling the strike.

Strikers Ask for More In announcing its decision, the firm of Hart, Schaffner & Marx said that it had offered to settle the grievances of the strikers by arbitration and that its advances, apparently not satisfactory to the strikers, seemed to cause them to become more solid in standing out for still more concessions.

Statement of Firm "The representatives of labor organizations who conferred with your committee stated in their letter informing you of the failure of our employes to accept arbitration that 'every reasonable effort has been made to secure a favorable result in the submission of this plan of settlement to the striking employes of Hart, Schaffner & Marx.'

Three Attempts "We have three times made or accepted proposals to arbitrate—first with the local garment workers' union, next with the president of the International Garment Workers' Union and finally through your committee, with other al-

Association of Commerce Declares It Is "Non-Partisan;" Read Report. The special committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce, following its natural inclinations as representatives of the big business industrial sweaters of the city has announced its edict as a "non-partisan" body in the garment strike.

Opposes Unions Its recommendations in the strike are that the strikers should adjust their differences directly with their employers rather than through the offices or efforts of any third body.

Advertised Docile Labor In a chapter of the book, entitled "Chicago, Its Labor Supply," the labor war of Chicago was described with a frank brutality that would excite the admiration of the old hawkers of negro chattel slaves.

Cheap Labor Bountiful "The majority of foreign-born working men are unskilled laborers and it is this class that fills the greater number of industrial plants in the country.

Live Cheaply, Dress Poorly "These are the foreigners who are practically never assimilated with other populations, native or alien born. They have no knowledge of our language, customs or modes of life. They live in communities each by themselves.

Six Hundred Thousand Unskilled "With this great laboring population, numbering approximately 600,000 people, which thoroughly understands every class of employment for which they offer themselves, the manufacturer has an army of common laborers from which to draw for all the unskilled labor he may require.

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LABOR THE WORLD OVER

Thank God we have a system of labor where there can be a strike.

STOVE MOLDERS' WAGES RAISED

Twenty-First Yearly Contract Brings 5-Per-Cent Pay Increase.

Iron molders in the United States, numbering 30,000 will receive a 5 per cent increase in wages...

CITY WATER IS NOW PLUNDERED

Waste and leakage in the water department, due largely to the stealing of water by large corporations...

DEPUTY SHERIFFS SHOOT THREE UNION MINERS

Wash. News Item: Word was conveyed to the local police today of the shooting of three miners at Osborne, near here...

SPAIN VOTES STRIKE FUNDS

Trades Unions Foster education and uproot ignorance. Shorten hours and lengthen life. Raise wages and lower usury.

FIGURES SHOW LEWIS' DEFEAT

Unofficial Returns Received So Far Show Him 50,000 Behind.

Lewis Not Disturbed

RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS SEEK TO END DEATH TOLL

GOMPERS DEMANDS PROBE OF IRWIN COAL STRIKE

ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS TELL ABOUT UNREST OF LABOR

\$125,000 MORE TO GARMEN

BISHOP ASKS WAGE STATUTE

Law Should Protect Against Sweating, Says Prelate in Speech.

Seek Minimum Wage

FIRST WIRELESS MESSAGE SENT FROM AEROPLANE

ASK THREE TO TALK ON ALIENS

Gompers, Berger and Buchanan to Get Invitations From Labor.

ALIENS UNDESIRABLE

RAILROAD MEN WIN INCREASE IN WAGES

HUSTLERS COLUMN

CONDUCTED BY W. J. CHERNEY

Get on the Main Line!

"I do not care how many side tracks you use in looking for subscribers, you have to come back on the main line to get them. Ask the man."

THE LIST OF ONE: J. W. Nichols, Iowa. H. L. Gilbert, Colorado. J. M. Hurd, Missouri.

Local News: Kensington smashed the record for number of subscribers paid for at the Eastern meeting...

'SAFE SHOPS,' LABOR'S DEMAND

Burning of Newark Factory Girls Stirs Trade Council.

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