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EXTRA SESSION TO BE HELD IF SENATE DOES NOT ACT

Authorative Announcement Made by Congressman McCall, Who Has Charge of Tariff Bill—President Feels That He is Under an International Obligation—March 15 Likely to be the Date—Secretary Knox Says Annexation Talk is Silly.

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, Feb. 20.—Both senators and congressmen are preparing for an extra session. They expect it to convene about March 15. The first authoritative announcement that president Taft will call an extra session if the senate fails on the McCall Bill carrying into effect the Canadian Reciprocity Agreement has come from Mr. McCall himself, following an interview with the president at the White House. As to Mr. McCall's announcement the president feels that he is under a national obligation to summon an extra session if it be necessary to secure action on the reciprocity agreement.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The first authoritative announcement that President Taft will call an extra session of Congress, if the Senate fails to act on the McCall bill, carrying into effect the Canadian reciprocity agreement, came today from Mr. McCall himself, following an interview with the President at the White House.

According to Mr. McCall's announcement, the President feels that he is under an international obligation to summon an extra session, if it be necessary to secure action on the reciprocity agreement. That session would be called immediately following the adjournment of Congress at noon on March 4.

While it is the evident purpose of the President in permitting the announcement of Mr. McCall to avoid an extra session by inducing the Senators to act upon the agreement, it is the opinion of many about the capital that in all probability the statement has come too late.

Few senators are sanguine enough to predict that action will be taken on the agreement in the upper branch of Congress at this session, while some insist that there will be a vote. Mr. McCall further announced that President Taft would veto any Democratic legislation which violated the Republican principle of protection.

SECRETARY KNOX.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—Secretary of State Knox, in an address at the Chamber of Commerce banquet here tonight, strongly advocated the passage of the Canadian reciprocity agreement and deprecated the references that have been made to annexation. In part Secretary Knox said:

"The largest question that I know now before the people for their consideration or that has been for many generations, a question affecting the interests not only of the citizens of the United States, but of all of the inhabitants of the American continent, a matter in which all of its bearings look large, and the consequence of which will be tremendous, is the question now before the American Congress, the question of the reciprocal commerce relations with the Dominion of Canada. It is now a new question, the subject of our commercial relations with Canada. It is one that was dealt with in the very first treaty that the young republic made with Great Britain.

"The department of state was charged under the Payne tariff law with the duty of negotiating a fair trade arrangement with every nation of the world, and after having settled the matter, with many nations, our work was about finished, but nothing had yet been done with Canada. President Taft negotiated with Mr. Fielding regarding not only a desire to adjust the minor question arising under the Payne-Aldrich law, namely, the giving to the Dominion the minimum tariff of that act, but also a desire to take up the question of reciprocity. The result of those negotiations are now before the people. It was our endeavor, and we believe we succeeded in making an arrangement broad in scope, comprehensive in detail.

EXPECTED CRITICISM.

"Of course, it was not natural to expect—we did not expect it, and if we had expected it we would have been disappointed, if such a measure

could pass without criticism. It has been criticized mainly because it is unfair to the agricultural interest. It is said that the American farmer is going to suffer, but who says so? Is it the American farmer, or is it the interests who have preyed on the American farmer?

"I had the honor last Wednesday evening to address one of the most remarkable bodies of men ever gathered together under similar circumstances, in Chicago. Now at this meeting, not only was the unanimous sentiment of the commercial association in favor of the ratification of this arrangement, but business men's organizations from cities within three hundred miles, whose prosperity depends on agricultural interests, also ratified it.

"Now, Mr. Chairman, why should we support an arrangement such as this? Since the revolution, there has been undisturbed peace almost between the two countries, and what the government views may have been in the past, it is probably more true today than ever before, that the sentiment and opinion in both countries is crystallized so that the desires will lead to the most satisfactory relations between the two countries.

ANNEXATION TALK SILLY.

"Indeed, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me, that the talk of the tendency as such a thing as this leading to the absorption of the Dominion of Canada, is either very silly or very malicious. In the saner atmosphere and broader aspects of the situation, it is perfectly certain that if there should be a great world movement involving this continent, Canada and the United States would act in most perfect accord. Why should we not welcome an arrangement such as this? It is a march of progress. It is inevitable. It may not be done today, this week, this year, or in this decade, but it is just as certain as the onward march of the Anglo-Saxon race. The necessities of the race demand that there shall be equitable, speedy development of the tremendous resources of northwest Canada. And there is, gentlemen, just as much reason to expect the opening up of that country, for the purpose of supply food stuffs to the world, is going to injure the old states of the union or endanger this country as a whole, as there was reason to object to the farmer and the pioneer pushing across the Ohio River, eventually pushing across the Mississippi River and opening up the great wheat states. Did we become poorer of it? No, we are richer, prouder and greater."

THRILLING RESCUE FROM AN ICE FLOE

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 20.—For a long half hour yesterday afternoon, Fred Lambert and Bert Fox both about 17 years of age, were afloat on a piece of ice only a few yards square on Lake Ontario. Their rescue by Stanley Cleveland in a boat which had to be carried nearly half a mile over the ice, before the open water was reached, was witnessed and applauded by crowds of people who saw the incident.

BURIED THIS MORNING.

The funeral of the late Wm. B. G. Brodie took place this morning from the C.P.R. station, the remains being brought here from St. John. Interment was made in the Old Protestant Burying Ground. Rev. Dr. Smith conducted the service. Messrs. William Brodie and F. Niel Brodie of St. John, sons of the deceased, accompanied the body to this city.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Four men were killed when a boiler exploded on the Boston and Ohio near Halpine, Md., early today. The victims were scalded to death.

A NEW YORK MURDER MYSTERY



New York, Feb. 20.—There seems to be much mystery attached to the murder of Daniel Casella, a prosperous physician and apothecary, at 63 Catherine street, who was shot to death in his office by Miss Madeline Baugulupo, a pretty young Italian girl, whose father was formerly a post office clerk. The circumstances of the tragedy are known to the girl, and she refuses to talk.

RADIUM WILL REJUVENATE OLD HORSES

London, Feb. 20.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail visited Prof. Gabriel Petit, whose declaration that radium injected into the arteries of a very old horse had extraordinary rejuvenating effects caused a sensation and has seen the horse in question.

Prof. Petit declared that while it was too early for him to give any detailed explanation about his experiments with the object of finding an efficacious radio active serum, he was nevertheless greatly encouraged by the result he had obtained. The now celebrated horse, said the professor, had been chosen for the experiment as being bigger and easier to observe than a rabbit. It was shown to the correspondent in a comfortable stable at the National Veterinary School, where Prof. Petit lectures. "I do not expect to see a fiery war-horse snorting with high spirits," Prof. Petit said, "our horse is very far from that and you appreciate its value when I tell you he only cost £8 (\$40)."

The correspondent says he found the animal to be a middle sized form horse with a shaggy coat and a furrow in the neck, where the injections had been made. Teeth and eyes bore the marks of great age, but the horse seemed in remarkable good condition.

It was worn out when it arrived at the school eighteen months ago. Before the injections it weighed 725 pounds and four weeks after the operation turned the scale at 801 pounds.

Prof. Petit was however loath to give figures as he is not clear how much of the increase in weight is due to the radium.

DIED IN HOSPITAL

The death of Frank Turner of Blissfield, Northumberland County took place at Victoria Hospital this morning after a lingering illness. The deceased was thirty-five years of age. The remains will be taken to Breston tomorrow for burial.

Mr. E. E. Batty of Toronto, is at the Barker House.

COFFEE POISONING MYSTERY HAD TRAGIC SEQUEL TODAY

(Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 20.—The coffee poisoning mystery at Dalkeith had a tragic sequel today in the suicide of John Hutchinson, a son of one of the victims who swallowed a fatal drug in the presence of officers sent to arrest him. The suicide was a chemist and was charged with having placed poison in coffee served at a dinner party at his father's home, causing two deaths and the serious illness of other persons. On the evening of February 4th, Charles B. Hutchinson, a man about fifty years of age, connected the Duke Buccleuchs Dalkeith estate office, gave a dinner for sixteen friends, at the end of which coffee was served first to the ladies, and later to the gentlemen. After only a few minutes several ladies be-

came ill and then a number of gentlemen complained of distress. Physicians were summoned but the host died during the night. Later Alexander Clapperton, a relative, died. Twelve others were more or less seriously ill for some days.

Post mortem examination revealed that the deaths were due to poisoning and suspicion fell on the son, John. A warrant for his arrest was issued and today the officers found him at a hotel at Guernsey.

An exciting scene followed, during which the young man drew a vial from his pocket and, despite the efforts of the officers to prevent him, drank the contents. He died in a few moments. The motive for poisoning the dinner party if known, has not been divulged.

ARRESTED FOR FLYING ON SUNDAY

(Canadian Press.)

Tampa, Feb. 20.—At the completion of the aviation exhibition here yesterday J. A. D. McCurdy and Clem Meachy aviators, and Col. T. J. Brown, chairman of the census citizen committee, J. U. Strude of the West Tampa Race Track and Phil Collins, treasurer for the Racing Association were arrested on a charge of violating the state laws relative to the giving of exhibitions on Sunday to which an admission is charged. Bails were immediately furnished. The arrests were the result of a concerted effort on the part of ministers of the city.

MANY PAID TAXES.

Today is the last day on which voters can qualify by the payment of taxes. The City Treasurer reports heavy receipts of arrangements in taxes today.

BLACK HANDERS DEFYING POLICE IN NEW YORK

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Feb. 20.—Black Hand gang, defying police efforts to check their operations, renewed the reign of terror with torch and bomb every night for the past week and early today made two daring attempts to wreck with dynamite. Every available detective in the Central office has been sent out to round up the black handers.

Two agents of the black mailing society drove up in front of the residence of Dr. Bartol, a wealthy physician on East 106th Street today, laid a bomb near the doctor's door and then fled in a carriage. The explosion caused a panic of one hundred girls at St. Cecile's Convent. The doctor has been receiving black hand letters for some time. The other attempt was made on a grocery store.

PREPARING FOR THE CORONATION

Accommodation at the London Hotels Has Been Booked Months Ahead

International Horse Show to be Held During Coronation Week—City Will be Crowded With Visitors.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 20.—With the hotels already booked months ahead, the stir of the preparations for the coronation of June 22 has already begun to make itself felt. The matter in dispute between the London County Council and the office of the Public Works as to the opening up of the Hall archway has been amicably arranged as far as the provision of the coronation procession is concerned. The procession will therefore be able to pass beneath the imposing arch. The work of widening will be proceeded with instantly in order that the roadway may be available early in June for the rehearsals of the coronation procession. There will not be sufficient time to treat the opening architecturally and there will be a boarding put up which will mask the irregular character of the site as the date nears.

As one of the best known hotel managers points out, the principal events of the coming season—namely the coronation and the international horse show—take place in the same week, when London will be crowded to the utmost extent, so it is no question of filling the hotels, but "whom shall we take." Rates will be considerably higher than in an ordinary year, but figures are not ordinarily at the moment owing to the "wait-and-see" policy universally adopted.

STOCK MARKET FAIRLY ACTIVE

Montreal Feb. 20.—Trading on the stock exchange this morning was marked by activity in Montreal street and the Power stocks. Richlieu sold at 104½ which is a new high level.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

Amalgamated	64½	64½
Aechison	106½	106½
Smelters	78½	78½
Brooklyn	78½	78½
Canadian Pacific	212½	211½
Great Northern Pfd.	129½	129
Northern Pacific	127½	127½
Pennsylvania	127½	128
Reading	158½	159½
Soo	178½	179½
Union Pacific	80½	81½
U. S. Steel Com.	4½	4½
La Rose	11½	11½
Nipissing	58½	58½
Dominion Iron Com.	58½	58½

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Merchant's Bank—14 @ 84.	
Molson's Bank—52 @ 215.	
Bank of Montreal—10 @ 152; 4 @ 252½.	
Eastern Canada Pulp—25 @ 43½.	
Iron, Pfd.—1 @ 103; 3 @ 102.	
Illinois Pfd.—50 @ 92½.	
Canada Cotton—160 @ 160; 50 @ 153.	
Cement, Com.—208 @ 21.	
Dominion Iron, Com.—75 @ 58½; 1 @ 58.	
Detroit—5 @ 69.	
C. P. R.—25 @ 212½; 15 @ 212½; 200 @ 212½.	
Toronto Ry.—370 @ 127; 35 @ 127½; 50 @ 127½; 107 @ 127½.	
Cement, Pfd.—81 @ 85½; 10 @ 85½.	
Cement, Com.—25 @ 43½.	
Windsor Hotel—25 @ 140.	
Montreal Street—125 @ 229; 40 @ 229½; 41 @ 230; 125 @ 231; 285 @ 232; 75 @ 233; 145 @ 235; 75 @ 231½.	
R. & O.—110 @ 103½; 150 @ 104; 150 @ 104½; 25 @ 104½; 400 @ 105.	
Montreal Power—60 @ 146½.	
Ottawa Power—30 @ 128½; 35 @ 131.	
Winnipeg Street—4 @ 190½.	
Canada Cotton, Pfd.—25 @ 75.	
Rio—25 @ 108½; 50 @ 108½; 128 @ 108½.	
Shawmigan—10 @ 111½.	
U. S. Steel—25 @ 96½; 100 @ 97.	
Soo—275 @ 143; 50 @ 143½.	
Porto Rico—50 @ 56½.	
Ogilvie's—10 @ 129.	
Laurentine Paper—4 @ 210.	

CHINA NOW THE ACCUSER

Her Answer to Russia's Ultimatum Has Been Made Public in Part

Indemnity Guaranteed During the Japanese War Has Not Been Paid—Has Violated Commercial Treaty.

(Canadian Press.)

Pekin, Feb. 20.—China has turned accuser in the Russo-Chinese international controversy over alleged treaty violations and the contents of the reply, formulated in answer to Russia's ultimatum, have become public in part, despite the efforts of the government to keep it secret.

The Chinese reply points out that the granting of Russia's demands would give the Muscovite empire a trading monopoly in Mongolia and adjacent country which would not only hurt the interests of China, but those of other nations as well. China also charges that indemnity guaranteed by Russia for the destruction of Chinese property during the Russo-Japanese war had never been paid.

In addition China makes the additional points as follows:

That Russia has violated the commercial treaty by driving Chinese interests from towns east of the Amura despite guarantees of protection, and that Russia's demand for a consulate at Kodo is not warranted by the amount of trading done there.

It is reported here that the Russian army which will make a military demonstration in Chinese Turkestan will consist of between 35,000 and 40,000 men. China has begun to mobilize troops in a desultory fashion although the preparations throughout the empire are not such as to indicate that China will resent Russia's accusations by force of arms.

NOVELIST JACK LONDON TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 20.—Jack London, author and socialist, and Simon Berthold, socialist second in command of the insurgent forces in California, are in the custody of United States troops at Calexico charged with violation of the neutrality laws. Word to that effect was received by A. I. McCormack, Capt. Babcock, United States Army, in charge of a patrol at Calexico Saturday night. Definite information could not be obtained but reports that the two men are in custody were persistent.

JACKSON WILL MEET THE WINNER

London, Feb. 20.—Announcement was made here today that Champion Jack Johnson had cabled to Hugh McIntosh that he would meet the winner of the Langford-Lang fight which takes place tonight. It was said that McIntosh will hang up a purse of \$30,000 for the combat. The winner of the battle has been slated to fight Sam McVey, but McVey's ability is so belittled here that McIntosh will proceed with his plans for the Johnson fight at once.

LIVED TO CELEBRATE 101ST BIRTHDAY

London, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Louis A. Thomas of Hallingburne who was congratulated by the late King Edward, when she reached the age of one hundred years and by King George on her 101st birthday on February 1st last, died on Saturday night. Mrs. Thomas was able to read and write up to the day of her death.

London, Feb. 20.—Japan has denounced the Anglo-Japanese Convention of 1906 regulating the commercial relations between Canada and Japan. The convention will expire in July.