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RUSSIAN TREATY'S FATE WITH SENATE

BELIEVED TAFT'S ACTION FAVORING ABROGATION WILL BE ADOPTED.

TAFT GIVES NOTICE TO RUSSIA

Idaho Senator Urges Consideration.—Yankee Exports to Empire Are Shown to Be the Total of \$35,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft turned over to the senate the task of completing the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with Russia because of alleged discriminations against American citizens of Jewish faith. Ignoring the house of representatives, the president sent a message to the senate announcing that on Friday last he had caused notice to be forwarded to St. Petersburg that the United States desired the treaty to end Jan. 1, 1913. This notification was officially handed to the representatives of the Russian government Sunday.

Mr. Taft asked the senate to ratify and give effect to his action. The foreign affairs committee of the senate voted unanimously to report a resolution of ratification, couched in diplomatic terms and Senator Lodge offered it later in the senate. There was every reason to believe that the resolution would be rushed through, inasmuch as the senate committee, as an act of courtesy to the house, had decided that the lower branch of congress should be asked to concur in the senate's action.

Senator Heyburn of Idaho, however, took the floor and after protesting vigorously against hasty action, asserted his right under the rules and by formal objection to put the further consideration of the matter over.

Although it was evidenced that politics would enter into the fight, the prediction was made freely that all obstacles would be overcome and that before the senate adjourned the committee resolution would be put through as a substitute for the house resolution which proved objectionable to the Russian government.

Chairman Sulzer of the house committee on foreign affairs, author of the house resolution, declared that he believed the matter would be adjusted satisfactorily and that the abrogation of the treaty would be an accomplished fact before congress recessed for the holidays.

In his message to the senate, President Taft transmitted a copy of the letter which American Ambassador Guild at St. Petersburg had transmitted to the Russian foreign office. In it was expressed the view of the United States that the old treaty no longer met the political principles or commercial needs of the two nations and should be terminated. The American government with marked courtesy, suggested that it would be most agreeable to this country if a new treaty could be negotiated to replace the ancient and out-lived document.

State department officials do not believe that the heavy trade between the United States and Russia necessarily will be jeopardized by the abrogation of the treaty, although a tariff war is possible and Russia would have the right to exclude American ships from any of her ports.

According to the bureau of statistics the value of imports into the United States from Russia during the present calendar year will amount to \$14,000,000, principally in hides, skins and wool. The value of exports from the United States to Russia during the year is estimated at \$24,000,000, showing a balance of \$10,000,000 in favor of the United States. Russia also buys much American cotton in London and with this included the total value of American goods sent into the empire is estimated at \$35,000,000, a balance of \$21,000,000 in favor of the United States.

The American exports are principally manufactures of agricultural machinery and cotton.

400 SALOONS KNOCKED OUT.

Moon Law Held Constitutional by Iowa Supreme Court.

Des Moines, Dec. 19.—More than 400 saloons in Iowa, principally in river towns, were closed, when the state supreme court, in the Sioux City and Des Moines cases, started by the Anti-Saloon league, held the Moon law constitutional. The Moon law prohibits more than one saloon for every 1,000 population in any city or town licensing saloons under the mulct law.

Floods for Wales.

London, Dec. 19.—The river Avon in southern Wales has burst its banks and is spreading great destruction in the Avon and Neath valleys.

Maybray Tells of Swindles.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 19.—J. C. Maybray was the star witness in the trial in district court of Ben Marks, indicted for conspiracy in connection with the swindles perpetrated in Council Bluffs in 1907 and 1908. Maybray testified to an agreement entered into between the swindle syndicate and Marks, whereby Marks paid 8 and later 9 per cent of the gross sums secured from the victims of the organization, for which Maybray and his associates received police protection.

WABASH IN RECEIVERS' HANDS

ACTION DESIGNED TO READJUST COMPANY'S FINANCES.

Lack of Funds to Pay Interest on Bonds Precipitates the Situation.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—On the application of the Westinghouse Air Brake company Judge Elmer S. Adams, in the United States court, appointed Frederick J. Delano, Edward B. Pryor and W. T. Bixby receivers of the Wabash Railroad company. The receivers' bond was fixed at \$300,000 each, to be given in ten days. Wells H. Blodgett, who has been general counsel of the road, was appointed counsel for the receivers. Frederick A. Delano is president of the road now and Mr. Pryor until recently was a director.

In filing its claim of \$18,000 against the Wabash, the Westinghouse company alleged the railroad was insolvent and unable to meet unpaid vouchers aggregating more than \$1,800,000.

New York.—The appointment of a receiver for the Wabash railroad company is the sequence of the appointment here about two weeks ago at a meeting of the directors of a committee to readjust the finances of the road which for several months past had been a subject of concern.

The receivership is said here to be of entirely friendly nature and to have been the outcome of the committee's deliberations as to the best possible way of placing the Wabash on its feet. This committee consisted of Winslow S. Pierce, chairman, Edwin W. Kreh, Robert Goelet, Alvin W. Kreh and General Thomas H. Hubbard, of whom the first four were elected directors at the meeting.

These four men are also directors of the Equitable Trust company, trustees of the railroad's \$40,000,000 first refunding and extension four per cent mortgage bonds, the semi-annual interest on which is due Jan. 1 next.

This amounts to \$800,000 and it was the company's lack of funds to provide for its payment that precipitated it is understood, the present situation.

Immediately after the receipt here of the news of a protective committee for these bonds was made consisting of Robert Goelet, Edwin Hawley, Thomas P. Hubbard, Alvin W. Kreh, Robert Fleming and Winslow S. Pierce. This committee met and announced that it would "conduct as expeditiously as possible an investigation of the financial condition and requirements of the road and of the physical condition and requirements of its properties with the object of formulating and carrying out in co-operation with Kuhn, Loeb & Co. measures to meet the wants of the properties."

WHEAT CROP 621,338,000 BUSHELS.

Final Government Report on Acreage and Production.

Washington, Dec. 19.—According to the final crop report issue by the department of agriculture, the number of acres sown to corn in 1911 was 105,825,000 with a total production of 2,531,488,000 bushels, having an estimated farm value of \$1,565,258,000. The 1910 corn crop was 2,836,260,000 bushels, farm value \$1,381,677,000.

In 1911, 29,162,000 acres were sown in winter wheat, producing 430,656,000 bushels, with farm value of \$379,151,000. The 1910 winter wheat crop was 434,142,000 bushels; farm value, \$382,381,000.

Spring wheat was sown on 20,381,000 acres in 1911, producing a crop of 190,682,000 bushels, valued on the farm at \$163,912,000. The total spring wheat crop was 200,979,000 bushels; farm value \$178,733,000.

The total spring and winter wheat crop of 1911, produced on 49,543,000 acres was 621,338,000 bushels, valued at \$543,063,000. In 1910 the total spring and winter wheat crop was 635,120,000, value \$561,051,000.

The 1911 oat crop, produced on 27,763,000 acres, was 922,298,000 bushels, valued on the farm at \$414,663,000.

Production in 1910, 1,180,518,000 bushels, value on farm \$406,406,000.

Forty-three million seventeen thousand acres were sown in 1911 to hay, producing 47,444,000 tons, with a farm value of \$694,570,000. The 1910 hay crop was 60,978,000 tons, value at \$747,769,000.

The 1911 tobacco crop grown on 1,012,800 acres, was 905,109,000 pounds.

The 1910 crop was 1,103,415,000 pounds, valued at \$102,142,000.

Morse is Reported Doomed.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Charles W. Morse is doomed, according to the medical officers. They say that his ailment (arteriosclerosis) is progressive and incurable.

Sir Charles Tupper III.

London, Dec. 19.—Sir Charles Tupper, formerly prime minister of Canada and once high commissioner for Canada in London, is critically ill with bronchitis at his country home in Kent.

DEAD MAN AT THROTTLE.

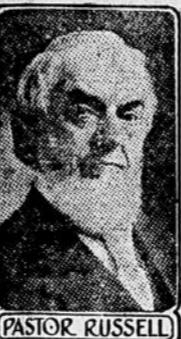
Iowa Accident Similar to the Disaster at Odessa, Minn.

Oskaloosa, Dec. 19.—With Engineer Peter Goulden of Des Moines dead at the throttle, Burlington freight No. 90, from Des Moines, dashed into the rear end of the Oskaloosa-Tracy passenger train at Tracy while traveling at sixty miles an hour. The passenger coaches were empty and no one was killed. Goulden had succumbed to heart failure and the fireman did not discover it until too late.

PARADISE BETTER THAN HONOLULU

Paradise of the Pacific Not In It With That Promised.

The Nation Born In a Day Does Not Refer to Heathen Conversion, Says Pastor Russell; but to "the Church Which Is the Body of Christ"—"Whose Names Are Written in Heaven."



Honolulu, Hawaii, December 17.—As our ship neared your beautiful island I thought back a century to the time when these islands were uncivilized. It called to my mind the text, "Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Shall a nation be born at once?"—Isaiah xvi. 8.

Then I thought of how your island has been styled the "Paradise of the Pacific." The reality surpasses my expectations. Yet as I think of the glorious conditions which the Bible tells us shall prevail throughout the whole earth under Messiah's Kingdom, I perceive that even the "Paradise of the Pacific" falls far short of the "Paradise of God."

God has declared that the earth is His footstool, and that in due time under Messiah's Empire, He will make the place of His feet glorious.

The Last Enemy Death.

It is because God has already dealt bountifully with your island and given you in advance many of those blessings promised to the whole earth that your island is styled a Paradise. Nevertheless, you all need to pray with the remainder of mankind for the coming of the Kingdom of Messiah and its blessings—"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

Your cemeteries were early in evidence telling us that here, too, in this Paradise, men die. Your hospital and physicians' signs tell us that here, too, men are sick. But in the Paradise which God has promised to establish under Messiah's Kingdom, the inhabitants will not say, "I am sick." Ultimately there will be no more sighing, no more dying, and no more crying because all the former things of sin and death will have passed away and He that shall sit upon the throne will make all things new. (Rev. xxi. 4, 5.)

The Holy Nation Born.

Pastor Russell expounded his text, showing by the context that it refers to the resurrection of the church. He declared that the begetting of the Holy Spirit in the present life constitutes God's people embryo new creatures in Christ; that this begetting and embryo development, according to the Scriptures, concludes in death, and that the resurrection moment, the attainment of glory, honor and immortality as spirit beings beyond the veil will be the birth of this new creation of God—the elect Church—"the Bride, the Lamb's wife."

Pastor Russell pointed to the declaration of the Apostle that Jesus in His resurrection became the "First-born from the dead."

"The First-born among many brethren" who attain a similar resurrection, and who are, therefore, said to share in His resurrection.

Our text points us down to the thousand-year day of Messiah's Kingdom—the day so long foretold—the day of earth's blessing, in which the "Sun of Righteousness" will scatter the darkness of sin and bring blessings to all mankind. It is the Psalmist who tells us that the church will be blessed of the Lord in that glorious day, but in advance of the world. Thus we read, "God will help her right early in the morning." (Psalm xli. 5.)

That privileged time in which the church will be helped, in which she will be passed from earthly conditions to heavenly conditions, is in our text spoken of as her birthday. St. Peter tells us that the church is the Holy Nation to which God frequently refers in the prophecies. (I Peter ii. 9.) The Head of the church was born from the dead more than eighteen centuries ago; the body is to come forth now, the Holy Nation complete, perfect and fully equipped by the lessons and experiences passed through in the present life.

To this Holy Nation will be given the control of the world under the supervision of her Lord and Redeemer: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne"—"I will give him power over the nations—he shall rule them with a rod of iron." Through this nation blessing is to proceed to all the families of the earth.

Look now at our text.

Verse seven pictures the church as a mother, and pictures Messiah as a man—the Head of the church which is His body. This is the great deliverer referred to by St. Paul in Romans xii. 26. He it is that "coming out of Zion, shall be the deliverer of Israel, who shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." Verse 9 connects the resurrection birth of the Head with the resurrection birth of the body. Would God bring forth the Head, Jesus, and then fail to bring forth the church, His body? Nay, verily! His faithful shall share in "His resurrection" as promised—Philippians iii. 10.



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