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TAFT SATISFIED WITH RAILROAD BILL

BELIEVES IT AND OTHER PET MEASURES WILL BE ADOPTED.

Declares It Has Not Been Emaculated As Exaggerated Newspaper Reports Asserted—Addresses Pasaic Board of Trade—His Auto Almost Struck By a Train.

President Taft on Monday night delivered an address before the Pasaic, N. J., Board of Trade in his speech discussing the legislative situation at Washington. President Taft declared with a great deal of emphasis and amid an outbreak of applause that the railroad bill has not been emaculated in any vital way, and predicted that a satisfactory law would be passed.

"The bill," said the president, "will retain its important features, and I am hopeful that within the next two weeks we shall see the passage of the bill in both houses, the adjustment of the differences between the two houses and its final enactment."

The president declared that the newspaper reports of the crippling of the railroad bill had been greatly exaggerated, and he set out in detail the provisions of the measure as it now stands. He said he hoped the provision which permits a road owner to sell 30 per cent. of the stock of a competing road to acquire the remaining stock would be restored and told why.

Mr. Taft expressed the belief that the following measures will be enacted into law: Statehood of Arizona and New Mexico. Postal savings banks. Anti-injunction. The so-called validating bill of the conservation measure. The publicity of campaign expenditures. The railroad bill.

Wants That Statehood Bill. Of the statehood bill, the president said: "Objection was made to the bill as it passed the House in regard to certain provisions as to elections which disfranchised Mexicans and certain English who had acquired, under previous laws, the right of suffrage. There is a hesitation on the part of the Republicans in the Senate to pass a bill which is so likely to add four Democrats to the Senate, or, if not Democratic, Republicans of a radical principle entirely out of sympathy with the more conservative notions of the East. Still there is a promise in the platform, distinct and clear, that this bill shall pass, and I am very anxious that the party will meet its obligations in this regard, and enact the necessary legislation. I do not think that I shall be disappointed."

He spoke of the conservation bill, which ratifies all the withdrawals of public land heretofore made, amounting to upward of 60,000,000 acres, and empowering the president to make other withdrawals when he desires to ask Congress to pass laws varying the existing laws for the disposition in class of public lands. "The absolute necessity of this act," he said, "arises from the very grave doubt whether the reservation of 60,000,000 acres, if subjected to the test of the hand under existing congressional enactments; and there are those in the West, who, taking advantage of the doubt in question, and assuming that the withdrawals are without authority, are staking out claims with a view to testing their validity in the courts. Should the courts hold that the executive authority has been abused in this regard, then it will leave the public domain in a mess. For this reason I sincerely hope the status quo will be maintained by the speedy passage of the act in question through the Senate."

Hopes For Injunction Act. Of the so-called "injunction act" the president said: "By its provisions, the attention of the court will be called to the necessity for great care in the exercise of this very exceptional power to give parties to a law suit without giving them notice and the ill-advised issuing of injunctions of this character will cease. The great difficulty in respect to the matter is that if the bill is reported from the committee and put upon its passage in the House, there will be a movement to introduce amendments in accord with the recommendation of the Federation of Labor, by which a jury trial shall be required in contempt cases and boycotts shall be made legitimate. It is feared that if such amendments were proposed they might pass, and thus make the bill an obnoxious one. Whether a

parliamentary condition can be created which will prevent the submission of such amendments or not is a question that I cannot answer. The manufacturers' association are opposed to the bill on the alleged ground that it weakens the power of the court, whereas the Federation of Labor is opposed to it on the ground that it does not go far enough. With this state of the case I am reasonably certain that the bill is a just one and ought to be put through. I am hopeful that some way will be found to vote through just the bill proposed by the platform—nothing more and nothing less."

Railroad Bill Not Emaculated. "Finally," he continued, "we come to the bill amending the interstate commerce law. This is not familiar with its condition in the House as I am with it in the Senate, but I think the bill has not been emaculated in either house and that it contains almost all of the remedial features of the original administration bill, and that those things which have been omitted are neither substantial nor vital."

"Two sections have been stricken out. Section 7 attempted to legalize the making of tariff agreements not to last longer than thirty days and to prevent competing lines, as to rates, but forbade pooling. This was declared for in the platform and recommended to Congress in two or three messages of President Roosevelt. The purpose was to legalize the practice that will prevail whether the law permits or not. It seems to me essential that rates should be fixed temporarily at the same amount to prevent a rate-cutting where each time the fixing of rates is had."

"Section 12 was also stricken out. This is the section that forbids the acquisition by one railroad company of the stocks in a competing line, but where such an acquisition has already been made of 50 per cent. it authorizes the acquiring company to increase its holdings to 100 per cent. This was not with the view of strengthening the control of the acquiring company, for fifty per cent. is all that it needed, but it was to keep open a market to the minority stockholders to sell to the majority stockholders of the line to be withdrawn in some way infringed on the anti-trust law, and the whole section was dropped. I am hopeful the action may be restored to the specific act of forcing future acquisition by one line of stock in a competing line. It is true that such an act affecting interstate commerce might be part of a conspiracy to restrain competition, and so restrain trade and be punishable under the anti-trust act, but it would greatly facilitate prosecutions if the specific act of the acquisition of stock in a competing line could be denounced and punished or prevented by injunction."

TRAIN NEARLY HITS AUTO. President Taft's automobile was nearly struck by a west-bound Erie express train at the Ayeridge avenue crossing as he was being escorted to the home of Victor L. Mason, in Ayeridge avenue, where he was to dress for the banquet. Part of his escort got across the track ahead of the train, but part had to fall back in disorder, and one of the members

Trees and a curve in the road prevented the engineer of the train from seeing the procession until within one hundred feet of the crossing, and the cheers of the crowd kept them from hearing the express. William Hendry, chief, and a delegation of the Pasaic police, in an automobile, a squad of five mounted police, Col. Edwin W. Hine, of the Fifth Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, and part of his staff, mounted, got across the track, but the larger part of the staff was abruptly halted by the appearance of a section of the staff halted and backed sharply. The horse of one of the riders plunged suddenly and the officer was thrown to the ground. He was not hurt, however.

President Taft, blandly smiled when the crossing was cleared and the procession started in the car with him at the time were Victor L. Mason, president of the Pasaic Board of Trade; Capt. Archibald Butt, aid to the president; Lucien G. Wheeler and James Sloan, secret service men from Washington.

Cuts Sister's Fingers. Mary Getz, aged about four years, daughter of John Getz, who resides on Purple Lane, between Ironville and Marietta pikes, was the victim of a distressing accident on Monday evening.

Mary and an elder brother, Lloyd, aged six years, were at play at their home. They were chopping up sticks. Mary held the sticks and Lloyd wielded the hatchet. The brother made a stroke with the instrument, which came down on Mary's right hand and almost severed one of her fingers. The injured child was at once taken to the office of a physician, where the injury was dressed. It is believed that the finger can be saved on account of the youth of the child.

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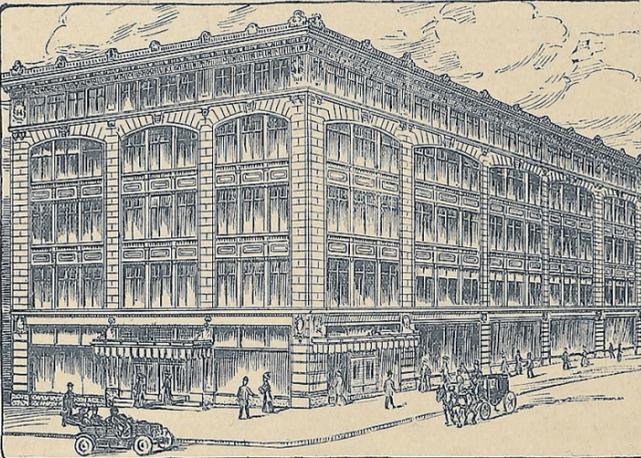
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HAGER & BROTHER'S STORE AS IT WILL APPEAR WHEN REMODELED



The official announcement that Hager & Bro. are to immediately begin the erection of a large building on their present site, which will adequately house their business, furnishing much needed room for expansion, will be of interest to many friends and patrons of this well known firm, and of general interest to the public, as indicating the growth and progressiveness of the retail mercantile interests of Lancaster. The plans call for five full stories and basement, with a frontage on West King street of 64 feet, and 100 feet on Market street, making, with the present Market street building, a total depth of 245 feet, increasing the floor space to about 75,000 square feet. The architectural treatment will be along the lines of the French Renaissance period, but featuring the most progressive Western ideas for modern retail department store structures. The finished building will be an impressive and attractive appearance, as well as most substantial and will be a notable addition to the mercantile buildings of Lancaster. The construction will be of steel, and mat-grate terra cotta of light cream color, embellished with metal panels, richly decorated, and topped with a rich embossed cornice. The face of the pilasters will be of polished granite. The Market street front will be carried out to complement the West King street front. In every detail, and a striking feature of both will be an exceptional amount of plate glass, making the lighting arrangements very unusual. A very liberal provision has been made for display windows, a most important feature with retail establishments featuring many lines of merchandise. There will be four large windows on West King street, with two smaller ones of curved plate flanking the main entrance; and eight large ones on Market street, with two flanking the new Market street entrance; making in all, 130 running feet of show windows. The main entrance, occupying the center of the King street front, with four large swinging doors, and ample lobby, will afford ample facilities and comfort. On Market street, just off West King, another entrance will provide immediate access to the men's specialized departments of furnishings, hats, clothing, tailoring, and boy's attire. The King street entrance will be provided with a handsome marble, suspended with heavy chains from decorative rosettes, and carried out in rich metal and glass. The layout of the first floor will be completely changed, and will be more than doubled in size, and will extend to the curb along West King street, vaulting under the side walk. Ample elevator service and two complete sets of stairways will give easy access to the second, third, fourth and fifth floors. A modern sprinkler equipment will be installed, affording excellent fire protection. A number of departments will be enlarged. Details of sanitation, lighting, ventilation, store service comforts, and general department furnishings and arrangements will make the finished store one of the handsomest and best equipped in the central part of the state. The front building will be torn down and rebuilt in two sections and this has been so thoroughly and well planned as to allow the continuation of business on a full scale, without any interruption and with a minimum of inconvenience and discomfort to the patrons of the house. A West King street entrance will be open throughout the entire building operation and the necessary shifting and rearrangements of stocks, while compelling condensation in a number of departments will not be allowed to affect the merchandising service. The bulk of the expenditure for this large building operation, will be distributed in Lancaster, in a natural spirit of reciprocity, and will provide work for a large number of men. The contract is about to be awarded, and calls for the completion of the building operations in four months. It may interest many to know that the original space occupied by the Hager business nearly a century ago, as first laid out by the Hamiltons, is still practically intact in the present plot. The business, having been continued without interruption under the Hager name since 1823.

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BLOWN TO ATOMS

NO TRACE OF MAN AFTER EXPLOSION — NEGRO HALFT MILE AWAY KNOCKED DOWN.

Pittsburg, May 10.—The explosion of a large quantity of altozine stored in a magazine at Burgettstown, 14 miles from here, caused the death today of an oil shooter, Frank McCullough, who was literally blown to atoms. Not even a fragment of his body has been found as yet. A team of horses driven by McCullough were also blown to bits.

A negro walking across fields half a mile from the magazine was knocked to the ground. At Greensburg, 18 miles from the scene of the explosion, houses were rocked to their foundations. In Pittsburg the force of the shock was felt, especially on the north side.

Knights of Golden Eagle Six Hundred Delegates Attend Convention at Gettysburg.

Gettysburg, Pa., May 10.—Members of the Knights of the Golden Eagle from all parts of Pennsylvania, opening Gettysburg today for the spring of their state convention and the annual parade day. The first session was held this morning, the six hundred delegates marching to the hall. The address of welcome was made by District Attorney S. S. Noel, of Adams county, and the response by Grand Chief Charles Demby, of Philadelphia. The remainder of the morning was spent in closed business session. The ladies of the Golden Eagle also held their annual convention.

This afternoon there was a large parade. Several thousand uniformed men and a dozen bands were in line and paraded through the gaily decorated streets of the town.

LUNCHEONS WITH THE KAISER

COL. ROOSEVELT GIVEN ETHUSIASTIC WELCOME AT BERLIN.

Berlin, May 10.—Former President Roosevelt and Kermit arrived here early today from Stockholm, Sweden. They are guests at the American embassy.

As is usual wherever Mr. Roosevelt stops, a popular crowd was at the railway station to give him a friendly greeting, but, as has not been the case before during his European trip, the official receiving party was not complete. As a result of a series of misunderstandings American Ambassador Hill was late in reaching the station while the royal carriages intended for the use of the party did not arrive until the Roosevelt party had been driven in other conveyances to the embassy.

The representatives of the foreign offices were greatly annoyed over the unfortunate mix-up. In the first place, some one had told Mr. Hill that the special train carrying the Roosevelt party would be a half hour late in reaching Berlin. This did not prove to be the case.

In the absence of Emperor William, who but for the death of his uncle, King Edward, would have personally met the former president, the official party of reception was headed by Herr Von Schoen, the secretary for foreign affairs who represented his majesty.

The main stairway leading from the station to the street had been made beautiful with a wealth of potted plants, and as the Roosevelt party passed down to their carriages they received frequent salutations from the gathered throng. The Roosevelt party were driven at once to the American embassy. The former president's voice is still hoarse, but he is still better than he was when he was in Berlin.

MYSTERY SHROUDS DOUBLE MURDER

NEW YORK PHYSICIAN FINDS HIS TWO SERVANTS SLAIN.

Aged Housekeeper and Young Hindu Shot to Death — Little Girl Heard Struggle — Man's Voice Told Her Nobody Was Home When She Rang Bell For Admittance.

Two persons, an aged woman housekeeper and a young Hindu butler, both employed by Dr. Mott D. Cannon, a well known physician of Harlem, were murdered late on Monday afternoon under mysterious circumstances, in the large private residence of the physician at 121 West 122d street.

The victims were Margaret Meehan, 69 years old, who had worked for Dr. Cannon for more than 40 years, and William Bennan, 23 years old, who had been a member of the household only since last Friday, and of whose past absolutely nothing could be learned by the police.

Though, on the first investigation, the police were led to believe that one or two men bent on burglary had murdered Mrs. Meehan and Bennan, events disclosed late on Monday night caused the two score detectives to work in another direction.

When Dr. Cannon, who was the first person known to have left the house while the servants were away, went away at 3 p. m., Mrs. Meehan and Bennan were the only persons in the residence. He returned at 5:50 o'clock to find both dead. Mrs. Meehan with a bullet in her head and the Hindu with several bullet wounds in the head. He had also been terribly beaten, presumably with an iron bar.

The story of a 10-year-old girl, Helen Hammond, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Hammond, contained the most important facts told to the police. Helen is a pupil in the public school in West 123d street. Her teacher is Miss Julia Freberson, a young woman who has lived at Dr. Cannon's home since last September.

On her way home after school the child stopped at Dr. Cannon's residence to give to the aged housekeeper a bouquet of flowers belonging to her teacher.

There was no answer to her ring at the door bell for several minutes. The bell was sounded, this time rather sharply. Suddenly from within came the muffled sound of a struggle, and the girl heard the knob of the inner door being turned several times. Then a man's voice shouted: "Go away; there's nobody home."

Little Miss Hammond, frightened, turned and ran to the sidewalk and then, as fast as she could, to her home, where she told her mother what had happened. She also told of a man in a Salvation Army uniform standing at the basement door of Dr. Cannon's house.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Helen again went to Dr. Cannon's house with the bouquet. She rang the door bell several times, but received no response and went away.

As Dr. Cannon walked to his door a few minutes before 6 o'clock he was joined by Miss Freberson, who had been detained at her school work. There were several persons waiting for the physician, who opened the door and led the way into his office in the front of the first floor.

Stretched lifeless on the carpet, holding in one hand a small pad of blank paper and in the other, lightly clasped, a lead pencil, the physician and those with him found the body of Mrs. Meehan. Behind the right ear was a wound made by a bullet. It was plain that she had been murdered by someone standing behind her, and that she had died without an opportunity to defend herself.

Fifteen minutes later the house was filled with policemen. The search led to the basement, and the bottom of the stairs, down which he had evidently been thrown, was the body of the young Hindu. His skull was battered, his head riddled with bullets.

Searchers in the upper floors discovered that several drawers in Dr. Cannon's living apartments had been opened, their contents scattered about the floor and \$100 in cash and an equal sum from a small savings bank stolen. Although in other rooms of the house there was much valuable property, this room was the only one that had been rifled. That nothing else was stolen from the house led the police to think that the murderers were not burglars.

Dr. Cannon said he obtained Brennan from the employment agency of the West Side Young Men's Christian association.

Dr. Cannon said that by the body of the butler he found his (Dr. Cannon's) revolver, with three chambers empty. This revolver had been in a bureau drawer which was rifled.

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HAGER BUILDING HISTORY

Lancaster city is an area with dozens of historical locations, some recognized as such and others not. The Hager Building, as shown in one of the first instances of an illustration or photo on an Intelligencer front page, is one such building.

At the corner of King and Market streets, the Hager Building as it stands today was constructed throughout 1910 and 1911. Designed by C. Emlen Urban, who also was responsible for numerous pieces of historical Lancaster architecture, the building was built to serve as the updated home base for Hager & Bro. department store. The original Hager store opened in 1821 and was further west down King Street. As this article notes, the design of the Hager building was influenced by the French Renaissance but also features "the most progressive Western ideas for modern retail department store structures." During the early half of the 20th century, regal

shopping centers such as the Hager brothers' store, as well as Watt & Shand and M.T. Garvin & Co., were the de facto places to buy higher-end goods.

The Hager store continued to exist in much the same way until 1968, when it was acquired by rival business Watt & Shand, before closing for good in 1977. By then, it enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest department store in America operated continuously under the same family name and management. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. The construction of Historic Places in 1979. The construction of City Center drastically changed the economic landscape in the city, eventually driving shoppers — and the shops — out.

Today, the Hager building contains condos and multiple downtown destinations, including Old San Juan Latin Cuisine, Carr's Restaurant and the Taproom by Spring House Brewing Co.

