

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Committee Reports Favorably on Lodge Substitute For House Sugar Bill.

Washington.—The senate finance committee authorized a favorable report on the Lodge substitute for the house free sugar bill, and an unfavorable report on the so-called house excise income tax bill, which proposed a tax on incomes in excess of \$5000 a year. The Lodge sugar bill would eliminate the differential and Dutch standard from the tariff and leave the duties otherwise practically as at present.

Senator Simmons offered a substitute sugar bill, prepared by the democratic members of the committee. It proposed a reduction of existing duties by about one-third, but was voted down by a strict party vote of six to eight. Both bills would reserve the 20 per cent discount to Cuba.

There was no time suggested by the committee for a vote in the senate on any of the tariff bills, nor any renewed effort toward effecting adjournment of congress before the national party conventions in June.

#### Amendment is Certified.

The proposed amendment to the constitution providing for direct election of senators has been sent to the governors of the states by Secretary Knox. The resolution was sent through the mails with a letter addressed to each governor, certifying that the resolution has been duly adopted by a two-thirds vote in each branch of congress.

#### Naval Bill in the House

The navy appropriation bill, carrying \$18,819,837, approximately \$7,500,000 less than last year, has been introduced in the house. A wireless system around the world with stations on the Pacific, the Canal zone, Hawaii, Samoa, Guam and the Philippines, is proposed, with an appropriation of \$1,000,000 of which \$400,000 is to be available next year. The bill provides for no new battleships, but increases the pay of officers and men more than \$2,000,000.

#### Senate Amends Agricultural Bill.

Only two new amendments to the new agricultural bill were adopted as the bill passed the senate. One makes it mandatory upon the secretary of agriculture to segregate all agricultural lands in the forest reserves and make them available for homestead entry. Another provides for the sale of dead and down timber in reserves to settlers at the cost of handling, instead of at market prices, as at present.

#### Democratic Women Breakfast.

A democratic women's harmony breakfast was held Monday morning in honor of Dolly Madison, the leader of Washington society during the first days of democracy. Mrs. Champ Clark was toastmistress and around the tables were the wives and descendants of the most noted democrats of present and former times.

#### National Capital Brevities

The house defied the banking interests and passed the Pujo bill giving congress the right to inspect the books of all banks.

Friends of the Borah-Jones three-year homestead bill are greatly alarmed over the delay of the conference committee in reaching an agreement.

The interstate commerce commission has issued an order requiring railroads by June 1 to put into effect the reduced rates on wool that conform to its decision of April 12.

By 100 votes to 90 the house refused to permit the imposition of tolls on American vessels engaged in the coastwise trade and which will use the Panama canal. The action was taken during consideration of the Panama canal administration bill.

The Panama canal bill, providing for the administration of the canal zone and the operation of the canal, has been introduced in the house. A bitter fight seems certain over the provision which would prohibit railroad-owned vessels from passing through the canal, opponents prophesying as a result the commercial overthrow of Boston, Seattle and Portland.

The first illustration of the activities of the so-called money trust given to the house investigating committee was testimony that three New York banking institutions—the National City Bank, J. P. Morgan & Co., and the First National Bank—lent financial assistance to Brazil to limit the output of coffee and maintain prices at a profitable figure for the benefit of Brazilian planters and American coffee dealers.

### JULIA C. LATHROP



Miss Julia C. Lathrop, named head of the new Children's Bureau, will draw \$5,000 per year, the largest salary ever paid a woman employee by Uncle Sam.

### 2 DEAD WHEN PLANK SNAPS

Sixty Boarding Flyer at Seattle are Plunged into Sea.

Seattle.—Two persons are known to have been drowned and 50 were injured when the adjustable end of a temporary passenger gangplank at the Colman Dock dropped, precipitating 60 passengers into the water as they were preparing to board the Puget Sound steamer Flyer, for Tacoma.

The dead: Mrs. G. V. Learned, Seattle. Carl Bruder, 1-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bruder, of Seattle.

Most of the injured were only slightly bruised or cut by striking against piling and the hull of the Flyer when they fell into the water and all will recover.

### Root at National Convention Helm

Chicago.—Senator Elihu Root, of New York, will be recommended as temporary chairman of the republican national convention. The announcement of his acceptance of the post was made by Harry New, chairman of the subcommittee on arrangements of the republican national committee.

### Players' Strike is Called Off.

Philadelphia.—Because they did not want to see Frank Navin, president of the club, suffer for any action on their part, the players of the Detroit American League baseball club called off their strike and agreed to play the regular scheduled game in Washington, without the services of Tyrus Cobb.

### RICHESON EXECUTED FOR GIRL'S MURDER

Boston.—Clarence V. T. Richeson was electrocuted at 12:17 (Eastern time) Monday morning. The current applied was 1900 volts, eight amperes. One application was sufficient.

Richeson walked to the electric chair erect, eyes straight ahead until he sat down. Then he closed his eyes and kept them shut until the end.

The execution of Clarence V. T. Richeson drew the curtain on a tragedy unsurpassed for cunning, cruelty and notoriety in the criminal annals of the United States. The minister, with his wedding announcement already in the hands of friends, and a discarded sweetheart importuning him to relieve her from a position that would cloud her life with shame, calmly conceived a plan that would release him from his unwelcome liaison and deliberately purchased a quantity of cyanide of potassium, a deadly poison, and advised Miss Linnel to take it.

It was at first believed that she had committed suicide in a fit of despondency upon learning the news of Richeson's approaching marriage to Miss Edmonds.

It is expected the wishes of the dead man will be carried out and that he will be buried beside his mother in the family vault in Virginia.

### THE MARKETS.

#### Portland.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 98c; bluestem, \$1.03; red Russian, 97c.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$40 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$17; alfalfa, \$12.  
Butter—Creamery, 27c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 21c.  
Hops—1911 crop, 38c; contracts, 25c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18c; Willamette valley, 19c.  
Mohair—32c.

#### Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.02; Club, 95c; red Russian, 94c.  
Oats—\$39 per ton.  
Butter—Creamery, 27c.  
Eggs—21c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton.

### ROOSEVELT DEFEATS TAFT 3 TO 1 IN OHIO

Colonel Gets 32 of 42 Delegates; Harmon's Victory Even More Sweeping.

Columbus, Ohio.—Nearly complete returns from Ohio's presidential primary indicate that Colonel Roosevelt won 32 of 42 delegates to the republican national convention, selected in 21 congressional districts, and that President Taft was given ten district delegates, or slightly less than a third of the total number named.

On the democratic ticket, Governor Harmon is believed to have won by a larger percentage than did Colonel Roosevelt, being credited with 35 district delegates, as against seven for Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey.

While returns are meager on the vote for delegates to the republican state convention, which will name the six republican national delegates-at-large, it was thought that the Roosevelt forces would dominate.

With the probability that there may be an increase as later returns come in it is estimated that Colonel Roosevelt has a plurality of approximately 20,000. Amplified returns in the republican contest show that Senator La Follette polled a heavy vote in several counties, and it is possible that final results will show that he ran second to Colonel Roosevelt in a number of counties.

Complete returns from 59 of 88 counties showed that Roosevelt carried 45 of them and Taft 14. Of the 59, Governor Harmon carried the same number as Roosevelt.

### SOCIALISTS SCORE ANARCHY

Name Debs and Seidel as Ticket and Repudiate I. W. W.

Indianapolis.—Eugene Victor Debs, of Terre Haute, Ind., was nominated as a candidate for the presidency of the United States by the national socialist convention, and Emil Seidel, formerly mayor of Milwaukee, was nominated for vice-president.

The radicals and conservatives fought it out all week and the adjournment found both factions claiming victory. The radicals gained a sweeping advantage through the recognition of industrial as well as all other forms of unionism. This included the Industrial Workers of the World, who, the conservatives claimed, are an anarchist body. Because of this, the socialists specifically disavowed all form of violence in labor troubles and agreed that all socialists who may advocate such direct action shall be forthwith expelled.

### COFFEE TRUST SUIT FOLLOWS HEARINGS

New York.—After a year of careful research and preparation the government has instituted suit against the coffee trust under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The suit follows quickly the testimony of the first witnesses in the money trust investigation at Washington, which showed that J. P. Morgan, the National City Bank and the First National Bank of New York have used their huge resources to curb the production of coffee in Brazil and corner the world's supply.

The court is asked to decree the scheme unlawful, to enjoin the valorization committee from withholding coffee from the market and to appoint a receiver to sell the 950,000 bags, valued at \$10,000,000, now alleged to be stored in warehouses of the New York Dock company.

As the United States consumes 40 per cent of all the coffee used in the world, the petition declares that every act which prevents its importation in normal quantities or increases prices is a direct restraint upon foreign and interstate trade.

### Vigilants Worse Than I. W. W.

Sacramento, Cal.—Stinging denunciation of the campaign of the Industrial Workers of the World at San Diego and an even more stinging denunciation of the "vigilants" of that city, whom he convicts of un-American and uncivilized abuse of the distributors of San Diego, with recommendations that the state authorities take drastic hand in the war there, are the features of a 10,000 word report on San Diego conditions, sent to Governor Johnson by Harris Weinstock, appointed as a commissioner to investigate the San Diego labor war.

### May Abolish Naval Militia.

Salem.—Governor West announces that unless the friends of the Oregon Naval Militia can make a showing to justify the existence of the organization, he will disband it within 30 days. The executive declares that \$13,000 has been spent in 10 months. This move is believed to be a start against other state bodies.

### REV. C. V. T. RICHESON



Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, the Boston clergyman who confessed to the murder of his sweetheart, and was condemned to electrocution.

### Brief News of the Week

A voluntary increase of from 5 to 8 per cent in wages is announced by the Farr Alpaca company, which employs 3000 operatives at Holyoke, Mass.

The federal government has filed a civil anti-trust suit against the Aluminum Company of America. The company is charged with being a monopoly.

The boyhood home of Mark Twain was presented to the city of Hannibal, Mo., by George T. Mahan, Thursday. The home will be preserved by the city.

Armour & Co. were indicted by the federal grand jury at Chicago, charged with criminal violation of the meat inspection laws in alleged interstate shipment of meats without inspection by government agents.

The Arizona legislature has passed a bill providing that no corporation shall offer its stock for sale to the public until the state corporation commission has declared in writing that such stock is a safe investment.

By an aye and nay vote of 446 to 369, the Methodist Episcopal conference at Minneapolis voted to leave unchanged in the church discipline paragraph 260, which prohibits dancing, card playing and kindred amusements.

### People in the News

Wilbur Wright, noted aeroplane inventor, is suffering from typhoid fever at his home at Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Mark A. Matthews, of Seattle, Wash., was chosen moderator of the 124th general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Louisville.

There will be no contest over the will of John Jacob Astor. Lewis Cass Ledyard, who drew the will, has informed the heirs that the instrument is legally invulnerable.

Carl R. Gray, the new president of the Great Northern railway, announces that millions of dollars will be expended this and next year in extending lines in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia.

In the same court room in Los Angeles where the McNamara brothers were sentenced to prison last December, Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago, their chief counsel, was placed on trial for the alleged bribing of one of the veniremen in the trial.

### Political News Bits

There are approximately 25,000,000 eligible voters in the United States, according to the census.

Colonel Roosevelt and Speaker Clark secured much advantage in the presidential primaries and state conventions held during the past week.

Figures of the vote cast in California at the presidential primaries indicate that a remarkably small total was polled, and also show that only a small proportion of women voted.

The statement was made by friends of President Taft in Washington that Justice Charles E. Hughes will be the compromise candidate of the Chicago convention for the presidency, in case Taft cannot win.

The republican national committee will meet in Chicago June 6, to decide contests among delegates to the republican national convention. The meeting is called 12 days in advance of the convention because of the unusual number of contests expected.

Dividing interest politically with the split of the Washington state republican convention at Aberdeen into two factions, one electing delegates pledged to President Taft, the other to Colonel Roosevelt, was the snub administered to Governor Hay by both factions.

Not including Ohio, a list of delegates so far elected to the national democratic convention show 283 for Clark, 159 for Wilson, 62 for Underwood, 30 for Marshall, 14 for Baldwin, 10 for Burke, 8 for Harmon and 167 unassigned. On the republican side Taft claims 476, Roosevelt 350, La Follette 35, Cummins 10 and 36 doubtful.

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