

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Revision of Tariff Expected to be First Thing on the Program.

Washington, D. C.—New Year's day in the national capital was made brilliant as usual with the president's reception at the White House, the customary breakfast given by the secretary of state for the foreign diplomats, and the exchange of visits by all persons prominent in official life.

Congress reassembled Wednesday. The big business of the immediate future promises to be the tariff, as far as the house of representatives is concerned. Messages are expected from the president at an early date dealing with Alaska, the cotton schedule and the report of the tariff board on that subject, the postal commission's report and probably one on financial and monetary reforms.

The senate interstate commerce committee, which is investigating trust problems, will resume its earnings shortly, but the Lorimer investigating committee, the Stanley committee that is investigating the steel trust and several other committees of similar nature will not resume their activities until the next week.

Steel Schedule is First on List.

Revision of the iron and steel schedule is likely to be the first thing on the tariff legislative programme of the House. Representative Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, made it known on his return that the committee would postpone consideration of the wool schedule until every feature of the tariff board's report on the subject had been studied thoroughly. In the meantime it will press its work on other tariff measures, with a view to adjournment in time for the national conventions.

After the introduction and consideration of the steel schedule the Democratic leaders contemplate presenting to the House a revised chemical schedule and a sugar tariff bill. It also is possible that a cotton schedule will be submitted with the wool bill, dependent, of course, upon the report of the tariff board. This is not expected till late next month. If cotton is not included in the wool bill, it will be submitted as soon afterwards as possible.

Railroads Must Pay Overcharge.

The announced purpose of the interstate commerce commission to prosecute under criminal indictments railroads which fail to make reparation to shippers upon notice of obvious overcharges above published freight rates, putting the shippers to the expense of a hearing before the commission, will result in the commission doing a land office business collecting fines, unless the roads drastically change their ways.

The commission reminds the railroads that an overcharge is "as illegal as a rebate." The commission has assumed that such charges above the legal rate are the result of ignorance and carelessness on the part of clerks and agents. For that reason there have been no criminal prosecutions before the commission.

Labor Commission Urged.

Using the McNamara's as an illustration of what might be expected again in this country if labor conditions are not improved, a delegation of social workers urged President Taft to "create a labor commission."

Such a commission, the delegation told the president, would have powers co-extensive with those of the interstate commerce commission and should be able to compel testimony.

President Taft promised to do all possible to create such a commission. It was said he might incorporate a suggestion for a labor commission in one of his post-holiday messages.

National Capital Brevities.

Representative Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, is confined to his bed in his Washington apartments, threatened with appendicitis.

The forest service has decided to make a material cut in grazing fees to be charged for the range in national forests during 1912. The new schedule will reduce the rate on sheep 1 to 1½ cents a head, with proportionate reduction on cattle.

American pulp and print paper manufacturers are bringing pressure to bear upon President Taft to induce him to refuse to yield to the demand of European governments for the free admission of their pulp and print paper on terms of equality with the Canadian product.

It was credibly reported at the capital that the Democrats of the House have determined to eliminate from the Sundry Civil appropriation bill for next year the \$225,000 estimate for the president's tariff board; the \$75,000 estimate for the president's economy and efficiency commission, and the \$25,000 estimate for the president's traveling expenses.

FRANK MORRISON



Photo by American Press Association.

Frank Morrison, the well known labor leader, who was custodian of the McNamara brothers' defense fund.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE TABRIZ

Whole City Bombarded and Enormous Damage to Property Reported.

Tabriz, Persia.—A nine-day siege of this city by the Russian troops resulted in its complete occupation by the Russian forces and the dispersal of the combatants belonging to the constitutional progressive party or Fidaïs. Numerous casualties were sustained by both sides, the Russians alone losing from 100 to 200 men, while the losses of the Fidaïs were severe.

In the fighting an enormous amount of damage to property was done and the American flag floating over the United States consulate was shot down by a Russian shell, which, however, did no further damage to the consulate.

Reports of atrocities said to have been committed by both sides are entirely unfounded, the mortality among the native non-combatants being small.

Coast Breweries Forming Combine.

San Francisco.—There is now in process of formation a combination of the breweries of the Pacific Coast which reaches from Seattle to Los Angeles, if the plans of three eastern capitalists who are in the city are carried out. The plan is to have all breweries on the Pacific Coast come into the combine, in order to purchase their raw materials cheaper.

It is estimated by the promoters of the combination that \$25,000,000 will be necessary to carry the scheme through.

BIG PEACE DINNER SLIGHTED BY ENVOYS

New York.—American diplomacy received one of the hardest blows in its history when the ambassadors of every one of the great powers, after having accepted invitations to be present at the peace dinner, arranged in honor of President Taft and his suggested arbitration treaties now being held up in the senate, declined to honor the occasion by their presence.

President Taft, the guest of honor and speaker of the evening, while arguing for the pending arbitration treaties between the United States and Great Britain and France, went further than heretofore and replied specifically to criticisms recently made against the principles embodied in these treaties. He also answered the charge of inconsistency lodged against advocates of the arbitration treaties who did not favor arbitration in the difficulty between the United States and Russia.

Russia is Stirred Against America.

St. Petersburg.—There is no disguising the fact that Russia is deeply offended at the action of the United States in denouncing the treaty of 1832. If it had not been for the resolution passed by the American house of representatives this feeling of resentment would probably not have been so pronounced.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Truck prices: Club, 75c; Bluestem, 83c; red Russian, 73c.
Barley—Feed, \$37 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, valley, \$16; alfalfa, \$14.
Butter—Creamery, 30c.
Eggs—Ranch, 37c.
Hops—1911 crop, 44c; 1910, nominal; contracts, 25c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c; Willamette Valley, 15@17c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 81c; club, 78c; red Russian, 77c.
Barley—\$35 per ton.
Oats—\$30 per ton.
Eggs—Ranch, 50c.
Butter—Creamery, 28c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton.

Population of Oregon Is Now Over 672,765

The population of Oregon, now 672,765, as enumerated at the 13th census, April 15, 1910, and compared with one of 413,536 in 1900, increased 62.7 per cent in the decade. The figures are given in a special bulletin of the department of commerce and labor on the population of Oregon.

During the decade 1900-10 the population of continental United States increased by 21 per cent, and the growth of the state was a little more than twice as rapid as during the preceding decade, 1890-1900, when the rate of increase was 30.2 per cent.

Oregon was organized as a territory in 1848 and appears in the federal census reports for the first time in 1850. The total population (13,294) reported for 1850 includes 1201 returned for that portion which was taken in 1853 to form Washington territory. During each decade since 1850 the state has shown a rapid growth, the lowest rate of increase for any decennial period being 30.2 per cent for the decade 1890-1900. The most rapid rate of growth was naturally during the first few years in the history of the state, the population increasing threefold from 1850 to 1860. During the three following decades, 1860-1890, the population of the state increased more than fivefold, the percentages of increase ranging from 73.3 to 92.2. Between 1890 and 1910 the population more than doubled. The numerical increase during the last decade was nearly one and one-half times the entire population of the state in 1880.

A comparison of the rates of increase for the state with those for continental United States, as given in the preceding table, shows that during every decade covered by the table the growth of the state was more rapid than the growth of the country as a whole. The population of the state in 1910 was somewhat more than 50 times as large as in 1850, while the population of continental United States in 1910 was slightly less than four times that in 1850.

Oregon has 97 cities, of which Portland, the largest, has a population of 207,214, and Salem, the second city, a population of 14,094. There are also five cities having from 5000 to 10,000, nine having from 2500 to 5000, and 81 having less than 2500 inhabitants.

Portland, Salem, Eugene, Medford and Ashland show very high rates of increase for the last decade, ranging from 99.6 per cent in Ashland to 393.6 per cent in Medford. Baker shows the lowest rate of increase, namely 1.2 per cent. During the preceding decade, however, there was a marked growth in the population of this city, the percentage of increase being 155.9.

Oregon has 34 counties. The population of these counties ranges from 2044 in Curry county to 226,261 in Multnomah county.

Thirty-one counties and the one combination of counties in the state increased in population during the last decade. The rates of increase for the 31 counties range from 8-10ths of 1 per cent in Union county to 123,094 in Multnomah county. The combined counties of Hood River and Wasco increased 11,153, or 84.5 per cent. One county in the state, Grant, showed a decrease, namely, 341, or 5.7 per cent. Nine counties and the one combination of counties show a higher rate of increase than is shown for the state as a whole, which, as before stated, was 62.7 per cent.

The total land area of the state is 95,607 square miles. The average number of persons to the square mile in 1910 was 7; in 1890 and 1900 it was 4.3, res-

spectively. The average number per square mile for continental United States as a whole in 1910 was 30.9.

Harney county with 9933 square miles, has the largest area, and Multnomah county with 451 square miles, has the smallest area. Multnomah county, which contains the city of Portland, has the highest density of any county, namely 501.7 persons per square mile. Harney Lake and Malheur counties each average less than 1 person per square mile.

Of the total increase in the population of the state during the decade, namely, 259,229, nearly one-half was in the city of Portland.

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