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The secrets of the Mormon endowment house may be revealed when the hearings in the case of Senator Reed Smoot are resumed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections. The opposition to Senator Smoot will attempt to show that the Mormon people in this country renounced allegiance to the United States. The robes worn will be exhibited, and so far as possible there will be a reproduction of the ceremony itself. During the previous hearings all of the Mormon witnesses, including the apostles, refused to reveal the endowment house secrets, insisting that they were bound by secret oath, but admitted there had been no change in the oath and ceremony since the foundation of the church. Now the opposition will produce witnesses who were once Mormons, but have renounced the church, three of whom have been through the endowment-house ceremony, one as late as 1898.

Notice has been sent out announcing that it has been decided to abolish cabinet dinners this winter. This is the result of consideration on the President's part and of Mrs. Roosevelt, together with the cabinet hostesses. Hereafter each member of the cabinet will entertain the chief executive and his wife on any date which may be acceptable to the President, but the company invited to meet them will be entirely optional with the host. It no longer will be obligatory to invite all the cabinet officials and their families or any portion of them. The guest list, however, must be submitted to the President for approval, but outside of this restriction, the list is open for all personal and political friends of the host.

There is a determined move among Republican leaders now in Washington to suppress and discourage all talk of tariff revision at this time. Only the most guarded statements are being made by men known to be in favor of revising some of the tariff schedules. It is believed that the Republican House leaders will take up the question on the quiet soon after Congress convenes, however, and that if a feasible plan for revision can be devised and an agreement reached among themselves as to what is necessary and how it shall be done, President Roosevelt may then be advised and a special session of Congress called to carry out the program.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Bhallenger and his assistants are cleared of any suspicion of wrongdoing in connection with the award of railway mail contracts as a result of the investigation of his office recently completed. No illegal collusion has been found between any government official and the railway managers, but a recommendation may be sent to Congress as a result of this inquiry to effect changes in the method of awarding these contracts. There is a well-grounded opinion that the system of competitive bids should be introduced so far as possible.

In administration circles it is denied that there is to be a vindictive investigation of the Standard Oil Company, as has been published in New York papers. There is going to be an investigation of the concern's transactions along conservative lines, and the Standard Oil officials are more disposed to open the company's books to the bureau of corporations than they were last spring when an attempt was made to investigate the corporation.

The case known as the Fayerweather will case was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States in favor of the colleges. The case involves a bequest of about \$2,500,000, made to twenty different colleges by the late Daniel G. Fayerweather, a leather merchant of New York, who died in 1890. The will was attacked by Mr. Fayerweather, widow, and two nieces, fraud being charged.

An earnest effort will be made at this session of Congress to secure the enactment of laws for the better protection of the President. Two years ago both the House and the Senate passed bills with this object in view, and the conferees agreed upon a substitute, which was adopted by the House. The Senate failed, however, to act upon it.

The hens of the American farm yards now produce 1,000,000,000 dozens of eggs annually, and at the average price of the present year they lay, during their busy season, enough eggs in a single month to pay a year's interest on the national debt. We have Secretary Wilson's report to the President as authority for these statements.

All told a session of Congress brings to Washington anywhere from 5,000 to 5,500 representatives. The 500 Senators and Representatives bring with them several thousand camp followers, who have or hope to have government employment of some kind during the session. There may also be noticed a distinct movement in this direction of representatives of special interests of many kinds which need watching at the national capital while the legislators are here.

An extra session of the Fifty-ninth Congress immediately after the adjournment of the Fifty-eighth in March is now known to be the wish of the President. He will not insist upon it, but will make an appeal for it to the leaders in Congress. Aside from the tariff it is said that some special legislation for the Panama Canal strip will be necessary which cannot be considered at the regular short session. On the tariff question it is said the President has declared that if there is to be any change in the Dingley act it should be made as soon as possible.

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