

## SCOURGED INTO DOING SOMETHING

### House Leaders Bow Before Roosevelt.

### WILL PASS DESIRED BILLS

### Threats of Opposition Put Fear Into Hearts.

### THEIR SEATS IN DANGER

### President's Latest Message Causes Panic Among Advocates of Inaction—Fate of Bills in Senate Remains Doubtful.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(Special.)—President Roosevelt's latest message has taken effect in the House of Representatives. Entirely unexpected administration circles, a programme of legislation embracing many of the features outlined by the executive has been inaugurated by the House leaders. Fears for the safety of the Republican majority in the next Congress and alarm for the welfare of prominent individual members, if the doing nothing policy be pursued to its logical end, have brought a sudden great change of heart on the part of those who control the machinery at the popular end of the Capitol.

### Threats Produce Action.

Intimations from the White House that members who disregard matters to which the Republican party virtually was committed by the election of 1906 need expect no aid from the administration for re-election this year, coupled with what have been construed as threats that those who openly obstructed the progressive legislation demanded might look for actual opposition from the same source, have turned plans upside down. As a result, the President is likely to get more action out of the House than he anticipated, and possibly from Congress as a whole.

In their sudden anxiety and zeal to go before the country with a record having done something in the House, the leaders, after a quiet conference, have framed the following programme:

### Programme of the Leaders.

1. Revising the ways and means committee to sit during the Summer recess and prepare for tariff revision next year.

2. Passage of the Vreeland currency measure.

3. Passage of a bill introduced by Payne relative to injunctions.

4. Consent in the House of a bill regulating child labor in the District of Columbia.

5. Passage of the McCall bill relative to publicity in the matter of campaign contributions.

6. Passage of a liability measure applicable to employees of the Government in mechanical work.

### Strengthen Their Record.

The programme does not embrace action on the amendments to the anti-trust law which have been urged, and it does not taken into present consideration what the Senate may do with all the measures outlined in the remaining weeks of this session. But the Republican members of the House, seeing that the President is keeping his record straight, think they must strengthen their own record to some extent before again going before the country.

Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, presented a resolution looking to preliminary work on tariff revision this afternoon.

### Injunction Bill Offered.

Two days ago, just about the time the President's message was on its way from the White House to Congress, Mr. Payne quietly dropped an injunction bill into the box, the fact not becoming known until today.

In addition to these developments, the administration won a pronounced and significant victory this evening, when the House, in committee of the whole, knocked out the provision of the appropriations committee for a beggarly \$50,000 to install the expert examiners system of supervising the accounts of railroads and put an appropriation of \$350,000 at the disposal of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

### MAY WORK DURING RECESS

Payne Asks Authority for Committee's Tariff Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Representative Sereno E. Payne, of New York, chairman of the committee on ways and means, today introduced a resolution authorizing that committee to sit during the recess of Congress and to gather such information through Government agents or otherwise as it may see fit looking toward the preparation of a bill for the revision of the tariff.

Discussing the resolution, Payne said that its purpose was to enlarge the scope of the powers conferred upon the ways and means committee by a somewhat similar resolution introduced by him last December. "Today's resolution," he said, "will enable the committee to carry forward with a freer hand the work already undertaken in preparation for a revision

of the tariff next year. The committee is now gathering preliminary information from Government officials.

"The intention is to continue this preliminary work during the remainder of the present session and in the coming recess, but it should be distinctly understood that no action on the tariff will be undertaken until after the elections next fall."

### DEBATE ON FORESTS LIKELY

Senators Reserve Bone of Contention in Agricultural Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The Senate had under consideration all of today the agricultural appropriation bill. Practically all of the committee amendments were disposed of except those relating to the forest service, which will be taken up tomorrow and which are understood to be likely to provoke debate.

The appropriation for the Bureau of Soils was reduced by the committee from \$332,490 to \$300,000, which is all that was asked for by the Secretary of Agriculture.

McCumber argued that the larger amount was needed.

"I have great admiration for the Sec-



John G. A. Lelshman, American Ambassador to Turkey, Accused of Suppressing Inquiry into Murder of American by Turkish Prince.

retary," said Teller, "but I venture to say that his Scotch blood never restrained him from asking for something he needed."

The committee's action in reducing the appropriation was approved.

The reading of the bill and the approval of the committee amendments consumed practically all of the afternoon.

The bill was then laid aside and will be taken up tomorrow for discussion of amendments for the Forest Service.

## STANDS PAT NO LONGER

### CANNON YIELDS TO DEMAND OF PEOPLE FOR ACTION.

### Rumblings of Republican Revolt in House Move Speaker—Wood Pulp Bill Causes War.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Representative Townsend, of Michigan, has received the assurance of Speaker Cannon, conveyed through Representative Watson, of Indiana, the Republican whip in the House, that the Speaker is not adverse to action at this session on an anti-injunction law and a law to amend the Sherman anti-trust act and that bills for the purpose will be reported within a few days from the judiciary committee.

This action grew out of a step taken by Mr. Townsend to obtain the signature of enough Republican members to call a caucus to commit the majority favorably on such measures.

The statement was made today by a prominent Republican in the House that a movement is on foot backed by between 30 and 40 members of the majority to refuse consent to the passage of any financial bill at this session until assurance has been given that something will be done toward placing wood pulp on the free list.

### MURDER FRENCH TROOPS

### Natives Ambush and Kill Detachment in West Africa.

PARIS, April 30.—A dispatch has been received from Dagan, West Africa, saying that a detachment of troops was ambushed by the natives, while on a march to Noukchott. Every man in the detachment, with the exception of one officer, was massacred.

### CLAWED BY LEOPARDS

### Animals Escape From Zoo and Injure Baltimore Boy.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 30.—During the performance at the Zoo tonight two leopards jumped the barrier, landing among the audience. A boy was badly clawed about the face and neck and a stampede of the audience barely averted.

### Settlers Lose Fight.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—An adverse report was ordered today by the House committee on public lands on the Senate bill providing for four months' leave of absence during the Winter for all homestead settlers.

### Two for Taft in Arkansas.

NEWPORT, Ark., April 30.—Republicans of the Second Arkansas District today elected H. H. Meyers and Charles D. Honey delegates to the National Convention and instructed them for Taft.

## SETTLER'S HOME BLOWN TO ATOMS

### Family Stunned; Barely Escapes Alive.

### TRAGEDY NEAR WARDNER, IDAHO

### Dynamite Used With Terrific Effect—Cattle Killed.

### SUSPECT FINN LABORERS

### Whole Community Aroused and Serious Trouble Feared When Arrests Made—Posse Searches for Perpetrators of Crime.

WARDNER, Idaho, April 30.—(Special.)—With their home blown to atoms by the explosion of a large quantity of dynamite, themselves cut in many places and badly stunned by the shock, and their hired man blown many feet from the house by the powder and badly injured, E. A. Carlson and wife have reached Kingston, eight miles below Wardner, after a hard journey down the river.

They relate a harrowing story of their nearness to death at the hands of would-be assassins. The Carlsons reside on a ranch up the North Fork River and had just completed a large new house on their ranch. Last evening, just after retiring, a terrific explosion of dynamite took place, completely demolishing the house and furniture, and throwing the inmates many feet through the air, injuring and stunning them. The hired man was found 50 feet from the house in a dazed condition. All the animals in the barn north of the house were killed or injured and the barn torn down.

Just who set the blast off has not been learned as yet, though officials are at work on the case and expect to capture the parties soon. It is stated that some Finns living in the woods nearby have been making threats against settlers, and the work of dynamiting is laid at their door.

Great excitement is felt all along the river by the many settlers. Serious trouble is looked for unless the officers are strong enough to prevent a riot.

### CAR DROPS OVER BLUFF

### Conductor and Motorman Have Narrow Escape at Tacoma.

TACOMA, May 1.—Car No. 17, inbound, on the Jefferson-avenue line of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company, got beyond control of Motorman A. W. Williams on a steep hill at South Twenty-seventh street and Jefferson avenue at 12:35 this morning and plunged over a 300-foot embankment, carrying with it

Conductor H. J. Bond and E. G. Gordon, the only passenger aboard.

Motorman Williams, as the car failed to take the curve near the foot of the hill, was pitched out of the door at the left side of the car and thrown violently against a wooden blacksmith shop, but escaped serious injury.

The conductor and passenger remained inside the car as it took its plunge down the embankment, and rested within a few feet of the Northern Pacific tracks. Bond received ugly scalp wounds, a deep cut near the outside corner of his right eye and a terrible shaking up. Gordon escaped miraculously with only a slight glass cut upon the hand. Both Bond and Gordon were sent to a hospital. The car turned over once in its descent. A wrecking crew has been sent out to demolish the wreckage.

### STEAL \$5000 IN DIAMONDS

### Tacoma Sneak-Thieves Work Clever Trick on Frank C. Hart.

TACOMA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Three clever sneak-thieves today entered the jewelry store of Frank C. Hart, 950 Pacific avenue, and while the proprietor, his cashier and a clerk were busy in the rear of the store, wrapping purchases for other customers, one of the thieves stole about \$5000 worth of loose diamonds, emeralds and rubies that Mr. Hart had just placed in a table drawer in the display-room near the store entrance. There were between 15 and 25 loose stones in the lot stolen. It was the work of but a minute or two. When Mr. Hart and his cashier returned to the front of the store, the three men had left. Mr. Hart immediately thought of the wallet of gems and suspected something was wrong. Hurrying to the drawer where the diamonds had been left, his suspicions were confirmed when he found the wallet and diamonds missing.

## SEIZES HONDURAN CONSUL

### GUATEMALA CABINET MINISTER INVADES CONSULATE.

### Insults Flag of Uruguay and Forces Representative of That Country to Flee.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 30.—It is rumored here tonight that Juan Barrios, Guatemalan Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the head of a body of troops late yesterday entered the Consul-General of Uruguay's residence and seized Honduran Consul-General Mindes and his son, who had taken refuge there during the day.

The Uruguayan Consul-General was absent from home. As soon as he heard of the affair he fled to the American legation, where he asked for protection, and he is now a refugee in the legation of the United States.

The capital of Guatemala is described as being the center of turbulent scenes.

### DYNAMITE PHOENIX CLUB

### Internal Machine Placed in Home of Cincinnati Organization.

CINCINNATI, O., April 30.—An attempt was made shortly before midnight to destroy the palatial quarters of the Phoenix Club by placing in the main entrance a dynamite machine so constructed that it would explode at the time the door was opened.

Frank J. Bussell, a bartender, had the greatest portion of his left hand blown off and the explosion destroyed his hearing.

## WILD WEST WAYS EXTENDING EAST

### Train Held Up in Pittsburgh Suburb.

### ROBBERS GET MUCH CURRENCY

### Express Manager Bound and Gagged by Them.

### NO OBSTACLE TO ESCAPE

### Only Eleven Miles From Heart of Smoky City, Express Car Is Looted—Four Bags of Money Taken.

PITTSBURG, April 30.—Two train robbers, who evidently boarded the New York and St. Louis express, on the Panhandle Railroad of the Pennsylvania system, at the Union Station in this city, when that train left at 10:59 tonight, ten minutes late, overpowered the express messenger and got away with four bags of currency, containing an amount of money as yet unknown. The robbery was committed near Walker's Station, a particularly lonely and isolated spot in a rough section of country about 11 miles west of the city.

### Too Frightened to Tell.

The train, one of the fastest on the road, which is not scheduled to stop between here and Steubenville, O., was brought to a sudden halt by an emergency signal from the bell cord, and when William Lafferty, the conductor, went forward to learn the trouble he found N. Rosen, the Adams Express messenger, bound and gagged in the express car and so frightened that he could not give any connected report of what had happened. Except that both of the robbers were white, the express messenger is unable to give an identification that would aid the secret service forces of the railroad companies and he city and county detective force, all of whom have been called out to work on the case.

The express safe was open, according to information received here, and the messenger was making up bills for packages received from the local offices, and the robbery was accomplished in a very few minutes. Persons standing on the station platform at Carnegie, a short distance from the place where the robbers left the train, report having seen the express messenger at work in his car and two men on the platform outside the car.

### Bags of Currency Stolen.

It is known that four bags, all sealed and containing money, were taken from the car, but nothing is known as to the amount contained in either bag. The train is one of the most important

of the road and usually carries much currency and other express matter from New York and intermediate stations to the West.

There is a dense wood near Walker's Station, where the robbers pulled the bell and left the train, and into this wood the robbers disappeared.

### TWO HURT IN SMASH-UP

### Car Loaded With Rock Runs Away and Strikes Locomotive.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—A heavy Southern Pacific car loaded with rock got beyond the control of the brakeman, Charles Symons, while being switched at Ocean View today and rushed down the grade into the city. At Twenty-fifth and Valencia streets it struck the engine of an outbound San Jose passenger train with terrific force. The car was wrecked and the engine badly damaged. Brakeman Symons was severely injured. Express Messenger James Herrin, on the passenger train, was hurt, but not seriously.

Engineer George Realing saw the runaway car coming and stopped his train so as to lessen the force of the shock

## FINISH OF LILLEY INQUIRY DRAMATIC

### Author of Anonymous Letters Found.

### FRED B. WHITNEY CONFESSES

### Official of Concern Rival to the Electric Boat Company.

### PURPOSES WERE HONEST

### Lawyer Says His Idea Was to Reveal Improper Methods Used by Competitor—Admits a Lack of Personal Knowledge.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The investigation into the legislative methods employed by the Electric Boat Company, directed by the House of Representatives, and a resolution introduced February 20, last, by Representative George L. Lilley, of Connecticut, is ended so far as open sessions of the special House committee which has been conducting it, are concerned.

The closing hours of the case were dramatic. Frederick Brown Whitney, an attorney at law, admitted that he was the author of the anonymous letters of February 12 and February 15 to the representative of the Detroit Free Press and state Senator Frank Edinborough, of Michigan, which have figured so prominently in the investigation.

### In Form of Affidavit.

The admission of Mr. Whitney was made in the form of an affidavit which was read by his counsel, ex-U. S. Senator Thurston, of Nebraska. Mr. Thurston stated that Mr. Whitney is ill in the Gardfield Hospital in this city and that it would be impossible for him to appear before the committee.

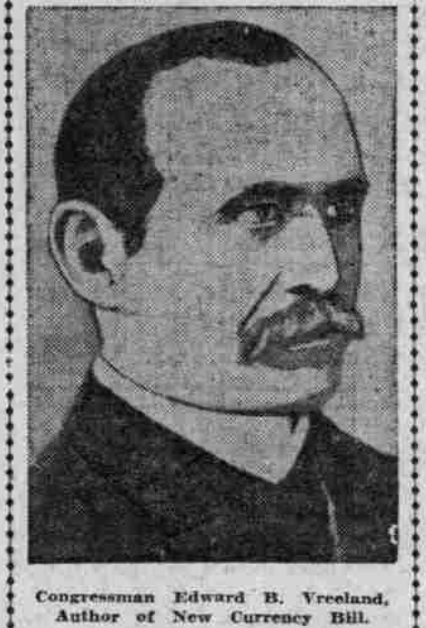
### Reasons for Action.

The reason for writing the anonymous letters were given by Mr. Whitney as follows:

"That of my own initiative he undertook what appeared to him at the time to be not improper methods to have brought to the attention of Congress the methods which he had believed had been pursued by the Electric Boat Company in their endeavor to secure through Congressional action what might be termed exclusive legislation which would shut out competition and prevent the Lake Torpedo Company from competing in the United States for submarine torpedo-boat construction."

### No Personal Knowledge.

In conclusion the affidavit states that Mr. Whitney has no personal knowledge from which he could give any evidence to sustain any of the charges of Representative Lilley.



Congressman Edward B. Vreeland, Author of New Currency Bill.

which he knew could not be averted. Engineer Arnold and his fireman then jumped for their lives. They escaped with slight bruises. None of the passengers were hurt.

### NO NEW CASES OF PLAGUE

### Reports From La Guayra Are Now Encouraging.

CARACAS, Tuesday, April 23.—A bulletin issued by the Government today declares that there have been no new cases of the disease at La Guayra, supposed to be the bubonic plague, during the past four days.

### Many Flee From Plague.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, April 30.—The Red D line steamer Philadelphia arrived here yesterday from Puerto Caballo. Twenty of her passengers were sent to quarantine. The steamer brings reports of alarming conditions in Venezuela. Many people are leaving on account of the plague.

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