



## REVISED TARIFF IS TARGET OF ATTACK

### Cross-Fire From Both Sides of Issue.

## DEBATE TO BEGIN ON MONDAY

### Democrats Will Assail Provisions in Detail.

## HALE UP IN ARMS ALREADY

### Declares Bill Would Destroy Pulp Industry of Maine—Battle Probable on House Rule to Restrict Debate.

#### NEW TARIFF ON NORTHWEST PRODUCTS.

Wood pulp—Free.  
Print Paper—Worth not over 24 cents, 1-10 cent per pound; worth over 24 cents, 2-10 cent per pound.  
Lumber—Timber, 1/2 cent per cubic foot; sawed boards, 20 cents per 1000; all other sawed lumber, \$1; if further advanced and manufactured, the same reduction from the present law; paving stone, railroad ties, telephone poles and so forth, 10 per centum ad valorem; shingles, \$1 per thousand; laths, 20 cents per 1000 pieces; fence posts, free tax.  
Wool—Carpet, valued at not over 10 cents per pound, 5 cents per pound; more than 10 cents and not over 15 cents, 3 cents per pound and 1/2 cent for each additional cent of value; worth more than 15 cents, 7 cents per pound.  
Hides—Free; band and sole leather, 5 per cent ad valorem; upper leather, 15 per cent ad valorem; boots and shoes, 15 per cent ad valorem.  
Coal—Bituminous, free from countries admitting free.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Making slashing reductions in duties on many of the principal products of American industry, the Payne tariff bill was today introduced in the House. It has already become the target of a cross-fire from the manufacturers on whose rates of duty the assault is made and their supporters in Congress on the one hand and from those Democrats who maintain that the tariff did not strike deep enough on the other hand. The champions of the iron and steel and the paper industry have already declared themselves and other industries will doubtless soon be heard from.

#### House to Begin Debate Monday.

The full membership of the House committee on ways and means, including Democrats, will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning formally to consider the bill. The Senate committee on finance will at the same time begin informal consideration. It is likely that the House committee will have only one sitting on the bill, that the measure will be reported to the House immediately after it convenes tomorrow and that its formal reading in committee of the whole will soon begin.

General debate will be postponed until Monday, if Payne's present programme is followed. After that the measure probably will be before the House from 10 days to two weeks.

This plan is slightly different from that followed in considering other tariff bills of recent years. It had been expected that the Democratic members of the committee would be afforded more time than is now contemplated for the consideration of the bill in committee. It is still possible that, if they insist upon delay and succeed in presenting good reasons, they may be accommodated.

#### Clark to Attack in Detail.

Clark said today that he would make every effort in the committee, as he would on the floor of the House, to have the bill amended, and for that reason would ask for longer time. He added, however, that he would not press for more time for preparing a minority report, as that could be formulated as well after the bill had been reported as before.

Payne's inclination is to get the bill into the House at the earliest practicable moment and his plans are so complete that it is not believed he will yield for a mere plea to offer amendments.

It is probable that a compromise will be reached and that the Democratic members will accept a proposition permitting them to present their amendments on the floor. Clark indicated that his principal plea would be for that provision. He said he did not consider general debate as of nearly so much importance as the discussion of the bill, paragraph by paragraph, with the opportunity to suggest changes in the various schedules. It is therefore probable that, if Payne and his fellow Republican members of the committee concede this privilege, the Democrats will accept it in lieu of similar privilege in committee, and make no serious protest against the immediate reporting of the bill.

#### Length of Debate Doubtful.

No announcement as to the length of debate has been made and Payne has been quite wary on this point. The Dingler bill was discussed in the House for only 19 days and that time four days were devoted to general debate.

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## QUAKES AS CAUSE OF MINE HORORS

### SCIENTIST HAS THEORY OF RELATIONSHIP.

### Los Angeles Man Says Earth Jars Open Fissures by Which Gases Reach Mines.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 17.—(Special.)—William A. Spalding, a local scientist, who ranks high as a writer on the subject of earthquakes and allied natural phenomena, has reached the conclusion that the records of quakes, volcanoes and mine disasters furnish sufficient evidence to prove a strong possibility of intimate relationship.

His theory is that earthquakes and volcanic eruptions disturb the earth's crust and open fissures through which explosive gases are discharged into deep mines and great caves. Consequently during and immediately after severe disturbances of the earth's crust the accumulations of gases in mines are greater than usual, and explosions more likely to occur.

Mine operators all over the country are discussing the advisability of installing instruments to detect earth shocks in mines as a measure for the safety of the men who are employed underground.

## SECURES ART TREASURES

### New Tariff Will Cause Importation of Over \$20,000,000 Worth.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Under the new provision of the proposed tariff which permits the importation of paintings and works of art more than 20 years old duty free, art treasures valued at between \$20,000 and \$20,000,000 soon will grace the private and public galleries in the United States.

Discussion of the effect of the new tariff on works of art among artists and collectors today brought out the fact that the art possessions abroad of J. P. Morgan are worth nearly \$4,000,000. It is well known that Mr. Morgan is one of the most enthusiastic of the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and that the removal of the duty which has kept his art treasures in London will now permit their transportation to New York.

Among the canvases owned by Mr. Morgan abroad are Raphael's "Madonna of St. Anthony of Padua," upon which a value of \$500,000 is placed; Rubens' "Portrait of the Grand Duke," worth \$125,000; and the famous Gainsborough canvases, "Duchess of Devonshire," for which \$150,000 was paid.

## BILLS BAR SABBATH FUN

### Utah Solons Enact Modern Blue Laws, Even Stopping Traffic.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 17.—The House, having passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to buy a ticket to a baseball game, a theatrical performance, a moving picture show and a great variety of other entertainments, when given on Sunday, as well as to conduct the entertainments on that day, the Senate has approved the bill with certain amendments. These provide for the punishment of anyone maintaining a bathing or pleasure resort and of any railroad selling tickets or transporting passengers to such a resort on the first day of the week. With these provisions added, the measure has been returned to the House for concurrence.

## WIFE TELLS PITIFUL TALE

### Says Millionaire Husband Falsely Accused of Bigamy.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 17.—Declaring that the charge of bigamy sworn out in Missouri against Mitchell A. W. McDonald, a millionaire lumber and mine operator, now in the county jail here, was a scheme to extort money in addition to thousands he has paid already, Mrs. Catherine McDonald, his wife, told Governor Johnson such a pitiful story today that the Governor held up the requisition papers he had already signed.

The warrant on which McDonald was arrested was issued at Kansas City and alleges that Belle Hamilton, said now to be in Kansas City, was married May 20, 1906, to McDonald. It alleges that at that time McDonald was married to Catherine McDonald.

## WIDOW SEEKS INSURANCE

### Mrs. Rustin Sues Five Companies for Policies Aggregating \$40,000.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 17.—Suits have been filed in the Louisville courts against five accident insurance companies by the widow of Dr. Frederick Rustin, of Omaha, found dead on his doorstep in that city on September 2 under sensational circumstances. Dr. Rustin, who was a noted Yale athlete on the teams of 1888, is tacitly accused by the companies which are withholding payment, of a conspiracy with an Omaha woman to have himself killed by her.

He was found dying on the front porch of his home by his wife, who heard the shot which ended Dr. Rustin's life. The policies aggregate about \$40,000.

## ARSENIC POISONS FAMILY

### Colored Cook Mistakes Drug for Pepper, and Three May Die.

MABEN, Miss., March 17.—Seven members of the family of Robert Cotton, a wealthy planter, were poisoned today by eating fried eggs containing arsenic, which the colored cook used by mistake for pepper. Three small children are in a critical condition.

## IOWA FIRM BUYS TIMBER HOLDINGS

### Pays \$700,000 for Two Cowlitz Tracts.

## CROSSETT COMPANY IS BUYER

### D. C. Pelton Sells 3000 Acres and Syndicate 5300.

## BUILD MILL IN PORTLAND

### Concern That Has Acquired Rich Acreage of Yellow Fir and Cedar Will Soon Establish Big Plant Here.

The Crossett Timber Company, of Davenport, Ia., has purchased the timber holdings of D. C. Pelton, of Portland, situated in Cowlitz County, Washington, for a consideration of \$250,000, and is negotiating for the purchase of the holdings of E. N. Selling and Finley Morrison, & Son, the latter of Portland, for a consideration of \$450,000. The sale by Selling and Morrison & Son has also been practically closed. It is understood.

The Pelton holdings consist of 3000 acres of the standing yellow fir and cedar situated in Townships 8, 9 and 10, Ranges 1, 2 and 3 east, Cowlitz County, while the properties of Selling and Morrison adjoin them and include 5300 acres. Both of the tracts were bought up in single homestead and timber claims from original settlers.

## Is Competitor of Weyerhaeuser.

The purchase is an indication of the competition between the Crossett people and the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company in the Pacific Northwest, as the holdings just obtained lie close to the vast tracts owned by the Weyerhaeuser Company.

A. P. Sprague, of Elgin, Or., with offices at 204 Commercial Club building, carried on the negotiations as the representative of the Crossett Company. Under the supervision of Mr. Sprague the land has been thoroughly explored and estimated since L. S. Franck, of Portland, obtained an independent option on the Property February 3.

Mr. Franck conducted the sale of the Pelton property and is interested in the prospective sale of the Selling-Morrison holdings. The latter deal is being conducted by Finley Morrison, Board of Trade Building, who represents his own firm and E. N. Selling, of Manistee, Mich.

## Ship Logs to Portland.

The timber line near Castle Rock and Silver Lake, occupying a large district between the two places. It is not intended to commence immediate logging operations, but the Crossett Company

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## UNBREAKABLE RAIL WILL SAVE LIVES

### BOON TO RAILROADS HAS BEEN DISCOVERED.

### Independent Company Perfects New Rail That Stands All Tests but Costs Dearly.

CHICAGO, March 17.—(Special.)—The railroads of the United States can have a steel rail which will be guaranteed not to break, provided they are willing to pay the price. This statement is made by officials of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, an independent manufacturer of steel rails.

While the officials of the company are trying to impress this upon the operating men of the country, nearly 400 engineering and operating experts are gathered here trying to draft such specifications and compel such tests as will insure rails which will not break and cause loss of life and property.

Among the exhibits is one by this independent steel company, which has a new rail and which stands ready to guarantee that it has a life many times as great as the famous Bessemer rail. Should this statement prove true, the American railroads will have an end of the vexed steel rail problem, which is costing them, they say, many lives besides destroying millions of dollars worth of property every year.

## SUFFRAGETTES SCENT PLOT

### Oklahoma Women Declare Solons Have Conspired Against Them.

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 17.—(Special.)—Many Oklahoma suffragettes refuse to vote. They claim there is a deep-laid plot against them by the election officials, because it is required of them in registering to fill out a slip giving their age, color of hair and eyes, and their politics. D. S. Levy, of Oklahoma City, secretary of the County Election Board, says of these requirements:

"But very few women will register. The ladies declare the new law is a deliberate slap at woman suffrage, and there is much fear and trembling on the part of the Legislators."

## FOUR KILLED BY MOROS

### Members of Naval Expedition Shot in Filipino Battle.

NEWARK, N. J., March 17.—Mrs. William Cook, of this city, whose husband enlisted in the Navy and went to the Philippines last July, announced tonight that her husband had been killed by natives. Mrs. Cook said she had been informed today by the Navy Department that Cook and three others were shot during a fight two weeks ago.

## MODJESKA IS VERY ILL

### Physicians Constantly Attend Famous Retired Actress.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 17.—(Special.)—A brief dispatch from Newport Beach says that Mme. Modjeska, the retired actress, is dangerously ill with a complication of diseases. Two physicians are in constant attendance.

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## FRANCE CUT OFF FROM ALL NATIONS

### Telegraph Strike Has Covered Republic.

## ALL BUSINESS IS SUSPENDED

### Government Cannot Continue Balkan Negotiations.

## CLEMENCEAU SHOWS FIGHT

### Confident Government Will Win, Though Telegraph, Telephone and Mail Service Blocked and Strikers Stand Firm.

PARIS, March 17.—France was virtually completely cut off for a time tonight from telegraphic and telephonic communication with the rest of the world, and Paris was isolated. After a few hours, however, telephonic communication between this city and London and Berlin was restored by volunteers from other branches of the public service.

Premier Clemenceau officially refused to offer terms to the strikers. He told the Justices of Paris, who suggested a bill creating a superior council which would consider the employees' grievances, that the Government would promise nothing while the employees remained out. The Premier declared the strike was senseless, entailing the gravest consequences, not only to business but to the country from an international point of view.

## Clemenceau Accepts Fight.

"The employees want to fight," he said, "and we accept. I am confident that the Government will win."

The strike extended rapidly throughout the day and at 8 o'clock the operators at the Bourse marched out, severing the last strands, which included the French Cable Company's New York-Brest communication. Simultaneously the failure of the night telephone operators to appear put the final means of quick communication out of commission.

## Other Cities Join Strike.

The situation in the provinces cannot be considered much better, the public service employees in most of the larger cities having followed the lead of their Paris comrades. The international and interurban mails are at a standstill, entailing heavy business losses. Some of the larger commercial and financial firms have sent agents to London, Brussels, Antwerp, Strasbourg and other places, where they are receiving messages and conducting operations. The houses here, at Lyons, Marseilles, and other centers

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## MAFIA THREATENS AMERICAN CONSUL

### Warned to Stop Search for Criminals.

### W. H. Bishop, at Palermo, Receives Letter Telling Him to Drop Petrolini Case at Peril of Death.

PALERMO, March 17.—American Consul W. H. Bishop has received letters threatening his life and declaring that the Mafia will punish him even worse than it did Lieutenant Petrolini if he continues to persecute Sicilian criminals who wish to find a refuge in New York.

A similar fate for him is threatened in case he does not stop inciting the Italian police to seek the arrest of persons suspected of complicity in the plot against Petrosini. Consul Bishop handed the letters to the police, who took immediate steps to protect him and the American Consulate.

ROME, March 17.—The Italian Government has sent a communication to the authorities of a large number of cities, requesting that vigorous search be made for the murderers of Lieutenant Petrosini and their accomplices. Especial vigilance is being observed in Constantinople, Tunis, Marseilles, Malta and ports of Egypt, while detectives have been sent to the place where the Mafia is known to have many adherents.

## THREE DEAD IN EXPLOSION

### Terrific Blast in Coeur d'Alene Works Wrecks Plant.

WALLACE, Idaho, March 17.—(Special.)—Three employees of the Coeur d'Alene powder works lost their lives this afternoon in an explosion which wrecked the frame buildings of the plant, wrecked the fifth and also the building used as a concentrator by the Coeur d'Alene concentrating Company.

The victims are: R. J. Skalberg, foreman, who leaves a widow and three children in Wallace; Pete Pico, married, who lived near the powder works; Alvin Nelson, unmarried, who recently came from Seattle; J. K. Ogilvy, engineer, was severely bruised about the head and neck, injuries not serious.

The cause of the explosion is believed by Ogilvy to be the result of friction on the copper screen in the mixing room, where powder was being made and in which nearly 1500 pounds of nitro-glycerin was used.

The force of the explosion was augmented by nearly five tons of manufactured product stored in the buildings.

## SEEKS ALIMONY 7 YEARS

### Divorced Wife Finally Catches Former Husband by Chance.

DENVER, Colo., March 17.—(Special.)—Charging that for seven years he hedged payment of alimony for the support of their son, now aged 14, Mrs. Nellie McGregor caused her husband's arrest after chasing him from California, and this morning Judge Dixon ordered John H. McGregor to pay her \$700 and costs.

In December, 1896, the husband obtained a divorce in San Francisco. The mother was given the custody of the child and the husband, after paying her \$350, was ordered to pay \$10 a month for the boy's maintenance.

McGregor did this until May, 1902, when he left California. While Mrs. McGregor was on a visit to Denver recently she met him by accident, started legal proceedings, and he must pay or go to jail.

## NEVADA BARS GAMBLING

### Bill Will Be Signed by Governor. Bridge Under Ban.

CARSON, Nev., March 17.—By a vote of 41 to 5 the Nevada Assembly concurred today in the Senate amendments to the anti-gambling bill. The Legislature will adjourn tomorrow and the Governor has intimated that he will sign the bill.

The new law is made effective October 1, 1910, immediately preceding a state election, at which it may be voted through by referendum.

Bridge whist, poker and all banking games are prohibited under penalty for misdemeanor, punishable in justice court by six months in jail or \$500 fine.

## BIG TOWER FOR WIRELESS

### Government Will Erect 600-Foot Long-Distance Structure.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The 600-foot tower which the Government proposes to erect for wireless telegraph purposes will be located at Annapolis, Md., according to an official announcement made today.

It will be capable of sending messages 500 miles and of receiving them from a distance of 1000 miles. Its foundation will extend 80 feet into the earth and its diameter at the base will be 50 feet, and at the top eight feet. Concrete will be used in construction.

## MISSOURI AFTER NEGROES

### State Senate Passes Qualification Bill to Disfranchise Blacks.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 17.—The Senate passed a bill today to provide an educational qualification for voters. Most of the Republicans voted no.

The theory of the Democrats was that the bill would disfranchise more negroes than it would ignorant white foreigners.

## HARRIMAN READY TO GIVE UP REINS

### Physicians Tell Him He Has Done Enough.

## GRADUALLY YIELD CONTROL

### Will Let Go as Fast as Can and Consider Health.

## COMMENT ON ROOSEVELT

### Not Altogether to Blame, but Went Too Far—Favors Regulation, but Thinks Competition Wastes Capital.

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—"Physicians have warned me that I must step out; they say that I have done enough. I am 51 years of age and have led a very active life. Yesterday they told me that they had noticed a change for the worse in my condition."

These words were used by E. H. Harriman today to newspaper men in announcing his determination to relinquish gradually the active supervision of his far-flung railroad holdings.

Mr. Harriman did not say that he would give up his control at once, nor announce any time when he would be free from the activities which have characterized his career, but he said that he would let go just as fast as he could with reason, and that he would consider his health now above all else.

In the same talk Mr. Harriman spoke of Theodore Roosevelt and his use of the "big stick" on corporations.

"The former President was not altogether to blame," said Mr. Harriman, "although he went too far. The panic would not have resulted if Mr. Roosevelt had not carried on his prosecution of the cases against the railroads with such vigor."

Mr. Harriman said he favored regulation and fair treatment; that the transportation lines never wanted to give rebates, but that existing conditions made it necessary.

"Railroad rates were never in a more stable condition than when he was in," he said. "Capital should be devoted to development."

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