

DIPLOMATS TO BE CHOSEN ON WEDNESDAY

Taft Orders Examination of Prospective Secretaries as First Step.

KNOX'S PLAN IS ADOPTED

Offices to Be Graded and Promotion Is Designed to Follow Excellent Work—Physical Test Is Part of Plan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—To improve the personnel and efficiency of the Diplomatic Service and to encourage Secretaries of Legations to qualify for promotion to the rank of Minister, President Taft has approved a plan suggested by Secretary Knox, and he published it tonight as an executive order.

The new project provides for a board of examiners to pass upon all applicants for appointment of Secretaries and provides the standard to be maintained by Secretaries. Knox in a letter submitting his plan to the President points out the remarkable growth of the political and commercial relations of the United States with foreign nations and the increasing difficulty of the problems to be dealt with.

Promotions Are Promised. Record of efficiency of all the Under Secretaries will be preserved in the State Department and appointment from outside the service to Secretaryships will be made only to the class of Third Secretary of Embassy, Second Secretary of Legation, or of Secretary of Legation at posts which have assigned to them only one Secretary. Vacancies in the higher classes in the future will be filled by promotion from lower grades and efficiency and ability demonstrated in the service will be the test of advancement.

All the Secretaryships in the future will be graded according to the importance or difficulty of other aspects of the work done at each mission and the classifications will be made known to the service so that every man may know just where he stands. The examining board, to consist of the Secretary of State, the Director of the Department of State, the Chief of the Diplomatic Bureau and the Chief Examiner of the Civil Service Commission, will determine the fitness of candidates designated by the President for examinations.

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kota, and the House because of the deaths of Representatives DeArmond of Missouri and Lassiter of Virginia, all of which have occurred in the recess. Mr. Thompson, who succeeds Senator Johnson, will be sworn in, as will be Mr. McCredie and Mr. Hays, the one successor of the late Representative Cushman of Washington, and the other of William Lorimer of Illinois, advanced to the Senate.

FOWLER TARIFF BILL READY

Commission to Fix Duties, Within Limits Set by Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Representative Charles W. Fowler, of Virginia, tonight gave out a statement outlining the tariff commission bill which he will introduce in the House tomorrow. The bill, as described by Mr. Fowler, provides that Congress shall fix the maximum and minimum schedules or rates, and that the commission, consisting of 15 members, shall, with the approval of the President, fix the actual rates to be paid at some point between the maximum and minimum rates so established by Congress. The bill also provides that approved shall become effective or operative for 18 months after having been promulgated by the President, but that every industry affected by tariff changes may have ample time to adjust itself to new conditions.

Mr. Fowler declares it to be perfectly clear "that unless the Republican party gets rid of Aldrichism and Cannonism, the people will get rid of the Republican party." Fowler asserts that the people's hopes have been turned to despair and their faith to resentment, and he says he does not believe that they will permit Aldrich to "pick their pockets through the ledger-books of words." He is a "thunderbolt of righteous indignation and punitive wrath" as about to "strike, slatter and paralyze" the Republican party unless it utterly repudiates Aldrichism and its subservient implement, Cannonism.

Impending defeat and the loss of the next House of Representatives, Mr. Fowler says, can be avoided only "by embarking on our party banners the pledges: 'First, we are against Aldrichism and Cannonism. Second, we demand tariff revision hereafter by evolution, and not by revolution. Third, we demand tariff revision based on ascertained facts, and not upon selfish trades and corrupt agreements. Fourth, we demand a permanent, broad and responsible tariff commission, which shall ascertain the facts, obviate trade wars and assist in securing and retaining the good will and friendship of all nations, and thus add just and advantageous trade treaties.'"

TAFT TO TALK HARBORS

PRESIDENT MAY OPEN WATERWAYS CONGRESS THIS WEEK.

Delegates Meet for First Time Without "Pork Barrel" Sentiment.

Governors Speak.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The President, members of his Cabinet, Governors of five states, members of Congress and other men prominent in National life will attend the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which will begin a three days' session here Wednesday.

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Ribbons -- 10 Yards for 10c

Ribbons—No. 1 satin taffeta ribbon for making holiday gifts, fancy work, etc. 10c. 10-yard piece, special at 10c. Automobile Veils, 2 1/2 yds. long; extra quality chiffon, all popular colors; sample line. Values to \$4.00, each. \$1.98. Women's Novelty Neckwear in croak stocks, rabats, jabots, Venise collars or lace stocks, all new designs. Regular values to \$1.00, special. 48c. Ostrich Boas—A sample line; 1 1/2 and 2 yards long; colors, white, gray, brown and evening shades; regular values \$7.50 up to \$20. For Monday \$12.50. Regular values up to \$27.50, for each. \$12.50. Women's Silk Elastic Belts, fitted with handsome buckles in wide selection; all the best shades. Regular 75c and \$1.00 values, special at 48c. \$1.50 and \$2.00 values. 98c.

Opera Wraps Over \$50 at Half

Pay just one-half of the marked price and become the owner of any opera or evening coat or cape in our stocks, that sells regularly at \$50.00 or more. Why be content with mediocre styles and qualities when the finest grades to be had, and the best fashions produced, are on sale at half price? Wonderful selection of colors and materials, rich and handsome plain effects or triumphs of tasteful trimming. All at \$50 and up. 1/2 PRICE. ALL EVENING DRESSES AND GOWNS WORTH \$75 AND UP AT HALF—Preferred materials, styles and shades; a comprehensive selection in every particular. No reserve. Every gown or dress we own, worth \$75.00 or more, today at HALF.

Gifts for Men From This Complete Stock

Economize on your men's gifts this year and simplify your shopping by coming to one great store where all his wants are catered to, and low department-store prices are charged. Come where only first qualities are to be found, no matter how low the price. Come and choose the things that you'll be sure he likes and let him know that they come from the Style Center of the Northwest.

Men's Housecoats in endless selection. At the present time our line presents a faultless assortment. Every size is here, and those who come now to look stand no chance of disappointment. If you wish, we will lay away any housecoat in our stock upon paying one-fourth the price. Men's Fancy Hosiery, Suspenders, dress protectors, fancy vests, sweater coats, dress or golf shirts, silk handkerchiefs, and all the accessories to dress that fastidious fellows like. Men's Neckwear is one of the most popular articles for Christmas time. Just find out his taste and come here to please it. You'll please your purse as well, for good qualities do not cost much here. Latest shapes and colorings, up from 50c. Men's Bath Robes and dressing gowns, of all sorts, distinctive patterns, in new blanket effects. Browns, grays, blues and a good assortment of designs and colors \$5.00. Prices up from \$1.00.

Huck Towels Very finest grade of Richardson's imported Irish huck-a-back towels; hand-stitched and embroidered; ideal for Christmas gifts. Special this week. Regular \$2.00 values, special this week, only \$1.50. Regular \$2.50 values, special this week, only \$2.00. Regular \$2.75 values, special this week, only \$2.10. Very finest quality sheer linen lawn; regularly worth \$3.19 the yard; special price \$1.98.

Olds, Wortman & King \$1.75 Gloves \$1.29 a Pair

Come in and View the Many Wonderful Values in Toyland

Today, Monday, is the opening of Our Fourth Floor Fairyland—the supply center of the toys that will delight all the good boys and girls on Christmas. Old and young are cordially invited to wander through the department and absorb the Xmas spirit that pervades the very atmosphere of an up-to-date Toyshop. Dolls that awaken the most eager anticipations in all the little girls who see them and which make the older women sorry they are not girls once more so that they, too, might mother one of these little beauties. Jolly little ladies with cloth faces, dolls that will stand much rough handling, or stately madames in handsome gowns that would make the most fastidious society belle envy them their admiration. All the newest toys for boys that like things with "go" in them—Electric railways, friction toys, electric and steam engines, shoot the chutes. In doll house furnishings we are showing unbreakable dishes in several colors. Better buy early.

Suits \$60 and Above at Half

Our entire stock of fancy and plain suits that sell regularly for \$60.00 and up go at this sweeping reduction today. There's the grandest choice that ever faced Portland shoppers in any sale before attempted. This includes our handsome models in three-piece suits and there is so wide a range of choice in colors, style and grade that all women who are of an economical turn of mind must and will share in the bargain. The best tailors in the land fashioned these lovely garments, the best materials obtainable enter into their construction and they are the best and latest modes. All worth \$60.00 and up, and will be placed on sale today at just ONE-HALF PRICE.

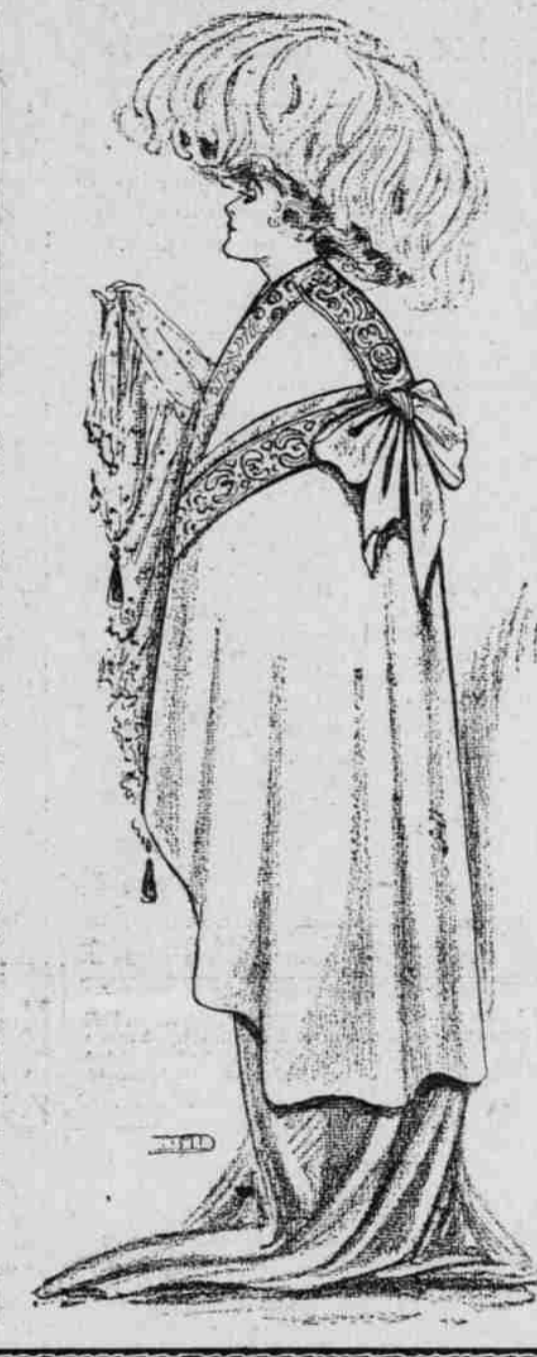
Leather Goods and Jewelry

Among the leather goods and jewelry are choice gifts for men or women. Unique and different presents may be selected here, too, for this is the only store in Portland showing a full line of direct importations in genuine Parisian jewelry. The cleverly-wrought pieces of artistic handwork in rare and beautiful designs are the envy of all who see them. Choose while it is early in the shopping season.

Gifts for Men Are: Stick pins, cuffs links, rings, watch fobs, key rings, manicure sets, desk needfuls, bill-books, purses, card cases, cigar cases, collar bags, etc. We sell merchandise certificates for Men's Gloves if you don't know the size. Gifts for Women Are: Hat Pins, Brooches, stick pins, hair ornaments, bracelets, watches, watch fobs, beauty pins, rings, earrings, lockets, neck chains, veil pins, shirt-waist sets, handbags, music rolls, opera glasses, etc.

Slippers for the Whole Family

Lot 1—Men's, Women's and Children's Velvet Slippers: made with carpet or leather soles; also one style in all leather, every size from men's to children's. Regular prices 50c to \$1; all in this lot are ONE-HALF PRICE. Lot 2—Misses' and Children's felt slippers in red, navy or blue; have tips of leather; hand-turned soles. Reg. \$1 values. All sizes at 50c. Lot 3—Women's felt slippers made with hand-turned belting leather soles; black fur trimmed. Colors brown, gray or black. The \$1.25 kind at 50c. Lot 4—Women's felt Juliette: splendid quality; some are trimmed in black, others in brown fur. All are trimmed with neat warm ornaments and are made with finest grade hand-turned soles. Regular \$1.75 slippers, priced at \$1.39. Lot 5—Women's Kid Julietts in 7 styles; in plain or tipped-toe in either kid or patent leather; heels of different heights, leather or rubber soles; hand-turned soles. Most complete assortment of House and Comfort slippers ever shown in one store in Portland. Direct your early attention to the securing of Christmas footwear.



DENIAL TAKEN BACK

Calhoun Is Expected to Accept Post at Pekin.

LONG TALK HAD WITH KNOX

Chicago Lawyer Afterward Told Secretary He Would Take Position, but Has Received No Reply or Notification He Has Job.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—William J. Calhoun tonight denied a report from the Chicago Herald that he had accepted the appointment as Minister to China. He did decline about ten days ago, but since then had been induced to reconsider the matter. Mr. Calhoun explained that he had been induced by Secretary of State Knox to reconsider his determination not to accept the appointment. "Two weeks ago in Washington I discussed with Secretary of State Knox the matter of accepting the ministry to China," said Mr. Calhoun. "The offer was made to me and I asked for time in which to consider it. Returning to Chicago early last week, I telegraphed Knox that I could not accept. I received a reply urging me to reconsider. Finally, on Friday I wired Secretary Knox that if my acceptance were urgently desired by the President I would consider the offer further. "Since my last communication to Mr. Knox I have heard nothing further in the matter and I do not wish to state at this time what I shall do, because the post has not been formally tendered me by President Taft. "President Taft was not in Washington upon the occasion of my visit there, and I have had no direct communication with him concerning this matter. "Mr. Calhoun spent much of the day in consultation with his law partners at his office. Among his friends the opinion prevailed that he would go to China.

FUTURES GET BLOW

Corporation Bureau Chief Reports Against Exchange.

DEALS IN COTTON FLAYED

Commissioner Smith Approves Central Market, but Condemns Fictitious Quotations—New York Body Reproved.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Both the producers of cotton and the dealers in that commodity are the victims of the system of trading in vogue on the cotton exchange of the country. This is the burden of parts 4 and 5 of the report of Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith on the conduct of such exchanges. The practice of dealing in futures, as it is carried on at present, is condemned, although the report does not condemn the existence of the exchange. "The brief discussion of general speculation in this report," says Mr. Smith, "recognizes the possibilities for good inherent in a great central market like a cotton exchange, and the need that this good be developed and evils eliminated by regulations in line with economic law." Futures Are Condemned. The report is especially condemnatory of the dealings in futures, branding this form of speculation as pure gambling and highly injurious to legitimate trade. In quotation for "futures" deliveries of cotton the market is so uncertain and so many elements of chance enter into the transaction that all bids are made at a much lower figure than those offered for cotton actually in existence. The effect of these fictitious quotations, the report points out, tends to mislead the cotton planter as to the true value of his crop honestly grown. In addition it leads brokers to "play" both sides of the market to protect themselves against loss in such trades, with the result that the producer is forced to pay in the end, while the farmer loses likewise. Gotham Exchange Flayed. The report, while recognizing that the exchanges in New Orleans and New York are necessary, does not mince words in criticizing the New York Exchange. After declaring that the New Orleans methods of conducting the transactions in cotton

PRETTY FACE IS BAIT

FIVE CALIFORNIA BUSINESS MEN CLEVERLY "TAKEN IN."

Miss Florence M. Drake, of Pasadena, Succeeds in Hoodwinking Five Out of \$100.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Captivated by the bewitching looks of a girl who gave her name as Miss Florence M. Drake, of Pasadena, five Avalon business men listened to her sad tale of temporary embarrassment and loaned her money to get back to the main land. That was one week ago. Today the men learned to their chagrin and to the amusement of the rest of Catalina that they are the victims of the "damsel in distress" act.

The girl secured about \$100 altogether and gave an address in Pasadena from which she would send the money back. The letters were returned today marked "name not known." She told the business men she had lost her purse and only wanted enough money to pay her hotel bill and her fare home. "You are so good and kind to befriend a strange girl like me," she said to each in turn, as she made her "touch."

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Mrs. G. Walter Gates, Portland Society Woman Who Is Suing for Divorce.

MRS. GATES ASKS DIVORCE

Wife of Portland Lumberman Seeks \$1000 Monthly Alimony. That the divorce proceedings instituted by Mrs. Adeline Meek Gates

Four Below at Attalia.

ATTALIA, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The extreme cold and high winds still continue here. The thermometer registered four below zero Saturday morning and there was a heavy fall of snow last night.