

POLITICS FILLS AIR OF NEW CONGRESS

Three Democratic Candidates on Floor.

SHADOW OF PRESIDENCY NEAR

Clark Makes Speech Forecasting Work of Session.

HOUSES SURE TO CLASH

Democrats Will Pass Tariff Bills in House, Republicans Kill Them in Senate—Insurgents Flock by Themselves in House.

TARIFF DEFERS TARIFF BOARD BILL

WASHINGTON, April 4.—President Taft has decided to concentrate his attention upon reciprocity with Canada, and it was indicated today that he will not attempt to secure a permanent tariff commission at the special session of Congress.

He told congress he had come to the conclusion that the proper time to ask Congress for a permanent tariff board would be at the beginning of a regular session.

The President told visitors he believed by December the present tariff board would have proved its worth.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Sixty-second Congress met in extraordinary session today. What the session will bring forth, or when it will adjourn, were matters of conjecture here.

The Democrats took possession of the House and put Champ Clark in the Speaker's chair. In his speech accepting the honor he warned the Democratic members that the eyes of the country were upon them; that the party was on trial, and that it had an opportunity for the first time in 16 years to prove its worthiness for a still higher expression of confidence.

Throughout the day the shadow of the coming Presidential fight hovered about the Capitol, and there is no question but that the maneuvers for political advantage will play an important part in the affairs of the House and Senate in the next few months.

Bryan and Harmon on Hand.

William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, and Governor Harmon, of Ohio, were leading figures on the floor of the House. Had Governor Woodrow Wilson been present, the list of generally accepted Democratic Presidential possibilities would have been complete.

The Senate's opening was sedate as usual. And while the leadership of the upper branch remains in Republican hands, the change in the personnel was almost as marked as in the House. Aldrich, Hale, Beveridge and others of both the regular and progressive factions were missed.

President Taft's message, dealing with Canadian reciprocity, will be read in Congress tomorrow. The Democrats of the House, however, have formulated an ambitious programme, which includes the revision of schedules of the Payne-Aldrich tariff laws.

Tariff Bills Will Be Killed.

Republican leaders of the Senate have announced there shall be no tariff legislation. They declare they are not alarmed at the threat of the Democrats to hold back reciprocity until action is secured on tariff bills. This difference promises soon to bring the two branches into conflict. A legislative deadlock is predicted, and the length of the session seems to depend on how long the Democratic House will bombard the Republican Senate with general legislation bills.

From a political standpoint it is likely that the most important things the Democratic House will do will be to order an investigation of the departments and branches of the Government service. The Democrats say there have been no such investigations for 20 years, and that a saving to the people will result.

The House session was devoted to the work of organization. The adoption of the new rules was put over until tomorrow. The Republicans will make their first fight on these. They resent the action of the Democrats in increasing the membership of committees without increasing the percentage of minority representation.

Insurgents Flock Alone.

The Republican insurgents in the House indicated their purpose to act independently by declining to vote for Mann for Speaker, and by giving their support to Cooper of Wisconsin.

The insurgents gained a member when Akin of New York, elected as an "independent Democrat" and heretofore carried on the Democratic rolls, cast his lot with them and chose a seat on the Republican side.

Burger of Wisconsin, the only Socialist in the House, voted "present" in the Speakership balloting. He also chose a seat on the Republican side.

In his speech accepting the Speakership Clark enumerated the promises to the

FIFTH AND ALDER GETS SKYSCRAPER

I. GEVURTZ & SON WILL BUILD 12-STORY STRUCTURE.

Contract Entered Into With Henry Falling Estate for 20-Year Lease on Quarter-Block.

Contract for a lease for 20 years of the quarter block at the southeast corner of Fifth and Alder streets has been signed between the estate of Henry Falling, the owner, and I. Gevurtz & Son, furniture dealers. It is the intention of Gevurtz & Son to erect a 12-story building on the site, and plans are now being drawn by Whidden & Lewis, architects.

The present tenants will hold until July 1, 1912, and six months will be allotted for construction of the building. The six-story building that now stands on the ground is of first-class construction with steel frame. The frame will be utilized in the new building, and six stories added. The brick facing on the present building will be torn out and the proposed structure will be faced with terra cotta tile. The building is to be strictly "Class A" and the fittings and arrangements will be of the most modern type.

Part of the ground floor on Alder street and most of the space on the upper floors of the present building is now occupied by the Honeyman Hardware Company. The second floor is occupied by the Fred A. Jacobs Company, realty dealers, and the Fifth-street frontage is divided into retail stores.

The new building will be the largest structure devoted to the retail furniture business in the United States. I. Gevurtz, head of the firm, started in business in Portland more than 20 years ago with a little store 15 by 25 feet at First and Yamhill streets. The concern has occupied its present quarters First and Yamhill for the last 15 years, and will maintain a branch in this location after the new building is completed.

The architecture of the building is to be attractive and in keeping with new structures in that immediate neighborhood. The front on both sides is to be of steel in the form of a so-called "curtain wall" and as much glass as possible will be used in construction, so as to make the building light and airy on all floors.

CLERIC SEEKS HONEST LIFE

La Grande Minister Leaves Palpit for Orchard—Church Scored.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Informing his congregation that he is thoroughly disgusted with the "system" in vogue in the so-called church and asserting that he could not be honest and remain in the church as its pastor and do the things required of it, Rev. Ford Ellis Sunday night preached his last sermon in the Central Church of Christ and is today moving on an orchard in this valley.

The demands made of the preacher today, he said, were such as to forbid an honest living. He made these statements a week ago, when he started his congregation by the charges related, and during the week was roundly criticized. Last night he reiterated his former statements and added that the system and custom bade him obey certain rites and customs, while conscience told him otherwise, yet his personal beliefs had to be disregarded in order to earn his bread and butter.

"I am leaving the local organization for a field that is not limited by forms and formulas," he said.

ORIENTAL RATE WAR ENDS

Steamship Lines Agree to Resume Former Tariffs on Cereals.

SEATTLE, April 4.—Representatives of the trans-Pacific steamship lines belonging to the Trans-Pacific Tariff Bureau, at a meeting held here yesterday, agreed to restore the former rates on wheat and flour from North Pacific ports to Japan, China and Manila, the agreement to become effective June 1, thereby ending the bitter rate war which has been on for the last two months.

Since the rate war became acute all the lines have been quoting a \$1.50 rate on wheat and a \$2 rate on flour. The regular rates, which will be restored June 1, are \$3 to ports in Japan and Hongkong and \$4 to Shanghai.

The following lines were represented at the conference: The Bank Line, the Blue Funnel Line, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Great Northern Steamship Company, the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the Portland Asiatic Steamship Company and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

DEATH ENDS BOY'S PLIGHT

Child, Murderer, Dies in Prison Serving Life Sentence.

THOMASTON, Tex., April 4.—Death brought to an early end yesterday the life sentence which Kriston Preble, 15 years old, was serving in the state prison here for the murder of his chum, Morris W. Heath. Young Preble was but 15 years old and weighed only 80 pounds when committed to prison in September, 1907. His health had failed during his imprisonment.

It was fear of a bigger boy that led young Preble to commit the crime, according to the lad's confession. "Because I kicked Morris' dog," he said, "he said he would kill me. He was bigger than me, so I had to kill him." was the substance of the boy's statement.

HENRY CHILDREN TAKEN TO MEXICO

Court Defied by Mother and Affinity.

CALIFORNIA SCORNFUL BY LAW

Mrs. Henry and Six Armed Men Flee South in Autos.

KELLEY ACTS IN COLLUSION

Divorced Wife of Seattle Man by Force Takes Her Offspring and Her Consort Is Accused of Devising Whole Scheme.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—(Special.)—Pursued by police, private detectives, sheriffs and pre-emptory court orders, Mrs. Albert J. Henry, the Seattle society woman who forfeited her rights as a mother by eloping to San Francisco with S. Foster Kelley, the Seattle capitalist, and himself a husband and father, is today defying all the machinery of the law in the flight that began last night when she kidnaped her two little children.

Judge E. F. Mogan of the Superior Court at noon today ordered the serving of a second writ of habeas corpus on Mrs. Henry and the nurse in her employ, Miss Pearl Wickoff, ordering them to appear in court immediately after their service and bring the children with them.

A copy of the writ was ordered sent to every Sheriff and city police department in the state, and the entire machinery of the California law is now in motion to head off the desperate mother in what is believed to be an attempt to reach Mexico.

Nurse Severely Grilled.

Miss Pearl Wickoff, the trained nurse to whose care Mrs. Henry gave the children 16 days ago when she left for Seattle to defend Henry's divorce suit, was summoned to the Superior Court by Judge Mogan this morning and underwent a severe grilling by the court and W. H. Metson, Henry's attorney. Her testimony established the fact that S. Foster Kelley and Mrs. Henry lived together or in close communication with each other at the Hotel Savoy, on Van Ness avenue, and that it was Kelley who paid for the board and care of the Henry children after Miss Wickoff took charge of them.

After Judge Mogan had listened to Miss Wickoff's story he issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Henry, John Doe Bogan and six other Bogs for contempt of court. Bogan is the tall, burly fellow who led the squad of private detectives with Mrs. Henry at the nurse's apartments on Jones street last night.

Kelley Aids in Kidnaping.

Kelley has been living in San Francisco since he eloped with the wife of his former employer last Fall. It is believed that he financed and helped plan Mrs. Henry's daring plot to take the children in the face of a court order.

With the aid of half a dozen private detectives, whom she had employed for the undertaking, Mrs. Henry succeeded in gaining possession of her two children.

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HARRISON ELECTED MAYOR OF CHICAGO

Merriam Falls Behind Busse's Vote.

"SILK STOCKINGS" ARE SUPINE

Their Fear of Wet Feet Helps to Defeat Professor.

SOCIALISTS ARE STRONG

Totals Show Large Increase in New Party's Vote—Harrison Helped by Promise of Cheap Gas. Dunne Men Fail to Boil.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Carter H. Harrison, Mayor of Chicago from 1887 until 1905 and son of Carter H. Harrison, Sr., who occupied the Mayor's office from 1879 to 1887, was re-elected in 1905 and was assassinated during his World's Fair year term, was re-elected for the fifth time today. He defeated Charles E. Merriam, Republican, by 17,052 votes, receiving a total of 177,258 votes.

In spite of the opposition of most of the press, the election was a complete Democratic victory.

A City Council of 41 Democrats and 29 Republicans will greet Harrison's introduction to his fifth term. Milton J. Foreman was defeated by Albert Tearey, Democrat, president of the Three-I Baseball League.

Harrison Declares Policy.

When the result was assured Mr. Harrison issued a statement partially defining his policy. He calls attention to questions which will come up, including subways, unification of the transportation service, the price of gas and telephone and electric light rates.

Concluding, he says:

"It is, of course, an impossibility to stamp out vice in a great community. The police can hold it in check, however, and the police will hold it in check for the coming four years.

"My father held the office of Mayor for four successive terms, was out of office two terms and then was re-elected. By a singular coincidence that is just the history of my public service. I shall do my best to give an administration that shall show the confidence of my fellow citizens has not been misplaced."

Made Good Fight, Says Merriam.

The final count gave Harrison 177,258, Professor Merriam 166,276. Rodriguez, the Socialist candidate, received 22,294 votes.

Merriam conceded the election of Harrison at 8:30 P. M. two and a half hours after the polls closed, but said the results were such as would give him hope for another contest. In giving up the fight Professor Merriam said:

"I am satisfied with the fight we have made. We have presented the issues of decent, honest, economical and progressive government squarely to the voters. I wish to thank every one of my friends who have loyally supported me with their time, money, eloquence and enthusiasm. I congratulate Mr. Harrison on his victory and wish him well in his administration."

Scrutiny of the returns by ward and precinct shows that Professor Merriam

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BROTHERS ARE REUNITED

Salesman Brings Men Separated 35 Years Together.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 4.—(Special.)—Through the wonderful memory of a traveling salesman two brothers, separated 35 years without knowledge of each other's whereabouts or hope of finding each other, were brought together today. Several months ago James Mearning, of Cincinnati, was talking with the salesman and incidentally the latter told him of having heard the same name in York, Pa.

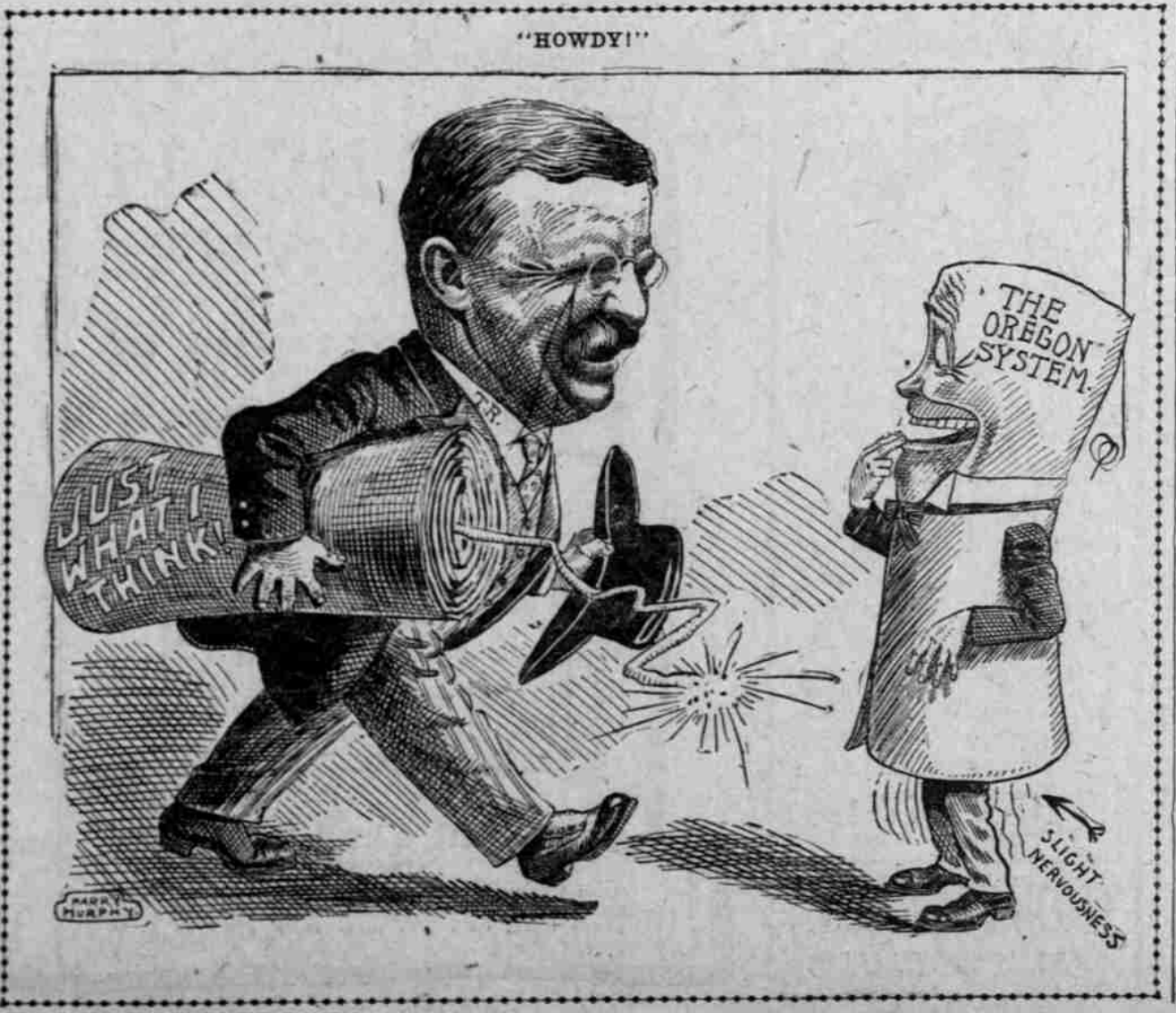
The commercial traveler promised to look him up on his next trip. Meantime Ferdinand Mearning, the Pennsylvania man, came here to spend part of the winter. James Mearning arrived today, and the brothers were reunited.

KNOCKOUT MAY BE FATAL

Wakefield Loses at Bolso, Aune Fleece, Three Arrested.

BOISE, Idaho, April 4.—B. Wakefield is in a precarious condition from the effects of being knocked out in the sixth round of his fight at Haley tonight with Carl Aune, of Philadelphia.

He was unconscious for two hours and little hope is entertained for his recovery. Art Jackson, the promoter; Gus Terzoldt, the referee, and George Coates, the timekeeper, have been arrested. Aune escaped.



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ROOSEVELT TODAY IS GUEST OF CITY

Short Stay to Be Full of Incident.

RECEPTION LONG PLANNED

First Feature After Parade Is Multnomah Dedication.

MERRICK TAKES WELCOME

Postmaster Will Carry Mail to ex-President at Roseburg—Finishing Touches Put on Plans for Surprise in Store for T. R.

PROGRAMME TO BE FOLLOWED BY COLONEL ROOSEVELT.

2:30 P. M.—Arrival of ex-President Roosevelt from San Francisco at Union Depot.
2:50 P. M.—Dedictory services upon Multnomah Club field.
3:20 P. M.—Start for East Side to view school children on Grand avenue.
4:30 P. M.—Arrival at Portland Hotel, occupying rooms 215, 211, 213.
4:50 P. M.—Start for Commercial Club, Governor West and Mayor Simon to call at hotel to take Roosevelt to Commercial Club banquet.
5:15—Arrival of Roosevelt and escort at banquet hall.
7:00 P. M.—Armory opened to the general public from the Eleventh-street entrance.
7:40 P. M.—Third Regiment Band to give concert in Armory until arrival of ex-President.
8:30 P. M.—Roosevelt and escort leave Commercial Club banquet for Armory.
8:40 P. M.—Arrival of ex-President at Armory.
8:45 P. M.—Roosevelt begins to speak.
9:15 P. M.—Roosevelt leaves for the Press Club, escorted by President Vincent of Press Club; President Beckwith of Commercial Club; Governor West and Mayor Simon.
10:20 P. M.—Roosevelt leaves for private car of H. C. Nutt, fourth vice-president of the Northern Pacific at Union Depot.
11:15 P. M.—Train leaves for Tacoma, with Roosevelt aboard.

Theodore Roosevelt, ex-President of the United States, will today be the guest of Portland. A royal welcome is to be given the distinguished traveler and statesman and the many sub-committees in charge of the entertainment have everything ready so that the reception to America's foremost private citizen, beginning upon the arrival of Colonel Roosevelt and party on the Shasta Limited from the South at 2:30 P. M. and ending on his departure at 11:15 tonight, may be carried out with the nicety of a piece of well-oiled machinery.

"Strenuous" to use the Colonel's own word, have been the preparations of the Commercial Club and other organizations for the Portland reception. For more than a month the plans have been worked upon and the surprises in store for Mr. Roosevelt added to until it is now believed a genuine treat will be in store for him, busy though he will be all day.

Welcome to Be Hearty.

That Mr. Roosevelt may leave Portland with the one idea in mind, that "of all that is good Oregon affords the best," is the sole aim of the reception committees. Royal is only a mild term which can be used for Portland's welcome to "Teddy," a welcome which will proclaim the real good feeling which this city and district feels toward the ex-President, a welcome for which Oregon people are noted.

The Weather Man has been appealed to, and while he does not promise absolutely to hold back a gentle April shower or two, he has been asked to be good so fervently that those in charge of other arrangements aside from the weather are hoping that this autocratic individual may be lenient. Aside from the possibility of rain there seems to be no chance for anything happening to mar the success of the day.

When Mr. Roosevelt departs from Portland it will be as a king leaving behind a loyal following, wishing him God-speed on his travels. He will be accompanied to the Union station by the managers of the Commercial Club and others who will have helped to make his all-too-short stay in Portland auspicious. At the station will be waiting the private car of H. C. Nutt, fourth vice-president of the Northern Pacific Railway.

Great Surprise in Store.

Finishing touches were placed in the banquet hall for the big surprise which has been planned for almost a month. In the matter of the arrangements for the dedicatory services at the Multnomah field, where the new \$300,000 building will receive its start, President Holt reported to the general committee that he had everything well in hand and that not only the inscriptions upon the corner-stone were complete, but the silver trowel, which the ex-President will handle while he smooths the cement which will bind the stone to its

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