# FEAR OF MISSTEP CHECKS CONGRESS

Presidential Fight Rules Both Houses.

BODY SPLIT INTO FOUR PARTS

Republican Minority and Majority Are Divided.

BRYAN'S CONTROL FOUGHT

All Factions Afraid Political Slip Might Have Bearing on National Campaign Result. Stormy Session Duc.

WASHINGTON, April 9,-It is becoming manifest daily that Congress is facing a stormy session, and there can be no forecast of the probable legisla-

The fact that both the great political parties are divided is no longer denied and the leaders appear to have little hope of restoring anything more than surface harmony.

There are virtually four parties, each with a large representation working at odds in the present session. The Republican minority of the House is divided between Regulars and Insurgents, as was evidenced by the vote on the Speakership contest. The breach between these two factions is even wider in the Republican majority of the Sen-

Bryan's Rule Opposed.

A sharp line has been drawn between the Conservative members of the Sen ate who are opposed to any attempt of dictation by William J. Bryan, and the Progressive Democrats, including practically all the new members and several veterans like Senator Stone, of Missour!, who are Bryan adherents.

The House Democratis majority seems to have escaped the break, but the Mrs. Gerritt Livingston Lansing, promleaders fear the party contest in the Senate may at any time spread to the other branch. The situation has interfered with the selection of committees and the beginning of legislative work.

## Power Is Divided.

Probably there never has been a Congreas where so much uncertainty ex- disappeared at various times, but the sted and where the uneasiness has identity of the thief was not ascerbeen so equally distributed between the two major political parties. Of kept by the neighbors of Mrs. Lansing. course, this is due in part to the fact that in the present Congress the Democrats are in power in the House and the Republicans are in control of the

Reciprocity Taft's Preference.

The real cause of the anxiety is believed to be the proximity of the party conventions which will select the standard-bearers for 1912 and the knowledge that a slip by either in the extraordinary session or the regular session may determine the result of the next National campaign.

So far as the Administration programme is concerned, there is no ro for speculation. President Taft has mmended the enactment of legislation to carry out provisions of the Canadian reciprocity agreement and it is no secret he would be glad to have Congress stop at that and defer the question of further tariff revision until the regular session next Winter.

Neither is there any obscurity about the programme of Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood, chairman of the new ways and means committee, and other Democrats who are directing the policy of the House. Their plan for progressive legislation has been given

## Problem Up to Senate.

Now that the new majority in the House has adopted rules giving it just as much power as any majority ever enjoyed, there is no doubt that measures on the subject of direct election of Senutors; publicity of campaign contributions before elections; Canadian reciprocity; revision of the weolen and cotton schedules, and any further tariff changes the majority desires will be sent to the Senate in whatever order is decreed by the ways and means committee. The Republicans will be power less to prevent it. The real legislative problem, therefore, will be at the Senate end of the Capitol.

Tariff Stand Dubious.

Only time will tell what sort of lineup there will be in the Senate on tariff matters. Previous sessions have indicated that there are just as ardent protectionists in the Democratic representation as in the Republican, and a like situation may develop when tariff ques-

tions are taken up at this session. The division in the Senate is peculiar, Of the M Republicans there are 12 who have practically formed a separate organization. They demanded-and the mittee on committees probably will accede to their request-one-fourth of the majority places.

Bourbons Also Divided.

Of the 41 Democrats-42 when Colorade elects-17 are on record as being opposed to the election of Senator Martin, of Virginia, as minority leader. The opinion was based on the ground that Mr. vision in the Democratic ranks probably would not have been so pronounced if it he had not been for the interview given by (Concluded on Page 4.)

## DUST STORM HITS AUTO, 4 INJURED

DRIVER IS BLINDED AND CAR GOES DOWN EMBANKMENT.

Machine Huris Out Occupants and Turns Turtle - Wealthy ex-Rancher and Girl May Die.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 9 .-(Special.)-His eyes blinded by a brief but terrific dust storm that swept the valley this afternoon, John Webb drove his big touring car over a bank and into a fence, where the car turned turtle and the four occupants were throws out, all of them being seriously hurt, two, perhaps, fatally.

John Webb, three ribs broken, in-ternally injured, perhaps fatally. Mrs. John Webb, badly bruised and shaken, internally injured.

Ava Schell, spine badly wrenched, in

uries serious. Meta Pickard, leg broken, neck

The car was being driven over fine ountry roads, about two miles of the city, near the County Poor Farm, when a fierce dust storm suddenly swept down the valley, making it almost impossible to see. Mr. Webb immediately shut off his power and applied his brake, but the car was near a turn and shot off over an embankment before it stopped

The car was badly damaged. The injured were brought to the city by friends.

The Webbs are wealthy, retired ranchers, living in the suburbs of the city, and Miss Pickard is Mrs. Webb's daughter. Ava Schell, daughter of L. C. Schell of this city, was the guest

of Miss Pickard. At first it was believed that Mr.
Webb and Miss Schell could not live,
but physicians tonight believe both
have a chance of recovery.

## MATRON THIEF IS FREED

Prominent San Francisco Woman Rests Prison Cell.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9 .- (Special.) -On the ground that nerasthenia caused her at times to do things for which she was not responsible, and on the higher ground that judges the world over, since the dawn of history have been more merciful to women prisoners than to men, acting Police Judge Treadwell yesterday dismissed the charge of petty larceny against inent in society and the possessor f beautiful home on Sacramento

Mrs. Lansing was arrested on March It and charged with stealing a number of packages left by the postman at the entrance of the flats wherein she resides. Package after package had tained, although a sharp watch was

Finally, Detective Bailey, who was detailed, laid a trap. Ho prepared a package which he caused to be malled one of Mrs. Lansing's neighbors. He saw Mrs. Lansing take this and knocked on the door and accused her of the theft. At first, she denied the accusation, but after a while admitted more packages left for other persons

## **BALLOON FALLS 4000 FEET**

Aeronauts Hurl Out Ballast After Hitting Stack and Save Lives.

ST. LOUIS, April 2 .- A balloon ascension here today by four members of the Signal Corps of the First Regiment. National Guard of Missouri, terminated in an accident when the aerostat sprung a leak and dropped like a plummet from an elevation of 4000 feet.

Lieutenants Andrew Drew and John P. Hart and Sergeants Bayard T. Bookman and J. A. Obermeyer, who comprised the aeronautic party, saved themselves from serious injury after colliding with the smokestack of a tobacco factory less than three miles from the starting point, by dumping all their ballast overbo

Even then the crumpled balloon bounced along the ground, fences, sheds and wire-laden poles, fin ally coming to a stop in the railroad yards near Tower Grove Station. Save for scratches, the aeronauts were

## HEN LAYS MAMMOTH EGG

Black Minorca's Product Is 6 3-4 by 7 3-4 Inches; Weighs 4 Ounces.

FOREST GROVE, Or., April 9 .- (Special.)-The biggest egg produced by a hen in Washington County was laid a few days ago by a Black Minorca be-longing to Rev. J. R. Hall, of this city. The egg weighs a quarter of a pound and measures 6% by 7% inches.

Another egg produced at Banks by a hen owned by John Herb measured 61 by 71 and weighed four ounces. As a contrast George Boldricks' Plymouth Rock hen laid an egg weighing but 49 grains apothecary weight.

## 200 PERSONS DIE IN FIRE

Festival Structure at Bombay Is Scene of Holocaust.

BOMBAY, British India, April 9,-Two hundred men. women and children were burned todeath tonight in a fire which Martin was too conservative. The di- destroyed a thatched structure in which they had gathered for a festival. Five indred persons were in the building. There was only one exit and a pani

# ILL-FATED MAIN

First Stage in Raising Completed.

CAISSONS FILLING RAPIDLY

Recovery of Sailors' Bodies to Have Precedence.

SEA TO BE SHIP'S GRAVE

Great Feat of Marine Engineering Progresses Expeditiously, but Work May Continue Until Close of Year.

HAVANA, April 8 .- In the driving of the last few interlocking steel piles of the 29 calssons forming the inclosing wall of the huge basin or cofferdam surrounding the wreck of the battleship Maine, the first stage in the work of removing the shattered renains of the warship has been brought to a successful conclusion.

The work was accomplished with rapidity, and its progress was unmarked by a single mishap or hitch until the introduction of the final pile which failed to interlock properly with hose on either side.

Slight Damage Soon Repaired.

This gave rise to a rumor that the stability of the calsson was endangered, but examination showed the trouble resulted from the piles being alightly deformed by an accidental blow from the iron bucket of a dredge working alongside. The extraction and replacing of three piles served to repair the damage.

The second stage of the work, that of filling the calssons, as fast as completed, with the mud, clay and rock dredged from the harbor bottom. been going on for some time, and, now that the ring is completed, is being pushed forward with the utmost rap-The steam dredge Norman idity. Davis, lent to the Government by the Huston-Trumbo Dredging Company, and the United States Army dredge Barnard are dumping hundreds of tons of material into the calssons.

Caissons to Be Filled.

It is expected that the filling of the alssons will be completed by the end of April, and after that the most interest stage of the work-that of pumping out the great basin and leaving ed the hull of the battleship in precisely the condition she was on the morning after her destruction 13 years

As a guarantee of the security of the retaining wall around the basin, it is probable that riprap will be dumped First National Bank of Oregon City, around the exterior of the ellipse of enissons before the dumping begins.

The wreck itself will have to be carefully watched as the water level falls there being some danger that, as the support of the water and the mud in which it rests is withdrawn, the hull may careen, just as ships have been (Concluded on Page 3.)

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#### LUMBER PLANT TO BE SOLD Change May Result in Oregon City

Company Renewing Operations.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 9 .- (Special.)-All of the property of the Oregon City Lumber & Manufacturing Company is to be sold by J. W. Moffatt and J. J. Cooke, assignees, who will receive bids up to noon of Thursday, April 20. The property will be sold in three parcels, the equity in the machinery purchased from the Northern California Company, the property cov-

and the property on which there is no It is expected that the final sale will be followed by a readjustment of the concern's affairs, and that the purchasers will buy with a view to renewing operations at the plant, which has

not turned a wheel in more than a

"MUST THAT BE REOPENED?"

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ered by a chattel mortgage held by the

# SECRET JAP PACT FOUND, IS REPORT

Diaz Forced to Abrogate by Taft?

AMBASSADOR WILSON ACTS

Uncle Sam's Envoy Said to Have Photographed Treaty.

MOBILIZATION CAUSE TOLD

Mexico City Dispatch Declares Republic's Agreement With Mikado Roused United States to Send Troops to Border.

MEXICO CITY, April 9 .- (Special.)-President Taft gave President Diaz of Mexico six days to abrogate a treaty he is said to have made with Japan. The hidden treaty was discovered by Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, who photographed it, returned the original, and proceeded posthaste to Washington

to inform the State Department. The treaty is said to have contained clauses that gave Japan coaling-station privileges and other big conce the coast of Mexico, including the right to use Magdalena Bay for target prac-

Taft's order mobilizing troops at the border followed promptly. These are startling disclosures made

ere by an apparently authentic source today and which, as recited in narrative form, are given as the cause of the hurry order that rushed 20,000 troops to the border. The relations reported to have existed between Mexico and Japan are said to have prevailed prior to March 1.

Ambassador Wilson, of the United States to Mexico, the story goes, had occasion many months ago to feel that atrong antipathy of Mexicans of all classes was shown toward the United States. In the celebration in honor of the foundation of the republic, when many Japanese of high rank came as special ambassadors from their country to the Mexican capital, the Ambassador noticed that there had been private audiences between Diaz and a few of his more influential ministers and the Japanese delegates.

Nipponese Influx Noted.

To Ambassador Wilson, it was reported, that for 18 months every ship of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, whose port is San Francisco, were carrying from 20 to 150 Japanese, passage paid, besides cargoes of agricultural machinery, household goods and general stores. At San Francisco these Japanese were transshipped to steamer of the Pacific Mail line plying between San Francisco and Mexican ports.

It was a matter of public record that these Japanese colonists had received grants of tracts for cotton and corn In February Ambassador Wilson was

busy cultivating every source of information in the higher circles of the Mexican government. Very near the end of the month from a certain source in (Concluded on Page 2.)

## JOHNSON IN JAIL, **GIVES WORLD GLEE**

ETTERS FROM EVERYWHERE CONGRATULATE JUDGE.

San Francisco Jurist Is Commended for Punishing Black Champion for Speeding His Auto.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9 .- (Special.) -Postmarked from offices in every maginable part of the United States, vary the monotony, a never-ceasing stream of letters is flowing into the hands of Judge A. B. Treadwell, exultant, laudatory notes of congratulations for sentencing John Arthur Johnon, the heavyweight champion, to 25 days in the County Jail for repeated

The letters indicate that in many quarters of the globe there are persons who take very seriously the defeat of Jeffries in Reno, with its supposed re flections on the entire white race. Judge Treadwell is enjoying the plaudits of the multitude and the commenda tion of not a few prospective "hopes and as he peruses each letter, he shakes his head and falls back on a not original phrase, "I seen my duty and I

done it." New York and Southern California, Winnipeg and New Orleans, even Pekin, China, have contributed their quota to ward the increasing piles of letters from fight fans and clergymen, bust ness men and women.

LASS DARES WAR LINES Tacoma Girl Finds Brother With In-

surrectos in Mexico. MEXICALI, Mex., April 9 .- (Special.) -Perhaps the happiest girl in the country tonight is pretty little Miss Mary Louise Smith, of 718 North L street, Tacoma. She left home some weeks ago on what she believed a hopeless quest, seeking her brother, Alexander D.

Smith. Five weeks ago she received a letter from him to the effect that he was in General Berthold's division of the insurrecto army. Then came information that Berthold's force had been wiped out by the federals. With rare pluck Miss Smith started for the Mexican border. She reached here this afternoon. She confided her mission to a correspondent and with him started in search of her brother. Visits to the army headquarters and other places

brought no clew. Then she went to the lands. the guardhouse, where fugitives from insurrecto army are cared for by Uncle Sam, pending release or prose cution. With her young face pressed against the fall bars she talked to the American prisoners and finally secured the information that her brother was still on duty, serving in the Williams faction of the insurgent forces. This hint she followed and by talking to insurrectos across the boundary, she managed to send a message to her brother. Mr. Stanrod was president of the Ameri-Finally came the reply that he would ome when relieved from guard duty. After a talk with the insurgent leader she led her brother back proudly across their Northern home.

OIL KING DIMS ROYALTY With Army of Servants, Albert C.

Bostwick Invades Nice.

NICE, France, April 9 .- (Special.)-Visiting royalty has been cast in the shade by the arrival of Albert C. Bostwick, the Standard Oil magnate. The King and Queen of Sweden and Prince and Princess von Hohenlohe make a sorry showing when compared with the Bostwick retinue and the populace will not give a glance at numerous second

and third-rate crowned heads. For instance, Bostwick has five governesses and two nurses for his children. In short, he has a governess for each child and he takes his banjo players along wherever he goes, thus adding to the gatety of hotel life.

Here is a list of his travel personnel and luggage: One wife, two chauffeurs, five children, three banjo players, one valet, two nurses, five governesses, one physician, 14 servants. two automobiles and 75 trunks.

Mr. Bostwick has made his name on the Riviers as a tennis champion. His latest victory was over the great German player, Herr S. Kleinstroth.

DRUGS GIVEN TO JOHNSON Death of Ex-Mayor of Cleveland

Said to Be at Hand.

CLEVELAND, O., April 9 .- At a late hour last night A. B. Dupont, former associate of Tom L. Johnson in the Cleveland traction controversy, came from the sickroom and told reporters that Dr. Oscar Thomas, the attending physician, said Mr. Johnson was dying and that the end was a matter of a few hours.

At 2 o'clock this morning Mr. Johnson was still sleeping under the influence of drugs.

DALTON FIRE IS \$250,000 Principal Business Block in Georgia Town Is Destroyed.

DALTON, Ga., April 9 .- The principal business block here was destroyed by fire which started in the Dalton Hotel last midnight and burned until 3:30 | few minutes. this morning. The loss is estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

C. V. Downing, of Kirksville, Mo., jumped from the third story of the hotel to escape the blaze within, but the telegraph wires broke his fall and he was only slightly injured. No others

# PILLARS OF IDAHO AMONG INDICTED

Four Accused of Eucalyptus Fraud.

TWO BIG BANKERS BLAMED

Irrigation Project Leaders Are Also Charged.

CASE CAUSES SENSATION

W. Stanrod, ex-Gubernatorial Candidate, Bank President, at Head of List American Hards wood Company Men Involved

BOISE, Idaho, April 9 .- (Special.)-Indictment by a Federal grand jury in Spokane last night of D. W. Stanrod, president of the First National Bank of catello; A. B. Moss, of Payette; L. B. Perrine, of Twin Falls and Paul S. A. Bickel, of Jerome, all prominent Southern Idaho men, for fraudulent use of the mails, has created a great sen-

sation in Boise. Disclosures of a startling nature are romised, say Government officials. The indictments contain three counts each, accusing the four men of being interested as officers in the American Hardwood Company, a corporation organized to promote the sale of cucalyptus-tree lands in Kern County, Cal., against which investors are said to have complained

Deal in Notes Alleged. The Government, Federal agents here say, alleges that the company's stock was distributed among the officers and directors for their notes, which are said to have been used by Don Davenport, manager, to raise money through Stanrod's bank with which to purchase

The investors, say Government officers, were sold the property in small tracts, the money was repaid to the bank and the notes returned to the officers and directors, The mails were used to promote the

sales, it is alleged in the indictments.

All Accused Prominent. The prominence of the men accused adds state-wide interest to the case. can Hardwood Company and the bank said to have been used. He was also at one time a Republican gubernatorial candidate. A. B. Moss is the line and together they started for Payette banker and also prominent in politics. I. B. Perrine and P. S. A. Bickel are identified with Idaho's leading irrigation projects. Spite work is blamed generally here for the indistments, those against Perrine and Bickel,

particularly. Trial probably will take place in Boise on a change of venue from Spo-

Nampa's Mayor Is Witness.

Among the nine witnesses subpensed from Southern Idaho to appear before the grand jury at Spokane was E. H. Dewey, Mayor of Nampa. Dewey, It ia said, was offered an office in the company, but declined.

the Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho jurisdiction, gathered the evidence against the men indicted. He first presented his evidence before Federal officials in Boise and Pocatello, but later transferred the case from Idaho to Washington. The sixth man indicted is James A.

Charles Riddiford, postal inspector, of

Murray, a prominent resident of Butte, Davenport Is Blamed.

It is said in defense of the indicted men that the eucalptus enterprise was first presented to them by Don Davenport. Davenport, it is said, represented that the lands could be purchased for a very small sum and that handsome profits could be made after planting ucalptus trees on the tract.

vest. This literature is the basis of the indictments.

Highly-colored literature was circu-

lated through the mails, Government

agents allege, to induce buyers to in-

Men Silent in Spokane. SPOKANE, Wash., April 9 .- (Special.) -D. W. Davenport, one of the American Hardwood Company men indicted, refuses to talk about the case until he consults an attorney tomorrow. Attorneys for the defense and prosecution decline to say anything.

MULE SHOCKED TO DEATH

Emotional Creature Expires When He Sees Cemetery Tombstones.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 9 .- (Spe-

cial.)-When Jerry, a 16-year-old Missouri mule, was tolling past the Catholic Cemetery today on Reserve street, he turned his head to the right and there saw numerous white tombstones. With a loud groan and a sigh be dropped in his tracks and e pired in a

Mr. Lovelace, the owner, who has been driving Jerry for the past nine years, says he thinks that the mule was shocked at the sudden sight of the white marble tombstones, and, having a weak

heart, could not stand the strain, Jerry was later loaded into a dray and hauled away and buried.

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