

FEAR OF MISSTEP CHECKS CONGRESS

Presidential Fight Rules Both Houses.

BODY SPLIT INTO FOUR PARTS

Republican Minority and Majority Are Divided.

RYAN'S CONTROL FOUGHT

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

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

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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 questions are taken up at this session.

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DUST STORM HITS AUTO, 4 INJURED

DRIVER IS BLINDED AND CAR GOES DOWN EMBANKMENT.

Machine Hurls Out Occupants and Turns Turtle—Wealthy 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 thrown out, all of them being seriously hurt, two, perhaps, fatally.

The car was being driven over fine country roads, about two miles south of the city, near the County Poor Farm, when a fierce dust storm suddenly swept down the valley, making it almost impossible to see.

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 neurasthenia 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.

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WALL ENCIRCLES ILL-FATED MAINE

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 9.—In the driving of the last few interlocking steel piles of the wall encircling the wreck of the battleship Maine, the first stage in the work of removing the shattered remains 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 those on either side.

The second stage of the work, that of filling the caissons, as fast as completed, with the mud, clay and rock dredged from the harbor bottom, has been going on for some time, and now that the ring is completed, is being pushed forward with the utmost rapidity.

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.

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 year.

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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.

These are startling disclosures made here 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 strong 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 100 Japanese, passage paid, besides cargoes of agricultural machinery, household goods and general stores.

It was a matter of public record that these Japanese colonists had received grants of tracts for cotton and corn raising.

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

Japan, he learned that a treaty had been made with Japan, which provided that the Japanese government should furnish the Mexican government with 20,000 troops to be sent to the Mexican border.

JOHNSON IN JAIL, GIVES WORLD GLEE

LETTERS FROM EVERYWHERE CONGRATULATE JUDGE.

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

PILLARS OF IDAHO AMONG INDICTED

Four Accused of Eucalyptus Fraud.

TWO BIG BANKERS BLAMED

IRRIGATION PROJECT LEADERS ARE ALSO CHARGED.

CASE CAUSES SENSATION. D. W. Stanrod, ex-Gubernatorial Candidate, Bank President, at Head of List American Hard-wood Company Men Involved.

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 of the American Hardwood Company, a corporation organized to promote the sale of eucalyptus-tree lands in Kern County, Cal., against which investors are said to have complained.

All Accused Prominent. The prominence of the men accused adds state-wide interest to the case. Mr. Stanrod was president of the American Hardwood Company and the bank said to have been used. He was also at one time a Republican gubernatorial candidate.

Nampa's Mayor Is Witness. Among the nine witnesses subpoenaed from Southern Idaho to appear before the grand jury at Spokane was E. H. Dewey, Mayor of Nampa. Dewey, it is said, was offered an office in the company.

Charles Riddford, postal inspector of the Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho jurisdiction, gathered the evidence against the men indicted. He first transferred the case from Idaho to Washington.

The sixth man indicted is James A. Murray, a prominent resident of Butte, Davenport is Blamed. It is said in the eucalyptus 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 eucalyptus trees on the tract.

Highly-colored literature was circulated through the mails. Government agents allege, to induce buyers to invest. This literature is the basis of the indictments.

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.—(Special.)—When Jerry, a 16-year-old Missouri mule, was toiling 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 he dropped in his tracks and expired in a few minutes.

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.

