



EXTRA SESSION IS WILSON'S DECISION

Not Later Than April 15 Is Date Set.

TARIFF WILL BE TAKEN UP

President-elect Says It Is Well to End Uncertainty.

PRESSURE FOUND STRONG

Vacation in Bermuda to Be Devoted in Part to Quiet Thought, and Officials Will Be Asked to Respect Incognito.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Governor Wilson announced tonight that immediately after his inauguration as President of the United States he would call an extraordinary session of Congress to convene not later than April 15 for the purpose of revising the tariff.

The President-elect will sail for Bermuda at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon for a vacation and will return December 16. To set at rest speculation as to what he would do with regard to tariff revision, he issued the following statement:

"I shall call Congress together in extraordinary session not later than April 15. I shall do this not only because I think that the pledges of the party ought to be redeemed as promptly as possible, but also because I know it to be in the interest of business that all uncertainty as to what the particular items of tariff revision are to be should be removed as soon as possible."

Brief Announcement Is All.

Beyond this brief announcement the Governor said he had nothing further to say.

The Governor had not intended to express himself about an extra session so soon after his election. Although he favored the idea of an extra session, he had promised to spend more time in ascertaining public opinion. With the time to be consumed in discussion, the Governor felt that if an extra session were not called, the benefits of the tariff revision virtually would be postponed two years. Immediately upon his election the Governor made up his mind to wait until after he returned from his vacation before making known his attitude, but upon finding, as he said, that opinion in favor of a special session was nearly unanimous, he felt no hesitancy about making public his conclusion.

Vacation to Be Marked by Study.

Though the President-elect means to rest a while in Bermuda, he really expects to give a good deal of time to quiet thought about the problems that face him. He will sketch his annual message to the New Jersey Legislature and will do some extensive reading on the tariff, monopolies, banking and currency reforms and other issues.

The Governor came to New York tonight to attend the dinner given in his honor by his classmates, Princeton '78. He expects to have no political conferences while in the metropolis, and seemed confident that he would not be disturbed by political callers while resting in Bermuda.

MOOSE PLANNING BANQUET

Beveridge and Norton to Be Speakers at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 15.—Ex-Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, and Judge Albert D. Norton, of St. Louis, who was the Roosevelt Progressive candidate for Governor of Missouri, will be the principal speakers at a banquet to be given here November 25 by the Jackson County Progressive Club, according to announcement made today. Covers for 2000 persons will be laid, the announcements says, and members of the Roosevelt Progressive party from all parts of Missouri and Kansas will attend.

CANAL CALLS FOR LUMBER

Bids for 3,000,000 Feet of Douglas Fir to Be Opened Soon.

E. C. Giltner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce received yesterday from the Isthmian Canal Commission calls for bids for the supply at the Isthmus of about 3,000,000 feet of Douglas fir lumber. The bids are to be opened December 5.

STRIKERS ATTACK TRAINS

Miners Refuse to Allow Cars With Strikebreakers to Proceed.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 15.—Striking miners today attacked a passenger train on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. The miners stopped the train and refused to allow it to proceed because two carloads of alleged strikebreakers were attacked.

INFANTRY ARMOR IS BULLET PROOF

GERMAN INVENTS LIGHT METAL SHIELD FOR SOLDIERS.

Tests Show Plate 1-4-Inch Thick Is Only Dented by Volley Fired From Close Range.

BERLIN, Nov. 15.—A light metal shield said to be capable of rendering infantry practically impervious against bullets is said to have been invented by a German engineer named Schaumann.

Volley fired at a distance of 85 yards during experiments of the Dahleu rifle range only slightly dented one of the newly invented plates, equivalent in weight to a plate of nickel steel of six millimeters thickness (just under a quarter of an inch).

GOULD TO LIVE ABROAD

Desire Behind Offer to Sell International Railway Holdings.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Desire to make his permanent home in Europe is said to be behind Frank J. Gould's negotiations with the Missouri Pacific for sale of that railway of his entire holdings in International & Great Northern preferred and common stock and it is probable that the deal will be carried out within six weeks.

President Bush, of the Missouri Pacific Railway, recommended to the board of directors that it obtain an option on these holdings as well as those of the Gould estate. Missouri Pacific is no longer absolutely controlled by the Goulds. They retain a large amount of their holdings, but the property is managed in the interest of Speyer & Co. and John D. Rockefeller, as well as the Gould family. Blair & Co. also has a large interest.

All these have assented to Mr. Bush's proposition, with the reservation that the road's physical and financial condition shall prove to be what has been claimed for it by the Goulds.

HOMER LEA ESTATE \$4000

Mysterious General With Great Income from China Dies Poor.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—General Homer Lea, the mysterious little hunchback who wielded great power in China, left an estate of only \$4000, according to his will, which was filed today. Chief among the assets is \$1774 in bank. Among the executors, Mr. Bowen was named as executor. Three sevenths of the estate is left to the widow and the remainder to Lea's two sisters.

The small extent of Lea's property is a great surprise, for he was generally considered wealthy. He rode in the finest automobile in the city, had an expert chauffeur, and was credited with an enormous income, supposedly from Chinese sources. He spent money lavishly and it was nothing unusual for him to take friends out for an evening and give them a \$100 dinner.

HALF BILLION OF OIL LAND INVOLVED

Legal Contest Opens in Washington

OUTCOME TURNS ON CLAUSE

Oil Is Mineral, Is Contention of Railway's Foes.

OTHER ROADS AFFECTED

Brief Filed With Supreme Court Declares Southern Pacific Had Spouting Wells on Land It Called Agricultural.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Title to Western oil lands valued at the stupendous figure of \$500,000,000 is said to depend upon the outcome of the legal controversy which opened in earnest today before the Supreme Court of the United States. Edmund Burke filed before the court his printed argument in favor of a claim to a portion of the land in controversy, scathingly arraigning the Southern Pacific Railway Company, also fighting for the property. The case will be argued orally January 6.

Railroad Lays Claim to Land.

The land in controversy in this particular case is in the oil fields of Southern California. The Southern Pacific claims it under the land-grant act and Interior Department patents which contained the provision "excluding and excepting all mineral lands, should any such be found in the tract."

The validity and effect of this exception is receiving unusual attention because of its having been included in the land grants to other railroads for decades after decades. Mr. Burke contends that all oil land is mineral land.

Oil Worth More Than Railroad.

According to the brief filed today, the interpretation of the exception would determine the Southern Pacific's claim to oil land worth more than the entire railroad itself.

The brief charges the railroad with attempting to control the mineral development of California through dummy corporations, and suggests that if it would stop this it would have more time to devote to the carrying of passengers and freight, "just as it has greatly enhanced its value since the few years it is relieved of the political control of California."

The railroad, it is contended, would have the courts hold land to be more valuable for agricultural purposes than for mining when the land had hundreds of oil wells spouting forth their riches.

BANK CLEARINGS OF WEEK \$15,875,000

PORTLAND BREAKS MARK AND LEADS ALL NORTHWEST.

New Record for Day Is Set Wednesday, When Total Approximately Is \$3,500,000.

All records were broken in Portland financial statistics this week, when bank clearings between noon Thursday of last week and noon last Thursday reached the immense total of \$15,875,000. Compared with the totals for the corresponding week of last year the clearances made a gain of \$2,284,000, or 17.6 per cent.

During the week there also was reached a new mark in daily totals when on Wednesday clearances amounted approximately to \$3,500,000.

As against the total clearings at Seattle, Portland easily establishes itself as the financial center of the Pacific Northwest. The total clearings at Seattle for the week were \$14,365,000, with a gain of 9.9 per cent. Portland's totals exceeded those of Seattle by \$1,510,000.

BROWNELL IS ON STAFF

Well-Known Hotel Man to Be Assistant Manager of New Oregon.

When the new Oregon Hotel opens its doors to the traveling public during the coming January, J. M. Brownell will be its assistant manager according to the announcement made by Messrs. Wright & Dickinson, its proprietors.

Mr. Brownell, who is one of the best-known hotelmen on the Pacific Coast with 25 years' experience, was the first to be named to the Imperial Hotel at Portland, later he was employed in a similar capacity with the old Occidental at San Francisco and later for more than ten years in charge of the desk at the Palace Hotel, leaving that position to become assistant manager of the Multnomah Hotel. Mr. Brownell is at present in California, but will return to Portland within a few weeks to assume his duties with the Oregon.

CAR GOES THROUGH BRIDGE

Corvallis & Eastern Wreck Halts Passenger Traffic.

TOLEDO, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—A wreck occurred late today on the Corvallis & Eastern about one mile west of Chitwood, the smoking car crossing through the bridge and into the river. The passenger coach on the east side of the bridge turned over.

The passengers all are safe and no one was injured seriously. The engine and baggage car brought the passengers through, arriving about two hours late. Fifty Toledo people expected to attend the football game at Corvallis Saturday, but the plan was called off late tonight on account of passenger traffic being crippled.

FLOWER SHOW, BUD OF BEAUTY, BLOOMS

Big, Bare Armory Made Into Lovely Bower.

LIKE WONDERLAND IS PLACE

In Maze of Blossoms and Foliage Hundreds Enchanted.

OREGON'S WONDERS SHOWN

Orchids, Chrysanthemums, Carnations and Roses in Many Hues Displayed — Annual Exhibit Assured — Baker Speaks.

The Flower Show, in all its loveliness, is now a Portland institution, promising to return at least once each year, and perhaps oftener. Its success was assured by the attendance and interest shown yesterday, when even before the exhibition had been opened formally hundreds thronged the enchanted aisles of the wonderland which was only a big, bare, brick-walled armory a few days before. During the afternoon a continual stream of people passed through the broad entrance, to wander, delighted, through the maze of beauty.

The show was opened at 2 o'clock by George L. Baker, speaking for Mayor Rushlight. He affirmed his increased pride in a city which could furnish such a display.

"This means a beginning in Oregon, land of beautiful flowers, for flowers still more beautiful, for flowers ever we are brought to realize that each Oregon home may be made beautiful by the planting of shrubs and flowers. I do not believe that we even need to yield to California as a flower state, after what I have seen here this afternoon."

Greater Culture Is Hope.

The speaker declared that before many years he expected the people of Portland to build an auditorium for the culture and display of the beautiful flowers that grow here, or that may be grown here with much less effort than in other climates.

Governor West, who was to have been one of the speakers, was unable to be present, and his place on the program was taken by Adjutant-General Finzer, who expressed himself as

IDAHO GOVERNOR TO BE SOLON HIMSELF

HAWLEY WILL RESIGN SO THAT HE CAN BE APPOINTED.

Lieutenant Announces He Will Make Democratic Executive Senator to Succeed Late Mr. Heyburn.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Lieutenant-Governor Lewis H. Sweetser, of Albion, announced here tonight that in the event Governor James H. Hawley resigns as Governor, he will appoint him United States Senator to fill the recess vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator Heyburn. Negotiations are under way here tonight and will be completed tomorrow by which Governor Hawley will retire as Chief Executive of the state and be given the toga. The following statement was authorized by Lieutenant-Governor Sweetser:

"Should Governor James H. Hawley resign as Governor of the State of Idaho and by virtue of that act I will become Governor of this state, I will most certainly appoint Governor Hawley, United States Senator from Idaho, to succeed the late Weldon B. Heyburn for the recess vacancy.

"I believe that it would be for the best interests of the State of Idaho for Governor Hawley to fill the vacancy. A Democrat will be appointed and in my opinion the Governor is the Democrat who should be.

"I am here for the purpose of taking up this very important matter with the Governor and have no doubt now but that his resignation will follow, whereupon I will appoint him United States Senator. Idaho will be benefited by having a prominent Democrat familiar with conditions in this state, in the United States Senate, if only for a short time."

HONEYED HOMINY CURES

Joaquin Miller Renews Life on Diet Prepared by Daughter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—On a diet of honeyed hominy, Joaquin Miller is fast securing a second lease of life. Friends of the poet have learned that he has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to leave his bed and resume his strolls along the wooded slopes of his beloved home in the hills across the bay.

To the daily dish of honeyed hominy prepared by his daughter, Juanita, the poet ascribes his "rejuvenation." The humble fare constitutes the main portion of the family menu and is offered to the wayfarer who makes the pilgrimage to Miller's home.

The poet received today an express package from the students of the Oklahoma College for girls, who recently celebrated a "Joaquin Miller day." They received a letter of appreciation from the poet, and in return dispatched a home-made fruitcake and other evidences of the culinary art as taught at their college.

TAFT FAVORS FREE TOLLS

Expert's Advice on Subject Not Accepted by President.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—President Taft told official visitors today he did not expect to recommend to Congress the repeal of the free toll provision made in the Panama Canal bill last Summer for American coastwise vessels. A second portion of the report of Professor Emory R. Johnson, the expert upon whose investigation the President based his recent proclamation of tolls, became public today and contains strong recommendations against free tolls for American ships.

Professor Johnson's report did not discuss the diplomatic aspect of the canal toll measure and was prepared before Great Britain entered its protest against the exemption of coastwise vessels.

SLAYER MUST AID WIDOW

Court Orders Payment in Lieu of Serving Year in Jail.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Joseph Bush, who killed James McNamara in a fight in Brooklyn, September 29, was sentenced today by Superior Court to pay the widow \$1 a week for one year in lieu of spending a year in jail. Bush thankfully agreed to the carrying out of the decree, but Mrs. McNamara declared she would not take a cent from her husband's slayer. Bush was then told to place the money in a savings bank to the widow's credit.

A jury found Bush guilty of assault in the third degree a few days ago.

HEALTH GUARANTEE URGED

Women's Clubs Indorse Requirement of Certificates Upon Marriage.

ALBANY, Ill., Nov. 15.—"Good health marriage certificates" were indorsed by the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs just before the adjournment of its annual convention. The President, amid a storm of applause, a resolution was adopted demanding a state law forbidding the granting of marriage licenses unless applicants could produce the guarantees of their good health.

BLIND BANKER CONFESSES

Parisian Financier Says He Misappropriated \$2,000,000.

PARIS, Nov. 15.—Augustine Max, known throughout France as "the blind banker of Paris," has created a mild sensation in financial circles here by surrendering himself to the police and confessing that he misappropriated \$2,000,000 of his clients' money.

TREND OF LIVING'S COST IS DOWNWARD

1912 Thanksgiving Dinners to Cost Less.

NEARLY ALL EATABLES DROP

Noticeable Decline in Prices Welcomed by Buyers.

FOWL FALL 2 CENTS POUND

In Some Commodities Purchases Can Be Made at Prices Far Lower Than Have Prevailed for Five Years Past.

The living cost, which has been gradually declining since early Summer, will become more apparent when Portland buyers lay in their supplies for Thanksgiving dinner.

There have been reductions all along the line. In some commodities, purchases can be made at prices lower than have prevailed for five years past. This is the consequence of the big crops that have been raised in this part of the country.

A glance at the wholesale prices now ruling in the Portland market on which all retail prices are, or should be, based, will show the general declines that have taken place in such articles as it is customary to place on the Thanksgiving table. The following are the jobbing quotations on these holiday staples, now and one year ago:

| | 1912 | 1911 |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Turkeys, pound | 25 | 27 |
| Chickens, pound | 15 | 17 |
| Geese, pound | 12 | 14 |
| Ducks, pound | 15 | 17 |
| Oleary, dozen | 61.54 | 63.14 |
| Swedish, pound | 60 | 62 |
| Potatoes, sack | 40 | 42 |
| Wheat, bushel | 91.54 | 92.54 |
| Apples, box | 1.00 | 1.25 |
| Grapes, box | 1.10 | 1.25 |
| Lettuce, dozen | 65 | 70 |
| Turnips, sack | 75 | 100 |
| Carrots, sack | 75 | 100 |
| Onions, sack | 50 | 100 |
| Cabbage, pound | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Oranges, box | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| Lemons, box | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| Cranberries | 17.00 | 17.00 |

Retail Buyers Fare Better.

Retailers prices do not follow closely the fluctuations of the wholesale market, as they should, to give consumers the benefit of the present low values, but in this respect the buyers fare better than they did a few years ago. For this they can thank the many small store-keepers who have recently opened vegetable, fruit and poultry stands in the market district bounded by Alder, Washington, Third and First streets. These market men, for the most part, are selling their wares on a small margin of profit. They have materially brought down prices in the other retail districts, but only those who trade there regularly know to what extent.

Turkeys, without doubt, will be much cheaper in all the Coast markets this year than last. The Oregon crop is known to be a large one, and while the demand will be larger than ever before, it is fairly certain there will be enough turkeys to go around and to spare. Southern Oregon has produced as many more birds than last season, while the turkey ranges of Idaho have had a large increase.

Idaho, in the few years, has come to the front as a great turkey growing state, and now supplies most of the markets of the Northwest. But for the Idaho turkeys, the prices here would be considerably higher than they are, as a good part of the Southern Oregon crop always goes to the California markets.

Eastera Fowls to Stay Out.

None of the Portland dealers or poultry speculators this year will bring in any Eastern turkeys, as their experience in this line last year was not satisfactory. Furthermore, there is no need this season for imported stock. It is understood several cars are being brought to the Sound from the East, and the Northern markets will, as usual, buy what they need in Oregon, but their wants will be supplied without lifting the market.

A good many turkeys, alive and dressed, are already coming on Front street. These are being used in large part to fill orders from Alaska. The grade of the early shipments gives promise of a uniformly good quality for the main crop.

Other kinds of poultry are also abundant. This is particularly true of chickens, which were never before so plentiful in Oregon. Chicken raising seems to have become a craze in many parts of the state. The Portland market several times this season has been swamped with supplies, and the country is still full of chickens. The flocks of ducks and geese are also large.

Apple Crop Is Bumper.

Every one knows the apple situation. The crop is a big one and the price is low. In the stores, apples of very fair quality are to be obtained at \$1 a box, or even less. In the jobbing district, high-grade apples of the Spitzenberg and Jonathan class have sold in the past few days at \$1.50 and \$1.25.

Potatoes are another cheap commodity. The crop in Oregon was the largest ever grown here, and with practically no shipping outlet, the prices are, in the language of the trade, "in the buyer's favor."

Nearly all other vegetables and fruit prices are lower than they were a year ago.

