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WASHINGTON, March 31.—President Wilson probably will fill the majority of the nine Ambassadorships now vacant before the beginning of the extra session of Congress next Monday.

The President expects to confer with many of his friends this week and it is believed that when Congress convenes, nominations for the more important posts will be sent to the Senate.

Today's developments brought out the fact that Walter H. Page, editor of "The World's Work," and an intimate friend of Mr. Wilson, had been offered and had accepted the Ambassadorship to Great Britain. Mr. Page will start for London within 10 days.

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It was announced at the White House that with the exception of Mr. Page, no offers had been made of any other diplomatic posts. The President has under consideration a list of men to whom he is favorably inclined, but the chief difficulty has been that many of these men have been from New York state, which he feels already has had conspicuous recognition.

Two members of the Cabinet—Secretaries Redfield and McAdoo, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, of the Navy Department, and Mr. Page have made their homes in New York for many years.

Augustus Thomas, the playwright, and William Church Osborn have been prominently mentioned for diplomatic places, chiefly France and Germany, but the fact that both come from the Empire State is said to be a circumstance that is giving the President no little embarrassment. He is known to hold both in high regard.

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Mr. Wilson has been disposed to look farther west for some of his diplomatic appointments, and the name of Rudolph Spreckels, of San Francisco, as probable Ambassador to Germany came forward prominently today.

Mr. Spreckels practically organized and managed the Wilson National Progressive Republican League, and his appointment, it was said, would be a recognition by the President of the aid given him by the Progressive Republicans in the last campaign.

Elmore W. Hurst, of Rock Island, Ill., who saw the President today, also is said to be slated for a diplomatic post. Thomas Nelson Page and Joseph E. Willard, of Virginia, Justice J. W. Girard, of New York, Frederick C. Penfield, of Germantown, Pa., and Henry Morgenthau, of New York, are among those under consideration for diplomatic appointments but there have been no decisions as to any of these men as yet.

Callers Talk of Tariff

The President had a taste today of the difficulties of tariff revision. Many of the callers came to talk for and against various schedules. To all the President listened patiently but gave not the slightest intimation of what was contained in the schedules of the tariff bill. He is studying on what would be his own attitude toward these subjects.

Augustus Healy, of the Brooklyn Academy of Arts and Sciences, who talked with the President about the tariff on leather and hides, was introduced by Secretary Redfield.

W. F. Sardis, of Buenos Ayres, urged the President to see that meat came into this country from Argentina free of duty. Senator Broussard and Governor Hall, of Louisiana, protested against free sugar, while Representative Keating, of Colorado, told the President he favored free sugar. Notwithstanding the protests of other Congressmen from Colorado.

GREAT SLIDE EXCAVATED

Steam Shovels Rapidly Remove Dirt in Panama Canal.

PANAMA, March 31.—The largest excavation from a single slide in one day since the opening of the canal operations was made Friday when 10,184 cubic yards were removed from the Cucaracha Slide by five steam shovels.

The movement of the slide continues, but the removal of the dirt is progressing favorably.

PORTLAND TRADE BEST YET

(Continued From First Page.)

much better showing in shipping was made than during March, 1912. In exports the gain was approximately 15 per cent, while in coastwise shipping there was an appreciable increase.

These shipments totaled \$50,000 in beans, valued at \$448,894; flour, \$2,285 barrels, valued at \$201,022; lumber, 16,707,303 feet, valued at \$195,862; barley, 102,341 bushels, valued at \$62,329. The total value of exports was \$896,882, compared with \$795,339 for the corresponding month of last year.

One of the important industries of Portland that has been making big gains is the manufacture of lumber. Not only has the output been much larger than during the first three months of last year, but the market has been much stronger. According to the Columbia River district, the demand for lumber is gaining steadily and there is every indication that the trade will reach its height of prosperity during the year.

Another noteworthy showing for March was in postal receipts. The estimated total for the month is \$92,350, as compared with \$88,737 in March of last year, the gain being \$3,613, or 7.5 per cent. For the three-months period, or first quarter of the year, the receipts totaled \$259,844.82, while the records for the corresponding period of last year was \$261,361. The gain for the quarter just closed was \$1,523.42, or 18.5 per cent.

New Structures Under Way.

While there was a decline in building operations, there is in reality a much greater construction activity now than was noted at this time a year ago. There are under way at least half a dozen big business structures, permits for which have not as yet been issued.

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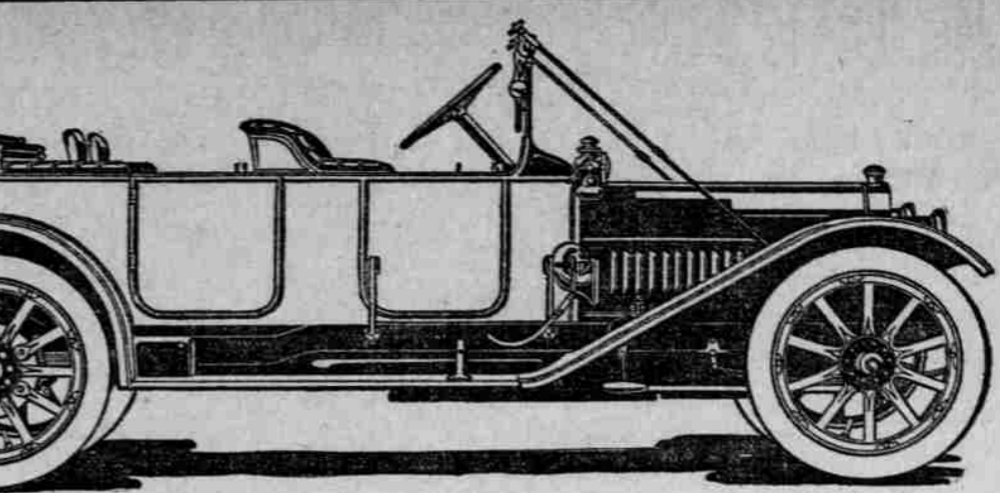
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CHINA PICKS CONGRESS

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO MEET APRIL 8.

President Wilson to Decide at Once as to Whether United States Will Recognize New Republic.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The entire membership of both houses of the first Chinese National Assembly under Republican auspices has been elected, according to official advice. The first meeting will be held April 1 at Peking. The Chinese Congress will comprise about 800 members in the lower house and 300 in the upper chamber.

For the first meeting the members will exercise a double function, being, in the first place, practically delegates to a constitutional convention for the new Republic in the second place, a constituent and the establishment of a permanent form of government. After that function is over the members will resolve themselves into legislators.

The attendance of the meeting of this first assembly has brought to President Wilson's Administration the necessity of deciding whether the new Republic is to be recognized immediately, or whether the United States shall join other powers in extending recognition only after the Chinese congress has met and acted upon the proposed constitution.

Secretary Bryan's recent utterances at Trenton and a long conference with the Chinese Minister here last Saturday are regarded as indicating that the former policy will be adopted.

BRIBERY CHARGE PROBED

Policeman Said to Have Received \$25,000 to Take Sentence Quietly.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The grand jury investigating the police graft scandal attempted today to trace the source of an alleged bribe fund of \$25,000 raised to keep John J. Hartigan, a Republican recently convicted of perjury, from making a confession involving superior officers. The jury also looked into a report that Hartigan had been indicted for alleged grafting, visited him in the Tombs after hours.

District Attorney Whitman and Hartigan's friends, including his wife, had expected that the convicted man would tell all he knew.

The alleged visits of Sweeney to Hartigan took place the week before Hartigan was sentenced. It was during this week, according to the allegations, the grand jury probing, that Hartigan was promised \$25,000 to take his sentence without making a confession. Sweeney was shadowed to the Tombs, according to Mr. Whitman's informant, several Tombs keepers went before the grand jury today.

Fleet as Big as a City.

Washington Cor. Boston Advertiser. It is pointed out that in the Atlantic fleet there are 14,000 men, and that any city having as large a number of people would have a hospital and plenty of skilled physicians and surgeons at hand to treat the many minor ailments that such an aggregation of men are sure to offer, to say nothing of the very serious and chronic cases. In a fleet it is declared there is always greater demand for hospital facilities, not only for treatment of disease, but also and especially to preserve that fighting efficiency the Navy needs in emergencies, and then when there is fighting or some great accident it is really essential to have near by a hospital ship with trained specialists on hand in all the branches of medicine to care for the stricken and injured in a manner not permissible on board a great ship with just one surgeon on hand.

And then lastly it is declared a hospital ship would be supplied with all those lethal agencies which would pre-

serve the dead until they can be turned over to the next of kin.

The Beefsteak Tomato.

New York Press. The man who invented the beefsteak tomato is clever. The name was a happy thought. In this time of high prices, when many a family has almost forgotten how beefsteak looks, at least in its sirlion or porterhouse cuts, this comparatively new and substantial tomato is a valuable addition to the sum of human happiness. The name is satisfying. The vegetable itself is still more so. Not every large, smooth tomato is a true beefsteak. The latter is crimson in color, not vermilion—if you have a good eye for shades. The skin of a beefsteak tomato is close-fitting, never loose, the seeds are few and the flesh is solid meat. Half a pound of beefsteak tomato is almost as much of a meal as half a pound of filet du boeuf, also as succulent and juicy. Tomatoes are not prohibitive in price at this time, and they are good three times a day. Don't slice them. Give each individual a whole one and receive his blessing.

Hearings Postponement Asked.

SALEM, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Inasmuch as the streetcar committee of the Portland City Council has recom-

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mission be postponed to an indefinite date.

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Solely as a mark of consideration for our employees and believing that their services each week justifies our granting same, we announce that, beginning next Sunday, April 6, our store will remain closed on Sunday afternoons between the hours of 1 P. M. and 6 P. M. By adopting and thereby inaugurating this plan of Sunday-afternoon closing in Portland, all "Owl" employees will receive, in addition to their full day off each week, an additional half day, thereby giving them more time for rest and recreation than is generally enjoyed by most store employees. We believe the people of Portland will heartily indorse our plan.

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United States Tires advertisement featuring a tire image and text: 'United States Tires cut down tire bills UNITED STATES TIRE COMPANY 84 Seventh St. Portland, Oregon'