



## CONGRESS GETS THE MESSAGE

### President's Letter Discusses Columbia Fisheries

### CHAMBERLAIN TALKS

### Financial Standing of Nation Makes Excellent Showing

### KEY SYSTEM IMPERFECT

### President Urges An Increase For Salaries to Judges—Has a Very Strong and Kind Word For The Wage Earner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Business of both Houses of Congress confined today largely to listening to the reading of the President's message, but in addition a few bills were introduced in the Senate and House and in the House a number of bills were sent to Congress. In addition the Speaker announced the appointment of Higgins of Connecticut on the committee of judiciary in place of Littlefield and Martin to place on committee of Indian affairs in place of Parker, deceased. For the first time during the present Congress there was a call of committees of the House but no measure was reported by any of them. Miscellaneous work of the Senate consisted in the main of reference in executive session of about 1500 recess appointments which were today sent to Southland. Ambassador pointed out difficulties with which the South has had to contend with since the Civil War.

President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft publicly put themselves on record today in advocacy of issuance of government bonds for the construction of permanent public improvements to conserve natural resources of nation. President-elect Taft presided, at joint conservation meeting this afternoon at the Balasco theatre in this city. Governor Chamberlain of Oregon voiced what seemed advanced ground of the Democratic party in advocacy of federal jurisdiction and the audience which filled the theatre and which included Andrew Carnegie, John Mitchell, senators, congressmen and governors of several states applauded every sentiment expressed.

The President's message, in part, is as follows: The financial standing of the Nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the Nation's interests by the Government

during the last seven years has shown the most satisfactory results. But our currency system is imperfect, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the Currency Commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects.

**Regulating Corporations.**  
As regards the great corporations engaged in interstate business and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already said in my messages to the Congress. I believe that under the interstate clause of the Constitution the United States has complete and paramount right to control all agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the National Government alone can exercise this right with wisdom and effectiveness so as both to secure justice from, and to do justice to the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern business. I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. I strongly advocate that instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations, there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency of the National Government full power of control and supervision over them. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know and further—

## JAMES BRYCE RECEIVES NOTABLE OVATION

### BRITISH AMBASSADOR GETS A WARM WELCOME AT COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

### THE SOUTH'S GREAT FUTURE

### Executive Session Held by Ways and Means Committee of House For Purpose to Summon by Subpoena Those to Appear Before Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Expressing conviction that a great future is about to dawn upon the South, James Bryce, British ambassador, received a notable ovation from the delegates in attendance on the Southern Commercial Congress, following a speech in which he declared that he is a well wisher of the President and adoption of resolutions or regret on account of the death of the members of the House who have passed away since adjournment last May. The Senate adjourned for the day at 2 o'clock and the House at 2:35 p. m. The executive session was held today by the ways and means committee of the House presumably for the purpose of

# ASTORIA'S DAY! ASTORIA'S LESSON! ASTORIA'S DUTY!

TO THE VOTING PEOPLE OF ASTORIA, GREETING:

In the name of civic righteousness and duty you are appealed to this day, to cast your votes for the redemption of the city of Astoria from a course of municipal debt-building that must, sooner or later (and perhaps sooner than any of you realize) reduce Astoria to very questionable and threatening conditions as to public credit and property values.

Every taxpayer, every businessman, every interested voter, must take a hand in straightening out and reducing the extraordinary pass to which the city has been brought through the reckless expenditures of the party now in power; and it must be done today.

As is the invariable case, in prolonged leases of public authority and prestige, the men who have served you for the past 12 years and more, have become extravagant, indifferent, and wantonly blind to the peril they have set up, and the hour for rebuking and readjusting is at hand! Will you use your undisputed faculty and franchise, this day, in your own defense and that of your city?

It is yours, as you shall find your duty to be after the exposition that has been made of the actual conditions and published to you broadly and frequently, in these columns, and after honest thought, either to continue the program of wastefulness and mal-administration or set up new and amendatory policies and agencies. You alone can cure the ill that hovers over you. None but you hold the responsibility for all that shall ensue if you neglect the lesson and the opportunity at hand.

All that is sought is a fair, square, simple, business administration, directed to the economizing of Astoria's resources, readjusting her policies and plans, and sparing her the further encroachment of a debt-burden now almost annihilative!

**ALL WE ASK IS THAT THESE MEN BE GIVEN AN UNTRAMMELED CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT THEY CAN DO IN THIS CASE, TO RESTORE THE BALANCES THAT HAVE BEEN SO WIDELY AND VICIOUSLY DISTURBED; IF THEY DO NOT FULFIL THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF YOUR MISSION, AND THEIRS, THEN WILL REPUBLICAN ASTORIA TAKE THE SHEEREST REBUKE YOU HAVE TO OFFER!!!**

*If you want to see your City Advance  
If you would have the Law's Enforced  
If you would Maintain the City's Credit  
If you want Honest Public Improvements  
If you would Curtail City's Expenses  
If you want a First Class Business Administration*

## WORK AND VOTE FOR

Mayor—	FIRST WARD.	THIRD WARD.
12 X SAMUEL ELMORE	Water Commissioner 1st Ward— 30 X-ASMUS BRIX	Water Commissioner 3rd Ward— 30 X GUST HOLMES
Auditor and Police Judge— 14 X OLOF ANDERSON	8 Year Term	8 Year Term
Treasurer— 15 X THOMAS DEALY	31 X FRANS KANKKONEN 4 Year Term	32 X JAMES W. WELCH 4 Year Term
City Attorney— 16 X CHAS. H. ABERCROMBIE	Councilman First Ward— 27 X CHARLES WILSON 4 Year Term	Councilman 3rd Ward— 27 X C. A. LEINENWEBER 4 Year Term
Superintendent of Streets— 17 X J. F. KEARNEY	28 X F. J. CARNEY 2 Year Term	29 X J. J. ROBINSON 2 Year Term
Surveyor— 19 X A. S. TEE	SECOND WARD.	FOURTH WARD.
Police Commissioner— 21 X R. CARRUTHERS	Water Commissioner 2nd Ward— 31 X F. A. FISHER	Water Commissioner 4th Ward— 31 X MAXWELL YOUNG
Water Commissioner at Large— 23 X J. E. FERGUSON	8 Year Term	8 Year Term
Councilman at Large— 26 X H. F. PRAEL	33 X H. G. VAN DUSEN 4 Year Term	Councilman 4th Ward— 27 X L. O. BELLAND 4 Year Term
	Councilman 2nd Ward— 28 X CHRIS SCHMIDT 4 Year Term	29 X P. L. STANGLUND 2 Year Term
	29 X C. J. CURTIS 2 Year Term	

sending in the names of those it is proposed to summon by subpoena to appear before the committee. While nothing is given out it is understood that these whose testimony is especially desired by the committee are President Van Cleave of the National Manufacturers' Association; Charles Francis Adams of Boston, representative of the meat packers, wool industry, leather industry, steel industry and manufacturers of various articles in relation to which the committee has no testimony. Short hearing was held by the committee today and another has been set for Thursday in order to get an early start on consideration of the new tariff bill. It is believed a majority of members will meet tomorrow as a sub-committee to take the first active steps in the framing of the bill.

## BLASTING ORDINANCE IS PASSED

### CONTRACTORS TO BE HELD STRICTLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL DAMAGES.

The blasting ordinance was passed at the meeting of the common council on Monday night, though there was considerable objection to it as it stood by Councilmen Logan and Hansen. Councilman Hansen made a strong talk against the provision in the ordinance which provides that

contractors shall be held liable for all damage irrespective of the question of the distances from places damaged. The city attorney replied to this by stating in effect that it didn't make any difference if damage was done by a little blast 50 feet away or by a big blast 500 feet away. Yet the need of some ordinance covering blasting was apparently so keenly felt by the members of the council that it was finally passed with only two dissenting votes.

Upon its face the ordinance seems to be of great merit. It is evidently drawn with the greatest care.

The importance of the measure will be indicated when it is stated that some men believe that most of the bad slides in the city have resulted from blasting, and all seem to agree that the heavy blasting has at least

been a potent factor in the formation of slides.

Under the new ordinance contractors will be held to the strictest accountability for all damage done. Also they cannot use their own discretion in blasting. The size of blast, perhaps even the right to blast at all in certain places, will be under the immediate supervision of the city engineer. Its terms are general, and it would seem that with proper care exercised by the city engineer the day of indiscriminate blasting is over in Astoria.

### END IS NEAR.

### Attorneys For Defense Will Make Final Arguments Tomorrow.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 9.—The end of the trial of Charles E. Davis, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Rustin, will probably come tomorrow. Deputy State Attorney Ellick and Associate Counsel Woodrough concluded their arguments this afternoon and Attorney Gurley, chief counsel for defense and Mr. English make final arguments tomorrow.

### SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.

### A Large Appropriation Will Be Made Annually.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The colonial budget includes an original appropriation of \$150,000 to be followed by \$32,000 annually for the erection and maintenance at Tsing Tao, in the German territory of Kiao Chan, China, of schools for the Chinese natives where instruction in technical matters will be given.

## SENATOR FULTON WILL OPPOSE J. C. YOUNG

### NAME SENT TO SENATE BY PRESIDENT FOR POSTMASTERSHIP AT PORTLAND

### A LIVELY FIGHT EXPECTED

### Senator Requests the Committee on Postoffices to Withhold Action on Nomination of John C. Young—Wants People Heard on the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The President today sent to the Senate the name of John C. Young, private secretary to Senator Jonathan Bourne, as Postmaster at Portland.

Senator Fulton has requested the committee on postoffices to withhold action on the nomination of John C. Young as postmaster at Portland. He says he intends giving the citizens of Portland a chance to be heard in the matter of Young's confirmation. If protests are made a lively fight over this nomination will follow.

Senator Bourne is a member of the postoffice committee, which gives him some advantage, but Senatorial courtesy probably will enable Fulton to block the confirmation during the entire session.

## EARTH SWALLOWS BANK ROBBERS

### Various Clues End Without the Slightest Trace of Portland Highwaymen

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—If the five robbers who held up the east side bank last evening had been invested with a showed of invisibility they could not more completely disappear. Since five minutes after the robbery when they disappeared up the street, they vanished completely as if they had entered the bowels of the earth. Clues innumerable were followed today but all ending in nothing.

The balance of the books compared with cash on hand today, shows that the robbers secured \$14,743.90. President Newhall of the bank drew his personal check on another bank to bank this amount good, and will recover \$10,000 of it back from the indemnity company which insured the bank to this amount.

### GET \$6000.

WICHITA, Dec. 8.—The State Bank of Maize was robbed tonight of \$6000, and the robbers made good their escape. The safe was dynamited.

## BLOODY STREET RIOT—2 DEAD

### Officer and Thirteen Year Old Girl Killed

### AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

### Riot Takes Place at City Hall in the Very Heart of Business Center

### POLICEMEN HANDICAPPED

### Trouble Starts When Officer Goes to Investigate a Case of Alleged Abduction—Several of the Injured May Die.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—In the very shadow of the city hall in this city and less than half a mile from the business center, a riot in which religious fanatics and police were participants and in which a hundred shots were fired this afternoon, resulted in the death of one policeman, and one girl. Three fatally injured and two or three others slightly injured.

The Dead:  
ALBER O. DALBOW.  
LOLA PRATT, aged 13.  
Fatally Injured.

John Sharp, known as "Adam God", street preacher.

Michael Mullane, policeman.  
Patrick Clark, police sergeant.

Slightly Injured.  
Harry E. Stege, policeman.

George M. Holt, probation officer.

The trouble occurred at 4 o'clock in the afternoon while the streets were crowded with persons. While the battle was in progress the participants traversed the entire block, final stage of fight being enacted directly across the entrance to the police station. Holt went to investigate the case of an alleged abduction which had reached him. Near the street corner he came upon Sharp, who, surrounded by companions, was exhorting to a crowd of street loafers. With Sharp were A. J. Selzer, a woman and five children, ranging in age from 14 to 3. The officer's suspicion were aroused by the manner in which the woman attempted to secure money contributions from the crowd and Holt decided that she and her male companions were not the proper persons to have the custody of the small children. Holt asked the woman whose children they were, and she told him to mind his own business.

"Adam God" threatened the officer with personal violence. Holt, who never goes armed found himself at a

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## DIPLOMATS HAVE A BAD AUTO ACCIDENT

### Senors Don Juan Barrios, Don Luis Toledo Herrarte and General Drummond at Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Don Juan Barrios, Guatemalan Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is in Washington on a special mission of his government was probably fatally injured and Senator Don Luis Toledo Herrarte, Guatemalan Minister to the United States and General John Drummond, rich coffee planter in Guatemala, were badly injured in an automobile accident late today. The diplomats were riding in a heavy touring car when it turned turtle just after passing over the bridge into

Virginia, the occupants being hurled beneath the car and pinioned there. When they were extricated they were apparently unconscious and bleeding freely from scalp wounds. The chauffeur sustained bruised head and legs. The accident was caused by the meeting with a young woman driving a team of horses. In crashing into the girl, the chauffeur swerved the car to the right, the front wheels of the machine struck some obstruction, and the force of the impact causing the car to turn somersault.