



## PEACE REIGNS IN CONGRESS

Message of President Received and Met With Great Applause

### TARIFF BILL NOT PRESENTED

Some Disappointment Was Felt Over Fact That Measure Was Not Brought in But Will Probably be Introduced at Today's Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—In striking contrast to the scenes of confusion and disorder and the acrimonious debate which marked the opening day of the house the session today assumed its wonted air of benignity.

There was a general good-feeling among the members whose main topic of conversation was yesterday's fight over the rules. The anticipated message of the President was received and met with prolonged applause from the Republicans. Some disappointment was felt however over the fact that the tariff measure was not presented. This is expected to be done tomorrow. Interest is attached to the announcement made by the speaker of the personnel of the committee on rules and committee on ways and means. Biennial lottery for seats was conducted.

The Payne tariff bill will be introduced in the House early tomorrow. In the meantime it will be reprinted. All the meetings of the sub-committee of Republican members were held today after Speaker Cannon had appointed the committee on ways and means and several changes in the bill were attended to. The meeting was for the purpose of securing the approval of the new Republican member, Cushman of Washington, who had no knowledge of the provisions of the bill. The appointment of Representative Cushman gives the Pacific Coast two representatives on the Republican side of the ways and means committee and leaves the Rocky Mountain seats without representation. While Cushman had little time to consider the bill his attitude may have changed the measures considerably. The changes agreed on however are mainly in its phraseology. Cushman represents a section of the country which desires to improve the commercial relations with Canada and especially to secure a market for citrus fruits, olives, grapes and other commodities of perishable character for which a ready market is needed. On the other hand the lumber interests are very large in

that section and Cushman's attitude may have a material effect in regard to the lumber schedules. Numerous briefs have been submitted by important interests in the Northwest to having free iron ore and coal in competition with Canadian coal in view has in part a reciprocity arrangement with Canada. Printed copies of the tariff bill, matrices and even the paper remaining on the presses that were used to print the bill have been locked in the vaults of the printing office since 11:30 this morning. It was planned to bring in the bill today, but it was desired to secure for it unanimous approval of the Republican members, making Cushman's endorsement necessary.

## NATIONAL GUARD MAY MAN BIG GUNS

### GEN. FINZER RECOMMENDS STATE ENCAMPMENT AT COLUMBIA'S MOUTH.

PORTLAND, March 16.—If the recommendations of General W. E. Finzer, commander of the Oregon National Guard, are favorably acted upon by the War Department, seven companies of state infantry will be given a course in firing the big coast defense guns located at the mouth of the Columbia River. The War Department has acted favorably on General Finzer's request that the First Company, Coast Artillery Reserves, located at Astoria, be allowed to spend a week or so this Summer at Fort Stevens, Or., and Fort Columbia, Wash.

### LOST IN MOUNTAINS

WINSTED, Conn., March 16.—Earl H. Hotchkiss, a captain in the signal corps of the Connecticut National Guard, and manager of the Winsted division of the Southern New England Telephone Company, is believed to be lost on Wetmore Mountain, and a posse left here last night to search for him. He disappeared early yesterday morning. The chief of police and sheriff headed a band of searchers who hoped to find Hotchkiss before he perished from the cold.

## CONFIRMS YOUNG AS POSTMASTER

Portland Will Now Have New Officer to Take the Place of Postmaster Minto

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—It took the United States Senate less than five minutes in executive session this morning to confirm the nomination of John C. Young for Postmaster of Portland, which was filed yesterday by President Taft.

The matter was taken up early in the session today, and the name of Bourne's man was sent through.

that he would be prepared to vacate the office as soon as his successor qualified.

Mr. Minto was appointed by President Roosevelt on July 1, 1904, and has proven one of the most efficient postmasters Portland has ever had. He has been at all times courteous and obliging to patrons of the institution, among whom he is exceedingly popular. He succeeded F. A. Bancroft to the position, which carries with it a salary of \$6000 a year.

It is not known as yet whether assistant Postmaster Shipley, or Miss Daisy Stockton, private secretary to Mr. Minto, will be affected by the change, but the presumption is that both will have to go with their chief.

## SPECIAL SESSION ADJOURNS

Transacted the Business It Was Called Together for and Goes Home

### NORMALS MAKE LAST STAND

Make Frantic Effort to Secure an Appropriation For Maintenance—Meeting of House Was Chiefly Notable For the Scenes of Disorder.

SALEM, Or., March 16.—The special session of the legislature called together by Governor Benson to re-enact a bill appropriating \$340,000 for improvements to state institutions, adjourned tonight after two days' session. Save to accomplish the end for which it was called the special session did practically nothing.

Friends of the normal schools which failed to secure any appropriations at the regular session, made strenuous efforts to secure one from the special session, but their efforts came to naught.

The resolution introduced yesterday in the Senate endorsing former Senator Charles W. Fulton for the position of United States district judge recently created by Congress died in the committee. The committee acted favorably on the resolution, but was unable, it is stated, to secure sufficient assurances that the resolution would be adopted and withheld their report fearing a possible defeat might prejudice Mr. Fulton's case.

The Senate finished all its work Monday night, but the House required until tonight to bring the session to an end. The session today in the House was chiefly notable for the frequency of outburst of disorder. Members walked around the chamber, carrying on conversations in tones so loud as to prevent the transaction of business and only because the doors were locked were members kept from going home. When the recess was taken at supper time Speaker McArthur felt it necessary to call the roll and pledge the word of honor of each member to return for the night's session.

## ENGLAND MAY LOSE SUPREMACY OVER SEAS

### GERMANY SHOWS HER NEIGHBOR—GREAT BATTLESHIP DEVELOPMENT THERE

LONDON, March 16.—A dramatic revelation by Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, in parliament today, of Germany's extraordinary development in her capacity to build big battleships rapidly, seems likely to mark a crisis in Great Britain's naval history. It is quite certain it will arouse and alarm the country as to the possibility of England's maintaining her naval supremacy. Its effect was electrical. Immediately after the debate on navy estimates was concluded, a hurried meeting was called of the house members comprising the "small navy" party at which the situation thus unexpectedly revealed was anxiously debated. No decision was reached but the speech showed that little more would be heard on "cheese-parring" so far as the navy is concerned. On the contrary it seems that the government will be urged by a majority of its own party to make the "conditional" program for additional Dreadnaughts an absolute building program. It comes as Lord Balfour pointedly put it in today's speech, which greatly impressed the house, the question was

### CANAL REPORT MADE PUBLIC

Chief Engineer of Commission Declares Lock Plan Best.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—In the report of the canal commission made public today, Colonel Goethals, chairman and chief engineer of the commission, declares that the lock canal at Panama according to the present plan is most desirable as well as the saving of time and money over the sea level plan. He ridiculed the predictions of the disastated made by the government officials and others and challenges them to produce arguments to back up their claims.

Regarding the slip in the Gatun Dam last winter, Colonel Goethals says it was unimportant and would have passed without notice had it not been for the fact that Charges River ood had covered portions of the railroad near the dam. He says a newspaper correspondent saw the chance for a story and attributed the flood to the "dropping of the dam into a subterranean lake under the dam and locks which another fakir had previously discovered."

## HEAVIER RAILS COMING FOR THE A. & C.

### DISPATCH FROM PORTLAND TELLS OF THE SUMMER SERVICE.

PORTLAND, March 16.—Heavy steel for the rebuilding of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad line west of Astoria has been shipped from Chicago and should arrive here the latter part of the month. Immediately upon its arrival work of tearing up the light 50-pound rails and substituting the 75-pound ones will be commenced, and the work pushed forward so that it may be finished in time for the opening of the special Summer service to the beaches.

With the rebuilding of the 10 or 12 miles from a point five or six miles west of Astoria to the terminus at Seaside the entire road from Portland to the sea will be equipped with heavy steel 75 pounds or heavier. This betterment will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000, allowing due credit for the value of the old rails, and will enable the Astoria & Columbia River trains to maintain a 40-mile-an-hour schedule if necessary.

When the line has been rebuilt first-class new equipment will be put into service for the Seaside Special, and the delay that has heretofore been necessary for changing the heavier to lighter engines at Astoria will be done away with. In the past the light construction of the road from Astoria to the beaches has required the lightest type of engines, light coaches and none too speedy a schedule, but this Summer the coast end of the road will be of just as heavy construction as any other part.

The new Summer service to Seaside will be inaugurated about June 27, and General Freight and Passenger Agent H. M. Adams says it will be a finer train than the crack train which was so popular for the week-end trips last year. He adds that it will be possible to maintain a much faster schedule should it be deemed expedient to cut the running time down below what it was in 1908.

"Last year the service seemed to be very satisfactory to the public," said Mr. Adams today, "and by leaving here at 2:20 o'clock Saturday afternoon the cottagers and resorters were at the beaches in time for dinner, and could remain there until after dinner Sunday evening and get to Portland at 10:20. Inasmuch as most of the line has been entirely rebuilt in the last year or so, we will have as fine a roadbed as any line in the Northwest, and our new equipment will be in keeping with it."

not one of maintaining a two hours' standard but of maintaining a one-hour standing in rest class ships. "I am forced to admit," said Balfour. "That now for the very first time in modern history we are face to face with a naval situation so new and dangerous that it is difficult for us to realize all its imports."

## SENDS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

President Asks That Quick Action be Made on Revision of Tariff

### BUSINESS INTEREST DEMAND

Says it is of the Highest Importance That New Bill Should be Agreed Upon and Passed With as Much Speed as Possible.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—The reading of the President's message to congress in favor of revising the tariff was the chief business before the Senate today. The message received careful attention, after which the Senate adjourned until Friday. The message was as follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives—I have convened the congress in this extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the Dingley tariff act. Conditions affecting production, manufacture and business generally have so changed in the last 12 years as to require a readjustment and revision of the import duties imposed by that act. More than this, the present tariff act, with the other sources of Government revenue, does not furnish income enough to pay the authorized expenditures. By July 1 next the excess of expenditures over receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$100,000,000.

"The successful party in the late election is pledged to a revision of the tariff. The country and the business community especially expect it. The prospect of a change in the rates of import duties always causes a suspension or halt in business because of the uncertainty as to the conditions to be made and their effect. It is therefore of the highest importance that the new bill should be agreed upon and passed with as much speed as possible consistent with its due and thorough consideration. For these reasons, I have deemed the present to be an extraordinary occasion within the meaning of the Constitution, justifying and requiring the calling of an extra session.

"In my inaugural address I stated in a summary way the principles upon which, in my judgment, the revision of the tariff should proceed, and indicated at least one new source of revenue that might be properly resorted to in order to avoid a future deficit. It is not necessary for me to repeat what I then said.

"I venture to suggest that the vital business interests of the country require that the attention of the Congress in this session be chiefly devoted to the consideration of the new tariff bill, and the less time given to other subjects of legislation in this session of Congress, the better for the country.

"WILLIAM H. TAFT.  
"The White House, March 16, 1909."

### PATROLLING FISHERIES

VICTORIA, B. C., March 16.—For the purpose of increasing the patrol of the halibut fishing grounds in Hecate straits, the British Columbia Salvage Co.'s steamer William Juliffe has been chartered by the Department of marine and fisheries and will assist the fishery protection cruiser Kestrel in patrolling the northern fishing grounds this summer. The marine and fisheries department has also purchased the steam trawler Newington from R. J. Fader of New Westminster for \$42,000 for use with lighthouse tender Quadra in the lighthouse and buoy service the Quadra being found insufficient to cope ready for service with the work. The Newington will arrive here in a few days to be made ready for service.

### NO CONFERENCE HELD.

PASADENA, Cal., March 16.—No conference of the railroad officials of the Harriman lines who have been here for the last two days will be held as reported. Several of the members of the party have already left and Harriman leaves Thursday. Harriman continues to assert that he is in California merely for a rest.

If anything was accomplished at the meeting, Harriman is at great pains to keep the results secret for he contented himself today with telling the newspapermen how he was enjoying the sunshine of Southern California and what a great country the Southwest is. He refused to talk about any railroad changes. The belief is general here that if any of the important changes hinted at heretofore are to be made, the announcement of them will come after Harriman's return to New York.

### POPE RECOVERING.

ROME, March 16.—The Pope was today sufficiently recovered from his recent indisposition to receive the American Pilgrimage.

## WOULD-BE MURDERER KILLED AT MERRY MILLS

### DURING FIGHT FOR GUN THE WEAPON IS DISCHARGED WITH FATAL EFFECT.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, March 16.—John Armstrong Chaloner, the former husband of Amelie Rives, the writer, fought for the possession of a revolver with John Gillard, an Englishman, at his country home, "Merry Mills," last night. The revolver was discharged and Gillard was killed. Chaloner was arrested. Gillard came from Australia and was living three miles from "Merry Mills," his wife sought Chaloner's protection from her husband, who it is alleged threatened her life. She arrived at "Merry Mills," in advance of her husband and with her children was waiting in the dining room to tell her story when her husband entered and attacked her, it is said, with a pair of tongs. Chaloner then entered the room and interfered and a scuffle ensued and Chaloner drew a pistol to restrain the frenzied man. Gillard seized the pistol and tried to turn it on his wife. Chaloner grasped it and it was discharged, the bullet entering Gillard's temple. At the inquest the widow said she was positive her husband discharged the weapon in an effort to kill her. The body was kept at "Merry Mills" in the position in which it fell. The room still showed signs of the struggle, the woman's hat in one corner and her hairpins scattered over the floor, the tongs were bent from blows and were bloody and contained clumps of hair. Mrs. Gillard's head was badly cut. Chaloner had frequently befriended Gillard.

## BALLINGER MOVES DIVISION OFFICE

Land Office at Portland Will be Transferred to Seattle and Division Headquarters Established

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Fred Dennett, Commissioner of the General Land Office, this morning, announced that L. R. Glavis, chief of field division No. 1, would be transferred to Seattle, and division headquarters established there as soon as necessary arrangements can be made in order to accommodate growing demands of service in Alaska.

Inquiry indicates the probability of a complete rehabilitation of the system with reference to service conditions, and that Glavis will be promoted as chief of all divisions under the new order of things, embracing

## ANOTHER CUBAN REVOLUTION

First Real Uprising Under the New Order of Government

### NOT DETERMINED HOW BAD

President Gomez Declares he Will Stamp it Out and Make an Example of All Concerned and to Pursue and Kill All Taking Part.

HAVANA, Cuba, March 16.—The first real uprising against the new Cuban republic occurred last night. How serious the trouble is hard to determine. A sergeant of the rural guards, stationed at Vuelitas, Santa Clara province, with a party of 17 men took to the woods and the troops are in pursuit. While the movement is apparently unimportant, numerically, all indications are that it is part of a widespread conspiracy.

President Gomez declared it is his intention at suppressing the insurrection and making example of all concerned. Orders have been issued to surround the fugitives, and take no prisoners if any resistance is encountered and not cease pursuit until all have been killed or captured. It was learned later that a conspiracy has been unearthed in which members of the rural guard at Placetas and at Vuelitas are concerned. A former captain of the rurales, corporal and two civilians were arrested on charge of complicity in insurrectionary movement. The dispatch of troops from Havana is taken as an indication that the present situation is now more serious than even authorities are willing to admit. Rumors are current that a general recently dismissed from the rural guard has arrived at Oriente at the head of 200 men, but it is doubtful if there is any truth in the report.

### IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PITTSBURG, March 16.—Announcement is made here that the Rev. W. L. McEwen, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of this city, will be a candidate for the moderatorship of the next general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America. Dr. McEwen has been pastor of the Third Church in this city for the last 15 years and is prominently identified with the leading Presbyterian interests of Pittsburg and Western Pennsylvania. He is well known throughout the entire church and is a recognized leader among the forerunners in the synod of Pennsylvania. The assembly meets in Denver, Colo., the third Thursday of May.