

SETTLE TARIFF QUESTION NOW, SAYS TAFT

SETS EXAMPLE BY SENDING TO CONGRESS BRIEFEST SPECIAL MESSAGE OF RECORD

BUSINESS SITUATION ADMITS OF NO DELAY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 16.—President Taft today sent to congress his special message, one of the shortest ever written in history, for a readjustment and revision of the tariff. The message in full, follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives: I have convened the congress in extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the tariff act.

"Conditions affecting production, manufactures 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. Not Income Enough.

"More than this, the present tariff act, with the other sources of revenue, does not furnish income enough to pay the authorized expenditures. By July 1, the excess of expenses over the receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$100,000,000.

"The successful party in the last election was pledged to the revision of the tariff. The country and the business community especially expect it.

"The prospect of a change in rates in import duties always causes a suspension or halt in business because of uncertainty as to the changes to be made and their effects, and 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.

Waste No Time. "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 which might be properly resorted to in order to avoid a future deficit. It is unnecessary for me to repeat what I then said.

"I venture to suggest that vital business interests of the country require the attention of congress; that this session be chiefly devoted to the consideration of the new tariff bill, and that the less time given to the other subjects for legislation at this session, the better for the country. (Signed) W. H. TAFT."

PREPARED FOR KNOTTY EXERCISE



This cartoon from Charles P. Taft's Cincinnati paper, the Times Star, suggests that at least the Taft family expects "Brother" Bill to keep his campaign promises and his inaugural pledge to tackle tariff reform and tariff reform only until the problem is finally and satisfactorily settled.

NO HOPE FOR FULTON FAILS TO DOWN YOUNG

House at Work, but Regardless of Its Decision Senate Refuses to Touch the Business—Adjournment Expected Tonight.

Senate Confirms Appointment Submitted by Bourne and New Postmaster of Portland Will Leave Washington for Home.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.) Salem, March 16.—It is the same old story. The house is full of jokes and very short on business methods. All the morning session has been spent in dribbling along with nothing accomplished.

According to the records of the house, as shown by a joint resolution, the special session will be adjourned this afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

As a matter of fact, it will be well toward night before the last of the business is cleared away and the members are on their way home.

The house this morning spent most of its time wrangling over the question of amendments to the open season on ducks and at 1 o'clock adjourned for half an hour, with practically nothing done.

In justice to the house it might be said that the senate is working slowly. Its business is trickled into the house, one bill at a time, and for this reason the work in the house is held back.

Be that as it may, it is still a fact that the house members have lost their sense of rule and time and are working as they did on the last nights of the regular session, when no one kept his place and no one knew much of anything that was going on.

Sometime today the session will end. By the clock, it will be 3:30. By the unofficial time it will be any time before midnight.

No Normal School Action.

There will be no normal school legislation. In the house Barrett's bill is still on second reading. It will require a suspension of the rules to get it to final passage, and that will require a two thirds vote. It cannot be secured by the normal's friends in the house, and the bill will therefore die in the house.

This morning an effort was made to bring the normal bill to a final reading, and the motion was defeated on a suspension of the rules by a vote of 25 ayes voting to suspend the rules, and 33 nays voting against the suspension and consequently against the bill.

Senate Refuses Conference.

Taking another tack, the normal force asked by resolution for a joint conference committee for a joint conference committee on the part of the house and two on the part of the senate, to discuss the normal issue. When the resolution was sent to the senate President Bowerman held there was no normal measure before the legislature, so far as he officially knew, and he would not appoint any conference committee until the house sent something to the senate for consideration.

Clemens, McKinney and Mahone were appointed by Speaker McArthur on the conference committee. McKinney and Clemens refused to serve. Hawley and Buchanan were appointed in their stead, and the committee is now waiting for a conference, which will not be granted by the senate.

Even should the house finally pass the normal bill it would not be considered by the senate. There is no hope for any normal legislation. Last night when the bill had been set aside for future consideration, after the corrective legislation had been disposed of, an effort was made to call it up, but the effort was defeated.

Responsibility for Failure.

Much of the normal defeat in the house is due to bungling leadership on the part of the normal leaders. They have allowed themselves to be placed, or rather, have put themselves, into a parliamentary position out of which they cannot emerge. With a bare majority in their favor, they allowed the opponents to shunt their bill over into the second day, when it would require a two thirds vote to read it twice, thereby killing their bill to all intents and purposes. This trap was laid for them deliberately by the anti-normal men in the house and they fell into it unwittingly.

The senate it is the plan to finish all other business of a purely corrective nature, and then refuse to con-



John C. Young, Who Has Been Appointed Postmaster of Portland.

Washington, March 16.—The nomination of John C. Young for postmaster of Portland, Or., was confirmed by the senate this morning. Young will leave Washington at once to enter upon the duties of his new position.

The Portland postmastership was a bone of contention during the regular session. Senator Fulton bitterly opposed Young's confirmation and despite a favorable report from the committee on postoffices, he succeeded in having the appointment held up. Numerous protests against the appointment were forwarded to Washington and were used by Fulton to prevent Young's confirmation. It was a foregone conclusion however, that Bourne would triumph eventually and President Taft gave assurances a week ago that he would renominate Young. This he did this morning, and with Fulton out of the senate, no opposition was offered to confirmation.

John C. Young is Senator Bourne's private secretary. As postmaster of Portland he will receive a salary of \$6000 and will hold office for four years. The office is the most desirable of all the federal offices in Oregon.

Mr. Young has been a resident of Oregon for the past 29 years, and during much of the time he was engaged in the mining business in eastern Oregon. Two years ago he brought his family to Portland, establishing a home on the east side. He is 55 years of age.

ABRAHAM MAY BE CANDIDATE

State Senator From Douglas Admits He is in gubernatorial Race.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.) Salem, Or., March 16.—Senator Albert Abraham of Douglas county was much bantered by his colleagues in the senate this morning over a report that he will be a candidate for governor in 1910. He admits that he is in a receptive frame of mind and expects to be in the race.

Senator Abraham further stated that he understands Governor Benson, also of Douglas county, will not be a candidate for governor, but will again be out for secretary of state, but Abraham intimates that his course will not be changed by anything Benson does. He will not shrink from a contest with the governor for control of Douglas county. Both men reside from Roseburg.

Abraham is lined up with the progressives, he was elected on a State-ment No. 1 platform and voted for Chamberlain without apology. He says that if he cannot win, himself, he hopes to advance progressive principles and to compel other candidates to declare themselves on vital questions.

THINK STEPHENS SHOULD SERVE

Acting Mayor of Los Angeles Has Friends Who May File Suit to Retain Him.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, March 16.—Suit will be filed here this afternoon to enjoin the city clerk and other municipal officials from having a ballot printed for the recall election called for March 26, when an effort will be made to oust Mayor Stephens from office and elect George Alexander in his stead.

To injunction suit, which will be filed by the Republican organization, will be based upon the ground that the recall was invoked against Mayor A. C. Harper, who has since resigned. Hence, it is argued as there is no Mayor Harper to be recalled, the election should be allowed to serve until January 1, 1910, when Harper's regular term would have expired. District Attorney Captain J. D. Frederick who was granted 30 days leave of absence by the county supervisors yesterday announced today that his arrangements for a vacation had been made before it appeared necessary to call a special grand jury to assay to call a special grand jury to probe graft charges made in connection with the recall movement, but that in view of developments in the situation he would remain at home to handle the pending investigation.

Albany, Or., March 16.—The taking of testimony in the Powell murder trial was commenced this morning before Judge Burnett. The entire forenoon was taken up in hearing the testimony of the examining physicians and county officers.

Hugh G. Fisher, ex-county surveyor, was the first witness called. He described the location of the building and fence at the New farm. Dr. W. L. Davis of Albany told of examining the

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PAYNE HOLDS TARIFF BILL BACK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 16.—Representative Payne of New York decided today not to introduce the tariff bill until after the appointment of the new Republican member of the ways and means committee to succeed former Representative Bonynge of Colorado.

It is deemed proper by Payne to show the bill to Bonynge's successor before presenting it as the committee measure. At noon today it was not believed the bill would be reported from the committee until tomorrow.

SPECIAL SESSION WILL END TODAY

Principal Business Transacted and Only Minor Details to Close.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.) Salem, Or., March 16.—It is certain that the session will end some time this afternoon, at what hour no one knows. Practically all of the legislation for which the session was called has now been considered, and only a few amendments to be tied up. Practically the only contention which has arisen so far between the two houses is in regard to the open season for ducks, in the amendment of the game code bill, and that difficulty will be settled by conference between the two houses or by concurrence of the senate in the house amendments to the bill.

Women Make Bowling Record. Pittsburg, March 16.—Mrs. M. Kern and her daughter, Miss Bertie Kern of St. Louis, broke the world's women's record by scoring 121 points in the bowling congress held here today. The track record was held heretofore by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Roskopf of Chicago.

WHAT PAYNE TARIFF BILL WILL CONTAIN

- (United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 16.—The Payne tariff bill, which will be introduced in congress late today or tomorrow, is said positively to contain the following provisions:
• No tax will be imposed on coffee.
• Lumber will be reduced from \$2 to \$1 per thousand.
• There will be free hides and lower schedules on shoes and leather goods.
• Steel will be materially reduced—one half on the larger articles.
• The duties on sugar are undisturbed and concessions are granted Cuba and the Philippines.
• The wool schedule will be aimed at the amount of scoured wool in the fleece. This will permit cheaper grades of wool to get in at less duty.
• Woollens will be slightly reduced.
• Iron ore and pig iron will be cut down.
• The bill will specify duties for articles made dutiable by treasury and court decisions since the passage of the Dingley law.
• Maximum and minimum tariff rates will be applied on some articles.
• New classifications are made to correct errors of phraseology and construction in the Dingley bill.

RACE RIOT IN FRONT OF LENS

Structural Iron Workers Object to Greek Workmen Being Photographed.

Ogden, Utah, March 16.—A bloody riot, in which scores of American workmen and Greek laborers were injured occurred today when a Greek attempted to join a group of American structural iron workers who were posing before a camera. When the Greek was thrown out of the field of the lens he became abusive and a fight followed. Soon scores of both nationalities joined in the fray. The Greeks were worsted. More than 25 on both sides were injured. None will die.

TAX TANGLE TO BE LEFT AS IT IS

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.) Salem, Or., March 16.—It was decided by the house this morning that no measures should be taken toward remedying the tax tangle that has resulted from the passage of the tax commission act, which impliedly, if not expressly, repeals the gross earnings enactment of 1906. It was admitted that the new measure, repealed the gross earnings act, but nevertheless the committee that examined the measure recommended that no change be made.

Clark Brands Fitz a Traitor

Says Brooklyn Democrat Entered Into Compact With Republicans of House.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 16.—Representative J. J. Fitzgerald, the Brooklyn Democrat who introduced the substitute to the Clark resolution yesterday, is branded as a traitor by Clark, the minority leader, and the Republican insurgents.

It is alleged Fitzgerald entered into a compact with the regular Republicans under the terms of which he agreed to introduce the substitute or compromise resolution which gave the insurgents a partial victory, but left great power still in the hands of the speaker and failed to accomplish the full purpose for which the fight was being waged.

NO MEMORIALS

First One to Show Up Gets the Squelch, Just as an Example.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.) Salem, Or., March 16.—On the ground that the passage of a memorial coming from the house would open the way for a flood of new subjects, coming to the stand taken by the senate yesterday, the senate this morning killed off a memorial addressed to the secretary of the interior at Washington imploring him to provide a free way across the Umatilla Indian reservation.

Have You Read the Want Ad Section of Today's Journal

- 58 Advertisements for help
34 Advertisements for situations
60 Advertisements furnished rooms for rent
169 Advertisements real estate for sale
80 Advertisements business chances
42 Advertisements houses for rent
25 Advertisements flats for rent
46 Advertisements housekeeping rooms for rent

More Want Ads in The Journal than any other Portland paper. There is a Reason. THINK IT OVER.

44 YEAR QUEST ENDS IN DEATH

Aged Miner Suicides in Workings Where He Had Devoted Life Search.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Canyon City, Or., March 16.—Falling to find the mother lode of the placer vein in Canyon creek after a quest of 44 years, Harry Martin committing suicide some time last Saturday and the body was found several hours later, buried under tons of earth and rock. He was 84 years old.

DEFENSE BEGINS IN POWELL CASE

Thirty-nine Witnesses Will Be Examined—To Jury by Tomorrow.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., March 16.—(11:15 noon)—The prosecution in the Powell murder case rested after hearing the testimony of county officers and physicians and proving the actual killing. The defense will begin at 1 to examine its 39 witnesses.