

CUMMINS CALLS ON PRESIDENT TO TALK "PROGRESS"

Leader of Insurgents With
Senator Borah Closeted
With Mr. Taft in First Con-
ference.

CHAMP CLARK PAYS RESPECTS TO EXECUTIVE

Elihu Root Named to Succeed
Justice Fuller at Hague
Tribunal.

(By the International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Cummins, the Iowa progressive leader, was closeted with President Taft this afternoon. After the conference had run for a time Senator Borah, of Idaho, was summoned and entered into the discussion with the president. This is the first conference had by the president with the progressive leaders since the elections.

It is believed that the president went over the legislative situation and discussed possibilities and probabilities for a legislative program embracing a number of reforms that he desired.

Other senators of the regular school are believed at this hour to be taking part in the conference at which Cummins and Borah are the stars.

Champ Clark, probable next speaker of the house, paid his respects to the president today. Mr. Clark walked to and from the White House. When he would ride to the White House and elsewhere in the speaker's automobile, he is "not me." He admitted that his pendence of the government will be cut out as far as an automobile is concerned. The speaker's automobile cost \$4000 and its maintenance cost about \$3000 a year, including a chauffeur.

Vice President Sherman, who also has an automobile purchased and maintained from the funds of the senate, called on the president. Their greeting was cordial. When the vice president called on the president, today, Mr. Clark, he said he would begin training now for walking in the future.

Official announcement came from the White House today of President Taft's intention to appoint E. W. Lehmann of St. Louis as solicitor-general of the department of justice to succeed the late Lloyd W. Bowers.

Senator Elihu Root has been named by the president as the representative of this country at The Hague tribunal, succeeding the late Chief Justice Fuller.

Shortly after noon today Senators Cummins, Borah and Bristow were each called on the telephone from the White House and asked to confer with President Taft at 5 o'clock, "with regard to the message to congress." Cummins and Borah both responded, but Bristow did not appear.

The Iowa solon was closeted with the president for nearly two hours. He emerged smiling, but belligerent.

"I have nothing to say regarding my talk with the president," he declared. "You will be up here quite often, won't you?" he was asked.

"I wouldn't advise you to predict that too much," was the reply. And the senator shouldered his way out of the door.

Senator Borah was with the president only a short time. He said the

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TRUST AND TARIFF DOMINATION CURSE OF POOR PEOPLE

Ida M. Tarbell Assails Protec-
tive System as Creator and
Preserver of Monopoly; Says
It's "Relief or Revolution."

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Dec. 3.—"We are paying twice as much for cotton thread in this country as an established English thread here as the same thread gets for the same thread in London."

"We are paying nearly twice as much for tin pens and tin plates because the manufacturers of the plates have gone since the steel trust destroyed all domestic competition."

With these words Ida M. Tarbell, who made herself famous by her exposure of the Standard Oil and other trusts, addressed more than 1500 members and supporters of the League for Political Education at the Hudson theatre this afternoon with a renewed attack upon the "cost of living and the protective tariff."

"We are facing a very serious situation in this country," she said, "on account of the increase in the cost of living without a corresponding increase in the wages of the poor man."

"The country is increasing very fast in wealth, but the poor people find it very hard to get along. This is contrary to democratic principles. If we want to avoid revolution we must find out the causes."

"One of the principal causes is that all our great American industries are being run in such a way that they are making a few men richer, while the necessities of life become dearer."

COOK'S "RECORDS" WERE PREPARED BY NEWSPAPER MEN

Such Is Statement of Man Who
Aided in Expose—Says
Writers Were Lacking in
Scientific Knowledge.

SHOULD HAVE GIVEN GUIDES MORE MONEY

Press Agent Used Poor Judg-
ment—Says Cook Is Plen-
ty Sane Enough.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Everett, Wash., Dec. 3.—"Dr. Frederick A. Cook had imagination enough to plan his stupendous feat concerning the discovery of the North Pole, but lacked the nerve to brave the criticism of the American people. His recent statement is what might be expected from an unscrupulous adventurer. When Cook's McKinley tale was exposed by Guides Barrell and Fritts of Missoula, Mont., he surrounded himself with a motley crowd of advisers, some of whom were not any too scrupulous. Instead of standing pat, the explorer sought by use of money to bolster up his cause, but his workers bungled, detectives in the employ of the Peary advocates were watchful and the crookedness of the affair became apparent to even the most faithful of the adherents of the Brooklyn impostor."

This was the statement tonight of S. P. Donahoe, a newspaper man who was in Missoula, Mont., when Cook paid his famous visit to that city in an effort to discredit his guides, and met his Waterloo. Mr. Donahoe took an active part in the work of unmasking Cook.

Spent Much Money.

"Cook spent thousands of dollars in an effort to color the news, secure favorable affidavits in regard to his McKinley trip, in the payment of lawyers' fees and as retainers for 'boosters' in his game," Mr. Donahoe continued.

The visit of the explorer to Western Montana resulted in a small scandal, similar to those which follow a senatorial election in the treasure state. It was simply a question of who was fixed and in some cases it was found necessary to supply the cash more than once.

"When Barrell and Fritts made their statements denouncing the explorer in

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WAITING GAME IS TO BE SCHEDULE OF CONGRESSMEN

Republicans to Handle Routine,
Democrats to Wait Until
Next Year, and Insurgents in
Minority.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 3.—Statement tonight from leaders of various parties and factions on hand for the opening of congress Monday indicate that the short session will do little else than pass the regular appropriation bills. The regular Republicans declare, "Well, we will get the routine out of the way." The routine being the numerous appropriation bills.

The Democrats say: "Well, let's see what the Republicans will do. Our turn comes next year."

The Insurgents say: "We are here to fight for progressive legislation, if we can get the chance."

Bills to Clean Up.

The big thing staring the legislators in the face is cleaning up the big appropriation bills, of which there are 15. President Taft has been calling on the department heads for economy and he is expected to continue the process with the legislators. Until these bills are cleaned up it is pretty certain that nothing in the way of general legislation will be attempted.

Uncle Joe Cannon, on hand for his final fling at the speakership, is not bothering his head about what is likely to happen in the way of general election.

Uncle Joe Doesn't Know.

"We will be busy for some time on the appropriation bills," said Uncle Joe tonight. "Beyond that we cannot say just yet. A good deal will depend on President Taft's message."

Champ Clark, the Democratic leader, is not buying himself with the prospects for general legislation. He and his colleagues of the minority do not contemplate much excitement.

"We are still the minority," said Champ Clark tonight, "and we will be until March 5. I do not see much in sight right now."

The waiting attitude of the regulars and the Democrats is reflected in the Insurgents.

"We will have to wait and see," said George W. Norris of Nebraska, a leader of the house Insurgents, tonight. "We are preparing to continue our fight for progressive legislation, but just when we will be able to do so remains to be seen."

With this spirit among the legislators, there seems little encouragement of the extensive legislative program that President Taft has outlined in his speeches during the summer.

BRINGS DEEDS TO MILLION WON AT COST OF A LIFE

Mining Engineer Comes to En-
rich Holt Family by Turning
Over Papers of Valuable
Gold Property.

PROF. HOLT, FATHER, DIED AFTER DISCOVERING CLAIM

His Diary, Also Brought Here,
Tells of Terrible Hard-
ships He Endured.



Professor Charles P. Holt.
P. E. Fuller, a mining engineer from Benedict, Columbia, S. A., who is at the Hotel Portland, believes that romance isn't dead. His belief is shared by Byron Holt of East Clay street and with offices in the Hamilton building. Fuller, fresh from South America, has brought to Portland deeds to property in Colombia that he says will make Holt a millionaire, and with them a tale of adventure in the Andes that rivals in interest any of the fables of the Incas.

Besides the papers to the South American property Mr. Fuller has with him half a dozen glass bottles similar to those one uses to hold homoeopathic pills, but instead of pills they are filled with red gold, panned from the Rio Mata, in Colombia, and what Bryan Holt prizes even more—the diary, camera and photographic plates of Professor Charles P. Holt, the father of the Portland man, who died in the interior of Colombia last July just as he was

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BAD ARMOR PLATE AMONG THAT MADE FOR DREADNAUGHT

Naval Constructor Baxter Ad-
mits Faulty Work Thrown
Out—Made by Bethlehem
Steel Works.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Dec. 3.—It became known today that the government had discovered and rejected a number of defective armor plates supplied for the new Dreadnaught Florida, the largest war vessel in the world and the pride of the United States navy.

An official investigation is in progress, but details probably will not be revealed until the report of Captain W. J. Baxter, naval constructor at the Brooklyn navy yard, is received by the department. A board of inquiry may take up the matter.

Officials of the Bethlehem Steel company refused to discuss the report today, although the plates were supplied by that concern.

"The report is correct so far as it goes," said Naval Constructor, Baxter this afternoon. "Defective plates were found, but I am not at liberty to answer any questions about the details. Any statement, official or otherwise, must be made at the department at Washington."

S. P. CO. TO BUILD BRANCH LINE TO PROTECT INTERESTS

Many Surveys Being Made in
Northern California and
Oregon—Keep Eye on Hill
Work South.

LINE FROM NEVADA POINT TO PORTLAND

S. P. to Gridiron Northern Cali-
fornia Counties—Other
Surveys Made.

(By the International News Service.)
San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Notwithstanding the approach of winter, the Southern Pacific company continued to have activity in making surveys for new lines to various parts of the states of Oregon and California. The officials are closely watching the surveying work of James J. Hill, south through central Oregon to Klamath Falls and the northern California line.

As near as can be ascertained, the Southern Pacific people believe that the Hill surveyors will enter California next year and run a line down to a connection with the Western Pacific at some point in Plumas county.

Keep Watch on Hill.

The Southern Pacific officials are also closely watching the surveying work going on between Butte, Mont., and Boise, Idaho, and from the latter place southwesterly toward northwest Nevada and northeastern California. A great deal of money is being spent on these surveys, but the Southern Pacific people are not clear as to whether Hill is behind this work, or the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul people.

In view of all these railroad surveys headed for the northeastern part of California, the Southern Pacific is getting ready to gridiron that region with branch lines. This is why it is so active with survey work there. This is also why it is rapidly completing final surveys for five or six branch lines in the sweep of country from Butte county northeasterly into Modoc county.

From Nevada to Portland.

Part of the general scheme of the Southern Pacific is to have a line from a point on the Central Pacific in Nevada northwest to Klamath Falls, Or., where it will connect with the new cut-off the company is building for its San Francisco-Portland trunk line. This cutoff is completed from Weed, this state, to Klamath Falls, and will soon be finished from the latter point to Natron. By this means the company will have a safer line between this city and the Oregon metropolis because of low grades and less curves.

Lay Out New Line.

On the Tehachapi mountains the company has just placed a large surveying camp at work to lay out a route for a second line between Bakerfield and Mojave, with low grades. It will utilize the Tehachapi pass, the same as the existing line does. This low grade line is to be used by the southbound trains. Northbound trains will use the present line, because it is all down grade in that direction. Both the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe are using the Tehachapi road.

CUBANS SEE FIRST GAME OF BASEBALL

Detroit Defeats Philadelphia at
Havana and 9000 Cuban
Fans Applaud.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Havana, Dec. 3.—Detroit defeated the Philadelphia world's champions here today in the first game between these two clubs. It was the first exhibition game of baseball ever seen in Cuba and 9000 people turned out to attest their enthusiasm for the sport. Mayor Cardenas threw the first ball. Willett and Casey were the batteriers for Detroit, and Plank and Lapp for Philadelphia. Billy Evans umpired.

Detroit will end her Cuban invasion on Monday and Philadelphia will begin a tour of the island on Thursday.

PORTLAND COUPLE ARE WED AT HOTEL TOURNAINE, BOSTON

(By the International News Service.)
Boston, Dec. 3.—Miss Nina H. Guthrie and Lloyd S. Weaver, both of Portland, Or., were married at the Hotel Touraine this evening by Dr. James Alexander of the First Presbyterian church. Miss Vona Guthrie, a sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid, and Chester H. Weaver of San Francisco, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Miss Vona Guthrie is attending school in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Weaver of LaPorte, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Weaver of San Francisco and Mr. and Mrs. Clement Studebaker, Jr., of South Bend, Ind., were in attendance. After a month's travel in the east, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver will return to Portland.

SAYS COUNTRY IS NOT READY TO GO TO WAR



General Leonard Wood, the chief of staff, whose annual report on the needs of the military establishment has just been completed. He declared that the army of the United States was woefully unprepared for war with a first class power. This was due principally to two causes: The lack of any sufficient preparation for a mobile army and the failure of the war department to assemble an adequate reserve of war material. He advocates a reserve army of 300,000 men. The chief of staff does not dwell at length on all the facts which have led to his conclusion, but he has submitted reports to the secretary of war and is prepared to go before a committee of congress and urge that the present conditions be remedied.

WHOLE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF STATE CAN BE CHANGED AT ANY TIME UNDER AMENDMENT

Oregon's judicial system is "wide open," to use a term that is generally understood, to mean that the lid is off. In other words, there is hardly anything that the legislature or the people can not now do to the judicial department of the state government.

Constitutional provisions that have bound the election of courts and court officials since the beginning of the state have been swept away by the constitutional amendment to Article VII of the constitution.

The limit has been taken off the number of justices of the supreme court. The section of the constitution providing for the election of district attorneys has been swept away entirely. Clerks of the circuit courts may be appointed in addition to county clerks, if the legislature so decides. An additional one supreme court, circuit courts and county courts. It was also provided that the number of supreme justices should be limited to five.

Under the old constitution, in Article VII, it was provided that the judicial power of the state shall be vested in a supreme court, circuit courts and county courts. It was also provided that the number of supreme justices should be limited to five.

The amendment adopted at the recent election provides that the judicial power of the state shall be vested in a supreme court, circuit courts and county courts. It was also provided that the number of supreme justices should be limited to five.

Accordingly, it is now possible for the legislature or the people of the state to add new justices to the supreme court at any session of the legislature or at any general election. It is also possible to create an "appellate division" of the circuit court, or to create an entirely new appellate court, at any session of the legislature or at any general election.

Lawyers Criticize System.

In other words, it is now possible, under the new amendment to the constitution, for the legislature or the people to remodel the judicial department of the state after the plan of the federal courts, where there is a circuit court, a circuit court of appeals composed of designated justices of the circuit courts, and a supreme court.

New York has this plan, and California and a number of other states, but this system meets with the criticism of many leading lawyers. These contend that the designation of circuit court judges to sit as justices in the court of appeals, or the appellate division of the circuit court, does not produce the best results. They argue that for a short time certain members of the circuit bench sit as appellate judges and pass upon the actions of their colleagues on the circuit bench.

Favor New Court.

In turn, the other circuit court judges are designated for service in the appellate division and this tends to cause the appellate division to look with too kindly eyes upon the appeals coming up to them for consideration where an unfriendly decision would mean the reversal of a circuit judge.

Another plan, and this is favored by Mr. Clark, would be the creation by law of an entirely new court, to be known as the appellate court, to consist of three judges elected for service on the appellate court bench alone. The jurisdiction of this court could be limited by law to a certain class of cases.

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THIRD DEADLOCK IN GREAT BRITAIN ALL BUT CERTAIN

Results of Election to Date Dis-
appoint Liberals, Whose
Hope Was in a Majority to
Force the King to Act.

PRESENT ELECTION WILL CARRY PAST CORONATION

Then Another Appeal to Coun-
try—Usual Wild Rioting at
the Polling Places.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Dec. 3.—Parliament tonight faces a legislative deadlock. Today's parliamentary election in ten London and 54 provincial constituencies, embracing 69 members, were disappointingly indecisive.

It is practically certain that the government party, made up of the Liberals and their allies, will retain their majority, but that it will be so small as to make an effective working combination next to impossible, thereby resulting in the expected deadlock. A compromise will probably be effected, to last through the coronation of King George, and immediately thereafter another general election seems inevitable.

Every effort will be made to effect this compromise in order to avoid trade disruption during the coronation period.

Conservatives Not Gaining.

Counting the 55 unopposed returns made yesterday and today and practically complete returns from the 55 constituencies today, the result is: Conservatives, 62; Liberals, 49; Laborites, 7; Irish Nationalists, 5.

This is a total gain of 10 for the Conservatives and for the Liberals of 10, making a net Conservative gain of seven seats.

It is this ratio is continued throughout the rest of the election the coalition of Liberals, Laborites and Irish will retain their majority, but by a margin insufficient to cause King George to transform the house of lords into a Liberal body by the creation of enough Liberal peers to change its complexion.

What the results will be should the king refuse Premier Asquith's demand for the swamping of the house of lords with Liberal peers is problematical, but the consensus of opinion tonight is that the government party will hardly dare to carry out its threat of plunging the country into another general election.

Owing to the fact that in the total above named there are 55 unopposed and unchanged returns, today's count furnishes an unsatisfactory standard for basing conclusions as to the final result.

Liberals Vastly Disappointed.

There is no denying the fact that the Liberals are disappointed over their failure to increase their representation in today's voting. They were hopeful of a victory of sufficient size to force the king to accede to their demands regarding a change in the lords. Should they retain control of the government, even by a scant margin, they will insist that the king keep his tentative promise. It is a foregone conclusion, however, that unless the Liberals make more sweeping gains in the future halting King George will decide that the Conservative strength is an indication that the country would not welcome the

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MAY INSTALL BIG 16 INCH GUNS ON NEW BATTLESHIPS

"Dreadnaught" Idea to Be
Further Developed if "Pro-
gressive" Wing of Navy Has
Its Way; Many Advantages.

(By the International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 3.—The 27,000-ton battleships, bids for which are now under consideration by the navy department, may be equipped with 16-inch guns if the "progressive" wing of the navy has its way. Plans have been proposed for mounting at least six, and possibly eight of these huge weapons on the new ships, one in a turret.

The naval designers now have adopted the "Dreadnaught" idea which began with the building of the battleship, the largest now in use are the 12-inch high-power rifles. The "Dreadnaughts" under construction are to be armed with 14-inch guns, the largest yet designed for naval use.

The 16-inch guns under discussion will fire a projectile of 3500 pounds. There is now only one gun of that size in the United States. It is mounted on the fortifications at Sandy Hook.

The armament scheme of the "progressive" is the development of the "Dreadnaught" idea which began with the building of the battleship, the largest now in use are the 12-inch high-power rifles. The "Dreadnaughts" under construction are to be armed with 14-inch guns, the largest yet designed for naval use.

It is believed that a ship armed with the 16-inch guns would demolish a battleship of the present type of armament without any getting within range of its smaller guns.