

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Democratic Leaders Apparently Agreed on Ambitious Legislative Plans.

Washington.—The program of anti-trust and currency legislation that faces congress for the ensuing 12 months has become fairly well outlined in the last week. President Wilson and the democrat leaders in the two houses of congress apparently have agreed on an ambitious plan of legislative work, which will bring all of the most important reforms contemplated by the Wilson administration within the period between now and the end of the next regular session of congress.

The tariff bill will be out of the senate and in the hands of a conference committee of the house and senate before the end of this week. Currency legislation promises to dominate congressional activity within a few days. Anti-trust legislation will be up soon. The influence of republicans as well as democrats, who long have been active in the fight for more adequate regulation of the trusts, will be felt in the making of these reforms.

#### Senate Passes Tariff Bill

The senate has finally passed the democratic tariff bill.

Democratic lines in the senate stood solidly against the final onslaught of the tariff fight. With party leaders urging their colleagues on to approval of the bill, the ranks closed up against the anti-free wool and anti-free sugar forces and defeated all amendments to the bill as fast as they came to the vote.

Attempts to restore a duty on raw wool and to raise the duty on woolen manufactured goods made in successive amendments by Senators LaFollette, Catron and Penrose were defeated without the loss of a party vote.

Among the amendments defeated was that of Senator Norris for a heavy tax on inheritances. This was beaten 58 to 12, the following republicans joining the democrats in voting against it: Senators Brandegee, Catron, Clark, of Wyoming; Colt, Faid, Gallinger, Jackson, Lippitt, Lodge, Oliver, Penrose, Perkins, Root, Sherman and Sutherland.

Two attempts by Senator La Follette to secure the adoption of substitutes for the democratic wool tariff failed by strict party votes.

#### Secretary Reports Adversely on Bill.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Jones sent to congress an adverse report on the Borah bill recently passed by the senate, amending the three-year homestead bill by providing that in lieu of cultivation settlers may make improvements on their land to the aggregate value of \$150 an acre a year. The secretary objects to the language of the bill and further maintains that many homesteaders are not able to expend this amount in improvements.

He also maintains that the Borah bill repeals the provision in the present law which gives the secretary of the interior discretion to reduce the area of cultivation.

The effect of such legislation, he said would be to penalize the poor homeseeker and make it impossible for the interior department to extend him any relief.

#### New Homestead Regulations Easier.

With a view to making it "as easy as possible for honest entrymen to gain homesteads and as difficult as possible for speculators," Acting Secretary of the Interior Jones published a new list of homestead regulations.

The principal concession to homesteaders is a reduction in the number of acres each is required to cultivate under such circumstances as the homesteader's illness or of exceptional difficulties in the way of cultivation.

No reduction in cultivation area is permitted, however, on account of the removal of standing timber—a blow at timber speculators.

#### National Capital Brevities.

The house currency committee has completed its work on the administration bill, and has authorized Chairman Glass to report the measure. Debate will probably begin early next week.

Congressmen Allen of Ohio and Stephens of New Hampshire are drafting a bill to provide for the abolition of all wooden cars in the United States within five years.

At the currency bill hearing before the senate finance committee, Festus Wade of St. Louis said that the American bankers' association regarded the issuance of currency by the United States treasury as "weakening the

### EVELYN NESBIT THAW.

Wife of Harry K. Thaw Snapped on Recent Return From Europe.



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### Brief News of the Week

Much rioting occurred at Dublin, Ireland, in connection with the tramway strike.

Thirteen persons were prostrated by the heat in Minneapolis last Saturday. The thermometer registered 95 degrees.

Dispatches received from Nanking report that the northern armies completely sacked that city. The looting and other excesses lasted three days. Reports from Stuttgart, Germany, say that 13 persons were killed and 11 others injured, five perhaps fatally, when a demented school teacher named Wagner ran amuck in two German villages.

The championship of the world with the free rifle which goes to the winner of the international unions 300 meter five man match, was won by Switzerland at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Violent popular anger is expressed against China in Tokio because of the killing of four Japanese by rioting troops of the Chinese government at Nankin. The Tokio press discusses the affair with much bitterness, and the Japanese foreign office has protested vigorously to the Pekin government.

J. P. Morgan & Co. has served notice on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad that it is the intention of the company to cease acting as fiscal agents of the line. Mr. Morgan says it is the purpose to leave the road a free hand in management of its financial affairs.

Believing the Michigan copper miners strike will be prolonged, the military authorities have begun preparations for cold weather. Orders have been given for woolen uniforms, sweaters, and gloves for 600 men. The men will be thoroughly equipped for the winter.

The "Municipal Spoonery" is the name given by Denver young men to the Neighborhood house established by the city park board in connection with the municipal playgrounds at Elyria, a Denver suburb. Under municipal regulations young lovers may bill and coo therein, it is said, to their hearts' content.

### People in the News

According to an announcement from suffragette headquarters at London, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, will spend October in America.

Former President William H. Taft, now a professor of law at Yale, was elected president of the American Bar association at its session in Montreal.

W. A. Garrett, vice president of the Chicago-Great Western railroad company, has issued a statement at Chicago predicting a shortage of freight cars this fall in many parts of the United States.

Director Moritaro, of the political bureau of the foreign ministry, was stabbed to death by two young men, at Tokio. The victim was considered luke-warm by the Japanese, in fighting the anti-alien law in California.

The Panama government has been notified that King Alfonso of Spain has made a personal donation of \$10,000 toward the monument of Balboa, to be erected near the Pacific entrance of the canal.

Governor Sulzer has made public at Albany, N. Y., the contents of a letter from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in which the latter advises him to make a "full and straightforward explanation and answer in reference to the charges" that resulted in the governor's impeachment.

### BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Senator Chamberlain intends introducing a bill appropriating \$40,000 to move the Coos Bay life saving station and rebuild it in a better location.

The farmers of Douglas county have formed an association to grow broccoli and winter cauliflower for shipment to Minneapolis in carload lots.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company has just received a patent to over 70,000 acres of timber land in the Oregon & California railroad grant.

County clerks from at least 20 of the counties of Oregon are expected to meet in Portland September 15 in convention.

Joseph Steinhardt, of New York, has secured through the Hood River Apple Growers' association 200 carloads of the finest fruit to be grown in the valley.

At Salem Judge Galloway has dismissed the suit brought in the circuit court by Ernest Ringo to enjoin Secretary of State Olcott from referring the workmen's compensation act to a vote of the people.

Two hundred cars of pears, principally Bartletts, have been shipped from Medford already, and none of the late pears have gone forward. The bulk of the crop was sold at good prices before shipment.

The Medford W. C. T. U. has adopted resolutions condemning the X-ray skirt and urging all members of the organization to uphold public authorities in preventing its appearance on public thoroughfares.

The Baker commercial club is making every effort to have the architects of the new federal building in Portland consider the use of Baker county building stone in at least part of the structure.

The banner section of timber land in Clatsop county, according to the new county: cruise, is section 4 of township 4 north, range 6 west, which contains 88,850,000 feet of merchantable timber, the great bulk of which is yellow fir.

The state printing board of Oregon has decided by an unanimous vote to purchase the printing plant of the late state printer, W. S. Dunlway, for \$15,470. It was also decided to adopt the Salem scale of wages for the printers in the state printing office.

That there may be no chances of such disasters as befell the passengers on the New Haven road the other day on the new Portland, Eugene & Eastern, all the cars to be used on this line are to be of steel, even the baggage cars.

From various sections of Polk county come reports of unusual shortage in the potato crop. The acreage is small this season and so is the yield in many cases. Early potatoes made a fair showing, but late varieties do not present a good appearance in the field.

Benjamin R. Perkins, who was lately appointed as district superintendent for the Prohibition party, has announced a 30-day campaign at Eugene to enlist the women voters of that city in the party's cause. He said that similar campaigns are to be made all over the state.

It has become known at Eugene that a University of Oregon man won the prize for highest standing offered by Oxford, England, university, and that he is the first American to win this honor. He is Cecil Lyons, of Eugene, who was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1910.

An experiment garden and farm for instructing Coos county ranchers in intensive farming is proposed by the Marshfield chamber of commerce. The plan is to establish an experiment station of 10 acres on which various vegetables and flowers will be grown. This will demonstrate the best varieties and furnish considerable of the seed for the ranches around there.

Attorney General Crawford has filed suit in the circuit court at Salem against the governor, secretary of state and treasurer of Oregon to recover to the state the sum of \$16,518.83. The action is said to be based upon a purely technical interpretation of the law governing the penitentiary "revolving fund."

With 10 blocks of hard-surface pavement constructed and the necessity of installing a street-cleaning department at once and of soon changing the entire sewerage outlet system of the city, and with the city's finances at a low ebb on account of the numerous improvements of the year, the Jaffis city council faces a critical situation.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill is confident that the displays of the school children at the state fair this year will surpass those of previous years. There will be county and district exhibits and many individual displays. Any child exhibiting in either the county or district classes is eligible for industrial fair prizes.

### CARTER GLASS.

Virginia Congressman Who Heads Banking and Currency Committee.



### SMUGGLING PLOT REVEALED

Chicago Police Find Chinese "Black Book" Telling of "Underground" Chicago.—The police of a dozen cities were asked to investigate the records of residents living at addresses recorded in a black book of Chinese found by the police while searching for a trail of the murderer of Charles Sing, a Chinese merchant here. Sing had a white wife.

Chinese interpreters declared that the book listed agencies for conducting sales of opium, and that the book apparently had been the property of a Chinese official high in some smuggling ring.

The police believe the murderer of Sing escaped by the "underground" route indicated by the book. Among the cities listed in the "black book" as "underground" stations were: Oakland, San Francisco and Bakerfield, Cal.; Portland, Or.; Seattle, Wash.; Vancouver, B. C.; Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich.; Athens, O.; Boston and Cambridge, Mass.; Butte, Mont.; Columbia, Miss.; Valparaiso, Iad.; and Ensenada, Mexico.

### Orchard to Ask For Pardon.

Boise.—Harry Orchard, self-confessed assassin of former Governor Frank Steunenberg and at one time sentenced to be hanged, has published the required notice in a Caldwell paper that he will apply to the board of pardons at the October meeting for a full and absolute pardon.

### JAPANESE INSIST ON WAR WITH CHINESE

Tokio.—The assassination of Morihiro Abe, director of the political bureau of the Japanese Foreign Office, has inflamed the masses, and a dramatic chapter in the history of the new Japan was written Sunday.

Fifteen thousand persons gathered in mass meeting in Hibiya Park, calling for military action against China. A majority of these marched to the foreign office and clamored for admission. They demanded the dispatch of troops to China to take such measures as were necessary to obtain satisfaction for the killing of Japanese at Nanking, or failing this, the resignation of the minister of foreign affairs, Baron Nobuaki Makino. The speakers denounced the emptiness of Japanese diplomacy in connection with California and China and insisted that the insult to the Japanese flag at Nanking should be wiped out.

### Caminetti is Found Guilty.

San Francisco.—The jury in the case of F. Drew Caminetti, charged with a violation of the Mann white slave act, in the federal court here, found the defendant guilty on one count of the four brought against him. The jury was out three hours, and eight ballots were taken.

Jessie Wilson To Be Married Nov. 25. Windsor, Vt.—Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, daughter of the president, and Francis B. Sayer, will be married in Washington, according to an announcement given out by Miss Wilson at Harlakenden House.

### THE MARKETS.

Portland.  
Wheat, New Crop—Club, 79c; blue-stem, 85c; red Russian, 78c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$13.  
Butter—Creamery, 34c.  
Eggs—Candled, 28c; ranch 27c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 19c.

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