

MEANS BANKING REFORM.

Appointment of Hepburn Commission Sets Precedent for States. New York, Nov. 15.—In New York financial circles the view was freely expressed today that the action of Governor Hughes in appointing a commission to recommend changes in the New York banking laws will result in a similar movement extending to other sections of the country and in the enactment of legislation which will place state banks on a basis and under supervision more closely akin to that of the national banks.

NAVY RANKS SECOND.

America Rises From Fourth Place in Two Years. Washington, Nov. 20.—In the last two years the United States has risen from the fourth to the second place among the naval powers of the world. Two years ago the American navy was outclassed by the navies of England, France and Germany.

EXPRESS COMPANIES NEXT.

Interstate Commerce Board to Probe Commission Business. Washington, Nov. 16.—At Chicago on November 18 the Interstate Commerce Commission will make a further investigation of the matter of the alleged purchase and sale of commodities by express companies.

REVISE THE TARIFF

Next Congress May Appoint Commission for Work. Roosevelt Advocates Such a Plan in Speech Made Five Years Ago and Still Favors It. Washington, Nov. 16.—One of the most promising signs is that the next congress will seriously take up the matter of tariff revision.

AID FOR NORTHWEST

Appropriations Recommended for Rivers and Harbors. COMPLETE COLUMBIA BAR JETTY. Wants Money for Cello Canal, Upper Columbia and Snake Rivers and Grays Harbor.

SECRETS OF THE SEA.

Mysteries of Disappearing Ships Never Unraveled. Nothing is more fascinating than trying to fathom the secrets of the deep, particularly when it comes to speculating on the fate of vessels which have disappeared without known cause.

PORPOISES DRIVE TO PLEDGES.

Sight of Big School Brings Thoughts of Sea Serpents. If the Women's Christian Temperance Union only had a recruiting office at the Battery today it might have gained a couple of hundred converts without any trouble at all, says the New York Telegram.

RAILROAD CONSPIRACY.

Lumbermen File Protest With Interstate Commission. Washington, Nov. 19.—A conspiracy between the Hill and Harriman lines to shut out competition, boat rates for transportation of lumber from Oregon and other North Pacific states to the East, is charged in a complaint by practically all of the big lumber manufacturers of those states.

NATIONAL AID TO MINING.

Mining Congress Wants Mineral Land Monopoly Stopped. Joplin, Mo., Nov. 5.—The American Mining Congress, in session here yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution favoring national legislation providing for the National Association of Mining Schools and urging that the cooperation of the national administration be secured.

MORE JAPANESE COME IN.

Great Increase in Immigration During Past Month. Washington, Nov. 16.—While immigration to America from all countries showed during October a considerable increase, being 7 per cent greater than the same month last year.

LEGISLATURE WILL CONVENE.

Special Session to Extend Time for Paying Taxes. Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 15.—Governor Gillette decided last night to call an extraordinary session of the state legislature to convene next Tuesday, November 19.

Gain of National Grange.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 15.—Members of the National Grange Association here today for the first time annual gathering of the national body. The attendance is considered larger than any previous convention.

Asks for Fortifications.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Congress will be asked to appropriate \$22,000,000 for fortifications at the approaching session. Ten millions of this amount is intended for insular possessions.

ADMIRALS ARE INVITED.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Rear Admiral Evans, now commanding the Atlantic fleet, conferred with naval officers today respecting various details connected with the coming movement of his fleet to the Pacific ocean.

Must Repay Overcharge.

Washington, Nov. 14.—In a decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission handed down today by Commissioner Clements it is ordered that the Great Northern Railway company pay to the Pennsylvania Steel company reparations in the sum of \$2,433, excessive and unreasonable charges in a shipment of steel from Pittsburgh to Seattle.

Working for Mining Bureau.

Washington, Nov. 16.—J. H. Richards, of Boise, Idaho, is now in Washington endeavoring to procure support from cabinet members for the proposal made by the American Mining Congress, which he is president, for the creation of a department of mines and mining.

Thousands Idle in Canada.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 16.—Vancouver is being flooded with all kinds of laborers and no work is available. A call for more men was made several months ago, but when they were wanted they were not to be had.

Admit They Shot Walker.

Durango, Colo., Nov. 15.—William Mason and Joseph Vanderveide, who have confessed to the shooting and killing of Joseph A. Walker, the secret service operative at the Heperus coal mine today signed a confession.

No Interest in Ballot.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 16.—Scarcely a half dozen voters attended the Kansas Equal Suffrage meeting yesterday and today. So discouragingly small is the attendance that it is said the meeting will not last through the day.

German Spies Arrested.

Warsaw, Nov. 15.—The authorities of this city made several arrests today in connection with the discovery of a sensational plot for the sale and conveyance of a quantity of military documents to Germany.

Would Accept Japan's Invitation.

Washington, Nov. 16.—State department officials favor accepting the invitation of the Japanese government to participate in an exposition at Tokio in 1912.

Car Shortage Serious.

Washington, Nov. 14.—According to figures just compiled by the department of Commerce and Labor, car shortage in Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon is more serious than it was a year ago.

Congress to Give Relief.

Washington, Nov. 20.—There are so few members of either house of congress who deal directly with financial legislation in the capital that it is impossible to make any definite prediction as to what course financial legislation will take at the approaching session.

Consent to Obey Law.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 16.—The Rock Island will accept the 5-cent railroad fare provision of the Oklahoma constitution today. So discouragingly small is the attendance that it is said the meeting will not last through the day.

Pay Most of Claims.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 14.—MacKenzie King, Federal commissioner, recommends the payment of \$10,000 out of the \$13,000 of consequential damages claimed by Japanese merchants as a result of the recent riots.

PRINCESS ENA HAS CHANGED.

Pretty Face of the Queen of Spain Now Looks More Womanly. Queen Victoria Eugenia, as her Spanish subjects call her, Princess Ena, has changed in appearance since she has been here, says a Madrid letter in the New York World.

LEGAL INFORMATION.

In Caughlin v. Campbell, Dasell Banking Company, 80 Pacific Reporter, 223, the Colorado Supreme Court lays down the rule that an owner of a team is not negligent per se in leaving the team unattended on a public highway.

Negro District Attorney.

Washington, Nov. 15.—James A. Cobb, a negro, has been appointed special assistant United States attorney for the District of Columbia.

New Orleans Mint on Overtime.

New Orleans, Nov. 15.—The mint here has received an order directing overtime in order to coin monthly \$200,000 of subsidiary coin in addition to the regular coinage of \$500,000 per month.

Final Trial of Battleship.

Seattle, Nov. 14.—Sailing orders have been given to the battleship Nebraska, and she will sail this afternoon or possibly Friday morning for her final and official trial cruise.

Twice Proud.

"If suppose you have taken a great deal of pride in your farm?" "Yes," answered Farmer Cornsone, "I was as proud as any man can be when I bought this farm. I don't expect to be that proud but once more in my whole life."

What He Meant.

A young man of Boston who had failed in pay his laundry bill endeavored to turn his Chinaman aside from inquiry by an attack upon the Celestial's manner of speech.

Foils Forgers of Scrip.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 14.—Another \$1,000,000 of Los Angeles clearing house scrip was sent into circulation today, by local clearing house banks, bringing the total of this money medium in local circulation up to \$2,000,000.

Judged by His Cats.

"No, ma'am," said an Irish maid of much experience as she returned to a New York intelligence office the other day. "I didn't engage with that family. I didn't like the looks of their cat."

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