

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Friday, March 19.

Washington, March 19.—Senator Frye of Maine presided in the senate today in the absence of Vice President Sherman, who is at his home at Utica, N. Y. A new senator, Oliver of Pennsylvania, was sworn in and took his seat. A number of nominations from President Taft and a message from the house announcing the passage of the census bill, were received, and following that, an adjournment was taken to Monday morning.

Washington, March 19.—Representative Sereno Payne at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon moved that the house go into committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the tariff bill. The motion was adopted. Olmstead of Pennsylvania was called to the chair and the clerk then began the four-hour job of reading the bill.

Before the house became a committee of the whole, a motion was passed that when the house adjourns today it will reconvene on Monday.

Thursday, March 18.

Washington, March 18.—The census bill in its amended form was passed by the house today after a lively attack on the rules by DeArmond, of Missouri. The bill was passed at the late session, but was vetoed by President Roosevelt, because of his objections to the provision taking from the civil service commission the power of appointing the clerks.

In order to prevent the spread of tuberculosis among government clerks, the house agreed to an amendment by Bennett of New York, requiring that each census applicant furnish with his application a certificate of good health.

Wednesday, March 17.

Washington, March 17.—Making slashing reductions in duties on many of the principal products of American industry, the Payne tariff bill was today introduced in the house. It has already become the target of a cross fire from the manufacturers on whose rates of duty the assault is made and their supporters in congress on the one hand and from those Democrats who maintain that the knife did not strike deep enough on the other hand. The champions of the iron and steel and the paper industry have already declared themselves and other industries will doubtless soon be heard from.

General debate will be postponed until Monday, if Payne's present program is followed. After that the measure probably will be before the house from 10 days to two weeks.

Tuesday, March 16.

Washington, 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. The senate adjourned to next Friday.

Washington, March 16.—The house ways and means committee, having anticipated Mr. Taft's recommendation of promptness, has prepared a bill which will be submitted to the house tomorrow. It would have been reported today but for the addition of Cushman, of Washington, to the committee. In order to secure his approval and thus secure party unanimity, the Republican members of the committee held a special meeting and submitted the bill to him. They made several changes and ordered it reprinted ready for submission to the house early tomorrow.

Monday, March 15.

Washington, March 15.—The senate session today was brief, the chief business being the reading of the president's proclamation calling an extra session of congress and the appointment of a committee formally to notify the president that the senate was ready to receive any messages. Senator Stephenson was sworn in.

Washington, March 15.—After one of the stormiest sessions in its history, the house of representatives today, regardless of party alignment, adopted by a vote of 211 to 172 a resolution by Fitzgerald, Dem., New York, whereby the rules were amended in several important particulars. Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected speaker.

The insurgents did not win the complete victory they counted on, but succeeded in bringing about an exceedingly lively session and obliged the majority to adopt the Fitzgerald resolution, which is in the nature of a compromise.

Crum Goes Out of Office.

Washington, March 18.—The contest over the appointment of a collector of customs of Charleston, S. C., which was waged for so long a time over the selection of Dr. William D. Crum, was terminated today by the appointment by President Taft of Edward W. Durant. Mr. Durant is a white man, and as the only objection to Crum was based upon the fact that he is a negro, it is presumed that Mr. Durant's nomination will be confirmed.

O'Brien Remains Ambassador.

Washington, March 19.—Thomas J. O'Brien will remain as ambassador to Japan under the Taft administration, according to a statement by Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan, after he had held a conference with the president.

Conference on Immigration.

Washington, March 20.—Italy, through Ambassador Desplanches, today submitted to the State department a proposition having in view the calling of an international conference on immigration.

Secretary Meyer to Tour Coast.

Washington, March 17.—For the purpose of inspecting the navy yards of the Pacific coast and looking into naval conditions generally in the West, Secretary Meyer informally announced today that he was making plans for a visit to the Pacific slope. It is understood that he will visit Mare Island and Bremerton and may also go on to San Diego to inspect the proposed site for a naval station, though congress recently refused to appropriate money for a survey for a navy yard.

The secretary will visit the Union Iron works at San Francisco, and the Moran works at Seattle, to inspect their facilities for government construction work.

Portland Loses Decision.

Washington, March 19.—All members of the Washington congressional delegation today united in a letter to the secretary of war protesting against the removal of the headquarters of the department of the Columbia from Vancouver barracks to Seattle or elsewhere. They insist that the headquarters should remain where now located. Senator Jones this morning had a talk with the secretary of war about the proposed removal, but found the department not ready to act. He was given to understand that if the headquarters are moved, it will be to Seattle, rather than to Portland.

Zelaya Mobilizing Forces.

Washington, March 18.—Extraordinary military and naval activity on the part of Nicaragua prevails, according to dispatches received at the State department today from Mr. Gregory, the retiring secretary of legation at Managua. According to his advices, about 6,000 Nicaraguans are now near the Honduran frontier. The chief activity is in the neighborhood of Corinto, where also are concentrated four gunboats and other auxiliary craft. It is manifest that Zelaya's doings are beginning to cause considerable feeling against him.

Both Senators Protest.

Washington, March 16.—Senator Chamberlain called at the War department today and filed a protest against the reported transfer of the Department of the Columbia headquarters to Seattle. He also protested against the practice of purchasing supplies for Pacific coast posts in the Eastern market. Senator Bourne has filed a written protest with President Taft against the removal of the headquarters from Vancouver. It is expected no definite action will be taken until after the new secretary of war takes office.

Logan Not Badly Damaged.

Washington, March 17.—A brief dispatch received at the War department today regarding the condition of the transport Logan in Honolulu harbor, says the accident was the fault of the pilot, and that no damage was done to the vessel. The Logan was in charge of a pilot, and a civilian being thus in command, no responsibility attaches to army officers. The accident will be investigated by a board of army officers and a report made to the War department.

Denver Rates Not Fair.

Washington, March 20.—It was held by the Interstate Commerce commission today that the present adjustment of the freight rates from Missouri river points to Denver and to Utah common points were discriminatory against Denver in favor of Kansas City and other Missouri river crossings, and that the class rates from Chicago and St. Louis to Denver were excessive and unreasonable and should be reduced.

Mitchell to Leave Army.

Washington, March 16.—First Lieutenant Hiram E. Mitchell, son of the late Senator John H. Mitchell, today telegraphed his resignation from Denver to the War department, asking immediate acceptance. Friends of Mitchell are asking the department to accept it at once. His reason for desiring to relinquish his commission are not given out. The department is naturally disinclined to accept without knowing more about the case.

Must Use True Names.

Washington, March 17.—As many packers put up "humpback" and "dog" salmon under fancy names and sell them to consumers who believe them to be superior varieties, the Department of Agriculture today ordered that these fish, when canned, be labelled with their common names. The decision also says that the fish commonly known as lake herring and eisco should be so called and not designated "white fish."

Wilson Refuses to Change.

Washington, March 16.—A movement is on foot to induce Secretary Wilson to modify or reverse his recent decision that flour bleached by nitrogenous peroxide is an adulterated product under the food and drugs act. Hundreds of letters are being received daily by the secretary asking him to refer his ruling to the referee board of scientific experts for decision. The secretary will stand by his ruling.

Treasury Outlook Better.

Washington, March 18.—Declaring the treasury outlook now is better than in months, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Coolidge authorized a statement today giving figures to show a marked improvement, so far as government receipts were concerned.

SIEGE CONDITIONS PREVAIL.

Strike Ties Up French Capital and Food Becoming Scarce.

Paris, March 19.—Mi-Careme, the middle of Lent, usually celebrated with grotesque processions throughout France, and with particular gayety in Paris, found the capital today in a state of virtual siege.

Because of the postal strike no mail deliveries were made, banks held up payments on checks because of their inability to receive advices from their correspondents, stamps were not on sale, telegrams were refused acceptance, and the prices of provisions were soaring, while eggs, milk, butter and other country produce were painfully scarce.

Over a million letters are stacked in the postoffice awaiting sorting and dispatch, as the postal employees in the other branches besides the telegraph service have gone on a sympathetic strike. The last American mails have not yet been removed from their sacks, and practically no letters have left the country.

Three thousand telegrams are piled on the dispatching hooks, awaiting transmission, as the military telegraphers pressed into service, are unfamiliar with the postal instruments, and cannot use them. The government has threatened to call upon the army to furnish men to deliver the mail, but as yet has not taken this step. Business is at a standstill, and conditions are grave in all lines that depend upon the postal activity for their daily continuance.

PENNY LUNCH AT SCHOOLS.

Poor Boys and Girls to Be Fed at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, March 19.—An innovation in the form of penny lunches to the public school children attracted much interest today. It was started by the Civic Federation, and the large Ann street school in the poorer quarter of the city was the first to benefit. Eventually all are to be included, and served every school day in the year.

Large airy dining rooms are provided, and there was a great rush today at the opening, hundreds gathering at the tables. Each one was given all the soup, fruit and buns he or she could eat for one cent. Each lunch costs the association about four cents. The charitable public helps in maintenance.

Other departures, such as half an hour of story-telling at lunch time, are to be made. This is in line with the agitation going on the country over because children of poor parents are sent by the thousands to school without having had proper food.

PLANT BLOWS UP.

Explosion in Coeur d'Alene Powder Works Kills Inventor.

Spokane, Wash., March 19.—The Coeur d'Alene Powder mills, near Wallace, Idaho, were almost totally destroyed yesterday evening by sparks falling in the mixer. The loss will aggregate thousands. The secret of making the powder died with J. Skelberg, the maker, whose death occurred in the explosion, and may end the manufacture of powder in the Coeur d'Alenes. His powder exploded without smoke or poisonous gases and was very valuable to mining. Pete Pico and Alvin Nelson were also killed. J. K. Ogilvy, an engineer, was badly hurt. Windows were broken for miles around, and trees were torn to shreds.

Lead Miners Object to Cut

Denver, March 19.—Following information that the new tariff bill provides for a reduction in the rate on lead contents of ores from 1 1/4 to 1 cent per pound, comes the announcement of the determination of Western mining men to fight this reduction, which they declare will have the effect of closing nearly all the low grade producing mines in the United States. To this end Secretary J. F. Callbreath, of the American Mining congress, today issued a call for a meeting of operators to be held in Salt Lake City next Monday.

West Will Fight.

Washington, March 19.—Congressmen from the Pacific Northwest will unite in a fight for the restoration of the duty on rough lumber to \$2 per thousand. After the tariff bill was introduced all members from Oregon, Washington and Idaho were interviewed, and all announced their purpose to oppose the lumber schedule as fixed by the ways and means committee, and to join with members from other lumber producing states to get the old duty.

Kerens New Ambassador.

Chicago, March 19.—The following is special cable to the Daily News from Vienna: The new American ambassador to Austria will be Richard Kerens, of St. Louis. The State department has asked the Austrian government if he is persona grata, and an affirmative reply has been sent.

Big Union Depot Burns.

Louisville, Ky., March 19.—The Louisville union depot, valued at \$400,000, was destroyed by fire tonight. Half an hour after the building collapsed, the Commercial club had decided that the city must have an elaborate new station at once.

Germany Backs Up Austria.

Paris, March 19.—According to latest information, Austro-Hungary, with the support of Germany, has fully resolved to send an expedition into Serbia unless that country changes its present attitude.

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