

## EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS ON APRIL 4

### RECIPROCITY LOSS CAUSES EXTRA SESSION

Both of Oregon Senators With Taft to Take the Tariff Out of Politics—Vote Stood 56 to 23 With 12 Not Voting.

### STEAM ROLLER USED TO SQUELCH SENATOR GORE

Oklahoman Keeps on Talking While Roll Call is Going on—Big Howl From Democrats.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Without enacting a law favoring reciprocity with Canada and without providing for a tariff board, President Taft's two pet measures, the 61st congress ended this afternoon. The tariff board measure passed both houses, but the democrats in the house finally killed it by a filibuster against the senate amendments. Reciprocity was ignored in the senate, the finance committee having reported it without recommendation and then allowed it to die at the foot of the calendar.

### Extra Session April 4.

President Taft struck back by issuing a call for an extra session of congress to convene April 4. He was willing to abandon the tariff board bill, but stood firm for reciprocity. He now believes that the measure will be passed at the extra session.

The closing of the senate was marked by filibusters which kept that body in session almost continuously for the last six days of the session. The final struggle over the Arizona constitution in the senate was so bitter that it caused the resignation of Senator Bailey of Texas, the democratic floor leader announcing his withdrawal when a vote on the Owen resolution showed that all but two of the democrats were for "popular government." Bailey declared that he had been deserted by his proper followers and quit on the spot.

Just before adjournment a joint resolution by Penrose providing for a commission to consider the second-class mail advance proposed was adopted. The Sulloway pension was also called up, but was later withdrawn, thus ending the chances of

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### SENATE VOTES IN FAVOR OF TARIFF BOARD

Congress Adjourns Amid Scenes of Tunulatuus Excitement and Long Winded Filibusters—Pet Measures Defeated in Closing Hours.

### FINAL STRUGGLE OVER ARIZONA'S CONSTITUTION

Fight So Bitter That Senator Bailey Resigns From Senate—All Democrats for Popular Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The tariff board bill passed the senate at 8:30 this morning, 56 to 23. By filibustering from 1 o'clock until 8 this morning, Senator Owen prevented the ratification of the New Mexico constitution, McCumber and Root prevented the senate considering the house apportionment measure providing for an increase in its membership to 439, and the bill was decided dead.

Both houses had been in session almost continuously since yesterday morning with recesses as the only breaks in the long grind. Formal adjournment and reconvening was gone through with this morning in order to establish the legislative day of March 4. Some parliamentarians declare that by the adjournment the senators legislated themselves out of office as their terms expired last midnight, but no attention was paid to this view.

**Steam Roller on Gore.** The roll call was called while Gore was speaking. He tried to offer an amendment, but Vice-President Sherman ran the "steam roller" over him, despite a big howl from the democrats. It is understood Gore wanted to offer the reciprocity treaty as an amendment.

Though declared out of order, Gore continued to speak, but stopped with an apology for interfering with the unanimous agreement to vote on the tariff board at 8:30 o'clock. Bailey refused to vote on the tariff bill, declaring he believed the roll call had been improperly taken, while Gore was seeking recognition.

After the passage of the tariff board bill Stone moved to recon-

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### President Taft Issues Proclamation

WASHINGTON, D. C., Meh. 4.—Following is the text of President Taft's proclamation of today calling an extra session of congress for April 4:

"Whereas, a special message on January 26 was transmitted to the senate and house by agreement with the state department the Canadian government had agreed to a reciprocal tariff with this nation, and,

"Whereas, a bill carrying into effect the agreement passed the house but did not reach a vote in the senate, and,

"Whereas, the agreement stipulates not only that the president of the United States will communicate the conclusion reached and will recommend the adoption of such legislation as may be necessary on the part of the United States to give effect to the proposed arrangement, but also that the governments of the two countries will use their utmost efforts to bring such changes by concurrent legislation at Washington and Ottawa; therefore,

"I, William H. Taft, by virtue and power in me vested by the constitution of the United States do hereby proclaim and declare that this extraordinary occasion requires the convening of both houses of congress at Washington on the fourth day of April, 1911, at 12 noon, to the end that they may consider and determine whether congress shall, by the necessary legislation, make the agreement operative.

"All persons entitled to act as members of the 62nd congress are required to take notice of this proclamation.

(Signed)

WILLIAM H. TAFT, President.

"P. C. KNOX, Secretary of State."

The proclamation does not prevent the extra session from considering anything it wishes. The democrats are expected to apply for a try at revision of the tariff. Leaders in congress predict that the session will last all summer.

### OWEN BLOCKS ADMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

Senator From Oklahoma Carries on Lone Filibuster to Prevent Ratification of Reactionary Constitution and Wins Out.

### APPROPRIATION BILLS PASS AT LAST MINUTE

Hands of Clock are Turned Back to Permit Finishing Work—Sherman's Gag Rules.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—One of the most spectacular filibusters ever seen in the United States senate was that today in which Senator Owen of Oklahoma, democrat, fought single-handed to prevent the ratification of New Mexico's reactionary constitution while the 61st congress was in its last gasp.

"A great fight has been going on in this country between the interests and the people," Owen shouted through the windows of the chamber. "Arizona has the most progressive constitution on earth. It gives the people power to pass the laws they want and to refuse those they don't want. New Mexico's constitution is on the other side, and I am not willing to have it ratified to the detriment of the progressive constitution of Arizona."

### Owen's Game Fight.

Senator Owen declared he had "good and sufficient reason to believe the administration had no idea of approving the Arizona constitution. It is an open secret," he continued, "that a proclamation for an extra session of congress has been prepared, because the president, desiring reciprocity with Canada, has been disappointed by his friends. It will be better, anyway, for the last men chosen by the people to prepare the money bills. I am speaking here in favor of government by the people, for popular government, as against delegated government."

Recess expired at 10 o'clock and Owen resumed, with Attorney General Hitchcock among his hearers.

As it was evident that Owen intended to continue his filibuster,

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### FITZGERALD BLOCKS TAFT'S TARIFF BOARD

New York Democrat Carries on Lone Filibuster in House Despite Uncle Joe's Czar Like Rule and Taiks Down Taft's Pet Measure.

### WILDEST EXCITEMENT FOLLOWS PARTY DEFEAT

Cannon Brushing Aside Objections. Forces Through General Deficiency Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Meh. 4.—When the tariff board bill, which was passed in the senate this morning reached the house with the senate amendments attached, Fitzgerald, (democrat) of New York started a filibuster. Dalzel of Pennsylvania offered the gag rule but Fitzgerald made the point that no quorum was present. On roll call the democrats left the chamber intending to prevent a quorum. Under the Dalzel rule another roll call was necessary and Fitzgerald hoped to tie up the house until noon.

Following up their plan to use the steam roller, the republicans rejected the next motion for a roll call of the house. Fitzgerald then made a point of order against the Dalzel rule. He was overruled and then moved an adjournment.

Speaker Cannon declined to entertain the motion. Fitzgerald then tried to appeal from the decision of the chair but the speaker refused to recognize him.

The first vote on Dalzel's motion on the previous question on the adoption of the gag rule showed that the house favored the amended tariff board bill, 157 to 88.

Fitzgerald then demanded another roll call on the rule itself, tying up business for half an hour with but one hour and 50 minutes remaining before adjournment. The situation at that time was such that if Fitzgerald persisted in his filibuster he might occupy the entire time remaining with roll calls instead of the debate on the general deficiency bill, which had not yet passed the house.

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### LEADERS OF CONGRESS DISCUSS WORK OF SESSION

#### HOW STANDPATTERS VIEW THE SITUATION

(By James A. Tawney, of Minnesota.) The session of congress just ended has demonstrated that the rules of the house must be revised or the short session lengthened or important appropriation measures may be enacted without proper scrutiny. Otherwise they must be passed at the long session.

For two years the setting aside of special days in each week for the consideration of specified classes of legislation have so reduced the time allowance for the passage of the annual government supply measures as to make one of these three propositions inevitable.

But, despite this serious handicap of lack of time, the house during this last session, has accomplished a vast amount of work. As a result of hard labor by the appropriations committee so far as the house is con-

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#### INSURGENTS HOPEFUL ASSERTS BRISTOW

(By Joseph L. Bristow, of Kansas.) While this has been a short session of congress during which it was not expected that any general legislation would be enacted, yet it has been a very fruitful session. For the first time in history, a direct vote in the senate was obtained on a resolution to amend the constitution of the United States providing for the election of senators by the direct vote of the people, the proposition failed but a change of only four votes would have submitted the question to the state legislatures for their approval. This vote was very significant and progressive republicans believe the next congress will submit the amendment.

The effect of the Lorimer verdict will be good. He should have been unseated. I believe he holds his seat as a result of bribery. This, I think,

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#### DEMOCRATS PLEASED REPUBLICANS AT OUTS

(By Swager Sherley.) Perhaps the most notable feature politically of the session just ended has been the continual widening of the breach between the regulars and progressives among the republicans, coupled with the sharp break between President Taft and members of both factions whereby he has been left practically alone in support of those measures which he desired put through as his own party legislation.

Since the beginning of the session there has been a continual conflict between leaders of the republican party which has gradually spread throughout the whole republican organization.

This was particularly emphasized in a situation which developed with regard to President Taft's Canadian reciprocity agreement. Opposition to

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