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## SPANISH WAR TAX MAY AGAIN BE IN FORCE LEGISLATURE MEETS MONDAY TO HOLD INQUEST ON ITSELF

### OREGON SOLONS ARE A LAW UNTO THEMSELVES

THEY CAN UNDER CONSTITUTION TAKE UP NORMAL SCHOOLS--OR DO ANY THING IN THE WAY OF LEGISLATION--IF NOT, WHY NOT?

The legislature of Oregon will meet Monday in special session for the purpose of correcting the mistakes made during the regular session. Governor Benson called the special session to meet for the purpose of correcting all their mistakes, but principally the bill providing for improvements on state institutions. In most of the states the constitution provides that "the legislature in a

special session called by the governor shall not take up any legislation not mentioned in the call." It seems this not true in Oregon, and the legislature, once called, can do anything it wants to. It seems, though, that an arrangement has been made that covers the situation. Speaker McArthur says the program is as follows: The legislature will be called to

order at 10 o'clock a. m. At 10:15 they will go into caucus, and there decide what measures or matters shall come before the legislature. In the meanwhile, they will listen to Governor Benson's special message calling them together. It is known that nearly the full legislature will be present, only a few, like Muncy, of Coos, or some of the others from outlying counties not being present.

While the legislature was called to meet in special session for certain things, examination of the records show many other things, which Speaker McArthur and others are trying to get tabulated.

The legislature may last one or two or possibly three days, but, if it corrects all the mistakes of the last session, it may take six months.

### MEYER IS ALSO COMING WEST

[United Press Leased Wire.] Washington, March 12.—For the purpose of inspecting the navy yards of the Pacific coast and looking into naval conditions generally in the west, Secretary of the Navy Meyer informally today announced that he was making plans for a visit to the Pacific slope.

It is understood that the secretary will visit Mare Island and Bremerton and may also go to San Diego to inspect the proposed site for a naval station, although congress recently refused to appropriate money for a survey for a navy yard.

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

### NO YELLOW STREAK— JUST DIRTY BLACK

[United Press Leased Wire.] New York, March 12.—Hugh McIntosh, promoter of the Johnson-Burns fight at Sydney, N. S. W., is here today trying to make arrange-

ments for a fight under his direction between Johnson and Jeffries.

McIntosh says that Johnson is unpopular in Australia, where his personal habits alienated many of the admirers he gained through his victory. The promoter told of an incident which occurred a few days prior to the fight at Sydney when Burns and Johnson met in McIntosh's office and the two heavyweights were nearly involved in a fight as the result of Burns' slighting remarks. McIntosh says he interfered and prevented a clash in which someone would have been hurt seriously.

"Johnson hasn't got a yellow streak in him," declared McIntosh, "and he must not be underestimated."

### BALLINGER COMES WEST; BEEN AWAY A WEEK

Washington, March 12.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger announced today that he will visit Alaska next summer to study the conditions attending the acquirement of coal lands there and alleged fraud on the part of speculators in connection with coal land operations.

The secretary is about to make an extensive trip in the western part of the United States to investigate complaints of homesteaders in Idaho who claim to be unable to get titles to land without great trouble. Secretary Ballinger will accompany President Taft on a portion of his western tour. Among the plans of the new secretary is one for an extension of the reclamation service throughout the country.

### MAY SPIKE OLD UNCLE JOE CANNON

Washington, March 1.—The house "insurgents" steering committee met today for a conference with the Democratic leaders. Some of the Democratic congressmen suggested that the recalcitrant Republicans name Republican for speaker, other than Uncle Joe Cannon.

### PRESIDENT TAFT FACES DEFICIT AS DID CLEVELAND

MUST EITHER SELL BONDS OR RAISE MONEY BY SPECIAL INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES--LATTER EXPEDIENT WILL BE TRIED

[United Press Leased Wire.] Washington, March 12.—It was ascertained today from high authoritative sources that the United States treasury is in no better condition than when Grover Cleveland was obliged to cause the issuance of bonds to meet the current expenses of the government.

The house ways and means committee has decided practically to add most of the taxes imposed during the Spanish war. In addition to these some new ones will be added to the tariff bill, but even with this legislation it seems doubtful whether the

additional revenue provided will meet the needs of the government.

The house ways and means committee which has been considering the subject of tariff alteration and revision has provided for \$60,000,000 to \$70,000,000 to be raised by special taxation. The balance needed to place the treasury in better condition is expected to be provided by customs revenues.

President Taft at today's meeting of the cabinet submitted his first draft of the special tariff meeting and the portion relating to special taxation will receive closest consideration.

### STRIKE IS IMMINENT IN ANTHRACITE REGION

[United Press Leased Wire.] Philadelphia, March 12.—Discussions of a conference between representatives of the United Mine Workers and the anthracite coal operators held yesterday, President Lewis today said: "Representatives of the mine operators and of the miners in the anthracite district met for the purpose of agreeing upon a wage contract to govern the anthracite region in Pennsylvania."

"During the deliberations it developed that the operators were unwilling to treat with the miners as represented by the organized body, but at the same time the operators had no objection to the men being members of the miners' union. This is so inconsistent that it needs no comment."

"Any proposition agreed upon for the miners in the anthracite region to have the support of the union miners must be signed by representatives of the miners who represent the United Mine Workers of America in the anthracite region."

### HE KNOWS MEXICO DON'T KNOW OREGON

Los Angeles, Cal., March 12.—A conference between E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, and his lieutenants will be held here tomorrow night. Harriman has been inspecting lines in Mexico, and will meet President Harahan, of the Illinois Central, and managers of the Harriman Western lines.

It is understood that W. F. Herrin, general counsel of the Southern Pacific road, and chief political lieutenant of Harriman in California, will be named to succeed Harahan, who, it is reported, will become president of the New York Central road.

### BOTH BAD ONES FROM THE WEST

Washington, March 12.—One of the new battleships of 26,000 tons for which appropriations were made by the last congress, will be called the Wyoming and the other will be called the Arkansas, according to the announcement made today by Secretary of the Navy Meyer.

### EMPRESS OF CHINA GOES TO DRY DOCK

[United Press Leased Wire.] Victoria, B. C., March 12.—The steamer Empress of China arrived in port today from the orient bringing a cargo of raw silk valued at \$1,000,000 and thirteen saloon passengers.

A court of inquiry appointed at Kobe to inquire into the cause of the grounding of the big liner in the inland sea found that the accident was due to setting a course too far inshore. Pilot Stevenson and Chief Engineer Cooper are blamed for not taking soundings.

The Empress was docked at Kobe and it was found that her bottom was corrugated for 100 feet from her stem and 59 plates were damaged. Six weeks to two months will be required to effect permanent repairs to the vessel. It is understood this work will not be undertaken until the Empress reaches Hongkong on her return trip.

### THE GAME TOO WARM FOR MAYOR HARPER

Los Angeles, Cal., March 12.—Following the resignation of Mayor A. C. Harper last night, against whom a recall campaign has been waged, the city council today decided to elect Harper's successor at a meeting next Monday. It is understood that former Councilman Geo. A. Smith will be chosen.

The municipal affairs of this city, which have been in a turmoil since the recall campaign against Harper began, are further muddled by his withdrawal. Those who favored the recall of Harper are contending that his term would necessarily end on March 26, the date of the recall election, and that his opponent in the recall campaign, George Alexander, is his logical successor.

The forces which compelled the resignation of Harper, however, claim that, as the recall was directed against him, the necessity for a recall has ended, and the recall campaign is dead. They maintain that the council under the charter shall have the selection of the mayor's successor, and that that successor shall serve until January of next year, when Mayor Harper's term would have ended.

## Removal Sale

This is an honest sale got up specially to try and keep the stock down. Our Spring goods are pouring in on top of us and we have no room for them until our new building is complete. If you want goods at cost or a little over, we will sell them to you now until our new building is finished.

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A spot cash buy on new Spring Suits leaves us in a position to offer you the latest garments at about what it would cost you for the material. Long coats, silk lined and sheath skirts trimmed with buttons and all the other new decorations that go to make up this season's newest garments.

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Spot cash in the New York market will work wonders this season for the Chicago Store, also for our customers. If we buy an article that is worth \$20 and that we can see a little profit in at \$19, out it goes; we can buy more.

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# CHICAGO STORE

PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

## OFFICIAL RED TAPE PREVENTS RELIEF OF ITALIAN SUFFERERS

### VICTIMS STARVE WHILE INCOMPETENT OFFICIALS HAVE THE WORLD'S CONTRI- BUTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION

Rome, (via frontier to escape censorship) March 12.—The bitterest complaints are reaching Rome in a perfect flood from the country devastated by the recent earthquake, of the inefficiency with which relief is administered.

That there should have been confusion and many mistakes for a time in the face of so colossal a disaster is recognized as probable, having been unavoidable. Now, however, the complainants say two months and a half have elapsed and it is time some sort of order was brought out of the chaos which was reigning through the stricken region.

A few of the authorities' critics are themselves officials, who declare they can accomplish little on account of the procrastination and incompetency of those above them. A larger portion consist of foreigners who have engaged in relief work since the day after the catastrophe. Others are sufferers of the better class.

Of dishonesty, which was charged at first in some cases, there seems

really to have been very little, if any. It is of the authorities' delay, lack of administrative ability and failure to grasp the seriousness of the situation that complaints are received.

The rigid censorship which the government has exercised over news from the earthquake region has been responsible for many wild stories, however. The Italian press is permitted to print little concerning actual conditions and correspondents of papers abroad are strictly prohibited from telegraphing information they may gather to their various offices. More or less of it has gone out by mail, but even this method of news transmission involves the danger of the correspondents' expulsion from the country if the authorities are able to satisfy themselves that he has violated their orders. The result of this policy of suppression has been the creation of suspicions of grave money scandals, of which there have really been practically none at all, in connection with the handling of relief funds.