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A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Congress.

The salary of the president of the United States has been definitely fixed at \$75,000 per annum, without any additional allowance for traveling expenses.

A complete agreement was reached by the conferees of the general deficiency bill. The amendments making an appropriation of \$500,000 to pay the first two installments to Colombia under the provision of the treaty recently ratified and appropriation of \$20,000 to pay the expense of a commission to investigate the interests of the United States in Liberia were adopted.

Senator Burkett's bill to amend the federal court law governing the Nebraska district passed with some amendments in the senate and was sent at once to the house.

A bill was presented in the house by Representative Bird S. McGuire of Oklahoma to confer upon the court of claims jurisdiction to hear and determine claims of the Pawnee tribe of Indians in Oklahoma against the United States government.

Senator-elect Joseph L. Bristow of Kansas has reached Washington, and was a visitor at the capitol, where he was introduced in the senate side by Senator Curtis.

Now that billion-dollar sessions of congress are the rule, little other than appropriation legislation can be enacted during the short session. The appropriations for the session probably will be the largest on record—even exceeding the \$1,008,000 provided for at the first session.

Representative Hinshaw introduced a bill appropriating \$25,000 to purchase a quarter section of land near Beatrice, Neb., for the purpose of a public park.

The immigration commission, composed mainly of members of the senate and of the house of representatives, was sharply criticized in the senate by Senator Gary of South Carolina.

The senate ship subsidy bill was lost in the lower house.

Congress worked nearly all night on the 3d to finish up business.

The president sent to the senate the following nominations: To be consul at Boma, Congo Free State, William W. Handley of New York. To be associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico, Edward A. Mann and Ira A. Abbott.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska introduced a bill providing for an inspection of locomotive boilers similar to that now required in the case of steamboat boilers.

General.

President Taft had a flood of callers on the first day of his administration.

The new tariff has been tentatively completed by the republican members of the house ways and means committee and the tariff framers are now devoting their attention principally to discussing the proposed provisions for permanent headquarters, for the National League of Republican clubs, of which John Hays Hammond is president, will be established in Washington in the near future in order to keep the 3,800 clubs and 1,200,000 members active throughout the year.

The inaugural address of President Taft published in Tokyo evoked appreciative comments for the statesmanlike views embodied in it.

The ceremony of inauguration of Taft and Sherman took place the usual way and at the usual time, except that exercises were held in the senate chamber on account of severe storms. Immediately after Taft had taken the oath of office Roosevelt left for Oyster Bay. The street parade and grand ball in the evening were features of the inauguration.

President Taft will convene congress in extra session March 15th.

Secretary Wright approved the findings of the retiring board in the case of Colonel William F. Tucker of the pay department of the army, and son-in-law of Mrs. John A. Logan. This places Colonel Tucker on the retired list for life on three-quarters pay.

It is rumored that Harriman has made a deal for an entrance to Seattle over St. Paul tracks.

State Senator Skinner charges that the saloon element is spending large sums of money in influencing legislation in Colorado.

The lower house of the Arkansas legislature has passed a state-wide prohibition bill.

Deadlocks in Illinois and Wisconsin may cause two senate vacancies in the next congress.

The pope of Rome is indisposed from a severe cold.

The ninth attempt of Mrs. Elizabeth Lowery of St. Louis to end her life was successful. She drank carbolic acid because of despondency.

The price of May wheat surpassed all records of recent years on the New York produce exchange, when it advanced 2 cents a bushel to \$1.22 1/2. The final price was \$1.22 1/2, a net advance for the day of 1 3/4c.

The negro who killed the young woman at Ottumwa, Ia., has been arrested and made full confession.

The house, by a majority of four, adopted a rule reported by the committee on rules creating what is to be known as "Calendar Wednesday."

The Kansas house and senate voted to concur in the second conference report on the bank guarantee law and the bill will become a law as soon as it is signed by the governor and published.

One hundred thousand strangers were in Washington to witness the inauguration.

Mobilization of troops by the Serbian government continues.

Venezuela is not regarded a safe place for ex-President Castro.

Prominent cigarette dealers throughout the country have decided to abolish cut prices on standard brands of cigarettes.

The Columbus Memorial commission has awarded the contract for making a statue of Columbus, to be erected in the plaza of the union station in Washington, to Lorado Taft, of Chicago, a relative of the president-elect.

The inquiry into the beef trust may result in landing big game.

The purchase of upwards of \$21,000,000 of general development bonds of the Southern Railway company by J. P. Morgan & Co. was announced. The price was stated to be about 75.

Bishop Richard Scannel of Omaha was a passenger on the steamer Adriatic which arrived in New York from Southampton.

Judge Taft says he has been misquoted on his tariff views.

The Kansas senate passed the bill already passed by the house prohibiting bucket shops in Kansas. Not only the establishments are illegal but telegraph operators taking quotations for such purposes are subject to heavy penalties.

The International Harvester company paid to R. L. Thomas, clerk of the Shawnee county district court \$13,022. The fine and costs assessed against the company by Judge A. W. Dana for violating the Kansas anti-trust laws.

Kentucky's governor has pardoned an editor who has been found guilty of telling the truth about certain evils.

Washington.

Final preparations are now being made at the Smithsonian institution for the scientific expedition to Africa to be headed by Theodore Roosevelt. The work of preparing and packing the collecting apparatus is now well advanced.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has decided to establish at the University of Wisconsin a laboratory plant for the testing of various kinds of woods in the eastern part of the United States.

This is President Taft's cabinet: Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, secretary of state, Franklin McVeagh of Illinois, secretary of the treasury, Jacob M. Dickinson of Tennessee, to be secretary of war, George W. Wickersham of New York attorney general, Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts to be postmaster general, George V. L. Meyer of Massachusetts secretary of navy, Richard A. Ballinger of Washington secretary of the interior, James Wilson of Iowa to be secretary of agriculture, Charles Nagel of Missouri, secretary of commerce and labor.

Thos. E. Stone, now chief usher at the White House, succeeds Major Charles D. A. Loeffler as doorkeeper to the president.

An immense big stick, handsomely carved and beautifully colored, was cleared through the customs house here. The stick is a gift to President Roosevelt from the American colony at Chihuahua, Mexico, and carries with it their wish that President Roosevelt may be recalled to office, so that he may use it.

Nebraska millers, and there are nearly 350 of them, according to recent statistics, are face to face with a situation that spells reduced prices for their flour unless Secretary Wilson modifies his recent order compelling Nebraska millers to mark their packages of flour "artificially bleached."

Representative Pollard has been getting many letters about the recent decision of the agricultural department in the bleached flour cases. He called on Secretary Wilson and raised with him the question of whether the matter might be reopened. Mr. Wilson said he had held hearings for five days on the subject and was satisfied the decision was right.

Both the president and the president-elect and their wives occupied the White House the night before inauguration.

The senate committee on judiciary voted to report a disagreement on the resolution providing for an investigation of the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company by the United States Steel Corporation.

Personal.

A committee to wait upon Mayor Buse of Chicago and ask for work was appointed at a meeting of 200 unemployed at Hull house.

Dr. Wm. D. Crum has resigned as collector of customs at Charleston, S. C.

The Honolulu legislature gives a premium to big families.

Nebraska legislators are half through with their work. No more bills will be introduced.

THE EXTRA SESSION

UNDER THE CALL IT CAN DO ANY BUSINESS IT DESIRES.

PROBABLY PASS CENSUS BILL

This Matter, the Statehood Bill and Other Measures Are Likely to Be Considered.

Washington, D. C.—When congress meets on the 15th inst., upon the call of the president to consider a revision of the tariff, there will be no constitutional restrictions upon the nature of the business that may be transacted. It is generally conceded that at least two months will be required for the representatives to conclude consideration of all the schedules involved in this legislation. The house itself will not receive the bill for some weeks, as the committee on way and means will require considerable time to report the measure. During this long period the senate will have nothing to do in respect to the tariff, and even after the bill leaves the house it will be in the hands of the committee on finance for some time before the senate actually gets possession of it, and the debate begins. Then will begin a long wait by the house of representatives until the state amendments can be known and conferees appointed to bring about an agreement upon them.

This procedure will result in each house having to remain in session with nothing to do in relation to the tariff covering a period of a couple of months. Three days is the extent of a recess that may be taken by either body.

In view of the extended period of inactivity that would face each house should nothing be considered except the tariff, many senators are considering the advisability of entering up other legislation which they believe ought to be passed in time to send it over to the house when that body has disposed of its bill and will only have to wait for senate action on the tariff. The advocates of postal savings banks have talked of the possibility of such a policy being adopted ever since they became aware of their inability to secure legislation in the last session of congress.

There are many earnest advocates of a change of date in the inauguration from March 4 until a later day, when favorable weather is likely to prevail. Senator Depew took the first legislative step in favor of such a change when he introduced a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to change the date of the inauguration from March 4 to the last Wednesday in April.

Advocates of statehood for New Mexico and Arizona were greatly disappointed that no progress could be made toward the enactment of an enabling act during the last session and they are restless over any proposition to delay action until the regular session of congress because they fear that the mass of legislation that will then come up will crowd their claims to the background.

The president's veto of the census bill make mandatory some action to provide for the enumeration of the thirteenth census, and while legislation might be delayed until early next winter, some of those who are interested in the passage believe that the extra session would give an admirable opportunity to dispose of it.

HARRIMAN AND GOULD DEAL

Union Pacific and Wabash Will Exchange Business a Kansas City.

Chicago—The Record-Herald says: Negotiations are in progress which will eventually land for Edward H. Harriman's Union Pacific line west of Kansas City the greatest traffic coup in its history. It is understood that beginning early in May there will be an interchange traffic agreement between the Wabash and the Union Pacific at Kansas City which will be of immense value to each system.

Wireless for Storm Use.

Philadelphia, Pa.—One result of wire prostration due to the blizzard will be the establishment by the city of a wireless plant on top of the city hall tower.

Loeb Goes to Gotham.

Washington—William Loeb, Jr., who was named by President Taft as collector of the port of New York, will take charge of the New York customs house Tuesday morning.

No War in Sight.

New Orleans, La.—President Zelaya of Nicaragua, in a cable to Consul General Altschul here, denies positively that preparations are being made in his country for a war with either Costa Rica or Salvador.

Simplicity of President Taft.

Washington, D. C.—Domestic simplicity characterized the first Sunday in the White House of the Taft family. President Taft, accompanied by his brother, Charles P. Taft, walked to the Unitarian church for morning services. The capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost with worshippers and strangers whose curiosity impelled their presence. It was expected that the president would arrive in his automobile, and his appearance among the crowd of several hundred.

Would Rescue Arctic Explorer.

New York—Rear Admiral Schley, on behalf of the Arctic club of America, of which he is president, in a letter appeals for financial aid to enable Dillon Wallace, explorer, to effect a rescue of Dr. Frederick Albert Cook from the Arctic regions, where he has been lost since July, 1907.

Noted Architect Dead.

Detroit, Mich.—Elijah E. Myers, noted architect and designer of state capitols and public buildings, died yesterday in this city.

BLESS THAT MAXIM MAN NOW WE CAN SLEEP



TWO HUNDRED DIE IN QUAKE

MASRAN DESTROYED AND JERUSALEM BADLY SHAKEN.

Sultan Orders Turkish Officials to Order Money and Provisions to Stricken City.

Jerusalem.—This city was shaken Wednesday by an earthquake which, it was learned later, destroyed the village of Masran, near here. At least 150 persons are dead and how many more are buried in the ruins is not known at this time. Relief parties were at once sent out to the scene and early reports from them indicated that the disaster is greater than at first supposed. They reported that every home in the village was destroyed and that the groans of scores of buried persons, still alive, can be heard from the debris. Soon several had been extracted from the ruins, but most of them had suffocated.

Constantinople.—The sultan was notified by Pasha Kutha that a serious earthquake had taken place near Jerusalem, and destroyed the village of Masran, killing probably 200 persons. His majesty at once notified the heads of municipal governments at different points in the realm to prepare succor for those of the victims who still lived and forward provisions and money as generously as was possible in the limited time.

Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey.—Municipal officials of this city immediately upon learning of the destruction of Masran, which is near Jerusalem, by an earthquake, ordered aid to be sent to that village. It was reported here that the dead would number between 200 and 300. Fifty rescuers at once set out from this city with full equipments for taking care of those of the sufferers who had been spared death.

Belluno, Italy.—Thirteen persons are known to have been crushed to death Wednesday in a landslide which struck the village of Tassel. Scores of houses were buried, and it is feared the death list will be greatly increased. Troops have been dispatched to the scene.

Innsbruck, Austria.—The detachment of six officers and 25 men of the Austrian army who were reported as being overwhelmed by an avalanche near La Frann have been rescued. They were found in a tunnel where they had taken refuge. The tunnel was covered with snow.

Blow to "Easy Marriages."

Springfield, Ill.—A bill which seeks to restrict the divorce evil in Illinois and to throw new safeguards around the issuance of marriage licenses was introduced in the house Tuesday by Representative Dillon of Galena.

The bill has the backing of Episcopal and Catholic clergymen of the state. It seeks to prohibit the "easy marriage" of divorced persons and imposes both a heavy fine and a jail sentence for divorced persons who make a false statement in the request for a license.

Girl Stenographer Claims \$6,000,000.

Lansing, Mich.—Miss Ione Ricker, a stenographer in the office of the secretary of the Michigan grand lodge of Odd Fellows, is reported to have established a claim to a \$6,000,000 share of a \$4,000,000 estate in Scotland and Canada which was left by a great-uncle.

Monument to 170 Children.

Cleveland, O.—The plot of land in Collinwood, upon which stands the ruins of the schoolhouse which burned a year ago Thursday and snuffed out the lives of 170 children, will be purchased by the state as a probable site for a monument.

King Edward in Paris.

Paris.—King Edward of England arrived here Friday afternoon from London. As he was traveling privately there was no government reception at the railroad station.

FINDS GEMS WORTH \$100,000

GREEK TRIES TO SELL MRS. HEINZE'S PEARLS.

Is Arrested in Omaha, But Says He Found Necklace in Gutter in New York.

Omaha, Neb.—While trying to sell to Albert Edholm, a local jeweler, a necklace worth at least \$100,000, and possibly much more, John D. Slavinitis, a Greek who for the convenience of Americans calls himself Savis, was arrested Thursday by the Omaha police.

The necklace consists of a single string of 63 pearls, carefully matched and fastened with a clasp set with a diamond of unusual size. According to Mr. Edholm, whose opinion is corroborated by other experts, the strand may be valued as high as \$300,000.

Savis entered the jewelry store and presented a single pearl which he offered to sell. Assuring himself of its genuineness, Mr. Edholm gave him a valuation of \$50 or \$60, whereupon the Greek offered to sell him a dozen at \$49 each, but said a friend had them.

By a ruse the jeweler succeeded in notifying the police and two detectives were sent to the store, where the man was arrested. At the station a search revealed the entire necklace, which he was carrying in his pocket. The Greek was heavily armed when arrested, but made no effort to resist the detectives.

The police had received from the New York police department the description of the necklace, which was said to have disappeared from the Knickerbocker hotel in that city November 26 last. This information, however, did not reveal the name of the owner. Savis said he was employed by the Knickerbocker hotel for 13 months, in a position known as sidewalk man.

He was sweeping refuse from the walk into the gutter, and as he brushed it over the curb he saw the necklace lying in the gutter with some rubbish.

SPERRY RELIEVED FROM DUTY.

Seaton Schroeder Appointed Commander of the Atlantic Fleet.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry Tuesday made formal application to be relieved from duty as commander-in-chief of the Atlantic battleship fleet, and Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder has been appointed in his place.

Admiral Sperry was tendered the presidency of the Naval War college, but declined the position, indicating his preference for subordinate duty there.

Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright will remain in command of the second squadron of the fleet, Rear Admiral William T. Potter is transferred from commander of the Fourth division to command the Third division, formerly in charge of Rear Admiral Schroeder and Rear Admiral Edward B. Barry, who has been supervisor of naval auxiliaries at New York, has been appointed to a higher office.

Admiral Sperry will haul down his flag as commander-in-chief on the 8th inst., when Admiral Schroeder will assume command. The impression is that his tenure will be but temporary, and that before the summer is over he will turn over the command to Admiral Wainwright.

WAS INDIAN MAN SLAIN?

Chicago Girl Held to Explain Valpa raises Merchant's Disappearance.

Chicago.—Lillian McDermott, 24 years old, Albany avenue, was taken into custody by detectives of the Central police station Friday in connection with the mysterious disappearance of George Lafoure, 35 years old, a wealthy shoe merchant, who has been missing from his home in Valparaiso, Ind.

Lafoure came to Chicago three weeks ago with a large amount of money in his possession to put through a business deal. His wife declares she has not heard from him since he left home. According to Capt. O'Brien, a check for \$20, bearing Lafoure's signature, was found in the prisoner's possession.

Cabinet Approved.

Washington.—All the members of President Taft's cabinet except Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, Secretary of War Dickinson and Attorney General Wickersham were sworn in Saturday. Personal business keeps Secretaries MacVeagh and Dickinson in Chicago for a week. The attorney general took the oath of office Friday.

The senate confirmed all the nominations as had been expected, and the cabinet members, who have been sworn in began their duties Saturday.

Win Eight-Hour Day.

Cincinnati.—The union men won and the employers lost in the long fought case of the Typothetae of America against the International Printing Pressmen's union, according to a decision rendered Tuesday after noon by the United States circuit court of appeals.

Kansas Woman—Mysteriously Slain.

Atchison, Kan.—Mystery surrounds the killing of Mrs. Jerome Hoover, who was found dead at her home. The undertaker discovered a small wound behind her right ear. The wound was probed and a bullet found.

Admiral Corvera Near Death.

Cadiz.—Vice-Admiral Pascual Corvera, who commanded the Spanish fleet destroyed by the American fleet off Santiago, Cuba, in 1898, is dying at Puerto Real. The last sacraments were administered Friday.

TO LEAVE MARCH 23

ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCES DATE OF START FOR AFRICAN HUNT.

HE SPENDS QUIET DAY

Receives Thousands of Messages and Finds It Impossible to Answer Them—One of Last Acts.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Ex-President Roosevelt announced Friday for the first time that he will sail from New York for Africa on March 23 at noon. He will take passage on the steamer Hamburg.

Mr. Roosevelt said also that he had received so many letters, telegrams and cablegrams that it would be physically impossible for him to answer one-tenth of them. Wearing a knickerbocker suit he took a vigorous walk through the woods near Sagamore Hill.

Leaves for Africa March 23. Finally, however, he consented to say a few words and made the first public announcement of the date and steamer on which he is to depart for Africa, which is March 23, by the steamer Hamburg.

It is a happy family at Sagamore Hill. Mr. Roosevelt is enjoying an uninterrupted democratic life and intends to continue to enjoy it until starting on his hunting trip.

Several bouquets of American Beauty roses, the gift of admiring friends, were sent to Sagamore Hill for Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt from New York.

More than anything else Mr. Roosevelt needs he found his secretary. A deluge of letters, telegrams and cablegrams poured into Sagamore Hill bringing to the former president the kindly sentiments of friends from all parts of the world. So great is the number of these messages that he asked the press to announce that while he appreciated these and would like to reply to each, it is a physical impossibility for him to answer even one-tenth of them.

Brings Treasured Picture.

Mr. Roosevelt brought with him from Washington a portrait of his mother's old home in Georgia. It was presented to him by Mrs. Ella D. Long street, widow of the late Gen. James Longstreet, postmistress at Gainesville, Ga., as representative of the donors, 23 women postmasters throughout the country.

One of his last acts before retiring from office was to issue an order supplementing that made by him August 1, 1905, prohibiting the use of influence to obtain assignments to duty by officers of the navy and marine corps.

The order directs that hereafter all requests and recommendations, written or verbal, received at the navy department from or on behalf of such officers of whatever nature—other than those received through regular official channels—are to be filed with or noted on their record.

MORE INDICTMENTS FOR LIBEL.

New York World Publishers Accused in New Federal Bills.

New York.—The federal grand jury here, which has been investigating alleged libelous publications in connection with the Panama canal purchase, has returned indictments against the Press Publishing Company, publishers of the New York World, and Caleb Van Hamm, one of the editors of the World.

The indictments were filed with District Judge Holt, sitting in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court. While the indictments were placed under the seal of the court, it is understood that the return will be made on them Friday. It is understood the indictments are framed under the federal omnibus statute which authorizes the prosecution for an offense committed on federal territory not mentioned in the United States revised statutes to be conducted according to the existing state laws.

GOVERNMENT WINS SUGAR SUIT.

Verdict Gives Federal Authorities \$134,116 Damages.

New York.—A verdict awarding the United States government \$134,116 damages in unpaid customs duties from the American Sugar Refining Company was rendered Friday by a jury which heard charges of misweighing sugar imports.

The verdict rendered was for the full amount sued for by the government on the contention that this sum was due through underweighing by the companies' employees of sugar imports on the company's Brooklyn docks.

Language Professor Drops Dead.

Orono, Me.—Joseph W. Carr, Ph. D., professor of Germanic languages at the University of Maine, died suddenly Thursday of heart trouble as he was on his way to his class room.

Lawyer Again Indicted.

Danville, Ill.—Charles E. Brown, a prominent Danville lawyer, who was indicted at the September term of the federal grand jury on a charge of being a maker of spurious coin, was re-indicted Thursday morning on the same charge.

Russians and Chinese Clash.

St. Petersburg.—It was rumored in St. Petersburg that there has been a conflict between Russian and Chinese troops near Harbin, but no confirmation is possible.