

Washington News

Seventy thousand acres of public land in the west have been withdrawn from entry.

The river and harbor bill is expected to carry an appropriation of more than thirty million dollars.

President Taft made a number of important appointments in the diplomatic service. These were as follows: Charles W. Russell of Washington, D. C., appointed minister to Persia, is now assistant attorney general of the United States. He has for the past twenty years been connected with the department of justice. William James Calhoun, of Chicago, appointed minister to China, is a lawyer, who has had considerable diplomatic experience in Cuba and Venezuela and served also for two years as a member of the interstate commerce commission. Robert Bacon, of New York, named as ambassador to France, is a graduate of Harvard university. He was formerly a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. He was appointed assistant secretary of state September 5, 1905, and was secretary of state from January 27, to March 6, 1909. Richard C. Kerens, named as ambassador to Austria-Hungary, is a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1842. He served in the union army from 1861 to 1865, and after the war went to Arkansas and later to San Diego, Cal., where he was a railway contractor. He removed to St. Louis in 1876, and has since resided there. Henry Lane Wilson, transferred from the mission to Belgium to be ambassador to Mexico, was first appointed in the diplomatic service in June, 1897, as minister to Chile. Mr. Wilson was born in Indiana in 1857. At the time of his appointment in the diplomatic service he resided in Spokane, Wash. Horace C. Knowles of Delaware, transferred from Nicaragua to Santa Domingo, was born in Delaware in 1863. He is a lawyer by profession. Henry T. Gage of California, appointed minister to Portugal, is a resident of Sacramento; he was governor of California from 1899 to 1903. Larntis S. Swensen of Minneapolis, appointed minister to Switzerland, was born in 1865 of Norwegian parents. He is identified with various important business interests in Minneapolis; he was United States minister to Denmark from 1897 to 1905. Henry P. Fletcher of Chambersburg, Pa., appointed minister to Chile, is thirty-six years old and a lawyer; he was appointed secretary at Peking April 26, 1907. Charles Page Bryan of Illinois, transferred from Portugal to Belgium, practiced law in Colorado for several years, where he also served in the legislature. He served in the Illinois legislature for four years.

The two houses of congress have adjourned for the Christmas recess until January 3. It is said the president will be ready to adjust the international tariff March 1.

Representative Hardy of Texas, in addressing the house in support of his resolution asking for the investigation of printed charges of corruption of members of congress, and of the subsidizing of the public press in connection with a ship subsidy, vigorously assailed the papers which he said had printed the charges. He said he had no idea that any member of congress had been bribed in connection with ship subsidy legislation, but he thought congress ought not to allow itself to "be bespattered" without an investigation. "The public ought to know the irresponsible

source of these foul charges," said Mr. Hardy. "While I have no fear that any member of congress will be besmirched by an investigation, I do believe that money has been expended in buying and corrupting a measure under the guise of patriotic devotion to the flag."

An anti-trust bill giving the United States circuit courts authority to dissolve combinations convicted of monopolizing or attempting to monopolize any part of trade or commerce between the states and with foreign countries, and to appoint receivers for them, was introduced in the house by Representative Martin of Colorado. The bill specifically exempts labor, agricultural, fraternal and other associations.

In the senate Mr. Depew of New York rose to a question of personal privilege and replied to an article printed in Senator LaFollette's magazine relating to the effect of the present tariff law upon the prices of necessaries of life. The Associated Press report says: "Senator Depew, in a fine bit of sarcasm, thanked Senator LaFollette in a speech on the floor of the senate for associating him with President Taft in general criticism that appeared in a recent issue of the Wisconsin senator's magazine. As a preface to his remarks Mr. Depew called for the president's annual message, and read from it the references to the prosperous outlook in the United States, and said that in spite of this portrayal of good times from a competent authority the nation 'is now burdened with a pessimistic prophecy,' coming from Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin. 'His holiday greeting,' said Mr. Depew, referring to Mr. LaFollette, 'is a severe criticism of the president and of myself. I thank him heartily for this association.' Saying that not only Senator LaFollette's Magazine, but the daily and weekly press of the country were filled with articles predicting a failure in the near future of the nation's food and fuel supplies, Mr. Depew declared that such predictions were most untimely on the eve of Christmas. Although the senator from Wisconsin was out of the chamber, the New Yorker looked toward the customary seat of his colleague, and, waving his hand in that direction, said that he trusted 'that when, after Christmas dinner, the Wisconsin senator's hands are clasped soothingly over the resting place of his Christmas turkey, his sleep will be blessed with happy dreams for 1912, and his digestion unimpaired, because his heart, like mine, will be free from envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness.'"

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "Among the United States marshals named by President Taft was Creighton M. Foraker of New Mexico, who has held the office there for sixteen years. Interest attached to the appointment and some political significance was thought to be included, inasmuch as Mr. Foraker is a brother of Former Senator Foraker of Ohio, and President Taft is very much concerned in bringing the republican factions into closer harmony."

Plainly Speaker Cannon is stronger with the Taft administration than Roosevelt is. An Associated Press dispatch says: "Considerable interest attached to the nomination sent to the senate by President Taft of Charles P. Hitch of Paris, Ill., to be United States marshal for the eastern district of the state. It had been current gossip for some time at the

White House that President Roosevelt before leaving office had selected this place as a reward for James Sloan, Jr., of Danville, Ill., the secret service man, who always accompanied him in his travels. Sloan has been on duty with President Taft since the latter's inauguration, and it was not until a few days ago that it became known that he had decided not to appoint Sloan. Speaker Cannon, whose home is at Danville, was one of Sloan's opponents."

President Taft sent to the senate the nominations of the following United States district attorneys: William A. Troutmann for the eastern district of Illinois; William A. Northcutt for the southern district of Illinois; Arba St. Van Valkenburgh, northwestern district of Missouri. The president also sent in the nominations for the following United States marshals: Charles P. Hitch, eastern district of Illinois; William Henkel, southern district of New York; Creighton M. Foraker for New Mexico. Of the United States district attorneys whose names were sent to the senate by the president were: Joseph E. Morrison, for the territory of Arizona; Robert T. Devlin, for the northern district of California; Marion Erwin, for the southern district of Georgia; Robert Whitehouse, for Maine; I. P. French, for Massachusetts; Ernest F. Cochran, for South Carolina. Other United States marshals nominated were: Pope M. Long, for the northern district of Alabama; Walter H. Johnson, for the northern district of Georgia.

Newspaper reports that Richard Parr, the treasury agent who exposed the sugar fraud, will receive one million dollars out of the \$2,135,486 recovered by the government from the sugar trust, are denied. It is said that while Mr. Parr will be liberally remunerated the amount will not be large.

President Taft delivered eight Christmas gifts in the shape of computations of sentences and pardons.

Representative Howland of Ohio has introduced a resolution to investigate combinations that are boosting the price of necessaries of life. Mr. Howland's resolution calls for a comprehensive investigation of the reasons for the increased cost of living. He wants to know why the prices of foodstuffs and other necessaries of life are continually going up. Furthermore he wants the house to be so informed that it can enact laws which will prevent combinations of dealers in foodstuffs to raise prices. The resolution went to the rules committee, of which Speaker Cannon is chairman. The two other republican members are Smith of Iowa and Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Champ Clark of Missouri and Fitzgerald of Brooklyn are the minority members. Howland's resolution declares that the cost of living has greatly increased in two years and that all indications are for further increases, working great hardships on wage earners. The causes for the increase, he suggests, may be combinations in restraint of trade and combinations of dealers who make purchases of foodstuffs and hold them at fixed prices altogether out of proportion to their value. He declares that the house should know if the tariff is responsible and that the house should get at the facts.

An Associated Press dispatch says: "Secretary Knox has given formal notice to President Madriz of Nicaragua that the United States government will hold him strictly accountable for the safety of American citizens in the western section of that country. Instructions to this effect

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