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Washington News



Word from Holland says that that government will strongly support the American proposal for a permanent court of international arbitration.

President Taft is sending for the insurgents and is trying to smooth matters over. An Associated Press dispatch says: "In his talks with Representative Hayes and other callers the president said he was not withholding patronage from any republican senator or member of congress because of votes cast against Speaker Cannon, against the rules of the house, or against the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. If, however, there are any among the insurgents who intend to carry their fight against the speaker and against the rules to the extent of opposing pure-

ly administration and party measures, to which the party is pledged, the president will no longer regard them as republicans, but as having clearly arrayed themselves against the party. Under the circumstances, he declared, he would not be justified in recognizing any claims for patronage from senators or representatives who would use the very patronage given them as ammunition against the party. Mr. Taft is said to be satisfied with the way matters are progressing and he has received many personal assurances that most of the so-called insurgents will support the administration measures."

Gifford Pinchot, late chief forester, has issued a public statement which the Associated Press summarizes in this way: "The conservation of natural resources and the conservation of popular government are both at stake. The one needs conservation no less than the other." Mr. Pinchot concludes his statement in these words. "But these specific dangers of public loss are merely parts of the great issues between the special interests and the rest of us. That issue is whether this country shall be managed by men for human welfare, or by money for profit. It is a tremendous moral issue, far greater than any man's personal feelings or personal fortunes. It lies between the people and their representatives on the one side and the interests and their representatives on the other side, between progress and re-action, between special privilege and square deal. I repeat that the supreme test is the welfare of the plain people. It is time to apply it."

President Taft has named Henry S. Graves, head of the Yale school of forestry, to succeed Gifford Pinchot as chief of the United States forestry bureau.

The president has re-appointed John McNally as postmaster at Ossining, N. Y. He is under indictment for perjury, charged with swearing falsely to the naturalization papers of three Italian laborers.

The United States government has refused to recognize Madriz as president of Nicaragua.

Representative Dwight of New York, republican whip of the house, has instructed the pair clerk at the speaker's desk to cease pairing republican members excepting under prescribed conditions. Mr. Garner, of Texas, the democratic whip, as a counter move, resurrected a long buried rule which requires members to make their pairs in writing at the desk.

President Taft has named Frank S. Howell of Omaha to succeed Charles A. Goss, district attorney for Nebraska, and William P. Warner to succeed himself as United States marshal for Nebraska.

Senator Root has introduced a bill granting to Mrs. Grover Cleveland a pension of \$5,000 a year. The amount is the same as was allowed to widows of former presidents.

Representative John Dwight of New York announced that an agreement had been reached between the regulars and insurgents whereby the latter would attend the party caucus on the selection of the Ballinger investigating committee. Later the following was given out by President Taft: "It has been agreed between the regular republicans and

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