

Washington News

The house has adopted a resolution providing for investigation into the charge that a corrupt lobby is maintained at Washington in behalf of the ship subsidy bill.

Word has been received that the French chamber of deputies had passed a bill approving the Franco-American tariff agreement.

W. M. Davidson, superintendent of schools in the city of Omaha, visited Washington in his capacity of president of the department of superintendents of the National Education Association and met with other educators. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a bill prepared by Senator Owen, and recommended by the committee of which he is chairman, to establish a department of public health and education, with a cabinet officer at the head and director general of education, each holding positions permanently at the head of each of the two branches of this department. This would involve the transfer of branches from several of the other departments.

Senator Root delivered a speech in the senate in defense of Mr. Taft's railroad bill. He devoted his attention largely to the court of commerce clause.

Democratic members of the house are denouncing the failure of Representative Gains, republican, of West

Virginia to report the bill providing for publicity of campaign contributions and expenses, which was favorably acted on by the committee several weeks ago.

Two witnesses have told the congressional committee investigating the "shooting up" in the town of Brownsville, Texas, August 13, 1906, that a big black dog belonging to a company of negro soldiers and known as its mascot was scampering ahead of the men who were engaged in the shooting. This is accepted as strong testimony.

Justice Moody, who has been ill for some time at his home in Boston, is now on the road to recovery. His physicians say he will be ready to return to his work on the supreme court bench by next fall.

Justice Brewer's remains were buried at Leavenworth, Kan.

Representative Fowler of New Jersey denounced the postal savings bill as "another patch on the crazy quilt of our political, financial and banking legislation." Mr. Fowler said that "Aldrichism" was another name for special interests.

President Taft and cabinet members express great gratification for the government's finances. They say it will show marked improvement over last year.

Here is a sedate Washington dispatch carried under date of April 1 by the Associated Press: "Representative James Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriations committee, frowningly stalked into his office today during a lull in the home proceedings. He picked up a memorandum on his desk. It read: 'Call up Mr. Train, main 7380.' Mr. Tawney hurried to the booth telephone, and called the number. 'Mr. Train?' he asked. 'Did she?' asked a voice at the other end. 'Did she what?' asked Mr. Tawney, impatiently. 'Who is this?' 'Union station.' Then a light broke upon the 'watch-dog of the treasury,' and he slammed the transmitter back on the hook, and sat down abruptly. Representative Adamson of Georgia, ranking democratic member of the railroad committee of the house received an envelope. Adamson, about to submit the minority report on the railroad bill, opened the envelope, when suddenly a trick arrangement, in which a coiled rubber band figured, was sprung, releasing the rubber with a buzz heard over most of the house chamber. Judge Adamson jumped from his seat. When he recovered from his shock he laughed and remembered it was April fool's day, and that congress was not exempt."

Representative Shirley of Kentucky discussed his resolution, providing a method by which a majority could bring before the house any bill pigeonholed by a committee.

MR. TAFT AND THE PEOPLE
President Taft altogether fails to understand the cause of the widespread and growing displeasure of the people with his administration. His speech at the Republican club banquet Saturday night was a cry of alarm—unmistakably it was that. But it was also an attempt at justification, and in that his failure was so disastrous that he visibly added to the causes of present dissatisfaction. What is it that blinds the eyes of Mr. Taft to the plain truth that the great issue upon which his ad-

ministration has been adjudged a failure is one of common morality? The people may be deceived by the intricacies of tariff schedules, they may be poor judges of the constitutionality of federal laws, but the false pretense, the broken pledge, bad faith, these are faults in honor which they perceive as quickly as anybody, for the moral sense is primary and universal. Carl Schurz used to say that while political argument and appeal often left an audience unmoved, he never failed to carry his audience with him on a moral issue if he could put it clearly before them. We need not tell Mr. Taft, for he knows it already, that the broken tariff pledge of his party has been brought within the clear apprehension of the people. No truth in our political history was ever better known.

His party and he appealed for the votes of the people upon the promise that the Dingley tariff should be revised downward, we repeat, revised downward. He made that promise many times, as a candidate pledging his personal faith that the party's promise should be kept. The votes were given, his party triumphed, he was elected. The promise was not kept, Mr. Taft and the republican leaders have deceived the people.

What does it avail him now, what has it availed him since the Winona speech to repeat his feeble, paltering defense of that dishonorable deception? Fifteen million voters can not be lied to and not find it out. Undoubtedly Mr. Taft believed the pledge would be kept. He did not then consciously deceive the people. But on that day last September when he abased himself to declare, as he declared again Saturday night, that the Aldrich-Payne tariff is "the best customs law that has ever been passed" the country learned with deep regret and concern that it must revise its judgment of the character and moral fiber of its president. That is why Ohio, his own state, is in grave danger; that is why in every state from the Ohio border west to the Pacific the party is rent with factional discord; that is why the republicans, in all probability are to lose in next fall's election their majority in the house of representatives. How different today would have been Mr. Taft's standing before the people if with the courage of a man he had vetoed the bill and denounced the treachery that shaped it.—New York Times.

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