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sudden head by the Ryan dinner. It is impossible yet to see the end of it, but it is unmistakably one of the things that is making steadily for war between the liberal and reactionary democratic factions in congress.

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## Washington News

Representative A. O. Stanley has announced himself as a candidate for senator from Kentucky to succeed Senator Bradley, republican.

Congress took a recess until January 2nd.

The parcels post system will go into operation January 1st. An Associated Press dispatch says: "Postmaster General Hitchcock expressed the hope that the public would familiarize itself with the nature of the new service before attempting to use it. Information will be available at any postoffice in the country in a few days. The regulations provide that the parcels of merchandise including farm and factory products (but not books and printed matter) of almost every description up to eleven pounds in weight and measuring as much as six feet in length and girth combined, except those calculated to do injury to the mails in transit, may be mailed at any postoffice for delivery to any address in the country. Delivery will be made to the homes of people living on rural and star routes, as well as those living in cities and towns, where there is delivery by carrier. Where there is at present no delivery by carrier, the parcels will go to the postoffice, as is the case with ordinary mail. The postage rate for the first zone, that is within distances not exceeding fifty miles, will be 5 cents for the first pound and 3 cents for each additional pound. The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones into which the country is divided, the maximum rate being 12 cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent or even to Alaska and the Philippines. For a fee of 10 cents a parcel may be insured, and if the parcel is lost in the mails, an indemnity to the amount of its value not to exceed \$50 will be paid to the sender. The law provides for the use of distinctive postage stamps and there is being distributed to postmasters for use in the parcels post system a set of stamps of twelve denominations. Parcels post maps, with accompanying guides, are to be sold to the public at their cost, 75 cents, through the chief clerk of the postoffice department."

Representative Bartholdt, republican of Missouri, introduced a joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment restricting the presidential term to two terms of four years each.

Democratic senators held a caucus and appointed a committee of five to formulate a plan of action with reference to President Taft's appointments. Nominations in the army, navy, and diplomatic service will receive prompt consideration but others will probably be held up.

An Associated Press dispatch says: "Inter-marriage between negroes, or persons of color and Caucasians, or any other character of persons within the United States or any territory under their jurisdiction" would be prohibited under a joint resolution introduced by Representative Roddenberry of Georgia.

"The term negroes or persons of color" is defined in the bill as any and all persons of African descent or having any trace of African or negro blood. The measure was referred to the judiciary committee, of which Representative Clayton of Alabama, is chairman.

Mr. Roddenberry later called up his anti-negro marriage resolution in the house, denounced Jack Johnson's

latest wedding in Chicago, and in a vehement speech, declared a southern girl would commit suicide rather than marry a negro.

By a vote of 131 to 101 the house of representatives declined to appoint a commission to inquire into the proposition to purchase Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

Based on the census items of wealth production of farms, the grand total for 1912 is estimated to be \$9,532,000,000.

The chief crops for the year are valued as follows:

Corn, \$1,759,000,000; hay, \$861,000,000; cotton (lint), \$735,000,000; cottonseed, \$117,000,000; wheat, \$596,000,000; oats, \$478,000,000; potatoes, \$190,000,000; barley, \$125,000,000; tobacco, \$97,000,000; flaxseed, \$39,000,000; rye, \$24,000,000; rice, \$20,000,000; buckwheat, \$12,000,000; hops, \$11,000,000; sugar, \$34,000,000; dairy products, \$830,000,000; eggs, \$350,000,000; fowls, \$220,000,000; wool, \$55,000,000; animals sold, \$1,930,000,000; animal products, \$3,395,000,000.

In his report for the year Secretary Wilson said:

"The record of sixteen years has been written. It begins with a yearly farm production worth \$4,000,000,000 and ends with \$9,532,000,000.

Mr. Taft has been offered the Kent professorship at the Yale law school with a salary of \$5,000 a year. He may accept.

Representative Jefferson M. Levy of New York, declared that there is an apparent lack of ready money in the country and he introduced a resolution to direct the secretary of the treasury to deposit in national banks \$50,000,000 to "relieve the sharp and active demand for money."

An Associated Press dispatch says: Secretary Knox got down to a careful study of the objections raised by Sir Edward Grey on behalf of Great Britain against that section of the Panama canal act which exempts American coastwise shipping from payment of tolls for passing through the Panama canal.

Knox will prepare a reply to the British note. It will be in the same friendly tone as was Grey's communication, entirely lacking any elements of belligerency.

It is known the president does not regard the subject as affecting vital interests of the United States but rather as of purely pecuniary consequence, and therefore not among prohibited subjects mentioned in the existing special arbitration treaty with Great Britain. Therefore while the result may not be reached immediately, it is probable in the end of the administration will hold that the question at issue is clearly an arbitrable one.

The next step is to negotiate with the British ambassador with a view to preparing a draft of an agreement specifying the matter to be arbitrated. This necessarily will go to the senate for approval. The administration has no assurance the senate will approve such an agreement, but it is understood the president's attitude is that he is bound by the arbitration treaty and feels it his duty to assume any responsibility and pass that obligation along to his successor. It is said the president feels should the senate withhold approval of any arbitration agreement he would have maintained his record as a consistent advocate of the principle of settlement of international disputes by arbitration.

A Waterloo, Iowa, man has presented President-elect Wilson with a \$5,000 cow.

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