

SPECIAL MESSAGE

President Urges Legislation Amending Foraker Act.

FAIL TO PASS APPROPRIATIONS

Politicians Have Left Island Without Support—Recommends Change in Law Limiting Powers of Insular Assembly—Says United States Has Gone Too Fast in Extension of Political Power to Porto Ricans.

Washington, May 11.—Strenuous opposition by leaders in the house prevented the reference of the president's message recommending certain legislation for Porto Rico to the committee on ways and means.

The president directs the attention of congress to affairs on the island, laying particular stress on what he terms "a situation of unusual gravity," developed through the failure of the legislative assembly of Porto Rico to pass the usual appropriation bills, leaving the island without support after June 30 next.

Porto Ricans have forgotten the generosity of the United States, the president says, in the desire of certain of the island's political leaders for power, and he adds that the present situation indicates that the United States has gone too fast in the extension of political power to the Porto Ricans. He concludes that the absolute power of appropriation should be taken away from "those who have shown themselves too irresponsible to enjoy it."

Amend Foraker Act.

The president suggests to congress the wisdom of submitting to the appropriations committee the question of qualifying some of the provisions of the fundamental act as to the respective jurisdictions of the executive council and the legislative assembly. But no action of this kind, the president says, should be begun until the Foraker act is amended so that when the legislative assembly shall adjourn without making the appropriations necessary to carry on the government, sums equal to the appropriations made in the previous year for the respective purposes shall be available for the current revenues and shall be drawn by the warrant of the auditor on the treasurer and countersigned by the governor. Such a provision applies to the legislatures of the Philippines and Hawaii, and "it has prevented in those two countries any misuse of the power of appropriation."

The president says that ever since the institution of the present assembly the house of delegates has uniformly held up the appropriation bills until the last minute of the regular session and has sought to use the power to do so as a means of compelling the concurrence of the executive council in legislation which the house desired. In the last regular legislative assembly the attitude of the executive council in refusing to pass bills led the house of delegates to refuse to pass the necessary appropriation bills.

Senate Upholds Finance Committee.
The ability of the Republican majority of the senate to uphold the recommendation of the committee on finance of the lead schedule, which contains the Dingley rates in the tariff bill in the place of the lower duties fixed by the house of representatives, was fully demonstrated when, by a vote of 35 to 44, the senate declined to reduce by 1/4 cent a pound the duty on pig lead as recommended by the committee on finance. In this vote eleven Republicans voted with the Democrats and two Democrats with the Republicans. By a viva voce vote the senate adopted the rate of 2 1/2 cents a pound on pig lead, as recommended by the committee.

At the conclusion of the session Chairman Aldrich stated that he regarded the vote as an indorsement of the action of the committee and he expressed confidence that all the schedules of the committee would be upheld.

WILSON ON WHEAT PRICES

Secretary Refuses to Be Drawn into Controversy With Patten.

Chicago, May 11.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, who is here attending a meeting of government meat inspectors, refused to be drawn into any controversy with James A. Patten over the wheat situation. "I am through with wheat talk," said the secretary.

"Is the present price of wheat real or fictitious?" the secretary was asked. "If farmers could be assured of \$1 a bushel for wheat all the time," he said, "thousands of acres of pasture land in the middle west would be plowed up next year and sown to wheat."

"Couldn't the brokers have just as reliable a system of getting crop reports as your department?"

"I don't think so. We have been perfecting our system of gathering reports for many years. I think ours is better."

Quake Not Cause of Frisco Fire.
San Francisco, May 11.—The United States circuit court of appeals decided that the earthquake of April 8, 1906, was not the cause of a fire occurring after the earthquake. The decision affects several hundred suits pending against insurance companies for losses suffered in the great fire.

NATIONAL ART CONVENTION

Improvement of Public Taste One of the Objects of Washington Meeting.

Washington, May 11.—With the purpose of forming a national federation of art societies, art institutions, municipal and village improvement societies and other organizations having for their aim the fostering and advancement of the taste of the American people for the beautiful, a convention of delegates from such societies was begun today in this city under the auspices of the regents of the National Academy of Arts.

Finding place upon the program of topics to be discussed by the convention are the following: Artistic control of city and village municipal development, art exhibitions and some practical method of moving good exhibitions from place to place, the education of the public by lecture courses on the fine arts, more effective control of government fine arts (the possibility of a bureau, with consulting board, to control the fine arts of the government), art education, free entry of foreign works of art.

Among the regents of the academy who are taking much interest in the convention are J. Pierpont Morgan, Elihu Root, Senator Newlands, Robert Bacon, Senator Lodge, James J. Hill and Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst.

RESUME PROBE OF LAND FRAUD

Inquiry into Haskell Deals Again Undertaken at Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa, Okla., May 11.—Again a federal grand jury took up an investigation of the Muskogee town land fraud cases being pushed by the government. These are the same cases in which indictments were returned last winter at Muskogee against Governor Charles N. Haskell and half a dozen other Oklahomans. The allegation in the indictments, which were quashed at Tulsa on April 10, was that there had been a conspiracy to defraud the federal government and the Creek Indian nation in connection with the scheduling of town lots in Muskogee in 1902. Sylvester Rush of Omaha, who had personal charge of the first investigation, will direct the present one. As previously, witnesses whose names were used by the alleged conspirators in securing these lands have been subpoenaed from Ohio, Michigan, and other states to testify before the grand jury.

FRANCO-AMERICAN WEDDING

New York Society Woman Becomes Bride of French Nobleman.

New York, May 11.—The wedding of Mrs. Robert T. P. Fiske, who has been prominent socially in this city, to Count Lionel de Montesquiou-Fezensac of Paris was celebrated today in the Roman Catholic church of St. Peter at New Brighton, Staten Island.

Count Lionel is a member of one of the most ancient houses of the old French aristocracy. He is a cousin of Count Robert de Montesquiou-Fezensac, who lectured in America several years ago. His bride is a sister of H. Wisner Miller and of George Clinton Miller. Her first husband died about five years ago, and she has two young children.

EPISCOPALIAN CONGRESS

Well Known Churchmen in Attendance at Sessions in Boston.

Boston, May 11.—The congress of Episcopal dioceses of the United States opened today its annual session in Trinity church. It will continue four days, but the services and discussions after the first one will be held in Tremont temple. Bishop Lawrence will preside.

Among the speakers will be Bishop Parker of New Hampshire, Canon Henson of England, Bishop Doane of Albany, Dr. Huntington of Grace church, New York; President Luther of Trinity college, Hartford; Rev. Percy S. Grant, formerly of Boston, and Silas McBee, editor of the Churchman.

Sultan Fulfills Ancient Test.

Constantinople, May 11.—Mehmed V. ended his "coronation day" by plowing a furrow in the lawn at Dolmabahatche palace, symbolically at least, by holding the plow handles for a fraction of a minute while two horses dragged it a few yards. In carrying out the ancient test Mehmed V. showed himself to be sound of body and fit to bear the physical burdens of the empire.

Handcuffs Daughter to Foll Kidnapers.
Tacoma, Wash., May 11.—Mrs. Eleana Reed, divorced wife of B. T. Reed, a wealthy real estate man of Denver, appeared on the streets with her nine-year-old daughter, Inez, handcuffed to her. Mrs. Reed explained that two attempts have been made to kidnap the child and believes the silver chained handcuffs will guarantee her daughter's safety.

Crazy Snake Willing to Surrender.
Sapulpa, Okla., May 11.—Alexander Harjo, nephew of Chitti Harjo (Crazy Snake), after his arrest here, charged with horse stealing, told Sheriff King that his uncle, ringleader of the recent Indian trouble, is hiding eight miles east of Henryetta. The Snake Indian leader is badly wounded, he said, and would gladly surrender to Sheriff King.

Abdul's Son Plans Uprising.
Vienna, May 10.—According to a Belgrade telegram published here, Prince Burnhem Eddin, son of the former sultan of Turkey, Abdul Hamid, intends to organize a rising in Albania. He plans to march to Saloniki at the head of an Albanian army to rescue his father.

BOYLE SENTENCED

Convicted Kidnaper Declares Harry Forker Laid Plot.

SHARON MAN DENIES STORY.

Boyle and Wife Lodged in Penitentiary, the Former Under Sentence of Life Imprisonment and Latter Sentenced to Serve Twenty-five Years. Gives Out Signed Statement Telling His Version of Case.

Pittsburg, May 11.—Convicted of kidnaping Willie Whitta at Sharon, Pa., in March, James H. Boyle and his wife, Helen Boyle, were lodged in the Western penitentiary, the former under a sentence of life imprisonment and the latter sentenced to serve twenty-five years.

Before leaving Mercer, where his trial ended, Boyle gave out a signed statement, in which he told a remarkable story of his version of the celebrated kidnaping case. He named Harry Forker, a citizen of Sharon, who denied Boyle's story.

In his statement Boyle tells of the alleged murder at Youngstown, O., several years ago, of Dan Reebie, Jr. He tells of the finding of Reebie's body on the sidewalk and says:

"Over the prostrate form was Harry Forker of Sharon, Pa., holding in his



MRS. J. H. BOYLE.

hand a package of letters that were gathered from the sidewalk near the dead body of Reebie."

He says Dan Shay, now dead, was present. In Forker's haste he left four letters, says Boyle, who declared Forker paid him money regularly for years to keep quiet. During Boyle's recent visit to Sharon, he says, he demanded \$5,000, which Forker promised to obtain in a short time.

On returning to Cleveland he wrote Forker and received in reply an unsigned letter proposing the abduction. He says the abduction was carried out and he says that he (Boyle) showed the letter to Mr. Whitta in Cleveland and says Whitta promised if he would substantiate the Youngstown letter he (Whitta) would see that there was no prosecution. This Whitta denies.

FOUR MEN BLOWN INTO BITS

Mixing Room of Kansas Powder Factory Blows Up.

Columbus, Kan., May 11.—The mixing room of the Laffin-Rand powder mills at Turk Station, near here, blew up, instantly killing four men. Twenty workmen were injured, some seriously. The dead: Joseph Stovall, William Morrow, Robert McFarland, James Rood.

The men were at work in the mixing room at the time of the explosion. Their bodies were blown into bits.

Immediately after the explosion the factory took fire and burned for two hours, doing great damage. One hundred employees of the plant finally extinguished the blaze, all the while being in great danger from the large quantities of explosives stored in the building. The loss will reach \$75,000 or more.

This is the fourth time the mixing room in this factory has blown up. The first explosion killed three, the second two and the third five men. The plant produces black and smokeless powder.

SEVEN DIE IN RIVER TRAGEDY

Launch Capsizes in Chippewa and All on Board Are Drowned.

Eau Claire, Wis., May 11.—George Hall, aged twenty-one; R. H. Sweet, aged forty-five; Sweet's wife and four children were drowned in the Chippewa river here when Hall's gasoline launch capsized in midstream upon striking some sunken pilings.

Nobody saw the launch capsized. It was just turning dark when William McLaughlin, fishing on the bank of the river, heard cries for help and saw Sweet and Hall clinging to the overturned boat while the current was carrying them rapidly down the stream. Later the overturned launch was discovered on a sandbar, half a mile down the river from the city. The river was dragged, but the bodies were not found.

Fire in Chicago Board of Trade.
Chicago, May 11.—Fire, which was quickly brought under control, broke out on the trading floor of the board of trade. Business of the day was over, however, and there was no excitement.

HAINS' FATE IN JURY'S HANDS

Weary Wait Is Predicted Before Verdict Is Reached.

Flushing, L. I., May 11.—After one hour of summing up by the prosecution and the court's charge, the case of Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., charged with the murder of William E. Annis passed into the hands of the jury today. There may be a weary wait before the verdict is reached.

In the court room Mrs. Hains, the mother of the defendant, with her



GENERAL P. C. HAINS.

husband, General Peter C. Hains, and their son, Major John P. Hains, listened to Mr. McIntyre's vivid plea for the life of the prisoner. Throughout, the mother wept quietly. Peter C. Hains, Jr., displayed neither emotion nor interest.

Mr. McIntyre's address was an argument to show the insanity of his client. One of his declarations was that Annis met death by "an act of God." All references to the "unwritten law" were objected to and the objections were sustained by the court.

During the summing up by the prosecution the prisoner's mother and father withdrew and Mrs. Helen Annis, in deep mourning, appeared with her mother and sister. They remained in court while Mr. Gregg was speaking.

The former district attorney denounced the insanity plea, declaring it was conceived and manufactured by the defendant's lawyers as a last resort. Instead of being an "act of God," he branded the shooting as a "cowardly murder, committed with deliberation and premeditation."

ROOSEVELT KILLS RHINOCEROS

Beast Stopped by Bullet While Charging to Attack Ex-President.

Nairobi, British East Africa, May 11.—A bulky bull rhinoceros is the latest prize wrested from the jungle by Colonel Roosevelt. From the ex-president's camp near Machakos word was brought down that the luck of the Roosevelt party continued and that fifteen

teen varieties of game, including the big rhino, had been bagged on the last expedition.

The rhinoceros was charging Mr. Roosevelt when the hunter fired. The distance was fourteen paces and the animal fell dead.

The naturalists of the party were kept busy preparing the trophies which Mr. Roosevelt and his son, Kermit, are bringing in daily. Forty-five skins already have been prepared for the Smithsonian institution at Washington.

Missouri Senate Kills Woman Suffrage.
Jefferson City, Mo., May 11.—The senate committee on constitutional amendments killed the woman's suffrage resolution by reporting it adversely.

LAKE MEN IN RIOT; ONE DEAD

Crowd at West Superior Attacks the Crew of a Steamer.

Duluth, Minn., May 10.—One dead and six injured is the result of a riot at Superior, Wis., between union and nonunion men when the steamer Berlin tied up at the dock.

The Berlin, a nonunion boat, arrived with coal to be discharged at the dock. Soon after her arrival a crowd gathered and began throwing coal at the captain and crew. Several of the latter were injured and some one fired a shot at the crowd and a workman dropped dead.

Fatal Wreck on Frisco Road.

Springfield, Mo., May 10.—One man was killed and five injured when the southeastern limited on the St. Louis and San Francisco road left the tracks. The engine was overturned and Engineer Charles Hains of Fort Scott killed. The train was going fifty miles an hour at the time of the accident, which was caused by a heavy rain washing the ballast from under 500 feet of track.

Negro Lynched by Florida Mob.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 10.—Mrs. John Deas, wife of a well known farmer residing at Camden, fifteen miles from Jacksonville, was assaulted by an unknown negro, who was later captured by a mob of citizens and lynched. When the sheriff reached the scene the mob had captured the negro, Mrs. Deas had identified him and his throat had been cut and his body riddled with bullets.

Mother and Son Burned.

Chicago, May 10.—Mrs. Mollie Rath, a widow, and her fifteen-year-old son were burned to death in a fire which destroyed two frame buildings. They were asleep and neighbors were unable to reach them. The families were driven from their homes.

James K. Hackett a Bankrupt.

New York, May 10.—James K. Hackett, the actor, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, giving his liabilities at \$126,457. The actor's wife, Mary Manning Hackett, has the largest claim, \$60,000. Daniel Hanna has a claim for \$10,000 for money loaned.

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