

Washington News

An Associated Press correspondent at the national capital says: "John W. Dodsworth, editor of the New York Journal of Commerce; Charles A. Conant of New York, formerly its correspondent here, and F. C. Donald of Chicago, commissioner of the Central Passenger association, were witnesses before the house committee on investigation of ship subsidy charges. Dodsworth said he regarded all ship subsidy as graft, but conceded there were men honestly supporting that cause. He agreed substantially with his brother, A. W. Dodsworth, business manager of the paper, as to the attempts to buy its influence, but did not recall two of them, the \$40,000 proposition and the De Lesseps offer."

The committee on foreign affairs of the Austrian delegation adopted a resolution in favor of President Taft's disarmament proposition.

President Taft has abandoned his proposed southern tour. He will go to Atlanta, March 10, but will not make the long trip he had intended.

Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska made a speech in the senate advocating the unseating of Lorimer.

President Taft nominated George E. Martin, of the court of common pleas of Ohio, to be associate judge of the United States court of customs appeals to succeed William H. Hunt, a judge on the new commerce court.

A Washington correspondent for the United Press says: "Uncle Joe Cannon and Champ Clark, speaker and speaker-elect of the house of representatives, posed for the moving picture man. The pictures have been ordered by European theatres. The

two distinguished leaders were photographed as they arrived separately at the capitol and as they walked across the plaza."

The house of representatives voted in favor of San Francisco as against New Orleans as the site for the Panama canal exposition of 1915.

President Taft spoke at the Ohio society's anniversary banquet in Washington in commemoration of the McKinley birthday.

Major H. C. Davis, U. S. M. C., was convicted by court-martial at Philadelphia of the charge of using disrespectful language to an officer and was sentenced to the loss of ten numbers.

The president has accepted the resignation from the army of Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., who is now serving a penitentiary sentence for the murder of W. E. Annis at Bay Ridge, N. Y.

Individual deposits in the national banks of the United States decreased \$191,566,488 between November 10 and January 7.

Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, retired, who piloted the United States fleet around the world in 1908-09, died in the naval medical school hospital of pneumonia. Admiral Sperry arrived in Washington last Friday from his home in Newport, R. I., for special duty in the state department incident to his representation of the United States at the conference of the naval powers of the world, held in London in the early part of 1909. He was taken ill shortly after his arrival.

Senator Davis of Arkansas attacked Senator Depew and Theodore Roosevelt in a speech delivered in the senate. He also urged the senate to get rid of Lorimer.

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A Washington correspondent to the Associated Press says: "Another radical step to prevent the concentration of power in a few hands in the house of representatives was taken by the newly designated democratic members of the ways and means committee for the next congress. It was determined that in the makeup of the new committees of the house the chairmen of all the committees that have the power to prepare appropriation bills and the chairmen of the judiciary, interstate and foreign commerce and District of Columbia committees shall not be members of any other committees than those over which they preside. This will add eleven to the number of members who are to be expressly limited to service on a single committee. The democratic caucus which chose the fourteen members of the ways and means committee restricted them to service upon that committee and gave them the power to select the other committees of the house. The announcement was given out by Chairman Underwood as 'the settled policy of this committee.' While the committee has not the power, as had the democratic caucus to prohibit a member from serving on another committee, Chairman Underwood made it clear the committee in filling up the other committees will adhere to the rule. The rule will affect the chairmen of the following important committees: Appropriations, agriculture, foreign af-

fairs, Indian affairs, military affairs, naval affairs, pensions and post-offices and post roads, in addition to the three specifically named by the committee, judiciary, interstate and foreign commerce and District of Columbia. The democratic members decided to select the new rules committee tonight. No definite action was taken on the plan for tariff legislation, although that subject was discussed. Chairman Underwood said the rules committee will not be selected until after March 4."

Senator Root of New York, in a speech delivered in the senate, urged that Lorimer be unseated.

Senator Borah of Idaho, with the aid of democrats and progressive republicans succeeded in making the resolution providing for the election of senators by the people "unfinished business" thus placing it in a most advantageous position.

Champ Clark and other democrats are opposed to reducing the number of representatives. An Associated Press dispatch says: "Mr. Crumpacker of Indiana, chairman of the census committee which had the whole matter in charge, said he hoped the house may take up the question early next week. The Campbell plan is based on a ratio of 234,522 population to each representative. The following states would have their representation reduced under the 391 plan: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin and Maine, one each; and Missouri, two. On the other hand, California, New York, Oklahoma and Washington would gain two each,

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