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In his own behalf, Senator Beveridge resumed his speech and concluded his

argument on February 24, when the Lorimer case was advanced to a position where the senate must filibuster or vote upon it.

the ground that it was not in compliance with the tenets of the republican party on protection. Early in the present session Senator Aldrich was compelled to leave Washington on account of his health. He is spending the winter at Jekyl Island, Georgia, and it is not likely that he will take any further part in tariff legislation, as his term expires March 4.

Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin wants an investigation of published charges that government naval secrets are being disclosed to the Argentine republic through the construction of two battleships in this country.

After nearly five hours debate the house of representatives voted overwhelmingly for fortifying the Panama canal, and appropriated \$3,000,000 to begin the work, the total cost of which has been estimated at \$12,000,000.

The passage of the Canadian reciprocity bill at this session of congress is so remote that President Taft has tentatively fixed April 4 as the date for an extra session.

Charles D. Hilles of Dobb's Ferry, N. Y., at present assistant secretary of the treasury, has accepted the position of secretary to the president offered to him by President Taft in succession to Charles D. Norton.

**MR. BRYAN IN TENNESSEE**

Referring to Mr. Bryan's visit to Tennessee, the Nashville Banner says:

At 11 o'clock today the senate and house went into joint session to

The sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$140,590,241, including \$3,000,000 for fortifying the Panama canal, was completed by the appropriations committee and reported to the house February 23. This is a cut of \$14,486,503, from the estimates. The bill makes appropriations for the next fiscal year. It includes \$45,560,000 for the construction of the Panama canal, which may be repaid to the treasury out of the bond sale proposed. This is exclusive of the \$3,000,000 for fortification, of which \$2,000,000 is for the construction of seacoast batteries and \$1,000,000 for the purchase, manufacture and test of seacoast cannon for coast defense. For the construction of public buildings the bill carries \$21,311,245, an increase of \$16,579,726 over the current appropriation. An item to enable the president to produce information under the Payne-Aldrich tariff law is included.

It is announced that the railroads affected by the interstate commerce decision may carry the case to a higher court.

Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the senate finance committee, has written President Taft that he favors the confirmation of the Canadian reciprocity agreement. The announcement that Senator Aldrich was in favor of the reciprocity agreement was received by surprise in the senate, especially by the "standpat" senators who have come out against the agreement on

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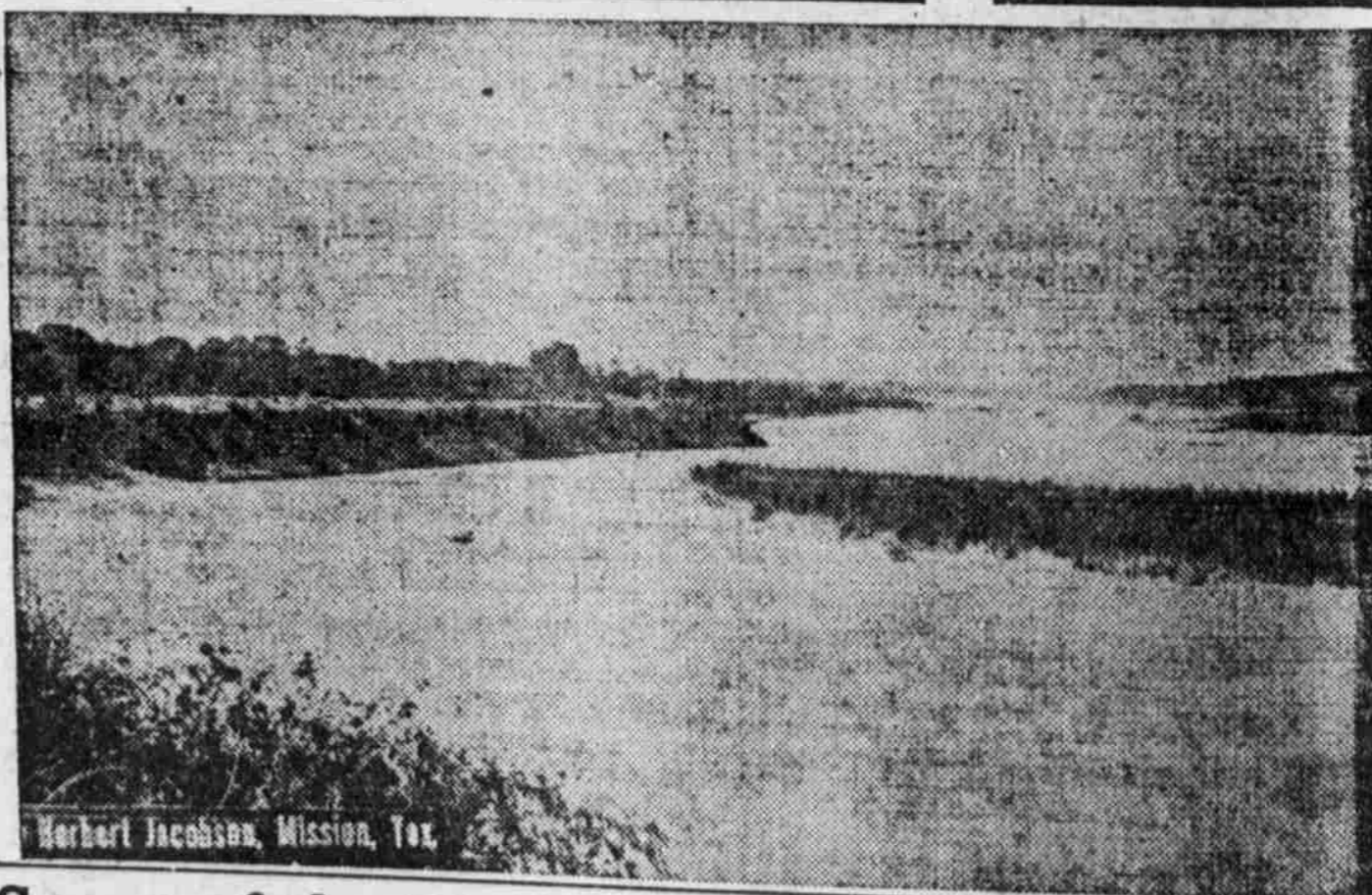
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