

# WASHINGTON NEWS

President Taft submitted to congress the report of the employers' liability commission, and the proposed bills under the report, the whole forming what is claimed to be the most advanced piece of liability legislation yet presented.

Provisions for the establishment of a general parcels post system will be incorporated in the postoffice appropriation bill, according to an agreement reached by the democratic members of the house committee on postoffices and postroads.

A dispatch to the Louisville Courier-Journal says: Alleged political activity of federal officeholders in Kentucky and throughout the south, it is announced, will be the subject of investigation by the federal civil service commission.

In addition to calling Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, the committee investigating the case of Maj. Beecher B. Ray may have a subpoena issued for former president Roosevelt.

Secretary Wilson denied the authorship of a letter which had been widely circulated by one of the companies exploiting lands in the Florida everglades.

United States Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin, is not entitled to his seat in the opinion of five members of the senate committee on privileges and elections who filed a minority report with the senate.

Senator Bradley, on his return from Kentucky to Washington, claimed to have made doubly sure a Taft delegation, and the selection of John W. McCulloch as national republican committeeman.

President Taft sent the name of Mahlon Pitney, of New Jersey, to the senate to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, to succeed the late Justice Harlan.

An Associated Press dispatch says: Colombia virtually repudiated the action of its minister general, Ospina, by sending through American Minister Dubois, at Bogota, a cordial invitation to Secretary of State Knox to visit Colombian shores on his present trip to the republics on the Caribbean sea. The invitation was forwarded promptly to Secretary Knox, who is aboard the cruiser Washington, on his way south. With him rests the decision whether he will change his itinerary to include a call at the port of Cartagena. This, it is said here, he undoubtedly will do. The action of the Colombian foreign office was received with satisfaction. It closes a disagreeable incident. Minister Ospina, who is declared to have been recalled because of his letter to the state department, protested against the proposed visit of Secretary Knox because of the feeling in Colombia against the United States, said to be attributable to the acquisition by this country of the Panama canal zone. Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson did not disguise his appreciation of Colombia's decision to welcome his chief.

An Associated Press dispatch says: Intimations of a possible investigation of Senator Dupont's election came out during a fight before the senate judiciary committee a few

days ago over the confirmation of Cornelius O. F. Swayne, who had been nominated for United States marshal of Delaware. Democratic Committeeman Saulsbury charged bribery in the election and Senator Dupont's name figured in the testimony. The fight ended abruptly when President Taft withdrew Swayne's name. Senator Dupont, when he heard the reported intention of Senator Reed to ask for an investigation of his election, said: "The Swayne inquiry referred to the election of 1904, two years before I was elected to the senate. Mr. Saulsbury's statement was a personal issue." Chairman Dillingham, of the senate committee on privileges and elections, said he had heard nothing of any proposed investigation of Senator Dupont's election.

A Washington dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: For the first time since the insurgent republicans broke away from the regulars in the fight on the petroleum duty in the Payne tariff bill in 1909 the republicans of the house presented practically a solid front against the passage of a tariff revision bill. All insurgents voted with the regular republican forces against the Underwood chemical tariff, which was passed, however, by a vote of 178 to 127.

The insurgents opposed the measure on the ground that it was revision upward instead of downward.

"This bill has no support from the independent voters in the house, because it is a rank case of upward revision," said Representative Victor Murdock, of Kansas, a leader of the insurgents. "It would take scores of articles from the free list and put duties on them. It is indefensible."

Representative Theron Akin, of New York, who was elected to congress as an independent republican, voted for the measure, as did also Mr. Hanna, of North Dakota, a regular republican. Representative Berger, of Wisconsin, socialist, voted against it.

All democratic members of the house voted for the bill.

With the passage of the chemical revision bill by the house another democratic tariff measure was added to the senate calendar. The steel bill is pending in the senate, where only a coalition of progressive republicans and the democrats can pass it.

The intention of the senate finance committee is to grant ample hearings to all parties interested in the tariff bills sent over from the house.

The republican members of the senate finance committee have had but one conference. They have not definitely outlined their tariff program.

The illness of Senator La Follette has interfered seriously with the formulation of a policy by the progressive republican senators, who hold the balance of power.

Some Washington politicians say that Governor Hiram Johnson of California will be picked as Roosevelt's running mate.

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