

WASHINGTON NEWS

The house passed the army appropriation bill again, it being in form similar to its passage last February before the senate added the amendments that caused the president's veto.

The interstate commerce commission extended the territory in which allowances may be paid by railroads to shippers for elevation of grain so as to take in Missouri river cities and grain markets on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

With nearly \$100,000,000 in the cash drawer of the United States treasury, officials are of the belief that it will not be necessary to issue bonds for construction work on the Panama canal for nearly a year.

Closing the fiscal year of 1912 with a surplus of \$36,335,830, the federal treasury now has a total of \$99,360,000 in its vaults.

The passage of a senate bill prohibiting interstate shipment of prize-fight films was blocked in the house because no quorum was present.

Part of the American squadron that has been on duty in Cuban waters has sailed for home and the remainder will be on its way soon.

President Taft and Mrs. Taft left Washington for Beverly, Mass., where they will open their summer home, Parramatta.

The state department at Washington issued a warning to the public that the old Spanish swindle is out again in a new form.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, July 6th, says: Conflicting stories are being told of the hanging in effigy of William Jennings Bryan at Colonial Beach, a summer resort near here, Wednesday night. The truth seems to be that the hanging was done by one man, disappointed over the outcome of the Baltimore convention. The residents of Colonial Beach, however, resented the act and by

way of showing it, cut down the effigy and threw it into the Potomac river.

Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker of Denver, former president of the general federation of Woman's clubs, died at San Francisco as a result of an operation.

George M. Malby, member of congress from the Twenty-sixth New York district, died at a hotel in New York City.

Senator Cummins has announced that he will support the regular republican ticket. In other words he will refuse to follow Roosevelt and will stay by Mr. Taft.

Representative Norris of Nebraska introduced a bill providing for a national convention for each party on the fourth Monday in June in every presidential year. The delegates to this convention are to be elected at primaries to be held on the first Tuesday in May. Voters may express a first and second choice for president and the candidate having the majority of the first choice votes becomes the nominee. It will not be necessary for the convention to take any action except on the platform if one of the candidates received a majority first choice vote. Otherwise the convention would nominate. This bill would not go into effect until laws in conformity to it had been passed by at least twenty states.

The senate has passed a bill providing for the building of two battleships.

A nation-wide movement originating with Frank Harrison of Lincoln, Neb., has taken on new force at the national capital, having for its purpose the withdrawal of both Taft and Roosevelt. Petitions to that end will be circulated generally throughout the country.

Thirteen articles of impeachment have been presented against Judge Robert W. Archibald of the commerce court.

ROOSEVELT'S NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Roosevelt national convention has been called to meet at Chicago, August 5th. Following is an Associated Press dispatch:

New York, July 7.—A call to the people of the United States who are in sympathy with the "national progressive movement" to send delegates to a national convention to open at Chicago August 5, was given out today by United States Senator Dixon of Montana, the colonel's manager. The call is signed by members of the committee chosen at a meeting held in Chicago, and also bore the signatures of Roosevelt followers in forty states.

"The territories have no place in the nation and will not be considered" declared Senator Dixon in commenting upon the signatures.

"As for the missing eight states, the most of them probably will send delegates, although they have not taken part in the call. Many, for instance, postponed any definite action because there is now a strong fight on in the primaries with the sympathy running strong for the progressive movement. Delaware, North Carolina, Arkansas and Ne-

braska probably will take part in the convention. Mississippi and South Carolina may possibly be unrepresented.

"The call lays no rules as to the methods of choosing delegates, since each state will be expected to select its delegates by its own paraphanelia. The representation will be cut down to just one-half of the previous conventions. This was deemed advisable since this convention is to be notably a progressive body and will certainly be composed of a class of men altogether different from those who usually attend conventions.

"In all probability the convention will adopt the name—national progressives—for the new party, but I can not say definitely that will be done. Thus far no issues have been authoritatively stated and of course the platform itself will have to be decided upon by the delegates."

The text of the call is "The people of the United States without regard to past differences, who, through repeated betrayals realize that today the power of the crooked political bosses and of the privileged classes behind them is so strong in the two old party organizations that no helpful movement in the real interests

of our country can come out of either."

"We believe that the time has come for a national progressive movement—a nation-wide movement—on non-sectional lines, so that the people may be served in sincerity and truth by an administration unfettered by obligation to conflicting interests."

"Who believe in the right and capacity of the people to rule themselves and to effectively control all the agencies of their government and who hold that only through social and industrial justice, thus secured, can honest property find permanent protection."

"Who believe that government by the few tends to become and has in fact become government by the sordid influences that control them."

"Who believe that only through the movement proposed can we obtain in the nation and the several states, the legislation demanded by the modern industrial evolution; from legislation which shall favor honest business and yet control the great agencies of modern business so as to insure their use in the interest of the whole people."

"Who will promote at all times the better and more equitable diffusion of prosperity, legislation which shall promote the economic well being of the honest farmer, wage earner, professional man, and business man alike, but which shall at the same time strike in effectual fashion and competent to strike—at the roots of privilege in the world of industry no less than the world of politics."

"Who believe that only this type of Wisconsin industrial evolution will avert industrial revolution."

"Who believe that wholesome party government can come only if there is wholesome party management in a spirit of service to the whole country and who hold that the commandment delivered at Sinai 'Thou shalt not steal' applies to politics as well as to business."

"To all in accord with these views, a call is hereby issued by the provisional committee under the resolution of the mass meeting held in Chicago on June 22 last to each state to send a number of delegates

NOT SO DIFFICULT

"How did he manage to escape from the penitentiary? I thought it was well-nigh impossible."

"Well, he figured it out on scientific lines. Somebody smuggled him a pair of trunks, and after he got outside everybody thought he was running a marathon."—Kansas City Journal.

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