

CHAOS EXISTS IN FRENCH NATION

COMPLETE MAIL AND TELEGRAPH TIE-UP THREATENS SERIOUS RESULTS.

FOOD FAMINE IMMINENT

Mail and Telegrams Are Undelivered, Banks Refuse to Cash Checks, Prices of Edibles Soar, and Supply of Table Necessities is Becoming Alarmingly Short—End Not in Sight.

Paris, March 18.—There was not the slightest indication late tonight of a break in the deadlock between the government and its striking telegraphers and postal employees, nor was there any prospect of an improvement in the situation.

The cabinet tonight passed a decree authorizing the dismissal of the strikers from the state service, and re-affirmed its determination not to yield.

The semi-official note giving the result of the meeting announced that many merchants have offered to lend to the government their employees.

On the contrary, it is believed that Premier Clemenceau seeks only to save the principle for which he has contended and that if the chamber tomorrow indorses the government's attitude the premier will be ready for the resignation of M. Simey, undersecretary of posts and telegraphs, and thus open the way for negotiations to end the strike.

Not Delivered. The last two American mails have not been delivered. The Havas agency which receives thousands of letters daily, did not find any at the postoffice today.

A few hundred military telegraphers brought into Paris are practically helpless, as they are not familiar with the recently installed Baudot instruments, and foreign telegrams are being sent to the frontier for re-transmission.

The government has managed to keep several wires open with London and Berlin for conducting important diplomatic negotiations.

State of Siege. A few more days of these conditions and Paris will be reduced almost to a state of siege as far as food is concerned.

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SHARP DEBATE OVER RULES OCCURS

CONSIDERATION OF CENSUS BILL PRECIPITATES A LIVELY TILT IN HOUSE.

PAYNE IS VERY CAUSTIC

Majority Leader Replies to Attacks of De Armond by Taking a Stinging Rap at the Disgruntled Democrats and the Missourian in Particular—Census Measure is Passed.

Washington, March 18.—The census bill in its amended form was passed by the house today, after a lively attack on the rules by Representative De Armond of Missouri.

This afforded Mr. De Armond an opportunity to attack the rule and to advocate selection of a committee on rules by the members and not by the speaker, as at present.

Mr. Payne in replying, said Mr. De Armond has given an exhibition of unreasonableness by his objection. He charged the Missouri member with trying to carry on the last battle of Monday last.

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DISCUSSES AFFAIRS IN NICARAGUA

SECRETARY KNOX HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN DIPLOMATS.

Washington, March 18.—Central American affairs continue to be an important topic of discussion at the state department.

This government has been frank with the Central American republics and has taken pains to acquaint them with the steps taken by the United States and Mexico, for the preservation of peace in Central America.

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FACING THE "HAT QUESTION"



FINANCIAL METHODS PRONOUNCED QUEER

STRANGE CONDITIONS BROUGHT TO LIGHT REGARDING PANHANDLE SMELTER.

Spookane, March 18.—According to an evening paper, starting facts as to remarkable financial methods are being brought to light following the appointment of a receiver for the Panhandle Smelting company.

Its assets could be estimated at \$1,500,000. Its debts were only \$30,000. Of the 2,000,000 shares of stock then outstanding, hundreds of thousands had been sold to farmers and capitalists in Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, Wisconsin and the Dakotas at prices ranging up to 40 and 45 cents a share.

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SENATE BILL NO. 18 IS OFFICIALLY APPROVED

Special to The Daily Missoulian Helena, March 18.—Senate Bill No. 18, providing for the creation of irrigation districts and the issue of bonds by irrigation companies, which caused so much discussion during the recent legislative assembly and so much antagonistic agitation in the Bitter Root valley, was signed this afternoon by Governor Edwin L. Norris, and transmitted to the secretary of state.

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The secretary will be prepared to designate the lands subject to this law in eastern Montana, within three weeks. Notices will be sent to local land offices, together with circulars of instructions governing the manner of making entry, as soon as possible.

Following is the new homestead law in full: "Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That any person who is a qualified entryman under the homestead laws of the United States may enter, by legal supervision, under the provisions of this act, in the states of Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, and the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, 320 acres, or less, of non-irrigable, non-irrigable, unreserved and unappropriated surveyed public lands which do not contain merchantable timber, located in a reasonable compact body, and not over one-and-one-half miles in extreme length; provided, that no lands shall be subject to entry under the provisions of this act until such lands shall have been designated by the secretary of the interior as not being, in his opinion, susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply.

"Section 2. That any person applying to enter land under the provisions of this act shall make and subscribe before the proper officer an affidavit as required by section 2290 of the revised statutes, and in addition thereto shall make affidavit that the land sought to be entered is of the character described in section 1 of this act, and shall pay the fees now required to be paid under the homestead laws.

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VERDICT OF COURTMARTIAL OPERATING POST DOCTOR IS MADE PUBLIC.

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PAYS TRIBUTE TO HONORED DEAD

Taft Eulogizes His Deceased Predecessor, Grover Cleveland.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Appropriate Exercises in Memory of Democratic President Are Held at Carnegie Hall and New York College, at Which Noted Men Deliver Addresses—Governor Hughes Talks.

New York, March 18.—"The Payne tariff bill is unquestionably a revision downward," said President Taft to some of his callers today on the train during his trip from Washington to New York.

The president was made acquainted with the principal provisions of the bill before it was finally approved by the committee on ways and means. He thinks that the revenue to be derived from the proposed inheritance tax will be largely in excess of the amount that has been estimated.

President Taft came to New York to eulogize in his first public address as a president, a democratic predecessor in the office which he now fills, the late Grover Cleveland.

The president spoke at the Cleveland anniversary exercises in Carnegie hall and was an interested listener to the tributes to Mr. Cleveland tonight when the ceremonies were continued in the auditorium of the College of the City of New York.

President Taft and his party reached Jersey City at 1 o'clock on the regular Washington express, to which was attached the private car he had provided at his personal expense.

Arriving at Jersey City the presidential party was greeted by a great throng. Heads were bared as the president passed along the station platform. He did not follow the Roosevelt precedent of shaking hands with the throng.

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MATCH ARRANGED.

New York, March 18.—A match between Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, and Stanley Ketchell for a side bet of \$5,000 is said to have been arranged by friends of both fighters.

CHINESE BOYCOTTING THE JAPS

INTENSE FEELING AGAINST LITTLE BROWN MEN IS REPORTED TO EXIST.

Hong Kong, March 18.—The Chinese residents of this city have entered upon a renewal of the boycott against Japanese goods and are showing intense feeling against the Japanese because the latter are gradually occupying Pratas island, a reef in the China sea about midway between this port and the Philippine group, and are working the deposits of guano, which, it is claimed, are richer than those along the coast of Peru.

Feeling over this so-called invasion of Chinese rights by the Japanese has run so high that the viceroy at Canton has prohibited the press of that city from commenting on it in the fear that inflammatory articles might incite an outbreak against the Japanese living there.

LIVELY FIGHT ON TARIFF LIKELY

INTERESTS OF EACH DISTRICT TO BE CHAMPIONED BY HOUSE MEMBERS.

PARTY LINES ELIMINATED

While There is Little Prospect of a Lengthy General Debate, It is Evident That Each Representative Will Fight Against Measures Considered Detrimental to His District.

Washington, March 18.—That party lines will be eliminated during the consideration in the house of the Payne bill was indicated by the action of Representative Broussard of Louisiana in withdrawing today from the meeting of the minority members of the committee because he differed from their view on the tariff.

With few exceptions each member will fight for the interests of his home district. There is little prospect of a lengthy general debate and the consideration of the measure under the five-minute rule for amendment will be proceeded with as soon as possible, probably by the end of the week.

The inheritance tax, Philippine free trade, internal revenue and maximum and minimum features of the bill are endorsed by the minority leader, and there has been much favorable comment upon the measure by democratic congressmen.

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A number of democrats will join with some republicans in an effort to keep the duty assessed by the Dingkey bill upon lumber. The fight for free lumber will be headed by Champ Clark, it is said.

No Opposition. It is thought that there will be no serious opposition to the tariff on tea. Great Britain and France probably will be the first countries to secure the benefit of the minimum rates named in the Payne bill.

As the French trade agreement with the United States contains no provision for its continuance for any time after it has been abrogated by either nation, France may receive the benefit of the minimum rates. France is now revising her tariff on a maximum and minimum basis.

The ways and means committee estimates that the entire revenues to the government for the fiscal year 1910 provided the Payne bill is in operation, will be \$82,065,885.

WANT WIRELESS SERVICE.

London, March 18.—The postoffice authorities are trying to arrange a wireless telegraph service between London and Paris with the object of relieving the congestion due to the strike of the French telegraph and postal employees.

BREAKS INTO BASEBALL.

MODUS VIVENDI REACHED.

New Orleans, March 18.—George C. Bennett of Memphis, Tenn., well known as a former owner of racing horses, yesterday purchased the stock of Leonard Stern in the New Orleans baseball club and will take up active work in connection with the club this season.

Pekin, March 18.—It is reported here today on an excellent authority that a representative of the Russian railroad administration in Manchuria and the Chinese foreign board have reached a modus vivendi in the matter of administration of the municipality of Harbin.