

CONGRESS HAS TWO-SHIFT JOB

DAY AND NIGHT SESSIONS WILL BE RULE AT NATIONAL CAPITOL THIS WEEK.

PROGRAM IS FORMIDABLE

Short Time That Remains, With Importance of Matters to Come Up and the Circumstances Attending, Makes Finishing of Work of Congress Practically Impossible.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Day and night sessions probably will be held in both branches of congress beginning tomorrow, for only five and a half days remain to conclude a formidable legislative program in an unprecedented and almost hopeless condition.

Appropriation Situation.

The situation respecting appropriation bills is as follows: The Indian, legislative, army and District of Columbia bills have passed both houses and are in conference.

The general deficiency bill has not even come out of the house committee on appropriations.

There remain to be passed by the senate, therefore, the pensions, postoffice, agricultural, naval, military, academy, fortifications, diplomatic and consular, sundry civil and general deficiency bills.

If the senate could devote the five and a half days left of the present congress to the calendar, and if speeches could be curtailed, senators would not worry about the legislative situation.

The fact which supports Senator Lorimer is determined that disposition shall be made of the Lorimer case at this session, but it is evident that the anti-Lorimer forces will resist any attempt to take a vote before they have concluded their arguments.

The McCall bill to carry out the provisions of the Canadian reciprocity agreement is on the calendar and Senator Hale and others opposed to the agreement have made it clear that they do not intend that any prior right shall be given to it because of the interest of President Taft.

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POET DIES.

Somerville, Mass., Feb. 26.—Sam Walter Foss, the author, poet and lecturer, died at the Charles Gates hospital in Cambridge today.

JEWELS TAKEN FROM LINER CABIN

MRS. MALDWIN DRUMMOND, FORMERLY MRS. MARSHALL FIELD, JR., IS ROBBED.

FORTUNE IN GEMS GONE

One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars is Value Set by Rich Woman on Goods Missing From Her Stateroom on Board the Amerika.

New York, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Maldwin Drummond, formerly Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., of Chicago, was robbed of a fortune in jewels last night aboard a transatlantic liner.

The loss was reported immediately the liner docked at Hoboken this afternoon and the police of Hoboken and New York are working on the case.

To the police Mrs. Drummond described the jewels as follows: Two strings of 275 pearls each; one string of 283 pearls; one large black pearl ring set with diamonds; one large white pearl ring set with diamonds; one pair pearl earrings set with diamonds; one black pearl brooch set with diamonds; one black pearl pair-shaped pendant.

A wireless message sent from the Amerika as she neared port summoned detectives down the bay in a tug. They learned from Mrs. Drummond details of the theft, and began a combing of the ship and a search of the crew.

Stewards and stewardesses were questioned closely and their clothes and belongings were searched, and when the detectives arrived there were quiet inquiries among the first cabin passengers aboard.

Mrs. Drummond could give no hint which would aid the authorities, but she believes that the stateroom door was left unlocked during the night.

The customs men made it a point to examine carefully the baggage and personal belongings of not only the first cabin passengers, but of the 200 men and women in the second cabin.

Mrs. Drummond was Miss Albertina Huck, daughter of Louis C. Huck of Chicago. Her first husband was Marshall, Jr., son of the Chicago millionaire merchant.

After her husband's death young Mrs. Field was a frequent guest in London of her sister-in-law, the wife of Admiral David Beatty of the British navy.

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PREPARING THE "PROPS"



JAPANESE PLEASED WITH AMERICA'S SPIRIT

RATIFICATION OF TREATY WITH UNITED STATES MAKES BROWN MEN SMILE.

Tokyo, Feb. 26.—Ambassador O'Brien and Count Komura, the Japanese foreign secretary, have exchanged congratulations on the ratification of the treaty between the United States and Japan.

The newspapers have printed editorials expressing the opinions of statesmen, bankers and leaders of thought, who are unanimous in regarding the ratification as one of the greatest events in the history of the country.

WANDERERS WELCOMED.

Redding, Cal., Feb. 26.—The smelter town of Kennet gave the marching Industrial Workers of the World, on their way to Frisco, 100 strong, so warm a welcome that the band will remain here until Wednesday to recuperate.

POLICE INVESTIGATE SINKING OF LAUNCH

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The police are seeking the owners of the lumber schooner Comet to learn why, if true, the vessel ran down and drowned two men yesterday.

BIG MEDICINE MADE FOR POWWOW'S FINISH

POLITICIANS IN HELENA ARE GETTING READY FOR LAST FEW DAYS.

Helena, Feb. 26.—(Special)—The politicians have been busy today. They are planning for the week. Conrad's friends are very enthusiastic and really believe that he is going to be elected.

Senator Doolin is confined to his room with tonsillitis, but hopes to be out tomorrow.

INDEPENDENT TICKET IS PROMISED A CINC

Wallace, Feb. 26.—(Special)—An independent ticket, headed by Franklin Piffman, and pledged to continue the policy of cleaning up the city and also to the purchase of the electric light and water plant and its operation as a municipal concern, is expected to be announced here in a few days.

RAINY FRISCO GETS SOME SNOW

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The first considerable flurry of snow here in 15 years gave the youngsters of the city a chance this afternoon to play for a few minutes at snowballing.

OLD FIGHTING CRAFT MAY BE GIVEN TO FRISCO

UNITED STATES SHIP PORTS. MOUTH, HISTORIC VESSEL, WANTED BY COAST CITY.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Final disposition of the famous United States ship Portsmouth, a warrior of other days, is being considered by the navy department.

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BACK TO FRISCO.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 26.—Detective O'Day of San Francisco arrived in Salt Lake City today with requisition papers for Charles Barrett, alias C. McOabe, wanted in San Francisco for the theft of 35 bars of gold bullion, valued at \$50,000, from the steamer Humboldt, in transit, last September.

SHEPARD LAYS HIS HAND DOWN

CANDIDATE SCRATCHES OWN ENTRY IN RACE FOR SENATORIAL STAKE.

BOSS MURPHY ADVISED

Man Quitting Struggle in New York and Martin Littleton, a New Candidate, Both Tell Head of Tammany Hall What to Do—Letter Has It That Deadlock Must Be Broken.

New York, Feb. 26.—Edward M. Shepard, in a letter to Montgomery Hale, tonight announced his retirement from the fight for the United States senatorship to succeed Chauncey M. Depew.

Earlier in the day Martin W. Littleton, self-anointed candidate for the senatorship, issued a statement pointing as does Mr. Shepard, to the "grave responsibility" resting upon the democratic legislators and calling upon Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, to cause the retirement of Mr. Sheehan and break the five-weeks' deadlock at Albany.

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"I should be glad if you, as my friend, would make it clear to the minority, who already have voted, or who might hereafter vote for me, that I am definitely and absolutely outside of the list from which candidates can be chosen.

With himself finally eliminated as a candidate, Mr. Shepard addressed some friendly words to the minority. He denounced the Tammany dominance of the caucus, which chose Mr. Sheehan, and declares that the democratic party can never succeed in this state when it is generally believed that Tammany controls the nominations.

Martin W. Littleton made public today a letter to Charles F. Murphy asking the Tammany leader to leave the legislators of New York state "free to register their own will and exercise their own choice" in the election of Mr. Depew's successor.

The present deadlock, he declares, will be easily broken if Mr. Murphy would withdraw his influence, which he characterizes as an "endurance test" to determine whether Tammany Hall can extend its control to other sections of the state.

No Effect. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 26.—That the withdrawal of Edwin M. Shepard from the senatorial race will have no effect on the attitude of the insurgents in their opposition to Mr. Sheehan was said tonight by Senator Roosevelt, the insurgent leader.

JUNTA LEADER SAYS DIAZ WEAKENS

DR. VASQUEZ GOMEZ CLAIMS THAT HE HAS RECEIVED OVERTURES FOR PEACE.

CONFIRMED AND DENIED

Statement of Man Who is Head of Insurrecto Organization in Washington is Said to Be True and to Be Fabrication—Enrique C. Creel, Mexican Minister, Isn't Informed.

Mexico City, Feb. 26.—A categorical denial of the statements contained in Dr. Gomez's announcement was made tonight by Lieutenant Porfirio Diaz, Jr., chief of the presidential staff.

Colonel Diaz's denial extended to the statement that Dr. Gomez was the family physician of General Diaz at one time. He attended one of Colonel Diaz's children on one occasion only and was never employed by the president.

The reference to Governor Ahumada's alleged efforts toward peace was no news to the government officers. Such a report had reached here some days ago and Governor Ahumada was asked as to the truth or not.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Dr. Vasquez Gomez, head of the confidential agency here of the Mexican revolutionists, tonight announced that he indirectly had received overtures for peace from the federal government.

Dr. Gomez said that the confidential agency here had been advised by its junta in El Paso, Texas, of the desire of Governor Ahumada of Chihuahua to confer in Chihuahua with Francisco I. Madero, leader of the revolution, and also had been informed through its junta in San Antonio, Texas, that three delegates of the Diaz government wished to meet Dr. Gomez on the border and arrange for the termination of hostilities.

Dr. Gomez, who was the family physician of President Diaz and who was, in the last election, candidate for the vice presidency of Mexico, on the same ticket as Francisco I. Madero, the candidate for president, said that the provisional government would not "undertake any negotiations of peace except under the condition that the delegates shall be legally and fully authorized with written powers."

Dr. Gomez asserted that the revolutionists would insist upon the abdication of the presidency by Diaz and that tonight he had telegraphed to the junta at San Antonio for information as to the source of the overtures for peace and the names of the three peace envoys sent there by Diaz.

Confirmed?

El Paso, Feb. 26.—Confirmation of the report from Washington that the local insurgents junta had been approached by three Mexicans, who claimed to represent the Diaz government, with peace overtures, was had in a statement from Abram Gonzales, provisional governor of Chihuahua, to a local newspaper man.

According to Gonzales, the envoys asked upon what terms the insurgents would accept peace and were informed that the provisional government would not treat with them until they presented "credentials from the Mexican congress, or President Diaz." They were told further that the first requirement of the insurgents in any plan for establishing peace "must be a guarantee from the Mexican government that every provision of the constitution of 1857 would be put into effect immediately and forever maintained."

Another requirement of the insurgents is an understanding that "neither the president nor other government officials shall be eligible to re-election."

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