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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—The German Reichstag rejected a Socialist motion for the government to take immediate steps leading to an international agreement concerning the limitation of armaments.

DOMESTIC.—Supreme Court Justice James A. McHugh, of New York, a Democrat, was elected United States Senator by the Legislature of Albany.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for today: Fair. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 45; lowest, 35.

THE INCOME TAX.—Main change of front on the income tax amendment increases the number of ratifying states to twenty-eight and reduces the number of those which have declined to ratify to eleven.

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warding, too, the fact that the sources of revenue necessary to the nation are many, while few for the states—do the people of the wealthier states regard favorably this purpose to make it easy to draw upon state resources? "The Journal" thinks that even for the least wealthy state "the conjecture would be reasonable that some day all the home resources would be worth keeping for "home revenue." But if the larger and wealthier states recklessly vote away these resources the small states will naturally feel inclined to abate opposition to a tax measure which would harass their bigger neighbors immeasurably more than it would ever harass them.

MURPHY'S CHOICE.

In the end the insurgents have permitted Murphy to select the Senator. He is not Murphy's first choice, nor his second choice, and perhaps not his third choice; but he is Murphy's choice, a Tammany man, not on any of the lists which the insurgents prepared and submitted to the Tammany boss, containing the names to which they sought to restrict Murphy in his selection.

As a result of the contest Murphy may have learned the lesson of moderation. Had he exercised common sense in the first place he need not have met with a rebuff, for the fight of the insurgents turns out to have been directed not against bossism as a system, but against a particular act of the boss. If the insurgents had any principles they surrendered them. Their only practical accomplishment has been to defeat Sheehan and consent to the election of a Tammany Senator, Bossism remains as an institution just what it was.

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afford a striking contrast to and a disproof of the pessimism which we have cited. Germany is strong, but she is not preying upon the weak. And she herself has successfully invoked arbitration.

LET THE LEGISLATURE INVESTIGATE.

A resolution was introduced in the Legislature at Albany immediately after the Washington Place fire providing for a legislative inquiry into conditions affecting the safety of workers in this city, but in the confusion resulting from the burning of the Capitol no action has been taken.

It is plain that certain reforms must be adopted. There must be a concentration of authority and responsibility for the safety of workers. The authority to remedy conditions must be adequate. There must be supervision over the numbering of persons who may be employed in manufacturing, and that number must be proportioned to the facilities for rapid exit in case of fire.

These are by no means all the reforms that are necessary, but they indicate the scope of the legislation that will be required, and when the immense number of places employing large labor forces in this city is taken into consideration the interests that will be affected can readily be appreciated.

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People and Social Incidents

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, March 31.—The President, the Secretary of State and the British Ambassador denied the published report of a hitch in the negotiations between the United States and Great Britain for an arbitration treaty.

George R. Putnam, commissioner of the Lighthouse Bureau, has been selected as the third member of the commission to investigate the application by the Weather Bureau and the Hydrographic Office of extensive maps and charts.

Mr. Taft also appointed a special commission, to work in connection with the legislative and economy commission, to investigate the duplication of work in all departments. The commission includes George R. Putnam, Commissioner of Lighthouses, William E. Wood, Director of the Census, Joseph Stewart, Assistant Postmaster General, Fred M. Tennant, Assistant Commissioner of Patents, George P. McCabe, Solicitor of the Department of Agriculture, and Captain John H. Gibbons, of the navy.

The President has under consideration an invitation presented by Senator W. C. Coker to attend the triennial meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati at Newport on June 2.

Among the White House callers were members of the Cabinet, ex-Senator Dewey, Senator Brandegee, who introduced S. E. Hooley, United States Marshal, of Connecticut, and William E. Burnham, Senators Brown and Shively, Representative Austin, who introduced Colonel Cary E. Spence, postmaster at Knoxville, Tenn.; Representative Smith, of Michigan, who introduced E. O. Wood, of Flint, Mich., and Representatives Dalzell, Wanger and Hawley.

Invitations were issued at the White House for a musical on April 7.

THE CABINET. (From The Tribune Bureau.) Washington, March 31.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce and Labor have accepted invitations to attend a large dinner to be given in Philadelphia on April 7 by Charles G. Tower, who will have as other guests the speaker at the fifteenth annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which will be held in that city.

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holidays their elder daughter, Miss Helen Hughes, a student at Vassar. The wedding of Miss Cecelia May and Robert Bacon, Jr., whose engagement was recently announced, will not take place until the early summer.

Colonel G. R. Colton, Governor of Porto Rico, has called for New York, and will arrive here on Monday or Tuesday, coming directly to Washington. Miss Margery Colton, his sister, who acts as hostess for him in the Governor's home, will not accompany him.

Mr. and Mrs. Depew are closing their house in N street, which they have occupied since giving up the Corcoran house several years ago, and will spend the summer in France as usual. Their winter home will be in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Lincoln have taken the house they are vacating.

Colonel and Mrs. John R. Williams entertained a number of guests at dinner to-night in compliment to Colonel and Mrs. Colin Campbell, of England. Miss Dorothy Williams, who has been the guest of the ex-Secretary of War and Mrs. Luke E. Wright at their home in Memphis, will return to Washington on Monday.

Mrs. Charles Houston Wood is entertaining Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Fitzell, of New York, for whom she had informal dinner parties last night and to-night and a luncheon party to-day. Senator and Mrs. McLean, of Connecticut, will be the guests of Mrs. Wood for the spring.

NEW YORK SOCIETY. The Friday Evening Roller Skating Club, which has been meeting since last night in the Metropolitan Skating Rink, had an enjoyable entertainment there last night. The members and their guests came in fancy dress, and particularly in fancy headdresses, many borrowing their ideas from "Chatterbox." The meeting partook of the nature of a carnival, some of the skaters wearing masks and others donning Pierrot and Pierrette costumes.

Dr. and Mrs. Preston Satterthite are booked to sail for Europe to-day, to spend the summer abroad. Mrs. R. Ogden Chisolm will give a dinner for Miss Dorothy Chisolm this evening, afterward taking her guests to the holiday dances for juniors, at Dodworth's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Coster have arrived in town from their country place at Irvington, and are in the Hotel Gotham. Mrs. Howland Davis gave a small dance last evening in her home, on Madison avenue, for her daughter, Miss Sybil Davis, who will not be introduced to society until next season.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM NEWPORT. (By Elizabeth to The Tribune.) Newport, March 31.—Dr. and Mrs. Robert Terry, who have been visiting in Boston, have returned here. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Harriman have returned to New York after a short visit. Francis C. Van Horn is seriously ill at his cottage in Greenwich Place. Miss Annie Lyman, of Boston, will open her cottage here next week.

Y. M. C. A. HONORS STRATHCUNA Lord High Commissioner of Canada Made Honorary Chairman Announcement was made in this city last night that Lord Strathcuna, Lord High Commissioner from Canada to the British crown, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Western committee of the Canadian Y. M. C. A. and with the acceptance makes a gift of \$50,000 to funds for the Y. M. C. A. buildings in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Within sixteen months Lord Strathcuna has also given \$25,000 each for buildings at Winnipeg, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal.

CARNEGIE ART JURY CHOSEN Medals and Cash Prizes To Be Awarded in International Contest. Pittsburg, March 31.—John W. Beatty, director of the fine arts of Carnegie Institute, announced to-day that the following painters had been selected to serve on the international jury which will meet in Pittsburg April 6 to accept paintings and award prizes for the fifteenth annual International Art Exhibition: William M. Chase, J. Alden Weir, Irving R. Wiles, of New York City; W. Elmer Schofield, Philadelphia; Edmund C. Tarbell, Boston; Frank Duveneck, Cincinnati; Cecilia Beaux, Gloucester, Mass.; Charles H. Davis, Mystic, Conn.; Maurice Greiffenhagen, London; Anders L. Zorn, Mora, Sweden. The jury will award three medals of honor, the first carrying \$500, second \$200 and third \$100. Awards will be made without regard to nationality.

LONG HEADS PEACE DELEGATES. Boston, March 31.—Massachusetts representatives at the third annual International Peace Congress, to be held in Baltimore, May 25, next, were announced by Governor Foster to-night. They are John D. Long, former Secretary of the Navy; Charles S. Hamlin, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Congressman Samuel W. McCall, Samuel J. Elder, Robert Treat Paine, Jr., of Boston, and Samuel Bowles, of Springfield.

TOM L. JOHNSON MUCH BETTER. Cleveland, March 31.—Ex-Mayor Tom L. Johnson, who has been confined to his bed for two weeks, following a relapse, was well enough to-day to receive State Senator Stockwell and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Congressman Samuel W. McCall, and other guests at his home. Members of the family say he is much better.

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