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Congressmen Must Stay "on the Job"

Members of the House are going to earn their pay from now until Congress adjourns, or Sereno E. Payne, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, will know why. From the moment the tariff bill went to the Senate, members of the House have been slipping away from Washington until it is now found impossible to get a quorum, even if every representative who remains in Washington reported at the House.

The Porto Rico bill, authorizing the government to make expenditures in lieu of the appropriation bills, has been struggling along in the house for two weeks. Sometimes it gets a chance for consideration and sometimes it does not.

Mr. Payne takes the stand that as long as members are drawing \$7,500 a year as members of the House they should remain in Washington while Congress is in session. The absentees are to be given one more chance. If a quorum is not present next Monday telegrams will be sent out ordering all members to report forthwith.

The telegraphic orders probably will have a good effect, but if there are still an insufficient number of members to transact business the speaker has the power to order the sergeant-at-arms to place all absent members under arrest. This has been done in Washington occasionally when the House needed a quorum and scores of members were at a horse race or a baseball game, but it rarely happens that a member is arrested while in his district. Mr. Payne may not resort to such drastic methods, but he proposes to lay down the law at least to the members of his own party.

Republican Disruption.

Disruption awaits the Republican party if Aldrich succeeds in jamming through without concessions to the real revisionists of the West the gold-brick tariff measure about which the Senate continues to wrangle. This is the prediction of conservative observers in Washington, including some of the Western Republicans themselves. Every day the debate in the Senate goes on serves to increase the bitterness of feeling between the disappointed and defeated "revision downward" contingent of the party and the reactionaries, whom Aldrich is leading.

Former Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, who is now in Washington, tells his friends that the situation of the Republican party in Congress is the worst he has ever known it. The feeling that has developed

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., June 14, 1909

The progress of the tariff bill through the Senate is strikingly suggestive of a trip up the side of a mountain on a cog railway. The bill progresses but it is by a series of short and emphatic jerks. In fact it recalls the somewhat witty conundrum propounded by a Democratic statesman regarding Mr. Roosevelt. He inquired Why President Roosevelt was like a gasoline automobile, his answer being "Because he proceeds by a series of explosions". Considerable progress has been made during the last week. The cotton schedule, over which there was probably more wrangling than is likely to attend any other section of the bill, has finally been disposed of, and material progress has been made on the wool schedule. When this troublesome proposition is out of the way a date will probably be set for the final vote on the measure and once that is done the debate will move along with increased celerity and diminished interest.

The explosions which have attended the debate recently have not been confined to either side of the chamber. Senator Aldrich as leader of the organization and Senator Beveridge as would-be leader of the insurgents have been clashed frequently and violently. Senator Stone as the close personal friend of Mr. Bryan and Senator Bailey as the determined opponent of the peerless Nebraskan, have crossed swords and made the sparks fly. Senator Newlands, who was a statesman sui generis, has contributed to the gaiety of the situation by a wealth of declamation which has emptied the Senate chamber on more than one instance and proven the occasion for numerous wagers concerning the school of political economy to which the Nevada statesman might prove ultimately to belong.

The administration, despite its efforts to hold aloof from the tariff squabble, has come in for its share of condemnation. The Secretary of the Treasury, than whom there is no more discreet member of Mr. Taft's cabinet, took occasion to express a few modest views on the tariff to the Commercial Club of Chicago and as a result the Republican leaders in the Senate are now explaining that Mr. MacVeagh's revision-downward views are due solely to his experience in politics and are intimating that President Taft knew nothing of the purpose of his Secretary of the Treasury to discuss this subject, whereas the fact is that the President carefully viewed his Secretary's speech before Mr. MacVeagh left Washington. That noblest Roman of them all, William Alden Smith of Michigan, whose chief function in the Senate is to secure protection for the beet sugar industry and to prevent any curtailment of the water-power monopoly of a great electric corporation, has publicly declared that Secretary MacVeagh could not make up his mind for him, which led Senator Stone to reply that not being omnipotent Mr. MacVeagh could not make up anything which did not exist—all of which illustrates the spirit of brotherly love which has pervaded the upper house of Congress during the tariff debate.

President's Taft's Secretary of the Navy seems destined to earn the soubriquet of "Secret Board Meyer". When Mr. Meyer became Secretary of the Navy he found himself heir to an extremely troublesome controversy bequeathed to him by the Roosevelt-Newberry administration. Immediately he appointed a secret board with Admiral Speery at its head to devise a method of extricating the Navy Department from its difficulties. Twenty-four hours after the board was appointed an enterprising newspaper correspondent robbed it of its secrecy and thereby, apparently, destroyed its efficiency. It finally made two radically divergent reports and the unfortunate Secretary was no wiser as to the merits of the controversy than he had been in the beginning. After threatening court-martial to all newspaper correspondents in Washington and to all officers who talked to them, he created another secret board, composed of commandants of navy yards. These also fell from grace, lost their secrecy as expeditiously as did their predecessors and finally submitted two more radically conflicting reports. In still greater perplexity Secretary Meyer created a third secret board with Rear Admiral Lentze as its head, and so it confided the four divergent reports of its predecessors. This board managed to preserve its secrecy for a

week. It is still in session but is understood to be preparing majority and minority reports. Secretary Meyer is breathing anathemy against the newspaper correspondents, and unprejudiced naval officers intimate that they are making surreptitious arrangements for suitable accommodations for the Secretary of the Navy and all the members of the boards in the government hospital for the insane.

Yankee enterprise has invaded the quiet precincts of Bermuda and the residents of that charming island are systematically abandoning the bucolic pastime of raising onions and lilies for the yolk market. The thrifty Bermudian purposes hereafter to cultivate only the spineless variety of American tourist.

Duties of Supervisors.

By an act of Assembly approved by the Governor the 13th day of May, 1909, the supervisors of the highways in the various townships in the State required within six months after the passage of the act to measure all public roads in their respective townships. Such measurements shall be made either by the use of a cyclometer or otherwise as the board may direct, and the supervisor shall report the number of miles of road in each township to the state highway commissioner.

Another law still in force but one so universally disregarded as to lead many to think it obsolete is that requiring supervisors to erect and maintain at every crossroad a sign board pointing the direction and distance to the next town or towns. A penalty is also attached for failure to keep such signboards up and in good condition.

Another law of considerable importance to all drivers of vehicles is that requiring supervisors during the months of April, May and June, and September and October of each year, to go over the roads and rake or clean off all the loose stone thereon. This law is only partially observed, notwithstanding that a more than nominal fine is attached for failure to obey the law.

The above are three duties devolving upon supervisors that should not be neglected and such officials in this county who do not know the law thereon, or knowing it, disregard it wilfully, would do well to give due attention to the matter, as the better roads movement is one that is being given more attention every day, and citizens of the county directly interested will sooner or later demand that every law regarding the same be strictly fulfilled.

A Statement to the Public.

In the great fight for the people of Philadelphia against the Rapid Transit Company for increasing car fares in Philadelphia, 20 per cent. recently, "The Philadelphia Press" made the following announcement in its columns, and which should be of general interest everywhere: "The Press" wants the people of Philadelphia to know that when the agreement between the City of Philadelphia and the Rapid Transit Company was made, two years ago, "The Press" approved it, believing it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the city. As a part of that agreement it was specified there should be no change in rates of fare without the consent of both parties. The Rapid Transit Company has broken this agreement by increasing the fare without the consent of Councils. We regard this as a breach of faith, and the imposition of an unwarranted burden upon the public, and we have advocated the interests of the people as against this increased fare.

As a result of our advocacy of public rights imperiled by corporate greed, and of our refusal, under dictation, to abandon this advocacy, we have already lost a large advertiser. Whilst we regret this action on the part of this particular advertiser in attempting to punish us for acting upon our sense of duty, we have been prepared to meet such a contingency. A newspaper with a sense of duty so weak as to permit its self-interest to pervert it is not fit to exist. Our advocacy of public rights will be continued despite any financial losses which may result to us therefrom.

The annual exhibit of the Industrial Departments of the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon, Pa., and the exercises connected with the close of the present term of the Reformatory Schools, will be held on Thursday, June 24, at 2 and 7:30 P. M. Address at 2 P. M. by Hon. John G. Love, of Bellefonte, Pa. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

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SUIT at \$12.75—Of shadow stripe chiffon panama in navy blue, elect blue, green, tan, ashes of roses and gray. Coat 40 inches long, semi-fitting hipless cutaway front forming points on the sides, new small sleeves, lined throughout with satin; gored flare skirt with trimming of straps and self covered buttons.

SUIT at \$26.50—A 4 button cutaway coat 40 inches long of striped worsted, slashed back and sides, inlaid bengaline silk collar; large flap pockets, trimmed with buttons, lined with taffeta silk; plain 11 gore demi-Princess skirt.

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SUIT at \$27.00—A strictly tailored suit of French Serge; 4 button cutaway; single breasted (just a slight cutaway effect); lined with taffeta silk; new small sleeves; Demi Princess Skirt with inverted plait at sides.

SUITS at \$20.00—Of chiffon panama in blue, green and black; graceful semi-fitting hipless coat 36 inches long, single breasted, new small sleeves and trimmed with satin piping; gored flounce skirt.

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