

# PORTO RICANS BRING WOES TO CONGRESS

## Insular Government in Deadlock, Rival Delegations Seek Support Here.

With a deadlock on between the upper and lower houses of the Porto Rican Insular government, two delegations from that country are now en route to Washington to present to the president and to Congress divergent views as to what Porto Rico wants as a new organic act. Commissioner Larrinaga is in sympathy with the reform delegation, which probably will reach Washington tomorrow. He will introduce a bill in the House of Representatives this week embracing such concessions, as he believes the Porto Ricans are now entitled to.

The Foraker act, under which the insular government was established, when the island came into the possession of the United States, is said to be unsatisfactory to the Porto Rican people and the commissioner's idea is that Congress should pass a resolution appointing a commission to review and amend the Foraker act, making it more in harmony with American ideas of Government. The Foraker act, it is claimed, was intended merely as a temporary organic act, but instead, has been used as a permanent one.

### Cause of Split.

It is over the matter of a more liberal colonial government that the two Porto Rican legislative bodies have split. The upper house, known as the executive council, is formed of six heads of departments and five Porto Ricans, all appointed by the President. They decline to approve any of the reform bills passed by the lower house, which is elected by the people. The lower house, probably in retaliation, has cut the appropriations made by the upper house. Neither will compromise; hence the visit of the two delegations to America. Mr. Larrinaga was asked concerning the rumor that the stand-pat delegation would endeavor to enlist the aid of Seligman & Co., New York bankers, who are negotiating the Porto Rican Irrigation Loan, on the theory that the New Yorkers would not negotiate the loan if the present form of colonial government is changed. Commissioner Larrinaga said that he had received cable messages to this effect.

"What about the sentiment of anti-Americanism which was said to exist some time ago on the island?" the commissioner was asked.

"This is a trick used to engage the sentiment of the American people," replied Mr. Larrinaga. "It aims to prejudice Congress against us. It was always used in the Spanish times by the conservative party to stop political reform whenever a liberal government was in power at Madrid."

### Object of Visit.

Mr. Larrinaga believes one object of the visit of the upper house delegation is to get Congress to approve the appropriations as passed by that body. Commissioner Larrinaga will make every effort to have his liberal government bill passed at the extraordinary session of Congress. He has announced his intention to stand by the union party, which elects the lower house, so long as that party represents the wishes of the people. This is Mr. Larrinaga's third term as commissioner at large from Porto Rico, an office to which he was elected by more than 100,000 votes. A number of interesting situations, doubtless, will develop from the two delegations begin to intercede with the President and Congress. The upper house, or American delegation, is composed of Attorney General Hoyt, Treasurer Willoughby, and Auditor Ward. The Porto Rican, or lower house delegation, consists of Delegates Benitez, Munoz Rive, and Cuchi.

# MARRIED HERE TODAY



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DAVID R. POSNER.

# BROKER RETURNS TO TAKE A WIFE

## David R. Posner and Miss Mae Harris Married Here Today.

David R. Posner, of Boston, formerly of Washington, and Miss Mae V. F. Harris, of this city, were married today at the home of Rabbi Louis Stern, 135 Columbia road. Mr. Posner is a stock broker. His bride is the daughter of Mrs. Reuben Harris, of the Oaklawn apartments, widow of the late Reuben Harris, who was a jewelry merchant of this city. Alfred Posner, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and Mrs. L. H. Reizenstein as bridesmaid.

# SAWYER HELD IN OKLAHOMA

Detective Berman, who went to Guyton, Okla., several days ago wired Major Sylvester this morning that Thomas Sawyer, wanted in Washington for obtaining money by means of alleged worthless checks, is held in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance in this city. Sawyer is accused of passing bad checks amounting to \$150 on Representative Scott Ferris of Oklahoma.

# HITCHCOCK SYSTEM INDORSED BY HILL

## New Republican Chairman in Capital, Outlines Next Campaign Policy.

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tariff bill will be generally acceptable to all, and will observe the main interest of protection."

### No Work in Sight.

The new chairman said there was no special work in which the committee could interest itself at this time, and that his visit was the executive council of the Republican national committee, 1898-1900. He was governor of Maine for four years, from 1900 to 1904. He is prominently identified with a number of railroad and banking interests in his State, being director in several companies.

Chairman Hill will remain in Washington several days, closing up the affairs of the last election preparatory to the closing of the Washington offices. There will be little business to come before the committee until the executive committee meeting in 1910. Chairman Hill said he probably would interest himself to a considerable extent in the next Congressional campaign.

# NAVY PLANS CHANGE IN THE ILLINOIS

## Battleship to Sail for League Island, Where Survey Will Be Made.

BOSTON, Mass., March 21.—The United States battleship Illinois, now at the Charleston navy yard, will sail Tuesday morning for Philadelphia and remain in reserve until the report of changes on the ship has been approved by the Navy Department.

# JURORS DISGRACE, DECLARES JUDGE

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., March 21.—J. E. Pierce, one of the leading citizens of this place, is under arrest charged with having perjured himself to get on the jury which tried Steve Bridges for the murder of Alex. Locke.

# THREE WORKMEN KILLED.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, England, March 21.—A gangway connecting the battleship Vanguard with the wharf collapsed today. Fifty workmen were precipitated to the dock. Three of them were killed and forty injured. The accident happened in the yard of Vickers, Sons & Maxim.

# OBJECTIONS GROW TO TARIFF SCALE

## Storm of Opposition Indicates That Payne Bill Will Be Revised in Many Provisions Before It Becomes a Law.

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jections that have already, in the space of a few days, been entered against the bill. Many other objections, mainly of less importance, but still important enough to have a bearing on the future of the bill are being raised. The debate on the Payne bill will begin in the House tomorrow. It is expected the storm of opposition which the bill gradually has stirred up will then break forth and that it will be seen more clearly than how formidable are the grounds of opposition.

It has been much talked that the bill would go through the House substantially as it came from committee with but little essential modification. But the outlook now is that even in the House, in spite of the disadvantages offered by the rules to those who would modify the measure, it will be amended there. A small number of Democrats will vote with the organization Republicans for the bill about as it stands. But there are many Republican insurgents, and if Speaker Cannon and the Rules Committee try to jam the bill through without important changes of schedules, they will probably be defeated.

It is declared that from sixty to seventy Republicans are bent on getting some of the provisions of the bill changed on the floor of the House, and these, voting with the Democrats, would be able to balk any plan to hasten the bill through without amendment.

### Even Smith Balks.

Even so good an organization Republican as Representative Walter I. Smith of Iowa, himself a member of the Rules Committee, will insist on getting a duty put on hides. The sentiment in his part of the country, the Council Bluffs, Iowa, district, is for a duty on hides. Judge Smith will be one of the leaders in the movement in the House against free hides. It will be impossible to get the hides schedule voted on separately without allowing the House a chance to amend other important features of the bill.

But the hardest blow that has been struck against the bill comes from Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, the chairman of the Finance Committee. Senator Aldrich, in his conference with the President, Secretary Knox, and Secretary MacVeagh yesterday, made it clear he was utterly opposed to some of the important provisions of the bill. Senator Aldrich has all along asserted he did not see the bill until it had been completed by the Ways and Means Committee. This was doubted in many quarters, but his attitude now indicates that he was not advised of what the Ways and Means Committee was doing, and certainly was not consulted with. Senator Aldrich is strongly opposed to duty maximum and minimum features of the bill, thinks them ill-drawn and too rough in the nature of retaliatory measures of reciprocal. He informed Mr. Taft the inheritance tax feature was meeting with such Senate opposition that it could not pass, and that some other way must be found of raising revenue. He pointed out that many of the States had inheritance taxes, and that this was the same of the opposition to the inheritance tax features of the Payne bill.

### Tea Tax Opposed.

The tea tax also meets Mr. Aldrich's opposition, and he wants no duty on coffee. He is convinced that there is

such a large surplus of coffee in this country that a coffee tax would not raise the revenue expected of it. Mr. Aldrich enumerated so many weaknesses in the maximum and minimum features of the bill that Mr. Taft and Mr. Knox were greatly interested, especially in Mr. Aldrich's representations that it would interfere with many trade arrangements and would lead to many trade wars and misunderstandings between this country and other countries. Secretary Knox has promised to investigate and find out just how the maximum feature would strike each country.

Under the circumstances, the outlook is that the income tax proposition will be pressed eagerly by various Senators and Representatives. President Taft is for it. He will soon confer with a number of Senators about it. He inclines to the belief an income-tax law that is constitutional can be drawn.

### Aldrich Stand Surprise.

Senator Aldrich's outburst against the bill has come as a surprise to many members of Senate and House. His attitude will intensify the disaffection against the bill, which was strong enough before his position was known. It is looked on now as more certain than ever that the new tariff bill as it will finally go on the statute books will be fashioned in the Senate Finance Committee, which has a tremendous task before it.

In some quarters the opinion is expressed that the Ways and Means Committee, especially in relation to the maximum and minimum feature, was unable to work out provisions scientifically drawn and it determined to turn over a loose-fashioned provision for the purpose of getting it carefully worked out in the Senate.

Senator Cummins of Iowa declares the maximum features of the bill are so framed that they would work with very different effect on various articles. On some, the maximum would be 20 per cent above the Payne bill duties; on others, the old Dingley rates would be maintained. Senator Cummins points out that the maximum feature would so work as practically to shut off the admission of any goods free from countries against which the maximum was applied.

Senator Elkins is strongly opposed to a number of provisions of the Payne bill.

Democratic Senators are studying the bill and are preparing for a hard fight against various features of it.

# RUSSELL FUNERAL AT FAMILY HOME

The funeral of William Henry Russell will be held tomorrow morning at 10:45 o'clock at the family residence, followed by services in the Bethany Baptist Church at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Hugh T. Stephenson will officiate. Honorary pallbearers will be Lucius Fairman, Byron Gable, Samuel Carroll, and W. W. Chiswell. The active bearers, all employees of the insurance company of which Mr. Russell was president, will be R. W. Chiswell, J. R. Marchant, P. Hughes, J. F. McCarter, James A. Balderson, W. P. Fuse.

# SPECIAL NOTICES.

SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE NAME AND address of lady and gentleman who sat on long seat on right-hand front side of car that left 15th and G streets for Berwyn on Friday, March 12, at 8:45 p. m. Address J. V. Box 54, Berwyn, Md. mh19-3t

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