



MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 15, 1909.

THE President of both Nicaragua and Salvador deny that there has been any outbreak of hostilities between the two countries.

A dispatch from Managua says the reports that there has been an outbreak of hostilities between Nicaragua and Salvador were sent there by cable Saturday from the United States.

The jingoes have some ulterior object in starting these war rumors and have already persuaded this government to get ships ready for a war with the Central American States.

CONGRESSMAN HOBSON, charging that the heads of the press association has been decorated by the Mikado; that the same tactics employed on Russian news papers are being used toward the American press; that the Pacific islands are being filled with thoroughly organized Japanese soldiers; that coast surveys have been made of the entire Pacific seaboard; that the Japanese army is stronger now than ever; that the cost of the Russo-Japanese war was paid as it progressed, and that a huge war fund has been raised by the Flowery Kingdom, addressed and to a strictly limited extent started the Wyoming Club in Philadelphia in a lecture of over two hours last Friday night.

CHARLES M. SCHWAB, head of the Bethlehem Steel Company, gave an interview last week in which he asserted that the question of a sweeping reduction in the price of the steel industry would mean lower wages for the workers the country over.

GIVING AS AN EXCUSE the anticipation of the passing of a tariff law, the Eastern Pig Iron Association has announced a ten per cent reduction in the wages of all its workers.

A FEDERAL JURY at New York recently found a verdict against the sugar trust, or American Sugar Refining Company, charged with having evaded import duty by the use of tampered scales. This involves the payment of \$134,000 in penalties.

FROM WASHINGTON. (Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, Mar. 15. The great parliamentary insurrection of 1909 ended in the House this afternoon in a victory for the insurgents.

CHAIRMAN PAYNE of the ways and means committee announced this morning that the tariff bill would not be introduced today. He said that the bill would not be introduced until after the president's message had been received and that the message would not go to Congress until tomorrow.

PARIS, March 15.—Rioting occurred in the city today as the result of the telegraphers strike. The employees of the Central Telegraph Bureau resumed work this morning, but refused to leave the building, when their relief arrived unless their comrades arrested there during the demonstration Saturday, were released.

THE CANNON RE-NOMINATED. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, was selected Saturday night at the republican caucus as the candidate of his party for the speakership of the House of Representatives.

posed committee of fifteen, the committee on committees, was considered and the names placed in a resolution to be introduced if the demand for the previous question is voted down.

THE western coast of Central America is bristling with enough American warships to check effectively any warlike movement. The West Virginia and Maryland, according to dispatches received at the bureau of navigation today, arrived at Amajala, Salvador, yesterday.

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News of the Day.

FUNERAL services over the body of the late Bishop Potter's widow were held in the Church of the Incarnation, in New York, yesterday.

THE Williams & Rogers Company in Cleveland, Ohio, one of the largest retail dry goods firms in the state, made an assignment today for the benefit of creditors.

THOMAS Catholic Church at Arcbold, near Scranton, Pa., valued at \$75,000 is a fire. It will probably be destroyed, as the flames are spreading. Help has been asked from nearby towns.

GEN. VAN H. BUKEY, for the last twelve years disbursing clerk in the bureau of engraving and printing, died yesterday at his apartments in the Victorias, in Washington, aged 73 years.

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ROBERT STRAON, a mail clerk, aged forty-five years, at supper in Flora, Ill., yesterday afternoon poisoned his three children, respectively, by giving them strychnine, in coffee, and afterward took the same kind of draft himself. The oldest child is still living, but having violent convulsions, while Strason and the two others are dead. He left a note to his wife, saying he was tired of life.

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Today's Telegraphic News

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS. Washington, D. C., March 15.—There were 167 democrats present at the minority caucus this morning out of a possible one hundred and seventy-one. Mr. Sheppard, of Texas, had sent word he would be present later. Mr. Legare, of South Carolina, and Mr. Clark, of Florida, are sick.

MR. CLAYTON, of Alabama, presided over the meeting and Mr. Robinson, of Arkansas, acted as secretary. Mr. Gold (N. Y.) who has been quite ill, said who had promised Champ Clark that he would participate in the fight in the House if he had to be brought there on a stretcher, managed to get to the caucus and he did not have to use a stretcher.

MR. CLAYTON was unanimously nominated as the party's candidate for speaker. His address was as follows: "Last December the democratic caucus elected me minority leader by a unanimous vote. But a moment ago you unanimously nominated me for speaker. For these fifteen minutes of your confidence and esteem, I am deeply grateful."

"In the last days of the 60th Congress we won some notable victories, astonishing victories when we remember that there was a republican majority of fifty-seven in that House. We achieved those triumphs by standing together and fighting together. We can, in the present Congress, win more victories more easily because there is now a majority of only 47 against us."

"We must stick together in order to do our duty. The country expects us to stick together and fight together. We must remember that, to a very large extent, we have in our keeping the immediate future of the democratic party. Recent events have demonstrated that the republicans are disorganized, disgraced and at loggerheads generally. Let us close up our ranks, present a solid front and demonstrate to the world that we are worthy of the high vocation wherein we are called."

THE meeting had not been in progress long before Mr. Meigs, of Tennessee, withdrew. He explained that his vote was all right but that he objected to caucuses of democrats, declaring that heretofore they had been known as conferences. He objected to making a caucus binding on all present.

MR. UNDERWOOD presented a resolution declaring that the right of the speaker to veto bills under the present rules was offensive, in that he alone had the power to prevent the consideration of measures. It also provided for the appointment of a committee of fifteen to revise the rules.

TO this, Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, offered a substitute in effect requiring no pledge of democratic faith to the insurgent movement in the House, until the insurgents had themselves shown their strength. The substitute also demanded a free discussion of every paragraph of the tariff bill. It contained a provision demanding reformation of the rules, but not until the tariff was out of the way.

THE Livingston substitute was turned down after a brief debate, and Underwood's resolution adopted.

IN the meantime, the caucus nominated minor officers of the House, and at 11:45 adjourned to make way for the special session of the 61st Congress called for noon.

THE Carmack Murder Trial. Baltimore, Md., March 15.—When taken until this afternoon, when Judge Hart will charge the jury. No one is rash enough to attempt to forecast the verdict of the jury, although there seems to be a general feeling that there is but slight chance of conviction.

BEQUEATHED JEWELS TO MISS ELKINS. Rome, March 15.—The Duke of Abruzzi, on the eve of departure of his Asiatic expedition, has made his will bequeathing to Miss Katherine Elkins the finest of jewels left him by his mother, according to the friends of Marquis Negritto, who will accompany the party. The jewels left to Miss Elkins in case the explorer meets death, include a pearl necklace, emerald brooch, and several diamonds rings. In addition, it is stated that the duke made an unsuccessful attempt to have his life insured for \$1,000,000 in favor of the American girl, but that the companies approached refused to take the risk, owing to the perilous character of the duke's trip.

FIGHTING AMERICAN COMPETITION. London, March 15.—The fight against the invasion of the London retail dry goods trade began in earnest today when H. G. Selfridge, formerly manager of Marshall Field, opened his big store on Oxford street. The British store-keepers are in a panic and are offering all reductions regardless of cost to keep their customers away from the invader.

CALLS FOR HIS MISSING HUSBAND. Wilkes-Barre, March 15.—Burglar J. W. Sullivan, now serving a five-year term in the penitentiary, is eager to get back his right hand. It was blown off when he was dynamiting a safe at Ashley, near here, three years ago. At that time John W. Fenner secured it and time John W. Fenner offered it to him, but he refused it. Later, however, he has been troubled with rheumatism and, superstitiously believing that it can be cured by the touch of the missing hand, he has sent word here that he wants the hand. Fenner is now trying to find it.

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From Richmond

RICHMOND, Va., March 15.—The Court of Appeals, today, denied a petition of Ben Gilbert, the young Norfolk lawyer of his sweetheart, for a writ of error and he will be executed on Friday. In denying the petition the court held that the new electrocution law is not a cruel and unusual punishment.

THE State Corporation Commission has decided the 2-cent rate case and the opinion is now being typewritten. Universal belief here is that a compromise rate of 2 1/2 cents is sanctioned. The opinion will be made public this week.

Sixty-first Congress.

Promptly at noon today, the 61st Congress convened in extra session, for the purpose of considering the tariff. Vice-President Sherman called the Senate to order; and this duty in the House was performed by Clark Alexander McDowell.

There was a very large attendance of visitors in the galleries of the Senate when that body met today in pursuance of the call of President Taft for the first session of the 61st Congress. More than half of the audience was composed of ladies. Immediately after the chaplain's prayer, President Taft's proclamation calling the 61st Congress into extra session, was read. This was followed by a roll call to determine the presence of a quorum and 66 senators responded to their names. Senator LaFollette then arising to present the credentials of Isaac Stephenson, his colleague from Wisconsin. A few moments before noon Mr. LaFollette went to Mr. Stephenson and offered to perform the service for him in accordance with the custom between senators from the same state. The credentials were read and received and then Mr. LaFollette increased the sensation that he had created by proceeding to escort Mr. Stephenson to the Vice-President's desk, where the oath was administered to the latter. There were many smiles among senators as the two marched on and on across the Senate chamber.

Senator Hale offered a resolution that the Senate should inform the House of its readiness to proceed to business; Senator Aldrich offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to join with a similar one from the House to notify President Taft that Congress is in session and ready to receive communications from him; and Senator Cullom a resolution that the hour of the daily meetings should be at 12 o'clock.

Vice-President Sherman then announced that he would appoint Senators Aldrich and Daniel to wait upon the president. He then discovered that Mr. Daniel was not in the Senate chamber, whereupon he named Mr. McLaurin (Miss.) to take the Virginia senator's place. It was then reported to him that Mr. McLaurin was also absent, sick, whereupon he named Money of West Virginia to take his place.

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DRY GOODS.

Special attention is called to a very broad assortment, now on display from the leading manufacturers, including Priestley and Lupin, of which we show a very active assortment. Their productions are preeminently first in quality, weave, dye and finish.

Black Spotproof Broadcloth. The perfection of black dress fabrics is Spotproof Broadcloth. It is extremely light in weight and very lustrous, and is sponged, shrunk and finished ready for the needle. These charming lightweight broadcloths are guaranteed not to spot, and are made by leading manufacturer of Europe. Prices are \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 the yard.

New Cotton Fabrics. Imported Materials from France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland and Switzerland, and vast quantities from the leading designers of America. Included in part are: 25-inch French Cotton Voile, 25c a yard. 27-inch Printed Flanne, 50c a yard. 27-inch Novelty Shantung, 50c a yard. 27-inch Embroidered French Batiste, 37 1/2c a yard. 27-inch Japonika Silk, 38c a yard. 27-inch Kyoto Silk, 50c a yard. 28-inch Silk Poplin, 38c a yard. 27-inch Satin Satin Jacquard, 40c a yard. 27-inch Silk-striped Flanel, 50c a yard. 36-inch French B. Flute, 25c a yard. 42-inch French Batiste, 37 1/2c a yard. 43-inch Printed Organdie, 37 1/2c a yard. 28-inch English Crepe, 35c a yard. 30-inch Scotch Gingham, 25c and 29c a yard. 30-inch French Satin, 37 1/2c a yard. 27-inch Mercerized Poplin, 25c and 35c a yard. 27-inch Batiste Lawns, 12 1/2c a yard. 36-inch Printed Percale, 12 1/2c a yard. 28-inch Crinkled Seersucker, 12 1/2c a yard. 32-inch Aero Suiting, 19c a yard. 32-inch Linonette Suiting, 12 1/2c a yard. 24-inch Mercerized Plisse, 18c a yard. 27-inch Serpentine Crepe, 18c a yard. 27-inch Galatea Cloth, 15c a yard. Second floor—G at.

Woodward & Lothrop. Washington, D. C. 11th, F. & G. Sts., N. W.

Working on Murder Mysteries. New York, March 15.—With but a class to work upon, the police are searching for two men supposed to be the murderers of Lodore Delavan, night clerk at the Eastern Hotel, whose body bruised and with the throat cut was found today in the store room of the hotel. The murderers had stolen Delavan's personal effects and robbed the cash drawer of \$75. There was \$3,000 in the hotel safe, which the murderers tried to get, but they were evidently scared away. The theory of the police is that two roughly dressed men who were in the Hildebrand Hotel, next to the Eastern, committed the crime. These men had but sixteen cents between them and had to go out to look for a row over the payment for the night.

Escaped Assassination. Calcutta, India, March 15.—Investigations today show that Lord Minto, the viceroy, had an extremely narrow escape from assassination Saturday, at the opening of the University Conference at Calcutta. The receipt of an anonymous letter caused the police to make arrests of suspects who, according to the information obtained by the police, had planned to kill the viceroy with a bomb. The plans were foiled with police and troops and the university itself was searched and a large number of arrests of students and others made.

Will Start on Another Stroll. New York, March 15.—At 4:15 today Edward Payson Weston will start from the postoffice here on a walk to San Francisco. Weston is 71 years old today, and will celebrate his anniversary by starting on the 4,300 mile journey. He expects to complete the walk in 100 days, Sundays excluded.

Motion Denied. Buffalo, N. Y., March 15.—Federal Judge Hazel today denied an arrest of judgment and fined the Standard Oil Company \$20,000 the suit of the government against the trust for rebating. The fine follows a conviction obtained in Rochester last June. It was charged that the Standard Oil Company had accepted rebates on shipments from Clear, N. Y., to points in Vermont.

Many Sufferers from nasal catarrh say they get splendid results by using an atomizer. For their benefit we prepare Ely's Cream Balm. Except that it is liquid it is in all respects like the besting, helpful, pain-alleviating Cream Balm that the public has been familiar with for years. No cocaine nor other dangerous drugs in it. The soothing spray is a remedy that relieves at once. All druggists, 75c., including spraying tube, or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren street, New York.