

ing, which the committee evinces a disposition to grant.

Senator Bard of California, a member of the committee, today announced his opinion that the committee should not be forced on the people of Arizona in opposition to their wishes, and saying that the failure of the bill is preferable to its passage in its present shape.

As the committee now stands, it consists of six Republicans and four Democrats. The bill is expected to be a tie. This result can be averted by filling the Republican vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Senator Quay, and it is expected that this action will be taken. The bill probably will not be reported until after the holiday recess.

## RELIEF FOR MILLERS.

Regulations by Which They May Secure Drawback on Exported Flour.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Secretary Shaw and Assistant Secretary Armstrong are preparing regulations under a section of the present tariff law which will allow millers to draw back on exported flour made of imported wheat mixed with domestic wheat.

Up to this time millers have been able to operate only under the provision of the law which permits the exportation of flour made from imported wheat brought into this country in bonded cars, ground in bonded mills and taken out of the country constantly under customs supervision and at the expense of the miller.

The law also requires that the by-products, such as bran, middlings, etc., shall be exported. In consequence of the fact that these by-products bring a better price in the United States than in Canada, the millers have frequently suffered loss by the transaction.

The Secretary finds no difficulty in affording the millers the same relief that is enjoyed by the smelters in the matter of imported ores, except in determining the exact amount of flour produced from a given quantity of imported wheat by each individual mill, as it is well known that some mills produce appreciably more than others.

Another factor is the determination of the quantity of by-products produced by each mill, such as bran, middlings, etc., which is a matter of considerable importance in calculating the amount of drawback to be allowed on the exported flour alone.

The new regulations will be ready for promulgation early in the coming week.

## WINTER WHEAT AREA LESS.

Department of Agriculture Issues Usual Crop Bulletin.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The crop bulletin issued today by the Department of Agriculture says:

Returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics of the Department of Agriculture indicate that the newly seeded area of winter wheat is about 21,155,000 acres, a decrease of 16 per cent from the area sown in the fall of 1903, as finally estimated. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 85.5 per cent, as compared with 86.6 in 1903, 93.8 in 1902, and a ten-year average of 92.1. The acreage as compared with last year is 85.5 per cent, as compared with 86.6 in 1903, 93.8 in 1902, and a ten-year average of 92.1.

The newly seeded area of winter wheat is provisionally estimated at 96.7 per cent of the area sown in the fall of 1903. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 90.6, as compared with 92.7 on December 1, 1903; 94.1 for the corresponding date in 1902, and a ten-year average of 92.1.

The percentage of acreage sown in winter wheat this year, as compared with that sown last year, is 90.6 per cent, as compared with 92.7 in 1903, 94.1 in 1902, and a ten-year average of 92.1.

The final estimates of the total acreage, production and farm value of the principal crops for 1904 will be issued on December 25 at 4 o'clock p. m.

## WOULD STOP THE WAR.

United States Asked to Intervene in Russo-Japanese Conflict.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—As president of the Inter-Parliamentary union, Representative Barthold of Missouri today brought to the attention of Secretary Hay the resolution adopted at St. Louis September 12 urging the powers which signed the Hague treaty of arbitration to intervene for the stopping of the war between Russia and Japan.

Mr. Barthold suggested the propriety of the United States taking the initiative in urging a cessation of hostilities, and he pointed out that the treaty, which was signed by Russia and originally suggested by that power, contained a provision that intervention by a third power should not be considered an unfriendly act. He contended that in requesting the proposal for mediation Russia had violated not only the spirit, but the letter of this compact. Secretary Hay promised to bring the resolution of the union to the attention of the president at an early date.

## PRESIDENT FAVORS IT.

Extension of the Powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Enlargement of the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission is one of the questions which will be pressed vigorously at the present session of Congress. It is said that in the mind of President Roosevelt the problem is more important than this to all the people. In conference with members of the Senate and House of Representatives, the President has emphasized the views he advanced in his message in favor of the extension of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission. With the Virginia members he discussed the subject today. Until 1897 the Interstate Commerce commission had the power to regulate freight rates, but the Supreme court then decided that under the law the commission had no such authority. Western members of Congress especially have urged that the power recommended by the President be conferred by law upon the commission.

## FOR INCREASED SALARIES.

Secretary Hay Makes Recommendation for the Consular Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—In the estimates for the diplomatic and consular service forwarded to Congress by Secretary Hay, recommendations are made for increases in the salaries of a large number of officers in the service. It is recommended that the salary of the Minister to Argentina be increased \$200; that of Minister Resident to Liberia \$250; and that provision be made for a Minister to Romania and Serbia and one for Greece and Montenegro, and for a Consular Agent in Bulgaria.

Increased salaries are recommended for the secretaries of legation to Turkey and Switzerland. A third secretary is proposed for the legations to Italy and Austria and a new consulate at each of the following places, at the salaries named: Alexandria, \$350; Belgrade, \$300; Bucharest, \$200; Carlsbad, \$200; British North Borneo, \$200.

Price Fixed for Philippine Drafts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The bureau of insular affairs of the War department received a cablegram from the civil government of the Philippines authorizing the International Banking Corporation of Washington and the Guaranty Trust Company of Washington, depositaries of the Philippine funds in the United States, to sell drafts on the Philippine treasury at five-eighths of one per cent, and three-fourths of one per cent for telegraphic transfers in sums of not less than \$500, these rates being in addition to those previously authorized, which were three-fourths and one-eighth per cent respectively.

## SPRY AND BOOTH CALL ON SMOOT

Conference as to New Appointments.

Advance Guard for Senatorial Inquiry Arrives From Utah.

Fourteen Subpoenas for Witnesses Out of Original Forty Have Been Served.

By A. F. Phillips.

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—Republican State Chairman William Spry and H. E. Booth are here trying to break into the service of Uncle Sam. They have been here three days, but it was not until this morning that a venture down town was made, when Chairman Spry, wended his way to the committee room of the apostolic Senate.

The Tribune containing dispatches announcing that neither Marshall Heywood nor United States District Attorney Lippman would be removed arrived this morning, and the announcement was discussed at length by the apostle and his friends.

Both Chairman Spry and Mr. Booth are quartered in an apartment house in the northwest part of the city. Both will likely be present at the Smoot inquiry next week.

Messrs. Richards and Van Cott, the former a legal counselor for the church proper and the latter for Senator Smoot, arrived this evening. They are the advance guard for the Utah contingent who will attend the Smoot hearing. Advice received tonight is that fourteen witnesses of the original forty have been served with subpoenas. Four additional to the original number have been summoned and service should have been had today.

Joseph Smith, president of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, of Lamona, Ia., and Apostle Elsiey of Boston, arrived today to aid in the prosecution of Reed Smoot.

Irving E. Garrett, an employee of the General Land office, left for his home in Boise, Ida., today.

There are three persons seeking the appointment as forest supervisor at the Priest River, Idaho, reserve, made vacant by the resignation of Supervisor Roosevelt. They are Joseph H. H. Caldwell, E. H. Whitney of Rathbun and T. A. Murray of Sand Point, all highly indorsed citizens of their respective localities.

Neither is likely to be appointed, as some one in the service will probably be promoted. Only able-bodied men are eligible to this service.

Alice C. Slee of Wallace, Ida., has the distinction of heading the eligible list for stenographer and typewriter for the Civil Service commission. She will be certified for appointment.

Senator Heyburn secured a pension of \$12 per month, together with accrued pension, due her late husband, for Mrs. James Baxter of Boise, Ida.

William E. Lee of Moscow, Ida., has been appointed stenographer for Senator Bacon of Georgia.

To Expedite Fraud Cases.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The Solicitor-General will next Monday present to the Supreme court of the United States a motion for the advancement of the hearing of the cases of J. A. Benson, F. A. Hyde and H. P. Dimond, now pending in that court on proceedings by these men in effort to avoid the removal of their cases to the courts of the District of Columbia for trial. They were indicted in the Supreme court of the District for conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the entry of public lands on the Pacific coast.

Awaits Answer From Warner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—President Roosevelt informed several members of Congress today that he would not consider the appointment of any other man to the office of Commissioner of Penitentiaries until he had received a final answer from Major William Warner of Missouri, to whom a proffer of the position had been made.

For a Virginia Exposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, president of the Jamestown Exposition company, had a talk with President Roosevelt today about the exposition. He thanked the President for his interest in the project as expressed in his message. The Virginia members of Congress will make a contest for the appropriation.

No Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—No extraordinary session of Congress will be held next spring for a revision of the tariff. That has been decided definitely. The question of an extraordinary session next fall is in abeyance.

President Roosevelt announced this decision to several of his callers today.

Heavy Fire Loss at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 11.—Fire that broke out at 1:30 this morning in the lumber yard of Robinson & Co., Portsmouth, did heavy damage to the district bounded by High, Queen, Chestnut and Pine streets. The property destroyed or injured including a large lumber yard and planing mill, a lumber mill and a sash and door factory.

Steamship Burned.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The steamship James of the Rutland Transit line, which plied between Ogdenburg and Chicago, was burned here tonight. All the boats are frozen in and cannot be moved. The crews were ashore. The Rutland boats cost \$20,000 each.

## The Itch Fiend

That is Salt Rheum or Eczema, one of the outward manifestations of scrofula. It comes in itching, burning, oozing, drying, and scaling patches, on the face, head, hands, legs or body.

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## FOUR MORE SENT TO JAIL.

Found Guilty of Fraud in Connection With Denver Election.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 10.—Four election officials of Precinct 6, Ward 5, were sentenced to jail by the Supreme court today for contempt, having been found guilty of permitting fraudulent practices at the recent election in disregard of the court's orders. James P. Mulline was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and \$500 fine and costs; William Bergman and J. P. Kison six months' imprisonment and \$500 fine and costs each, and Patrick Reid three months' imprisonment without fine. Experts reported that about eighty ballots found in the box from this precinct had been cast by repeaters.

The court today granted attorneys for the defendants in all the contempt cases until February 1 to file a bill of exceptions for the purpose of carrying the cases to the United States Supreme court and contest the power of the State Supreme court to assume original jurisdiction and take charge of the election in this city.

The ballot box for Precinct 10, Ward 7, was opened today by order of the court and the ballots were turned over to two experts in handwriting for examination.

The court adjourned further hearing of the cases against the election officers until Monday morning, when the experts will make their report. From the testimony of the Supreme court watchers, it is expected that the experts will find that more than 200 Democratic ballots were written by three or four persons, each man preparing fifty or more ballots.

The officers of election are not only alleged to have permitted men to vote who have addressed that designated vacant lots and also permitted repeaters to cast fraudulent ballots, but they are accused of stuffing the box with handfuls of ballots.

The Supreme court has already sent eleven persons to jail for contempt of its order prior to election and more than twenty others are still awaiting trial.

## SCHOOL OF SOCIALISM.

Doctrines of Debs to Be Taught in the Regular Way.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Inspired by the National vote of 60,000 for Debs at the last election the New York section of the Socialist party issued a statement today to the effect that it has laid plans for establishing a school of socialism. A board of instructors has been appointed, consisting of Morris Hilquist, Algonquin Lee, Henry L. Stoddin and John Spargo.

The school term is to extend from the first week in January to the last week in May and there will be one lesson each week of twenty-one lessons in all. There will be five courses, beginning with a course on the history of socialism and ending with "the future state."

FOUR MEN INJURED.

Street Car Jumps Track at Tacoma, With Painful Results.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 10.—As a result of a street car jumping the track last night, Commissioner of Public Works Welsh was injured to such an extent that he had to be removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where he is now receiving medical treatment.

Peter Debroe, superintendent of city water mains, was thrown from the car and sustained a scalp wound. James Lee, a well-known street contractor, received a bad cut in the head, and Curley Doane, a resident of South Tacoma, was bruised about the face and body.

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Laws Not Vigorously Enforced.

Occupant of Bench Not Strict Enough for Place.

No Charge of Corruption, but Affairs in New Mexico Required More Austerity.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Judge Benjamin S. Baker of New Mexico has been removed by the President as the result of a series of complaints filed with the President regarding affairs in Bernalillo county. The President decided that a more vigorous and strict Judge was needed to remedy the evils complained of. The following official statement of the case was given at the Department of Justice today:

"The President has removed from office Judge Benjamin S. Baker of New Mexico. Numerous complaints were presented and a thorough investigation was made by a representative of the Department of Justice.

"It was found that in Bernalillo county, in which Albuquerque is situated, political and official affairs generally are in bad condition, that improper jury commissioners were appointed, that the election of jurors was tampered with, the Sunday law was not enforced against gambling and saloons, and that Judge Baker was not doing what a Judge should do to remedy the evils.

"It was considered that a more vigorous and strict Judge was imperatively needed in his place.

"It was for these reasons that a change in the judgeship was decided upon and not because Judge Baker was deemed dishonest or corrupt. Judge Baker was fully examined and his statements taken down for the information of the President, but so far as the reasons for his removal are concerned his explanations were not deemed sufficient to prevent a change of judges."

Delegate Rodey of New Mexico, called at the White house today to urge the President to give Judge Baker a hearing, but learned that Baker already had been removed and that the case could not be considered further.

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