

EXTRA SESSION OF
CONGRESS MARCH 15

Date Definitely Settled, President-Elect Taft Authorizing

TARIFF REVISION IS OBJECT

Not Improbable That Entire Summer Will be Devoted To the Work

Senator Fry of Maine So Writes to
Friends and Cancels His Usual
Election Campaign

Washington, Feb. 17.—The extra session of Congress will be convened on March 17. This date was definitely settled today and President-elect Taft authorized the announcement.

Formal announcement of the date was made by Republican Floor Leader Payne at 11:30 o'clock this morning for the information of the house.

The date of the extra session called for the purpose of tariff revision was fixed at a conference today between President-elect Taft, Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon.

As an indication of the probable length of the special tariff session of

HUNDRED AND TEN MEN
PERISHED IN EXPLOSION

Newcastle, Feb. 17.—Only 37 men have been brought up alive out of a total of 147 who were in the coal mine at West Stanley at the time of yesterday's disastrous explosion. The rescuers reached the bottom without finding any sign of life, but they found the bodies of a score of men who appar-

...of a score of men who apparently had succumbed to the after-damp. Most of the men brought were injured. The force of the explosion was so terrific that although the level where it occurred is 849 feet deep, flames leaped 50 feet above the pit mouth on the surface.

SHORT LINE TRAIN STRIKES RICH BUGGY

Heber C. C. Rich and S. G. Rich and
Wife Sustain Bruises—
Team Killed.

(Special to the "News.")
Blackfoot, Idaho, Feb. 15.—A buggy carrying Heber C. C. Rich and Mr. and Mrs. S. Grover Rich while crossing the

Oregon Short Line tracks here this morning at 10:30 was struck by passenger train No. 10 and the occupants had a marvellous escape from instant death. Both horses were killed and the vehicle reduced to kindling wood. All were thrown out clear of the track and suffered painful cuts and bruises, but no bones were broken. All three were picked up and taken to the office where their injuries are being treated.

Dr. Patrie where their wounds were dressed.

MEXICAN FLAG ON CATHEDRAL HAULED DOWN

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 17.—According to advices from Mexico City a sensation was created among the Mexican Catholics of the capital city last Saturday

ties of the capital city last Saturday when the Mexican flag, which had been hoisted over the cathedral in honor of Archbishop Jose Mora del Rio, was hauled down and folded as an act of defiance by the government officials. The Catholics had thought to honor the country by flying the flag from the cathedral in honor of the highest ecclesiastical authority in the world. The flag was lowered by orders of President Diaz himself, and he said that the only real reason was even being that the laws of Mexico separating church and state

Mexico, separating church and state, forbid such governmental recognition of the church. The incident has caused some feeling, and further developments are looked for.

GARNETT WHEN ARRAIGNED PUT IN PLEA OF GUILTY

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—That C. H. Garnett, charged with the murder of a woman, put in a plea of guilty when he was arraigned in the federal court here this morning.

Garnett, the man who yesterday attempted to extort \$7,000 from Lawrence M. Jones, a millionaire druggist merchant by the display of a dynamite bomb was arraigned in Justice James H. Sheppard court on charges of robbery and attempt to rob.

Garnett still refused to talk today of his family of where he made the point. He was sore, he said, that he

He did not kill himself, before he went to the Jones home. In fact he regretted his connection with the whole affair, Garnett said he had no intention of killing anyone. He was out of work, out of money, and suffering from tuberculosis. He said today that he had no accomplices and the police this afternoon were inclined to give

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Evidence believed to indicate a Mendish crime was found today when the unconscious form of Ella Dingles, an Irish lace maker, was found in a room at the Wellington hotel, a town house recently of the first repulse. The girl was bound securely, was suffering from laudanum poisoning and apparently had been strangled.