

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Capitalists Meet and Confer With Secy. of War Taft on the Subject.

RAILROADS ARE WANTED NOW.

But the Capitalists "Are Not Biting as Hard as We Would Like."

New York, March 10.—William H. Taft, secretary of war, came here today and had a prolonged conference with several men prominent in railroad and financial matters, including Sir William C. Van Horne, chairman of the board of the Canadian Pacific railway; Vice President Turnbull of the United States Trust company; E. H. Harriman, president of the Union and Northern Pacific railways; George F. Wallcut, president of the Erie railway; and J. Gilbert Green, a railroad builder. J. Gilbert Green, who is now building electric railways in Manila, Col. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, James Speer and Charles H. Tweed, of Speyer & Co.

The representatives of the Speyer firm were with the secretary for an hour and a half. The conference was held in the office of former Secy. of War Root.

After the conference Secy. Taft said that it had been called to consider the development of steam and electric railroads in the Philippines; that other enterprises were discussed and that no conclusion had been reached.

"These gentlemen," said the secretary, "have been here at my invitation to look over the conditions which may be met by the capital to go over there and to get capital to go over there and to get capital to go over there."

"I must say that they are not biting as hard as we would like. Still, some of them have displayed interest."

He said that the purpose of the conference was to get information for use in framing laws regarding franchises which would give the Philippine commission further powers looking to the proper development of the islands.

"This information we have been getting today is to be used in drafting the laws that may be put before Congress."

He said there was no desire to make the concessions too liberal.

"While today's conference was limited to the subject of railroads," said the secretary, "it is not the intention to limit development in the Philippines to these industries. It was at first the intention to confer on steamship routes and lines, too, but it was decided not to do this today."

Mr. Taft, who left for Washington tonight, said he would make a report on the subject to a congressional committee next Saturday.

James H. Hill, president of the Northern Pacific, was to have attended the conference, but he was in the south.

What in Farmers' Hands.
Washington, March 10.—Amount of wheat in farmers' hands is 132,600,000 bushels, corn, 839,000,000; oats, 273,700,000. This is 20.8 per cent of last year's wheat crop, and 27.4 per cent of last year's corn, and 34.3 per cent of last year's oats.

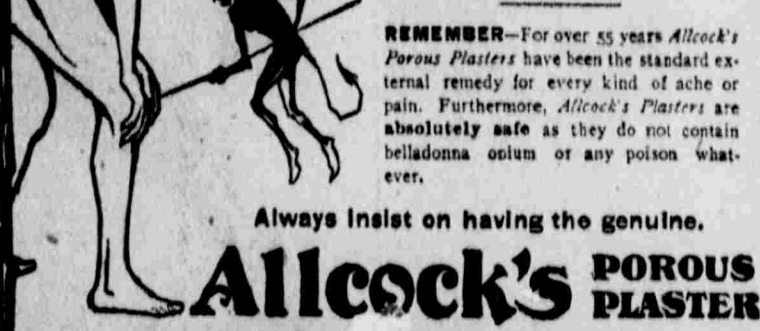
Peru Wants a Loan.
Lima, Peru, March 10.—At a secret session of the chamber of deputies the finance minister announced that the loan of \$2,000,000 would be raised in the United States. A credit balance provided for the loan probably will be passed today.

Koropatkin Going to the Front.
St. Petersburg, March 10.—Gen. Koropatkin is busy preparing for his departure for the front on Saturday. He will travel on a train specially fitted up for him, and his headquarters while en route will be in the hands of the army.

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To Investigate Congressmen.

Washington, March 10.—The Republican leaders in the house have arranged for a plan for an investigation of the connection of members of that body with the postoffice department. This investigation if the plan succeeds is to be conducted by a special committee to be appointed by the speaker.

Each member whose case is taken up by the committee will be given an opportunity to be heard. In this way it is believed that the injustice which members feel has been done them by the publication of the report of the department may be reconsidered.

The indignation at the publication of the report has by no means subsided, and the general belief is that had a vote been taken during the session yesterday the Democratic proposition for a full investigation of the whole postoffice department would have prevailed.

CANAL COMMISSIONERS' Salaries \$12,000 Per Year and \$15 A Day Additional While on Isthmus

Washington, March 10.—President Roosevelt has fixed the salaries of the isthmian canal commissioners at \$12,000 per year, and in addition thereto \$15 per day while they are on the isthmus.

Bill to Disfranchise Negroes.

Annapolis, Md., March 10.—The house of delegates today by a strict party vote of 61 to 27 passed the bill proposing a constitutional amendment limiting the franchise in Maryland to the purchase of which is to eliminate the negro vote. The measure has passed the senate and now goes to Gov. Warfield for his action.

Alaskan Legislation.

Washington, March 10.—The senate today passed a number of bills relating to Alaska, but failed to act on the measure authorizing the election of a delegate in Congress from that territory. Mr. Platt (Conn.) opposed the bill, and because of his opposition and his desire for time for discussion it was not passed.

The Alaskan bills passed included those for the improvement of roads, the maintenance of schools, the appointment of an additional judge, and the extension of the coal laws of the territory.

Several other bills were passed, including one increasing to \$200 the pensions of ex-soldiers who have become totally blind on account of service.

COAL MINERS' WAGES.

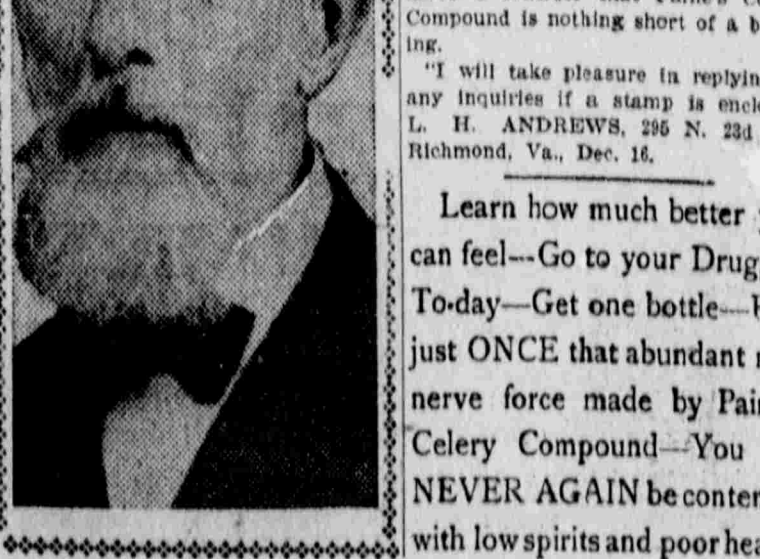
Mitchell Advises Them to Accept A Reduction.

Indianapolis, March 10.—The United Mine Workers local unions in Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland, central Pennsylvania, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia and Iowa, that are to participate in the referendum vote Tuesday on the proposition of accepting a reduction of 5.55 per cent in wages or closing the soft coal mines on April 1, will receive their ballots tomorrow morning. With the

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UNUSUAL SCENE IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

Lord Rosebery Resents Premier Balfour's Language and Roundly Scores Him.

LORD LANSDOWNE EXPLAINS

But Not Satisfactorily—Terms Used Were Only Pretty Faany's Way.

London, March 10.—An extraordinary scene disturbed the customary decorum of the house of lords this evening. In a recent debate in the house of commons Premier Balfour had used the word "calumny" with reference to some statement made by Lord Rosebery in the fiscal controversy. When the house of lords met today Lord Rosebery asked Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, what justification existed for the premier to use such a word.

Lord Lansdowne proceeded to explain the circumstances, which concerned the alleged presentation of two documents by Premier Balfour to the cabinet on the fiscal question, and the subsequent withdrawal of them. He admitted the premier had used the word in the heat of debate. He said he thought the circumstances justified some warmth on the part of the premier, but that he had consulted with Mr. Balfour, who told him that he did not desire to impute to Lord Rosebery a deliberate attempt to misrepresent him.

After Lord Lansdowne had finished Lord Rosebery again rose, and, declaring the explanation had not been satisfactory, he fiercely attacked the premier, whom he accused of being too "fanciful."

"People who live in glass houses should not throw stones. It is all very well to defend such language by saying it was due to the heat of debate and only pretty faany's way. If a man cannot curb his tongue better than that he is unfit to be the first lord of the treasury."

"I do not personally care a farthing what language Premier Balfour uses about me, and I only brought the matter before the house in order to point out that there are decades of debate that should be used even by those who occupy the highest position."

As Lord Rosebery finished his tirade and sat down a painful silence ensued and the lords looked at each other uncomfortably. After a long pause Earl Selkirk, the Liberal leader, rose and said he thought Lord Rosebery had not been fairly used. After another awkward silence Lord Chancellor Halsbury asked whether Lord Rosebery had any motion to move.

Lord Rosebery then moved an adjournment of the house, an almost unparalleled motion in the house of lords, but he did not press the motion to a division, and the subject was dropped.

PAYMASTER BISCOE.

Exonerated on Charges but Guilty of Neglect of Duty.

Washington, March 10.—Complete exoneration on all the charges presented against him save that of neglect of duty is the verdict in the case of Paymaster Harry Earl Biscoe of the battleship Oregon, recently tried by court-martial on numerous charges, including falsification of his account of the value of the ship.

The court sentenced him to a loss of fifteen numbers in grade, which in the case of a line officer amounts to 13 months. The case will be reviewed at Washington before the sentence is executed.

Biscoe is widely known in the navy and entered a vigorous protest with the secretary of the navy last year against the criticism of Admiral Evans of the personnel of the court in the case of Assistant Paymaster Nicholson, of which Paymaster Biscoe was a member, for what the admiral regarded as an inadequate sentence. After long consideration the secretary of the navy declined to uphold the protest of Paymaster Biscoe, but he refused to endorse the severe language used by Admiral Evans in his arraignment of the court.

Much feeling resulted in the navy, and because of this an order was sent from the secretary of the navy to Admiral Evans detaching Paymaster Biscoe from the battleship Oregon and assigning him to duty in Washington in the office of the chief clerk. Admiral Evans, in a brief cablegram, responded that Paymaster Biscoe had been ordered before a court-martial, and that he was not to interfere with the department's order assigning him to Washington. It has been decided that Biscoe will remain in the navy, and will receive a rigid review at the hands of the judge advocate general, and probably of the secretary himself.

A REVOLUTIONARY WIDOW.

Mrs. Rebecca Mayo Dies at Newbern, Va., Aged Ninety.

Bristol, Tenn., March 10.—Mrs. Rebecca Mayo, aged 90, the last but one surviving widow of a revolutionary war soldier, died at Newbern, Va. Mrs. Mayo was married in 1833 to Capt. Stephen Mayo who was then 76 years old. He died in 1853, and Mrs. Mayo was then 67 years old. She is now the sole surviving widow of a revolutionary war soldier.

EARTHQUAKE IN PERU.

Its Oscillation Shown on Sismograph at Johns Hopkins University.

Baltimore, March 11.—Examination of the sismograph at the Johns Hopkins University shows the effect of the earthquake at Lima, Peru, March 4, in a more pronounced record than shown by the dynamometer in connection with the great fire.

The film shows a continuance of the earth disturbance from midnight March 3 to 7, or from the morning of March 4.

Anti Pool-room Legislation.

New York, March 11.—As an outcome of the fight being on between the telegraph companies and poolroom keepers, who refused to permit inspectors in their places of business, so that the rooms could not send out racing news without paying the company extra therefor has resulted in the drawing up of a bill, which will be sent to Albany today for introduction before the legislature.

By the terms of this proposed law those who furnish racing news and information to the keepers of poolrooms will be placed in the same class as their patrons and may be prosecuted for felony.

Augustus Cook, Actor, Dead.

New York, March 11.—Augustus Cook, father of Eleanor Robson and one of the best known actors on the American stage, is dead at his home here from cirrhosis of the liver and dropsy. He was born in England 50 years ago and came to the United States in 1839.

For many years Cook was a member of the Lyceum stock company, but his greatest success was achieved by his impersonation of Napoleon in Mme. Sans Jalousie.

His last appearance a few weeks ago, was in the Olcott company.

CASE OF PEONAGE IN MISSISSIPPI.

Parties Charged With Offense Threaten to Kill the Negro And the Deputies.

GRIFFIN BRUTALLY TREATED.

Whipped So Severely That His Clothes Clung to His Wounds for Days.

Jackson, Miss., March 10.—Shep Griffin, a negro, is in jail at Meridian, having been taken from certain persons in Kemper county, who, it is charged, held him in enforced servitude. This is the first substantial charge of peonage that has come to the attention of the United States officials in Mississippi, and it is learned that the neighborhood where the arrest was made is in a state of excitement.

While the officials decline to discuss the matter, it is learned from other sources that the parties charged, with the offense not only have made threats that they would kill the negro and the deputies who arrested him, but would also kill the witnesses against them and burn their property.

It is further learned from the clerk of the United States court that Shep Griffin was arrested on a bench warrant on the application of the district attorney, commanding the marshal to take Griffin and hold him as a witness before the federal grand jury next Monday.

Reputable white citizens of Kemper county brought this case to the attention of the marshal, asserting that the negro had been stripped and those who held him. So severe was the beating that his clothing stuck for several days to the gashes made by the lacerations. On his second escape, it is alleged, that he fled into Neshoba county, where he was recaptured, pistols were drawn on him, and fastened to the saddle of one of his captors, and he was dragged and driven into Kemper county.

The persons who held Griffin in servitude claimed that he owed them \$1. This he offered to pay, and reputable white citizens also offered to pay the sum, but all offers were declined, as it was stated that it was his work, and not the money, that was wanted.

TO CARE FOR WOUNDED.

An International Red Cross Society Founded at Shanghai.

New York, March 11.—An International Red Cross society has been formed here to assist the wounded of both sides and relieve the refugees, cables the Times correspondent at Shanghai.

The Chinese, who are represented on the committee by several prominent merchants, have subscribed liberally being much exercised over the deplorable condition of their fellow countrymen in Manchuria, not only in the interior, but in places on the seaboard whence the Russians refuse to permit them to depart.

It has been decided with the help of British missionaries to establish a hospital in Newchwang and organize relief work in the interior. The chief difficulty in connection with the latter plan is the absence of transport facilities for the women and children. The committee hopes to obtain the co-operation and support of the Russian authorities.

A Portrait by Van Dyck.

New York, March 11.—A full length portrait of Baron Arnold Leroy of Holland, painted by Van Dyck, the Dutch master, probably in 1601, has just been sold to a collector for about \$55,000. The canvas which was imported recently, is in excellent condition.

Auditorium Theater Reopened.

Chicago, March 11.—The Auditorium theater has been allowed to reopen, using the whole stage. The aidememoire committee examined the auditorium. Building inspectors pronounced the stage, curtain, and scenery safe and in compliance with the law, and Chief Musham declared the fire extinguishing fixtures and apparatus were in the best condition.

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- Meat Platters, 7 to 12c
- Dinner Plates, 8 to 10c
- Bread Platters 75c to 1.00
- Milk Pans, 3 to 15c
- Dish Pans, 25 to 53c
- Covered Buckets, 1.00
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