

MANY GATHERING FOR COMMERCIAL CONGRESS TODAY

For a Greater Nation Through a Greater South is Purpose of Meeting

PRESIDENT TAFT IS TO SPEAK ON FRIDAY

Most Notable Gathering of Business Men in South That Has Ever Been Held

ATLANTA, Ga., March 7.—Incoming trains tonight brought hundreds of delegates and visitors to the Southern Commercial congress which opens here tomorrow morning for a three days' session.

This session of the congress, the third annual session of the movement, is the culmination of efforts to raise interest of the South not only to show what has been accomplished since this section was laid waste by the Civil War but to point out to the world the vast resources of the country as yet undeveloped.

To lend added dignity to the occasion the president of the United States, Wm. H. Taft, and members of his cabinet, the only living ex-president, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, governors from many southern states and leading diplomats of foreign countries will be present to participate in the congress proceedings.

Among today's arrivals were John Hays Hammond, one of the most noted mining engineers in the country and George W. Perkins, a leading financier of New York City.

At a meeting of the reception committee of the Atlanta chamber of commerce, the hosts of the congress, arrangements were completed today for the social features of the congress.

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NOTHING ON TARIFF

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The democratic members of the house committee on ways and means made some progress today in their work of tariff procedure and the filing of chairmanships of committees, but after two sessions they had no announcement to make as to concrete results.

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UNITED STATES IS TO OCCUPY MEXICO AND END FIGHTING

This is Construction Placed on Unprecedented Army and Navy Movements.—British Ambassador Had Threatened Action.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—The most extensive movement of troops and war vessels ever executed in this country in time of peace is now under way by order of the president as commander in chief of the army and navy, the objective being the country north of the Mexican boundary and the waters of the two oceans at either end of it.

Twenty thousand soldiers, more than one-fourth of the army of the United States, of all arms of the service are moving toward the Mexican border; four armored cruisers comprising the fifth division of the Atlantic fleet have been ordered from northern waters to the naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba, and most of the Pacific fleet is or shortly will be on its way to assemble at San Pedro and San Diego, Cal., and two thousand marines are preparing the Guantanamo station as their headquarters.

Great Training Game

It was officially announced at the white house and navy departments today that the purpose of this great mobilization, unprecedented save in war time, is the training of officers and men under service conditions and practice in co-operation between land and naval forces.

Unusual pains were taken by all officials concerned in the matter to give this color to the sudden activities, but these statements were accepted with increasing reserve. There have been important joint maneuvers during the last few years, but they have been planned far in advance and carried out without a ripple of excitement or even of evidence of interest at the white house.

directly to the conditions in Mexico and to the growing belief that the situation there is by no means so satisfactory as the Mexican government would have it believed to be. There are persistent reports that President Diaz's health has lately become such as to alarm his adherents and that momentous developments are to be prepared for.

Asked British Protection.

One report which was current today was the Pearson syndicate, heavily interested in enterprises in Mexico, had applied to the British government for adequate protection of themselves and other interests in preparation for the chaotic conditions which would almost surely follow any serious loss of prestige, to say nothing of the collapse of the Diaz government.

It was said that the British ambassador had taken up the question with the state department here with a suggestion that unless the United States took immediate steps to exhibit its disposition and ability to protect foreign interests in Mexico the European governments, more particularly Great Britain and Germany, would be compelled to do so.

It was said that one reason for the return of Ambassador De La Barra to New York tonight was to meet the Mexican minister of finance, who arrived tonight from France. It was also said here today that another part of this meeting would be Porfirio Diaz, jr., son of the president, who

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A Spring Opening.



RICHARD A. BALLINGER RESIGNS AFTER BEING UNDER FIRE FOR THE PAST YEAR

Famous Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy Now Ended.—Pinchot Adherent is Successor. Ballinger Gives Poor Health as Reason and Says he Will Fight Defamers.—President Tells Him he is Faithful and Honest.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The resignation of Richard A. Ballinger, of Seattle, as secretary of the interior was accepted today by President Taft and Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, was appointed as his successor. It appears in the correspondence between Mr. Ballinger and the president, which was given out in full by the white house that the secretary's resignation has been in the president's hands since Jan. 15 last.

This is the statement which Mr. Ballinger issued this afternoon and he refused to add to it. Ballinger's Statement. "I shall immediately return to my home at Seattle and after securing the necessary rest will actively take up my professional work.

"It is my purpose to prosecute the arch-conspirators who have been following me with the assassin's knife. The country shall know fully the injustice of the attacks upon me."

Pinchot Man as Successor. Walter Lewis Fisher, Mr. Ballinger's successor, who will assume office as secretary of the interior within a few days, is a republican, and it was said at the white house that Senator Cullom, the senior senator from Illinois, was congratulated in regard to his appointment.

"The department in all its bureaus is in a better state of effective organization than ever in its history, in which I take pride and wish to accord to the chiefs and other officers a full measure of commendation for their energy, loyalty and devotion to the public service.

Charges Against Him. The open warfare broke out when charges relating to Mr. Ballinger's administration of the public lands, especially in Alaska and more particularly to the treatment by the general land office of the so-called "Cunningham claims" to coal lands in Alaska, were filed with the president by L. R. Glavis, then field agent of the land office.

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE IN SELECTING CHAIRMEN FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES

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MADAGASCAR'S UNCROWNED QUEEN COLLECTED MONEY FROM INNOCENT VICTIMS

Spiritualist Daughter of Bishop Proven to Have Been Ordinary Fraud

MUST PAY BACK

LONDON, Mar. 7.—Mrs. Elizabeth Horne, the well known spiritualist and preacher of the ancient theory that the earth was flat, was assessed \$17,500 damages in the Kings Bench division of the High Court of Justice today for fraudulent representations regarding concessions in Madagascar.

AMERICAN BEEF SHIPPED TO SOLDIERS OF ENGLAND IS DECLARED WHOLESOME

England's Secretary of War So Declares in Speech in Parliament

IRISH MADE ATTACK

LONDON, March 7.—Richard Burdon Haldane, secretary of state for war, in the house of commons today declared the supply of American beef furnished for the British army is "excellent and wholesome food."

WANT LAW AGAINST SUNDAY BASEBALL GAMES REPEALED

Big Leagues at Hot Springs Will Not Take Chances of Being Arrested

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 7.—Unless the legislature repeals the new law making Sunday baseball an offense against the state statutes, the anti-season games between the Cincinnati National league teams and the St. Louis Americans will not be played.

INTERVENTION NOT OBJECT IS THE BELIEF OF MEXICO

No American Property Has Been Damaged and Rumors Cause no Alarm

MEXICO CITY, March 7.—The Mexican government has no reason to doubt the word of the state department at Washington that the movement of the 220,000 American soldiers to the border is for nothing more than military maneuvers designed as instructions for senior officers.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER IN SPEECH FAVORED TREATY

Declares for Reciprocity but Reaffirms Loyalty and Love to England

OTTAWA, Ont., March 7.—The reciprocity agreement was endorsed, loyalty to Great Britain affirmed, annexation scouted, the development of Canada proclaimed and friendship between farmer and manufacturer recommended to Canada in the house today by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, prime minister of the Dominion.

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BIG OFFER FOR UNCLE JOE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—"\$500 a night for 100 nights" was an offer telegraphed from a lyceum bureau in San Francisco to Representative Cannon of Illinois, the retiring speaker of the house today.

AID FOR FAMINE SUFFERERS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—To relieve the starving multitudes of China The Christian Herald of New York today sent \$10,000 to the state department for transmission to Shanghai.

ORDERS COUNTERMANDED

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 7.—While the 15th and 20th companies of artillery and the hospital corps at Fort Barrancas were preparing to come to Pensacola to en train for Galveston, in compliance with orders received yesterday, new orders were received countermanning those of yesterday.

ELECTED AS JUDGE

NEW ORLEANS, March 7.—Judge W. B. Sommerville, of the civil district court, was today elected as associate justice of the Louisiana Supreme court.



WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—Forecast: North Carolina, rain and warmer Wednesday; Thursday generally fair, brisk northeast winds becoming variable.

LEGISLATURE HAS NOT ADJOURNED ON ACCOUNT OF WORK

Anti-Trust Bill Finally Passed With All Teeth Carefully Extracted

MANY BILLS PASSED IN CLOSING HOURS

Agreement is Reached For Final Adjournment Before Noon Wednesday

RALEIGH, N. C., Mar. 7.—The substitute for the Turlington house anti-trust bill as it came from the senate committee on judiciary and passed the senate today was concurred in by the house and it is now ratified. It is very materially different from the Turlington bill as it passed the house so much so that Mr. Turlington says he could scarcely recognize it in that its teeth are, he claims, completely extracted.

As passed, the bill has the features eliminated that required officers of corporations to take oath that their corporations are not violating the state anti-trust law; the feature prohibiting the use of coupon prices and such in aiding sale of merchandise; the feature that would enable solicitors of attorneys general to require books and papers for examination without order of court.

It was after a two hours debate this afternoon that the senate adopted the judiciary committee substitute for the Turlington house anti-trust bill by a vote of 22 to 20. Advocate of the substitute, notably Senators Bassett, Harrell, and Graham, contended especially that a corporation desiring not to violate the law will not be affected, this being the principal charge discussed. They argued that corporations should be treated with the same fairness accorded to individuals.

Numerous Bills Passed. Bills were passed and ordered enrolled in the senate this afternoon to allow state treasurer to give notes not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars if the new revenue act does not provide sufficient money to meet the expense of the ensuing two years; establish school for youthful colored criminals at Asheville;

AS VICTIM LAY DYING USED ENDEARING TERMS TOWARD HIS MURDERER

Seventeen-Year-Old Wife on Trial for Killing Friendly Caller

KEPT SHOOTING HIM

WHITEVILLE, N. C., March 7.—The most interesting witness in the trial of Mrs. Rosa Hayes, charged with the murder of Robert Floyd, the young South Carolina medical student, today was Mrs. Mims, daughter of the editor of the local paper, who printed an interview with the defendant after her incarceration. Counsel for the defense hotly contested the admissibility of the testimony. In the interview the 17-year-old wife and prisoner, admitted that she had been unusually friendly with her victim and that as he lay dying he had called to her in endearing terms. The state further introduced witnesses to tell of a trip the defendant and her victim had taken last summer to a neighboring seaport town, where they had spent the night at the same hotel. Eye-witnesses to the shooting swore that Mrs. Hayes continued firing at Floyd after he had fallen and they had found nine bullets in Floyd's body. The state has not yet succeeded in showing a motive for the crime though few of the fifty witnesses summoned have been examined.

REAR ADMIRAL DROPS DEAD

BOSTON, Mass., March 7.—Rear Admiral John C. Fremont dropped dead here tonight.