OTTAWA SESSION WELL ADVANCED

PROROGATION IS ALREADY BEING PLANNED

Bill Incorporating Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway is Passed.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 9.—The business of parliament has progressed so well this session that prorogation is already being planned for between the two leaders. The only remaining legislation likely to prove contentious are bills respecting the extension of provincial boundaries and the granting of financial assistance to the G. T. P.

It is expected that prorogation will be reached before May 24th.

Mr. Borden has arranged to leave for England at the end of May.

In the commons railway committee this morning bills were passed extending the time for the construction of the Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Southern railway, and of the Burrard-New Westminster Boundary railway, and incorporating the Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway company.

BALLOONISTS' NARROW ESCAPE.

Antwerp, March 9.—Henri Leblanc and Louis Dupont, French aeronauts, had a narrow escape from death by drowning yesterday while crossing the river Scheldt in a baloon. The balloon fell into the water and the two men were forced to climb into the rigging. They were half drowned and exhausted when rescued.

AN IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

London, March 9.—The Times in an editorial on the appointment of a committee to inquire into the question of emigration from India to the crown colonies, urges the necessity of a consistent and unequivocal policy being adopted by the whole empire. It says the surest way towards such a policy is to lose no opportunity of associating representatives of the dominions, Great Britain and India in a common council upon facts which each is apt to regard from its own view point alone. The Times adds that the nomination of committees presents such an opportunity.

UNDER FALSE PRETENCES.

Montreal, Que., March 9.—Chas. Reid, who came here heavy a year ago and formed the Canadian Thermos Bottle Company, was last night arrested on the charge of obtaining $5,000 stock, cash preferences from Ernest Gault. Mr. Gault subscribed to that amount of the company's stock. Reid was unable to obtain bail.

DIES AGED 81.

Montreal, Que., March 9.—Henry Morton, for many years a member of the firm of Morton, Phillips & Co., stationers, died yesterday, aged 81.

PONTIFF MUCH BETTER, RESUMES AUDIENCES

Rome, March 9.—The Pope, who has been suffering from a cold, is much better to-day. The beautiful spring weather has had a good effect on the patient. He has not yet been allowed to come down to the state apartments but as he insists upon resuming his audiences, he to-day received in his own private apartments Cardinal Richelmy, Archbishop of Turin, and Monsignor Trobec, Bishop of St. Cloud, who came to Rome for the purpose.

Both visitors expressed the opinion that the Pope looked comparatively well and vigorous considering the fact that he has been confined to his room for more than a week. The Pontiff expressed the desire to descend soon to the throne room to receive Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Mechlin, who is here with five Belgian bishops and a Belgian pilgrimage.

FRENCH TEAM NOW LEADS IN SIX-DAY RACE

New York, March 9.—Cibot and Orphee, the French team, were still in the lead at the six-day go-as-you-please race at Madison Square Garden at 8 a. m. to-day. They had covered 204 miles 8 laps and were more than five miles ahead of Dineen and Prouty, who were in second place.

The positions of the remaining teams were: Dineen and Prouty, 199 miles 1 lap; Feegan and Curtis, 188 miles 2 laps; Spring and Adams, 187 miles 1 lap; Davis and Metkus, 186 miles 5 laps; Loeslein and Klubertans, 177 miles 9 laps; Hegelman and Golden, 174 miles 3 laps; Corri and Coleman, 165 miles 6 laps; Guignarn and Rovere, 164 miles; Shelton and Fraser, 164 miles.

H. S. HUDSPETH UNDER ARREST.

Prominent Man in Typographical Union Charged With Obtaining Money Fraudulently.

New Orleans, La., March 9.—Harry S. Hudspeth, former president of the New Orleans Typographical Union, was arrested late last night, charged with fraudulently obtaining money from the union. He was a candidate for the presidency of the International Typographical Union against James M. Lynch at the last convention of the organization.

STABBED DURING QUARREL.

Quebec, March 9.—A youth named Nolin was stabbed in the abdomen in a quarrel on King street last night with Alfred Dube. Nolin was taken to the hospital and is in a critical condition. Dube was arrested.

DOMESTICS FROM OLD LAND.

Northwest Farmers Subscribe Liberally to Pay Fares of Girls.

Winnipeg, Man., March 9.—With five thousand dollars in her keeping, provided by farmers in the West, Mrs. Helen Sanford, superintendent of the Girls' Home of Welcome, left the city on Saturday for Scotland, where she will secure one hundred girls to work in Canada. Mrs. Sanford has been instrumental in bringing many Old Country domestics to first-class homes and very comfortable positions, and out of several hundred she has brought out she has not had a disappointment.

KILLED BY BOILING TEA.

Kingston, Ont., March 9.—The thirteen months' old daughter of Edward Murphy, of Barriefield, is dead as the result of pulling a hot pot of tea over her head and shoulders.

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT'S SUBSIDIZED NEWSPAPER

Yet Another Big Source of Tory Graft Unveiled at Winnipeg.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., March 9.—One big source of Tory graft was unearthed by the Liberals before the Public Accounts committees to-day. The Telegram, a Conservative newspaper published here, received three thousand dollars for an advertisement to be inserted every day at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars a month, a higher figure than the regular commercial rates. The files of the paper, which were produced, showed that for several months this advertisement was not inserted more than seven times, and never more than twenty times.

TORNADO SWEEPS TOWN; 8 DEAD

Forest City, Ark., March 9.—Advices from Brinkley, Ark., early to-day said that that town, which was swept by a tornado last night, was a mass of flames and that eight persons had been killed. The number of injured was said to be large.

CANADIAN'S ADVANCE IN AERIAL NAVIGATION

Silver Dart Successfully Flies Eight Miles at Baddeck, N. S.

Baddeck, N. S., March 9.—The aeroplane Silver Dart, piloted by J. A. D. McCurdy, made a successful flight of eight miles in eleven minutes and fifteen seconds here yesterday, twice crossing Baddeck harbor.

A Canadian aeroplane will probably be sent to England in May to try for one of the two big prizes that have been offered for the first successful aeroplane flight across the English Channel. Work on the new machine, which will be modeled somewhat on the plan of the Silver Dart, the most successful aeroplane built, under the auspices of the Aerial Experiment Association, will begin at once under the supervision of Glenn H. Curtis, at Hammondsport, New York.

The aeroplane will probably be in charge of J. A. D. McCurdy and F. W. Baldwin, two members of the Aerial Experiment Association, and who have been here, with Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, conducting the recent experiments on the ice of the Bras d'Or lakes with the Silver Dart and Dr. Bell's new tetrahedral kite.

CONDENSING FACTORY AT NEW WESTMINSTER

Milk of Whole Fraser Valley Being Shipped to New Concern.

E. C. Stark, representing the B. C. Milk Condensing Company, is in the city in the interests of his firm. This milk condensing concern is the first to be established in British Columbia. It is situated at New Westminster and draws its supplies from the whole of the Lower Fraser valley. The farmers by sending their milk to this firm are able to get something like fifteen or twenty per cent. higher prices than for butter making, but in return extra cleanliness is required, and just now there is a man going around the valley instructing the farmers in the method of shipping required.

The factory cost from $35,000 to $40,000 and is capable of handling 400 cases a day. W. Fredenhagen is the president of the company. He is one of the inventors of the system of condensing, and he it was who first installed the Mount Vernon concern. The manager is Leon Chevally, a Swiss, who is an expert in the business.

The advent of the factory is having a very good effect on the Fraser. The farmers are taking it up with enthusiasm and already the number of cows is being increased. A special steamer is being put on the river for the purpose of bringing the milk to the factory.

CANON MACMORINE DEAD.

Portage la Prairie, Man., March 9.—Canon Macmorine died this morning, aged sixty.

GIRL STUDENT KILLED.

Toronto, Ont., March 9.—Evelyn Everaleigh, aged 17, a student at the university, and daughter of a Jamaican minister, was run over and killed by a team on Yonge street north last night.

GOVERNMENT DISFRANCHISES

The Attorney-General proposes amendments to the election law which would place it in the power of registrars to strike off the names of voters who were out of the electoral district at the time of revision, even if only temporarily. It especially hits at workingmen who leave their homes to work—and there are thousands in this province, miners, loggers, fishermen and cannerymen.

CANNERY SHIPMENTS TO PUGET SOUND

Reduction in This Year's Pack Owing to Surplus on Hand.

(Special to the Times.)

Seattle, Wash, March 9.—In spite of the fact that Alaska salmon packers are preparing to reduce the pack of pink salmon about 300,000 cases during the coming season, as a result of which reduction a number of canneries in the North will not be operated, it is predicted that the pack on Puget Sound will be a record breaker. Preparations are already under way to handle the output from the plants in Alaska and Washington and the coming month will see large shipments of supplies and men to various parts of Alaska where the canneries will be put in readiness for the run of salmon early in June.

Owing to a war in prices last year and this spring, there is a large stock of pink or humpback salmon on hand, and it is with the view of disposing of this surplus that this season's pack will be greatly reduced. The Alaska Packers' Association will not operate its cannery at Pyramid Harbor and the Fidalge Packing Company's plant at Ketchikan will remain idle this summer. The big Deming cannery at Excursion Inlet will reduce its pack from 86,000 to 60,000 cases of pinks. The Myers plant at Chatham, Sitka Bay, will pack 65,000 cases instead of 97,000, as heretofore, and Gorman & Co. will cut down the output of their cannery at Kaasan.

Last year the pack of pink salmon amounted to 707,000 cases. It is planned to hold this year's pack down to 400,000 cases. Although the pack of pink salmon will be greatly curtailed, the canneries will put up all the reds and sockeyes that can be obtained, for there is a great demand for these varieties of fish. The sockeye and red salmon pack last year reached the remarkable total of 2,619,019 cases. The demand for this fish was strong throughout the season and the prices ruled high.

The run of red salmon in Alaska usually begins about June 10th. The task of sending men and supplies to the North will, however, begin long before that date.

The run of salmon in Pubet Sound waters, which is expected to be one of the largest in years, will, it is thought, start about July 10th, and extensive preparations are to be made by the local plants and canneries to handle the bumper pack.

GRANBY SMELTER IS BEING ENLARGED

Work on Second Battery Not Yet Completed—Oro Denoro Shipping.

Phoenix, March 8. — Seven furnaces are at present in operation at the Granby smelter. the enlarging of the second of the battery not being completed as yet. The mines have been more than supplying the requirements of the smelter in ore, all the bunkers being filled at present and some seventy-five loaded cars are on a siding. For this reason the tonnage from the mines is being slightly curtailed.

The Consolidated Company's Snowshoe mine has been cutting down its operating force and curtailing shipments. This has been occasioned by a shortage of coke at the company's smelter at Trail, where Snowshoe ore is treated.

The provincial goernment has granted a charter for a tram line to the Greenwood-Phoenix Tunnel Company. The long tunnel scheme is still a live project in the Boundary.

The B. C. Copper Company's Oro Denoro mine has commenced shipping again after a ten days' partial suspension of operations.

On the Bounty Fraction, near Beaverdell, ore is being stoped from a galena vein some three feet in width.

EXPORTS TO ENGLAND.

London, March 9.—Following are the amounts and values of imports from Canada in January: Cattle 4,284, value £71,129; wheat 949,300 cwts., £405,005; flour, etc., 113,000 cwts., £62,345; peas 9,460 cwts., £4,333; bacon 35,710 cwts., £95,987; hams, 2,607 cwts., £6,852; cheese 41,015 cwts., £123,038; horses, 12,600.

$50,000,000 ON EXTENSION.

New York, March 8.—Plans for an extension of the Rapid Transit system of this city, to cost about $50,000,000, are being prepared by engineers of the Interborough Rapid Transit company. The plan will be submitted to the Public Service commission in a few days.

—James Mitchell was acquitted on Tuesday in the police court on a charge of assaulting a Hindu, Boota Singh. A third witness, named Russell, gave evidence that Mitchell struck the Hindu in self defense.

—At the meeting of the Metropolitan Epworth League held on Monday the Rev. T. E. Holling gave an address on Epitaphs, which was enjoyed by all present. The Misses Robinson sang a duet.

JACK JOHNSON VISITS CITY

WORLD'S CHAMPION PUGULIST HERE TO-DAY

Is Ready to Meet Jeffries, Whom He Considers Only Likely Challenger.

John Arthur Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, accompanied by Mrs. John Arthur Johnson (nee Miss Nellie O'Brien of Boston), and his manager, Sam Fitzpatrick, arrived for the first time in Victoria on Tuesday at daybreak on the R. M. S. Makura. He is without any plans for the future, but to look around and take what offers when he gets through a two months' show tour in England, which commences on April 21st next. After Johnson has paid a week's visit to Chicago and gone down home to see his mother at Galveston, Texas, for two or three weeks, he will leave for England.

Johnson will fight Jeffries any time the latter is ready. He will not fight Sam Langford as the match has been called off by the other side. He will fight Tommy Burns willingly and lovingly, and Johnson showed all his gilded mouth in one big grand smile as he made the statement on the deck of the Makura on Tuesday. "This time if it ever occurs, however," Mr. Johnson says, "I get $30,000 and Tommy takes the little end." He, however, does not at present see a champion match in sight and is of the opinion that he and Jeffries are the only two men in sight in the heavy class. Again the gilded smile was seen when Johnston was asked if he could beat Jeffries, and he answered: "I may have to. Anyway I'm ready if I get reasonable time to train." Of Jim Corbett he has nothing to say except that he would like to fight him too.

Johnson at present occupies the position of a champion out of work and he realizes there is nothing but Jeffries big enough in size to match against him. He says he sees nothing for him to do but the show business at present. Speaking of the fight in Sydney, he said he had told the people all along there was nothing to it. He had Tommy beaten before the fight commenced. "We all knew it; Tommy knew it. He is a good little fighter all right, but, man, he is not big enough."

Johnson confirmed the statement that he is a Methodist, and said the Catholics and Methodists of Sydney had a great time while he and Burns were there for Burns was a Catholic. They fought about it on the streets and took sides, the Catholics against the Methodists. It was not exactly true to the letter that he was in his spare moments a student of Shakespeare and Milton, as had been reported, but still there had been a great to do over the fight. "It was the greatest champion fight in the world to date," said Johnson. "There's no doubt about it, the people went wild over it, and I beat Tommy. Well, we had a good time but the sea traveling is awful. I'm an awful bad sailor and this trip was no better than the others I have taken."

"Of the prize fighters in the world to-day," says Johnson, "America holds the palm. There is nothing in Australia. Out there they do not fight the same way as we do on this side. England has a few, but not many. England has the feathers, however, and in Moran, Stanley and Driscoll she has the three very best. For the others the lightweights, middles, welters and heavies America has them all. The game, however, at present appears to be slow. There is nothing doing in any line just now except the feathers. The champions are all like myself waiting for something to develop; We are all out of jobs and will soon have to take up some other business if some new ones don't come along. I'll fight anyone; maybe I'll have to fight Corbett yet; any how I'll fight Jeffries at any reasonable notice."

Mrs. John Arthur Johnson, a sprightly brunette, attired in a merrywidow hat, white crowned and trimmed with white feathers, and accordeon pleated brown skirt with elaborate waist and sable jacket and muff, said she was proud of Jack being the champion prize fighter of the world. "I did not see the fight, but I would have liked to, only they wouldn't let me in. Mrs. Burns didn't see it either. Well, yes, I was just a trifle anxious. Of course I knew Jack could win but you can never tell just what is going to happen. Oh, I like Australia immensely. We had such a delightful time there, but we had such rough weather coming over. Well, yes, I am glad to get back again."

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson took a tour by an automobile about town. Passing the parliament building, Mrs. Johnson exclaimed at the beauty of the entrance to the city, this being the first visit to Victoria, while Jack explained the exact punch that put Tommy down in the first round. Jack held out a terrific suede gloved right mit and showed how he had brought it round to connect with the head on the left. The champion and his wife left on the Makura for Vancouver.

OFFICIALS TO BE TRANSFERRED.

Vancouver, March 8.—It is reported here that J. Niblock, superintendent at Calgary, will be superannuated after twenty-five years' service. He will reside on his fruit ranch at Summerland. T. R. Flett, superintendent at Saskatoon, will be transferred to Strathcona, and Mr. Maharg will go from Medicine Hat to Calgary. If this is done it will do away altogether with the superintendent at Medicine Hat.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The chimney on which the red light at Laurel Point has been exhibited will be taken down within a few days. For this reason the red light will be exhibited from the pole near where the chimney stood.

FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE

This is the amendment for the insertion of which in the bill the opposition is fighting:

"Provided, however, that in case of any voter leaving an electoral district to reside in another electoral district in the province, at least one year must elapse before the name of such person shall be struck off the register, except upon request of the voter himself."

EX-LOAN OFFICIALS MUST GO TO SING SING

Colonel Britton and E. H. Schroeder Are Convicted of Larceny.

New York, March 8.—Convicted of the larceny of $4,000 from the Eagle Savings and Loan Company, of Brooklyn, Col. Edward E. Britton and Quarantine Commissioner Ed. H. Schroeder, formerly predent and second vice-president respectively of the institution, were given indeterminate sentences in Sing Sing prison today by Justice Jay Cox in the Supreme court of Brooklyn. Britton's sentence was from fourteen months to four years and six months, and Schroeder's was from one year to four years and six months.

Britton and Schroeder were charged with various indictments, with the larceny of upwards of $49,000 from the Eagle Savings and Loan Company in furtherance of their promotion of the Homestake South Extension Gold Mining Company in South Dakota.

BAND OF ELK SNOWBOUND.

Shooting of Animals Results in Formation of Game Protection Association.

Hosmer, March 8. — The very deep snow in this vicinity has afforded the Hosmer people a little pleasure and excitement which will probably not fall to their lot again for some time to come.

Three miles north of the town a small herd of elk, consisting of one bull, two cows and a calf, have become snowbound. They are in such deep snow that it has been possible for most of the townspeople to get a good view of them without any danger to themselves.

Game Warden Lewis, after inspecting the elk, has had them supplied with hay as there appears to be very little natural food where they are snowbound. The remains of one elk was discovered in the snow. It had been shot by some unscrupulous person, and this fact has aroused the interest of the people of Hosmer so that an association for the protection of game and fish was formed. The officers elected were Mr. C. B. Winter, president; Mr. Drummond, vice-president; Mr. Dunbar, secretary-treasurer.

SENTENCE ON BROKER.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 9.—H. G. Meadows, the broker who was convicted on Friday last on the charge of grand larceny, was sentenced to-day to not less than three years and six months, nor more than six years and three months in Auburn prison.

MAKURA ARRIVES AHEAD OF TIME

Fast Run From Honolulu to Connect With Governor Going South.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Over four hundred passengers arrived from Australia and other neighboring countries this morning by the fine mail steamer Makura. Big, broad shouldered Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion fighter of the world, was aboard. He was the great man of the voyage. That he was "a white man" in spite of his dusky countenance was acknowledged by all from the captain downwards. With him was his wife, his opposite in point of stature, but good looking and genial.

Among the less distinguished passengers was P. Broad, the secretary to the board of education at Sydney, N. S. W.; Mrs. McPherson, wife of the postmaster at Vancouver, who is returning from a visit; and a large number of people going to San Francisco and other south coast points, who will leave this evening on the steamer Governor. The steamer was not due until to-morrow, but a wire was sent to Captain Gibb at Honolulu asking him to hurry along in order to catch the San Francisco steamer. The weather was favorable, and the Makura surprised everyone by pulling into port early this morning instead of this evening.

News was brought of the inquiry into the cause of the collision between the naval pinnace and the steamer Dunmore in Sydney harbor, particulars of which were given before, showing that the accident was due to the negligent and careless navigation of the coxswain of the pinnace, Samuel George Bryant. Bryant has been committed for trial.

MOROCCO WANTS LOAN OF 26 MILLIONS

Tangier, March 9.—It is reported that Mohammed Sidi El Mokri, former minister of foreign affairs of Morocco, is going to Paris to arrange with the French government for a new loan of $26,000,000, which is to be secured by the annual customs receipt. This loan, it is stated, will be applied to the payment of the Casablanca indemnities and other outstanding claims.

TOUR OF JAP WARSHIPS.

Honolulu, March 9th.—According to dispatches received from Japan, the Japanese armored cruiser Azo and the protected cruiser Soya will arrive here on April 1st.

Both the Azo and Soya were formerly Russian warships sent to the bottom during the war with Japan and afterwards refloated and added to the Japanese navy.

NEW RHODES SCHOLAR.

Toronto, Ont., March 9.—Morden H. Long, B. A., graduate of 1909, was announced yesterday as McMaster university's first Rhodes scholar by direct appointment. Ralph Bellamy, B. A., graduate of 1903, was appointed as Alberta's first Rhodes scholar, but Mr. Long is the first man to go direct from McMaster to Oxford. Mr. Long is a native of Woodstock, Ont., and is at present attending the provincial normal college at Calgary, Alberta.

SASKATCHEWAN'S 'PHONES.

Regina, Sask., March 9.—The Bell Telephone Company here is taking stock with a view to making a valuation of the Saskatchewan plant of the company, and it is believed that a definite announcement of the sale of the Bell interests to the government of Saskatchewan will be made in a few days.

ANOTHER GIRL IS ATTACKED AT HAMILTON

Dragged Into Alleyway by Unknown Assailant and Threatened With Death.

Hamilton, Ont., March 9.—Another daring outrage, the perpetrator of which is still at large, has been reported to the police, the victim being Miss Burkholder, Augusta avenue. Miss Burkholder was returning from church and proceding along Augusta avenue, when a short distance from her house, a man with a knife, emerged from an alleyway and exclaiming, "Say a word and I'll cut your heart out," dragged her into the lane. After a desperate fight Miss Burkholder managed to escape and ran to her home, falling unconscious in the doorway.

KAISER GIVES AID TO EMBRYO SCHOOL TEACHER

Boy Sends His Respects to Emporer and Rest of Hohenzollerns.

Berlin, March 9.—Emperor William recently received this letter:

"My Dear Kaiser:

"I have often heard in school of your goodness and
me courage to
like to become
my mother is a
other children to
are domestic
willing out of
to continue my studies, but the amount they can give me is far from sufficient.

"I therefore ask you, dear Mr. Kaiser, to assist me to carry out my wish to become a school teacher. My respects to yourself and the other Hohenzollerns. Yours, R. R."

The Emperor had the case looked into. When he found that the letter was written by a worthy lad of 14 attending the village school in Pechingen, Hohenzollern, he sent the little fellow 150 marks (about $36), enabling him to enter a higher school, the teachers in which were commanded to pay special attention to this pupil.

LIQUOR IN CLUBS.

Winnipeg, Man., March 9.—Some radical amendments were made in the liquor license act in the law amendments committee yesterday, pertaining to the regulation of clubs. As the bill read previously it would require a license fee of $500 from clubs in Winnipeg, and members concurred that this was a little too high and would possibly put the clubs out of business. Three hundred dollars was mentioned as a more equitable fee, and the vote on the amendment was carried, while to the clubs elsewhere in the province a license of $100 was cut down to $50. Thirty-five was considered a reasonable membership for clubs outside of Winnipeg, and this was agreed upon as against the original provisions of the bill, which provided that a club must have a resident membership of one hundred. With these amendments the bill passed the committee.

BOILER EXPLODES, BRAKEMAN DEAD

Fireman Sustains Injuries Which May Prove Fatal.

Nelson, March 8.—The boiler of C. P. R. engine No. 1381 exploded shortly after midnight at Farron, a station on the summit above Columbia river going into the Boundary section. Donald McQuarrie, brakeman, was dreadfully scalded. He was brought here and died at the Home hospital at 2:30 p. m. to-day. He leaves a wife. He was 26 years old. Francis Glover, age 24, single, fireman, of Trail, was blown six car lengths, and fatally hurt. He is in the hospital here. P. J. McCormick, of Nelson, engineer, had a lucky escape. He had left the engine and gone up the line a moment before the explosion. The engine, attached to a freight, was at the tank taking water at the time of the accident. The train was not damaged. No cause is assigned for the explosion.

EXPORTING GOLD TO LONDON.

New York, March 9.—An engagement by the National City Bank to-day for export to London of all the suitable gold bars in the assay office marked the first actual transaction looking towards a movement of gold upwards, which has been forecasted by the recent rise in sterling exchange. The amount engaged by the National City Bank, while not exactly stated, is estimated to be somewhat under $2,000,000.

HERR BALLIN ON TARIFF REFORM

IDEA DISTURBING ONE TO SHIPPING MAGNATE

Says Economic Crisis in U. S. A. is Now Entirely Over.

Hamburg, March 9.—Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American SS. Company, was interviewed to-day regarding the passing by the company of this year's dividend, announced yesterday. He expressed the conviction that the economic crisis in the United States with its incidental accompanying effects was entirely over. The money which in November of 1907 was withdrawn from the banks had now been fully returned to their coffers, but its useful employment was difficult because of the lack of a spirit of enterprise.

The hopes for betterment as a result of the presidential election in the United States have not been fulfilled, Herr Ballin went on to say, to the extent that had been expected. The idea of tariff reform was a disturbing one, he said, as it involved great danger of a reduction in American duties. Herr Ballin does not believe the tariff question will be settled as soon as President Taft and the banks think, yet the cropping up of tariff revision is not to be regretted as such talk avoids the danger of precipitate changes in American economic conditions and gives time for further consolidation. In conclusion Herr Ballin said that the increase of emigration was a sign of growing prosperity.

"TRANSFIGURATION" ON VIEW AT ROME

Raphael's Masterpiece Among Collection in New Picture Gallery.

ing on the magnificent Belvedere court. Above each door is a golden inscription destined to remind posterity that the installation of this new gallery is due to the initiative of the present Pope.

The additional pictures have been brought from the Latern palace and the private apartments of the Vatican. The first hall contains a unique collection of Byzantine pictures, the second is given over to the Tuscan school, headed by Fra Angelico, the third contains examples of the Umbrian school. In the fourth is the gem of the collection, Raphael's "Transfiguration," which hangs alone on the main wall. The fifth hall is given over to the Venetian school, headed by Titian; the sixth, to examples of the sixth century, and the seventh, to pictures by foreign artists, including a magnificent portrait of George IV. of England.

CLAIM TO A PEERAGE.

Spaniards Acquitted of Having Altered Church Records of Marriage in Sackville Case.

Madrid, March, 9.—The criminal action in connection with the claims of Ernest Henri Batiste West to the Sackville peerage and estates, came to an end yesterday with the acquittal of Rolfir and Sanchez. These two men were accused of having altered the church records of the marriage of Josephine Durand de Ortoga to a Spaniard named Oliva. This woman was the mother of the present claimant, and her alleged marriage to Oliva was relied upon to bar this claim. The judge charged the jury that the matter of the rightful heir to the Sackville estates was not for them to decide. They were to pronounce only on the guilt or innocence of Rolfir and Sanchez on the charge of having altered the church register.

AMERICA'S NEXT AMBASSADOR TO LONDON

New York, March 9.—A Washington special to the Times says it is generally assumed that Whitelaw Reid will not continue as ambassador to England and the presence in Washington of Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the Republican state committee of New York, has led to the coupling of his name with that post. Ever since Mr. Woodruff got out of the senatorial fight in New York to make way for Mr. Root, there has been talk to the effect that he would be rewarded with a first class diplomatic appointment.

Mr. Woodruff called on President Taft with Senator Root yesterday. Gossip connects the name of ex-Secretary of State Robert Bacon and ex-Governor Curtis Guild, of Massachusetts, as possible to succeed to Ambassador Griscom at Rome.

TRAGEDY DUE TO NERVES.

New York, March 9.—While delirious from illness W. H. Morriam, a lawyer, either jumped or fell from the window of his room on the fifth floor of the apartment house at Sixty-eighth street and Central Park West to-day, and was instantly killed. He had been suffering from nervous troubles for several weeks, and was under the care of a physician and a nurse.