

THE WEATHER.
Local rains today or tonight; Sunday, probably fair and colder.

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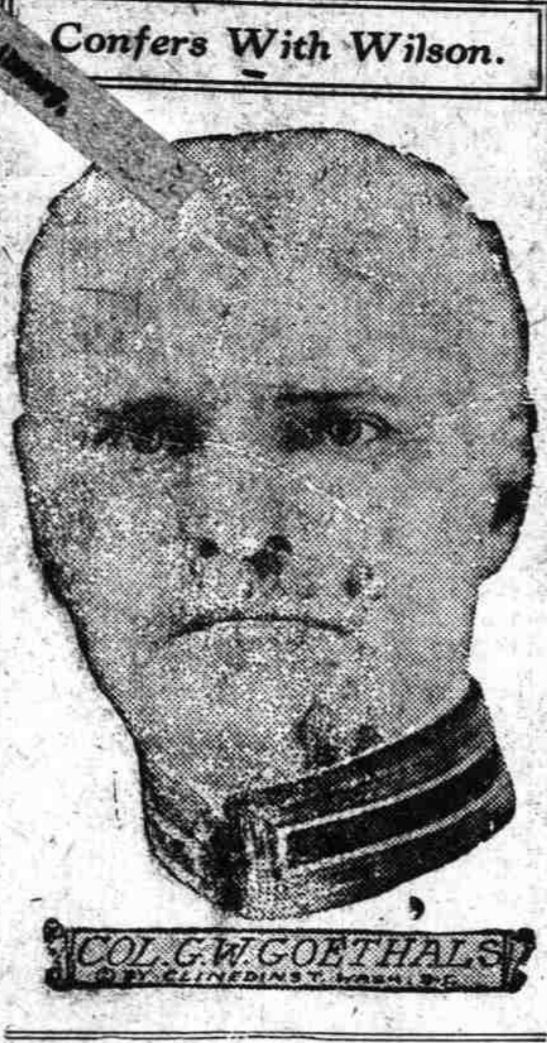
PRINT PAPER DUTY WILL BE REDUCED
Rates Will Be Cut All Along the Line in Wood Pulp Schedule
TO RETAIN TOBACCO RATES
This is the Situation As Viewed by Democratic Leaders After Two Sessions of Ways and Means' Hearings

Washington, January 17.—Substantial reduction of the tariff all along the line in the wood pulp and print paper schedule and retention of approximately the existing duties on tobacco, cigars and similar articles, constitute part of the Democratic tariff revision programme to be presented to the coming extra session of Congress.

This was the situation as viewed by Democratic leaders after two sessions today and one tonight in the marshalling of testimony on schedule M, pulps, papers and books, and "F," tobacco and its manufactures.

Just how far the Democratic members will go in cutting the paper schedule is problematical. So far they have not had a conference on the subject, but the consensus of their sentiment favors reduction wherever possible in this part of the tariff law.

Chief interest of the day centered in the presentation of arguments of the spokesmen of the newspaper publishers and of the diametrically opposed paper manufacturers.



COL. G.W. GOETHALS

TELLS WILSON OF THE CANAL
Confers With Wilson.
Elect, and Acquaints Him With Conditions in the Panama Canal Zone.

Trenton, N. J., January 18.—President-elect Wilson today began a study of Panama canal questions. In response to invitations, Colonel George W. Goethals, engineer of the canal, gave Mr. Wilson an outline of conditions in the canal zone, urging him to make a visit there as soon as possible.

As Mr. Wilson desires to see the canal before it is opened, it is probable he will make a visit to the canal zone before he takes office.

The Governor said he was very much impressed with what Representative David J. Lewis, of Maryland, told him in a conference today about possible developments of the parcel.

LUCK TO WILSON
Philadelphia, January 17.—President Taft, guest of the Clover Club here tonight, wished good luck to Mr. Wilson in his coming term in the White House, predicted prosperity for the Nation under ordinary circumstances, but gave warning that in his opinion the people at the polls in November decided against radicalism as well as against conservatism and advised the Democrats to abide by their verdict.

The President's word of warning followed a smiling review of the November result. He said the Democratic party found itself a victor between the Republican party, deemed conservative, and the Progressive party, called radical.

PREMIER POINCARÉ CHOSEN PRESIDENT
Elected by National Assembly of France to Succeed Fallieres
WILD CONFUSION MARKS VOTE
Two Challenges to Duels During Balloting—President-elect a Notable Personage and Represents Popular Will.

Versailles, France, Jan. 17.—Raymond Nicolas Landry Poincaré, for the past 12 months premier of the French cabinet, was elected President of the Republic of France today by the National Assembly, composed of the members of both Chambers of Parliament, in succession to President Armand Fallières, whose seven-year term expired February 18th.

The wildest confusion, out of which arose two challenges to duels, marked the casting of the ballots.

Poincaré was chosen President on the second ballot, his plurality over his nearest competitor, Jules Pams, minister of agriculture, being 187. The deciding vote stood as follows: Raymond Poincaré 483; Jules Pams 296; Marie Edouard Vaillant 69.

The new President is now in his 53rd year. He is of medium height and sturdily built. Above all, he radiates an impression of force, both physical and intellectual.

Americans who have met the Premier have always found him interested in the development and the institutions of the United States and accurately informed upon the larger aspects of current American affairs.

The cabinet of Premier Poincaré is regarded as steadfastly opposed to Socialism.

Poincaré Would Fight
Versailles, France, Jan. 17.—Premier Raymond Poincaré was insulted by ex-Premier George Clemenceau at the opening of the National Congress for the election of President. M. Poincaré at once appointed Aristides Briand, minister of justice, and L. L. Klotz, minister of finance, to act as his seconds and to arrange a duel.

The incident between Poincaré and Clemenceau arose out of a letter sent by the former premier to Poincaré, the contents of which were considered offensive by Poincaré.

Deputy De Monzie and Paul Boncour, former minister of labor, also quarreled in the corridors of the palace and M. Monzie sent his seconds to M. Boncour.

Paris, January 17.—The journey of President-elect Poincaré from the palace at Versailles to his home in Paris, was one long triumphal progress.

Noted Explorer Here.
ROALD AMUNDSEN.
Discoverer of South Pole Now Delivering Lectures in America.



ROALD AMUNDSEN

Washington, January 17.—A giant combination practically controlling American coastwise trade on the Atlantic and operating under an agreement with the railroads by which protesting is refused to independent steamship lines except on full charges, was described to the House Shipping Trust Committee today by A. H. Bull, president of the A. H. Bull Steamship Company, of New York.

Describing efforts of the combine to drive his company out of New York and Porto Rican trade, Mr. Bull submitted circulars bearing the names of the Insular Line and the New York & Porto Rican Steamship Company, offering discounts of 70 per cent on foreign rates during a week when the sailing of a Bull liner for Porto Rico had been announced.

When asked by Representative Humphrey, of Washington, why he had not placed these facts before the Department of Justice, Mr. Bull said that he had signed a bond in 1900 not to enter into the Porto Rican trade for 10 years.

Companies placed in the alleged combine by Mr. Bull included the (Continued on Page Eight.)

OUTLINES
Gov. Wilson yesterday conferred with Col. Geo. W. Goethals in regard to conditions in the Panama Canal Zone.

Premier Raymond Poincaré was yesterday elected President of France, the wildest confusion marking the balloting.

Foulke E. Brandt, the former valet of Mortimer L. Schiff, sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment for burglary, was pardoned yesterday by Gov. Sulzer, of New York, on the ground that his sentence was excessive.

Money on call steady, 2 1/2 to 3 per cent; ruling rate 2 3/4; closing bid 2 1/2; offered at 2 3/4. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour easy. Wheat steady; No. 2 red 1.06 and 1.09. Turpentine firm. Rosin quiet.

FOULKE E. BRANDT FREED BY SULZER
Former Valet Pardoned on Ground That Sentence Was Excessive
GOVERNOR STATES REASONS
Grants Pardons as a Matter of Justice. Brandt is Compelled to Confess to Falsehoods—Will Go to Minnesota.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Governor Sulzer today pardoned Foulke E. Brandt, former valet of Mortimer L. Schiff, the New York banker, on the ground that Brandt's sentence of 30 years for burglary was excessive.

At the request of Governor Sulzer, Attorney General Carmody made a statement, in which he said he favored Brandt's pardon, "not as a matter of mercy, but as a matter of justice."

Mr. Carmody declared that the Governor's act wiped out a "blot on the judiciary of the State," and showed that "there is nothing that can defeat the ends of justice."

United States Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, made a speech in which he characterized Brandt's sentence as judicial tyranny.

Brandt's release is given in a statement in which he says in part: "Those familiar with the Brandt case are aware of what has taken place heretofore in connection with the matter and the decisions which have been reached thereon. The record is not in the prisoner's favor."

Brandt left Albany within two hours after the pardon was placed in his hands.

Gets a Pardon.
FOULKE E. BRANDT.
Former Valet of Mortimer L. Schiff, Pardoned by Gov. Sulzer.

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Mr. Clark also introduced bills requiring railroad companies to keep cinder guards on the windows of all passenger coaches after July 1st, next, and a bill prohibiting members of the Legislature and public officials generally from using passes or reduced rates not accorded the general public or receive favors from telegraph, telephone or express companies, violation to be a misdemeanor.

Dr. Gordon, of Guilford, offered a bill to raise the educational qualification of persons licensed to practice medicine by requiring preparation to enter the State University and four instead of three years in medicine.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS DOWN TO WORK
Number of Bills of State-wide Interest are Before Legislature
COMMITTEES HOLD HEARINGS
Suffrage Amendment to Constitution—Railroads to Furnish Cinder Guards—Other Legislation Proposed—Proceedings



FOULKE E. BRANDT

SUSPEND MONEY TRUST PROBE
Pujo Committee Will End Hearings Next Week Because of Doubts Cast Upon Power to Inquire Into Banks.

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HAD ROUGH PASSAGE.
Str. Meldon Out 35 Days—Boatswain Washed Overboard.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 17.—The British steamer Meldon, which arrived in port today from Antwerp via Wilmington, had a very rough passage across the Atlantic, being out 35 days before reaching Wilmington.

Representative Williams' bill to authorize Asheville to issue bonds to fund floating indebtedness will be reported favorably by Senate Committee on Judiciary No. 1.

A bill introduced by Senator Pharr to amend Section 1137, Revisal, so as to permit the use of the word "corporation" in names of corporations, was voted upon favorably by the committee.