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## WAR TAX REDUCTIONS FINALLY AGREED TO

Report of Conference Committee Was a  
Compromise All Along the Line.

TOTAL REDUCTION  
ABOUT \$41,000,000

Provisions of Bill as Agreed Upon to  
Take Effect First of Next July.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate today agreed to the conference report on the war revenue reduction bill. There was no objection.

The conferees of the senate and house today announced the result of their deliberation of the measure. The report of the committee shows a compromise all along the line the changes in the present law being:

Tobacco, 20 per cent. discount of the original tax of 12 cents per pound as against 25 per cent. reduction as fixed by the senate and none as the bill passed the house.

The rate agreed upon will make the tax, \$9.60 per 100 pounds as stated in these despatches yesterday.

Cigars—On those weighing more than three pounds per 1,000 the house rate of \$3 per 1,000 was retained against 3.30 as fixed by the senate and \$3.60 as in the present law. On those weighing less than 3 pounds per thousand, the senate rate of 18 cents per pound was allowed to stand as against the rate of \$1 per thousand as fixed by the existing law, which was not disturbed by the house.

Cigarettes—On those weighing not more than three pounds per thousand, the senate action fixing the rate at 18 cents per pound prevailed. The house did not change the existing law.

Beer—The house rate of \$1.60 per barrel and repealing the 7 1-2 per cent discount was retained.

Bankers' capital—Present law retained, the senate receding from its amendment.

Commercial brokers' tax—Repealed in accordance with original action of both houses.

Certificates of stock transfers—The rate of 2 cents for each \$100 is retained and the senate amendment making the law include the transaction of bucket shops was accepted by the house conferees.

Sales of products at exchanges—The senate amendment exempting sales of merchandise in actual course of transportation was accepted but the rate of one cent for each \$100 as fixed by the present law was retained the senate amendment fixing the rate at 2 was disagreed to.

Bank checks—Repealed in accordance with the house action.

Certificates of deposit—Tax repealed.

Promissory notes—Tax repealed.

Money orders—Tax repealed.

Bills of exchange foreign—The rate fixed at 2 cents for each \$100 in accordance with the senate amendment.

Bill of lading for export—Repealed.

Express receipts—Repealed.

Telephone messages—Repealed.

Miscellaneous bonds—Tax repealed, except upon bonds of indemnity.

Certificates of damage and certificates not otherwise specified—Repealed.

Charter parties—Repealed.

Coveyances—Exempted below \$2,500; above \$2,500 25 cents for each \$500, in accordance with senate action.

Telegraph messages—Tax repealed.

Insurance—Tax repealed on all kinds of insurance in accordance with the action of the house, the senate conferees receding on all senate amendments.

Leases—Tax repealed.

Manifests—Tax repealed.

Mortgages—Tax repealed.

Steamship passage tickets—Exempted below \$50 in value and their rate fixed at 50 cents for each \$50 in cash for that price and over.

Power of attorney—Tax repealed.

Protest—Tax repealed.

Warehouse receipts—Tax repealed.

Proprietary medicines—Tax repealed in accordance with house action, the senate amendment being disagreed to.

Perfumery and cosmetics—Tax repealed.

Chewing gum—Tax repealed.

Legacies—Law modified so as to exclude from taxation legacies of charitable, religious, literary or educational character.

The total reduction of the revenues as

made by the bill as agreed upon will amount to about \$41,000,000 as against a reduction of \$40,000,000 as it passed the house and \$45,000,000 as amended in the senate.

The provisions of the bill as agreed upon will take effect on the first of next July.

## DISCUSSING RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

Opinions of Cuban Newspapers on the  
Convention.

Havana, Feb. 28.—The action of the constitutional convention on the relations of Cuba with the United States is the sole topic of the newspapers.

La Discusion (revolutionary) says the United States would have to appeal to force to obtain the relations they would ask for. Diario De La Marina (conservative) regards the request as equivalent to a protectorate. It says the answer of the convention is not prudent and does not settle the question.

It is the general opinion of the newspapers that the convention could hardly be expected to accede to the wishes of the United States, as the delegates were elected by the extreme radical element.

## AWFUL CRIME OF A NEGRO IN ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.—An unknown negro entered the residence of Mrs. Buchanan at 86 Spring street in the heart of the city this morning and compelled her to cook his breakfast. Then tying her feet and hands he quietly ate the breakfast, after which he set fire to the house, placing a quantity of paper in a bed where he had forced Mrs. Buchanan to lie. The negro escaped without being detected. Mrs. Buchanan screamed and assistance came before the fire had gained much headway. A search is now being made for the negro.

## ROBBERS' RIG HAUL AT LINCOLN

Safes in the Postoffice and Two Stores  
Blown Open.

Rutherfordton, N. C., Feb. 28.—Professional safe crackers blew open the safes of Beal & Co., H. S. Roberson and the postoffice at Lincolnton this morning, between four and five o'clock. They then went to the depot, stole a railroad hand car, rode to Newton, and are supposed to have taken the Southern for New York.

From the postoffice they got fourteen hundred dollars in cash, and books and papers amounting to six hundred. They secured several thousand dollars from the two stores.

A dozen safes have been blown open and robbed in this state recently.

## EMPEROR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Collision of Coach With Electric Car  
Barely Averted.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—The emperor had a narrow escape from injury, if not death, today. He was out driving and his carriage barely escaped being run down by an electric car which had become unmanageable. The emperor's coachman succeeded in pulling up the horses in time to prevent an accident.


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### TODAY'S GAZETTE.

FIRST PAGE:  
Reduction of War Taxes.  
William W. Everts Dead.  
South African Situation.  
Fatal Explosion in Powder Works.  
Work of Train Wreckers.

SECOND PAGE:  
Markets by Telegrams.  
Items of State News.

THIRD PAGE:  
Miscellany.  
Arthur W. Dunn's Washington Letter.

FOURTH PAGE:  
Editorial.  
City Personal.  
Topics of this town.

FIFTH PAGE:  
Work of Legislature.  
Local and Telegraphic News.

SIXTH AND SEVENTH PAGES:  
Miscellany.

EIGHTH PAGE:  
City News.

## RAPID WORK IN CONGRESS

The Houses Reach Agreement on Several Important Bills.

Criticisms of Admiral Sampson's Letter—Senate Calls For Correspondence.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate covered so much ground today in disposing of various appropriation bills that Chairman Allison of the appropriation committee concluded that a night session was unnecessary. When the senate adjourned at 6:30 the river and harbor bill had been passed and conference reports on the following bills agreed to: Military academy bill, bill to settle claims against Spain in accordance with the treaty of Paris, bill to reduce war taxation, diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. A further conference on the postoffice appropriation bill was ordered. The sundry civil bill was pending when the senate adjourned.

When the senate convened today the president pro tem., Mr. Frye, presented a letter from the Marquis of Lansdowne, expressing appreciation of the resolution the senate adopted upon the occasion of the death of the queen. The resolution offered by Senator Allen (Nebraska), calling upon the secretary of the navy for copies of Gunner Charles Morgan's letter to Rear Admiral Sampson seeking promotion, and the admiral's endorsement thereon, together with all correspondence bearing upon the matter, was adopted.

The house devoted the greater part of today's session to the consideration of the bill to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service. During the debate on the bill Hepburn took occasion to pay an eloquent tribute to the "man behind the gun." He denounced the spirit expressed in Sampson's endorsement of Gunner Morgan's application for commission and declared wherever such a spirit was shown it ought to be stifled. Without completing consideration of the bill the house adjourned.

In the course of the day the house agreed to conference reports on the war revenue reduction bill and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill and the agricultural appropriation bill and rejected the report on the postal appropriation bill.

Congress is making unexpected progress with important legislation in its closing hours. There remains little to be done, since the Nicaraguan canal bill is not to become a law this session.

## SAMPSON WANTS TO KNOW WHO MADE IT PUBLIC

Washington, Feb. 28.—Secretary Long received a letter today from Admiral Sampson saying that the latter did not know how the application of Gunner Morgan for promotion or Sampson's endorsement got to the newspapers.

The secretary has not heard from Morgan who also has been asked as to how the matter became public.

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## FEARFUL EXPLOSION IN POWDER WORKS

Two Killed and Three Others Fatally Injured—Shock Felt For Miles Around.

Patterson, Feb. 28.—An explosion occurred in the Laffin and Rand Powder works at Patterson this afternoon. John Duffey, the foreman was killed. Josiah Smith, Robert Biggitt, Jos. Harvey are so badly injured that it is believed they will die.

The explosion occurred in the drying house and the wrecked building was consumed by fire resulting from the explosion.

Duffey's head was found a hundred feet from the house. The explosion shook the mountains in which the works were situated and the houses for miles around.

The company makes gun cotton for the United States government and the drying house is one of the most dangerous part of the works. Any particle of foreign matter causes explosion and it is supposed that something of this kind occurred today.

The injured men are unconscious. There are rumors of others being injured, but the manager of the works says he believes the three named are the only ones seriously injured. He admits there may be others slightly injured by the shock.

## TRAIN WRECKER'S AWFUL WORK

Brought Trains Into Collision at a Station Causing Loss of Life.

McKeesport, Pa., Feb. 28.—Train wreckers at Coal Valley, on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania road, caused a frightful wreck directly in front of the Coal Valley station this afternoon.

Three bodies have been taken from the wreck and the wreckage of both trains is burning.

Officials say there are no other bodies in the wreck.

The accident, according to the story of the engineer, was the work of a bend who threw the switch and turned the freight train from the track it was on directly in front of the express.

Flames from the wreck spread to some houses alongside the track and the citizens had all they could do to prevent the destruction of the town.

Several buildings were burned.

## LIPTON EXPRESSES REGRET.

At Refusal of New York Club to Grant Flying Start in Yacht Races.

London, Feb. 28.—Thomas Lipton in an interview today expressed regret at the refusal of the New York Yacht club to grant the request for flying start in the races for America's cup. He said the conditions now are practically the same as in the last year's races.

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