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HOUSE PASSES TAX REPEAL BILL

WENT THROUGH UNANIMOUSLY
278 MEMBERS VOTING
FOR IT.

Vote Preceded by Discussion of Rule Proposed to Prevent Extraneous Amendments.

DANISH WEST INDIES TREATY RATIFIED

BILL ESTABLISHING PERMANENT CENSUS BUREAU ALSO PASSES THE SENATE, AMENDED TO INCLUDE MONTHLY COTTON BULLETINS.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The bill to repeal the war revenue taxes was today passed unanimously by the house, 278 members voting aye.

A large attendance crowded the house and galleries today in anticipation of a debate on the bill for the repeal of the war revenue taxes. Mr. Dalzell presented a special rule for consideration of the bill and that it should be brought to vote at 4 o'clock tomorrow. Mr. Underwood of Alabama protested against the rule, not because, he said, it provided for the consideration of a bill to reduce taxation, but because it prevented individual members from exercising their own judgment or carrying out the wishes of their constituents as to what portion of excessive taxes should be repealed.

As an instance of tax which it was not advisable to repeal he cited the inheritance tax, a tax which, he said, was levied on a class that was not reached by other taxation. Mr. Underwood said he did not think a general tariff revision should be made, because it would unsettle present conditions and might lead to disorder. He referred to the stagnation of business which existed pending the enactment of both the Wilson and Dingley bills. He thought the proper method of reducing duties at this time was through reciprocity agreements.

He had read the amendment representing his ideas in this particular. Mr. Ball of Texas denounced the rule as but another step in preliminary evolution by which individualism in the House is being crushed out.

Mr. Ball said it was reported in the papers that the president had been converted to the idea that the "iron-hand" was necessary to prevent a wholesale revision of the tariff.

Mr. Babcock (Wis.) said he did not believe in complicating the repeal bill with other tariff matters, but at the first opportunity he would press his measure to amend the steel schedule.

Mr. Hay (Va.) said the rule was such a display of cowardice as has never been seen in the house. The bill would be debated and amended in the senate.

Mr. Cannon (Ill.) argued in favor of the adoption of the rule in order that the war taxes might be repealed.

Mr. Richardson (Tenn.) said there were many republicans who were restive under the demand of their constituents for a revision of some of the tariff schedules. Mr. Babcock's excuse, he said, was lame and he could not go back to his constituents and explain. He lost his opportunity, continued Mr. Richardson, after voting for this rule.

Mr. Dalzell, closing the debate, said that in 1894 the democrats of the house, then in majority, under a rule swallowed 694 amendments to the Wilson tariff bill after two hours' debate.

Mr. Richardson offered a motion to recommit the rule. After rather a sharp tilt between the speaker and Mr. Richardson, the speaker sustained a point of order against the motion. Mr.

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Richardson appealed from the decision and upon a roll call the chair was sustained, 165 to 132. The rule was adopted, 158 to 120.

Thereupon Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, arose, saying: "I arise to make a request for unanimous consent. In view of the fact that we are not permitted to amend the pending bill, and in view of the fact that today's debate is absolutely fruitless under this rule, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be put upon its passage now." (Applause on both sides.)

The speaker put the request. Members looked at each other with amazement. Not a sound was heard. "There is no objection," announced the speaker as he brought his gavel down. "The clerk will read the bill." Both sides of the house joined in the ringing applause that followed. The clerk then began to read the bill.

The verbal committee amendments to the bill were agreed to and the yeas and nays were taken on its passage. At 2:50 p. m. the house adjourned.

In the Senate. Washington, Feb. 17.—The unanimous ratification of the treaty providing for the purchase of the Danish West Indies and the passage of the bill establishing a permanent census bureau were the only important proceedings of the senate at today's session. An amendment offered by Tillman to the census bureau bill requiring the issuing of monthly bulletins from October till March of cotton reports collected from ginneries was adopted despite opposition by Allison who contended that the agricultural bureau published information in regard to cotton accurately and effectively.

PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS HOBSON'S RETIREMENT

BILL PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO SENATE IN LINE WITH HIS SUGGESTIONS.

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt sent a message to congress today recommending the retirement of Captain Hobson. Roosevelt's message referred to the optical affliction with which Hobson is suffering. It reviews Hobson's efforts to be relieved and quotes from a letter from Hobson to Long asking for special legislation authorizing his retirement, and says in consideration of the gallant services rendered by Hobson he recommends the enactment of a suitable measure of relief.

The message was referred to the naval committee together with a bill introduced by Senator Gallinger carrying into effect the recommendations of the president, by authorizing Hobson's transfer to the retired list on account of disabilities resulting from faithful service.

TO INVESTIGATE SUFFRAGE ABRIDGEMENT

HOUSE CAUCUS CALLS FOR INQUIRY BY A SELECT COMMITTEE.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The caucus of the house republicans tonight adopted a modified form of the Crumpacker resolution providing for an investigation as to whether in certain states the right of suffrage is abridged except for crime. The resolution as adopted was outlined in one direction by Dick of Ohio, and Crumpacker support of the resolution in the amendment form tonight and it was unanimously adopted.

The resolution provides that the committee on rules shall report a rule for the appointment of a committee to investigate the subject and report but does not authorize the committee to draft a bill and does not bind the republicans to support the committee's action.

WHITNEY SEES FOR HIMSELF NO PRESIDENTIAL HOPE

New York, Feb. 17.—William C. Whitney left for his southern home in Alken, S. C., today. Before his departure he was shown a copy of a Detroit journal which contained an article by ex-Postmaster General Dickinson booming him for the presidency. Whitney said he appreciated Dickinson's suggestions as to his availability for the presidency but he added: "I must be permitted to say that Mr. Dickinson's suggestion is almost absurd if not ridiculous."

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HOW THE PRINCE WILL BE FETED

OFFICIAL PROGRAM AND ITINERARY OF HIS TWO AND A HALF WEEKS VISIT.

Henry Will Have Little Time for Rest From February 22 Until March 11.

A DOZEN CITIES WILL GIVE HIM GREETING

WILL DINE AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE MONDAY FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK—LAUNCHING OF YACHT ON TUESDAY.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Dr. Hill, for the president and delegates, today made public the general program and itinerary of the visits of his royal highness, Prince Henry of Prussia, covering the period of time from Saturday, February 22, to Tuesday, March 11, 1902. As it now stands the itinerary and program is declared by the president's delegates to be final. It is as follows:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Arrival in New York harbor, probably about noon, on Kron Prinz Wilhelm of the North German Lloyd line. Admiral Evans, commanding the special squadron, will meet the steamer at Quarantine station and conduct his royal highness, Prince Henry of Prussia, with his suite, to the Hohenzollern, where the president's delegates will extend greetings. Exchanges of official visits during the afternoon. Prince Henry and his suite will attend the Irving Place Theatre, and return to the Hohenzollern for the night.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
In the morning religious services on board the Hohenzollern. If the weather is favorable, a visit to the tomb of Gen. Grant in the afternoon. Private entertainment by Deutscher Verein. Leave for Washington in the evening by special train on the Pennsylvania railroad.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Short stop at Baltimore at 9 a. m. Arrival at Washington at 10:20 a. m. Military escort from the Pennsylvania railroad station to the white house, and hence to the German embassy. The president will return the visit of the prince at noon. Visit of the commissioners of the District of Columbia and brief address of welcome. Visits of ambassadors and ministers. Visit to the capitol at 4 p. m. Dinner at the white house at 8 p. m. After the dinner the prince will return to New York by special train. Departure of the president and his party for Jersey City.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Departure of the prince and his suite and of the president and his party from Jersey City for the shipyards of the Townsend-Downey Shipbuilding company, at Shooter's Island. Launching of the yacht of the German emperor at 10:30 a. m. Luncheon to the president on board the Hohenzollern at 1 p. m. Military escort to receive the prince at the custom house wharf, Battery, where he will land at 3:30 p. m., and proceed to the city hall. Visit of the prince to the mayor of New York, and presentation of the freedom of the city at city hall at 4 p. m. Dinner of the mayor of New York at 6:30 p. m. Gala opera at the Metropolitan opera house after dinner.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Luncheon with representatives of commerce and industry at 12:30 p. m. Sightseeing in New York in the afternoon. Torchlight concert at the Arion club at 8:30 p. m. Banquet of the press of the United States at 8 p. m. Special ferry to the Pennsylvania railroad at midnight and journey to Washington.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Arrival of the prince at Washington and escort to the German embassy. Memorial exercises to President McKinley in the house of representatives, the prince and his suite attending. Visit in the afternoon to Mt. Vernon.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Visit to Annapolis in the forenoon. Luncheon at Annapolis at noon. (Continued on fourth page.)

PRESIDENT'S JUDGMENT IN THE SCHLEY CASE

Against Schley on the Brooklyn Loop Incident and the Hodgson Colloquy—Sampson Was Commander in Chief.

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt's review of the Schley case is in the printer's hands and will probably be published Wednesday. It consists of 2500 words. The substance of the president's comments is known to a number of public men, to whom the review has read or outlined them. There is a general feeling among these men that Roosevelt's reasonings and conclusions will satisfy fair minded people.

The main points covered by the president's review is Schley's treatment of Ltut. Commander Hodgson and the famous Brooklyn loop. All other matters are subordinate to these, even the question of command.

President Roosevelt regards the question of command as having been settled by President McKinley's nomination of Sampson for advancement over Schley. He disposes of the contention that Schley directed the movements of the warships in the battle, declaring that no orders came from Schley. Schley's treatment of Hodgson is regarded by the president as lacking in honor and fairness, and what he says on

this subject will be anything but pleasant. He especially dwells on Schley's suppression of the letter by Hodgson setting the latter right with regard to the colloquy between himself and Schley. This colloquy as printed indicated that Schley was timid about approaching the enemy's ships and that in haste to avoid them he was reckless of the danger of collision with the Texas. Roosevelt regards the statement as to Hodgson as anything except the conduct of an officer and a gentleman.

In regard to the loop the president expressed the belief that Schley acted courageously in the battle up to the point where he gave orders for the loop. Then, Roosevelt holds, Schley lost his nerve, faltered and turned away from the Spanish ships, when he should have gone toward them. Very little consideration is given by the president to the allegations against the conduct of Schley prior to the battle. He disposes of them by holding that Sampson and the navy department condoned these offenses by not calling Schley to account for them at the time and in recommending Schley to be advanced for his services.

RIOTERS SHOT DOWN BY SPANISH TROOPS

Madrid, Feb. 17.—A strike of the workmen in Barcelona has enforced the idleness of 80,000. There was serious rioting today. Troops charged the rioters killing ten and wounding 65. Martial law has been proclaimed.

FUNSTON EXPECTS TO LEAVE HOSPITAL TODAY

Kansas City, Feb. 17.—General Funston dressed himself today for the first time since he was operated on a fortnight ago. He expects to leave the hospital tomorrow.

Chinese Minister Dead.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Yang Yu, Chinese minister to Russia, is dead.

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