

REVISION BILL BEFORE HOUSE

Democratic Measure as Amended in Caucus Is Reintroduced for Consideration and Debate.

DECIDE TO ALLOW SENATORS HEARINGS

Those Opposed to Free Sugar and Wool Will Be Permitted to State Case Before House.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—The democratic tariff bill, as amended by the house caucus, was reintroduced in the house today and will be called up for general debate immediately.

A resolution offered in the caucus would limit debate to eight legislative days, the number of amendments to each schedule to two, and permit only two amendments to the bill as a whole.

Should that resolution pass, it is estimated that at least three weeks will be required for house consideration of the bill.

With the reintroduction of the bill today views of the minority attacking it were presented to the house by Representative Szeno Payne and his republican colleagues of the ways and means committee.

The entire ways and means committee will meet late today to formally pass on the bill and the majority report by Representative Underwood probably will be made to the house tomorrow.

Chairman Underwood, reintroducing the bill today, did not make any statement of changes by the caucus. Among these were the placing on the free list of shoe machinery, cream separators, buckwheat and rice, and the extension of the income tax exemption to savings banks not conducted for profit.

The entire committee will make its formal report to the house tomorrow with the minority report from the republicans.

President Wilson told callers today he believed the low rates of the tariff bill were justified even though not permitting of many further cuts for reciprocity agreements.

Democrats of the committee decided today to grant hearings to senators in opposition to free wool and free sugar. Senator Newland requested the hearings and told the committee probably senators would appear.

(By Associated Press) New York, April 21.—A bomb-throwing which nearly wrecked the four-story brownstone building of the Pocommet club, a Tammany organization, early today is charged by the police against unknown political enemies of Nicholas J. Hayes, for 20 years the Tammany leader of the 25th assembly district.

The bomb, heavily charged with dynamite and tightly wound, with wire, was thrown into a basement hall where it exploded with such force that every window in that and some adjoining buildings was broken, part of one floor torn up and the plaster of all four ceilings of the club house shaken down.

WOULD ABROGATE ENGLISH TREATIES

Joint Resolution Is Introduced Which May Force Immediate Consideration of Canal Tolls Question, Which Wilson Strove to Keep in Abeyance.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—A joint resolution to abrogate the Hay-Pauncefote and Clayton-Bulwer treaties, on which Great Britain is basing her protests against the Panama canal act, was introduced today by Senator Chamberlain and referred to the foreign relations committee.

Washington, April 21.—Abrogation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which preceded it, is the object of a joint resolution prepared today for presentation to the senate and reference to the foreign relations committee.

Upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, Great Britain bases her protests against free passage for American ships in the Panama canal.

Senator Chamberlain explained that while the Clayton-Bulwer treaty had been superseded by the existing Hay-Pauncefote treaty he included it in his resolution for abrogation upon the theory that were the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to be abrogated alone, Great Britain might re-base her claims upon the old treaty with the contention that the abrogation of its successor still left it in force.

One result of the resolution will probably be to hasten the definition of the attitude of the administration toward the whole question of the exemption of American shipping from the tolls in the Panama canal which, it is understood, President Wilson intended to keep in the background until the tariff legislation has passed towards a conclusion in the house.

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RATE PROPOSAL IS ANALYZED

Experts Declare the State's Proposition Would Reduce the Freight Total by Three Million.

BUSINESS INCREASE WILL OFFSET LOSS

Assert the Traffic Increase Would More than Compensate Lines for their Apparent Loss.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, April 21.—That the actual reduction in revenue by accepting the proposition submitted by the state would be only \$3,222,409 for the Southern railway, the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line and that these reductions would be more than compensated for in the natural increase of freight business are facts that cannot be disputed, according to information gathered at the office of the North Carolina corporation commission.

So when the representatives return to Raleigh on Tuesday, April 23, for the purpose of giving their final reply to the suggestion of the special rate commission and the corporation commission they will face a situation that they must know has been worked out by experts.

Whether the railroads will seek to continue to batten on North Carolina, while saving neighboring states reasonable freight rates, will be determined at the third conference. Opinions differ as to whether the railroads will do the right thing by North Carolina, some pessimists saying that the bright attorneys of the roads have learned just what this state can do and will not concede anything, while the more optimistic claim that the carriers will recognize the justice of the North Carolina claims and act accordingly.

A 33 Per Cent Reduction. The proposition submitted by the state calls for a reduction of approximately 33 per cent on interstate shipments into North Carolina. In other words, what the commission has asked for is approximately the same rate applying on the main line of the Southern railway between Lynchburg and Washington. It must be taken into consideration also that the density of traffic is greater in North Carolina than in Virginia and that the earnings of the railroads are much larger.

The fact of the business is that in Virginia the railroads make only a reasonable profit on the freight haul, whereas in North Carolina great profits on freight are made.

An analysis of the earnings and tonnage of the Southern railway, Seaboard Air Line, and Atlantic Coast Line in North Carolina on interstate freight business for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, shows that the combined income from this source was \$17,188,852. Of this total, the Southern earned \$8,375,213, the Seaboard \$3,897,509, and the Coast Line \$4,916,030.

A cut of 33 per cent in the earnings of these three roads would on its face lend color to the declaration of the railroads that it would revolutionize the traffic and impair the revenues of the carriers, but one-fourth of this business would not be affected because it either originates from the south or passes entirely through the state. This would leave \$12,891,629 in earnings affected and, as much of the freight is in commodities not reduced, the reduction would amount in fact to only 25 per cent of \$12,000,000, or \$3,222,409.

Providing there were no increase in the freight traffic this would seem to be a pretty fair sum for three roads to lose a year. But the facts are that the rates prevailing in North Carolina have not been changed since 1889 and that the traffic and earnings of these three roads have increased since that time 150 per cent. In order to do the Southern railway full justice, it may be said that its lines have been doubled since 1889 and that the increase so far as it is concerned was a natural growth. The Southern's increase, however, has been more than 100 per cent on its lines.

The tonnage of the Seaboard Air Line has increased during the past 10 years 134 per cent. The tonnage of the Atlantic Coast Line during the same period has increased 100 per cent. The earnings of the Seaboard for the past six months—since its last annual report—have increased \$170,566 over the earnings of the corresponding period a year before, or 3.17 per cent for six months. The increase for this year would, therefore, be over seven per cent.

The freight earnings of the Coast Line for the past six months have been \$245,000 more than for the corresponding period a year ago, or a percentage of 5.42. For the year this would make an increase of 11 per cent approximately.

The Southern railway has fared even better, its freight earnings for the past six months increasing \$660,000 over the corresponding period a year ago, or a percentage of 8.82. Should its business continue to increase the percentage would be 13 for the year.

With these things taken into consideration, it is almost inconceivable that the railroads can resist the proposition offered by the state, declare persons

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JAPANESE FEELING NOW LESS INTENSE

Government Suppresses Agitators Who Clamor for War—Opposition Group Seeks to Embarrass Administration by Arousing Sentiment for the Conflict.

By Associated Press. Sacramento, Cal., April 21.—It was said today by administration leaders in the legislature that a definite agreement to enact an anti-alien law directed solely against the Japanese and exempting all foreigners "eligible to citizenship in the United States" had been reached and would be carried out this week.

Tokio, April 21.—The chagrined, disappointed and wounded pride of Japan, which last week were vented in militant talk by irresponsible people, have become somewhat modified. The entire Japanese nation now awaits with intense and evident anxiety the outcome of the deliberations in reference to the California alien land holding bill proceeding at Sacramento.

Governmental and commercial forces of Japan are using their utmost exertions in endeavoring to restrain the agitators here. They point out that the real influences in Japan rely confidently on the highest thought and the highest influences in the United States. They assert there is not a single responsible person in either country who even dreams of war.

It is becoming increasingly evident that the agitation in Japan is largely inspired by a political group seeking to embarrass the Japanese government and putting forward the American land question to rouse national feeling and hide their real purpose. Those newspapers which caused the

war talk among the "hotheads" are now advocating a more dignified and conservative attitude and expressing the hope that the citizens of California will spare Japan indignity and the United States embarrassment.

Huel Nakano, chairman of the Tokio chamber of commerce, has called a meeting of the Japanese society to unite for the purpose of offsetting the extremists.

Washington, April 21.—The situation arising over the pending alien land laws of California, construed by Japan as discriminatory, was practically unchanged here today. Officials were awaiting developments in California.

President Wilson told some of his callers that his whole thought was that there should be no discrimination against the Japanese. Laws embodying features of the so-called "senate bill" pending at Sacramento have been in force in various states and have not been objected to.

Determined to Exclude Orientals. San Francisco, April 21.—Unless the California legislature enacts an anti-alien bill, it will be asked to prepare and submit to the voters at the next election a constitutional amendment dealing with the question, according to an announcement made here today by the Asiatic Exclusion league. If that plan fails, the league says it will invoke the initiative to bring the question before the public.

The real test will come, probably this week, when President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo will be asked by Senators Simmons and Overman to name Colonel A. D. Watts as collector for the western district of North Carolina. Colonel Watts is considered by those opposing his nomination a distinct reactionary.

Those who have protested against the appointment of the Iredell man have made their fight against him upon the ground that he is not a progressive and has opposed legislation known to be favored by President Wilson.

Watts' endorsement by North Carolina democrats is considered the strongest ever brought to Washington. The batch of papers which will be taken to the White House and treasury department cannot be carried by either or both the North Carolina senators. It will be necessary to hire a cab to transport the papers to the executive offices. If president Wilson refuses to recognize Col. Watts, there can be no doubt as to the attitude of the administration. The result is awaited with interest.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, as has already been stated in these dispatches, is opposing Watts with all his might. Carey Dowd of Charlotte is favored by Mr. Daniels as the man to beat Watts, but it is thought if Mr. Daniels defeats the Iredell man he will have to bring forward a man more pronounced in his progressive views than has been evidenced by the Charlotte publisher.

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TEST EXPECTED WITHIN WEEK

Senators Are to Haul Watts' Endorsements for Collection in a Cab to the White House.

EVEN DOWD MAY NOT BE "PROGRESSIVE" ENOUGH

President Desires Party Harmony, but Price He Will Give for It Has Its Limits.

Gazette-News Bureau. Wyatt Building, Washington, April 21.—Evidence is accumulating that President Wilson meant exactly what he said some time before his inauguration when he told the public, "only progressives need apply," referring to the jobs and the influence at his disposal.

The "turndown" of the John Walter Smith faction in favor of the progressive democracy of Maryland; the willingness which he is lending to the vigorous anti-Tamm campaign in New York, which is being carried right into the heart of Tammany power; the recognition of the radical wing of the party in Kentucky, as shown in the appointment of Henry Clay Breckenridge as assistant secretary of war, all are significant indications of a definite policy on the part of the president.

The appointment of H. McL. Green for postmaster of Wilmington is not considered the real test of progressive strength in North Carolina. It is true that had not President Wilson and one of his cabinet members taken a hand in the fight, Green would not have been named.

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TOTAL OF MORGAN ESTATE UNKNOWN

One Estimate 125 Million—No Information on Art Treasures' Disposition.

By Associated Press. New York, April 21.—Interest in the will of J. P. Morgan, made public yesterday, centered today in the question of the value of the financier's estate and in what disposition his son would make of the vast collection of Morgan art treasures.

Less than \$20,000,000 was accounted for in the specific bequests made by Mr. Morgan, the remainder being the residuary portion left to the son without mention of the amount.

Some estimates made today placed the total estate as high as \$125,000,000, but according to a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., not even the son himself can tell within many millions the actual value of the fortune. Until appraised by the state for the purpose of collecting the inheritance tax the question probably will remain open.

J. P. Morgan declined today to say anything in regard to the disposition of the art treasures, but it was intimated that he might make a statement sometime this week. The treasures were left to the son with the hope that "he will be able in such a manner as he thinks best, to make a permanent disposition or dispositions of them, or such portions of them as will be a substantial carrying out of the intentions which I have cherished to tender them permanently available for the pleasure and instruction of the American people."

Mr. Morgan's will was filed for probate his morning.

CLUB WOMEN GATHER IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

About 500 Expected to Attend Meeting of the National Federation.

(By Associated Press) Washington, April 21.—From all quarters of the United States, club women poured into the capital today, delegates to the annual convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. It was estimated at registration headquarters that more than 500 women, representing more than that number of women's organizations, would announce their arrival before noon tomorrow.

The meeting tonight will be mainly social. Henry W. Coudon will deliver the invocation and Mrs. Wm. E. Andrews, president of the federation of the District of Columbia, will welcome the delegates. Mrs. Percy Y. Pennypacker of Texas, the national president, will respond. Mrs. Albin Fellows Bacon, then will read a paper on "housing reform."

A reception will follow. The conclusion will last throughout the week. President and Mrs. Wilson will greet the delegates at the White House tomorrow.

HALF MILLION OUT IN BELGIUM NOW

Strikers' Ranks Enlarging—Assembly of Deputies May Bring Settlement.

(By Associated Press) Brussels, April 21.—The general strike for equal suffrage in Belgium entered on its second week with the strikers' ranks unbroken, in fact, strengthened by the adhesion of added recruits, bringing their total up to nearly 500,000 according to socialist computations.

A cheerful spirit prevails among the working classes who feel that the government will be obliged to yield at least to the compromise suggested by the liberal leaders. This provides that the equalization of the parliamentary franchise immediately shall be taken up for consideration.

Cabinet ministers are determined not to surrender if the government still commands a majority of the chamber of deputies when it reassembles tomorrow.

The socialist national convention meets on Wednesday to discuss the situation.

Acts of violence continue to be rare and are in most cases attributed to other causes than the strike.

Troops Cheer for Strike. Leige, Belgium, April 21.—A detachment of the civil guard called out for the preservation of order this morning cheered a gathering of the strikers here. The local police expostulated, upon which the guardsmen shouted even louder, "hurrah for the strike," much to the amusement of the authorities and to the amusement of a large body of strikers. The guardsmen were later persuaded to return to their homes, after being dismissed from duty.

Deserting Soldiers Kill Pursuer. Fontaine L'Évêque, Belgium, April 21.—Two Belgian soldiers who were on guard as a steel mill protecting the property against the possibility of an outbreak by strikers, left their posts today, carrying their rifles with them. They were pursued by a military patrol, which was about to capture them when both deserters fired, killing one of the pursuers. The pair then escaped into a forest.

All the troops in the garrison were immediately drawn off from strike duty and sent in search of the fugitives.

SHIPYARD DESTROYED

Million Dollars Loss Sustained from Blaze in Plant in New York Bay.

(By Associated Press) New York, April 21.—A million dollars loss is estimated for a fire which destroyed the Old Shooters' Island shipyard in the Kill von Kull, near Staten Island in New York bay, early today. The plant was purchased a few years ago by the Standard Oil company, which used it during the winter for the reconstruction of many of its tank ships and tugs.

The German shipyard yacht Meteor was built at the Shooters Island yard in 1902 when many celebrities, including Prince Henry of Prussia, President Roosevelt and others attended the launching.

Besides sweeping the yard today the fire burned to the water's edge the large transfer ferry express of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, the ferryboat Fordham, a barge and two schooners.

DR. VINES ACCEPTS CALL TO CHARLOTTE

(By Associated Press) St. Joseph, Mo., April 21.—Dr. William M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church here, today accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Charlotte, N. C.

KIDNAPED CHILD AT LAST IS FOUND

Robert Dunbar of Opelousas Recovered and Man Is Lodged in Jail.

(By Associated Press) Columbia, Miss., April 21.—Robert Dunbar, the 8 years old child who was kidnaped at the home of his parents near Opelousas, La., last August, has been found and identified by Mr. Dunbar, the father, according to a statement made at the sheriff's office here today.

A man giving his name as W. C. Walters was placed in jail here shortly after midnight, charged with kidnaping the child.

Mr. Dunbar has the child in his possession and while he is positive in his identification, he today telegraphed Mrs. Dunbar to come here and see the child. Mr. Dunbar stated that his identification was made by means of certain scars and marks on the child's body.

Walters, who travels about the country in a wagon repairing clocks and stoves, stated that a widow in North Carolina gave him the child more than a year ago. He was questioned closely by Mr. Dunbar about his movements since last August and it is claimed made several contradictory statements.

Walters was arrested here two weeks ago, but told what appeared to be a reasonable story about the child and was released. Mr. Dunbar was notified, however, and came here to make a personal investigation. He found the child had been left with a man named Wallace in West Columbia. After identifying the child, he and several deputies set out in search of Walters, whom they located near Morgantown, about 12 miles north of Columbia.

The Dunbars and their friends have spent several thousand dollars in search for the missing child and several months ago offered a large reward for his recovery. Numerous ransoms have been arrested in this and other states suspected of being implicated in the kidnaping because in each case they were accompanied by a child.

COMMISSION ORGANIZES AND TAKES A RECESS

All Members Present to Begin Consideration of Constitutional Amendment.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, April 21.—With every member in his seat, the commission on constitutional amendment met at noon today and heard a short address by the governor. A. M. Scales of Greensboro was elected chairman, J. B. Chesire, jr., of Raleigh clerk, and the committee recessed until 3 o'clock so that the committee on rules could report. The chairman named Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge and Representatives Page, Doughton and Devine and D. Y. Cooper to this committee.

Representative Haymere, progressive, moved that the governor be invited to address the body at any time. Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, delivers the commencement address of Peace Institute on May 21. The commencement will be by Dr. Robert Burwell Felton of Virginia.

IMPROVEMENT IN POPE'S CONDITION CONTINUES

Pontiff's Progress so Satisfactory that Physicians Will Stop Issuing Bulletins.

(By Associated Press) Rome, April 21.—Pope Pius continued today on the road to convalescence. A brief bulletin to this effect was issued by Doctors Marchisiani and Amici at the Vatican this morning, with the announcement that the pontiff's condition was so satisfactory that there would be no further bulletins published as to his condition.

The pope this morning was in much better spirits and felt stronger. He still suffered somewhat from coughing. As the day was sunny, the pontiff was allowed to rise and sit in an arm-chair in front of the closed window. For the first time since his last relapse the pope was able to look into the Plaza di Pietro, which was alive with people. When he saw that a large number of flags were flying, he asked the reason and was informed that today was the anniversary of the foundation of Rome, 2563 years ago.

"Cities grow with age while men decline," remarked the pope. The physicians and attendants of the pope are taking the greatest precautions to prevent him from any exertion just now, as any activity on his part is still regarded as dangerous. The pontiff, however, is eager to begin work again and often insists that Monsignor Bressani and Mr. Pescini, his private secretaries, read him the most important of the letters which accumulated during his illness.

The betterment of his health was so marked today that Prof. Marchisiani permitted him a change of diet. The patient's luncheon consisted of rice cooked in the Venetian way, a small piece of chicken breast and half a glass of old Bordeaux.

DAUGHTERS' COMMITTEE WILL BE NAMED TODAY

Members of Organization Interested in Board of Management Decisions.

(By Associated Press) Washington, April 21.—Many women were on the anxious seat today in anticipation of the meeting of the national board of management of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for it is expected that the board, before it adjourns late this afternoon, will have named the important committees that will serve throughout the coming year. There are many aspirants for the honor of committee appointments.

Mrs. Cummings Story, the new president general of the society, went over the situation with some members of the board yesterday but the decision, if any was reached, was not divulged. There is considerable other business to be disposed of, but the committee organization is regarded as the most important.

MANN UNDER KNIFE

Governor of Virginia Borne on Stretcher from State Mansion to Hospital.

(By Associated Press) Richmond Va., April 21.—Governor Mann's attack of appendicitis which it was thought would yield to treatment without an operation came to such a stage today that his physicians decided to operate at once. The governor was borne upon a stretcher from the state mansion to memorial hospital, a block away.

OAK RIDGE TEAM HERE TO PLAY MOUNTAINEERS

Latter Returned from Knoxville Yesterday—League Season Opens This Week.

The Mountaineers returned from Knoxville yesterday, after defeating the Knoxville team three times, making five consecutive victories that the Asheville team has taken from the Tennesseans. The Mountaineers leave here Wednesday to play the first game of the Carolina season, with Winston-Salem, and will remain there for three games, and will then go to Charlotte, returning here for the first game in Asheville on May 1, which will be played with the Greensboro Patriots.

The Oak Ridge team is here for two games, this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon, with the Mountaineers at Oates park. These are the last games that the local team will play before beginning the regular season.

Lynchburg News Plant Burned.

(By Associated Press) Lynchburg, Va., April 21.—The Lynch