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TARIFF CONCESSIONS BUT NO REVISION.

The Republican party's protective tariff policy is based on the claim that it protects, encourages and builds up American industries and gives work and living prices to the laborers of the country.

When the people are demanding a revision of the present out of date tariff, a great part of the demand coming even from Republicans, the leaders of the Republican party are bent on making no concessions in reducing the burdens of the Dingley tariff.

Despite the efforts of the Democrats, therefore, the stand pat programme will be carried out by the Republicans through this Congress, but just what the Republican party proposes to do in the way of revision will possibly, but not probably, be made known in their national platform next year.

Before the Committee on Military Affairs at Washington, General Brooke testified that Gen. Leonard Wood had a pull with the Santiago papers and induced them to attack Brooke's administration.

Once when a province was seized and added to the Indian Empire, the British General who did the land grabbing justified it by saying: "It was a necessary and salutary piece of raciality."

A Charlotte man has written a book entitled "How to Manage a Husband." If he knows anything about the subject he learned it from his wife.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Speaker Cannon Announced Committee. His Treatment of the Minority Sharply Criticized.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Speaker Cannon today completed the organization of the House by announcing committees, so that when the House reconvenes Monday it will be ready to proceed at once with general legislation.

At the request of Mr. Williams, the minority leader, an hour was given to general debate, during the course of which Mr. DeArmond, Democrat of Missouri, criticized the numerical representation accorded the minority on the important committees.

When the Speaker brought down the gavel to day, upon the adoption of the motion to adjourn, he merely announced that the House stood adjourned.

Mr. DeArmond said that on each of the sixteen most important committees, each of which is composed of seven members, the Republicans have eleven members and the Democrats six. This, he said, was unjust and unfair, and was an outrage to a minority which he said is entitled to a larger representation.

Mr. Payne related the criticisms of the committee assignments made by Mr. DeArmond. He reviewed the record to show that the Speaker had not departed from precedents.

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Averages of the Associated Banks.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows:

Loans, \$88,000,000; increase, \$1,100,000; deposits, \$48,000,000; increase, \$1,348,000; circulation, \$45,058,100; increase, \$31,600; legal tenders, \$65,418,800; increase, \$1,146,800; specie, \$151,611,000; decrease, \$629,600; reserve, \$217,000,000; increase, \$17,300; reserve required, \$10,738,100; increase, \$337,100; surplus, \$6,305,300; increase, \$150,100; E-U, \$8,500,000; increase, \$13,500,000; increase, \$177,950.

STILL HARD ASHORE.

Wreckers Have Contracted to Float the Torpedo Boat Moccasin.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 5.—The submarine torpedo boat Moccasin is still hard ashore near Currituck, according to advices over the coast wires tonight.

The Merritt and Chapman Wrecking Company has contracted with the government to float the stranded vessel at a cost, it is said, of \$7,500. This company will also have the assistance of government vessels, probably the Yankton and Vixen, which are yet at the scene of the wreck.

Wrecked Newbern Bank.

Judge Moore has appointed W. B. Blades trustee of the wrecked Farmers and Merchants' Bank at Newbern.

The directors and stockholders agree to pay off all uncontested claims in 30 days from date, and all contested claims in 30 days after their legality is proved. Cashier Dewey's stealings are found to amount to \$110,000. The liabilities exceed the assets by \$30,000. Stockholders and directors will have to pay out considerable of their own money.

An enterprising citizen of Greensboro has "rigged up" a portable steam engine and saw and goes all over town saving on wood for fifty cents a cord.

Wouldn't something "just like that" pay in Wilmington?

A dispatch from Greensboro under date of December 3rd, says: Messrs. George Gould, and his two sons, Kingston and Jay, and Perry Lorrillard, the millionaire snuff manufacturer, are at Mr. George Gould's lodge, near the city, on a hunting trip.

Members of the party paid the \$10 tax required on non-resident hunters and said that they thought the protection of birds a most excellent law. Up to the present time more than 100 non-resident hunters have taken out licenses in this county.

Greensboro Record, December 4th: Mr. Charles W. Tate, who resides on Guilford Battle Ground avenue, just beyond the city water works, was the victim of a painful accident yesterday afternoon.

He was out hunting near Reedy Ford and a colored boy was with him carrying his ducking gun for him. The boy was walking along a few feet behind Mr. Tate when he slipped and fell, dropping the gun, which was accidentally discharged, part of the load taking effect in Mr. Tate's right leg.

The Austrian cotton manufacturers are seriously affected by the advance in the American cotton market.

A majority of the manufacturers were entirely unprepared for the rise, carrying very small stocks, and consequently they will be obliged to restrict their output to the lowest possible amount. Some factories are expected to shut down temporarily.

Women are bound to have the last word—even if they have to turn to the last page of a book first—Chicago News.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Dispensary Advocates Have Secured Required Number of Signatures for Election.

A POSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Nothing Will Be Done Until After Holidays and Liquor Dealers Will Get Another Term—No High-License Compromise—Message.

Positive announcement was made to a representative of this paper last night that considerably more than the required number of signatures to a petition asking for the calling of a dispensary election in Wilmington had been secured by the Anti-Saloon League.

The petition, however, will not be presented to the Board of Aldermen for action until after the holidays when it is proposed to inaugurate the campaign against saloons in earnest. There was a report on the streets yesterday that the petition would be submitted to the Aldermen to-morrow night, but such will not be the case, according to a dispensary leader with whom a reporter for this paper talked last night.

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COTTON MILLS CURTAILING.

View of the Market Situation from a Careful Study of the Conditions.

(Communicated.)

It has been announced that a convention will be held by the Southern cotton mills looking to the curtailment of output until the next crop of cotton is available. It is understood that curtailment is necessary by reason of the fact that mills cannot sell manufactured products on a parity of costs with raw material.

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FINANCES OF THE STATE.

Report by the Auditor—St. Louis Exhibit.

Board of Agriculture.

(Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 5.—A statement issued by the Auditor shows the condition of the State's general fund at the close of the fiscal year Nov. 30, to be: Receipts, \$3,339,043.50; disbursements, \$3,301,043.31; balance, \$138,000.19. Educational fund: Receipts, \$150,000.00; disbursements, \$130,799.88; balance, \$50,200.12.

A report to the State Board of Agriculture from the Governor shows \$7,500 in hand toward the \$10,000 to be raised by subscription to make the State appropriation of \$10,000 for the St. Louis Exposition available.

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ROOSEVELT AND HANNA.

A Conference that Aroused Keenest Interest Among Senators and Representatives in Congress.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Senator Hanna's conference with the President last night aroused the keenest interest among senators and representatives in Congress and among politicians generally.

It can be said that at last night's conference only incidental reference was made to matters of concern to the Republican national committee.

As to Perry S. Heath's connection with the national committee as secretary, it is understood that the President does not care to assume a position. Mr. Heath is an officer of the committee and the President thinks the committee amply qualified to take care of its own affairs without further aid from him.

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