

ONE of the best speeches which has so far been delivered on the Payne tariff bill...

In the course of his speech, Mr. Pou showed that the Payne bill is a worse measure than the present Dingley law...

Mr. Pou's attack on the proposed duty on woolen goods was especially scathing. He showed that here was the opportunity to help the consumers...

The speaker further pointed out the unfair discrimination against the South in taxing jute bagging with which cotton is baled at five cents a bale...

The reduction of the lumber duty is but another illustration of broken promises by Republican politicians. On every stump in North Carolina Republican speakers declared that should Democrats get control of Congress the tariff on lumber would be reduced...

THE attempt of the Washington authorities to remove the proprietors and certain of the editors of the New York World and the Indianapolis News to Washington and there try them for libel under the English common law as it was in 1662 is not received with favor by the best lawyers or newspapers of the country...

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., March 26.

Representative Champ Clark, the minority leader, has made his long looked-for speech on the Payne tariff bill and some parts of his arraignment made the Republicans squirm. He pointed out that except for a few commodities which have been put on the free list the rates were one and a half per cent higher in the Payne bill than in the Dingley bill.

Mr. Clark said he was confident that if the House were afforded an opportunity to vote on the question it would take the tax off of tea and increase the tax on beer, an opinion which apparently is shared by the Republican leaders for they are plotting to secure the adoption of a rule which will make it impossible for the members to secure a vote on any amendment whatever unless it is first reported by the ways and means committee which Speaker Cannon named and which, of course, he dominates.

The President has given notice to the Senate leaders that if they so change the bill as to make it a high protection measure or to reduce its revenue producing powers he will veto it, that he will probably recommend the adoption of a tax of 2 per cent on the dividends of all corporations except banks and a few others.

Unfortunately the Democrats in Congress are not making as good a showing as they might on the tariff bill because so many of them are urging protection for certain interests within their own districts. This makes it impossible for them to attack the protection principle of the Payne bill with the strength they could otherwise possess.

It is a surprise to many people that President Taft should have urged Governor Curry of New Mexico to retain his position as governor until his term expires. Curry resigned and with good reason, for there are serious charges against his administration in the Senate committee on Territories and, moreover, he was seriously offended at the order of the Secretary of the Interior that all territorial officials should remain in their territories instead of coming to Washington to lobby for statehood and other legislation.

The Secretary of the Interior has asked for and accepted the resignation of the Assistant Attorney General of that Department, although of course the resignation had actually to be called for by the Attorney General. This means that the all powerful influence of Gifford Pinchot, the national forester, in the Interior Department is at an end, for Assistant Attorney General Woodruff was an employee of the bureau of forestry before going to the Interior Department and his chief conception of the law was that Mr. Pinchot's word was law.

Representative Bennett, a Republican Congressman from New York, has introduced the annual Republican measure providing for the reduction of the South's representation in Congress on account of constitutional amendments restricting the negro's right to vote.

Letter From China.

The following letter was written from Hankow, China, by Ensign J. J. London to his parents here, under date of February 6th:

"We have spent our week here in Hankow and every day has been a delightful one, like spring weather. Although the ground-hog did not see his shadow on February 2d, still we don't regard the winter as being over. I have taken advantage of this fine weather by drilling my crew ashore as infantry and also as artillery. In the afternoons I have played steadily at golf which game I thoroughly enjoy and which I am beginning to play quite well. What with my recent hunting, drilling and golf playing, I have had a great deal of exercise and now feel in better physical condition than I have in years. That much I can say for duty on the Yangtze and, in addition, the fact that I have spent very little money. I am always tempted to buy various beautiful things out here but do not buy principally because I cannot get hold of my money. As we have no paymaster aboard, we can only draw money whenever we fall in with the Wilmington.

"We leave here the 8th and gradually work down the river to Shanghai, arriving there sometime after March 1st. This is our last month of hunting and we are going to make the most of it. During our last stop at Kinkiang we bought a few silver trinkets, so ridiculously cheap. I must tell you about them. Kinkiang is noted for its silversmiths. They make their own wares out of pure silver and charge about 40 per cent of the value of the silver for their work. I bought such trinkets as a lady's card case (\$2.50), belt (\$5), oiled buckle (\$80), pepper cruets (\$80), salt sellers (\$80), ash tray (\$1.20), match box case (\$80), napkin ring (\$80), one half dozen spoons (.30 each), everything pure silver. They have beautiful silver tea sets for \$24. With a heavy silver tray the set costs \$60, there being \$40 worth of silver in it. The Chinese can make almost anything and their labor is very cheap. In the Chinese foreign convent here and at Kinkiang can be bought the finest kind of embroidery and lace work in grass linen. The other day I saw a table cloth of grass linen of magnificent workmanship which sold for \$15. Such a piece could not be bought in New York for \$100.

"You have probably heard that Chinamen are great gamblers, well, they are. Every month in Hankow a syndicate holds a lottery and the prizes are large enough to make the lucky winners rich for life. A great many foreigners buy tickets in these lotteries, but you seldom hear of any prizes being won by them. Fantan is the great Chinese gambling game, but here it is against the law to play that game, so they play a game similar to our playing cards. My Chinese servant, Wong Kim, tells me he has been very lucky ashore, winning over \$200. You see the kids gambling along the water front. At Chinese New Year the head of a family gives his children a small amount with which to gamble. Often they use dice. The other day I was walking down the steps of the Bund (river bank) and I noticed several young vendors of rice cakes throwing dice. I approached the group unobserved and looked on. In a moment one of them saw me and giving the alarm grabbed his basket of cakes and ran. The others quickly followed, leaving the money on the steps. As they seemed afraid, for some reason, to come back and claim the money, I picked it up and walked on and not a word of protest came from them as each one seemed glad to escape. I suppose they imagined that I was some foreign officer of the law. The spoils of my raid consisted of six cash, amounting in all to six-tenths of a cent. I am keeping them as souvenirs. The Chinese coolies even gamble for their daily meals. Nearly every booth which sells food to them has a gambling device whereby a purchaser can either secure his food free or pay double for it. The cost of a meal is usually one cent!

"American trusts have their far-reaching arms out here. The Standard Oil Company furnishes practically all the oil out here. Their steamer flies the only American flag (merchant) on the river. The American Tobacco Company is associated here with the British Cigarette Company. They have a splendid factory in Hankow. The managers and officers are American young men most of whom are Southerners who were trained in the tobacco business in Durham. One of these gentlemen, Moore, is from Mebane. We see quite a good deal of these fellows, entertaining them on board and being entertained by them ashore. This factory makes only cigarettes and pipe tobacco. Its employees are mostly Chinese girls. It is interesting to see them leave the factory when the day's work is over. A crowd always is gathered at the factory gate to meet their friends and relatives. You might almost call some of these girls pretty, but when you look at their feet you cannot help but pity them. The practice of breaking the bones in the girls' feet when they are babies still continues in China. The feet are bound up and kept bound until they grow up. The result is that their feet are terribly deformed, being pointed and only about 3 to 4 inches long. Nothing is left of their feet but the heels, and they appear to be walking on short stilts. I hear that the Empress decreed last year that this practice should be discontinued, and the decree has generally been obeyed.

"We have just received news from Shanghai that we must be down there by February 22d in order to be present at the American ball on Washington's birthday. There we remain a month, and we are delighted with the idea. "I have every reason to be satisfied with this vessel (the Villalobos) which has a complement of 58 men. There is practically nothing to be desired more than she has already, except an ice machine. She was built for the Spaniards, from whom we bought her, but then she did not have electricity, distiller, etc., which we have since installed. We have put in a request for a gasoline engine and it has been granted. So when we are at Shanghai we will install this engine in one of our boats and will thus be better able to cope with the strong current in the Yangtze Kiang river."

Indians and Deputies Still Fighting. Oklahoma City, Okla., March 29.—A detachment of Crazy Snake's band of belligerent Indians was surrounded by deputy sheriffs this afternoon near Crazy Snake's home, and a lively battle ensued. More than 200 shots were fired and one Indian was killed. Eight Indians were captured and the remainder fled with the deputies in pursuit. There were about 50 Indians in the band, and they had taken refuge in a house. The deputies had tracked them for some distance. Advancing from all sides, the posse fired a volley at the frail house. The Indians rushed out, scattered among the trees and made a valiant defense. The posse, firing steadily, advanced and routed the band. None of those captured are seriously injured but it is said that a number of other Indians were hit with bullets. Crazy Snake's band apparently has broken up into numerous small groups. It seemed at nightfall that each Indian was trying to accomplish his own escape without regard for the grand dreams of the chieftain, to realize which they were called together Sunday by the smoke of the signal fires. All efforts at organized resistance seem to have been dropped.

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