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THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL

Message Asking for a Revision of the Philippine Tariff to Extend the Principle of a Protective Tariff for Its Industries Sent to Congress.

Washington, Special.—The President Thursday sent to Congress a special message regarding the Philippine tariff. This message transmits recommendations by the Secretary of War for a revision of the Philippine tariff so as to permit as much customs revenue as possible for the islands and at the same time to extend to the islands the principle of a protective tariff for its industries. Under the conditions which will arise from the enactment of the tariff bill pending in Congress, which provides under certain conditions for free trade between the Philippines and the United States, the revenues of the islands will be considerably affected, and numerous protests have been received here on this acount.

The message was submitted to both houses of Congress shortly after they convened. Generally speaking the bill submitted by the President makes a slight increase in the rates of duty now provided in the Philippine tariff, but its framers say its tendency is to insure as far as practicable the benefit of the Philippine market for American manufactures and products.

The President's Message.

The President's message follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives:

"I transmit herewith a communication from the Secrttary of War, enclosing one from the chief of the bureau of insular affairs, in which is transmitted a proposed tariff revision law for the Philippine Islands.

"This measure revises the present Philippine tariff, simplifies it and makes it conform as nearly as possible to the regulations of the customs laws of the United States, especially with respect to packing and packages. The present Philippine regulations have been cumbersome and difficult for American merchants and exporters to comply with. Its purpose is to meet the new conditions that will arise under the section of the pending United States tariff bill which provides, with certain limitations, for free trade between the United States and the Islands. It is drawn with a view to preserving the islands as much customs revenue as possible, and to protect in a reasonable measure those industries which now exist in the islands.

"The bill, now transmitted, has been drawn by a board of tariff experts, of which the insular collector of customs, Col. George R. Colton was the president. The board held a great many open meetings in Manila, and conferred fully with representatives of all business interests in the Philippine Islands. It is of great importance to the welfare of the islands.

"The bill should be passed at the same time with the pending Payne bill, with special reference to the provisions of which it was proposed.

"I respectfully recommend that this bill be enacted at the present session of Congress as one incidental to, and required by, tre passage of the Payne bill

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

"The White House, April 14, 1909."

TABLE SHOWING PRESENT RATES AND PAYNE BILL CHANGES IN THE TARIFF ON IMPORTANT ARTICLES

The Payne Tariff Bill, as passed by the House shows the following changes made, as compared with the rates in similar articles in the original Payne bill and the Dingley law:

Articles	Dingley Law	Original Payne Bill	Payne Bill As Passed By House
Coffee	Free of duty	Free with counterval'g	Free of duty
Tea	Free of duty	8 cents a pound	Free of duty
Cocoa	Free of duty	4 cents a pound	3 cents a pound
Petroleum	Free of duty	Free with counterval'g	Free of duty
Barley	30 cents a bushel	15 cents a bushel	24 cents a bushel
Barley Malt	45 cents a bushel	25 cents a bushel	40 cents a bushel
Hides	15 per cent	Free of duty	Free of duty
Timber	Round and hewn: 1c per cubic foot	1-2c per cubic foot	Half cent cubic foot
Lumber, unfinished	$2.00 per 1 000 feet	50 cents per 1,000 feet	50c per 1,000 feet
Lumber, finished two sides	$2.00 per 1,000 feet	$1.50 per thousand ft	$1.50 per 1,000 feet
Sawed Lumber	$2.00 to $3.50 per 1,000 ft.	$1 to $2.50 1,000 feet	$1 to $2.50 1,000 feet
Copperas	Free of duty	Free of duty	15-100 of 1c per pound
Glue worth under 10c	2 1-2 cents a pound	20 per cent	2 1-2 cents per pound
Glue worth over 35c	15c lb, plus 20 per cent.	25 per cent	15c lb, plus 20 per cent.
Crude Barytes	75 cents per ton	75 cents a ton	$1.50 per ton
Phosphate	Free	50c to $1.75 per ton	$1.50 per ton
Raw Mica	6c lb, plus 20 per cent.	30 per cent	5c lb, plus 20 per cent.
Cut Mica	12c lb, plus 20 per cent.	35 per cent	10c lb, plus 20 per cent.
Pig Iron (charcoal made)	$12 per ton	$6 a ton	$10 per ton
Ferrosilicon	$4 per ton	15 per cent	$4 per ton
Ferromanganese	$4 per ton	15 per cent	$4 per ton
Bitar Rods	Free	5 per cent	25 per cent
Saccharine	$1.50 lb, plus 10 per cent	25 per cent	50 cents per pound
Turkish Filler Tobacco (unstemmed)	35 cents a pound	35 cents a pound	75 cents per pound
Turkish Filler Tobacco (stemmed)	50 cents a pound	50 cents a pound	$1 per pound
Peas (green)	30 cents per bushel	30 cents a bushel	25 cents per bushel
Ever green Seedlings	$1.00 1,000, plus 15 per ct.	$1 1,000, plus 15 per ct.	Free of duty
Pineapples	7 cents per cubic foot	$8 per 1,000	$8 1,000, or 8c cubic foot
Cloves (ground)	Free of duty	50 per cent	2 1-2c per pound
Cloves (unground)	Free of duty	30 per cent	Free of duty
Cotton Jaggard Goods	New entry		50 per cent
Medicated Cotton	New entry	45 per cent	20 per cent
Shirts, Collars and Cuffs (cotton made)	45c doz, plus 15 per ct.	35c doz, plus 10 per ct.	45c doz, plus 15 per ct.
Silk Suspenders and Garters	50 per cent	30 per cent	50 per cent
Silk Bandings -- (hat bands)	50 per cent	30 per cent	50 per cent
Silk and Velvet Boxes	New entry		50 per cent
Basic Photo Papers	3c lb, plus 10 per cent	3c lb, plus 20 per cent	3c lb, plus 10 per cent
Decalcomanias	New entry	$2.50 per pound	80 cents per pound
Wrapping Paper	New entry	30 per cent	25 per cent
Bias Fat Caps	$2.36 per 1,000	30 per cent	$2 per 1,000
Manufactures of Hair	20 per cent	25 per cent	20 per cent
Leather Shoe Laces	50c gross and 20 per ct.	15 per cent	50c gross and 10 per ct.
Nut Oil	25 per cent	25 per cent	Free of duty
Platinum Vases, Retorts and Apparatus	45 per cent	Free of duty	45 per cent
Philippine Rice	2 cents a pound	Free of duty	2 cents per pound

FOURTEEN LOSE THEIR LIVES IN HOTEL FIRE

San Francisco, Special.—Six bodies recovered and probably 8 or 10 others buried in the ruins; six injured, on fatally; property loss $125,000—these are the results of a fire Friday that destroyed the St. George Hotel, a lodging house for laborers at Howard and Eighth streets. Eight other small buildings were burned. The bodies taken to the morgue were so charred that identification was impossible. The hotel was a three-story frame building. It burned so rapidly that none of the 180 guests had time to dress. Many escaped by jumping to the roof of an adjoining workshop. Scores clambered down the firemen's ladders and the fire escapes on the building. Four jumped to safety in a net held by the fire fighters.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF GEN. M. C. BUTLER

Columbia, S. C., Special. — The funeral of Gen. M. C. Butler, who died Wednesday night in this city, was held Friday morning in St. Peter's Catholic church at 10 o'clock. The church was filled with the friends and relatives of General Butler and his family. The requiem mass was said by Rev. B. W. Fleming. Bishop Northrop, who came up from Charleston for the funeral read the prayer for the dead, assisted by Rev. T. J. Hegarty and Rev. Mr. Hughes. The funeral sermon was preached by Father Fleming, who had been with General Butler frequently during his last illness and who was with him at the time of his death. He paid an eloquent tribute to General Butler's services as a soldier and statesman, and spoke in affectionate terms of him as a man. In his funeral sermon over General Butler, the Rev. Father Fleming gave this explanation of how General Butler came to change his faith: "The Little Sisters of the Poor first drew my attention to the Catholic church. Their humble, holy lives, leaving home and hearth to minister to the outcast, the homeless, the aged, the forgotten of the world."

FAMOUS MECKLENBURG HOTEL IS BURNED

Danville, Va., Special.—The beautiful Mecklenburg Hotel at Chase City, 70 miles east of this city on the Keysville and Durham branch of the Southern Railway, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. The hotel was an expansive frame structure, built 10 years ago by the Mecklenburg Springs Corporation at a cost, including furnishings of $200,000. At the time of the fire, it was owned by the estate of M. L. T. Davis, of Norfolk, and was leased and managed by W. T. Hughes, who had conducted it for several years. The owners carried only $75,000 insurance on the hotel and equipment. Only about 30 guests were registered at the hostelry at the time of the fire. The structure, situated on an eminence just outside of town had two hundred guest chambers, all well furnished.

TWO AMERICANS SLAIN

Confirmation Received of the Killing of American Missionaries at Adana—Others Connected With the Mission Are Safe.

Constantinople, By Cable.—Confirmation has been received here of the killing of two American missionaries at Adana. The murdered missionaries were Mr. Rogers and Mr. Maurer. The others connected with the missions are safe, including Mr. Christie, who is at Tarsus.

Three French warships are hurrying to Mersina, where the situation is desparate. Foreigners and many Christians have taken refuge in the consulates. The local troops and the Governor are doing their best to protect the town, but there is great fear that it cannot hold out much longer against the invasion of the Moslems, who are sweeping down in large numbers. The American vice consul at Mersina, John Debbes, has been unable to proceed to Adana, owing to interruption of communication. A British warship is proceeding to Alexandretta, which is threatened by the Moslems.

The Chamber sent a deputation to the barracks to explain to the soldiers the evil results of disobedience. The Deputies for Alephao and Adana demanded immediate measures to restore order in the Adana district and to punish the ringleaders of the massacre. A motion to this effect was adopted unanimously. According to the latest news from Adana, the missionaries do not dare to leave the mission house. They are suffering from lack of provisions and medicines, and have sent an appeal to the military authorities for protection. Adana is still burning and it is reported that not less than three thousand people are homeless at Tarsus.

Late telegrams received from the British vice consul at Adana state that there are apprehensions of further trouble at that place.

SERIOUS FIRE IN CHARLOTTE.

Black's Livery Stable in Ashes—Six Horses Burned—Loss $25,000.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—A fire which dared the utmost efforts of the city's fire fighters, a blaze which threatened to wipe out of existence a half-dozen or more surrounding dwellings, a conflagration that brought thousands to view the conflict, was that which razed to the ground the long, two and three-story brick structure which it early claimed as its own. Result, six horses dead, the building and contents, including vehicles, harvesting and farming machinery entirely destroyed, with an approximate total loss of $25,000; with damage done to the stables of Mr. R. C. McManus nearby to the southeast on College street to the extent of about $1,200 and a similar amount of loss charged up to Mr. A. W. Whitaker's stables, which adjoined on the west. All the injury done to the two latter establishments was wrought by the collapsing of heavy brick walls which carried with them part of the roofing beneath.

Cuba to Have an Army.

Havana, By Cable.—Extraordinary progress is being made in the organization of the Cuban regular army. When fully recruited, it will number about 5,000 infantry and artillery. That the President considers this as indispensable to the maintenance of the government is shown by his reference to it as "a powerful instrument for the preservation of peace" in his recent message to Congress. Privately the President is reported to have said that he will not really begin to rule until the army is fully ready for service. Already more than three-fourths of the force has been enlisted and the work of training is going on rapidly.

Highwayman Captured.

San Francisco, Special.—James M. Thompson, vice president of the Thompson Bridge Company, on entering his office Saturday with a sack containing $3,200 was confronted by two masked men, one of whom shot him through the chest, inflicting a serious wound. The men escaped with the money, but were captured. During the shooting William Roseburg received a stray bullet but was not seriously hurt.

The King of All Crooks.

Marion, N. C., Special.—Of all the systems of graft an ingenious age has produced, a negro preacher of this place has invented the one unique. He has been holding a revival for the past month and there have been, it is said, 110 conversions. When a nigger is converted he issues a certificate like this: "This is to certify that Sister Jane Jones has this day been born into the kingdom of God," etc., and charges the poor, deluded fool the sum of 50 cents for her passport into Glory.

Wheat Flurry Subsided.

Chicago, Special.—After a memorable speculative week the ticker's "good night" was received at noon Saturday with a deep sigh of relief from board of trade men, not to mention an army of laymen drawn into the vortex of the wheat pit by the publicity given James A. Patten, the leader, and his following. Mr. Patten personally, left the market to its fate, from the view which the Patten crowd improved considerably.

KENILWORTH INN BURNS

Mr. Gazzam, the Owner, Barely Escapes With Life and May Die—Hotel Cost $310,000—$74,000 Insurance.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Kenilworth Inn, the magnificant property of Mr. J. M. Gazzam, which caught fire Wednesday morning shortly before 2 o'clock, was burned to the ground. The hotel, located nearly two miles from town, was inaccessible to fire protection and the firemen, while responding promptly, were of service only in the use of ladders.

Senator Gazzam, who barely escaped with his life by jumping from a third story window, is believed to be fatally injured. He has a broken ankle, an injured spine and a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain.

One of the most narrow escapes was that of Tom Foster, a negro servant employee, who roomed over the dining room quarters, Foster was not awakened until his bed falling partially through the burned floor tilted him out. He jumped from the window to a roof and then fell to the fire escape. He was injured, but will recover. Fire Chief Bernard, who was cut off by flames while attempting to arouse Mr. Gazzam, and who was scorched in fighting his way out, is all right. Mr. Bernard also suffered a sprained ankle.

The guests of the inn were cared for after leaving the hotel by the other hotels and boarding houses of the town while many found welcome in private homes.

The inn was a mass of ruins in three hours after the fire was discovered. It burned faster, the firemen say, than any fire that Asheville has had in many years. There is nothing standing but two great chimneys to mark the spot of the inn location. The grass and trees for 100 yards away from the inn are scorched and killed.

The inn was built 16 years ago at a cost of $310,000 and was popular as a resort hotel. A number of conventions, including the Young Women's Christian Association and Young People's Missionary Movement were booked for this season.

The total loss is estimated at $250,000. It is doubtful if Kenilworth Inn will be rebuilt.

Mr. Gazzam carried but $74,000 insurance on the property and his loss was heavey as was also Mrs. Martin's, who lost all house furnishings.

BIG FIRE IN ROCHESTER.

Damages Estimated at $500,000 Mayor Calls For Help For Destitute.

Rochester, N. Y., Special.—Swept along in the face of a 25-mile gale, fire Tuesday destroyed several sections of the city and did damage estimated at half a million dollars.

Mayor Edgerton issued a call for relief funds for these families. Some of them were quartered in precinct houses and a large number spent the night in a public school.

A heavy rain set in a 6 o'clock Tuesday night and while it helped in extinguishing the smouldering ruins, it was a hardship on the homeless, especially those whose household effects were in the open.

Although accurate estimates cannot be made at this time, the loss is estimated at least $500,000. This includes $60,000 on the Palmer Building; $100,000 on the Hunting Company, manufacturers of plumbers' supplies; $ 90,000 on the beautiful Jewish temple, Berith Kodesh, and the rest in small amounts, is apportioned among the manufacturers, house owners and tenants.

One Life Lost in Storm.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—One dead and a number injured are the results of Tuesday's wind storm in this city. The wind blew down the north wall of the Jeanette Opera House, recently damaged by fire. It fell on the residence of Dr. A. A. Custard, adjoining, crashing through the roof and instantly killing Mildred Felton, 16 years of age, who was visiting the Custard.

For Better Government.

Constantinople, By Cable.—The roops of the garrison made a violent demonstration Tuesday before the parliament building against the committee of union and progress and the government. They demanded the dismissal of the grand vizier, Hilmi Pasha, the Minister of War and the president of the chamber. The outbreak was caused by an order issued to the troops to the effect that they must obey their officers under all circumstances, even if called upon to shoot down their co-religionists.

Posses After Garber Moore.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—A telegram from Chief of Police Galloway, of Brevard, N. C., Tuesday stated that a man answering the description of "Tennessee Dutch," alias "Garber Moore," who with his confederate, George Barton, alias "Chicago Army," dynamited his way out of the Greenville, S. C., prison Sunday night, April 4, had been seen on the outskirts of that city early Tuesday morning.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

The annex to the Chesterfield Hotel and James' shoe store in Petersburg collapsed Wednesday.

Harman J. Lushbaugh, 86 years old, committed suicide in Staunton, Va., Wednesday.

Boston Stainaker, an old miser, who died in a cheap lodging house in Parkersburg, W. Va., last week, was worth $100,000.

The beautiful Kenilworth Inn, near Asheville, N. C., was destroyed by fire and the owner perhaps fatally hurt Wednesday.

One indicted Councilman in Pittsburg is said to have confessed and many arrests may follow.

Two women, cabin mates, ended their lives in the same way on the eastward trip of the Lucania last week. They were buried in the ocean.

James A. Patten, the Chicago broker, who sent up the price of wheat, denies cornering it, saying he only saw the chance and took it.

The Olympia cotton mills, of Columbia, S. C., purchased three car loads of ready mixed paint last Wednesday from a Charleston firm to be used on its property.

The late frost did great damage to fruit in the valley of Virginia and in the Norfolk trucking district.

In the excitement of a fire Armistead Yuille and his wife forgot their baby and it burned to death at Lawyer's, Campbell county, Va., last week.

Six persons lost their lives and four blocks were burned in a fire at Lenox, Massachusetts, Sunday morning.

Eighty persons were immersed in the Mississippi River at St. Louis, on Easter day, joining the colored Baptist church. Forty more intended to join but were deterred by the icy water.

Mrs. Georgia Allyen Sampson was, on last Saturday night, at Lyons, N. Y., accquitted of the charge of killing her husband.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, has signed the anti-cigarette bill, which makes it a misdemeanor to manufacture, sell or give away cigarettes or cigarette paper. The bill exempts jobbers who do an interstate business.

Bernard Carlin, aged 22, was electrocuted at Ossining, N. Y., Monday for the murder of his mother.

James Cabaanne, 7 years old, was kidnapped at St. Louis, Mo., thursday. It is uncertain whether by his relatives or for ransom.

Lynchburg, Va., will issue $400,000 of bonds for municipal improvements.

Woolgrowers of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio met at Parkersburg, W. Va., last week, and adopted a protest against the wool schedule in the Payne bill.

Andrew Cloud, of Frederick county, Virginia, was acquitted last week of the murder of his brother-in-law, North Shirley.

Ben, alias "Booker" Barnes, a negro, eighteen years old, was lynched Friday at Hopkinsville, Ky., by 250 farmers for attempting to assault Miss Ruth Gee, seventeen years old, daughter of William Gee, a farmer.

Floyne Hightower, ten years old, was killed in his father's yard in Atlanta, Ga., last Thursday by the explosion of a shell that was being kept as a relic of the Battle of Atlanta, fought by the armies of Hood and Sherman.

Washington Notes.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer will order the Mississippi to proceed to Natchez at the proper time to receive the silver service from the people in whose honor the ship was named.

After four hours' discussion the Democratic conference of Senators was able to agree on but one amendment, that for an income tax.

Senator Aldrich holds to the belief that his bill will produce enough revenue to run the Government.

President Taft has selected the Stetson cottage, at Beverly, Mass., as his summer home.

Low rates on necessities and high rates on luxuries will distinguish the Senate Tariff bill, Senator Aldrich says.

President Taft says no Union veterans will lose their Government positions as long as they are able to work.

In receiving the new Cuban Minister Friday President Taft reassured Cuba of America's intention to uphold its independence.

The House passed the Payne Tariff bill Friday night by a vote of 217 to 161. Four Louisiana Democrats voted for the bill.

By an overwhelming majority the House last Friday placed oil on the fre list, with but 40 votes against it.

Ethan A. Hitchcock, former Secretary of the Interior, died in Washington Friday.

The President has given his support to the great interdenominational campaign for foreign missions.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Iceland is to have an art museum.

Japanese and Germans are seizing Paracel Islands.

The Edison Phonograph Company planned to settle suits for $450,000.

The Easter display was one of the most brilliant New York has ever seen.

A mining concession granted to Germans in Morocco threatens to cause trouble.

Elbridge T. Gerry testified in regard to New York statutes governing the behavior of children, calling them superfluous.

Castro's steamer touched at Guadaloupe, but he did not try to go ashore. His wife was not permitted to land in Venezuela.

Nathan Straus urged an Aldermanic committee of New York City to pass the ordinance requiring all milk pasteurized before sold.

Thousands of policemen and citizens marched behind the body of Joseph Petrosino and attended his funeral in New York City.

District Attorney Jerome, at Albany, N. Y., told the Page legislative commission that jail sentences would not check automobile speeders.

Austria's decision to build four Dreadnoughts has caused a movement in France for the construction of an equal number of warships of that class.

Labor problems in France are becoming increasingly difficult for the Government. The State employes now demand a share in the control of their departments.

More than a million dollars in claims against the New York City Railway Company for personal injuries will be wiped out out by the road going into the hands of receivers.

Foreign Affairs.

Thirty-two persons were slain in a mining camp riot in Coahnila, Mex., last week.

At Prince Albert, Manitoba, Canada, the thermometer stood 14 degrees below zero Monday night.

Algernon Charles Swinburne, the poet and essayist, died Saturday morning in London. He had been suffering with influenza which developed into pneumonia.

Ten thousand Turkish revolters are said to be marching on Constantinople.

Liquors Will be Returned.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—In the inferior criminal court Tuesday before Judge Alford, attorneys for defendants in the prohibition cases argued a motion to quash the affidavits and search warrants on the ground of insufficiency. Tuesday Judge Alford handed down his decision, sustaining the motion and ordering that all liquors, held under previous orders of the court, be returned to the parties in whose possession they were found at the time of the seizure.

Military Sustains Committee.

Constantinople, By Cable.—The committee of union and progress has given convincing proof of its power and influence over the third army corps. Two military trains, each containing 800 infantry, arrived Saturday morning at Tobataljae, about 67 miles from the capital, and four other trains are expected to reach that point within 24 hours. Preparations also are being made at Saloniki for the despatch of a number of additional trains for Constantinople.

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In view of all the criticisms made of the tariff bill as amended by the finance committee of the Senate, particularly the observation that the bill will not produce sufficient revenues for the country's need, Senator Aldrich will undertake on Monday, to satisfactorily explain the revenue feature of the measure. As the Democrats will ask that the bill lie over until Monday, Mr. Aldrich did not make on Thursday the statement of which he has already given notice.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Jay Gould, with other students, is building an aeroplane at Columbia University.

Former President Castro made a written protest against France's banishing him from Martinique.

President Taft and family decided to occupy a house in Manchester, Mass., for a part of the summer.

Algernon Charles Swinburne, poet and essay writer, died from pneumonia at his home in Putney, England.

Professor Williston Walker, of Yale, was chosen delegate to the 350th anniversary of the University of Geneva.

At the request of the King of Greece, the Cabinet, of which M. Theotokis is Premier, withdrew its resignation.

Richard Croker said this country would always be his home and that hereafter he will spend a part of each year here.

Charge d'Affaires Gregory withdrew from Nicaragua because of intolerable insults to him and to the United States Government.

The Rev. Dr. Marion Le Roy Burton resigned the pastorate of the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, to become president of Smith College.

George H. Worthington, of Cleveland, Ohio, who has a collection of postage stamps worth $500,000, has decided to will his collection to the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Captain A. F. Mueller and five other aeronauts who were lost for seventy hours in the Sierra Madre Mountains reached Pasadena, Cal., after enduring cold and hunger.

William Booth is eighty and the army he founded has spread to fifty-four countries and colonies and its organ is printed in twenty-eight languages. That army now has 8358 posts and 16,199 officers.

WASHINGTON NOTES

Congress will have many ship subsidy bills to select from, if it concludes to act on that kind of legislation during the Sixty-first Congress. Representative Sulzer, of New York, is the latest members to introduce a bill on the subject. His bill provides for a graduated system of tonnage taxes in favor of American built ships and against foreign ships.

"It follows closey the poicy of the early statesmen," said Mr. Sulzer, explaining the bill. "During the continuance of the old law the United States had the finest deep sea carrying fleet in the world."

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The Democratic senators will not delay the passage of the traiff bill. They held their second conference Saturday and while no formal conclusion was reached on any point there was a consensus of opinion in favor of permitting the Republicans to take entire charge of the measure with the understanding that they assume, as they necessarily must, the entire responsibility for it.

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It was stated that the postponement of proceedings in the senate was due to a request from the Democrats, but they take exception to this statement, and say they will be prepared to proceed with he consideration of the bill whenever the Republican senators desire to take it up.

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The nearest approach to a formal agreement of the senators was a reiteration of their former expressions in favor of an income tax. There is no doubt that the party in the senate is united on that point, but there was no effort to bring about a concerted understanding on rates of duty on any of the articles covered by the tariff. There was no divergence of opinion as to the desirability of a general reduction of rates on necessaries of life, but there were some indications that individual Democratic senators would stand against specified decreases in the interests of their own localities.

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Secretary of War Dickinson and his party who are to acompany him to Panama left here Sunday for Charleston, S. C., where they will embark on the President's yacht Mayflower, for the isthmus Wednesday morning. Monday they spent at Fortress Monroe, reaching Charleston Tuesday morning where they did some sightseeing before the special leaves. The Secretary expects to get back to Washington about the middle of May.

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Mr. Dickinson's purpose is to acquaint himself fully with every detail of canal administration and construction that may be possible in the ten days he expects to spend between Colon and Panama. It is President Taft's wish that members of his Cabinet shall do more or less traveling so that they may come in closer contact with the people, particularly where work under their departments is such that personal investigation will be helpful.

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The Rev. Haig Y. Yardumain, pastor of the Armenian Evangelical church in Philadelphia, the only Armenian church in this city, has sent a letter to President Taft asking him to use his influence to prevent the wholesale massacre of Armenians in Asia Minor.

Rev. Yardumian says in part:

"We appeal to you to use the influence of your great office in order to stop the hand of the slayer, in the name of God, in the name of humanity and justice known to and upheld by the noble American people."

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Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, has again introduced his bill to prevent the manufacture and sale of adulterated, misbranded or falsely graded naval stores. Several hearings were given on the bill by the committee on interstate commerce last session at which arguments were heard for and against the proposed legislaation, but the measure was not reported.

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An important conference was held Wednesday at the Department of Justice, the parties to it being Attorney General Wickersham, Solicitor General Bowers, Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor; Secretary Ballinger, of the Interior Department; Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Prouty, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Representative Townsend, of Michigan. The idea of the conference was to form among the Departments of Justice, Commerce and Labor and Interstate Commerce Commission a close co-ordination in the work of the three.

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For more than four hours the Democratic members of the Senate conferred Wednesday in an effort to agree upon a policy toward tariff legislation. At the end of that time Senator Culberson, the minority leader, announced the Democrats had agreed to support an income tax amendment and to stand for substantial reductions in schedules, and particularly for a decrease, in the rates on necessaries of life.