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A DRUGGISTS' SENSATION

SOMETHING NOT DOWN ON THE REGULAR PROGRAM.

A lively incident at the Morning Session Passes Quickly and All is Now Serene—Carriage Ride To Vanderhilt's.

One of the features of the tariff law recently enacted by Congress had the effect of stirring up a lively sensation in drug circles, and the druggists now in session at the Battery Park have taken a shy at it to see what can be done about it. It is claimed that there is danger of the drug business being dragged down to the level of the corner saloon unless something is done to prevent it.

In the new tariff bill there is a provision which exempts from internal revenue taxation alcohol that is used for medicinal purposes and in the arts. This means a saving of \$1.10 on every gallon, as that is the amount of the internal revenue tax and the purpose of the legislation was more especially to help the druggists in furnishing medicines to the sick at as low prices as possible. The druggists were anxious for some such law, but they say that, as it now stands, there is nothing to prevent the promiscuous dealing out of alcohol, slightly disguised, by unprincipled druggists at prices that would be about half as high as saloon keepers are forced by the revenue tax to charge for their drinks.

The restrictions were left to the Secretary of the treasury and it is feared by the druggists that this official is perfectly at sea as to what restrictions should be placed around the business by the internal revenue department. They declare that there would be great difficulty in guarding the use of alcohol for legitimate purposes for the benefit of which the law was meant. A member said on this point:

"With alcohol selling at \$2.20 a gallon the remission of the tax of \$1.10 would cut the price in half. It will not be hard to disguise the drug with a bit of molasses or ginger, or something else and there would be great danger of a promiscuous handing out of 'bitters' and such things under guise of 'medicinal purposes,' the price being cheap enough to make profitable competition with saloons."

The association appreciated the situation and appointed a special committee to voice the views of the body and report them so they could be forwarded to the Secretary of the treasury, that they may be a guide to him to a great extent. This committee was composed of C. S. N. Hallberg of Chicago, H. M. Whitney of Lawrence, Mass., and Chas. E. Dohme of Baltimore. Its report was made at this morning's session and precipitated a lively scene.

This cuts down the concessions very materially and some of the delegates were disposed to scrap about it. The result of a motion to adopt it was a storm of a violent nature that would not be subdued for some time. Some of the druggists were inclined to think that after fighting for free alcohol for 20 years they should not go to work and demand such restrictions, now that the law is passed. They claimed that the general remission of the tax would make it possible for them to increase their profits, as alcohol enters into a large percentage of the goods handled in a drug store. In fact, the other hand it was argued that the cutters of prices would get in their work and reduce the profits in proportion to the reduction caused by the remission of the tax.

The Storm Burns

So violent was the opposition to the adoption of the report that Chairman Hallberg jumped to his feet while somebody else had the floor and started to explain. He was quickly ruled out of order over and over, but that did not bother him and he kept shouting at the top of his voice, trying to say what he wanted to while Chairman Scabury was trying to force him down. It all appeared a crowd of nature even when there was a call for the sergeant-at-arms by the chair, but in a second a new element was interjected. "Mr. Chairman," shouted W. S. Thompson of Washington, jumping to his feet, "I rise to a point of personal privilege. We have been bulldozed long enough by that gentleman," pointing his finger at Hallberg. "He defies all the rules and I move that he be expelled from this association."

"So do I," shouted Hallberg defiantly, and at the same time it was noticeable he did not sit down.

There was a lively ripple at this, but in a few moments things quieted down. Mr. Thompson asked leave to withdraw his motion and have it "expunged from the records," and things went on just as they do in Congress when such an incident occurs.

Prof. Hallberg was chairman of the committee, and he is one of those determined men who will not be downed when he feels that there is a chance to achieve something by fighting. The report that he presented was a suggestion to place tight restrictions on the question. It provided that the payment of a rebate be confined to alcohol used in the manufacture of compounds in which alcohol is so changed as to lose absolutely its chemical and physical properties, including the classes of chemical compounds known as ethers, chloral and chloroform.

An attempt to substitute for this report a resolution to simply send a committee to Washington was lost by a big vote, laying the substitute on the table. It was insisted that according to parliamentary law, the tabling of the substitute involved the tabling of the original report also, but the chair made a unique ruling that prevented this.

"I know it ought to take the original report," said Mr. Scabury, quickly, "but it don't in this case," and an amended report was adopted with an addition making it include the manufacture of "alkaloids and such chemicals as may be specified by the Secretary of the treasury."

In the selection of officers for the session of the association on commercial interests, before which these questions were considered, George A. Scabury of New York was unanimously re-elected president and James O. Burge of Nashville secretary. A committee to work with them was made up of Louis F. Chalm, New Orleans; J. W. Anderson, Pine Bluff, Ark.; and J. Pfeiffer, Brooklyn.

THE CUT RATE MEN.

They're Considered By The Section On Commercial Interests. A large part of this morning's session on commercial interests was taken up with a discussion of patent medicines in

connection with the cutting of prices. Local organizations and other means of prevention were debated on and it was finally proposed by a delegate to endorse the declaration of principles of the Interstate League of Druggists, a combination to prevent cutting prices. This declaration was read and provided for a boycott of manufacturers or agents whose proprietary articles get into the hands of price cutters. This was endorsed after it was explained that such action would not bind members of the association further than an expression of opinion. When it had been passed somebody proposed that the rate be given a chance to say something and be called on Robinson of Memphis and Jacobs of Atlanta to explain.

Robinson was defiant and he very bluntly declared that he was a rate cutter and would continue to be, while Jacobs simply asked where a man could be found who did not do some cutting. The chair dismissed this as a "sensational" question, and on taking a vote he declared that the ayes had it without giving the opposition a chance to vote at all. This raised a protest and the vote was called, but they were two weak to change the result.

TO VANDERHILT'S.

Beaufront Scenery Unfolded To The Visitors.

The druggists indulged in nature's own dust and scenery to their hearts' content yesterday afternoon when 150 of them and their wives and daughters visited the Vanderhilt estate as the guests of the citizens' committee on entertainment, and they were unanimous in agreeing that such scenery more than makes up for three times the amount of dust they encountered. Their trip was a delightful one and not a man nor a woman felt called upon to complain when the dust gave the party the appearance of being uniformly dressed in brown clothes which it did in an incredibly short time.

All but two out of the 50 carriages went the wrong way when the trip from the Battery Park hotel to Limoges was being made, the schedule mapped out calling for a drive to Connelly's and the Oakland Heights. The drivers insisted on going straight to the station with their loads, but the visitors were so full of scenery that they did not know the trip had been cut short till they were told.

The trip from Biltmore station was made by a train of three cars on Mr. Vanderhilt's private railway. The cars were furnished by the Southern railway and although it was understood by the committee that they were offered as a courtesy by the railroad company (there was a demand at the last moment for pay for their use. This demand came in the shape of a telegram from the passenger agent at Washington which said that \$50 must be had before the train moved. The committee was angry, but the \$50 was paid, as there was no way out of it.

The visitors spent an hour or more being piloted around the grounds and through the building by Mayor Patton, Nat Rogers, White Smith, Fred Hull and Taylor Amis, and at one place Rogers became them in where they could not get away and made a speech.

The return was made by way of the Kenilworth Inn, Ridge Drive and Beaumont, the visitors all being profoundly impressed with the idea that Vanderhilt's view was the finest they had ever seen. Taylor Amis, and at one place Rogers became them in where they could not get away and made a speech.

SIMPSON'S QUEER LUCK.

The "Unlucky Thirteen" Has No Terrors For Him.

W. J. Simpson, the Raleigh druggist who became president of the American association yesterday by force of circumstances as expressed in the votes of his peers, is confident that he is a victim or otherwise of the fated number 13. There is a book at the secretary's office at the Battery Park hotel on which all the druggists register their names as soon as they reach the city, and the lines are consecutively numbered so that when a man registers he is numbered and tagged for the rest of his stay. It came Mr. Simpson's way to be number 13 on registering and his friends shook their heads wisely and agreed that his boom for the presidency of the association was sadly disturbed by this fact. Simpson pulled his whiskers, though, and told them to wait, and when he was elected he swore up and down that he would always be number 13 after that, wherever he went. He says it's all a mistake to be afraid of the number, although he confesses he was a bit nervous about it till after the election settled things. A big badge of green cardboard with a graceful 13 on it has been ordered to be worn by the president by the citizens' committee because of the turn his luck took.

POLK MILLER'S GENIUS.

It Entertains a Vast Crowd at The Battery Park.

It required no imagination whatever for the thousand people in the Battery Park hotel ball room last night to close their eyes and believe that a genuine negro of the days before the war was on the stage entertaining them. Polk Miller's mastery of the mysteries of negro dialect, cropped out in all its splendor and people agreed that he was a genius of a rare order. As a druggist he was at home before them as soon as he appeared and as a dialect talker and singer and banjo player he was even more so before he had been there two minutes. The echoes outnumbered the regular program events several fold, and although Miller was down for but two numbers he gave seven or eight, and the crowd in its frenzy of admiration clamored for more because of the richness of his imitation of the genuine old-time negro. His dialogue and songs were as true to life as could be made and as for banjo playing there are few negroes of the present day who catch the real plantation swing as well as Miller himself.

In entertaining his friends and fellow druggists Mr. Miller was given assistance that was by no means overabundant by his own work, by Miss Anna Dohme of Baltimore. Miss Dohme's singing was a feature of the evening that made the guests agree that her part of the program was indispensable to that taken by Mr. Miller. Her richness of voice and wealth of expression gave rise to numerous encores that showed car-

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GONE OVER TO THE POPS.

SENATOR JONES LEAVES THE REPUBLICANS.

He Wants Free Silver and Realizes That The Republican Party Will Never Give The Country That—Nevada's Senators.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—There is a genuine sensation in political circles today: Senator John P. Jones of Nevada, who has represented his State in the United States Senate for 21 years as a Republican has formally renounced his allegiance to that party and cast his lot with the Populists.

Senator Jones has written a letter to his constituents which was published in Nevada today, and will be the first intimation to the people of that State that he has defied the political garment which he has worn with such distinction for so many years, and will don the garb of the third party.

His intentions have been kept secret from all but his most intimate friends and it was his intention to have the first public announcement of his action made in the letter which will be published in Nevada today. It is understood that his change of politics is based almost entirely upon the question of silver.

A LOSS OF MILLIONS.

Wandering Pine Burned in Michigan—Rain at Last.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 5.—The death roll resulting from the forest fires increases and now over 650 are known to be lost, the greater number being women and children. The greatest percentage of deaths occurred among settlers where whole families were swept out of existence in the twinkling of an eye, not in any one direction, but in every part of the fire swept district. Finding of the bodies hourly increases the list of dead.

At an early hour this morning a party of 30 experienced woodsmen left on a special conveyance to scour the woods for bodies of settlers in out of the way cabins and clearings.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 5.—Dispatches from the upper Peninsula of Michigan show that the rainfall in that region yesterday has actually put a stop to the forest fires and will be the means of saving millions of pine and lots of homesteads, crops and houses. The damage already done, however, is immense. It is thought nearly every foot of standing pine in Ontonagon county is burned—fully 500,000,000 feet.

OLD EMPEROR WILLIAM

The Present Emperor Does Honor To His Memory.

KONIGSBURG, Sept. 5.—Emperor William, accompanied by the empress, arrived here this morning in order to unveil the monument erected to the memory of his grandfather, Emperor William I. The town is in holiday attire and is crowded with visitors. Emperor William was on horseback and the empress rode in a carriage. Upon the arrival at the gates of the city all the bells were set ringing, and the mayor read an address of welcome from the people of Konigsberg. The imperial party then proceeded to the main square, where the monument stands. The streets were lined with troops and behind them were dense masses of people.

On the square a guard of honor was drawn up. Count von Eulenberg, as president of the memorial committee, received their majesties, and in a speech of welcome dwelt upon the memorable services which William I. had rendered to the fatherland. A prayer followed, after which the emperor unveiled the monument; then the line of march passed, after which the imperial party took lunch at the castle.

VERY REPUBLICAN.

Vermont Is Joined, As Ever, To Her Republican Idols.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Sept. 5.—There was election for State officers yesterday. Vote of towns thus far reporting is 40 per cent of the total vote of 1890. Should the same ratio of Republican gain be maintained in the remaining towns of the State, the Republican plurality will be 30,500. The indications are that the Republican majority will exceed that of any in the last 20 years. The general assembly promises to be overwhelmingly Republican.

Killed By The Train

WINSTON, N. C., Sept. 5.—[Special]—Andrew Safferfield, 75 years old, was knocked off the track by an incoming passenger train six miles from Winston on the Mocksville road yesterday. He was brought to town and died at 10 o'clock. The shock caused concussion of the brain. Safferfield was deaf and could not hear the train coming around the curve.

Hanged For Assault.

WATERTOWN, S. D., Sept. 5.—The man Bourke who assaulted Mrs. Bourne here some days ago was caught yesterday, and as the officers were bringing him back here last evening he was taken from them by a mob and hanged to an electric light pole.

The Race Is Off.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Gould has withdrawn his challenge for a race for the Cape May cup, and the withdrawal has been accepted. Gould will sail for New York on the 14th inst.

A North Carolina Chaplain.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Rev. W. E. Edmondson of Murfreesboro, N. C., has successfully passed examination by the naval examining board and will be commissioned chaplain in the navy.

Cholera in Germany.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—Between August 27 and September 3, there were 53 cases of cholera and 21 deaths throughout the German empire.

Arkansas Democratic.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 5.—Returns from 33 counties indicate increased Democratic majorities over two years ago.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL GAMES.

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