

PAYNE AND CHAMP CLARK

Opposing Leaders Are Good Friends Except on the Floor.

THE MEN WHO LEAD IN THE TARIFF FIGHT

Difference in the Viewpoint—Fixing Tariff Schedules a Serious Business—Men Speak Sarcastically in Talking About Sugar Schedule and Sugar Trust—Not a Good Captain But He Strikes Hard.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The country is familiar with the names of Seno Payne and Champ Clark, the respective leaders of the majority and minority of the House of Representatives and the other ranking Democratic member of the Ways and Means committee, which labored and brought forth the Payne tariff bill now being considered here.

Messrs. Payne and Clark are each trying to convince the other that he is wrong. They are good friends, and have been for years. The one comes from New York and the other from Missouri. The one was born in June, 1844, and the other, March, 1850.

In the House this week the New Yorker spoke nine hours, defending his bill and the Missourian five, ridiculing it. Their speeches are well worth reading.

On the floor, speaking, Mr. Payne is instructive and forceful in that he marshals his facts well, makes a logical argument and aims direct at his target.

In advocating free hides in his speech Monday Mr. Payne said: "Since there has been a duty on hides meat would go up and hides would go down and then hides would go up and meat down, and still there are gentlemen insisting that precisely this mathematical 15 per cent. of duty on hides goes to the farmer."

"Drive out the tanning business by diverting the hides to Germany and to other foreign countries. Destroy our tanning business and then the duty that is actually paid, goes into the American shoes mainly, and goes into the farmer's pocket."

The foregoing gives an idea of Mr. Payne's style of speaking. In answering those who interrupt him he is ready and clever.

"It is a very good thing," declared the Texan, "that the gentleman does not have to run for Congress in some of the districts that I know of, or he would have a hard time getting elected."

BOLTER STILL A DEMOCRAT

Representative Burton Harrison Attacks the Payne Tariff Bill.

SAYS TAXES WILL FALL HEAVIEST ON THE POOR

Harrison Was a Bolter and His Speech Was Awaited With Interest—Attacks Coffee Tax—Wants to Kill Standard Oil Joke—Tax on Tea Unjust to the Poor—Would Put Tea, Coffee, Iron and Steel Schedule, Shoes and Lumber on Free List.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 27.—The tariff speech to-day of Representative Burton Harrison, of New York, was waited for with interest, as the speaker was one of the recent bolters on the vote on rules. He proved to-day that he adheres to Democratic principles when the tariff is the issue.

He said: "Let the Republicans change their slogan from 'full dinner pail' to 'empty coffee pot.' All over the country the poor man will pay a tax on coffee. All know that Brazil now imposes an export tax and upon the passage of the Payne tariff Brazil will immediately inflict a new duty equal to the United States tariff. New taxes on tea, coffee, gloves and stockings are a direct provocation to woman's suffrage. The duties are chiefly specific and fall upon the poor rather than the rich. The tax on tea will fall on the poor, because the lower grades pay the same tax as the higher grades."

The speaker said he hoped to have a chance to kill the Standard Oil joke in the bill, otherwise the corporation would be immune from competition behind the wall of a counter-vailing duty. He concluded with the hope that the whole steel and iron schedule and boots, shoes, lumber, zinc and tea and coffee would be placed on the free list.

Kidnappers to Mercer County Jail. PITTSBURGH, March 27.—Mrs. James H. Boyle, alias Helen Falkner, the alleged kidnapper of Billy Whitt, was taken from Allegheny county this morning and hurried to Mercer county prison.

In an interview she denied that her name was McDermott, said she was not daughter of a Chicago fireman and had never lived in Chicago.

meet them but would act out their honest convictions, and tell their constituents the reason why certain things are so, they would stay in Congress a mighty sight longer than the average member of Congress stays here."

Champ Clark injects spice into almost every sentence. He drops from a quotation from the classics to ordinary slang. His speeches are puny and full of puns.

"The Republican members of the Ways and Means committee offer a great boon to the American people in the sugar schedule by cutting off the tariff on refined sugar from 1.95 to 1.90 cents per pound. A cut down average of one hundredths of a cent to the sugar trust. Why this is a great boon to the American consumer. And, by the way, one thing that happened in these hearings is that the gentleman from Illinois admitted that the American vernacular, and that is 'the ultimate consumer.' That phrase will live, Happy is the phrase-maker. Half of Grover Cleveland's success in the world depended on the fact that he could turn a good phrase."

"Newspapers say that one of the members of the committee described that reduction of five one-hundredths of one per cent. on a pound of refined sugar as a blow between the eyes to the sugar trust. It seems to me that is a love lick. When the sugar trust received that tremendous blow between the eyes instead of seeing stars, as is the usual result of a blow between the eyes, it saw a stream of gold like unto the river Pactolus, of gold like unto its coffers every year during the life of the Payne tariff bill. That is what it saw—enabling it to pile up more millions of dollars than it could count. Why this is a great gain, consumption of sugar in the United States is about 80 pounds per capita per year, so that a man must eat sugar at the top of his speed for 15 months in order to find an additional nickel in his pocket at the end of that time, and if he loses a day out of the whole 15 months he will not be able to get the nickel. Why this is a remarkable thing for the sugar trust. It receives a rake-off of 28 per cent. on every hundred pounds of refined sugar. It is a great criminal. It is not only a trust but a criminal. It is one of the great trusts of the United States government recovered against it a judgment for a little more than \$134,000 for swindling in false weights and the government has law suits pending against it now for the same thing, amounting to over \$3,000,000, and every man engaged in that swindling transaction ought to be in the penitentiary unless, as some people assert, and more believe, there is one punishment for a small thief and a more lenient punishment for a big thief."

This sentence is indicative of Mr. Clark's manner of speech. It may not be a good captain but he can strike hard. He backs the line well, whether he compels good team work or not. Messrs. Payne and Clark are the men of the hour, and their day in the sun will have their day in the sun. E. C. BRYANT.



A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE.

WAS NO EXPLOSION ON THE MISSISSIPPI

Report That Startled the Whole United States This Morning Was "Joke" of Wireless Operator, is Belief of Navy Department—Was Reported 700 Men Were Killed.

KEY WEST, March 27.—A wireless received this morning says the battleship Mississippi was blown up in Guantanamo harbor, Cuba, at 6:30 o'clock, and all aboard lost.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department this morning received an unofficial report of the destruction of the Mississippi and is investigating the correctness of it. The Mississippi carries about one thousand men.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The reported explosion of the battleship Mississippi at Guantanamo, Cuba, is denied by every source of information. The wireless was first picked up at Wilmington, N. C., and it is believed to be the work of some joker.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The Navy Department has received a message from the ship Eagle, announcing her arrival at Guantanamo this morning, but not mentioning any explosion on the Mississippi. Following this the department says it will pay no further attention to the report of an explosion.

SKY-SCRAPER FOR THE TWIN-CITY

Wachovia Loan and Trust Company Purchases a \$30,000 Lot and May Erect 10-Story Building—\$10,000 Damage Suit Against the Southern Railway Company.

WINSTON-SALEM, March 27.—One of the largest and most important real estate deals ever made in this city has just been consummated by the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company, which is to-day the largest financial institution in the State, having a paid-in capital of \$600,000. The deal includes what is known as the Clark and Ford corner, just northwest of the court house, the lot being 25 by 96 feet. The consideration was \$30,000. The bank contemplates the erection of a skyscraper of from 10 to 14 stories, or a model bank building with marble front, three stories in height. Mr. J. L. Rowell, of Warren county, to-day purchased the entire stock, business and good will of the Forsyth Hardware Company on Trade street, and will continue the same at the present stand. Mr. A. C. Wall, of this city, has just instituted a \$10,000 damage suit in this county against the Southern Railway Company. The plaintiff alleges that while working in a freight car he fell through a hole in a car and sustained permanent internal injuries.

WOMAN DEAD; BORN ON BATTLEFIELD

Mrs. Mary Ann Sullivan, Aged 93, Was Born During the Battle of Waterloo. DETROIT, MICH., March 27.—Mrs. Mary Ann Sullivan, who was born on the battlefield of Waterloo, died yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital. She was 93 years old. Her father, William Southall, belonged to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and her mother accompanied the troops to the war. Just before the battle Mrs. Southall started to cross the field to get some brandy for a sick soldier, but was ordered back by the Duke of Wellington, who shouted to her, "Go back, woman, the shooting has commenced."

Terrified, the young woman ran to war da small grove, where she fell in a swoon, lying unconscious during much of the battle. When her plight was discovered, there lay beside her a little daughter, who grew up to be the woman who died here yesterday. San Francisco's Art Association. SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The annual spring exhibition of the San Francisco Art Association will hold its opening to-night, continuing for four weeks. The exhibition includes oil paintings, water colors, pastels, black and white miniatures and sculpture.

JOINT STOCK BANKS GOT GOLD

The \$1,500,000 of Bullion Recently Shipped from New York Was Not for Bank of England—A Department for English Banks. NEW YORK, MARCH 27.—It was learned from authoritative sources that the \$1,500,000, bar gold shipped from New York to London last week was not consigned, as had been generally supposed, to the Bank of England, but to a joint bank.

This is described as the first transaction of its kind, as heretofore the Bank of England has always been the recipient of shipments from this country. The incident arises from the agitation that has been carried on in Great Britain for more than a year to induce the principal joint stock banks to accumulate gold reserves in their own vaults so as not to depend entirely upon the Bank of England. Little progress has been made to date as the movement has been voluntary, but the British government has taken occasion to warn the banks that unless reasonable precautions are taken along this line, the necessary legislation will be brought forward. It is not known whether other London institutions will draw upon New York for gold. It is scarcely expected here that the course taken by the London City and Midland will be at once followed by others.

EARLE'S AFFINITY WANTS DIVORCE

Wife Says Ferdinand Pinney Was and is Yet a Lunatic. MIDDLETON, N. Y., March 27.—Ferdinand Pinney Earle to-day denied that he was a lunatic as charged in the divorce complaint of his soul-mate affinity wife filed yesterday, and he is prepared to fight the divorce action.

Mrs. Earle and the baby are with her mother in New York. Earle is at his "castle," Monroe, N. Y. The affinity wife asks a divorce on the grounds that Earle was not legally divorced when he married her, and that he was a lunatic then and is a lunatic yet.

24 KILLED IN MINE ACCIDENT

Cage in German Coal Mine Fell 100 Feet With Fatal Results. ZWICKAU, GERMANY, March 27.—Twenty-four persons were killed to-day and a score terribly injured in the breaking of a cable by which a cage was being lowered into a coal mine when the cage dropped more than 100 feet. Mine engineers say the cable was recently examined and found to be in perfect condition.

HOSPITAL IS GIVEN TO CRIPPLE CHILDREN

New York Philanthropist Donates \$500,000 For Free Sanitarium For 300 Patients. NEW YORK, March 27.—A philanthropist has donated \$500,000 for the establishment of a hospital for sick and cripple children. Announcement of this gift was made last night by the Children's Aid Society. The buildings and grounds of a former boarding school will be used for the purpose and will be ready by June 15. It will accommodate 300 children. The grounds consist of 70 acres and the society has already expended \$150,000 for improvements and alterations.

New State Chemist. Special to The Chronicle. RALEIGH, March 27.—William A. Syme, for several years chemist at the A. & M. College here, is appointed State Chemist to test illuminating oils under the new law. All Holland is Preparing to Celebrate. AMSTERDAM, March 27.—Queen Wilhelmina's condition is reported to-day as highly satisfactory. The whole nation is en fête and is prepared to celebrate the birth of an heir by flag raisings and fire works illuminations.

CELEBRATION TO LAST THREE DAYS, MAY 19, 20 AND 21

Central Committee Last Night Appoints Subordinate Committees and Active Work For the Big Event When President Taft Comes to Charlotte Has Now Begun—Suggestion is Made to Name Each Day—Personnel of the Committees.

The central committee on the celebration of the Twentieth of May held an important meeting in the Selwyn Hotel last night when all of the sub-committees for the Twentieth were named and other work of a preparatory nature transacted looking toward the approaching Twentieth. The Twentieth of May celebration, it is now agreed shall last three days, beginning Wednesday, May 19 and continuing through Thursday and Friday.

The prospects for the celebration this year are the brightest and biggest that the city has ever known and there will be more people here, more interest, and more involved in the approaching celebration than has characterized any previous event of this nature.

The meeting last night displayed great enthusiasm in their work and there were a number of citizens present who likewise participated in the business of the evening. Mr. D. A. Tompkins made a brief talk, stating that as Mr. Taft was the biggest attraction at the coming celebration this fact should be constantly held in mind. Mr. H. O. Alexander also made a brief talk in which he urged that there be selected a special name for each of the three days. The suggestions of these citizens were given appropriate consideration.

Committees Named. The central committee, or executive committee, named sub-committees at its meeting last night and these are as follows: Finance—C. O. Kuester, chairman; C. A. Bland, N. V. Porter, W. F. Dowd, J. M. Harry, T. W. Wade, W. J. Chambers, H. W. Eddy, Heriot, Clarkson, R. O. Alexander, L. A. Dodsworth, T. J. Davis, J. W. Wadsworth, W. S. Lee, Jr., Joe Garibaldi, F. M. Brown, J. H. Weddington, John M. Scott, R. K. Blair, T. S. Franklin and W. H. Twitty.

Advertising—W. T. Corwith, chairman; C. M. Creswell, David Owens, Julian S. Miller, E. P. Wideman, W. C. Dowd, W. H. Harris, H. A. Banks, D. H. Watkins, H. E. C. Bryant, J. P. Sossamon, D. H. Littlejohn, J. P. Lucas and W. D. Adams. Decorations—C. A. Williams, chairman; W. S. Lee, Jr., W. S. Sheker, C. E. Hooper, W. M. Jordan, H. C. Williams, W. C. Petty, A. V. Smith, W. S. Orr, J. M. Barnes, J. B. Lord, W. V. Hall, Ed Gresham and C. S. Stone.

Transportation—E. W. Thompson, chairman; James Ker, Jr., R. L. Vernon, E. D. Letts, Jr., E. J. Farris, James Northey, N. V. Palmer, R. A. Lee, D. D. Traywick, W. S. Bradley, T. J. Witherspoon, C. W. Johnston, W. R. Murphy and J. P. Carr. Music—C. E. Hooper, chairman; Ed Creswell, James O. Walker, R. L. Kessler, P. M. Cave. Fire department committee—A. L. Smith, chairman; David Orr, J. Blakely, J. K. Wolfe, Herbert Irwin, W. R. Robertson, G. A. Page, E. W. Berryhill, Erskine Smith and C. M. Davidson.

Military committee—C. W. Tillett, chairman; A. L. Smith, W. R. Robertson, Roy Page, Frank McIninch, Lieut. W. S. Sinclair, Maj. Zeb Vance, J. A. McRae, E. R. Preston, T. W. Alexander, W. S. Charles and Brevard Nixon. Parade—W. S. Orr, chairman; P. M. Cave, C. A. Williams, Mark W. Williams, J. M. Davis and Sam Powell. Farmers' committee—Dr. H. Q. Alexander, chairman; Walter S. Pharr, C. C. Moore, W. M. Long, Ben Price, J. Frank Neely, Alf Porter, R. E. Hunter, J. A. Newell, W. N. McKee, Joe Davidson, Walter Morrison, L. B. Grier, J. R. Wallace, J. C. Reid, S. D. Faulkner, M. D. Watkins, J. M. Davis, N. S. Alexander, T. J. Downs, F. C. Cochran, W. G. McLaughlin, W. C. Baker, J. T. McGee, E. R. Spurrier, F. M. Hinson.

750,000 MINERS MAY GO ON STRIKE

Trouble in British Isles Over 8-Hour Day Law and Wage-Scale—4,000 Are Idle in Wales and England To-Day—Others Give Threats.

LONDON, March 27.—Four thousand miners are idle to-day in Wales and the north of England. Thousands more in Scotland are preparing to go out in a general miners' strike. The situation is the result of the passage of the eight-hour law, the operators contending that with reduced hours should come reduced wages and refusing to pay the sliding scale under which all mining has been done.

The British Isle miners number 750,000 and they threaten to put up a united front in the impending conflict.

NEGRO ELEVATOR BOY A HERO

With the Aid of Three Policemen He Saved Lives of 30 People in Apartment House Fire. NEW YORK, March 27.—The heroism of the three policemen and a negro elevator boy saved 30 people from death or serious injury in a burning tenement house early this morning.

Assisted by the police the elevator boy kept the cage going until every occupant was safe on the street, while the flames scorched the elevator shaft, the police and the boy were badly but not fatally burned.

FELL TO DEATH THROUGH BRIDGE

Elder J. Frank Hutchenson Started Across Condensed Bridge Over the Yadkin River and Fell Through—Horse and Buggy and Two Mules Went Too. Special to The Chronicle. WINSTON-SALEM, March 27.—One span of the approach to the bridge over the Yadkin river at the east end of North Wilkesboro fell in while Elder J. Frank Hutchenson, a Primitive Baptist preacher was crossing, precipitating him and his buggy and two mules 20 feet in the river. Elder Hutchenson was fatally injured, living only 30 minutes. The buggy was demolished and the mules badly crippled.

MRS. GRACE SANKEY GETS DIVORCE DECREE

Woman Alleged Misconduct on the Part of Her Husband at Northfield, Mass. NEW YORK, March 27.—Mrs. Grace L. Sankey has obtained a divorce from John E. Sankey, the eldest son of the late Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist, who became famous during his tours with Moody.

AMERICAN REWARD FOR A BRITISH CAPTAIN

LIVERPOOL, March 27.—The board of trade has received through the Foreign Office a binocular glass for Captain John Pritchard, master of the British steamer Mauretania, of Liverpool, awarded him by the President of the United States in recognition of saving life from the ship wrecked American schooner Barge on the Fall River last year.

SIX BLOCKS BURNED

WATERBURY, N. Y., March 27.—The business section Clayton was destroyed by fire early to-day. Six business blocks and the annex to the Hubbard Hotel were burned. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

CHINESE WINS CORNELL ORATORICAL PRIZE

ITHACA, N. Y., March 27.—With "Abraham Lincoln" as his subject, Foo Yung, a Chinese student, won the first prize in an oratorical contest at Cornell to-day.

TAR-HEEL NEWSPAPER MAN TO GET JOE ONCE HELD BY ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, March 27.—James T. Williams, Jr., of North Carolina, is expected to be nominated Monday as civil service commissioner. He is a former newspaper man and traveled with Taft and party during the campaign as the representative of Chairman Hitchcock.

MAY 20 COMMITTEES

The following names were handed The Chronicle at a late hour this afternoon to be added to those already published in connection with the committees for the Twentieth of May celebration: J. E. Spence, on programme committee; E. C. Miller, on finance committee; J. E. Spence, on programme committee; E. C. Miller, on finance committee.