

Wool Schedule Absorbs Attention Of Congressmen

Political Washington Awaits Action of Democratic Caucus on Important Tariff Issue—Will it Be "Free Wool?" or a Revenue Duty.

Chairman Underwood Confident the Advent of W. J. Bryan Will not Greatly Change Vote on the Measure—In the Senate.

Washington, June 1.—The democratic wool tariff bill, prepared by the ways and means committee of the house was presented to the democratic caucus at noon today.

Washington, June 1.—With its probable bearing upon the entire tariff policy of the democratic party in the future, the caucus of the house democrats to consider the Underwood bill relating to the wool schedule of the tariff act, held the individual attention of the political Washington today.

The fight between the advocates of free raw wool and those who favored a duty "for revenue only" was interesting enough in itself, but the advent of William Jennings Bryan into the fray a few days ago served to stir matters up to a still higher pitch of intensity.

The Underwood bill imposes a largely reduced duty on raw wool. The fullest opportunity will be given for discussion in the caucus today, however, and the advocates of free wool will get a straight-away vote on that proposition.

Chairman Underwood, confident today that Mr. Bryan's entrance into the fight would materially change the vote and looked forward to a ratification of the revenue measure by a two-thirds vote of all house democrats.

What Are Bryan's Plans? There has been much comment in Washington as to Mr. Bryan's purpose in demanding that the democrats vote for free raw wool and many political observers take it to be a forerunner of further activity by the politician in 1912.

IN THE SENATE The senate leaders today expected to dispose of the first stage of the Lorimer investigation. It was predicted that before adjournment this afternoon a vote would be taken on the various propositions before the senate as to the manner of conducting the new inquiry.

The new duties together with the present duties as figured on an ad valorem basis by Chairman Underwood are as follows: Raw wool, proposed duty 20 per cent; existing duty 44.31 per cent.

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Combed wool or tops, proposed duty 25 per cent; existing duty 108.19 per cent. Yarns made wholly or in part of wool, proposed duty 30 per cent; existing duty 82.38 per cent.

Clothes, knit fabrics and all manufactures of wool, proposed duty 40 per cent; existing duty 97.11 per cent. Blankets and flannels, proposed duty 30 per cent when valued at less than 50 cents per pound 45 per cent when valued at more than 50 cents per pound; existing duty 95.57 per cent.

Women's and Children's dress goods and similar goods, proposed duty 45 per cent; existing duty 102.85 per cent. Ready made clothing and articles of wearing apparel, proposed duty 45 per cent; existing duty 81.31 per cent.

Brussels carpets, printed on the warp or otherwise, proposed duty 35 per cent; existing duty 70.14 per cent. Velvet tapestry carpets, printed on the warp or otherwise, proposed duty 35 per cent; existing duty 62.46 per cent.

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Wool, Dutch and Venetian ingrain carpets, proposed duty 25 per cent; existing duty 62.50 per cent. Oriental rugs, proposed duty 50 per cent; existing duty 57 per cent.

Druggets and blockings printed or colored proposed duty 25 per cent; existing duty 66.28 per cent. Carpets not otherwise provided for, wool, flax or cotton, and mats, matting and rugs of cotton, proposed duty 25 per cent; existing duty 49.98 per cent.

The proposed wool tariffs represents a reduction of only \$1,350,000 in the revenues of the government, according to a statement presented to the caucus by Chairman Underwood. Imports of wool last year amounted to \$70,744,650; and the democratic leaders estimate that the reduction in tariff will so stimulate importation that the first year under the proposed duties would probably result in the importation of \$130,822,000 worth of wool.

The duties collected in the past year on woolen imports amounted to \$41,904,549; while under the first year of the new duties it is figured the revenue would be \$40,556,200. All specific duties whereby a stated sum is collected by the government on certain grades of wool are changed by the new bill to ad valorem duties.

The general average ad valorem duty on manufactured wool under the proposed law is estimated at 42.55 per cent; while under the existing law it is figured as 60.10 per cent. The duty on raw wool under the proposed law is 20 per cent, while under the existing law it is 44.31 per cent.

First.—The efforts on the part of the protectionists in congress to commit the democratic party to a tariff on wool. Second.—The alleged effort of Minority Leader Martin in the senate to form an alliance between the Lorimer democrats and the Lorimer republicans to defeat the LaFollette resolution.

Third.—The action of the supreme court of the United States in amending the anti-trust law. "If the protectionists win in the caucus it is the beginning of the fight instead of the end," said Mr. Bryan. He is satisfied that the democratic voters are in no mood to be "betrayed into the hands of the protected interests."

Plan Two Republics in Nicaragua. New Orleans, June 1.—A plan to make two independent republics out of Nicaragua territory, one embracing the eastern and the other the western provinces, is said to have been outlined by certain adherents of the liberal party in that country, according to members of the Central American colony here today who are taking keen interest in revolutionary rumors accentuated by recent developments there.

This revolutionary talk is directed against Dr. Adolfo Diaz, who recently succeeded Gen. Juan J. Estrada as president. It is stated that Gen. Estrada, who is said to be headed for this port, will be asked to further the division of Nicaragua and announce himself as provisional president of the eastern division, with Bluefields as his capital.

FORMER PRESIDENT CASTRO OF VENEZUELA NOW LOCATED. Washington, June 1.—Former President Cipriano Castro of Venezuela has been found at Lisbon. Upon learning his whereabouts definitely the state department called the American charge affairs to inform the Portuguese government that Castro should not be permitted to organize a filibustering expedition against the present government of Venezuela.

Diaz Sails. Vera Cruz, Mexico, June 1.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Ypiranga, having on board Fortilla Diaz, of this Mexico, and his party, sailed from this port at 4 o'clock this morning for Havre, France.

The steamer goes to Europe by way of Havana. Diaz' present intention is to make his home in Spain. WOULD PROSECUTE OFFICIALS OF TWO BIG TRUSTS. Washington, June 1.—Criminal prosecutions of the officials of the Standard Oil Company, the American Tobacco Company and their constituent companies is proposed in a congressional resolution introduced today by Senator Pomerene of Ohio.

The resolution would instruct the attorney general to proceed against the officials at once under the recent decisions of the supreme court. It went over for the time being to give Mr. Pomerene opportunity to speak upon it.



WE'RE DUE TO BE ROASTED. On the strength of the Standard Oil decision, the famous manufacturers have banded into a "reasonable" trust.

WOMEN STRIKE SYMPATHISERS PUT IN JAIL. Irwin, Pa., June 1.—Singing "the Union Forever," twelve wives and daughters of striking miners in Westmoreland city have been returned to the county jail at Greensburg. Two of the women took their infants with them. They persisted in "serenading" the non-union workers by beating on kettles and other kitchen utensils and ringing bells, although they recently were released from jail on bail after being sentenced for the same offense.

Big Railroad Merger Reported. Knoxville, Tenn., June 1.—It is reported that effective July 1st the Athens and Tellico railroad will be merged with the Louisville and Nashville system and will become a part of the Knoxville division, to be operated under the direct jurisdiction of Supt. R. C. Morrison, of Knoxville. The Athens and Tellico road extends 24 miles from Athens to Tellico, Tenn., and crosses the main line of the Louisville and Nashville, eight miles east of Athens. The Louisville and Nashville acquired interest in this road early last year and has expended about a quarter of a million dollars on improvements.

Government Loses Suit. Montgomery, Ala., June 1.—Federal Judge Thomas G. Jones decided today against the government in the matter of the Standard Oil Company. A car of prepared horse feed manufactured and shipped by an East St. Louis, Ill., company. He dismissed the government's case on the grounds that the product was not an adulteration and the label was not misleading as was contended by the prosecution.

He declared that the company's use of the term "oat feed" was not a violation of the pure food statute relating to misbranding, because the term "oat feed" had become a common noun in English vocabulary to designate that part of the grain left after the ingredients useful as food for man had been subtracted.

He therefore held that the label would not lead any person to believe he was getting the whole grain. The case in the local court has been watched by the government officials and feed merchants because it was one of several similar cases where cars of the feed were seized.

Stacks of Breadstuffs. Liverpool, June 1.—The following are the stocks of readstuffs and provisions in Liverpool: Flour, 13,000 sacks; wheat, 1,050,000 centals; corn, 649,000 centals; bacon, 12,200 boxes; hams, 1,600 boxes; shoulders, 2,800 boxes; butter, 1,300 cwt; cheese, 28,400 boxes; lard, 6,400 boxes; lard, 6,400 tierces (prime western steam and 2,000 tons other kinds.)

By Associated Press. Denver, Col., June 1.—One week after S. L. von Phul, the aviator of St. Louis, and two innocent bystanders were wounded in a midnight fusillade of shots fired by Harold F. Henwood in a hotel barroom here, the second chapter of the tragedy was written. George E. Copeland, a wealthy mining man, of Victor, Col., an innocent spectator, twice hit by Henwood's bullets, died early today from the effects of his wounds.

Only yesterday Henwood entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned on a charge of murder in connection with the death of von Phul, and June 3rd was set for argument of the defendant's request to be admitted to bail. What effect Copeland's death will have on Henwood's case has not yet been determined.

"MOST VITAL THING BEFORE THE CITY NOW". This is what Mr. Wood H. Wood says of the Bond Election in a letter to Pres. Keuster, of the Greater Charlotte Club.

The Water Question is One of Immediate and Individual Concern—No Bonds Means no Water—Water Supply Short.

With the order by the board of aldermen to stop the street sprinklers on account of the shortage of water, and with the announcement that the water is six inches below standard, the city is brought face to face with the bond election for increased supply of water.

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The husband, a young chauffeur, who calls himself Harry Scheib, will be arraigned in the supreme court on his habeas corpus proceedings demanding release from custody. O'Gray says that the man his daughter married was known as Hugh Allerton Sherman and

N. O. MARKET ANXIOUS FOR FIRST REPORT. New Orleans, June 1.—At 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, New Orleans time, the cotton market will listen to the first reports of the season from the cotton crop. Government figures on acreage and condition will be issued from Washington simultaneously. The reports are important and can hardly fail to cause exciting scenes around the future ring.

The local trade has about made up its mind that the report on acreage should show an increase of about 6 per cent, while the condition of the crop is expected to be shown to be about 35 per cent of the normal. These figures will be used as the dividing line; reports above will cause a decline, while reports below will cause an advance.

With all the more important private bureau reports in and opinions at hand from many traveling crop experts, even if the bears have given up the idea of anything like an increase of 8 per cent in the acreage. A few bears are still hoping for seven per cent but that is about the maximum. Most bulls will be surprised at anything over 5 per cent increase.

It is now generally accepted that first estimates on several states, notably, Mississippi, were altogether too high.

In regard to condition, the general opinion seems to be that the government figures will be higher than those from several private bureaus, as was the case last year. Many bears expect over 85, while some bulls think anything over 84 will be impossible. Eighty-five is generally called the middle ground of opinion. The government's figures last year of 82 will be exceeded, even in the opinion of the most bullish.

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Interview With Woodrow Wilson

Columbia, S. C., June 1.—I have had no conference whatever with Mr. Bryan, said Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey when asked today if it were true that Mr. Bryan had secured his endorsement of the free wool program.

Washington, June 1.—Elbert H. Gray, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, today flatly denied any knowledge of the proposed formation of a combination to control the steel trade of the world.

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Disastrous Explosion of The Fortress Laloma, at Managua, Nicaragua, Results in Death to Many People—Cause is Unknown.

News of the Disaster was Conveyed to the State Department in a Brief Message—No Details Were Given.

San Juan, del Sur, Nicaragua, June 1.—The fortress on Tiscopa hill, Managua, was blown up at 3 p. m. yesterday afternoon.

One hundred and fifty soldiers perished in the explosion. All the ammunition of the fortress was destroyed. The cause of the explosion is not yet known.

Strict cable censorship has been established from Managua.

AVIATOR GARROS MAKES EFFORT TO CATCH UP. Rome, June 1.—In a determined effort to overtake his keenest rival, Andre Beaurmont, who was the first aviator to complete the second stage of the Paris-Rome-Turin flight, Roland Garros started from Pisa at 10:30 o'clock this morning, bound for Rome.

Garros, who was delayed at Pisa yesterday by an accident, which badly damaged his machine, received a new aeroplane this morning. After working for two hours on the motor to perfect its movement, the Frenchman ascended, and, hugging the Mediterranean coast, headed for this city.

The Italian torpedo boat, Fulmine, followed in the wake of the airman for a distance of 10 miles, when the warship was outdistanced. Garros passed over Croseto, about 80 miles south of Pisa, at 11:50. Vidari resumed his flight from Nice today at 4:51 o'clock this morning and reached Genoa three hours and five minutes later. After taking on a supply of fuel he again ascended and headed for Pisa.

Freya, the German aviator, whose machine was smashed at Pisa yesterday when he mistook the race course for the aerodrome, is still stalled at that city. He hopes to have the machine in shape to resume his flight before noon.

Rome, June 1.—Garros passed over Civita Vecchia 40 miles north of Rome, at 12:35 p. m. but soon afterwards was forced to land to replenish his supply of petroleum. He is expected to arrive here at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Vidari reached Pisa at 12:25 o'clock this afternoon and is making preparations to continue his flight toward the Italian capital at 3 p. m.

A Later Dispatch. Rome, June 1.—Roland Garros, the French aviator, was the second contestant in the 1,500 mile Paris-Rome-Turin aviation race to reach the capital. He arrived here at 5:10 o'clock this afternoon from Pisa. He left there at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

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Financing Railroad On Big Scale

New York, June 1.—The announcement of James J. Hill in St. Paul, of the execution of a mortgage of six hundred million by the Great Northern Railway Company was followed by the news today that the Great Northern has sold to the First National Bank of New York twenty million 4 1-2 per cent 50 year bonds secured under its mortgage.

It is stated that the proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes which include improvements and extensions on the Great Northern.

The Bankers Trust Company, of New York is the trustee under the \$600,000,000 mortgage which is the largest corporate mortgage on record.

The financial community is disposed to associate the proposed acquisition of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy by Great Northern as a direct result of the recent Standard Oil and American Tobacco decisions since it is generally recognized that Northern Pacific and Burlington are in a sense competing lines.

Local representatives of the Hill roads declined to discuss the matter today but it is known that the mortgage will take care primarily of the Burlington debt 4 per cent bonds amounting to \$222,400,000. These bonds were a feature of the stock market this morning, advancing 2 1-2 points to 99 1-2 on heavy trading at the opening.

—Rev. W. C. Owen, of Little Rock, S. C., brought his little son, Ocho, to the Charlotte Sanatorium this morning.

Mystery Surrounding Bath Tub Murder Case May Be Solved To-day

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that he, the father, has been writing letters to her under that name. It was the discovery of some of these letters in the flat with the body that led to the notification of Mrs. O'Grady and his trip here as a witness.

Thus far the police have not revealed the evidence on which they determined that the woman was murdered. It is asserted, however, that the coroner has proof of this kind and that it will appear at the inquest.

Other important witnesses at the inquest will be women friends of Scheib.

The police believe the story told by Miss Mae Blake will be an important link in the evidence against the chauffeur.

Miss Blake says that Scheib told her last March that his wife died of pneumonia in February and was buried in Springfield, Mass.