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Report on Underwood Wool Bill Submitted To Congress Today

President Taft, the Republicans and The Tariff Board Come in For Severe Criticism At the Hands of Committee.

Wonder if Data Gathered by Board Will be Delayed, as in Case of The Steel Trust and Other Industries.

Washington, D. C., June 6.—Sharply criticizing President Taft, the republicans and the tariff board, the report on the Underwood wool bill was submitted to the house today by the democratic members of the ways and means committee. Quoting President Taft's address after the passage of the Payne Aldrich bill in which he declared that "the woolen schedule is indefensible and I propose to say so," the report said:

"Had the president made these public admissions earlier while the tariff of 1909 was under consideration by congress, his declarations would have been of real service to the people and would have enabled them to protest against the betrayal of the public welfare to private greed."

The report continues:

"The president's alliance at that time and his approval of the act of 1909 makes it impossible for him to evade his full share of the responsibility for the failure of revision which he now admits."

The report deals at some length with the attitude of the administration in not communicating to congress data on the "Steel Trust" and other industries now being investigated and the failure of the tariff board to communicate data on the woolen industry.

"The position of the tariff board appears to be," says the report, "that they, in conference with and under the sole control of the president shall be the sole judges as to what part of the data they collect may be likely to be of service for purposes of legislation; and this is to be considered with reference to the viewpoint of president concerning tariff legislation."

"It is therefore not impossible that there may be some such delay in the communication to the congress of the statistical information collected by the tariff board concerning wool and woolen goods as there has been in communicating to congress and of making public the data by the bureau of corporations concerning investigations of the steel and other industries."

The report maintains that any further delay in the revision of the wool schedule would be objectionable to the public, in explaining the determination of the committee not to put free raw wool on the list, but to reduce the present duty to 20 per cent ad valorem, the committee insists as the democratic caucus did, that the duty "is not to be construed as an abandonment of any democratic policy."

"The present situation of the treasury," the report states, "requires that the revenue from the customs duties in the immediate future be maintained as approximately the total of the fiscal year 1910."

All the democratic members of the ways and means committee, with the exception of Francis Burton Harrison, of New York, signed the report.

Plan Bankers' Convention.

By Associated Press.
New Orleans, June 6.—The executive committee of the New Orleans clearing house association announces that the time of the American Bankers' Association convention has been fixed for November 21-24.

A Tragic Death.

Savannah, Ga., June 6.—George, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Williams, living at Thunderbolt, a resort near Savannah, met a tragic death this morning in a machine shop near his home. One of the large pulley belts broke and struck the lad over the heart, killing him instantly.

Mistah Johnsing On for Coronation.

By Associated Press.
New York, June 6.—Jack Johnson, with his bag of jewelry, his festive apparel, his white wife and golden snuile, set off for Europe today with a host of sure enough American notables to view the sights of King George's coronation in London.

Instead of obtaining a stateroom among those of the other first cabin passengers, the Johnsons were assigned to the room ordinarily belonging to the chief engineer of the ship.

It was also announced that the chief steward had assigned them to a small table in a rather secluded corner of the first cabin dining saloon.

Johnson said he did not intend to fight abroad but that if he was offered enough money he would fight a bear.

"I'd fight a bear for about \$30,000," he added.

"Will you fight Sam Langford?"

"He ain't no bear," answered the Negro. "He's a wild cat."

ANOTHER AIR MAN ENTERS MADRID RACE

By Associated Press.
Buc, France, June 6.—Pierre Vedrine, the winner of the Paris-to-Madrid flight last month, crossed the starting line at the aerodrome here this morning, bound for Nice, the end of the first stage. The distance between Buc and Nice is 537 miles.

Four of the contestants in the race—Beaumont, Garros, Frey and Vidard—already have reached Rome, and are preparing to resume their flight to Turin, the concluding stage of the 1,300-mile event.

Vedrine reached Dijon, 160 miles from Paris, at 7:25 o'clock this morning, and, after taking on fuel, reascended at 8:45 o'clock, sailing away in the direction of Lyons.

The present contest was begun on May 28th, but the aviators have until June 15th to accomplish the distance of 1,300 miles from Paris to Turin, by way of Rome. The aeronauts are at liberty to start when they please and to land as often as they deem it necessary, provided they reported at certain fixed points. The race was organized by the Paris Petite Parisian.

Bus, France, June 6.—Vedrine, after passing over Chalons-Sur-Saone and flying at an altitude of 3,000 feet, encountered a violent wind which rocked his machine dangerously and compelled him to make a rough landing at Saint Laurent-Les-Macon, just outside Macon. Vedrine was uninjured but his aeroplane was damaged.

The accident upset Vedrine's plan to fly from Buc to Nice in one day and he abandoned their race.

He will return to Paris.

SHERIFF NOT GUILTY.

By Associated Press.
Carlo, Ill., June 6.—A. B. Bankston, former sheriff of Pulaski county, was found not guilty of the charge of the murder of Wilford French, a policeman of Carra last December by a jury at Jonesboro, Ill., today. The jury was out sixty-five hours.

ANTI-HORSE THIEF SOCIETY INVITES MR. TAFT TO KAS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, June 6.—One of the unique invitations received by President Taft today came from the Anti-Horse Thief Association of Kansas and Oklahoma, which asked Mr. Taft to come to Arkansas City, Kas., to address its convention July 19. The association, the invitation says, numbers about 50,000. The president was compelled to decline the invitation.

Heike Case Up.

By Associated Press.
New York, June 6.—Charles R. Heike, former secretary of the American Sugar Refining Company, and Ernest W. Gerbracht, former superintendent of the sugar refinery at Williamsburg, today were before the United States circuit court of appeals, where arguments were made by counsel for permission to appeal from the decisions of the United States circuit court.

Heike and Gerbracht were convicted on conspiracy to defraud the government through underweighing of imported sugar.

NO CHANGE IN CONDITION OF JOHN BIGELOW

By Associated Press.
New York, June 6.—There has been no alarming change in the condition of John Bigelow, the veteran diplomat and author, so far as could be learned here today from his physician. Dr. Milton Powell, upon his return from the Bigelow summer home at Highland Falls last night, said that his patient is suffering from recurrence of an old malady, which is serious on account of his age, but that Mr. Bigelow is in no immediate danger.

John Bigelow, United States ambassador to France during the civil war, lawyer, editor and historian, was nineteen years of age November 25 last year. Despite his age he has remained actively at work. On April 30 he returned from a trip abroad and on May 24 he spoke at the opening of the new public library here as president of the board of trustees.

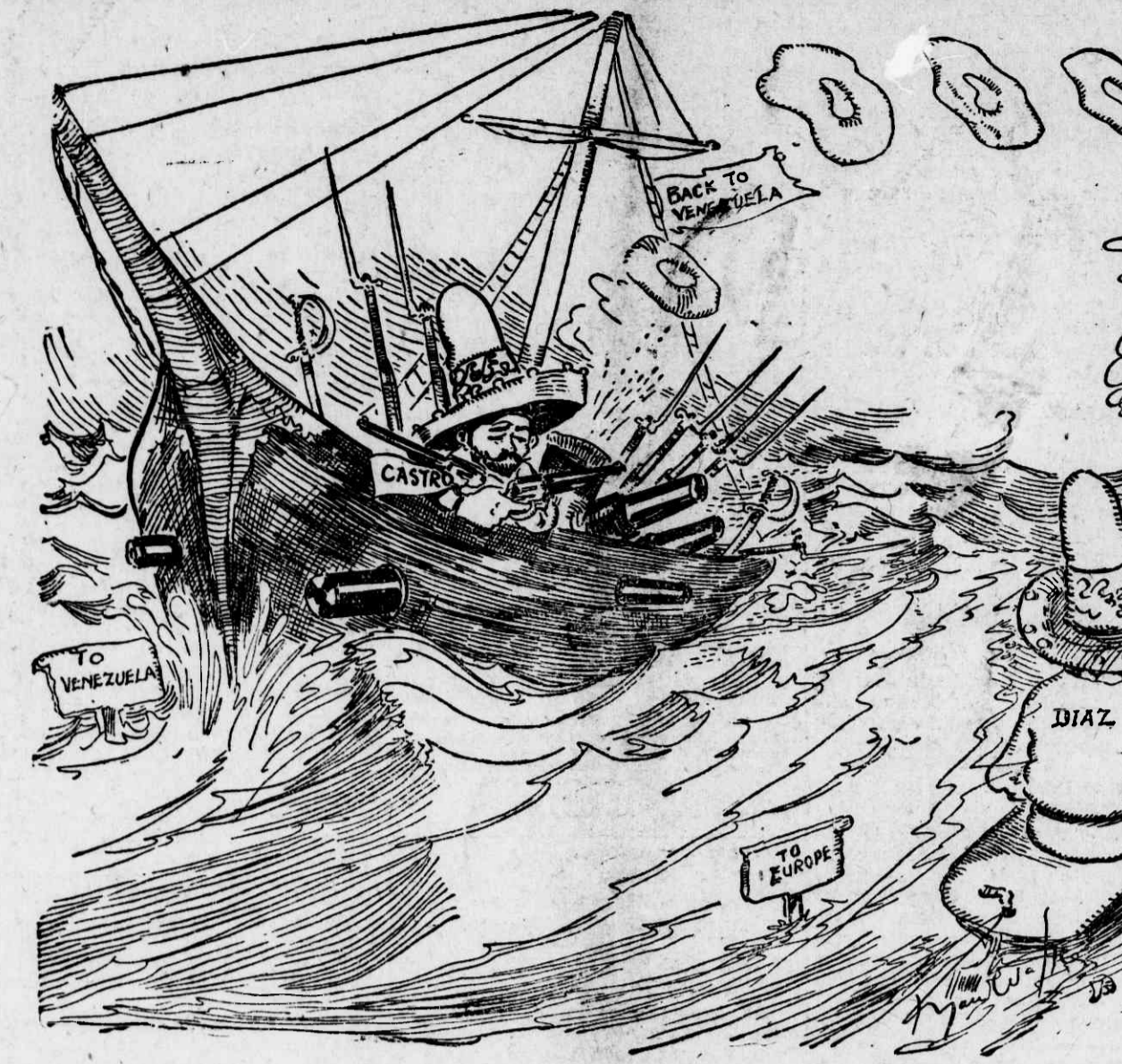
The following day he went to his summer home, "The Squirrels", at Highland Falls, up the Hudson river. There he set to work on his book of memoirs, part of which already has been published.

Dr. Bigelow spent last Wednesday morning at his literary labors dictating to his secretary and sometimes using his pen himself. The attack came that evening.

Mrs. Strohacker Acquitted.

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, June 6.—Mrs. Minnie Strohacker was acquitted today of the charge of having administered strychnine to her husband, George Strohacker on January 7 last.

Strohacker became seriously ill after eating his noon day lunch and physicians found that strychnine had been placed on a slice of his bread. His wife was arrested but Strohacker refused to believe that she was in any way connected with the poisoning and supported her through the trial.



PASSING OF TWO EX-PRESIDENTS. Castro has secured a boatload of arms and ammunition and is on his way to Venezuela.—News Item.

CRACK RIFLE TEAMS MEETING IN THE CAPITAL

Special to The News.
Raleigh, N. C., June 6.—Out at the rifle range here today there is in progress the shoot between the crack rifle teams of the three regiments of the North Carolina National Guard in the three regimental shoots recently held at Raleigh, Goldsboro and Gastonia, the contest to continue through tomorrow with a view to proving out the real championship as between the winners of the honors in the regimental shoots. The teams in the contest are, Raleigh, for the Third; Asheville for the First and Lumber Ridge for the Second regiment.

The Wake county commissioners have given notice that it is the desire of the people of the county to vote on both the establishment of the farm-life school and on the issuance of \$400,000 road bonds, both elections must be on the same day and that this will necessitate the holding of both elections on August 31. The elections are sure to be called for this date.

Sheriff Sears, of Wake county, has just completed a full settlement with the Wake commissioners for the 1910 state and county taxes. The grand total was \$291,000.

The bank of LaGrange, established in 1906 and having \$10,000 capital with J. R. Wooten as president and L. F. Davis as cashier, was closed today by order of the corporation commission because of unsatisfactory financial condition. It has over drafts and unsecured papers aggregating \$12,000. The bank has been in unsatisfactory condition since last October, the commission having insisted upon readjustment that was thereafter represented to have been made, but abuses have continued with the result that the commission orders the institution closed for the reason, as the order sets out, that the bank "has been conducting its business in an unsafe and unauthorized manner and is insolvent."

CHOLERA ON LINER.

By Associated Press.
Trieste, Austria, June 6.—The Cunard line steamer Saxonia, which arrived here today from New York, is in the hands of the health authorities, as the result of the discovery of a case of suspected cholera on board.

The victim was a Hungarian emigrant from America, named Bernis. He died this morning. A bacteriological examination is being made and meanwhile permission for communication between the vessel and the shore is withheld by the officers of the port.

Tar Heels in Capital.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., June 6.—Dr. Robert S. Young, of Concord, is here today with W. Colb Morris, who will stand the examination for West Point. He was appointed an alternate by Republican Doughton. Gleim McKay, son of A. S. McKay, of Mooresville, has been appointed page by Mr. Doughton. He goes to work today. The Gaston county soil survey maps are ready for distribution.

GOTTON MILL MEN OPPOSE REVISED WOOL.

Special to The News.
Washington, June 6.—S. W. Cramer, of Charlotte, representing the Southern cotton mill men, presented a petition and an appeal to Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee, asking him not to revise the cotton schedule at this time.

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Mr. Underwood did not say what influence the paper presented him today would have.

YOUNG MAN IS DROWNED IN STATESVILLE

Special to The News.
Statesville, June 6.—Mr. Claude Laugenour, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. F. Laugenour, was drowned yesterday afternoon in Mr. W. E. Morrison's mill pond two and a half miles north of town. He was bathing in the pond with three companions, and while trying to swim across deep water he tired out and sank to death without uttering a word. The alarm was given immediately and from the time the boy was held up to 4:15 until it was found at 5:55 every effort was made to recover it, and after it had been secured the doctors worked faithfully for 40 minutes in their effort to force artificial respiration and resuscitate it, but all in vain.

Dr. Laugenour, the father of the dead boy, was taken to the pond in an auto and while he showed his great agony during the efforts to recover the body and to resuscitate it after the recovery, he retained composure and with tears streaming asked the writer to hold up the case of his boy as a warning to others; to plead with other young men to stay out of deep water even when they can swim a little. The father was not allowed to see his son until it was prepared for burial. The mother and oldest daughter, Miss Mabel Laugenour, were at home, but the other two members of the family, little Misses and Blanche Laugenour, were in Rock Hill, S. C., on a visit and were notified of their brother's tragic death by wire.

This is the first victim of Morrison's pond, was a young man in the prime of life, in his 21st year and with a bright future. His death is truly very pathetic and distressing, and the bereaved family has the sympathy of the community.

AUTO VICTIM'S GEMS GONE.

Washington, D. C., June 6.—Washington pawnshops are being searched for jewelry to the value of \$400, missing from the body of Robert Oliver Williams, the young Baltimore millionaire killed on May 13th, when his car turned turtle near Annapolis, Md., and injured Miss Helen Griffith, of Baltimore.

A request has been received from the Baltimore police to search for a three-stone diamond ring, a pair of diamond cufflinks, and a cat's eye pin. Williams, it is said, wore the jewelry on the day of the accident. When his body was taken from the wreck of his car it was gone. Whether it was stolen or lost, can not be determined.

BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS IN SESSION

By Associated Press.
Washington, June 6.—This was the first day for a long time that both houses of congress have been simultaneously in session. The senate was prepared to adopt plans for the new inquiry into the Lorimer case, the committee on privileges and elections having decided yesterday on the personnel of the sub-committee that will actively undertake the investigation. The sub-committee desired at the hands of the senate authority to exercise all the sweeping powers of the full committee.

In the house the report of the ways and means committee on the wool tariff bill was ready. Discussion on the bill will begin tomorrow when Representative Underwood, chairman of the committee, will call it up. No limit on debate will be fixed until later. Mr. Underwood will direct the democratic discussion and Representative Mann the republican opposition. Representative Payne, former chairman of the ways and means committee and the oldest republican member of the present committee, will aid in conducting the fight against the bill.

Senator Root, former secretary of state, was slated to appear before the house committee on expenditures in the state department today to tell what he knew regarding the unaccounted-for \$1,600 included in the \$2,450 voucher for which Albert Rosenthal was paid \$850 for the portrait of Justice Day.

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ONE MYSTERY IN MURDER CASE CLEARED

By Associated Press.
New York, June 6.—One mystery in the case of Henry A. Scheib, who is under arrest here charged with the murder of his wife, formerly Elizabeth O'Grady of Springfield, Mass., is cleared up by an explanation of the couple's love affair by Edward O. Towne, of Chicago, council for Scheib.

Following the discovery of the woman's body last week and the finding of letters in Scheib's rooms, the police were perplexed by letters addressed to his wife as "Mrs. Hugh A. Sherman."

According to Towne's explanation, Scheib first saw Elizabeth O'Grady at church here one Sunday in 1906. They met in the same pew so often that they got acquainted and walked in the park. They joked over the German and Irish combinations of Scheib and O'Grady.

The girl told him she had taken the name of Lillian Lever, as a "translation" of what O'Grady meant in Irish, and they were trying to find a suitable substitute of Scheib so that Lillian's parents would not object to a "Dutchman." At the time they were passing the equestrian statue of General Sherman near Central Park and she suggested adoption of the famous general's name. Accordingly, they were married as Sherman. The "Hughie" was a pet name which the wife supplied.

—The many friends of Dr. J. C. Boyette will be glad to know that he is better today. He spent a week at Lincoln Lithia Inn, hoping to ward off his present spell.

Philadelphia Admitted.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 6.—As a result of a mail vote taken since the dual spring meeting in March, Dartmouth college, it was announced today by Secretary Ralph Morgan of this city, has been admitted to membership in the intercollegiate basketball league, which heretofore has been composed of five universities: Yale, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Cornell and Columbia.

Full Report On U. S. Steel Trust

By Associated Press.
Washington, June 6.—A full report on the United States Steel corporation which Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, has been three years in gathering, will be laid before the president soon.

Upon this report and the report of special investigators of the department of justice President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham will decide what action if any, shall be brought against the corporation.

The minority report is signed by Representative Payne, Dalzell, Needham and Longworth.

"For purely political reasons," it says, "this cold blooded measure is brought forward. If it could become a law it would slaughter sheep as in 1894 and close the mills much more universally."

The bill is not drawn on lines for the production of revenue of raw wool, the minority report contends, and adds that "with a duty of 20 per cent on the wool, the duty on manufactured cloth is so low as to enable our manufacturers to pay the wool duty and still compete with imported cloths."

"The wool schedule is difficult and intricate and directly involves the welfare and living of more than 500,000 people," the report continues. "Without any hearing or new data, with no years ago this bill is forced upon the House at the mandate of a political caucus. There can be no expectation that it will pass the other house or be even considered there before December next at least."

The minority report charges that the democrats give the need for revenue as the real reason for the introduction of the measure. It characterizes the democratic elements with regard to the condition of the treasury as "abed for false" and presents treasury statements purporting to refute the democratic charges of republican extravagance in expenditures.

Root Amendment Will Most Likely Be Adopted

A PROMINENT CLOTHIER KILLED SELF

By Associated Press.
Chicago, June 6.—Leopold Dreyfus, of the firm of L. Dreyfus & Co., committed suicide today after having confessed, the police declare, that he was party to the burning of his place of business on Market street last Saturday afternoon.

The confession according to the police, may throw light on other fires in the downtown district and is regarded by the officials as evidence of the existence of an organized band of incendiaries who for a stipulated price offer to set fire to business houses.

Suspicious circumstances in the fire, including the finding of several cans which had apparently contained gasoline, in the rooms occupied by L. Dreyfus & Co., clothiers, caused a careful investigation to be made, and Leopold Dreyfus was questioned repeatedly by the police. The confession in substance the police say, was that two men approached Dreyfus and his brother about a week ago and offered to burn the establishment fixing \$5,000 as their price. Dreyfus is declared to have agreed to \$2,000 and to have paid down \$300, the remainder to be paid when the insurance was collected.

Dreyfus and his brother were arrested yesterday afternoon, and after a confession, Leopold Dreyfus was permitted to go to his home in the custody of a policeman. While in another room today Dreyfus shot himself through the head. When the police reached him he was dead.

The valuation set on the property of the company was \$12,000. Fire Attorney Sullivan is co-operating with the police in an endeavor to learn more of the alleged band.

President's Son Was Barred

By Associated Press.
Columbus, O., June 6.—Because he was unfamiliar with the rule requiring applicants to register when they begin their study for law, Robert Alphonse Taft, son of President Taft, was denied the privilege of taking the Ohio state bar examination, which began today and will be completed tomorrow. Two months ago he wrote to the clerk of the supreme court asking to be registered for the examination. He was advised that as he had not registered when he began he began to prepare for the law that he could not take the examination now. He probably will take it two years hence.

Southern Golfers In Tournament

By Associated Press.
Nashville, Tenn., June 6.—With nearly 200 golfers from all over the South thronging the local links, the Southern golf association opened its tenth annual tournament here today. The qualifying round was opened at 9 o'clock and will not be finished until tomorrow morning.

An election of officers will be held tonight. H. F. Smith, vice president of the Nashville & St. Louis Railway, is slated for re-election as president of the association.

Owing to the excessive hot weather the grounds are very dry, making the play in some respects difficult. The first pair started at 9 o'clock this morning and did not go around till 11:30. Other pairs followed at 5 minute intervals. The thermometer registered 82 at noon.

Congress Wants Facts.

Washington, D. C., June 6.—Failure of the war department to report award of contracts for materials used in the construction of the Panama canal, amounting to many millions of dollars to congress was the subject of inquiry today by the house committee on expenditures in that department.

Captain F. C. Boggs, general purchasing agent of the canal commission, explained that reports were not made to congress by the secretary of war as is done in the case of rivers and harbors work because the comptroller of the treasury has held that the commission is under the supervision of the war department in the sense that it should comply with regulations governing other public works.

Pay Tribute To Cardinal Gibbons

By Associated Press.
Baltimore, June 6.—Distinguished men of various other nations will gather here to pay tribute to James Cardinal Gibbons as a man and a citizen at a popular, civic demonstration in honor of the 25th anniversary of his election to the cardinalate and his golden jubilee as a priest.

The affair will be entirely non-sectarian in character and is in recognition of the influence which the cardinal has exercised for high ideals in citizenship and patriotism.

Addresses will be made by President Taft, Vice President Sherman, former President Roosevelt, Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court; James Bryce, the ambassador of Great Britain; Speaker Champ Clark, Senator Root of New York, former Speaker Cannon, Mayor Preston and the cardinal.

Governor Austin L. Crothers will preside over the exercises which will be held in the fifth regiment armory from 4 to 6 p. m. At their conclusion Mayor Preston will give a dinner to about fifty of the guests. President Taft will return to Washington immediately after the exercises.

Hopes of Administration That Finance Committee Would Report Reciprocity Bill Without Amendments Are Cruelly Blighted.

Chances Are That Amendment to The Paper and Wood Pulp Section Will Be Adopted in Modified Form.

By Associated Press.
Washington, June 6.—Hopes of the administration that the senate finance committee will report that Canadian reciprocity bill unamended were dashed today when after a brief executive session of the committee it was learned that the Root amendment to the paper and wood pulp section probably would be adopted in modified form.

It was said that in accordance to seven republican members of the committee, three democrats—Bailey, Simmons and Johnson—would vote for the amendment while Senators Penrose and Cullom are declared to be with the three other democrats in opposition, thus presaging the adoption of the amendment by a vote of 10 to 5. Final consideration of the measure will be begun by the committee tomorrow.

The amendment offered by Senator Root provides that the paper and wood pulp section of the bill shall not be in force until the president "shall have satisfactory evidence and shall make proclamation that such wood pulp, paper and board, being the products of the United States, are admitted into all the provinces of Canada free of duty."

It is contended by its opponents that the amendment raising the question of the dominion government's jurisdiction over the provinces will endanger the measure. This is set forth by those who believe the provision.

Secretary of State Knox did not appear to explain the agreement between the two governments.

The committee endeavored to agree on a date for a vote on the measure. It was apparent that the members favored July 15 and a recommendation probably will be made to the senate to this effect when the bill is reported.