

THE HOUSE VOTES TO REPEAL THE WAR TAXES

Every Vote in the Affirmative--Richardson Takes the Wind Out of Republican Sails

Washington, Feb. 17.--The bill to repeal the War Tax act passed the House yesterday afternoon. After the rule to prevent the discussion...

passage, and the yeas and nays were ordered. There was a large attendance upon the floor of the House and in the galleries...

Mr. Dabzell of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Rules, presented the special order agreed upon by that committee. Mr. Dabzell explained the effect of the rule...

At the conclusion of this brief statement, Mr. Dabzell yielded thirty minutes to Mr. Underwood of Alabama, also of the Committee on Rules.

The Alabama member protested against the adoption of the rule, not, he said, because it provided for the consideration of a bill to reduce taxation...

hand" was necessary to prevent a wholesale revision of the tariff. Mr. Babcock of Wisconsin said he did not believe in complicating the repeal bill with other tariff matters...

Mr. Hay of Virginia said the rule was such a display of cowardice as had never been seen in the House. The bill would be debated and amended in the Senate.

Mr. Cannon of Illinois argued in favor of the adoption of the rule in order that the war taxes might be repealed.

Mr. Richardson of Tennessee said there were many Republicans who were restive under the demand of some of the tariff schedules. Mr. Babcock's excuse, he said, was lame and he could not go back to his constituents and explain...

Mr. Dabzell, closing the debate, said that in 1894 the Democrats of the House, then in a majority, under a rule swallowed 649 amendments to the Wilson tariff bill after two hours debate. Upon his demand the previous question was ordered...

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Crumpacker Succeeds at Last in Getting a Resolution Through

Washington, Feb. 17.--The caucus of the Republican members of the House after three meetings, tonight adopted a modified form of the Crumpacker resolution providing for an investigation of the election laws of the several states...

Although there were but eighty-five members of the caucus present, it was understood beforehand that the resolution was agreeable to the leaders, and there being no opposition to the resolution it stands as the sense of the Republican caucus. It provides that the Committee on Rules shall bring in a rule for the appointment by the Speaker of a select committee of eleven members to investigate the subject and report, but does not authorize the committee to draft a bill or resolution...

POPULISM VINDICATED

Charles A. Towne Thinks the Present Prosperity Proves the Case

Louisville, Feb. 17.--Charles A. Towne, the last nominee of the Populists for Vice President, and one of the recent leaders of the Democratic party, is in the city to confer with business men from the South and West regarding oil lands in Texas.

"I am out of politics for good," said Mr. Towne. "Perhaps in years to come, after I have provided bread, I may write a few books and make a few speeches on economic questions. When I was in politics I not only devoted all my time to it, but my money also, and the result was that I found myself short in finances last summer, so I decided to go to New York and see what I could do there toward regaining it."

Report on Pacific Cable

Washington, Feb. 17.--The report which expresses the views of the majority of the members of the House on the subject of the Pacific cable was filed today. The report endorses the Corliss bill, which provides that the cable shall be built, laid and owned by the United States government.

WHEELER'S SPEECH HAS BROUGHT HIM FAME

Gen. Carr Credited with a Desire to Succeed Kitchin in the House

BY THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Feb. 17.--Special.--Representative Wheeler's desk resembled a small-sized document room when the House assembled this morning. The sensational speech delivered by the young Kentuckian Friday last has attracted attention throughout the country. His desk was piled high with letters and papers and his mail included more than 500 letters relating to his speech.

Senator Pritchard continues to receive letters from Charlotte in behalf of Postmaster J. W. Mullein, whose nomination still hangs up. Senator Pritchard has no idea when the Post Office Department will take action. He is informed that a special agent has gone to North Carolina to make a further investigation.

Sam Alexander, the hero of the Emma burglary who was so desperately wounded in the conflict with the four burglars in Buncombe county, is here and has been given a position in the Post Office Department in recognition of his bravery and defense of government property.

Congressman Klutznick has introduced a bill in the House for the establishment of two terms of the United States Circuit and District Courts at Wilkesboro. The bill provides that the clerk at Greensboro shall appoint a deputy clerk for the two courts, who shall reside at Wilkesboro, and authorize the Attorney General to rent such court quarters as may be necessary.

the public eye. It is generally understood here that McLaurin will not even make an effort for re-election to the Senate. He studiously avoids talking on this subject. McLaurin is completely out of touch with the Democrats of the Senate, and the Booker Washington incident sealed his lips from a Republican standpoint.

There is a report here that Gen. Julian S. Carr will not be a candidate for the Senate, but will enter the race for the congressional nomination against Congressman W. W. Kitchin. The story was repeated several times last week.

Rural free delivery is much more extensive in the north and west than in the south, but the system is gradually being extended in the south. One reason for this is that the Republican representatives from the north have had the "pull," as the saying goes here. A Georgia congressman cited the fact on the floor of the House the other day that in some southern districts there was not a route in operation, while in some instances influential Congressmen had secured early rural routes for their districts.

Mr. J. J. Farris, editor of the High Point Enterprise, was here yesterday on his return from Baltimore, where he went to purchase a new press and outfit for his already well equipped printing establishment. It is to be used for the publication of the Southern Furniture Journal.

Congressman E. W. Pon has returned from Smithfield. He is accompanied by his bright little daughter. Mrs. W. W. Kitchin and children have gone to North Carolina on a visit.

Permanent Census Bill Passed by the Senate

The Danish Islands Treaty Adopted Without Amendment

Washington, Feb. 17.--Upon the conclusion of routine business today the Senate, at 12:30 p. m. went into executive session to consider the treaty providing for the acquisition of the Danish West Indies. The Senate ratified the Danish treaty without amending it in any particular.

that the object of the Iowa Senator was to delay and postpone action on the bill. With some exhibition of annoyance Mr. Allison characterized the suggestion as unkind and untrue.

Mr. Allison accepted the disclaimer and went on with his remarks. Mr. Bacon asked Mr. Allison whether he, representing a corn state, knew the importance of the amendment to the cotton producer better than all the Senators from the cotton states.

of the danger of collision with the Texas. It was subsequently shown that Admiral Schley had suppressed an accompanying letter from Hodgson, explaining that there was a colloquy substantially as alleged, and that his denial intended to apply only to the literal accuracy of its published version.

Very little consideration is given by Mr. Roosevelt regarding this treaty. Mr. Roosevelt regards this treaty as the conduct of an officer and a gentleman, and scores Schley for it.

The President Comes to the Relief of Hobson

Legislation Proposed to Transfer Him to the Retired List for Disability

Washington, Feb. 17.--President Roosevelt today sent to Congress the following message recommending the transfer of Naval Constructor Hobson to the retired list.

While in effect pronouncing it correct, Mr. Hobson states, in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, February 5, 1902, that the duty required in the construction corps in connection with inspection and supervision in the glare of the sun at ship yards and navy yards, requires just the kind of use of the eyes that is painful and injurious and would tend to thwart their recovery...

The Snow Storm Has Moved to the North

New York, Feb. 17.--This city got a taste of the kind of winter New York State has been having pretty much all the season, and made a fuss about it. A high wind, rising at night to a velocity of 60 miles an hour, drifted the snow a good deal, made trouble for the railroads, and with the floating ice practically stopped business in the harbor.

ventured to move since the severe storm began during the night. Capt. May N. J., Feb. 17.--The heaviest snow storm of the winter is raging on the southern New Jersey coast. The wind is blowing from the northwest and the snow is now 10 inches deep.

A Roast for Schley from the White House

The President's Review Understood to Be Severe on the Admiral's Conduct

Washington, Feb. 17.--President Roosevelt's review of the Schley case has been sent to the printer and copies will be given to the press this week, probably Wednesday. The review consists of about 2,500 words or about two columns of a newspaper. While care has been taken to prevent the premature publication in the press of the President's comments, the substance is known to a number of public men to whom the President has read or outlined them, and there is a general feeling among those that all contemplated people will be satisfied with the President's reasoning and conclusions. In this connection it may be said that the President has been assured by leaders in both houses that the Schley case will not be taken up by the main points covered in the President's review are Admiral Schley's treatment of Lieutenant Commander Hodgson

and the famous loop of the Brooklyn. All the other matters concerned are subordinated to these, even the question of Cervera's fleet, he decides that no order from that officer to the vessels had any effect whatever on the fight.

Admiral Schley's treatment of Lieutenant Commander Hodgson is regarded by the President as lacking in honor and fairness, and what he says on that subject will be anything but pleasant reading to those who, though not understanding this matter, have believed that it was of no importance and merely brought forward to increase the sum of accusations against Schley. Admiral Schley caused to be published in a newspaper a letter from Mr. Hodgson, denying that any such colloquy ever occurred on the Brooklyn between Schley and himself during the fight, the colloquy as printed indicating that Schley was timid about approaching the enemy's ships and that in his haste to avoid them he was reckless

A HINT TO HILL

Harmony Could Be Promoted by Following Croker's Example

New York, Feb. 17.--Edward Murphy, Jr., formerly Democratic United States Senator, arrived at the Hoffman House tonight and had a long talk with a number of Democrats of prominence in the State. The Democratic State situation is much more interesting than the Republican situation for the reason that all believe on the Republican side that Governor Odell is to be renominated.

Little is heard now from Senator McLaurin of South Carolina, who only a few months ago was so prominent in the caucus of the Republican members of the House tonight amounting to nothing. Congressman Blackburn, who has favored an election law with features controlling the election of members of the House of Representatives, admits as much. After the caucus tonight Mr. Blackburn said: "We have defeated the Crumpacker bill; and more, we are entitled to be allowed to work out our salvation in the South."

Mr. Murphy has recently been the friend of Mr. Croker. Formerly he was the staunch advocate of Mr. Hill and all of Mr. Hill's policies. Mr. Croker has ostensibly retired as head of Tammany Hall and he did this, it has been declared, for harmony sake; and last night it was reiterated at the Hoffman House that inasmuch as Croker has taken this stand Hill himself should pull out and go into his shell, and if Mr. Hill does this, unadulterated harmony can come to the Democratic party in the State.

Wireless Words from Henry's Ship

London, Feb. 17.--The North German Lloyd steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm with Prince Henry aboard was in wireless communication with the Marconi station at the Lizard from 12:30 until 9 o'clock this morning. At the latter hour the Kronprinz Wilhelm was 140 miles west of the Cornish coast. Over one hundred words were exchanged between 8:30 and 9 a. m.