

Weather.

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THE DEMOCRATIC SENATORS ON THE TARIFF MEASURE

Will Not Offer Substitute for Payne Bill But Offer Amendments

WILL GO ON RECORD

Stated at the Senate Chamber Today That the Democratic Members of the Finance Committee Will Not Prepare a Substitute for the Payne Bill, But Will Offer Amendments When the Bill Comes Up in the Senate—Will Thus Go on Record as to the Kind of Legislation They Would Give the Country if Given Power.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—It was stated at the senate today that the democratic members of the finance committee will not prepare a substitute for the amended Payne tariff bill, but will content themselves by offering a series of amendments to the several schedules and paragraphs of the bill and thus go on records as to the kind of tariff revision they would give the country if entrusted with the power of legislating on this important subject. Under the rules of the senate the democrats have the right to offer amendments to every schedule and paragraph in the bill. In the house the democrats, because of the rules, were denied this right. At the expected meeting of the minority members of the senate finance committee this afternoon it is not unlikely that the democrats will agree on a tentative program which they will submit to a conference of all the democratic senators. Although Senator Aldrich is expected to begin the tariff debate tomorrow it is not improbable that he will let the matter go over until Monday.

Senate May Adjourn.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—Democratic senators expressed the opinion today that after Senator Aldrich concluded his statement to the senate in regard to the tariff bill, the senate will adjourn until Monday. It is understood that Senator Daniel, ranking minority member of the senate finance committee, will reply to Senator Aldrich. Senator Daniel said today that he probably would wait until Monday before answering Senator Aldrich.

FLORIDA MAN A SUICIDE.

Found Dead in Hotel Bath Room in Washington.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—J. O. Lafontesse, of Jacksonville, Fla., was found dead today in a bath-room of the Regent Hotel. Gas was flowing from a jet on the wall and the door and window were both closed and securely fastened.

In his room were found papers indicating that he had made a study of the titles of southern lands in which the United States government is interested.

At the bureau of forestry it was stated he had been employed there since last July.

Mrs. Lafontesse, who had been with him, returned about ten days ago to the family home at 1625 Iona street, Jacksonville.

TAFTS IN NEW YORK.

President Attends Meeting of Yale Corporation.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—President Taft and Mrs. Taft started at 12:30 p. m. today for New York. The president goes to attend the meeting of the Yale corporation, of which he is a member and will spend all of Thursday in New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft will spend tonight at the home of Henry W. Taft in New York. It is probable that a theatre party will be arranged for the evening. They will return to Washington Friday morning. In his travels since March 4 the president has used the private car Constitution, in which he made the forty-one day trip during the campaign.

Emperor William Is Venice.

(By Cable to The Times) Venice, April 14—Kaiser Wilhelm, the Kaiserin and Prince Oscar, of Germany, arrived here today. They were greeted by Prince von Buelow and welcomed by the officials of the city.

SARAH KOTEN PLEAD GUILTY

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 14—Sarah Koten, who shot and killed Dr. Samuel Auspitz, the man who ruined her life, was arraigned for trial today, but was permitted to plead guilty to manslaughter in the first degree and sentence was deferred until Friday.

The matter was arranged by agreement between Abraham Levy, the girl's counsel, and District Attorney Jerome. Mr. Levy showed conclusively that the young woman was in no condition, mentally or physically, to stand trial, and the district attorney was also anxious to save the county the cost of a trial, probably involving expert testimony.

ANTHRACITE SITUATION

Mine Operators Issue Ultimatum to Workers

Demand That They Sign Present Agreement Before May 1st, or Return to Conditions Existing Prior to Work of Strike Commission Six Years Ago.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 14—A number of the coal mine owners in New York today received word that the committee of 11 recently appointed to consider the proposition of a cut in the wages of the mine-workers, had issued an ultimatum either to accept present conditions definitely by May 1 or to return to the state of affairs existing before the strike of six years ago.

This ultimatum was embodied in the statement issued in Wilkesbarre by Colonel R. A. Phillips, chairman of the committee of 11:

"The committee of 11, appointed to outline a policy for the operators, will not meet the mine-workers unless they desire such a meeting, and unless they let the committee know pretty soon. We will report April 22 the following policy to be adopted by the mine-owners:

"Unless the mine-workers renew the agreement which expired on March 31 and the before May 1, the present agreement shall be considered abrogated and the mine-workers shall return to conditions which existed before the strike commission was appointed by President Roosevelt, six years ago.

WHEAT MAKES A NEW HIGH RECORD

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, April 14—Shorts in grain bid the prices of wheat to new high levels today, May reaching \$1.29, July \$1.18 1/4, September \$1.08 1/2 and December \$1.07 1/2.

Corn was in demand and higher, shorts absorbing everything that was put on sale.

Oats were strong in sympathy with the upward trend in corn. Provisions slow and without feature.

DEMOCRATS HOLD CONFERENCE

To Consider Republican Amendments to the Payne Tariff Bill.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—The democratic senators held a conference at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of considering informally the amendments made to the tariff bill by the republican members of the finance committee. Senator Culberson, chairman of the conference, said the meeting was entirely informal and merely held for the purpose of having senators express their opinions as to the amendments in question. The conference, which is still in session, is expected to last several hours. Senator Culberson said he could not state if a statement for the public would be issued at its conclusion. Senator Daniel, the ranking member of the minority of the finance committee, will make a statement to his colleagues and suggest the outline of a plan of action to be followed when the bill comes up in the senate. It is the opinion of the democratic senators that after Senator Aldrich makes his statement tomorrow the senate will adjourn until Monday, when the debate will commence and will be pushed to a conclusion.

MRS. CROSWELL IS IMPROVING

Mrs. Croswell, the white woman who was almost murdered in her bed Monday night by an unknown burglar, seems to be improving slowly. She is still very weak from loss of blood and is very nervous.

The negro woman, Hannah Harris, is in jail, still protesting that she is innocent. If there have been any developments of any kind they have not been given out at headquarters.

Rumors have gone the rounds that a negro man was in some way connected with the case. It is said that Hannah Harris was seen to walk down the street with a negro man, the two departing at the corner near Mr. Dugh's, the crime being committed a few minutes later. A white man saw the two together and also picked up a handkerchief dropped by one of the parties. It is also rumored that a negro man was seen to leave the rear of Mr. Dugh's house in great haste just before Mrs. Croswell gave the alarm.

Mr. Dugh says that the crime must have been committed by a person familiar with the house and that that person must have had a key to the front door. The back doors were locked and every window was securely bolted. Two keys to the front door, which is fitted with a very expensive lock, have been lost and it is very probable that the person who committed the crime had one of these keys.

The police department is bending every energy toward clearing up the mystery surrounding this horrible crime and further developments are awaited with interest.

HOUSE NOT PLEASED.

Republican Members Don't Like Senate Amendments to Payne Bill.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—Republican members of the house are anything but pleased with the senate amendments to the Payne bill. Representative Crumpacker, a member of the ways and means committee, said today that if the bill was sent to the house as amended by the senate it would not be accepted: Speaking of the chemical schedule compared with the schedule as it left the house he drew attention to the fact that the senate committee has made twenty increases, and only ten reductions. The whole action of the senate, he said, has been in revision upward with rates gravitating toward the Dingey act. He added that many amendments by the senate committee are understood by the house. The real object was to bring about a disagreement and have all matters in dispute fixed up in conference, when only paragraphs amended by the senate committee could be considered by the conferees. This explains the many changes made by the senate committee.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Considers Question of Transferring Some of Powers of Interstate Commerce Commission.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—An important conference is in progress at the state department today considering the question of transferring some of the powers now held by the interstate commerce commission to the bureau of corporations of the department of commerce and labor, and making necessary changes in the interstate commerce laws. Those participating in the conference are Attorney-General Wickensham, Secretary Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor, former Secretary of the Interior Garfield, who was at one time chief of the bureau of corporations; Interstate Commerce Commissioners Knapp and Prouty and Representative Townsend, who was instrumental in the passage of the present law.

GENERAL STRIKE.

As a Protest Against Repressive Measures of Troops.

(By Cable to The Times) Meru, France, April 14—A general strike of 24 hours duration was begun here today as a protest against the repressive measures taken by the troops during the strike of the button-makers. The workmen are marching through the city in column formation, with women and children in the lead. Meru is filled with soldiers, but the prefect has decided not to interfere unless there are outbreaks of violence.

Wade Ellis Confers With Taft.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—Solicitor-General Wade Ellis conferred with President Taft today in an effort to straighten out the tangled patronage situation in Ohio. It is believed Mr. Ellis will have much to do with political appointments in Ohio.

AN OCEAN GOING AIR CRAFT LINE BE ESTABLISHED

Europe-American Aero Navigation Society Incorporated to Promote Aeronautics

TRIP ACROSS FEASIBLE

The Corporation is Formed to Promote Flights in Dirigible Balloons Across the Atlantic—Believed That the Old Route of Columbus From Palos, Spain, to Cat Island Would be Feasible For Such a Trip Because of the Trade Winds—New Company Will Aid Young Aeronautic Inventors Financially and Otherwise—And Will Try to Awaken an Interest in Aeronautic Sports.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 14—Supreme Court Justice Hendricks has approved the certificate of incorporation of the Europe-American Aero Navigation Society.

The corporation is formed to promote flights in dirigible balloons across the Atlantic ocean from Europe to America, and to aid, assist and to encourage, financially and otherwise, aeronautic inventors to advance the development of the science of aeronautics, to awaken and stimulate interest in aeronautic sports and to promote aerial navigation by the dissemination and publication of literature, lectures, exhibitions, and otherwise.

It is understood that one of the leaders in the organization who has made a deep study of aeronautics, believes that a balloon trip over the same route as that taken by Columbus from Palos, Spain, to Cat Island, in the Bahamas is feasible because of the trade winds.

THE POLICE COURT TODAY.

Three Drunks, all White, and a Blind Tiger Suspect Before Judge Badger.

Judge Badger's court still continues to deal with a continuous procession of drunks, with here and there a suspected blind tiger. Wayland Matthews, a white youth, was charged with selling whiskey. A witness testified that he bought whiskey in Matthew's place of business last Saturday but did not buy it from Matthews. He said he would not recognize the man he bought it from. Matthews was released.

Tom May, white, was fined \$9.05 for being drunk on the streets.

W. D. King, white, was made to pay \$7.35 for the same offense.

Mr. Parris, a tobacco salesman, whose home is at Clayton, yielded up \$7.35 for public drunkenness. Parris said he would not deny his guilt but did not remember anything about it. James Neal, colored, paid \$2.75 for hitting another negro with a bottle.

SUPREME COURT CASES.

Eleventh District Calendar Was Cleared Up Today.

Eleventh district appeals were completed in the supreme court of North Carolina today. The following cases were argued:

Marler-Dalton-Gilmer Company vs. Clothing Company; from Forsyth. L. M. Swink for the plaintiff; McLendon for defendant. The argument in this case was begun yesterday.

Stuphin vs. Sparger, from Surry. W. F. Carter for the defendant.

Dorsett vs. Barber, from Forsyth. Alexander, Manly & Hendren for the plaintiff; Watson, Buxton & Watson and D. H. Blair for the defendant.

WILL PROTECT AMERICANS.

Persian Government Notified That It Will Be Held Responsible.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—The state department received a dispatch from Teheran today in which the American minister states he has given notice to the Persian government it would be held responsible for any damage to American life or property in Persia. The consul at Tabriz reports that the American missionaries desire to remain there and the minister has requested the government to send provisions to the Americans in the city.

No Court At Washington.

Judge Boyd has issued an order adjourning the session of federal court for the eastern district which was to have begun at Washington next Monday.

HOBSON TALKS ON YELLOW PERIL

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 14—"The new civilization born when our forefathers, who came over in the Mayflower, settled this country, as destined to be challenged in the near future by the old civilization of Europe and Asia," said Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, as he addressed the Mayflower Society last night.

Captain Hobson dwelt on the Japanese question on the Pacific coast. He said the great question of modern times was the one which is seen dark on the Pacific coast, the extreme danger of which has not yet been realized by the people of this country at large. It seemed certain to him that in the near future war with the Orient was imminent.

CUTTER'S LONG TRIP

Revenue Cutter Will Encircle Globe

For the Second Time Within Its History of a Century Revenue Cutter Will Make the Trip Around the World.

Baltimore, Md., April 14—For the second time within its history of a century, a representative of the United States revenue cutter service is to display the flag of that arm of the floating fighting forces on a world encircling trip. The cutter Tahoma, Captain J. H. Quinan, commanding, recently completed for Puget Sound duty, is to perform the cruise.

The Tahoma will sail today direct for St. Michaels, Azores Islands, and then to Gibraltar, Malta, Great Britain's second naval base in the Mediterranean, will be the next call and then in order, Port Said, through the Suez Canal, and Aden. From the latter through the Red Sea the ship will head for Colombo, in Ceylon, thence to Singapore, Manila will be the next port of call, then Yokohama. The Tahoma will visit Unalaska, again greeted by the stars and stripes floating over the port. Port Townsend, the end of the trip, will wind up 15,000 miles of travel, representing about four months of seafaring.

The Tahoma carries a battery of four semi-automatic six-pounders, is fitted with wireless telegraphy and Ardois system of night signaling by electricity. Her motive power consists of triple expansion engine of 1,400 horse-power.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN KENILWORTH INN

Asheville, N. C., April 14—Fire broke out early today in the kitchen of the Kenilworth Inn, one of the best known hostleries in the south, three miles from this city. The guests were aroused, and all escaped safely. The Asheville fire department was called.

The property is owned by J. M. Gazzam, of Philadelphia, and was built at a cost of \$140,000.

The building was destroyed. The scantily clad guests were taken in at the Battery Park Hotel and at nearby residences.

The Inn was patronized by northern tourists during the winter and was a favorite mountain place for southern conventions during the summer. The Young People's Missionary movement, the Southern Christian Endeavor Society and the Southern Students' Conference had been booked there for the coming summer.

JAPAN TO CELEBRATE.

Will Have Celebration Commemorative Opening of Japan to Foreign Trade.

Washington, April 14—Details of a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of Japan to foreign trade at Yokohama, July 1 and 2, reached the state department today.

The unveiling of statutes of Commodore Matthew C. Perry, of the United States navy and of Li Kamon-Mo-Kami, the prime minister who made the trade treaties with Commodore Perry will be the principal events of the celebration.

Price of Bread Goes Up.

London, April 14—As a consequence of the Patten wheat corner in Chicago, the price of bread is being raised in England. The Liverpool bakeries today announced an increase in price of two cents per loaf.

PATTEN SAYS HE WILL GET OUT OF WHEAT MARKET

But Predicts That Grain Will Go Even Higher Than It is Now

NO CORNER HE SAYS

James A. Patten Says He Will Get Out of the Market, But Predicts That Grain Will Continue to Go Up Even if He is No Longer Behind the Movement—Reiterates Former Declaration That He Was Not Running a Corner in Wheat and Ascribes Present Market Price to Law of Supply and Demand.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, April 14—James A. Patten, veteran of the Chicago grain pit, and so-called wheat king of the world, today announced his intention of getting out of the wheat market and coupled the announcement with the prediction that after he was out of the market wheat would go even higher than it is selling today. May wheat closed at 1.27 1/2, opened at the same figure this morning and within an hour had gone up half a cent, selling at 1.28.

Mr. Patten reiterated his former declarations that he was not running a corner in wheat, said he did not intend to put the cereal up any higher and declared he had kept it at a high figure to prevent exporters from getting hold of it and shipping it out of the United States.

He ascribed the present market price of wheat to supply and demand. He said that while the supply of wheat had not materially increased, the world's population and demand had grown and the present price of wheat was merely the natural result of these conditions.

"I am going to sell my wheat—and the millers will gobble up every bushel of it, and within 30 days it will be selling for more than it is now," Mr. Patten said.

FAIRBANKS FAMILY ABROAD.

Go to Japan, China, India, Egypt, Turkey, and Europe.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Los Angeles, April 14—Charles Warren Fairbanks, former vice-president of the United States, Mrs. Fairbanks, and their daughter, Mrs. Timmons, left last night for San Francisco. They will sail on the steamer Chito Maru for Honolulu. Leaving Honolulu May 11 they will go to Yokohama and spend a month in Japan. Thence they will proceed to Shanghai, Peking, Hong Kong, Corea, Manila, and India. Thence the route will be through the Persian Sea to Persia, Palestine, and Arabia. Turkey and Egypt will be toured, after which the party will probably visit Italy and much of continental Europe before returning home.

CALHOUN JURY SECURED.

Took Ninety-nine Days to Secure Jury in San Francisco Graft Case.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) San Francisco, April 14—After examining talesmen for 99 days, 12 jurors have been selected to try Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railways, on the charge of obtaining trolley franchises through bribing city officials. To make sure that there will be no miscarriage of justice Superior Judge Lawler has granted the application of the prosecution to permit the swearing in of an alternate juror, making 13 in all.

LUMBER MILLS SHUT DOWN.

No Prices For Product and Mills Will Cut Off Supply.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Kansas City, Mo., April 14—Following a conference here, nearly a thousand lumber mills in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida will be shut down indefinitely.

"It is simply a case of no prices for lumber," said F. F. Patterson, of Kirbyville, Texas. "There is no business and rather than sell at any price we can get we will force the dealers to pay our prices by cutting out the supply as long as necessary."

Killed by Falling Wall.

Jeannette, Pa., April 13—A high wind today blew down the wall of the fire-ridden Jeannette opera house on the residence of Dr. A. A. Ostard. One girl was killed, another injured and two others had a narrow escape.