

TARIFF BOARD AND TAFT URGE HUGE CHANGES

LOW RATE ON CHEAP GOODS, HIGH ON RICH VALUES

"DON'T JEOPARDIZE THE INDUSTRY," ADVISES TAFT

Startling Changes in Wool Tariff Rate Advised by President Taft in Sending a Special Message to Congress—Tariff Board Also Makes a Report Reversing the Principle of the Payne Bill.

Washington, Dec. 20.—In a message to congress which was transmitted with the report of the tariff board on the wool schedule, President Taft today recommended congress proceed to the consideration of this schedule on a basis of the board's finding with a view of "revision and general reduction of the rates." To get around the prohibitive duty on grease wool he said that discrimination could be overcome by assessing the duty in ad valorem terms. That is, specified as grease wool in terms of its scoured contents.

The message says the average cost of production of the whole American clip is greater than the foreign competitors by an amount somewhat less than the present duty. He recommended a graduated ad valorem scale for duties on cloth and highly praised the report.

"Don't Jeopardize Industry."

The message said in part: "In recommending a revision and a reduction of the tariff I therefore urge that action be taken with all facts in mind to the end that an important and established industry may not be jeopardized. The tariff board reports no equitable method but found a levy of purely specific duties on woolen and worsted fabrics, and that except for the compensatory duty, the rate must be ad valorem on such manufactures. It is important to realize, however, that no flat ad valorem rates on such fabrics can work fairly and effectively. Any single rate which would be high enough to equalize the difference in the manufacturing costs at home and abroad, on highly finished goods, involving much labor, would be prohibitory on cheaper goods in which the cost of labor is a smaller proportion of the total value.

"Conversely, a rate only adequate to equalize this difference on cheaper goods would remove the protection from fine manufactured goods, the increase in which has been one of the striking features of our trade development in recent years. I therefore recommend that in any revision the importance of a graduated scale of ad valorem duties on cloth be carefully considered and applied."

Tariff Board Reports.

Declaring that many schedules of the Payne tariff law are "prohibitive" the report of the tariff board on schedule K was submitted to congress today by the president. The board finds it costs more in the United States to grow wool and produce cloth than abroad by 19 cents here. These differences continue throughout the whole woolen industry. About one of every four dollars paid the retailer of men's clothing goes to the cloth manufacturer. Thus the retailer is blamed for high prices. The board recommends specific duties instead of the present method of assessing at ad valorem rates for all woolen entries. The ad valorem system makes duties higher when the prices are high and vice versa, and says the present 33 cents a pound duty on scoured wool is prohibitive.

Payne Bill Is Reversed.

It advocates specific duties at the easiest to offset the difference in the cost of production here and abroad because of the difficulty in classifying fabrics. It recommends a combination of specific and ad valorem duties of woolen cloths—low ad valorem rate on cheap goods increasing to the highest rate on expensive goods. This is exactly the reverse of the policy adopted by the framers of the Payne tariff.

May Parole Huston.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 20.—The application for the parole of Joseph M. Huston, the convicted capitol architect probably will be acted upon by the state board of pardons at the meeting begun today. Huston was imprisoned in the eastern penitentiary a year ago after a legal battle extending over several years. Several others of the alleged grafters who were convicted died before the long legal fight ended and Huston was the only one to suffer actual imprisonment. His release on parole has been recommended by the board of prison inspectors.

"Lighthouse" for the Blind.

New York, Dec. 20.—President Taft and a blind woman, Miss Grace Kestor,

who is president of the Blind Women's club of New York, together laid the cornerstone for the new lighthouse for the blind in East Fifty-ninth street this afternoon. The ceremony marked the beginning of actual construction on a building unlike any institution in the world—a settlement house exclusively for blind people. Joseph M. Choate presided at the laying of the cornerstone. In addition to President Taft the speakers included W. I. Scandlin, the blind president of the Blind Men's Self Improvement club of New York, and Dr. John M. Finley, president of the College of the City of New York, who is also president of the New York Association for the Blind.

LABOR LEADER FAINTS.

Conference With McManigal and Lawyer Scars Man White.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—Ortie E. McManigal, the self confessed dynamiter and E. A. Clancey, a San Francisco labor leader, were closeted with lawyer, the government dynamite investigator, today.

After half an hour, Clancey emerged from the office, white and trembling and fell to the floor. Anton Johansen, another labor leader, helped him to his feet. "They tried to give me the third degree," cried Clancey.

He was assisted into an automobile and driven away. McManigal remained inside.

CONGRESS BACK OF PRESIDENT

TREATY ABROGATION EDICT UPHELD BY HOUSES.

Sulzer Agrees With Foreign Relations Committee on Wording.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The substitute to Sulzer's resolution on the Russian treaty was adopted today by the house committee on foreign affairs. There was no opposition. Sulzer said he would ask the house to ask on it, and the house later by a viva voce vote concurred in the senate amendment of the Sulzer resolution abrogating the treaty.

Consequence Far Reaching.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Declaring that the adoption of the Sulzer resolution abrogating the treaty with the United States would create a feeling here of national collision with the United States, Professor Milukoff, the leader of the constitutional and serial democrats in the Duma is predicted. The next few months will be anxious ones for both nations. He said it would be impossible to negotiate a new treaty while the present sentiment lasts. Members of the opposition are glad that Taft has found a way out diplomatically and support the United States attitude.

Hancock Continues Better.

Hospital reports today state that Conductor B. E. Hancock continues to improve by slow degrees.

Teachers to Meet at Stockton.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 20.—Stockton is preparing to entertain more than 1,000 visitors at the annual convention here next week of the California Teachers' association. An attractive program has been prepared for the four days' session. Heading the list of speakers will be Miss Sarah Louise Arnold of Boston and Dr. Guy P. Benton, president of the University of Vermont. A meeting of the country life commission will be held in connection with the teachers' convention.

CHARLES E. LITTLEFIELD.

He Is Defending Senator Stephenson in Bribery Inquiry.



\$150,000 DEAL SPURS RUMORS ABOUT UNION

PITTSBURG CAPITALISTS SECURE OPTION ON TIMBER TRACT

NEW RAILROAD AND SAWMILL IMMEDIATE RESULT, THOUGHT

Representative Acting for Eastern Financiers Get Blazing Hold by Payment of Large Sum on Sufficient Land on Catherine Creek to Warrant Railroad up the Creek and a New Sawmill.

Union, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Substantial sums of money were yesterday paid down to bind an option of a large area of fine timber at the head of Catherine creek and in the Park country, by which Pittsburgh capitalists represented by A. T. Scott, will eventually come to own enough timber to warrant the construction of a railroad up Catherine creek and the construction and operation of a sawmill of considerable capacity in the region of Union. The actual figures are shrouded in mystery but the real estate firm of Stonedahl & Dalton yesterday closed preliminary negotiations for the deal estimated to involve in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The real estate men of Union had bunched options on scores of individual claims and were thus able to deal with the entire amount.

Close Deal in 90 Days. Cruisers started into the timber today and it is planned to have everything in readiness for the payment of the residue of the purchase price within 90 days.

The news of the deal, still in the embryo, it is true, but now deemed past the chance of a fall down, has created a stir in Union where it is believed that the eastern capitalists anticipate spending money for the construction of a large sawmill and acquire more timber holdings in the near future. The deal has been hanging fire for some time, and its practical consummation reflects the earnestness with which the Pittsburghers are interested.

WHITE MAN ENTERED GRANDE RONDE ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO ON DECEMBER 30, 1911

Sunday, December 30th, marks the 100th anniversary of the coming of white men to the Grande Ronde valley. Washington Irving in his well known book, "Astoria" has pointed out many facts of intense interest historically in connection with the coming of white men to this valley. Baker people are going to celebrate the anniversary event on the 28th of this month at which time George Himes, the Portland historian, Lee Moorehouse of Pendleton and several other well known historians will take an active part. It is believed that these men could easily be induced to spend the day of the 30th in La Grande and in this way the memorable event could be properly observed in La Grande. It is believed some definite action will be taken in this respect during the next few days.

J. Neilson Barry, a prominent divine of Baker, given to historical subjects, is lending deep interest to the coming event at Baker by some carefully prepared resumes of the historical event leading up to the coming of the Hunt party to Baker and Union counties. Along with his own comments he quotes excerpts from Washington Irving in the appended:

(By J. Neilson Barry.) A nameless child of an Indian mother, born in the wilderness amid ice and snow, and a week later laid in an unmarked grave, is a short life history which would seem to have but little interest for those living one hundred years later. The child, however, was the first native of Eastern Oregon to have the blood of the white race in its veins, whose brief but entire lifetime was spent with those early explorers who crossed the continent to Astoria a century ago.

Pierre Dorlon, son of the Canadian interpreter, who had accompanied the Lewis and Clark expedition, joined the overland party under Wilson Price Hunt on condition that his wife and two children might be allowed to accompany him, and the identification of the birthplace of his child who was born on Monday, December 30, 1811, will do much to determine the route taken by those early explorers of the great northwest. The birthplace of the Dorlon baby

REV. RICHESON GASHES GROIN WITH OLD TIN

GUARDS DISCOVER ACT AND MAN'S LIFE MAY BE SPARED

STAUNCH FRIENDS SPURN ACCUSED BOSTON PASTOR

Rev. Clarence Richeson Near Death Today Following Operation Becoming Necessary After Attempt to Commit Suicide Early This Morning—Only Insane Man Would Attempt Such an Act.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Reverend Clarence Richeson, the former Cambridge Baptist church pastor, charged with the murder of Avis Linnell, his sweetheart, attempted suicide this morning in the jail. He gashed himself in the groin with a jagged piece of tin, and blood poisoning set in.

Physician who immediately operated upon him when the minister told the guard he had "cut himself and was dying," said no man in his normal mind could have wounded himself in the same manner. Suffering intensely from the gruesome nature of the wound, the minister is at the hospital, and his condition is extremely critical.

Edmunds Spurns Preacher. He has not confessed the murder. It was recently reported that the wealthy Edmunds family, who had stood by him, had turned against him. The authorities tried to suppress the news. He was to have married the Edmunds girl about the time that Avis Linnell was killed.

It is unknown how the minister got the tin. He has been a model prisoner but this morning shortly after 2:30 the guards heard him moan and asked what was the matter.

"I have cut myself and am bleeding to death," came the reply. Surgeons found him suffering terribly. They amputated him and operated upon him in the prison hospital.

Divorce in Gay Paree.

Madame Lang Evelyn, who accused her husband, Prof. Langevin of intimacy with Mme. Curie, discoverer of radium, was granted a divorce today.

Manchus Agree to End Strife

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Texas Industrial Congress.

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Mayor Holland welcomed the delegates at the opening of the gathering in the auditorium of the chamber of commerce this morning. The remainder of the session was devoted to the annual address of the president, Col. H. Exall, and the reports of the other officers of the organization. The big feature this afternoon was the distribution of \$10,000 in gold as prizes to the winners in the contest conducted by the organization for the largest and best yields of cotton and corn.

ROLAND P. FALKNER.

Assistant Director of the Census, Who Is Now in Europe.

On December 21st they left their encampment where the city of Weiser now stands and crossed the Snake river in a canoe made of the skins of two horses, possibly in the vicinity of Old's Ferry. "On the 24th of December they turned their backs upon the disastrous banks of the Snake river and struck their course westward for the mountains," ascending the Burnt river, called "Woodville creek."

connection that near the junction of Sutton Creek with Powder where they probably camped at night, there is black sand and gun powder, which probably indicated the name for Powder river. "Chain of woody mountains to the left (west) running to the north and covered with snow," is the beautiful Elkhorn range, the most striking feature of the Baker landscape.

Child Born on 30th.

They kept along the valley for 21 miles on the 29th suffering much from a continual fall of snow and rain and being twice obliged to ford the icy stream of the Powder river. Their encampment that night must have been almost at the present site of the village of North Powder, where early in the following morning the squaw of Pierre Dorlon, who had hitherto kept on without murmuring or flinching, enriched her husband with another child, as the fortitude and good conduct of the poor woman had gained for her the good will of the party, her situation caused concern and perplexity. Pierre, however, treated the matter as an occurrence that could soon be arranged and need cause no delay. He remained by his wife in the camp with his other children and his horse, and promised soon to rejoin the main body, who proceeded on their march.

Look Out Upon the Grande Ronde.

A few miles beyond the village of North Powder the river entered a canyon and here the party finding that the little river entered the mountains, they abandoned it, and turned

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HILL MURDER SUSPECT HELD BY OFFICIALS

NEIGHBOR OF ILL-FATED FAMILY SUSPECTED OF CRIME

"KNOWS MORE THAN HE SHOULD" ASSEETS SHERIFF

Atrocious Killing Near Portland on June 9, When Entire Family Was Slaughtered, Revived by Arrest of Neighbor—Follow Is 45 Years of Age—Women and Girls Assaulted First.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—Charged with the atrocious murder of William Hill, his wife and her children by a former marriage, Phillip and Dorothy Rintoul at Ardenwald, near Portland, on June 9, B. N. Harvey, a wealthy nursery man and a neighbor, who is married and has two nearly grown children, and is aged 55, was arrested last night and taken to Oregon City. For months Sheriff Mass of Clackamas county has been gathering evidence, because the indications pointed to the murderer as one who knew the neighborhood.

The murder of the Hill family was as gruesome as any on record in Oregon. The aged man was first killed, and then the wife and her daughters were outraged. It is thought they were killed to get rid of any evidence of the brute's assault on the girls. The whole state was horrified and blame fell on some maniac who had hung around and become acquainted with the neighborhood. The arrest of Harvey today comes as a bombshell and until his connections are proven or disproven, the case will hold full sway of public interest in the state. "Harvey displayed intimate knowledge of the Hill murders," said Mass at Oregon City today. "He spoke of things that were known to no one save to Detective Leving—and Harvey." Sheriff Mass said he has proof that Harvey was at the Hill home at the time of the murder, that he mortgaged his farm for \$20,000 the day following the murder and attempted to engage attorneys to defend him in case he was ever arrested.

LOEB AND ROOT LEADERS.

Former to Handle New York's Delegation, Root to Get Funds.

New York, Dec. 20.—As a result of a conference today between President Taft and republican leaders, Loeb collected of the port of New York—Roosevelt's former secretary—was selected to have charge of the Taft campaign for the New York delegation to the national convention. Senator Root is in charge of the financing campaign. Root's job is to get money from the big business men who don't like anti-trust prosecutions.

Loeb will not receive any political title in his leadership of the New York negotiations. The conference was held at the home of Taft's brother, Henry. The first callers were Wm. Barnes, Jr., chairman of the New York state republican committee and Otto Banland, former republican candidate for the New York mayoralty. It is said that Taft declared he favored the retention of Barnes as chairman of the state committee.

ADMIRAL RODGERS RETIRES.

Old Age Forces Conspicuous Figure Out of Navy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Rear Admiral Raymond P. Rodgers, a conspicuous figure in the navy, was placed on the retired list today on account of age. Admiral Rodgers was born in the District of Columbia and is a son of the late Rear Admiral Raymond Rodgers. After graduating from Annapolis in 1868, he served for some years on the European station. Subsequently he saw service with the Pacific fleet. From 1879 until 1889 he was an instructor at the naval academy and during the next two years he was connected with the bureau of navigation.

From 1894 until the beginning of the war with Spain Admiral Rodgers, then a lieutenant commander, served as United States naval attaché successively at Paris, St. Petersburg and Madrid. He was on the battleship Iowa during the naval operations in Cuban waters in 1898 and was advanced five numbers for meritorious service in the battle off Santiago.

After the Spanish war Admiral Rodgers served for a time on the Asiatic station and later as a member of the general board. For the past two years he has been president of the Naval War College at Newport. Like other officers advanced for conspicuous conduct in battle during the Spanish war, Admiral Rodgers was an extra number in his grade. Consequently his retirement does not create a vacancy in the list of rear admirals.