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ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT

Tariff Conferrees Are Still Dickering.

A Caucus of House Democrats Called.

The Friends of Wilson, Carlisle and the President Somewhat Scared—Other Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—When the tariff conferrees took a recess for lunch today, the house conferrees seemed to think an agreement was in sight. The senate conferrees and those senators with whom they advise and consult, seemed to think the prospects not so bright, and an ultimate disagreement will be reported. It was also stated that within the next two days a report of either agreement or disagreement must be made. Coal and iron ore were the articles in dispute today. The contest is very stubbornly made on both sides.

Within fifteen minutes from the time the house caucus petition was circulated today, fifty members had signed and the caucus became a certainty. The members who had not wanted to sign last week were not anxious to do so. The petition requests Chairman Holman to call a caucus for 3 o'clock to consider what action if any, should be taken in order to secure the early passage of the tariff bill.

Intense feeling was developed as soon as the caucus move began. Members gathered in the lobbies and talked excitedly of and against the caucus. Representatives Strauss, Warner and others, friendly to the administration, denounced it as a fire in the rear.

Neither Speaker Crisp nor Chairman Wilson had been consulted as to the caucus and it was recognized as directly in opposition to their wishes.

Representative Outhwaite, an associate of Speaker Crisp on the committee on rules, said: "The caucus is not endorsed by the committee on rules or by the conferrees. It is evidently a move against the house conferrees. The members of the rules committee will probably enter the caucus but I expect the conferrees will remain away in view of the fact that adverse action by the caucus would be equivalent to a vote of "want of confidence."

Mr. Strauss, a close friend of Wilson, expressed the opinion that the caucus would prove a boomerang. He believed Wilson, the other conferrees and their friends would attend the caucus and attempt to carry it. With such men as Speaker Crisp, Chairman Wilson, Bourke Cockran and others urging loyalty to the house conferrees, Strauss did not think antagonistic resolutions would pass. Strauss said also that he expected the caucus would bring out some startling conference secrets which would insure the conferrees support from the house. Messrs. Springer and Bynum make no concealment of the fact that the caucus is for the purpose of ending the contest by accepting the senate bill. In this connection they quote the statement made to them by Senator Mills to the effect that further house resistance meant the killing of all tariff legislation.

INCREASED REVENUES.

Washington, Aug. 6.—The total revenue from internal revenue since June 30, 1894, is stated at the treasury department to be $20,395,661, against $17,708,558 during the same period last year.

NOMINATIONS.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Nominations sent to the senate today: Postmaster, John W. Hammerle, Colton, Cal. Justice, Amos M. Thayer, Missouri, United States circuit judge of the eighth judicial circuit; James D. Porter, circuit judge United States district of Tennessee, vice D. M. Key, resigned; H. S. Priest, United States judge of the eastern district of Missouri.

READY FOR SIGNING.

Washington, Aug. 6.—The conference report on the river and harbor bill has been agreed to by the senate. This completes the bill and it goes to the president.

DEPORTAGE—WHERE TO?

Washington, Aug. 6.—A bill for the deportage of anarchists passed the senate today.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Chairman Voorhees of the finance committee of the senate has been unable to attend the conference on account of ill health and is still confined to his house. It has been assumed that he stood with the senate conference managers, not only for the senate duty on sugar but also for the duty on coal and iron ore. He announced the contrary in an interview with a reporter who called upon him at his house today. He talked very freely, advocating such concessions on the part of the senate as would bring about a speedy agreement, and took strong grounds in favor of yielding to the democrats of the house for free coal and free iron ore. He said: "It seems to me there ought to be little if any difficulty in reaching an agreement between the two houses. I look upon the president's letter to Wilson as a help rather than a hindrance toward a compromise settlement. The concession which the president advises the house to make on sugar is liberal and ought to be at once satisfactory to any legitimate sugar interest.

The only points of serious trouble are embraced in the question whether coal and iron shall be free or have a tariff duty laid on them of 40 per cent. per ton. These are exceedingly small and insignificant items of controversy on which to defeat a great national system of revenue reform, obstruct all legislation looking to that end, disappoint and derange every business of the country, greatly embarass the democratic party and inflict the gravest calamities on all classes of people. There is so little ground in my mind now for a final disagreement that those who continue to insist on small things and continue to repeat such disagreement will be held as criminals by all just minded people."

LABOR'S CONTENTIONS.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 6.—Baackes Wire Nail works, the largest concern of the kind in the country, which has been idle for several months, resumed today with a big force.

Washington, Aug. 6.—A petition of the Central Labor Unions of Cleveland, Ohio, for the impeachment of Judge T. F. Ricks, of the Northern district, Ohio, presented today, is a voluminous document, giving in detail charges that the judge between September, 1889, and December, 1891, converted to his own use various sums of money aggregating $1,559.

TOO BAD FOR THE MEN.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—The train yards of the Lake Shore and Wabash companies, at Root street, were filled today with switchmen and engineers ready to return to work. Few of them were reinstated, their places having been taken during the strike by new men. About 2,000 men who applied for work at the stock yards were sent away.

ADDITIONAL MEN.

The repair shops opened at Pullman with 150 additional men at work. The force now employed numbers 800 in all.

PERHAPS THEY SAW.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—During the past week a committee of the A. R. U. held consultations with Mayor Hopkins. Today E. W. Burns, director of that organization, admitted that the purpose of their visit was to furnish the authorities with information touching the damage claims of the railway companies. The A. R. U. men say they expect to prove in many instances that the destruction of property for which damages are claimed was done by men employed by the railroads and the General Managers' Association.

ALL CAN GO HOME.

Omaha, Aug. 6.—So far as Evanston and Rock Springs are concerned, the strike on the Union Pacific is over. The orders are to bring in the troops sent to these points last month to open the overland route.

Railway men predict that within a month the condition of the feeling along the road will enable all the troops to be withdrawn.

FORMALLY DECLARED OFF.

St. Paul, Aug. 6.—At a meeting of the local organization of the A. R. U. embracing employes of the St. Paul and Duluth, Omaha, Burlington and Milwaukee systems at this point, the strike was formally declared off.

TOO CRUELLY JUST.

Cincinnati, Aug. 6.—A committee of seven from the strikers were notified today by President Ingalls of the Big Four that none of the strikers would be taken back. This decision is in accordance with the decision of the officials of all the railroads centering here. Fifteen hundred men are affected.

A NEAT ROBBERY.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—A daring burglary was committed here last night in the Phelan building, on Market street, in the very heart of the city, and under the noses of two policemen and a special watchman. After breaking into an office on the second floor, the burglars tore up the carpets, sawed through the floor, and with rope ladders lowered themselves into the store of C. Muller, optician. After securing $3,000 worth of solid gold ware they left the place in the same manner as they entered.

WATER BONDS GOOD

PORTLAND CREDIT FINDS READY ACCEPTANCE IN THE EAST.

Her Five Per Cent. Thirty Year Bonds Bring a Premium of Nearly Ten Per Cent.

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—A meeting of the water committee was held today to receive proposals for the purchase of half a million dollars of water bonds of the city of Portland. Proposals were received from Boston, Chicago, New York and other eastern cities. The bonds draw 5 per cent. interest and run thirty years. The most favorable proposal was that of the Illinois Trust & Savings bank of Chicago and Kidder Peabody & Co., Boston, by Ladd & Tilton agents. They offer for the half million dollars a premium of 9 89 per cent. The committee will award the bonds to the above firms when the terms of the proposals are thoroughly examined.

OUR GRAND OLD BOAT.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Aug. 6.—The Vigilant, Britannia and Satanita started today in the regatta of the Royal London Yacht club. The Satanita got a little the best of the start, and at Ryde pier led the Vigilant 1 minute and 40 seconds, and the Britannia 5 minutes and 31 seconds.

A larger number of spectators assembled than ever before witnessed an English regatta. Emperor William arrived on the imperial yacht at 3 o'clock. At the outset the Britannia held the windward position. The Vigilant tried to pass her, but she luffed by and set the Vigilant back. For a time both made little progress, and the Satanita rapidly forged ahead. The spectators concluded, as the weather was not favorable to the Britannia, the two Britons had reached an understanding that the Britannia should devote herself to harassing the Vigilant, while the Satanita went out for the cup. At Warner lightship the Satanita led the Vigilant 10 seconds, the Britannia 55 seconds, and when half the course was covered only a little over a minute separated the first and third yachts.

The Vigilant developed light weather qualities that astonished the British skippers. The Satanita was hopelessly astern passing Yarmouth. The Vigilant was then 3 minutes and 15 seconds ahead of the Britannia, and 18 minutes and 34 seconds ahead of the Satanita. The spinnakers were set to the starboard on the run from Yarmouth to Cowes, and, as she usually does in light weather when going with all kites flying, the Vigilant drew away from the prince's yacht and made a show of the Satanita. The time was estimated that when the Britannia finished that the Satanita was nearly half an hour astern of the victorious American.

The times of the yachts at the finish were: Vigilant, 5:06:15; Britannia, 5:14:27; Satanita, 5:46:15. The Vigilant consequently won by 8 minutes and 12 seconds, counting out her time allowance of 2 minutes and 22 seconds.

ASSIGNED.

Kansas City, Aug. 6.—Alvin H. Gossard, for the Gossard Investment Company, this morning filed deeds of assignment for the benefit of creditors. Ex-Postmaster F. B. Nofsinger is named as assignee. The assets are placed at $321,350; liabilities, $197,283. The losers are mainly in New England. Bad loans and stringent times are said to have caused the collapse.

FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—The steamer Gaelic sails tomorrow for China and Japan with a large freight list that comprises 15,000 barrels of flour, nearly 3,000 cans of assorted meats and about 1000 barrels of beef and pork.

DEADLY DISASTERS

Freight Train Wrecked on the O. R. & N.

Father and Four Children Burned to Death.

A Folding Bed Fatally Imprisons a Couple in Kansas—Crime and Casualty.

TACOMA, Aug. 6.—A special to the Ledger from Walla Walla says: The train sent to the scene of the railroad wreck on the O. R. & N. at Alto bridge returned to Walla Walla late tonight bringing W. E. Watson, conductor, Dave Wright and Fred Harrison, brakemen, who were badly injured. Additional particulars were learned as follows: The bridge which crosses Jonas Hollow, 300 feet in length and 96 feet high, was reached about 11 o'clock. As the engine came on to the west end of the bridge it began sinking and engineer Jesse pulled the throttle open and the engine and tender parted at the same time that a section of the bridge gave way. The engine passed over in safety, but the tender and fifteen cars and a heavily loaded caboose went down, leaving the engine standing near the last bent of the bridge. Brakemen Harrison and Wright were standing on the top of the cars and Conductor Watson was in the caboose and went down with the train. The injured men are now in the hospital here.

ANOTHER TRAIN WRECK.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 6.—A wreck is reported on the Oregon Short Line near Huntington. A train of seventeen freight cars went through a trestle. The engineer and fireman are reported fatally injured. Their names are not known here.

THE DEADLY LIGHTNING.

Wilmar, Minn., Aug. 6.—The farm house of S. O. Otenson, near here, burned to the ground this morning. Otenson and four children lost their lives in the flames. Mrs. Otenson narrowly escaped but is crazed over the awful event. It is believed lightning caused the fire.

A FATAL DEED.

Arkansas City, Kan., Aug. 6.—Dewitt McDougall, a prominent business man, and his wife were imprisoned in their folding bed last night by its accidentally closing up. They were extricated with difficulty after being in their perilous condition several hours. McDougall died today from the injuries received and his wife is seriously hurt.

MURDERER CONVICTED.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 6.—The first verdict of murder in the first degree recorded in Idaho in many years was found Sunday at Pocatella against Charles Perry. He murdered Patrick McNarma at Lava June 25th.

CACTUS JUICE.

City of Mexico, Aug. 6.—A tragic affair is reported from a mining camp in northern Mexico. At a rustic gathering mescal, a violent liquor made from cactus leaves, had been drank to excess, and all were intoxicated. While the dance was in progress a general quarrel sprang up. A young girl who saw her lover in danger, ran to his rescue. Just as she was about to fling her arms about his neck, his antagonist plunged his dagger into her heart. The lover, rendered frantic at the sight, flew at the murderer and literally cut his heart out. Before the riot was quelled, four lives had been lost.

DEPRAVED CHILDREN.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Henry Whitman is dying at the county hospital from a wound inflicted by his sons, aged 15 and 22. They returned home this morning, after spending the night at a dance. Mr. Whitman upbraided the boys for staying so late. They retaliated with angry words. The father was chastising the boys in a wholesome manner, when one plunged a knife into the old man's stomach, producing a frightful wound.

HELP CALLED FOR.

Nebraska People Will Have to Emigrate, Beg or Steal.

Omaha, Aug. 6.—An appeal for the drought-stricken portion of Nebraska signed by a committee claiming to represent a large interest, was today sent to the governor. The committee explains that it has reason to believe that thousands of families will either starve, emigrate or be fed by charity unless the people as a whole provide for them. The committee suggests that a special session of the legislature be called immediately to devise a state system of irrigation and that those in the drought districts be given employment in the ditches. The impression is that crop failures are not complete and that with economy little actual suffering will result.

CORN IS KING.

And Makes a Sensation, Other Speculative Markets Following.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—The spectre of a drought in the corn belt was again in evidence today and speculative markets were all strong under the lead of corn, that grain making a sensational advance. It was one time 3 3-4 cents per bushel higher for September and 2 7-8 higher for May than it closed on Saturday and left off with a net gain of 3 1-4 and 2 5-8 respectively.

San Francisco—Wheat, shipping 90 to 92½; milling unchanged.

London—Holiday in England.

FOR HER FORTUNE.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—The legacy due under the will of Mrs. Theresa Fair to her married daughter, Mrs. Herman Oehrichs, amounting to $1,500,000, is unpaid. The payment of the legacy fell due June 28th last, but owing to the suit of her brother, Charles L. Fair, the executors have been prevented from a distribution of the estate.

STEAMERS COLLIDING.

London, Aug. 6.—The British steamer Lismore Castle collided with a German steamer, supposed to be the Porto Allegro, Sunday, in a thick fog. The stern of the Lismore Castle was crushed to the water line, and she put back to Plymouth. It is believed the German steamer foundered.

IS ACQUAINTED HERE.

The New Japanese Minister Was Educated in This Country.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Immediately after the announcement of the recall of Gazo Tateno as Japanese minister to this country, it was stated that Kentaro Keneko had been appointed to the position. This was an error due, it is supposed, to a mistake in the transmission of the name. A telegram was received at the Japanese legation today announcing the appointment of Shinichiro Kurino as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States. Kurino was one of the students sent to this country by the Japanese government to study twenty years ago. When Kurino had thoroughly mastered the English language, he devoted himself to the study of law in the Cambridge law school at Harvard. On his return to Japan he received an appointment in the department of foreign affairs and in 1891 he was appointed chief of the diplomatic bureau.

JAPAN SURE TO WIN.

Unless China is Given a Chance to Make Big Preparations.

Tacoma, Aug. 6.—Capt. W. R. Brigman, U. S. N., who has commanded the cruiser Baltimore for the last two years, returned here tonight on a two months' leave of absence, having left the Baltimore at Chemulpo, Corea, July 12th. He regards the oriental wars as an unequal contest with the odds largely in favor of Japan, which he says, has a splendid navy and army as well organized as that of any European country. Japan, he thinks, is sure to win unless China is given time to make war preparations on a gigantic scale.

TOUGH ON CLEVELAND.

A South Carolina Senator Declares Him a Fraud and a Hypocrite.

Laurens, S. C., Aug. 6.—In his speech before the reform convention today U. S. Senator Irby denounced the proposed tariff law as a humbug and fraud, and declared that but for the McKinley law he would not support it. Cleveland, he said, was a hypocrite and a fraud and no democrat, but an aristocrat, all his associates being with the money power. The south and west, he stated, must combine with Boies, Tillman or Stevenson in 1896.

BAD FRUIT MARKET.

San Francisco Glutted and Peaches Go for Worse Than Nothing.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—Sacramento river steamers arriving this morning brought in over 29,000 packages of fruit. There were also heavy shipments by rail, and the local market became so badly glutted that peaches and plums sold at five cents per basket. As each basket weighs from 30 to 40 pounds, the price realized does not pay the freight and commission charges.

MAY NOT BE ADMITTED.

Washington, Aug. 6.—With the session of congress drawing to a close, and all attention likely to be concentrated upon the tariff bill, it is not considered probable the senate will act upon either the Arizona or New Mexico state bills before the final adjournment. This was the understanding when the bills were reported from the committee on territories. The dates of admission in the case of Arizona and the constitutional convention in the case of New Mexico have been so deferred in the senate bills that no change will be necessary in case of postponement. The provision in the Arizona bill is for admission August 1, 1895, while the convention in New Mexico is not to meet until July 1, 1895. Governor Hughes is of the opinion the bill will have to be changed to provide for a new constitution before it can pass the senate. This opinion he bases upon the opposition he finds to exist in the senate to the constitution adopted in 1891, on account of the irrigation and silver payment features.

FOR THE POLE

Archangel, Russia, Aug. 6.—The steamer Windward, having on board the Jackson north polar expedition, sailed hence yesterday afternoon for Harbourova, or Jugorski Schara, as circumstances shall determine. The expedition procured her additional stores, furs and a number of Russian ponies. At Harbourova or Jugorski Schara a few Samoyeds will be added to the crew of the Windward, and the steamer will then proceed direct to the southern shore of Franz Josef land. The place of the landing of the expedition in Franz Josef land can only be determined when the ice conditions are known. All the members of the party are in good health and spirits and are confident of success in their undertaking. The departure of the expedition was made the scene of a remarkable display of enthusiasm.

APPREHENSIVE OF FIRE.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—The park commissioners are apprehensive of fire at the fair grounds, principally in the Vienna Prater and the Mechanical arts buildings. Fire in either of these structures would seriously damage the park shrubbery and beds, and even possibly the conservatory. The contractors whose duty it is to remove the buildings are disposed to wait until the very limit in which they must act.

THE BEST NEWS YET.

Connellsville, Pa., Aug. 6.—Valentine Nowackie, leader of the foreigners of the coke strikers, proposes to make an offer to the Japanese government to furnish 5,000 soldiers in their war against China. The Slavs have been trying to find a place to go and leave the coke regions. Nowackie will confer at once with the Japanese legation in Washington. He is a soldier.

BASE BALL GAMES.

Pittsburg, Aug. 6. Pittsburg 11 Cleveland 6.

Louisville.—Louisville 3, St. Louis 1.

Boston.—Boston 15, Washington 7.

Chicago.—Chicago 12, Cincinnati 9.

New York.—Brooklyn 21, New York 8.

FAST PACING.

Buffalo, Aug. 6.—In the race for 2-year-old pacers today, Directly, a black colt, broke the record, making a mile in 2:12. The former record, 2:12 3-4 was held by a Texas filly, Lena Hill. Directly paced the second mile in 2:14½.

SHIPS FOR THE JAPS.

Gibraltar, Aug. 7.—The Japanese warship Satisuata from Newcastle arrived here today, en route to Japan. The Satisuata will probably escort three vessels fitted out as cruisers, which were recently purchased in England for the Japanese government.

MORE FUN ON TARIFF

The House Caucus Creates a Rumpus.

An Agreement in Forty-Eight Hours.

Congressional Circles Anxious to Know the Mission of Queen Lil's Envoys.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Chairman Holman called the house caucus to order at 3 o'clock today, 119 members being present. Bynum offered a resolution reciting the fact of the disagreement on the tariff bill and declaring the conferrees should meet in a spirit of liberality and by mutual concessions agree upon a measure that will meet with the approval of both bodies. The resolution further provides for an adjournment until 6 o'clock Friday next, and if no agreement is meanwhile reached, the democratic senators be invited to meet that day in joint caucus. Bynum said above all things an agreement was necessary. He was not prejudiced for or against the senate bill, and would give his support to any the conferrees might agree upon, but he spoke for the people of his state, who demanded the bill be speedily passed. His tone was mild and conciliatory. Speaker Crisp entered while he was speaking. Chairman Wilson replied to Bynum. He said one of the conferrees' greatest troubles was just such movements as this for a caucus by which the house conferrees were subjected to fire in the rear. He deprecated the adoption of the Bynum resolution.

Livingston of Georgia offered a substitute expressing confidence in the house conferrees, and leaving all action to their judgment.

THE HOUSE CAUCUS.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The house democratic tariff caucus at 3 o'clock today and the interview of Senator Voorhees pronouncing in favor of the house position on free iron and coal are the absorbing topics among the members of the house. Those who projected the caucus assert they have not intended to discredit the conferrees. The anti-caucus men denounce the caucus, however, as a flank movement toward a surrender to the senate. From the general tenacity of the caucus as well as of the anti-caucus men it seemed evident at noon there would be no resolution instructing the house conferrees to recede or otherwise discrediting their course.

THE CAUCUS IN DETAIL.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Chairman Wilson and his associates of the house conferrees scored a victory today when the house democratic caucus, which was called with a view of terminating the tariff bill by instructing or advising the house conferrees, adjourned without action. The effect of this was to leave the house conferrees to proceed as they see best and to show conspicuously that the effort to advise them had failed. The friends of Wilson said they had the caucus so well in hand they could have passed the Livingston resolution expressing confidence but there was no desire on the part of the supporters of the conferrees to take this course. Speaker Crisp and Chairman Wilson expressed themselves as gratified with this conclusion and among the rank and file of the house, the sentiment is general that the movement inaugurated to bring about an acceptance of the senate bill has resulted in materially strengthening the opposition to the senate bill. The caucus was called to order by Chairman Holman. The roll call disclosed the presence of 166 members. Enthusiasm was aroused by the reading of a telegram, announcing the result of the Alabama elections. Then Mr. Bynum offered the following resolution: "Resolved, first, that it is the sense of this caucus that the democratic conferrees of the house and senate should meet in the spirit of liberality to the end that the two houses by mutual consent may agree upon a measure which will meet the approval of each. Second, that this caucus stands adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m. Friday, the 10th, at which time, in case no agreement has been reached, it shall reconvene to take such further action in the premises as it may deem necessary and appropriate, and the chairman of the house caucus is hereby authorized and directed to invite democratic senators to meet with the democrats of the house at that time in joint caucus.

SHORT SESSION.

The senate held a short and uninteresting session today, the most important event of the proceedings being the passing of a resolution directing the president to take steps for the release of American citizens confined on the island of Cuba for participation in recent rebellions.

WHAT DO THEY WANT.

There is some uncertainty manifested in congressional circles to know the exact purpose of the visit of the royalist envoys from Hawaii. One of two objects is suggested by members of congress to have brought the delegation; to urge the administration to carry out its abandoned attempt to restore the queen, or to make arrangements for pecuniary redress for her. The commissioners expressly disclaim either of these purposes, and their objects are veiled in mystery.

In an explanatory statement, which was a brief one, Mr. Bynum said that there had been a clamor from a part of the press for the house bill, he believed the overwhelming sentiment of the country was for the best possible bill that could be agreed upon. For himself, he preferred the senate bill to no bill.

When Chairman Wilson of the ways and means committee rose, he was greeted with enthusiasm. He commented upon it as an unfortunate circumstance that at the crucial point in the negotiations of the conferrees, movements have been started to hold a caucus over the heads of the conferrees, so to speak. He believed that if the house conferrees did their duty and the house did its duty that a bill honorable for the house and senate, and acceptable to the people, would be the result. If the house democrats could propose any plan likely to sustain the house bill and assist it the conferrees would welcome it.

Mr. Bland spoke up with a suggestion that the house pass a bill to put sugar on the free list and then take up the income tax, but as it was offered in a humorous vein, no notice was taken of it, and Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, proposed a substitution for the Bynum resolution expressing the confidence of the house in its conferrees and leaving the matter entirely in their hands.

Then followed a discussion of the position held by the senate and the prospects of an agreement. Cooper, of Indiana, said the senators would have surrendered already if these caucus movements had not given them hope that the house was weakening.

Something of a sensation was stirred up by the forging to the front of Speaker Crisp when debate was well under way. The speech of Speaker Crisp was temperate but very forcible and its logic was so irresistable that at its conclusion Mr. Bynum, mover of the resolution, withdrew the motion. The speaker declared it was the purpose of the democrats to redeem the pledges made to the people. He gave it as his opinion that the conferrees could reach an agreement within a couple of weeks at the most, but that they should not be harrassed by "backfire" from their own house. The house should be loyal to itself and its representatives.

Inquiries were made regarding the status of the negotiations in sugar, coal and iron, but no definite information was forthcoming. Finally, Mr. Bynum withdrew his resolution, explaining that he was satisfied with the representations made, and on motion of Crisp, the caucus adjourned.

THE SENATE CONFERREES.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The tariff conference today was entirely subordinated to the house caucus and was devoid of interesting features. There were indications that an early conclusion of the conference may be brought about. One is the fact that Senator Gorman is making a careful investigation of the status of the bill in case a report should be made. Certain of the conservative senators are very impatient of delay in conference and it is known that a resolution discharging the conference from further consideration of the bill receding from the differential was drawn up by one of them on Monday and would have been presented but for the interference of members of the conference committee. There is still talk of a possibility of such motion, but it will not be made except with the consent of the senate conferrees.

A NOVEL DEFENSE.

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—H. B. Gaston, an expert accountant, is in jail, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in raising a number of checks, which he does not deny. His defense will be that it was done while in a state of frenzy, produced by playing roulette at the Mid-winter fair, and he proposes to sue out warrants for the arrest of the managers of the fair.

DID NOT TRAIL.

Birmingham, England, Aug. 7.—Harry Wheeler, American, won the mile handicap bicycle race here today by four yards, in 2:26. Edwards, of London, was second, and aJmes, of Cardiff, third.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

THE OFFENSE FOR WHICH GEN'L TARSNEY WAS FINED.

His Attorney Makes Some Very Sensational Remarks Touching the Governor of Colorado.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Aug. 7.—Adjutant General Tarsney was today fined $50 and costs by Judge Campbell for contempt of court in refusing to appear before the grand jury when summoned. He was ordered before the grand jury to testify regarding the outrage of which he was the victim. In addressing the court on behalf of Gen. Tarsney, Attorney General Engley said: "Yesterday the governor of this state saw fit to send a guard to the doors of this hall of justice. In my opinion it is an infraction of civil rights and it is an action that I, standing in the presence of this court, repudiate, as I repudiate the state administration. I do not believe the officials of this state endorse such actions. We have in this state, a Grover Cleveland—a Caesar and a despot. I repudiate him."

GRAND CULMINATION.

The Roslyn Mines to Open with a Full Force of Men in Good Feeling.

Tacoma, Aug. 7.—A special to the Ledger, from Roslyn says: "At a mass meeting of the late miners and drivers of the Northern Pacific Coal company, it was decided by an almost unanimous vote to go to work. Wednesday morning the works will start with almost a full force and an assurance is given that the mines will operate five if not six days in the week. General good feeling prevails over the turn of affairs. It is understood that Gov. McGraw went to Roslyn today and had a conference with the miners, it being his desire that work continue without any violation of the peace."

IMPORTANT RAILROAD.

A New Spur Shortening the Distance to Kansas City a Great Deal.

Kansas City, Aug. 7.—It is announced here today that the Burlington route's new spur, from Sheridan, Wyo., to Billings, Mont., is fast approaching completion. This will bring the Burlington into direct connection with Portland, Or., and Puget Sound points the Northern Pacific being the connection. The new line will make the distance from Kansas City to Portland 400 miles shorter than any other line and will shorten the mileage to Puget Sound 200 miles.

NEUTRALITY PROCLAIMED.

The Chinese Capture a Japanese Vessel and Take Her In.

London, Aug. 7.—An extraordinary gazette has been issued containing a proclamation by the queen of Great Britain's neutrality in the war between China and Japan.

A dispatch from Tuen says that a Chinese cruiser has captured a Japanese trading bark and taken her to Taku.

THE STRIKE AT OMAHA

Angry Butchers Surround the Works.

Better Police Protection Needed.

The Strikers Are Positive of Winning—Labor Notes From Different Sources.

OMAHA, Aug. 7.—The situation at South Omaha is more serious tonight than at any time since the strike began and Adjutant General Gage is closely watching the manoeuvers of the angry strikers. All the packing houses are surrounded by strikers, most of whom are armed.

"We must have better police protection," said Manager Cudahy, "men who want to work are assaulted both going and coming from home. We ought to have at least 200 specials for a while until the excitement abates."

A Frenchman who was anxious to get back to work but afraid he would be assaulted if he did, rigged himself out in a novel way. He dressed himself in one of his wife's gowns and accompanied by her walked into the plant without any questions being asked. The executive committee of the strikers disclaim any knowledge of assaults committed by the union men. They claim that all the men who went out were given strict orders not to create any disturbances whatever. The committee has chosen fifteen citizens and will ask Mayor Johnson to swear them in as special police. The police also petitioned the mayor and council not to employ any men for specials who do not live in the city. The butchers are positive of winning, and many of them declare if they do not win the packers will regret it. New men are being put to work as they are needed, and the packers say that by the end of the week they will be running in full force.

FAVORING THE PEFFER BILL.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Mr. Jeffries, the head of the contingent of the industrial army from the state of Washington, and several other commonwealers now stationed on the outskirts of Washington, was given a hearing by the senate committee on education and labor today. They advocated the Peffer bill which provides for an issue of $250,000,00 for the construction of irrigation works in the arid regions; for river and harbor improvement and for the erection of public buildings and the issuance of treasury notes to pay for the same.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

A. Waugh, a resident of Umatilla county, Or., is another man who has never ridden on a railroad train.—New London (Conn.) Day.

Ballard, the greatest shingle city in the world, has a most forlorn appearance. The mills are all shut down and the city resembles a Quaker village on Sunday. Occasionally a mill will start up for a day or two, but only to shut down for a longer period. A light trade with California keeps the mill running a day or two every week.

A dish of gold nuggets resembling a pan of cornmeal, and valued at $500, might have been seen at a Grants Pass hardware store last week. The bullion was the result of two weeks' run with pick and pan (no mill) on Davidson brothers' placer near Missouri flat. The boys have struck a rich pocket in their ledge, and there is no sign of its giving out. There are plenty of just such rich pockets in Josephine, but it takes work and some privation to unearth them.

Receiver McNeill, of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, has petitioned the United States circuit court at Portland, Or., for leave to issue $750,000 of 6 per cent. receiver's certificates, payable semi-annually, $500,000 to take priority of the first mortgage bonds, and the proceeds to be used in repairing the road and satisfying unpaid claims for labor and material, and $250,000 to be subject to the lien of the first mortgage bonds, but prior to the consolidated mortgage bonds—the first-class certificates not to be sold at less than par, and the second at not less than 95 per cent. of par value.

WEEKLY MARKET REVIEW.

Prices of Grain and Produce at Oregon's Metropolis.

Portland.—The local wheat market has not opened yet and only nominal values can be given. Walla Walla is worth 60c per cental and Valley 72½ do 75 per cental.

Flour—Standard brands are quoted as follows: Portland, Salem, $2.65 per barrel; Walla Walla $2.90.

Oats—Weak at 35 do 36c per bu. for white and 33 to 34c for gray.

Hay—Good, $10 do $12 per ton.

Poultry—Old chickens are worth about $3 and young $2 to $3, according to size.

Potatoes—New Oregon are slow at 65c per sack, on account of being very small. California weak at 80c.

Eggs—11c do 12½c per dozen.

Vegetables—Sweet potatoes, 3½c per pound. Oregon cabbage, 35c do 40c per dozen; cauliflower, $2.60 per crate, $1 per dozen; string and wax beans, 2½c to 3½c per pound; peas, 1½c to 2c per pound; cucumbers, 10 to 15c per dozen; egg plant, 10c per pound; green peppers, 8c per pound.

Berries—Raspberries, 3c to 4c per pound; blackberries, 4c to 5c per pound; currants, 4 to 5c per pound.

Fresh fruit—Oregon cherries, 15 to 50c per box; apricots, 80 to 90c per 25-pound box; Oregon peach plums, 25 to 40c per box; Bartlett pears, $1 per box; grapes, $1 to $1.25 per 20-pound crate; Oregon peaches, 40 to 65c per box.

Wool—Valley, 9c per pound; Umpqua, 9 to 10c; Eastern Oregon, 6 to 8c, according to quality and shrinkage.

Hops—The local market is dull and 93's are nominal at 6 to 10c. No contracting in new hops is reported at the moment.

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