

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Democrats Grant Concessions Regarding Publicity of Tariff Hearings.

Washington. — Announcement by Chairman Simmons, of the finance committee, that sub-committees considering the various schedules of the Underwood tariff bill had determined to grant more time to protesting manufacturers than at first was intended, aroused considerable interest at the capitol.

Although the effort of senate Republicans to force public hearings was defeated by a vote of 36 to 41, the minority leaders see in the changed tactics of the Democrats a concession which they assert resulted from the denunciation of secret consideration of the bill.

Two Democrats, Senators Ransdell and Thornton, of Louisiana, voted for the Republican amendment. Senator Poindexter, of Washington, Progressive, voted with the majority. Senator Jones, of Washington, Republican, who previously had determined to vote against public hearings, announced just before the rollcall that he had changed his mind because the finance subcommittees were giving private hearings to some interests which he thought should be public.

President Wilson came out strongly as the champion of free wool and free sugar-in-three-years, as provided for in the tariff bill recently passed by the house.

He announced emphatically that he was not considering compromises of any sort; that he stood squarely behind the measure as it passed the house and he regarded it as the duty of the Democratic majority in the senate to fulfill its platform pledge by enacting the house bill into law.

Tariff Bill Not in Favor Abroad.

While democratic senators are wrestling with home manufactures, protesting against numerous rates in the Underwood bill, they are confronted also by protests from foreign countries against administrative features of the bill and the provisions that would grant a 5 per cent reduction of the duty on imports in American bottoms.

Protests from England, Germany, France, Italy, Australia and other countries have been lodged with the state department and communicated to the finance committee.

From many countries have come protests against that new provision in the bill which would give the secretary of the treasury the authority to exclude from entry goods of merchants or manufacturers who refuse to submit for inspection by United States agents their accounts pertaining to valuations or classification of merchandise whenever disputes arise.

Bryan Replies to Japan's Protest.

Secretary Bryan handed Ambassador Chinda the reply of the United States government to the Japanese protest against the California alien land legislation. The ambassador immediately cabled it to Tokio. No indication as to the nature of the reply was given out.

On learning through press dispatches that Governor Johnson had signed the Webb land act, Secretary Bryan telephoned Viscount Chinda and invited him to come to the state department to receive the reply which he had been anxiously awaiting since the presentation of his note May 9.

The negotiations between the two governments are now expected to proceed in regular fashion without further reference to what takes place in California.

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NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

Gives Farm for State.

Sandpoint.—Owing to the generosity of T. J. Humbird, Sandpoint is to have a state demonstration farm at the corporate limits. Dean W. L. Carlyle of the University of Idaho spent an afternoon in company with T. L. Greer, manager of the land department of the Humbird Lumber company, looking over available sites for a demonstration farm close to Sandpoint. Coming back to town he was struck with the appearance of a tract on the line of the Sandpoint and Interurban railway and within a block of the city limits. Going over this tract carefully, he discovered it was ideal for the purpose, and returning to the office he told Mr. Humbird that we would like very much to have that piece of land. Mr. Humbird not only offered the land, which embraces 175 acres, but also agreed to furnish lumber for the buildings to be erected.

Borah Assails Tax.

Washington.—Senator Borah of Idaho is preparing to attack the income tax provision of the Underwood tariff bill on the ground that it is not in conformity with the principles on which incomes should be taxed in this country and on the further ground that it does not place the burden of taxation on those most able to stand it. He will propose at least two im-

UNIVERSITY REGENTS LOSE

Jury in Moscow Court Returns Verdict of \$6500.

Moscow.—The jury returned a verdict in Judge Steele's court for \$6500 against the regents of the University of Idaho in favor of the First National bank of Moscow. About six years ago J. W. Colson & Son, contractors on the new administration building, failed while owing the bank about \$7000.

The state had received about \$14,000 worth of material and labor, for which it never paid because of forfeitures under its contract. The bank paid assignments of contractors' equity to secure notes issued by them to the bank.

The board of regents denied the right of the bank and also set up a defense of there being no regents since the last session of the legislature. The case will probably go to the supreme court.

Invader Shoots Man Who Aids Woman

Wallace.—In a desperate encounter at Burke Jesse Anderson was probably fatally shot by T. H. Jones, a cook, and now lies at the Providence hospital in this city in a critical condition.

The trouble occurred in the room of Mrs. C. Martin, whose premises Anderson had invaded and had been expelled. Jones repelled Anderson upon his second invasion, was knocked down with a chair and then Jones used his gun.

SHEEPMAN KILLS EMPLOYEE

Victim is Said to Have Threatened With Gun.

Twin Falls.—A fatal shooting took place near Devil's creek, some 50 miles south of here, in which Jesse Hayes, an unmarried man about 28 years old, was killed by John Gray, a well known and wealthy sheepman of Three Creeks. The sheriff and coroner were called to the scene and returned accompanied by Mr. Gray, who will be given a preliminary hearing.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict charging manslaughter. The evidence showed that Hayes and several other men employed at the ranch had received liquor from a party of bootleggers who passed the ranch that morning. Later Hayes became quarrelsome, and going to his tent about 1 o'clock, where Gray was reclining, drew a gun and flourished it threateningly. Gray ordered his men to take Hayes away. Gray then retired.

Half an hour later Hayes came to the tent, which he opened and menacingly approached the bunk, from which Gray fired the shot, striking Hayes near the heart and resulting in death an hour later.

View Proposed Highway.

Wallace.—A day was spent by the visiting members of the state highway commission in viewing and inspecting the proposed national highway from this city to the Montana line. Those making the trip were Chairman Theodore Turner, Secretary of State W. L. Gifford and State Engineer King, accompanied by a number of local road enthusiasts. The trip was made by automobile as far as possible and from there on foot. The purpose of this trip was in order that the commissioners might get first hand information as to the feasibility of the project, and upon their return they all expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied as to the feasibility of the road.

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