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TARIFF RATES ON CHIEF ARTICLES

Principal Changes Proposed by Committee.

NO REDUCTION MADE ON SUGAR

Lumber Rates May Be Raised Above One Dollar.

IRON ORE IS ON FREE LIST

Pig Iron Reduced 25 Per Cent. Graduated Scale on Textiles—Final Action on Rates at Last Moment Before Report.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—It was learned authoritatively tonight that the new tariff bill which will be submitted to the House at the special session by the ways and means committee, will contain these recommendations:

Lead and copper, no change; sugar, no change; iron ore, placed on free list; rails and billets, substantially reduced; pig iron, 25 per cent reduction; textiles, graduated tariff on high grade cotton and silk goods, an increased tax; on medium grade, no change; on low grade, a reduced tariff.

Will Fix Duties Last Thing.

Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee, is personally revising the preliminary draft of the bill, which will go to the Government printing office this week. The present plan is to have this first print made without the rates of duty appearing in it. On the night before the bill is introduced, the rates will be inserted. No schedule or provision is free from the possibility of being changed between now and the day the bill is introduced. At the final meeting, at which the bill will be passed on by the Republican members, every item will be revised. The bill will probably first see the light next Tuesday.

Lumber Duty Over \$1.

The proposition to place a duty on coffee is understood to be a matter concerning which there is much difference of opinion in the committee. During its deliberations the committee placed a duty on coffee, took it off again, and, as the bill stands now, a tax of 4 cents per pound is provided for.

It is understood the duty on lumber, while at present fixed at \$1, is likely to be increased. This is due to the campaign which the lumbermen have been making, the result of which has been to give the committee a vast fund of information from which to determine an equitable tax.

How Committeemen Stand.

It is claimed for the Payne tariff bill that it will be correct theoretically and while it will afford the best basis from which to evolve the new tariff law, it is expected that many changes will be made before it is finally enacted. The revision throughout is downward, the revenue and protection features governing the fixing of all schedules. Fordney of Michigan has stood out for the highest protection, while Crumpacker, Indiana, has favored the lowest duties. Gaines, West Virginia, and Bonyng, Colorado, have advocated high protection, while the chairman, Payne, and Boutell, Illinois, and Longworth, Ohio, have urged lower duties. The other members, Hill of Connecticut, Needham of California, Dalzell of Pennsylvania and Calderhead of Kansas, have favored protection for the interests of their constituents, but have generally been open to compromise.

Cannon to Open Passage.

Speaker Cannon and Representative Vreeland conferred today with the Republican members of the committee regarding the provisions of the bill. Strict secrecy was maintained, but it was understood that the provisions regarding the war revenue tax and the inheritance tax section were thoroughly explained to the speaker. Mr. Cannon desired to become thoroughly familiar with the tariff measure in order to speed its passage through the House in accordance with the understanding reached at the White House conference of Monday.

In order to compensate in a measure for the general reduction of duties provided, the sub-committee has incorporated several provisions to increase the revenues. These tend to prevent undervaluations and other methods by which the ambiguity of the Dingley law is taken advantage of.

Prevent Appraisal Fraud.

To prevent the practice by which goods imported are not assessed at their full value, a provision has been incorporated, making it possible for the appraiser to base the value of articles on the American wholesale market prices in connection with the wholesale price at the point of production abroad. This provision states that, in the absence of evidence regarding the foreign wholesale prices the appraisers may assess the ad valorem duty on a price not less than the wholesale price in this country, less the cost of transportation.

During the tariff hearings several instances were brought to the attention of the committee in which importers combined a purchase of two lots of goods, one of greater and the other of lesser value, and secured an invoice by which

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FARE PAID AFTER FORTY-NINE YEARS

VETERAN NEBRASKAN IS NOW FREED OF CARE.

Rode Free on Burlington Road in 1860 and Finally Pays Fare at Portland Office.

OMAHA, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—Eight dollars and twenty-eight cents, received a few days ago from the agent of the Burlington Railroad at Portland, Or., was passed into the conscience fund today. It came from a former Nebraskan, a relative of one of Nebraska's foremost citizens. His name is withheld by the railroad. He is an old man with long whiskers, and as he walked into the office of the Burlington at Portland he remarked that as he was nearing the end of life he wished to right the only wrong that weighed on his conscience.

In the Spring of 1860, the old man explained, he had ridden from Hannibal, Mo., to St. Joseph, Mo., across the state from east to west, and had allowed the conductor to pass him without paying fare. It was required for him that the distance was 297 miles and that at 4 cents a mile the price of the journey would be \$8.28. He paid the amount and took a receipt.

General Passenger Agent Wakeley said: "Forty-nine years is a long time for a man to carry such a load. This is surely a record."

General Agent Sheldon, of the Burlington offices in Portland, said last night he is not at liberty to give the name of the latest contributor to the conscience fund.

"The matter was taken up with me by the man himself in strict confidence," said he, "and I cannot discuss it or give his name. It is not true, though, that he is a relative of anyone of distinction in Nebraska."

M'KINLEY MURDER COSTLY

Government Makes Public Expenditures in Effort to Save Life.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—After carefully guarding for more than seven years the facts as to the Government's expenditures incident to the last illness and burial of President McKinley, the Treasury officials made a statement today covering the expenditure under the appropriation of \$45,000 for this purpose, made by Congress on July 1, 1902. The physicians were paid as follows:

Dr. M. D. Mann, \$10,000; Dr. H. Mynto, \$5000; Dr. C. C. McBurney, \$5000; Dr. Roswell Parks, \$5000; Dr. C. G. Stockton, \$5000; Dr. G. Janeway, \$1500; Dr. H. G. MacIndler, \$1500; Dr. W. W. Johnson, \$500; Dr. W. Lee and H. R. Gaylord, \$500 each; Dr. N. W. Wilson, \$250; Dr. G. McK. Hall and Dr. E. C. Mann, \$200 each.

Three firms of undertakers divided \$45,000 among them. Two nurses were paid \$500 each; a third was paid \$400 and another \$200.

CARS PLUNGE OVER BLUFF

Accident on Corvallis & Eastern, but No One Injured.

ALBANY, Or., March 10.—(Special.)—Two lumber-laden boxcars plunged down Kiparth's bluff 150 feet into the North Santiam River when the rails on the Corvallis & Eastern track, three miles east of Kingston, spread as the west-bound Albany-Detroit combination train was passing there at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The rear coupling on the second of the wrecked cars broke as the car fell, pulling the next car following partially off the track and leaving the passenger coach but a short distance behind safely on the track. This fact prevented loss of life.

The train was coming down grade and making good time when the accident happened. The passengers were transferred to a freight car in the first half of the train and brought the 23 miles to this city this evening.

ONE KILLED; TWO HURT

Derrick Overturns, Crushing Japanese and Scalding Trainmen.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 10.—(Special.)—By the overturning of a derrick used in loading cars at the St. John gravel pit today at 2:40 P. M., S. Matsu, a Japanese, was killed outright, Thomas Gibbons, spooltender, was badly scalded from the knees down, and W. H. Shannon, engineer, was slightly scalded. Extra train No. 261, North Bank, was loading gravel in the pit. The train was moved out, and the derrick used in loading the cars was turned over, with fatal results. The coroner was notified, and Gibbons was brought to St. Joseph's Hospital in this city.

James Berry fell through the big bridge this morning, and was badly injured. He was brought to the hospital in Vancouver.

RELIEVING MESSINA FOLK

American Commission Soon to Distribute Red Cross Fund.

ROME, March 10.—(Special.)—Ernest P. Bicknell, general director of the American Red Cross Society, who is in Messina investigating the work of relieving earthquake sufferers, is expected to return to Rome shortly to confer with Ambassador Gleason and members of the local commission to arrange for the distribution of the remainder of the money contributed by the Red Cross Society.

The American commission, presided over by Mr. Gleason, is perfectly organized and doing good work. Mr. Bicknell will communicate the result of his investigation on his return here.

STANDARD HELD TO BE INNOCENT

Jury Acquits by Order of Judge.

GOVERNMENT HAS NO PROOF

Fails to Produce Evidence Legal Rate Published.

COURT'S HANDS ARE TIED

Decision of Appeal Court Makes Conviction Impossible—Sims Is Disheartened and Leaves It to Wickersham.

CHICAGO, March 10.—"Not guilty." This is the result reached today in the Government's famous suit against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. The suit wherein the defendant company at one time faced a fine of \$2,250,000 at the hands of Judge Landis on a charge of having accepted rebates from the Chicago & Alton Railroad, came to an end abruptly. Judge Anderson, before whom the case was brought after reversal by the United States Court of Appeals, instructed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty.

Sims Had Given Up Hope.

Judge Anderson's decision was not altogether unexpected for he had previously announced that the proof relied upon in the first trial was incompetent and it was with something of an air of hopelessness that District Attorney Sims and his assistants attempted to show the admissibility of the Illinois classification to prove the existence of a legal rate of 18 cents.

This was a vital point in the Government contention. Assistant District Attorney Wilkerson admitted that the prosecution could not supply the proof deemed necessary and suggested dismissal. John S. Miller then moved for an instruction verdict of not guilty. This was ordered.

The decision of Judge Grosscup, Baker and Seaman of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, reversing Judge Landis, together with the action of the United States Supreme Court in refusing to review the decision of the Court of Appeals, played an important part in disposing of the case.

May Push Other Indictments.

As to whether prosecution on seven other indictments still pending against the company will be instituted, Mr. Sims would not express an opinion, stating that this rested entirely with the Attorney-General.

The decision means that all but two of the pending indictments against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana are void and will be abandoned by the Government. The two cases not affected by today's decision are cases involving the shipment of 195 carloads of oil from Whiting, Ind., to Evansville, Ind., via Dalton Junction, over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad.

The question of whether the celebrated

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MAN BURNS ALONG WITH MILL WASTE

CAUGHT IN CONVEYOR AND IS PLUNGED INTO FURNACE.

James Corbett, Sorting Slabs, Falls on Endless Chain and Is Carried to His Death.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 10.—(Special.)—James Corbett, 20 years old, six feet one inch tall and of herculean proportions, dropped into the huge sawdust burner at the Moran Company's mill shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, and was burned to death.

Mingled with waste from the mill are many large pieces of timber and slabs available for fuel. Corbett was at work picking those pieces from the waste carried up in the conveyor to be dropped into the burner, when he either lost his balance and fell or became entangled in the conveyor, which slowly dragged him up to an awful death.

No one saw the beginning of the accident. Peter Garcia, a boy who was loading on a flatcar the slabs Corbett pulled from the waste and threw down to him, looked up just in time to see Corbett's heels above the rim of the high furnace, which in appearance resembles a huge brick chimney.

Realizing what had happened, the boy screamed for help at the top of his voice. The fire hose was brought out and the heavy stream turned on the fire. The body was recovered before it had been badly burned.

DIVORCED WIFE TESTIFIES

Says Husband Told Her He Was Going to Choke Another Woman.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Luman C. Manning, charged with the murder last July of Mrs. Frances Gilmore Thompson, confronted Mrs. Maudie Shamba, his divorced wife, in court today. Mrs. Shamba told of having met her former husband at an amusement resort last June.

"He told me," she said, "that he had a woman who was in love with him and had lots of money and diamonds, and that he was going to get the diamonds if he had to choke her to get them."

PEARL NECKLACE IN TANGLE

Miss Jennie Crocker Says Heinze Jewels May Be Hers.

OMAHA, March 10.—Miss Jennie Crocker, of San Francisco, today requested the police to hold the pearl necklace located here last week, which was delivered yesterday to Otto C. Heinze, of New York.

Miss Crocker lost a pearl necklace February 23 composed of 32 pearls of the first water and of even more value than Mr. Heinze placed on the pearls which he identified. She believes the necklace found here may be her property.

ABORIGINAL GIANT FOUND

Big Skeleton Unearthed in Streets of San Pedro.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., March 10.—The skeleton of an Indian was unearthed at Whites point today by men operating a street grading machine. It was that of a man of unusual stature, with an abnormally large head and thickness of skull, and gave evidence of having been buried many years.

AFRICA PREPARES FOR ROOSEVELT

Will Welcome Him With Much Big Game.

EAGER TO SEE HIS BIG STICK

Settlers Report Lions and Giraffes in Interior.

GUIDE IS HIRING PORTERS

Only Natives With Nerve Wanted for Great Hunt—Special Car Being Refitted for Trip on Uganda Railroad.

MOMBASA (British East Africa), March 10.—Mombasa is preparing already to welcome Theodore Roosevelt when he lands here the latter part of next month on his much-heralded African trip. His coming has given a decided impetus to the interest in the hunting season. The Governor of the protectorate, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Hayes Sadler, is getting up a programme of welcome and entertainment for Mr. Roosevelt; but, despite this, the greeting will be more to the great sportsman than to the ex-President.

Glad He Is Not Game-Hog.

East African sportsmen were highly gratified to learn that Mr. Roosevelt had refused the offer of the authorities to grant him a special hunting license that would have permitted him to kill game to an unlimited extent, instead of confining himself to the two elephants, two rhinoceroses, two hipopotami, etc., of the regular license. Lions and leopards are classed as vermin and consequently no license to kill them is required.

The white population has heard much of Mr. Roosevelt's personality and in a joking way frequent references to the "big stick" are being made. "The rains are late this year and a heavy fall is expected. The regular time for the rain is from the end of January to the end of April.

Plenty of Big Game.

The prospects for good hunting are considered excellent. Many of the settlements in the outlying districts, realizing the increasing interest in the prospects for sport because of the coming of Mr. Roosevelt, are voluntarily sending information about the movements of game. According to a dispatch received here today, a record group of lions numbered 22 was seen on the Nadi plateau yesterday, about 50 miles north of Port Florence. Four families of giraffes have been seen at Makindu, 200 miles inland from here on the line of the Uganda Railroad, and elephants have been seen at Elburgon, 475 miles inland from the railroad and along the Sabiki River not far to the north of Mombasa.

R. J. Cunningham, the noted English big game hunter, who is to be guide to

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FEET FIRST, MEN ARE DRAGGED SAFE

BROTHERS BURIED UNDER EARTH RESCUED.

Expert Miner Directs Efforts That Result in Freeing Men After 50-Hour Struggle.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 10.—To the skill of N. M. Johnson, chief engineer of the Newhouse mines, is due the rescue of George and Jerry Peterson, two brothers, who were entombed in a cave-in at the St. Patrick mines on Monday. Johnson responded to the calls for aid that had been sent broadcast through the neighborhood after it was learned that the two men, working with depth underground, and took charge of the force of volunteers, ranchers and miners, who were working to get the men out.

Finally, after 50 hours of effort, and after heavy timbers had been sunk in the drift to prevent further caving in of the rock, and a hole, a small hole, 18 inches in diameter, was opened to the imprisoned men and Johnson ordered one of them to stick his feet through. His muddy boots were grasped in a strong grip and he was drawn forth from his peril. A few minutes later his brother was taken out in the same undignified but effectual fashion.

Beware of Soft Drinks

Wiley Says They Contain Deadly Drugs and Warns Girls.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—"The dangers of the soft drink habit" and the innocence with which girls become addicted to it were emphasized tonight by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the Government's chief chemist, in a lecture in the Holy Cross Academy.

"If you only knew what I know about what these soft drinks contain, you would abstain from them," he said. "It will surprise you to know that most of them contain more caffeine than coffee and a few contain more than that. So beware of the soft drink. It is more harmful than coffee. I have collected more than 100 samples of soft drinks sold at soda fountains, and each contains caffeine and many of them a deadly drug."

CLERK THREATENS MURDER

After Being Prevented From Shooting Girl on Street, Tries Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Max Thamm, a former clerk in a Market Street department store, was arrested today while lying in wait with a loaded revolver for Ora Miller, a salesgirl in the same establishment. As the girl approached he made a threatening movement with his weapon, causing her to scream for help, which was promptly accorded by Detective Mackey who was in the neighborhood.

To the officers Thamm explained that he had lost his position in the store through reports he believed had been circulated by the girl, with whom he declared he was infatuated. After being taken to the city prison Thamm attempted to commit suicide by strangulation with a cord.

WOMAN CAUSE OF ASSAULT

Astoria Man Splits Rival's Head Open With Ax.

ASTORIA, Or., March 10.—(Special.)—A man who told the hospital physician his name was Nels Peterson and that he worked at the Hammond Mill, was struck in the head with an ax this evening by C. Davis, an upholsterer, and his skull was fractured. There is little hope for his recovery. The assault took place in a downtown resort and the trouble was a woman.

Davis broke into the room and attacked his victim while his back was turned. He then ran to the depot, where he was captured. Both he and the woman are in jail. Davis is said to have been a member of the Soapy Smith gang in Skagway.

MAKES COCKFIGHTS LEGAL

Cuban House Puts Restrictions on Favorite Sport of Island.

HAVANA, March 10.—The House of Representatives passed the bill legalizing cockfighting, but with many restrictions. Cockfighting will be permitted only from November to May, inclusive, and only on Sundays and holidays and in regularly licensed pits. Cockfights will not be permitted in the capital cities of the various provinces.

"TRY NEGRO IN DAYLIGHT"

Governor of Iowa Forbids Night Hearing of Murder Case.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 10.—"I intend to protect the good name of Iowa, and I will not have it said that a prisoner has to be arraigned by stealth under cover of darkness to secure a fair trial." Governor Carroll made this announcement tonight in declaring that the trial of John Junkin, negro, alleged murderer of Clara Rosen, must be held in the day time.

INSURANCE MAN INDICTED

President of German Fire Accused of Perjury and Embezzlement.

TOLEDO, O., March 10.—Judge Michael Donnelly, of Napoleon, O., president of the German Fire Insurance Company, was indicted this afternoon by the Lucas County grand jury on charges of perjury and embezzlement.

NEW WONDERS IN WOMEN'S ATTIRE

Latest Gown Will Have 500 Buttons.

NOT MEANT TO BE BUTTONED

Only for Show, While Clasps Will Fasten Dress.

RAT-TAILS TRIM SLEEVES

It's Only a Name, Not Real Tails. Battle Rages in Convention Between Medieval and Louis XIV Styles for Women.

CHICAGO, March 10.—(Special.)—Five hundred buttons adorned the principal gasp-starter at the exhibit of the American Dressmakers' Convention, which opened in the Auditorium Hotel today.

"Great button-hoos!" was the cry of the first man allowed to see it, when the display was opened at 10:20 A. M. Then he staggered and strove for air. Through the monada of his mind's eye he could perceive the slaving husband of a fashion devotee buttoning, buttoning, buttoning, buttoning, prodded by wife's heartless "Hurry, dear!" and at length with puffed fingers and numb wrists fainting in exhaustion with 298 buttonholes still to be filled. Just as he was on the verge of emitting a wail of despair a soft voice bade him bear up and act like a man.

"Child Can Operate 'Em."

"Those 500 buttons aren't regular, really, truly buttons," cooed the S. V. "They are strung along that dress in the cause of art. They don't unbutton, you know. Security and compactness are maintained by a few well-placed and neat but not gaudy clasps. The smallest child can operate 'em."

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