

REPUBLICANS AIM TO TACKLE RIDER

Free List to Be Proposed as Amendment to Reciprocity Bill.

DEMOCRATS ARE ON ALERT

Scheme to Prove They Are Not in Earnest to Be Foiled—Speech of Henry George, Jr., Declares for Final Free Trade.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Democratic leaders are prepared for an attempt by Republicans to propose a Canadian reciprocity to embarrass the Democratic majority in the passage of the bill by proposing an amendment embodying all of the free list that the Democratic ways and means committee has prepared.

Republicans have charged that if the Democrats were in earnest to the free list amendment, they would offer it as a part of the reciprocity bill, so that President Taft could not find occasion to veto it, even though it did not meet with his approval.

Amendments to Be Shut Out.

Chairman Underwood is apparently proceeding on the belief that an amendment will be offered when the bill comes up for passage. He said such an amendment would be at once ruled out of order, as it could not be considered "germane to the bill" under the House rules permitting the offering of amendments. The only amendments that can be considered are those specifically adding duties contained in the reciprocity agreement, and on all such amendments it is expected there will be an overwhelming negative vote.

An effort is to be made to wind up the open debate tomorrow night. Ex-Speaker Cannon will speak at the opening session tomorrow and other speeches also are scheduled. If Underwood is successful in bringing general debate to a close tomorrow night, the bill will be brought up for final consideration, amendment and passage Thursday.

Henry George for Free Trade.

Henry George, Jr. of New York, in his maiden speech in the reciprocity debate, proclaimed himself a free trader and said he had aligned himself with the Democratic party because he believed it was the only great party that was moving on toward the light. George endorsed the Canadian agreement as tending to free trade and believed eventually the United States would have absolute free trade with the world. His speech, though closely followed by Democrats and Republicans, did not arouse any enthusiasm on the Democratic side.

Later Pickett of Iowa used Mr. George's words to show that the Democratic party was urging the reciprocity agreement in the belief that it would tend toward free trade.

Howland of Ohio, Kopp of Wisconsin and Gillett of Massachusetts spoke in favor of the agreement.

Farmer Declared Loser.

In an anti-reciprocity speech Hamilton of Michigan, a Republican, quoted Secretary Wilson to the effect that the farmer gets only 50 per cent of what the consumer pays for farm products. He pointed to the fact that it was admitted that the four millers would gain greatly by the new treaty.

The millers, bakers and packers will absorb all the benefits of the reciprocity agreement, he declared. Hamilton charged the Republicans with being hypocrites if they went back on the things they had preached to the farmer for many years.

"Whatever the American farmer plants from this time on he must plant on shares with Canada," said Hamilton. "The quickest way to get low prices and hard times for the farmer is to let our tariff-making over to the Democrats."

Hamilton declared that the extra session of Congress would be known in history as the anti-farmer session and that the Democrats would be in the position of the man who "drew an elephant in a race."

Hill of Connecticut, a Republican member of the ways and means committee, produced recent reports of the tariff board to show that prices in Canada were practically the same as in the United States on all products on which the reciprocity agreement reduced or wiped out the tariff duty. He presented figures to show that the average protection given the farmer was greater than that given the manufacturer.

RACING BOATS ARE BARRED

Fire on New York Waterfront May Prevent Regatta.

NEW YORK, April 18.—"Scullers" Row, on the Hudson River, was swept by fire early today. Four boats were burned with their contents, including nearly 200 racing shells, and two other boats club structures were damaged. The loss, it is expected, will exceed \$100,000, and the burning of the shells may cause the abandonment of some of the regatta scheduled for the season.

The fire started in the Nassau Clubhouse, and spread to the boathouses of the Harlem Rowing Club, Metropolitan Rowing Club and the Wyandott Club. The Crescent Rowing Club and the Hoboken Boat Club houses were badly damaged. Many valuable trophies were destroyed, together with the shells in boathouses.

Members expressed doubt of the club's ability to compete in the National regatta at Saratoga.

The Metropolitan Rowing Club had entries in the senior eight and single in the American Regatta, to be held at Philadelphia May 27.

GEORGE GOULD IS VICTOR

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In my advocacy of his election by the results he has attained in his administration of the Western Maryland Railway and by the esteem in which I know he was held by Mr. Rockefeller, who is so largely interested in the Western Maryland and who, next to our family, is the largest stockholder in Missouri Pacific.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Not Desirable.

"My personal relations with the members of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have been so pleasant that I was reluctant to conclude that the continuance of that firm as bankers for the property was not to the corporation's best interests. I part with them with personal regret.

"Their interests in the Union and Southern Pacific, both essentially com-

petitive lines, made a continuance of their relationship as bankers in my judgment inevitable for the stockholders of the Missouri Pacific as well as for the public.

"Later, when they advocated the election of ex-Governor David R. Francis to the presidency of the property, I could not but feel that their influence was not a helpful one for the property, for though Governor Francis has my respect as a public man, his efficiency as a railroad operator was not quite so apparent to me."

As given out by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the vote stood 4 to 5 for Mr. Bush. Those against him were Messrs. Warburg, Vanderbilt, Adams, Marston and Gates. A member of the board said after the meeting that the opposition to Mr. Bush was grounded in the belief that he would not command the respect of the banking community and that he had not sufficient experience in handling large properties.

Election Excites Wall Street.

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HEARST SAID TO BE AFTER CANNON

Danville Paper Says Publisher Spending Thousands to Oust "Uncle Joe."

GIGANTIC PLOT ALLEGED

Grand Jury in Vermillion County Is Said to Be "Subsidized" by Detectives in Pay of Newspaper Politician.

DANVILLE, Ill., April 18.—(Special.) Sensational charges that William Randolph Hearst is at the head of a gigantic plot to oust Joseph G. Cannon from the presidency of the United States, were made today by the Danville, Ill., paper.

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