

HARD FIGHT AHEAD ON WOOL TARIFF

Board's Report on Schedule K Pleases Smoot, Who Will Introduce Bill.

DEMOCRATS TO HAVE ONE

Utah Senator Agrees With President That Best Plan Is to Levy Specific Duty Based Upon Soured Pound of Clip.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Congress is to have a series of bills revising the woolen tariff schedules, and a hard fight is assured immediately after the holiday recess.

Democratic members of the ways and means committee already have begun the preparations of a bill; the Republican members of the committee also are preparing a wool bill, and tonight Senator Smoot, of Utah, a member of the finance committee, said that he would prepare a bill.

"I am pleased with the tariff board's report on schedule K," Senator Smoot said, "and hope that the findings of that body will be accepted by the American nation."

Senator Smoot submitted for consideration of the House the following ideas as to revision: The report shows that fine and fine medium wools, which represent nearly 80 per cent of our domestic clip, costs to produce 11 to 12 cents per pound. The remaining 20 per cent, being the coarser grades, costs less. Australia and New Zealand produce great quantities of wool that come into competition with American fine and fine medium wools, and cost to produce nothing, as the profits from the sale of mutton and sheep for stocking either "runs" pays in a normal year the entire station expenses.

President's Plan Approved. "I approve the President's plan of levying duties on wool by a single specific duty based upon the soured pound, with all wools now classified as first and second thrown together with one rate; and third-class, or carpet wools, at another and lower rate.

"If the difference in cost of producing wools other than carpet and lower grades in this country and abroad is only 3 cents a pound, and the average shrinkage of the medium medium wools imported is 52 per cent, then the actual rate of duty on the soured wool content should be 25 cents a pound.

"I will suggest a rate of duty, based on the soured content of wool of the first and second class of 20 cents a pound, and am confident that the woolgrower will receive as much protection as he is now receiving based upon the 11-cent per pound in the grease, or a supposed protection of 23 cents on each soured pound.

Revenue Urged as Basis. "The rate of duty on carpet wools should be considered more from a revenue basis than a protective one, and, in my opinion, the 12 to 15 cents per pound on the soured content.

"The determination of the shrinkage of each shipment of wool into this country must be by testing every bale or bag in Government establishments.

"I would like to see the rates high enough on rags and low grades of shoddy to prohibit their importation, as we have enough of that class of adulterants produced in this country.

"The compensatory duty levied upon wools, and westered shoddy by a specific duty per pound, being the 20 cents levied on soured wool and 7 cents allowance for loss in manufacturing (instead of 4 cents, as now provided on goods valued at more than 40 cents a pound) and a graduated ad valorem scale to equal the difference of cost of production in this country and abroad.

"Barring the prohibitive rates on low-grade mixed goods, the present ad valorem rates are not far from right on the great bulk of wool and westered fabrics, but in the future the rate must be graduated so as not to over-protect the lower grades of mixed fabric.

"I have always claimed that the American manufacturer is compelled by competition to sell his goods at a profit of from 3 cents to 10 cents per yard. The report shows a fair average of profit to the manufacturer to be 4 1/2-10 cents per yard. I have always claimed that the profit made by the manufacturer of the cloth in a suit of clothes did not exceed from 20 to 25 cents. The report supports that claim. The statement that the present tariff law added \$1 to each suit of clothes sold to the American people is proved false by the report."

Democrats Oppose Bill. Senator Smoot's bill does not meet the approval of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee, as Chairman Underwood has already announced. The House bill, based upon the President's idea of levying a single specific duty on the soured pound, and that the House bill, to be proposed by the majority of the committee, probably would include an ad valorem duty.

Serenio Payne, ranking Republican member, and his Republican colleagues on the committee are drafted on a bill based upon the tariff board's report. It is said they will have the co-operation of the Administration and this House bill, it is said, will vary little from the Smoot bill. The Democratic bill, on the other hand, will be based partly upon the tariff board's figures and partly upon statistics collected by the majority members of the ways and means committee.

FUGITIVE HEAD OF MEXICAN INSURGENTS WHO IS SAID TO BE IN TIGHT HOLE.



GENERAL BERNARDO REYES.

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GOVERNMENT IS ON TRAIL

Outlawed Warrior's Force Is Estimated From Five to Several Hundred Men and Battle May Be Given.

MONTEREY, Mex., Dec. 24.—Found once more by the scouts of General Gerardo Treviño, General Bernardo Reyes, self-appointed leader of the constitutionalists, the name he has given the insurgents must either fight or run again.

Scouts reported to army headquarters that the outlawed general was on the Vega ranch, not far from Burgos, a town in the state of Tamaulipas, this afternoon. General Treviño sent orders to Colonel Manuel Garcia Lugo to invade the ranch in search of Reyes.

Officially, it is not admitted that Reyes has with him any men other than the five who were with him when he crossed the border, but private advice variously estimate his following from a score to several hundred.

Treviño considers it improbable that Lugo and his force of 150 will encounter Reyes tomorrow.

MADERO RULE PRAISED

HIGH MASONIC OFFICIAL SAYS MEXICO IS ON GAIN.

General Reyes Is Declared Vain Seeker of Personal Profit—Rebellion Spirit Dimmed.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—W. L. Vail, sovereign grand Mason of Mexico and imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine of Mexico City and head of several important associations and clubs, has been the guest several days of Captain A. W. Lewis, of Sacramento, and in an interview he says that Francisco I. Madero is making good as President of Mexico under his new government.

The followers of General Bernardo Reyes, he says, are coming to realize that his desire is personal profit and glory, and they are deserting his cause. Vail says Reyes was in a conspiracy to kill Madero before the latter was inaugurated President.

Federal troops, he says, are loyal to Madero and a letter from ex-President Diaz to his friends in Mexico recently advised that the reports of insurrection in various parts of the country are greatly exaggerated.

The rebellion is dead. That rebellion is dead.

CHRISTMAS TALES IN NEWS

(Continued From First Page.) ferent city officials. May Wah is a "marked" Chinaman, and it is only on favored occasions, as, for instance, a big gambling trial at the City Hall or a murder in San Francisco Chinatown, when he wants to establish an alibi against possible charges that he appears in public. He is entirely bald and wears a red wig.

Oakland Jail Holly Bedecked. OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 24.—Redwood boughs and holly wreaths hide the wrought-iron bars of the Oakland jail tonight. They are the gift of George Constantine, a Greek, who runs a little street corner flower stand, and Constantine himself spent a whole day's

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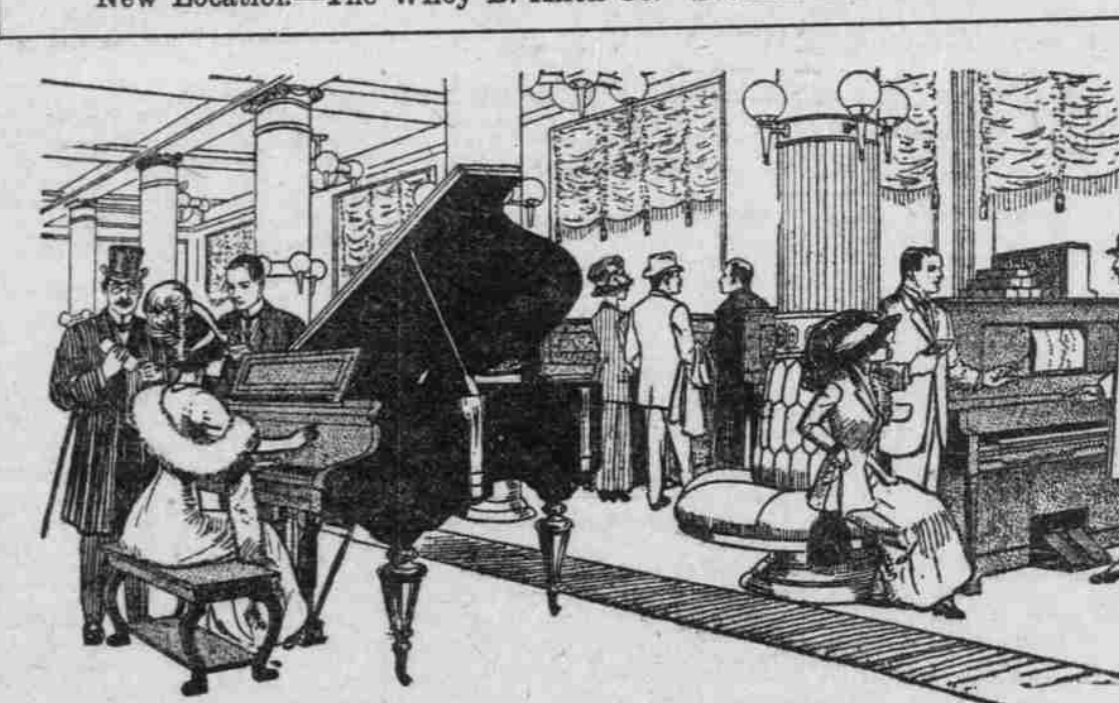
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