

CONGRESS TO AVOID CROSSING EUROPE

Discount on American-Owned Imports Likely to Be Cut From Tariff Bill.

WILSON'S OBJECTION IS NIL

Senate Sub-Committee Would Modify Clause Compelling Foreign Merchants to Show Books in Cases of Dispute.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Congress in all probability will yield to the protests of foreign nations against the provision in the Underwood tariff bill granting a 5 per cent tariff discount on imports in American-owned or controlled vessels.

That the provision can be eliminated from the bill without harm and that Congress has no desire to insist upon legislation which compels foreign merchants to submit their books to an American agent in case of disputed valuations and provides as a penalty for refusal that the goods be excluded from entry.

President Wilson is said to have intimated that he would not object to having the clause eliminated.

Another Modification Due.

This action, it was reported, would be recommended by the Senate finance sub-committee which is considering the administrative features of the bill. The sub-committee also will seek to modify another clause which compels foreign merchants to submit their books to an American agent in case of disputed valuations and provides as a penalty for refusal that the goods be excluded from entry.

Two important conferences were held today on the foreign protests. One was between Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, and Secretary of State Bryan.

Treaty Violation Feared.

It was reported that the State Department held it to be unquestionable that the 5 per cent debenture clause violated foreign treaties. Protests against the clause from eight nations were read.

It was generally expected tonight that the House would yield to a Senate amendment striking out the clause.

Several Democratic leaders were emphatic in declaring that the committee should make no concessions in raw sugar. The fight to change them will be made in the caucus, but the present prospect is that the Administration forces will not yield there. A report that the rates on woolen manufactures would be increased was denied by Senator Simmons.

Hull Reviews Protests.

Representative Hull, of Tennessee, author of the income tax section of the bill, was in conference with Senators Williams and Shively for several hours, going over the protests which have been filed.

Mr. Hull pointed out later that the two chief features of the section which have been under review are the graduated tax—the graduated tax—the surtax upon incomes over \$20,000—and the provision for taxation of dividends of insurance companies.

Pitman and Newlands Differ.

The Senate committee however, will study the insurance feature of the bill very thoroughly, and some members are reported not to be satisfied with its provisions as affecting mutual companies.

"HELEN HALE" IS SUICIDE

Divorced Writer Drowns Self on Eve of Second Marriage.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 28.—The woman who committed suicide yesterday by jumping from a rooftop on Lake Como was identified absolutely late today as Mrs. Florence Gebhardt, divorced wife of Professor George Gebhardt of the Armour Institute of Chicago. The identification was made by W. B. McDonald of Minneapolis, said to be a friend of both Professor Gebhardt and his divorced wife.

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generally, he having lived for many years in Oregon, California, Arizona and other Western states.

Secretary Lane says that this reorganization of the reclamation service is an adaptation of the commission plan of government to the reclamation work and he believes that with this commission to direct all affairs, far better results will be obtained than is possible when the direction is in the hands of one man.

Man Tears Horse's Tongue.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—William Penny, a Gales Creek farmer, is in jail here, charged with having mutilated a horse. It is charged that Penny was driving a horse belonging to his father-in-law, Elijah McCoy, and that when the animal balked Penny fastened a rope to its tongue, badly injuring the animal, and the owner was compelled to shoot it. Judge Smith placed Penny under \$1000 bonds, and in default he was placed in jail. He will have his hearing Tuesday.

Sinnott to Be Orator of Day.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Congressman Sinnott will be one of the principal speakers at the Memorial day exercises in Arlington National cemetery next Friday. He will deliver the address by invitation of the Spanish War Veterans.

DEFENDANT AND ONE OF YESTERDAY'S WITNESSES IN ROOSEVELT'S LIBEL TRIAL.



T. R. HEARS FRIENDS

Newspaper Man Admits 'Silly' Drinking Rumor Heard.

COLONEL SMOTHERS LAUGH

Ex-Secretary of State's Lapse of Memory Amuses Principal—Wines or Juleps Taken in Courtesy to Host, Is Assertion.

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taking or argument by attorneys, Colonel Roosevelt occupied his chair, just back of his counsel. He sat sometimes tilted back against the railing, twitching his watch chain and occasionally casting the glints of his thick eyeglasses toward the balconies, crowded with women, and sometimes leaning forward to whisper with his attorneys.

The day's proceedings were marked by an important ruling by Judge Richard C. Flannigan, which in the introduction of evidence by the defense will have the effect of excluding certain kinds of hearsay testimony.

Hearsay Evidence Barred.

This ruling came after a prolonged argument, during which the jurors were excluded from the room, and after attorneys for Colonel Roosevelt had argued for the exclusion of a certain kind of testimony, which they said might be introduced by the defense through depositions taken from persons in different parts of the country.

The effect of the ruling was that Colonel Roosevelt's general reputation is an issue in the case, and testimony on his reputation may be introduced, but that rumors or reports about his reputation coming from persons not qualified by experience to judge shall not be admitted. In the future progress of the hearing it was explained in court, a person who has traveled extensively with the ex-President or who has been associated with him with any degree of constancy may testify as to his reputation. But a man who heard the Colonel deliver a political speech or saw him for only a few moments in a crowd may not testify as to his reputation, although he may tell how the Colonel acted or appeared at that particular time.

Public Career Surveyed.

Almost every phase of Colonel Roosevelt's public life was touched upon by today's witnesses. All of them spoke with emphasis when they expressed personal knowledge in denying the editorial charges that the Colonel "gets drunk and that not infrequently, and all his intimate friends know it." It was asserted that when Colonel Roosevelt drank wine or mint juleps, it was out of courtesy to his host at some public function, that he often took only a mouthful from a wineglass and that on one occasion he ordered a railroad company not to place in his special car the usual supply of liquors placed in such cars.

The witnesses were Mr. Bacon, Truman H. Newberry, ex-Secretary of the Navy; John Callan O'Loughlin, a Washington newspaper correspondent; Lucius F. Curtis, a New York newspaper man; and Gilson Gardner, a newspaper man, who, after having testified the day before, was recalled. Repeatedly and in various phrases the same question was put to each witness.

"Have you ever known Mr. Roosevelt to be under the influence of liquor?" or "have you ever smelt liquor on Mr. Roosevelt's breath?" and the answer invariably was in the negative.

Nile Journey Recalled.

Questions also were put whether the Colonel was in the habit of drinking intoxicants regularly in any quantities and the answers again were in the negative.

Mr. O'Loughlin, who said he knew Colonel Roosevelt for many years, and who went to a point on the Nile to meet the Colonel on the latter's return from the interior of Africa, put a degree of positiveness to his answers by saying:

"I not only never knew of the Colonel's having been under the influence of liquor, but any suggestion that he ever was appears to me, on account of my intimate acquaintance with him, as absolutely silly."

It was a question put to Mr. O'Loughlin that brought about the argument of attorneys over the admissibility of certain testimony. Mr. O'Loughlin was asked whether he had heard a general

HOUSE DEMOCRATS TO CAUCUS MONDAY

Tariff, Currency and Emergency Appropriation, Aims of Extra Session.

REPUBLICAN CALL TODAY

Progressives Ask "Progressives" of All Parties to Join Third Organization—Chandler Creates Stir in House.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Democrats of the House will caucus next Monday to consider a resolution to limit legislation at the extra session to tariff, currency and possible emergency appropriations and to pass upon committee assignments tomorrow.

Democratic Leader Underwood, who will present the committee selections of all three parties, also is expected to introduce the resolution, which is opposed by the House majority.

The call for the caucus was issued today by Representative Palmer, of Pennsylvania, chairman. Some speaking on the committee assignment is expected, especially concerning the good roads committee, the creation of which is opposed by the House majority.

Mann to Call Republicans.

A call for a Republican caucus next Saturday afternoon will be issued tomorrow by Republican Leader Mann. The purpose is to consider the Republican assignments to committees as framed by Mr. Mann, although the leader has full authority to determine them without caucus approval if he chooses.

The House Progressives, with ten of their total of 19 present, met in open caucus today, unanimously approving the committee assignments framed by their leader, Representative Murdock, of Kansas, and adopted a resolution asking progressive members and women of all parties to join the Progressive party.

It was the first time in the history of Congress that a party conference has made its committee assignments at an open session.

Chandler Creates Stir.

Representative Chandler, of New York, created something of a stir by declaring that the amalgamation of the House Progressives with the Republican party was not a possibility of the future, but that the Republicans dropped "their Penroses and their Barneses" and adopted progressive principles. He was the only one present to urge the new party.

Representative Murdock pledged himself not to ally with the Republican party, and charged that the Republican gathering recently had indicated their party was capable only of post-mortems.

The Progressives were allowed representation at all of the House committees except the rivers and harbors and agriculture, being given a total of 28 assignments. The most important selections included: Murdock, Kansas, ways and means; Chandler, New York, judiciary; Hinesbaugh, Illinois, appropriations; Kelly, Pennsylvania, rules; Lindbergh, Minnesota, banking and currency; Copley, Illinois, postoffices; Temple, Pennsylvania, foreign affairs; Woodruff, Michigan, good roads, and Nolan, California, labor.

TWO STATES JOIN FOR ROAD

Oregon and California Highway Workers to Meet in Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—An important good roads meeting will be held in Medford, June 6, when the members of the Siskiyou County Highway Commission and Engineer Bedford, of the California Highway Commission, will meet at the Oregon-California state line and go over the new survey projected by Jackson County with members of the County Board.

This new road is designed to lower the present objectionable grade of the toll road and provide a convenient and attractive highway for tourist travel between the two states. After this inspection a good roads dinner will be held in Medford and a campaign launched for a good road election for the issuance of county bonds as provided by the Legislature at the last session.

Major Bowdly, state highway engineer; Governor West, Secretary of State Olcott, State Treasurer Kay and others have been invited to attend.

ODDFELLOW IS HONORED

Levi Douglas, of Harrisburg, Active Member 55 Years.

HARRISBURG, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Levi Douglas, Justice of the Peace and janitor of the local school building, is the oldest Oddfellow now belonging to the local lodge. He has been an active member for 55 years. The association has a prominent member who has been in good standing for the past 25 years with a veteran jewel, J. M. Philpott, J. G. Sanders and others of the local lodge.

ENGINE CREW IS BLAMED

Board of Inquiry Holds Two Responsible for Contant Wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Engineer Disney and Fireman F. Winter, of light engine No. 2045, of the Southern Pacific, have been found responsible for the collision of the locomotive with passenger train No. 32 near Contant, Or., May 23, by a board of inquiry, according to a statement issued by the company today.

Record Class Is Confirmed.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 28.—(Special.)—A class of 135, consisting of 65 boys and 70 girls, was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church Sunday by Bishop O'Dea. This is believed to be the largest class ever confirmed at one time in this state. Services lasted from 10:30 A. M. until 1:30 P. M.

New Oregon Land Map Out.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—A new map of the state of Oregon, showing the total designation of lands subject to entry under the reclamation act, has been issued. Copies may be obtained by addressing any member of the Oregon delegation in Congress or the Secretary of the Interior. The new map shows greatly increased areas now subject to entry under the en-

Advertisement for Sherman, Clay & Co. featuring Pianola Player Pianos. Includes text: 'Invite inspection of their display of Player Pianos manufactured by the Aeolian Company and known as Pianola Player Pianos'. Lists prices for various models like Steinyan, Weber, and Steck. Also includes a 'Notice to Pianola Owners' and 'Themodist-Metrostyle Music' information.

Advertisement for 'WEEK END TRAIN to Tillamook County Beaches' via Southern Pacific. Includes details about departure times and fares.

Advertisement for POSLAM SOAP, 'THE SOAP OF MANY BENEFITS'. Lists various benefits like softening skin, removing dandruff, and protecting against infection.

Advertisement for FOWNES KID FITTING SILK GLOVES. Features the text 'A guarantee with every pair of FOWNES KID FITTING SILK GLOVES Double tips, of course'.

Advertisement for Metzger Is Growing Fast and Decoration Day Picnic. Includes details about a picnic excursion to Lake View Park and information about Metzger's optical services.