

HOUSE PLACES OIL ON DUTY-FREE LIST

Republicans Join Bourbons in Removing Tariff.

PRESIDENT WINS VICTORY

Long Staple Cotton Gets Protection of 15 Per Cent Ad Valorem Against Foreign Product.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18.—Oil went on the Fordney bill free list today by a house vote of more than two to one.

Long staple cotton, on the free list in the ways and means committee draft, was put on the dutiable list at 15 per cent ad valorem, with members in doubt as to what compensatory rates on all cotton goods would be considered necessary by reason of the imposition of a tax on the raw product.

The real live-up was over the oil schedule. It broke at the outset of the session after Chairman Fordney had presented a letter from President Harding opposing the tax, and suggesting rather a bargaining provision to be placed in his hands to "guard against the levy of duties against us or the imposition by other nations of export tariffs which are designed to hinder the facilitation of trade."

Democratic Proposal Carries. The first vote on the contested oil amendment came after three and a half hours of debate. Republicans rejected by a straight party vote a proposal by Representative Garrett, Tennessee, democratic leader, to limit debate that this bill might be taken up for amendment under the ordinary five-minute rule.

Then, after debate, the first test was on an amendment by Representative Carter, democrat, Oklahoma, to cut the committee rates on crude oil from 35 to 20 cents a barrel. The Carter proposal won, 143 to 47, democrats supporting it solidly on the ground that in the event the free oil amendment offered by Representative Treadway, Massachusetts, republican, member of the ways and means committee, should be defeated, they could help to obtain a lower duty than fixed in the bill.

Republicans Aid Defeat. But there never was any doubt of the temper of the house on the oil question. The Treadway proposition was adopted with votes to spare—187 to 79—on a stand-up count, but Chairman Fordney, on the losing side, demanded tellers. The count was 196 to 86.

About half the republican membership of the committee, which imposed the tax after the bill had been printed and after the republican had been rejected, joined republican insurgents and almost a solid minority in throwing out the oil schedule. Representative Garner of Texas, ranking democrat on the committee, stood with the oil tariff advocates, led by Representative Chandler of Oklahoma. It was at the latter's insistence that the eleventh-hour duty was put into the bill to protect southwestern wells.

Text of President's Letter. President Harding's letter to Chairman Fordney opposing imposition of a duty on crude petroleum and fuel oil and suggesting a bargaining provision followed:

"I understand that your committee is very soon to decide whether to include a protective duty on crude oil in the tariff bill to be passed by the house. I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that your committee will take note of the foreign policy to which we are already committed, under which the government is doing every conceivable thing to encourage the participation of American citizens in the development of the oil resources in many foreign lands. This course has been followed by the growing concern of our country over the supply of crude oil to which we may turn for our future needs, not alone for our domestic commerce, but in meeting the demands of our navy and our merchant marine.

Future Interests at Stake. "To levy a protective tariff on crude petroleum now would be at variance with all that has been done to safeguard our future interests. "I am not un mindful of the oil industry within our own borders, most cordially believe in its proper consideration. Would it not be practical to provide that the protection to some bargaining provision which may be placed in the hands of the executive so that we may guard against the levy of duties against us or the imposition by other nations of export tariffs which are designed to hinder the facilitation of trade which is essential to our welfare?"

"In the matter of crude oil, as in the case of lumber, which we have talked, our position will be the stronger if the tariff levy is omitted and authority is placed in the executive to impose a duty in appropriately stated circumstances.

"I hope your committee will find it consistent to give consideration to these signs."

ULSTER PREMIER DEPARTS

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matters affecting our common interest."

The official announcement issued at the close of a long conference between the premier and Mr. de Valera today said:

"The conversations between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. de Valera will be resumed Thursday."

Ulster Attitude Deepening. This ordinarily would permit the British public and the world to indulge in confident hopes that a satisfactory settlement would ultimately be reached, but Sir James Craig's statement has put a damper on the hopeful spirit.

Nothing is allowed to leak out as to what takes place within the closed doors of the cabinet room, and the secrecy even extends to a tacit agreement to put no question on the subject in parliament. The negotiations have all the character of diplomatic exchanges between two foreign diplomats.

Though it had been thought possible from the first that Ulster might adopt such an attitude, this sudden dashing of hopes that a peace conference would be assembled as an outcome of the separate negotiations of the premier with De Valera and Craig, came as a shock to the public.

Minority Theory Repudiated. The Ulster premier now declares bluntly that the British government must reach its own agreement with De Valera and that Ulster is determined to maintain its present status, repudiating the whole Sinn Fein argument that Ulster is in the minor-

PHOTOGRAPH OF ROSEBURG SUPPOSED MURDER VICTIM.



DENNIS RUSSELL.

ST. HELENS, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—Dennis Russell, who is supposed to have been murdered at Roseburg by Dr. R. M. Brumfield, was an intimate friend of Dr. R. H. Russell of St. Helens. Though bearing the same name, the two were not related. In 1913 Dr. Russell, who then lived near Roseburg, was seriously ill and Dennis Russell took care of him during his illness and later accompanied him to California. The accompanying photograph was taken in California in the latter part of 1913 and given by Dennis Russell to Dr. Russell.

ity and must bow to the majority in Ireland. Mr. Lloyd George conferred with the Ulster premier alone. The members of their respective cabinets accompanied him to the conference, but so far as is known did not participate in the conferences with the premier.

General Jan C. Smuts, the South African premier, reappeared today as a factor in the Irish negotiations. Mr. Lloyd George had been at his official residence only a short time this morning when Viscount Fitzalan, the lord-lieutenant of Ireland, called and had a long talk with the premier, during which they were joined by General Smuts, the conference continuing more than an hour.

General Smuts had not figured prominently in the conversations which have been going on at Downing street since the truce went into effect. It was learned today however that the prime minister and General Smuts had a long discussion of the situation yesterday at Chequers court.

CONFERENCE MAY SUSPEND

World Congress of Irish Race Will Depend on London Parleys.

NEW YORK, July 18.—A proposed world conference of the Irish race to be held in Paris next year probably will be canceled if the present negotiations between Premier Lloyd George and Eamon de Valera are successfully still, as the latter's representative, announced today.

The Irish Self-determination league of Great Britain had begun the organization of the conference on the suggestion of the Irish republican association of South Africa. Irish representatives from every state of the United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa, South America, Spain and France were to attend.

Rural Ireland Still Tranquil. DUBLIN, July 18.—The reports received by Dublin today indicate no disturbance of the peace in rural Ireland over the week-end. In the Belfast area alone, a feeling of uncertainty still exists regarding the maintenance of order owing to the recent sporadic outbreaks.

BOY SCOUT RESCUES GIRL

Marie Verbeck, Aged 19, Seized With Cramps While Swimming.

SALEM, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—Miss Marie Verbeck, aged 19 years, was rescued from drowning in the Willamette river, five miles east of Salem, late yesterday by Scoutmaster Beall Jr., member of troop 1, Salem Boy Scouts.

Miss Verbeck was stricken with cramps as she was swimming some distance from the shore and disappeared beneath the surface of the water. Young Beall made a shallow dive, and a moment later brought her to the bank. The girl was unconscious and was attended by a physician.

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BRUMFIELD DEAD, HIS WIFE INSISTS

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NO MOTIVE IS SHOWN

Russell Declared to Be Probable Shyer to Get Money on Dentist's Person.

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standing was due and he was not needing money immediately."

Mrs. Brumfield declared that her husband frequently went out with his rifle in the car. She described the gun as being a 30-caliber Remington automatic, and declared that he took the gun out for a hunt Sunday and that it was still in the car on Wednesday night. The rifle was found in the car when the wreck occurred.

Officers found two 30-caliber Remington shells, one being covered with blood and near the wreck and the other near the scene of the shooting found in the body were so badly shattered that their cause cannot be determined, although they are known to be of a large caliber.

Mrs. Brumfield also declared that her husband carried overalls in his car, and he recently purchased a pair of overalls, which, she said, are at the Melrose home. These overalls, she said, were found in the car worn by Brumfield in making his escape. She also asserted that although he always wore white socks he had several pair of black ones. She said that she has found the supply of white socks in the car and that it was possible he had worn a pair of black socks. The fact that the body in the car had on black socks was one of the clues on which the officers based their first suspicions.

County Commissioner Weaver today reported the finding of a pool of dried blood along his private roadway which leads from the Myrtle creek bridge to the mile and a half away. On Wednesday night, shortly after the time the murder was supposed to have been committed, Mr. Weaver said, a big car entered the road and drove up to a point near his house and then turned around and started back out. He could hear, but could not see the machine. After going about half a mile down the lane it stopped and was there for 15 or 20 minutes, when it went on.

Nothing Unusual Suspected. He did not suspect anything unusual until the dried blood was found. This was investigated today by the officers.

Coroner Ritter received a report from James Hunter, fingerprint expert, that investigations so far have been unsatisfactory.

The mirror on which the finger print was found at the Russell cabin has been sent to Portland, where it will be examined under the same conditions. Two articles from Dr. Brumfield's office, presumably carrying finger prints, tonight.

May Be Wednesday. The coroner's inquest will probably be delayed until Wednesday, although no definite announcement has been made to this effect. The inquest was started when the jury was chosen and

the body viewed. The examination, however, was set for Monday morning and then changed to Tuesday on the receipt of notice from District Attorney Neuner that he would arrive tonight. As he will undoubtedly want to make an investigation before taking up the case, the examination will probably again be postponed until Wednesday.

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