

HOUSE PUTS ASPHALT ON FREE DUTY LIST

Last of Five Separate Votes Is Held.

CITRIC ACID LEVY IS UP

Tariff Is Made 12 Instead of 10 Cents a Pound—Almonds and Walnuts Also Increased.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—The house finished consideration of contested schedules in the Fordney tariff bill today by placing asphalt on the free list and in four of the five paragraphs open to separate vote overruled the motion of its ways and means committee in framing the measure. Dye control provisions as drawn were in the only section of the measure not upset.

After disposing of the asphalt amendment which rejected proposed duties ranging from 50 cents to \$3 a ton, the house began consideration of the numerous "perfecting" amendments which the ways and means committee deemed necessary. It raised the proposed duty on dried beans from 1 1/2 to 2 cents a pound and increased the duties on shelled almonds from 10 to 12 cents a pound and shelled walnuts from 5 to 7 1/2 cents a pound in rapid order.

Parliamentary Fight Long.
The business of "perfecting" the bill then was stopped by a long parliamentary fight. It was a recurrence of the controversy of yesterday ranging about claims of the democrats that the republican members of the ways and means committee had not allowed the majority to pass on the amendments before they were offered.

Finally Representative Campbell of Kansas, presiding, ruled that the amendments could be offered. The decision was immediately appealed by Representative Garner, democrat, Texas, but the house sustained the action. Mr. Campbell then allowed the house to proceed on some 60-odd "perfecting" amendments. The democrats also took advantage of the time offered for discussion of the amendments to deliver denunciatory speeches. Several times they were thwarted by republican points of order that they were not discussing the amendment under consideration. The republican objections were sustained without exception.

Statement Is Asked.
Several democrats pressed Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee for a statement as to when they would be permitted to offer amendments. When the demands became insistent, he shouted:

"Just as soon as the democrats get control of the house, they can amend the tariff. They can't do it here." The democratic fight embraced a wide range with little or no response from the republican side except from Mr. Fordney, but charges that the tariff bill was drawn in the interests of the "trusts" kept coming continually. Steel, aluminum and dye, and several other "trusts" were picked out as beneficiaries of the bill but Mr. Fordney contended none would derive more protection than the smallest "infant" industry.

On motion of Representative Longworth, republican, Ohio, the house voted 48 to 25 to increase the duty on citric acid from 10 cents to 12 cents a pound. Mr. Longworth saying California lemon growers contended they needed this additional protection from Italian competition.

ALBERTA'S LIBERALS OUT

Election Gives Farmers 38 Seats in Legislature.

CALGARY, Alberta, July 19.—The liberal government of Premier Stewart was swept out of power in the Alberta provincial election yesterday. The united farmers securing at least 38 seats in the legislature by large majorities, on the face of returns early today. Complaints this morning showed that the parties had returned legislative candidates as follows: United farmers 28, liberal 15, labor 4, independent 4.

STORM CHECKS SALMON

Alaska Packers Experiencing Good Run and Pack Will Be Fair.

ASTORIA, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—Advises from the Alaska Portland Packers association cannery at Kogonung River, Bristol Bay, Alaska, said that a good run of red salmon was on when a heavy storm came up about July 7 and forced a suspension of all fishing operations for several days. Since the storm ceased the run of fish has been gradually improving but is not as heavy as the former one. Up to July 14 the pack was slightly ahead of that on the corresponding date of last year, and the company hopes to put up in the neighborhood of \$3,000 cases, or about 60 per cent of its normal pack.

PLUMBERS CUT OWN PAY

Vancouver Workers Voluntarily Reduce Wage Schedule.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—Vancouver plumbers voluntarily reduced their wage scale from \$9 a day to \$8.50 a day last night at the regular meeting of the union. The reduction was made in the hope the business would be stimulated and create more work for the local plumbers.

NEW CONFERENCE LIKELY

Federal Action on Ford's Offer for Nitrate Plant Waits.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—Government action on Henry Ford's offer to take over the nitrate plant at Mussel Shoals, Ala., for conversion into a fertilizer plant may await conference between Secretaries Weeks

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Republican and Democratic Views Agreed On Condemning Action of Daniels and Roosevelt.

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