

STATUS OF THE TARIFF

The Clouds About the Pending Bill Thicker Than Ever.

NO ONE CAN FORETELL THE END

Tomorrow Morning House Members Will Caucus—Upon Their Action Everything Depends.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The tariff bill is in a cloud tonight, and there are as many opinions as to its present status and as to its future as there are political groups. Surface developments today showed the democrats of the senate were willing to pull together again for a time in order to see if the caucus of the house democrats would offer any solution to the perplexing problem. The call for a caucus of the house, approved by the speaker, and requested by the house conferees, shows that the leaders in that body have become greatly concerned over the fate of the bill—an acknowledgment that it is in a critical state. But neither the action of the senate in delaying the Hill resolution nor the call of the caucus by the house democrats insures the passage or defeat of the bill, nor yet does it certainly mean the senate bill or nothing. There are many who believe the democratic caucus will result in the final success of the senate bill, and that this action will be taken because the democrats of the house, or a majority of them, will not want to risk any vote whatever in the senate for fear of killing all tariff legislation. This feeling, however, was stronger at 2 o'clock than at 6 today. It is quite probable the time which has been gained will be devoted towards reconciling the differences, making a compromise bill hurriedly and with the least possible friction and passing it as quickly as possible, providing such action will be acceptable to the house caucus.

The parliamentary tangle in which the bill will be placed if no report is made by the senate conferees, has caused considerable discussion, and opinion is divided as to the course open to the house. All these tangles, however, would all unravel at once if the wings of the democratic party again flapped in harmony and an agreement were reached by the conferees. If this be found impossible, it is contended by some that the house would concur in the senate amendments and pass the bill at once, whether the particular copy of the bill on which the conferees are at work is on the clerk's desk or in the conference room. It is also claimed that the house can rescind the action by sending the bill to conference, which would bring it as amended by the senate again to the house. The parliamentary difficulties are not so serious as the other complications which have arisen, and which may arise before the caucus Monday and before the senate meets again to prevent an adjustment of differences. At present the questions remaining unanswered are:

Will the house caucus decide to take the senate bill, or will a decision be reached to make one more effort to agree on a compromise bill?

It is conceded by almost all parties now that fewer concessions are to be expected from the senate than could have been obtained a week ago; that the outlook now is between no bill, the senate bill and the senate bill modified, but not to a great degree.

When Speaker Crisp and Chairman Wilson determined, after a conference at noon, that a house caucus should be called for Monday morning, another new element was added to the tariff situation. The house conferees had previously concluded that a caucus was desirable, and Crisp quickly assented to the plan, his name and that of Wilson's heading the petition to Chairman Holman that the caucus be called. With this authoritative endorsement from the house and tariff leaders, signatures were secured as fast as the paper could be passed about, and the number necessary for the call was obtained within half an hour. Crisp went over to the senate and told the senators what had been done, and this was one of the main causes for the postponing of the Hill resolution until Monday, as the caucus at 10 a. m. will give opportunity for the

house to determine upon its policy before the Hill resolution is taken up at 12 o'clock.

Throughout the day the purposes of the case were canvassed from every standpoint. Crisp said of it:

"There is no prearranged programme for the caucus. The house conferees thought they would like to inform their associates of the difficulties encountered and of the position they had taken up to the present time. I do not know that they desire or intend to ask for any particular line of action. It is called simply to allow them to inform the democratic members of the exact situation. What line of action will be developed I cannot say, and I think it will depend largely on circumstances. There is no purpose on the part of the conferees, so far as I know, to present the question of 'the senate bill or no bill,' but that may and probably will come up."

Chairman Wilson also treated the caucus as designed for the purpose of giving and receiving information and advice. He said he would make a full statement of the recent difficulties in conference, and of certain misapprehensions which had been given wide publicity. One of these misapprehensions which Wilson will clear up is as to the tender of free sugar and free coal by the senate conferees, and he will tell his colleagues that the tender was not made; or at least was made with the knowledge that it would assist in defeating the bill. Wilson has not stated what line, if any, he would ask the caucus to take. He says the house conferees have not as yet decided among themselves that the time has come for the acceptance of the entire senate bill. Whether he will leave the caucus to shape its view on this question, or will ask its continued support in an aggressive policy, has not been indicated by him to the members.

Warner, Tracy and other administration men of the house said tonight that deference would be given to the wishes of Wilson. They expressed a certainty that if he assumed the leadership of any exact line of policy the house would stand behind him. It is accepted as certain, however, that the direct issue of the senate bill or no bill will be precipitated at the caucus, whether Wilson initiates it or not. Several members stated their intention to present resolutions on this line in the event the tariff leaders did not do it. In some quarters it was believed some middle ground would be reached before the caucus ended.

After the senate adjourned today the democratic steering committee met. The member declined to divulge the proceedings. One of those present stated that the feeling was very hopeful as to the outlook for the senate bill, but that there was no assurance as to its fate, and the assurance could not be obtained until more time could be had to canvass the situation. He thought that by tomorrow it would be known whether the house would accept the senate bill in its entirety or not. The conservative senators have claimed from the beginning that if the house democratic caucus could have the opportunity to act on the bill uninfluenced by the house conferees it would accept the senate bill. They still have this faith. The house conferees were in a committee room in the senate end of the capitol when the steering committee was in session, and there was more or less communication between the two bodies, evidently bearing on the terms of the settlement.

Wilson and Montgomery, of the house conferees, and Strauss of New York had a conference with Secretary Gresham tonight, at which the situation was discussed and careful consideration given the proposition to have the house take the senate bill in its entirety and subsequently correct any defects by passing separate bills. Private Secretary Thurber came to the conference with a message from the president. A report was in circulation that it had been decided to take the senate bill, but Strauss, after the conference, said no course had been decided upon, and that the policy to be pursued was still a matter of speculation.

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Fishing Season Closed

ASTORIA, Aug. 11.—The fishing season closed last night at midnight, and by 8 o'clock this morning all the canneries had packed all the fish on hand. It is estimated that since the season opened nearly \$1,500,000 has been paid the fishermen of Astoria canneries alone. The fishermen are preparing to leave immediately after the regatta.

Fish Commissioner McGuire scoured a boat tonight, and will patrol the river in the neighborhood of Baker's Bay, where it is reported that Commissioner Crawford has signified his intention to allow traps to continue fishing during the close season. If any are found, Mr. McGuire will ask Governor Penney for instructions.

Another House Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Speaker Crisp and the house conferees are circulating a call for a caucus of the house. The names of Crisp and Wilson are among the first signed to the call for a caucus Monday. It is recalled that in his speech to the recent caucus Crisp said when the matter was resolved into a choice between the senate bill or no bill, the conferees would call upon their colleagues for advice.

Madeline Pollard as an Actress.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The World this morning announces that Madeline Pollard is to appear on the stage under the management of Clayton Roberts. According to Roberts, Miss Pollard will begin her season in the middle of October, in Chicago, and will appear in New York during the winter. There are still many details to be completed, and for that reason many points are withheld.

Praise From the British

LONDON, Aug. 12.—In British naval circles the Japanese attacks upon Wei-Hai-Wei and Fort Arthur are regarded as daring to rashness, and the pluck of the Japanese is praised unstintingly. The attacks are compared to a suppositive British attack upon Ioulo.

HOW TO RUN FAR AND FAST.

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Physiologists and lovers of athletics may be interested in recent experiments and researches of a French artillery captain, M. de Raoul, who, some fifteen years ago, began to try and find out the most economical and least tiring way of walking. There are many manners of walking, says the Popular Science News, some of which are much devoid of grace, but it may be supposed that as far as efficiency is concerned one must be better than the others. M. de Raoul has come to the conclusion that, as far as fast walking is concerned, the best method is that which he calls marche enfoncée. The principle is to run without leaping, to raise the body above ground as little as possible, to keep the knees bent, the upper part of the body inclined forward, so that practically you are always running after your center of gravity. The feet must be raised only very slightly. M. de Raoul, who has now some years of experience, says that he can now take any man between twenty and sixty and teach him to run as long as his legs can carry him without getting out of breath. Some men can, on the very first trial of the method, run seven or eight miles without stopping, while, with the ordinary tactics, they could not have run over one mile. The first kilometer (a kilometer is five-eighths of a mile) is usually covered in seven minutes and a quarter, the second in six minutes, and the third in five minutes and forty-five seconds. An interesting feature of M. de Raoul's researches is that even after a long run, according to his method, a stiff walk is no trouble at all; the muscles which work in both cases do not belong to the same set, and while one exercise is performed the muscles which minister to the other rest.

Dr. Adolph Liebmann, of the Whitworth institute, Manchester, England, said in an address the other evening in New York city that remarkable progress had been made in the manufacturing of artificial indigo. Experts have devoted much time to this production, he states, and the result is that indigo can be evolved from coal tar by several different methods, but as yet no one has succeeded in discovering a process sufficiently cheap to compete with natural indigo.

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