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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Steel and Iron Raw Materials
Are Placed on Free List
in Tariff Bill.

Washington.—The transfer to the free list of the tariff bill of iron and steel raw materials, with an estimated dutiable value of more than \$600,000 a year, was approved by the majority members of the senate finance committee. This increased the senate's additions to the Underwood free list to an aggregate annual loss of \$2,000,000 in revenue, making the total estimated annual revenue loss from the free list about \$27,000,000. All structural steel, which was made dutiable at 12 per cent in the Underwood bill, has been reduced as a compensation for the placing of raw materials on the free list. The raw materials were placed on the free list, largely because they are controlled by the United States Steel Corporation.

Among the articles which the senate sub-committees have added to the free list are: Pig iron, ferro-manganese and spiegel, hemp, livestock, wheat, photographic films, cedarwood, coal tar dyes.

Print Paper Provision Changed.

Amending the section of the Underwood tariff bill which would place on the free list all print paper valued at not more than 2½ cents a pound, the majority members of the senate finance committee voted to incorporate in the bill the provisions of the Canadian reciprocity act passed in 1911.

This action would extend the free list to include all print paper valued at not more than 4 cents a pound, on condition "that no export duty, export license fee or other export charge of any kind whatsoever, or any prohibition or restriction in any way of the exportation, shall have been imposed upon such paper, board or wood pulp, or the wood pulp used in the manufacture of such paper or board."

Free Postage Big Aid to Sugar Men.

How the government printing office and the postoffice department helped in the fight against free sugar and the congressional frank sent tons of anti-free sugar literature circulating throughout the land, was brought out by the senate lobby investigation.

Truman G. Palmer, Washington representative of the United States beet sugar industry, testified that more than 1,500,000 copies of arguments in behalf of beet sugar had been turned out by the government printing office, made public documents by order of congress, and had ridden on the franks of senators and representatives, postage free.

"Sugar at a Glance," prepared by him, he said, had attained a circulation of 320,000 copies under the frank of Senator Lodge. "Report of the Finance Committee," by the same senator, had beaten the pamphlet by 80,000 copies.

Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, presented the report of the senate suffrage committee, recommending the passage of Senator Chamberlain's resolution for a constitutional amendment enfranchising women.

The report vigorously urged votes for women. It declared suffrage was justified "by every test the students of government had set down" for enfranchisement of any class of citizens.

National Capital Brevities.

President Wilson has informed Colonel Goethals that he will visit the Panama canal as soon as congress adjourns.

Majority members of the senate finance committee declare that they expect to have the tariff bill in shape for consideration by the Democratic caucus this week.

Secretary of the Interior Lane holds that assignees of reclamation homesteads on which final proof has been made need not be qualified homesteaders.

Secretary Lane submitted a resolution to congress for a law authorizing the drainage and reclamation by the United States of public swamp and overflowed lands in any state or territory.

Representative Henry has introduced a resolution in the house giving congress visitorial powers over national banks in seeking a record of the currency system.

Instructions to postmasters were issued for handling C. O. D. parcel post packages. The regulations will be in effect July 1. Charges on packages will be collected from addresses on and after that date, provided the amount on a single parcel does not exceed \$100.

Without varying a dot from the principles laid down last week in the Minnesota rate cases, the supreme court of the United States upheld state railroad rate legislation in Oregon, Missouri, Arkansas and West Virginia.

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Santa Barbara, Cal.—C. H. Ercanbrach was arrested by a deputy United States marshal on a federal indictment charging him with an attempt to bribe United States Senator Works. Ercanbrach wanted the appointment of postmaster here, and is alleged to have written a letter to Senator Works offering \$1000 if the appointment were procured for him.

Ercanbrach's letter was turned over to the department of justice at Washington by Senator Works. The department sent the letter to United States District Attorney McCormick here. The latter presented the matter to the grand jury and an indictment was returned.

Ercanbrach is a carpenter who is considered fairly well to do. No one knew he had political aspirations. He was surprised when the warrant of arrest was served on him. He admitted that he had written the letter to Senator Works, and added:

"I did not know it was a crime to offer to pay a man for getting a political job for you."

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club, 94c; bluestem, \$1.01; red Russian, 92c.
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Butter—Creamery, 28c.
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Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 15c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 99c; club, 92c; red Russian, 90c.
Eggs—20c.
Butter—Creamery, 29c.
Hay—Timothy, \$18 per ton; alfalfa, \$13 per ton.

Lewiston Goods Confiscated.

Lewiston, Idaho.—The investigation by the state pure food commissioners of Idaho while in Lewiston resulted in confiscation of a large quantity of groceries and fruits.

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