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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Little Prospect of President Signing Tariff Bill Before End of Week.

Washington.—More time has been devoted by congress to the consideration of the Underwood tariff bill than ever before was given to the consideration of any other tariff measure, and the present special session has already run two weeks beyond the previous record for a special session, with no end yet in sight. There is little prospect that the Underwood bill can be signed by the president prior to September 20, but if the bill becomes a law on that day a total of 166 days will have been consumed in its consideration and passage.

The longest previous special session of congress was that of the sixty-first congress, at which the Payne-Aldrich law was passed. That session ran from March 15 to August 5, 1909, a total of 144 days. It took 131 days from March 15 to July 24, 1897, to pass the Dingley bill.

Currency Debate Begun in House.

Oratorical display prior to the passage of the administration currency bill through the house began with a series of speeches for and against the measure. The general discussion continued throughout day and night sessions of the house until Saturday night.

Chairman Glass, of the banking and currency committee, father of the bill; Representative Hayes, of California, ranking member of the committee, and Representative Murdock, of Kansas, Progressive floor leader, opened the debate for their respective parties.

The measure was taken up in detail for amendment Monday, and it is expected the detailed discussion will be extensive. Under the caucus action of the Democrats, the possibility that any change will be written into the measure in the house is remote.

Bryan's Plea Heeded by House.

In response to an urgent demand from the state department, the house adopted a joint resolution making an emergency appropriation of \$100,000 to be used for the relief of destitute Americans in Mexico and for their transportation to the United States.

Majority Leader Underwood presented the emergency resolution and read a personal letter from Secretary Bryan asking immediate action. The secretary said the department was using \$2000 a day to aid Americans in Mexico and that only \$12,000 was available for that purpose. The resolution will go immediately to the senate, where it probably will be passed.

No Ground for Bubonic Plague Scare.

Surgeon-General Blue of the public health service declared there was no cause for alarm in the one death from bubonic plague at Martinez, Cal. The case is regarded simply as a sporadic one, not in any way an indication of danger of an epidemic, but entirely due to ground squirrel infection. For several weeks the public health service has been making plans for increased activity against rodent carriers of the disease on the Pacific coast, and those plans are about to be put into execution.

National Capital Brevities.

Attacking the "evils of the caucus system," Representative Anderson of Minnesota resigned from the ways and means committee, as a protest.

The food research laboratory of the bureau of chemistry is conducting experiments in several egg-breaking establishments to assist the manufacturers in canning perfect eggs for winter use.

A countervailing duty on dried or candied fruits and combed wool, or tops from Australia, equivalent to the bounty granted to those products by the Australian government, was ordered by the treasury.

Wine—pure wine—is to be a thing of the past under the pending tariff bill in the opinion of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, formerly chief chemist for the government.

The Pomerene amendment taxing brandy used in fortifying California wines at the rate of \$1.10 per gallon and also taxing spurious wines, was stricken from the tariff bill in conference between the senate and house.

Hindus seeking admittance to the United States through the Philippines or any other American possession will not be permitted to land unless they pass the examination under the immigration laws.

General denial of all the allegations made against him by Colonel Martin M. Mulhall of Baltimore, former self-styled chief lobbyist for the National Association of Manufacturers, was voiced by former Representative James Watson of Indiana, before the house lobby investigating committee.

WILLIAM J. GAYNOR



William J. Gaynor, late Mayor of New York, who died suddenly at sea while on his way to Europe.

Brief News of the Week

The last lap has been reached in the construction of the Panama canal, and small vessels are expected to use the big ditch by October 10.

A score of men were burned, six seriously, in a series of explosions that shattered the walls of the Clover Leaf Milling company's plant at Buffalo.

In a fight between United States soldiers and Mexican smugglers at Carrizo Springs, Texas, one Mexican was killed, six Mexicans wounded and 14 captured.

During the past six years there has been a steady increase in the scale of wages paid American workmen, according to the report of the department of labor of the United States.

A bill appropriating \$300,000 to purchase a legation building in Washington was passed by the Argentine chamber of deputies. The senate already had passed the bill.

The Pullman company has been called on the carpet by the California railroad commission, which issued an order to the company to appear November 19 and explain its "practices, rules and regulations."

People in the News

Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, who collapsed during Administration day celebration in Oakland, Cal., is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Russell Sage, widow of the great financier, has just celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday. She has given away \$30,000,000 since the death of her husband.

Jesse Pomeroy, sentenced when 15 years old for torturing and murdering little children, has begun the thirty-seventh year of his solitary confinement at the state prison of Massachusetts.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, is improving at his home at West Orange, N. J., and his recovery from his indisposition is expected to follow with proper care and rest.

Manuel de Zamacona, former Mexican ambassador to the United States, has arrived in this country ostensibly on private business, although it has been rumored that he is here as a special representative of Huerta.

The duke of Roxburghe declares that his wife, who was Miss May Golet of New York, gave birth to a son because she ate no sugar for four months, on advice of a specialist, who said if his instructions were followed, the baby would be a boy.

President Wilson sat in a grove of pine trees at Meriden, N. H., and saw his youngest daughter, Miss Eleanor, play the star role in a pastoral masque symbolizing the protest of the naturalist against the slaughter of birds for millinery purposes.

G. A. R. MEETS IN SOUTH

National Encampment Begins Near Scenes of Famous Battles.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Held for the first time in real southern territory and in close proximity to some of the most famous battlefields of the Civil war, the forty-seventh annual national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was officially opened here with a reception at the Hotel Patton.

Not only is this the red letter encampment of the G. A. R. because it is the first meeting south of the Mason and Dixon line, but the present year also marks the semi-centennial of the battle of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, all within a short distance of this city. In fact, the exact anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga falls on the last two days of the encampment, September 19 and 20.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Livestock Entry Free.

Salem.—In the livestock department of the Oregon state fair, which opens Monday, September 29, and closes Saturday, October 4, no entry fees will be charged. Those exhibiting will be charged the low rental of \$2 for the week for double or box stalls and \$1 for single stalls. For hog or sheep pens \$1 will be charged for the week. So far as possible stock will be grouped in breeds, classes and families. Stalls and pens with the first bedding of straw will be furnished free to exhibition stock. When exhibits of any character are shipped to the secretary, he should be informed at the time in order that proper attention may be given.

Wild Horses Ordered.

The Dalles.—Gen Taylor, a prominent rancher of the Antelope district, was in the city conferring with officials of the Wasco county fair and was commissioned to secure from the numerous bands of wild horses near Antelope 50 animals that have never known the "feel" of saddle, bridle or halter. The horses will be brought to this city for use at the "Rodeo," which will be one of the many big features of the twenty-third annual exhibition of the local fair, October 8 to 11, in the grounds of the Driving Park association.

Bad Smash-up on Sumpter Valley.

Baker.—A mistake on the part of a train dispatcher caused a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Sumpter Valley railroad, resulting in completely demolishing one engine, damage to the other and derailment of a dozen cars, but no fatalities or injuries. Firemen and engineers jumped to safety when they saw that a collision was inevitable. The engines met on a heavy grade, one going down hill, traveling at a high rate of speed, the other one traveling slowly.

TO SHOW NEW FEATURES

Agricultural College Will Exhibit at Fair.

Corvallis.—On a scale larger than ever before the Oregon agricultural college is preparing an educational exhibit for the state fair. The exhibit is designed to show approved methods of industrial and technical work in the departments of agriculture, the school of domestic science and art, the engineering school and the crop pests and zoological departments, as well as the experiment stations. An exhibit of grains and grasses from the eastern Oregon station will prove an interesting and valuable feature.

Among the new features will be animal exhibits from the college herds and demonstration of the best method of handling. There will also be exhibits showing approved methods of silo construction. There will be other demonstrations and illustrated lectures. The principal exhibit will occupy the space previously assigned in the large auditorium and will be arranged with a view to give practical instruction in the latest methods applied to agriculture, home economics and engineering.

Special Surveys For Water Rights.

Salem.—Three survey parties have been engaged since June in the measuring of all irrigated lands on the Malheur river and its tributaries and in determining the location and capacity of all ditches diverting water from public streams. This work has been carried on under the direction of the state engineer to secure information as a basis for an adjudication of water rights by the state water board.

S. P. Asks Reduced Assessment.

Eugene.—The tax department of the Southern Pacific railroad has asked the Lane county board of equalization to tax the personal property of the company used in the construction of the "Chickadee" extension and the Willamette Pacific railways in this county, at 50 per cent of its actual cash value. The members of the board value.

Murder Trial Delayed.

McMinnville.—The charge of murder in the first degree, preferred by the Yamhill county grand jury against James Hutchins, alleged slayer of Walter A. Rodgers, as well as the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, also preferred against Hutchins for alleged shooting of Frank Wilbur, have been continued to the December term of the circuit court on motion of District Attorney Upjohn.

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