

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Saturday, June 19.

Washington, June 19.—The senate today covered a multitude of subjects in connection with the tariff, but made final disposition of nothing of importance. The income and corporation tax questions received attention for some time and were postponed until after the tariff provisions proper shall be finally settled.

Aldrich, from the committee on finance, brought in the committee's amendment to the wood pulp paragraph, which proved to be a provision for doubling the duty on wood pulp coming from countries which undertake to prohibit the exportation of logs to this country. Beveridge presented an amendment for the cutting in two of the house ad valorem duty on cash registers. Aldrich also presented the finance committee's hide provision.

Friday, June 18.

Washington, June 18.—The senate late today adopted by a vote of 44 to 32 an amendment of the senate committee on finance fixing a duty of \$4 a ton on print paper in place of the house rate of \$2 a ton. The other amendments to the wood pulp and print paper schedule had not been acted upon when the senate adjourned at 7 o'clock.

The Bailey income tax amendment will be pending when the senate convenes tomorrow. If a unanimous agreement in accordance with a motion made by Aldrich today is not then obtained, he probably will move to postpone consideration of the subject to a certain day.

Thursday, June 17.

Washington, June 17.—The fight to place wood pulp and print paper upon the free list was opened up in the senate today under the leadership of Brown, of Nebraska. Going over to the portion of the chamber in which Aldrich, Hale, Frye, Lodge, Gallinger, Smoot and other leaders have their seats, the Nebraskan stood in the midst of the opposing force and with good nature parried thrusts that came to him from all quarters as he delivered a telling speech in behalf of the cause he had espoused.

The debate began when Aldrich proposed an amendment increasing the duty on print paper from one-tenth to two-tenths of a cent per pound, which he said equaled \$4 a ton. The Dingley law placed the duty at \$6 a ton and the house reduced it to \$2 a ton.

Wednesday, June 16.

Washington, June 16.—The senate today finally adopted the Philippine free trade provision of the tariff bill after voting down several amendments. The vote on final adoption was 42 to 28. Six Republicans, Root, Borah, Bristow, Clapp, Crawford and La Follette, voted with the Democrats against the finance committee proposition.

Aldrich presented the finance committee's substitute for the house zinc schedule and it received a large share of the attention of the senate during the afternoon. The committee amendment provided for a graduated scale of duty on the zinc in zinc ore in place of the fixed rate of the house bill.

All of the finance committee's recommendations as amended were adopted finally. The committee's suggestion for changes in the silk schedule also was adopted. A number of other committee amendments of a minor character were presented just before adjournment and some of them were acted upon.

Tuesday, June 15.

Washington, June 15.—Vigorously denouncing the committee on finance because of its change of front over night on the subject of tobacco importations from the Philippines, Burkett, of Nebraska, in the senate characterized this action as "an effort to hang the senator from Wisconsin up in the air," and finally declared that this even "afforded senators a good opportunity to vote a lack of confidence in the committee."

This followed Aldrich's statement that the committee would accept the amendment proposed by Bulkeley to reduce the number of cigars to be admitted free of duty from the Philippine islands from 150,000,000 to 70,000,000 and the quantity of filler tobacco from 1,500,000 to 1,000,000 pounds, together with a provision that the wrapper and filler tobacco should be unstemmed when receiving this concession.

An interesting feature was a declaration by Borah that he proposed to vote for loosening the bond which tied the Philippines to the United States. He declared himself in favor of giving the islands an independent government.

Wood pulp and print paper were considered today by Republican members of the finance committee. No vote was taken. The duty on paper will be fixed at \$4 a ton, which is a compromise between the house rate of \$2 and the \$6 rate of the present law.

Vessels Ordered Held

Washington, June 17.—Orders were sent out today through the revenue cutter service to the commander of the Pimlico to detain the steamer Nanticoke until further orders. The Nanticoke and the tug Dispatch, the former detained at Franklin, Va., and the latter at Norfolk, are by admission made here by their New York agents today, bound direct for Maracaibo, Venezuela, but it is denied that the vessels are for filibustering.

Monday, June 14.

Washington, June 14.—Sugar was the stirring subject before the senate today. It was brought to the front in connection with the consideration of the finance committee's substitute for the house provision of the tariff bill regulating the admission of Philippine articles into the United States and received practically the undivided attention the entire day.

During the first hour there was some discussion of the effect of the provision on the tobacco interests of Connecticut, but an amendment looking to the introduction of Connecticut tobacco into the Philippines for wrappers had the effect of relieving the situation in that quarter.

None But Tillman Opposes.

Washington, June 19.—Opposition on the part of Senator Tillman is the only obstacle in the way of the nomination of Robert T. Devlin to succeed himself as United States district attorney for the Northern district of California, according to a report current here today. Tillman has expressed a desire to go more fully into the Perrin case, though the sub-committee of the judiciary committee of the senate is apparently convinced that Devlin can give no information that would substantiate suspicion of subornation of perjury in the Perrin trial. It is thought Devlin's nomination will be reported favorably Monday.

Loan to Be Agreed Upon.

Washington, June 16.—Regarding the proposed American participation in the foreign loan on the Hankow-Szechu-Sen railroad, in which New York bankers are deeply interested, an official statement issued at the State department today declares the department is following this situation with great interest and looks forward with confidence to a satisfactory agreement between the American group and the German, British and French financiers.

Probe to Enter Sugar.

Washington, June 15.—The Department of Justice has assigned two agents to duty in New York with instructions to examine into the conditions under which the recent compromise was affected between the American Sugar Refining company and the Pennsylvania Refining company. The agents are to examine into the allegations that the compromise disclosed conditions involving a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Spanish Minister to Leave.

Washington, June 15.—Senor don Ramon Pina, Spanish minister at Washington since 1906, has made arrangements through the State department to have a farewell audience with President Taft June 16, at 2:30 p. m. The minister has been appointed under secretary of foreign affairs of Spain, and will sail for Europe June 24 to assume his new duties. His successor here will arrive about July 15.

Probe Food Preservatives.

Washington, June 19.—The use of soda, potash, ammonia, alum and other aluminum salts in foods, and the effect of such ingredients on health, will be the subject on which the national board of food and drugs will hold a general hearing July 6. The testimony of both those who approve and oppose the proposition to use aluminum salts in foods will be heard.

New Documents in Sugar Case.

Washington, June 18.—Formal announcement was made at the Department of Justice today that a number of documents relating to transactions between Adolph Segal, the Real Estate Trust company and the American Sugar Refining company had been obtained and were being examined. Attorney General Wickersham is personally attending to the case.

Bliss Head of College.

Washington, June 19.—Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, recently detached from command of the army in the Philippines, was notified today of his assignment to duty as president of the army college, Washington barracks, to succeed Brigadier General W. W. Witherspoon, transferred to duty as assistant chief of staff.

Pinchot Posing as Author.

Washington, June 18.—Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry service, who mysteriously disappeared from Washington, has turned up at the Ohio home of ex-Secretary of the Interior Garfield, where he and Garfield are collaborating in writing a historical review of the achievements of the Roosevelt administration.

Portland Man Commissioner.

Washington, June 18.—J. E. Jenkins, of Oklahoma City, Okla., brother of W. H. Jenkins, of the Southern Pacific at Portland, it is believed, will succeed Francis E. Leupp as commissioner of Indian affairs. It is understood the Pacific Northwest delegations will support him.

Lumber Production Less.

Washington, June 15.—Lumber production in the United States was less in the calendar year 1908 than in the preceding year, according to a report issued today by the census bureau. The decrease amounted to 17.3 per cent, or from 40,256,154,000 to 33,289,369,000 feet.

JURY DISAGREES.

Unable to Reach Verdict in Calhoun Case at San Francisco.

San Francisco, June 21.—Terminating in a disagreement of the jury, with ten men determined on acquittal and two steadfastly resolved upon conviction, the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, came to an end at 12 o'clock yesterday. Five months and a week had elapsed since his first appearance in court to answer to the charge of offering a bribe of \$4,000 to a supervisor to obtain a privilege for his corporation, and a period of 24 hours had been consumed in fruitless deliberation.

Not until each juror had pronounced as hopeless the prospect of a verdict was the order for their liberation made by Judge William P. Lawlor. Prosecution and defense gave assent to the discharge and the proceeding ended within 15 minutes.

After ordering the discharge of the jury Judge Lawlor drew his chair to the edge of the platform nearest the jury box and addressed to the 12 men some informal remarks severely criticizing the laws and usages that made possible the expenditure of three months in the empanel of a jury and congratulating and thanking them upon their worth as citizens.

He declared the courts were utterly helpless to prevent such occurrences and recommended that the legislature be influenced by the people to make alteration in the laws that governed court procedure in the empanelment of jurors. Under the orders of the court the attorneys will be expected to fix a date for another trial upon the same indictment at this morning's session of court.

"I am ready to try this case again and I will go ahead tomorrow if necessary," said Mr. Heney an hour after the adjournment.

In a long statement issued by Mr. Calhoun last night he said:

"Of course I am disappointed at the failure of the jury to acquit me of unbiased charges that have been brought against me. I should have liked my vindication by the jury to have been absolute."

FIFTEEN ARE DEAD.

Bad Collision on Trolley Road Injures Twenty-five Others.

Chesterton, Ind., June 21.—Fifteen are dead and 25 injured as a result of a wreck on the South Shore Electric railway, two and a half miles west of here last night. Nine bodies have been recovered and more are expected to be found in the wreckage in the tops of the wrecked cars.

A westbound car was coming at high speed down a long hill and at the foot met an eastbound car also going at a terrific speed.

It is estimated that at least seven bodies are still under the debris. The motorman on the westbound car, who was killed, was pinned between the two vestibules of the cars and could not be plainly seen and his position was such as to make escape impossible.

Most of the passengers on the eastbound car were returning from the Crown Point automobile races.

It is believed that the motorman of the east bound car must have seen the onrushing west bound car, as he had thrown off his power and brought the car to a standstill before being struck.

WORK TO BE RUSHED.

Construction to Start Within 30 Days on Deschutes Road.

Portland, June 21.—Barring unexpected delays in securing a continuous right of way, bids for the construction of the Deschutes line into Central Oregon will be asked by Harriman within 30 days. The only obstacle that prevents the immediate construction of the Central Oregon road is the adjustment of right of way questions with power companies operating on the Deschutes river. The railroad company has already secured rights of way to 70 per cent of the 120 miles to be traversed by the proposed road. An early and satisfactory adjustment of pending rights of way problems covering the remainder of the distance is believed more than probable without resorting to condemnation proceedings in the courts.

Celebrate Poltava Fight.

St. Petersburg, June 21.—The whole country is watching with interest the preparations for the Poltava bicentenary celebrations, which will extend over four days and be in the nature of a great patriotic military pageant. M. Mazurovsky, the battle painter, and Count Mouraviev, also an artist historian, will prepare the scenes, re-enacting on the spot the battle fought 200 years ago. Part of the troops present will represent the Swedish army. The culminating scene will be based on Kotchubey's picture.

Heavy Gold Output Expected.

Seattle, June 21.—The gold diggings in the neighborhood of Fairbanks, Alaska, will yield \$12,000,000 during the present year, according to a report received today by a Seattle bank. This bank expects to handle about \$6,500,000. All the conditions favor the miners—the weather, water supply and rich run of gravel. Development of the quartz ledges, whose breaking up furnished the placer gold, is just beginning.

British Cruiser Smashed.

London, June 21.—The British cruiser Sappho, which was reported last night in a collision off Dungeness, arrived in Dover this morning in a sinking condition. A number of tugs and lifeboats were in attendance. An attempt is being made to beach the cruiser.

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Yukon Avenue is one of the many ways leading to the Court of Honor of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. It leads from the Cascades down to one of the many entrances to the Pay Streak and directly to the "cafeteria" of the Fair Grounds.

On the left of the picture a facade of the European Exhibits Building shows. On the right is a corner of the Palace of Agriculture. In the distance, and across the Cascades, is to be seen the Oriental Building.

All of these structures were completed before December 1, 1908. They are of the conventional exposition type of construction—plaster staff over heavy wooden framework.



THE FINE ARTS PALACE, A-Y-P. EXPOSITION, SEATTLE.

Into the Palace of Fine Arts there has gone as fine a collection of works of art as has ever been shown at a world's fair. It is made up of loan collections from Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and the Eastern states of America. Also there are valuable specimens of work by the leading modern artists of Japan and China, and many of the more notable works of their ancient artists.

So valuable is the collection that insurance in the sum of \$1,225,000 has been placed upon it with Lloyds.

The building is absolutely fireproof. It is of reinforced concrete and brick and, at the end of the Exposition, it will revert to the University of Washington, by which it will be used as a School of Chemistry.

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