NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Senator Simmons Says Tariff Bill Will Reach President Last of August.

Washington.—With the tariff bill completed by the senate caucus, the senate leaders feel certain that the measure will be in the hands of the president by the latter part of August. Five weeks is the time Senator Simmons, who will have the bill in charge, believes will be needed. Republican senators, however, insist that it will take much more time.

Forty-seven democratic senators stood up in the party caucus one by one and declared their intention to vote for the Underwood-Simmons tariff revision bill as finally approved by the caucus. Two senators, Ransdell and Thornton, of Louisana, said that they would not make such promise because of the proposal to place sugar on the free list in 1916. Senators Hitchcock of Nebraska and Culberson of Texas were absent, but both are known to be in favor of the bill. This gives the democrats 49 votes for the bill or a slender majority of one, with the vote of the vice president to fall back on in an emergency.

Resolution Not Binding.

An absolutely binding resolution was not adopted, the poll by individuals being substituted, and that poll was put only on the ground of personal promise and was not made binding.

A resolution was adopted, however, declaring the Underwood-Simmons bill a party measure and urging its undivided support without amendment unless such should be submitted by the committee.

Before final action on the bill the caucus gave concessions to the senators from woolgrowing states by adopting an amendment making effective a provision for free raw wool in December 1, 1913, and the rates on manufactures of wool January 1, 1914.

Mulhall's Story of Lobbying Told.

How the National Association of Manufacturers, through its hired lobbyists at Washington, secured legislation favorable to its interests, obtained the defeat of measures beneficial to the labor interests, how it controlled congressional committees, made and unmade senators and representatives and how it levied tribute on all manufacturing interests—great and small—throughout the country, was explained by the sensational exposures of Colonel M. M. Mulhall, for 10 years the lobbyist, field worker and strikebreaker of the organization, before the senate investigation committee called into existence by President Wilson's charges that an "insidious lobby" exists and has existed at the national capital for many years.

Witness' Confession is Astounding.

A story of misrepresentation, impersonation of public men and organized effort to influence Wall street financiers probably without parallel in the history of congressional investigations was unfolded before the senate lobby committee by a prosperous-looking, self-possessed individual, calling himself David Lamar, of New York, self-described as an "operator in stocks" and admittedly the bearer of several assumed names. With entire abandon, arousing the committee to laughter at times by his naive admissions, he told of his impersonations, his participation in attempts to influence Wall street. He telephoned to financial men and lawyers in the names of Representative Palmer and Representative Riordan. He assumed the guise of Chairman McCombs, of the Democratic national committee, to telephone to Chairman Hilles, of the Republican national committee.

National Capital Brevities

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska withdrew from the democratic caucus when his proposed tariff bill amendment for a graduated tax on tobacco production was defeated. A spirited scene followed.

Attorney General McReynolds has dismissed Judge Clayton Herrington from the department of justice at San Francisco. Herrington had criticised the federal authorities in connection with the Diggs-Caminetti case.

The interstate commerce commission will have to get along in its great task of making a physical valuation of railroads without the assistance of the army engineers unless congress can be induced to pass special legislation.

Government officials are greatly interested in the reported achievement of Dr. Goldschmidt, a German inventor of wireless apparatus, in sending messages between Neustadt, near Hanover, Germany, and Tuckerton, N. J., 3900 miles.

The American people drank more whiskey and beer, smoked more cigars and cigarettes and chewed more tobacco during the fiscal year 1913 than in any other yearly period of the nation's history, according to estimates based on the record-breaking internal revenue receipts of the federal government for the 12 months ended June 30.

NATIONAL BANKS FAIL IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg First-Second National Cause of Failure of Other Institutions.

Pittsburg.—The First-Second National Bank of Pittsburg, the First National Bank of McKeesport, a neighboring city; the American Waterworks & Guarantee Company and the banking house of J. S. and W. S. Kuhn, incorporated, of this city, were forced into the hands of a receiver, through the failure of the first-named institution to open its doors Tuesday.

The closing of the First-Second National Bank was ordered by the Controller of the Currency, T. P. Kane, after every effort had been made to meet the government requirements as to the legal reserve.

The Kuhn banking house has extensive interests in irrigation projects throughout the west and mines and street traction systems throughout western Pennsylvania, besides being a dominant factor in the American Waterworks & Guarantee company.

W. S. Kuhn was president of the First-Second National Bank, vice president and director in the banking house and vice president and director of the American Waterworks & Guarantee company, besides being a director of the McKeesport bank. J. S. Kuhn was a director of the First-Second bank and president and director of the American Waterworks & Guarantee company, besides being a director of the McKeesport bank and chairman of the board of directors of the banking house.

Washington.—Secretary McAdoo in a statement declared that the general banking condition in Pittsburg, as well as in the entire country, was strong and sound and that he expected no further trouble as a result of the failure of the Pittsburg First-Second National bank.

"The failure of the Pittsburg bank is simply a sporadic case of unsound banking and has no other significance," the secretary said. He added that the receivership for this institution removed a long-standing "sore spot" in the Pittsburg situation, leaving the general condition in that city sound.

Oregon Bank Robber Soon Caught.

Portland.—Following the sensational holdup of the First State bank of Milwaukie, Ore., Saturday afternoon and a daring effort to make away with his booty, Virgil Perrine, the robber, was captured two hours later within the limits of the town. He was found immersed to his head in the water under a water works wheel, and dynamite was used by the posse in effecting his capture.

STRIKERS CONTROL SITUATION IN RAND

Johannesburg.—The settlement of the strike among the gold miners in the Rand district, which the government arranged with a committee of strikers Saturday, proved ineffective.

The mobs reassembled Sunday. All trains and streetcars suspended service, the crews refusing to work.

Except at the time of the Jameson raid in 1896 and the outbreak of the war in 1899 this city has not experienced such a day of terrorism as Saturday. The mobs in the business section caused less fear than desperadoes who were threatening to dynamite the homes of the wealthy.

The rioting began when strikers forced their way into the Rand Club, whose members are mine-owners. They demolished everything on the ground floor. Three times dragoons scattered the mob, but it quickly reformed. The troops fired a volley over the heads of the rioters, and then two volleys directly into their ranks.

Revised figures show that about 20 persons were killed and 150 wounded on Saturday, and that 100 were killed or wounded Friday.

CUBAN CHIEF OF POLICE SHOT

Pistol Fight Outcome of Raid on Gambling Club.

Havana.—General Amarando Riva, chief of the national police, was shot and mortally wounded during a pistol fight in the most crowded portion of the Prado.

General Ernest Asbert, governor of Havana province, Senator Vidal Morales and Representative Arias were involved in the fighting, which was the outcome of a raid made by General Riva Saturday night on the Asbert Club, when a large number of members were caught gambling.

General Riva, while driving with his two young sons, stopped his carriage in front of the Asbert Club and caused the arrest of the door-keeper for illegally carrying a revolver.

Asbert, Morales and Arias arrived in an automobile about the same time and a heated dispute arose, and the shooting followed.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

U'Ren Has New Tax Idea.

Salem.—W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, evidently intends to have submitted to the people at the next general election an amendment to the constitution providing for the exemption of personal property to the value of $1500 from taxation. Mr. U'Ren called Secretary of State Olcott over the telephone and asked him to approve a form of petition which will be circulated for the initiation of the law.

It is planned to make it mandatory upon the secretary of state to resubmit the measure to the people for repeal at the 1916 and 1918 elections. While the object of this plan has not been revealed, it is believed that it is intended to win votes for the amendment.

REVISE SCHOOL COURSE

County Superintendents Approve and Urge State Board to Adopt It.

Salem.—Freedom in exercising the election of studies constitutes the chief feature of the revised high school course of study just completed by a committee appointed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, and which, together with the recommendation of the committee, will be submitted to the state board of education at its next meeting for adoption. Both the course of study and recommendations were submitted to the country school superintendents in session here, and both received their approval and indorsement.

Additional features are that a pupil may graduate from the high school without mathematics, the placing of American history in the third instead of the fourth year, and half a year's course in civil government. The consent of the principal, however, is necessary for the student to do so. American history is made a study of the third instead of the fourth year. The revised course of study provides for five courses and it is intended that all of them shall be taught only in the larger high schools. Probably not more than one of them will be taught in the smaller high schools.

Watson Starts Crusade.

Salem.—Ralph Watson, corporation commissioner, has started a crusade against corporations which fail to pay their licenses when due. The law requires that all fees are due July 1 and after July 15 they become delinquent and if not paid by August 15, the corporations may be fined $100. The commissioner will request the various district attorneys to start action, when it is considered necessary, and should they default, he will ask the governor to appoint a special prosecutor.

Big Oregon Lumber Mill to Be Rebuilt

Hood River.—The large mill of the Oregon Lumber company, controlled by the Eccles interests, which recently burned at Hood River, will be rebuilt at once at the same location at Dee, near the junction of the east and west forks of Hood river. It is planned to build a mill of the same capacity as the one burned, about 150,000 feet per day, and driven by electricity.

LODGE TO SCALE PEAK

Enterprise Knights of Pythias Initiate in Clouds.

Enterprise.—Knights of Pythias of Enterprise are preparing for a novel mid-summer outing—an initiation on the summit of Eagle Cap, a tall peak in the heart of the Wallowa mountains. The plan has been under consideration for more than a month and committees of the lodge are now working out the details. Grand lodge officers have given the project their hearty approval.

Eagle Cap, 10,000 feet high, is 25 miles south of Enterprise. The Knights plan to go out to the base of the peak the first day, camping there for the night. The second day will be passed in preparations for the "ceremony in the sky." From the camping ground to the summit is a long and steep climb, up which must be taken paraphernalia of all kinds and part of the camp outfit. The initiation will take place at night on the highest point of the peak.

As the descent is not safe in the darkness, the lodge members expect to pass the night on the peak. In the morning the party will descend to the meadows at the base of the snowbanks and will return to Enterprise after another rest.

Customs Collector Ousted.

Marshfield.—T. H. Barry has been appointed collector of customs at the port of Empire, vice Major Tower, who was discharged because he had failed to file his resignation. Tower is a prominent old soldier and there is much indignation over his dismissal. The office is to be moved from Empire to Marshfield.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

For the first time in their history the Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers, an organization eight years old, will have an active part in the next annual reunion, in June, 1914, of the pioneers.

W. H. Parker, alias Morton, was arrested at Salem. He has a long criminal record as a forger, has served prison terms in three states, and was wanted at Portland for forgeries recently committed.

William Haney, 60 years old, was struck by an automobile at Sutherlin and instantly killed, his head almost severed from his body. The automobile, which is said to have been going at high speed, contained four young men returning from a celebration at Oakland and was in charge of Charles Parks of Roseburg.

B. R. Baumgardt, of Los Angeles, an astronomer and lecturer, who has traveled in most of the scenic places of the world and who was at Hood River the first of the week to view Mount Hood from the north side, declared that Hood River scenery is unsurpassed in any part of the world.

Oregon City business men and 400 Clackamas county farmers, its principal stockholders, are behind the Clackamas Southern railway, which will soon make formal application to the commission council for a franchise to bring electric interurban cars into Portland.

In the federal court at Portland Judge Wolverton ordered in a final decree that 2,300,000 acres of Oregon land, valued at $50,000,000, be forfeited by the Southern Pacific and that title thereto revert to the government. The defendant company will carry the case to the circuit court of appeals at San Francsico.

Donald Helms, aged 20, driver of a racing car going at a 50-mile an hour clip, was instantly killed and Newton H. Mark, mechanician, was seriously injured when the 50 horsepower American car Helms was driving turned over twice at a turn in the Fourth of July automobile races at the Medford track.

What is believed to be the skeleton of an Indian princess has been unearthed by workmen grading in front of property at Salem. The bones were in an upright position, and around them were quantities of beads and other rare Indian ornaments. Near the bones was a stone foot which is believed to have been the totem of the last of the tribe.

As an aid to tourists and those wishing to gain information regarding the many places of interest throughout the country, the department of the interior has issued circulars giving general information regarding the national parks of the United States. Of especial interest to Oregon is the pamphlet regarding the Crater Lake national park

Teachers of Hood River county have each received a topographical map of the district west of Mount Hood. It is one of the latest publications of the United States topographical survey and is called one of the Atlas sheets of the Mount Hood quadrangle. It shows in detail the topographical features of the region around Lost Lake and over which the dispute as to the Bull Run road has arisen between Hood River citizens and the Portland water board.

Forty thousand copies of the state game and fish laws have been received at the office of State Game warden Finley, and will be distributed to officials throughout the state. They present several radical departures from the laws of last year, and it is expected that it will be some time before they are generally understood. The "alien gun law" makes it necessary for an alien to secure a gun license before he can procure a hunter's permit. Several changes in the open and closed seasons have been made in some of the more remote sections of the state.

Senator Chamberlain has been notified by the department of justice that a parole has been granted David Westman, and his release from the penitentiary at McNeil's Island has been ordered. Westman was the first man convicted in Oregon under the white slave act, his offense being the purchase of tickets from Portland to Stevenson, Wash., for three women alleged to have been immoral. In his behalf, it was shown the department, that an account of a severe accident when 15 years old, he was not mentally responsible, and a parole was granted so that he might be cared for by his parents.

That the Day bill, providing for a special election in November for the reference of bills, will be tested as to its constitutionality was assured when Dr. Marie Equi and Mrs. J. R. Oatman, of Portland, asked Secretary of State Olcott to file petitions for the initiative of an eight-hour law for women. Mr. Olcott refused to file the petitions, Attorney-General Crawford having advised him that measures cannot be initiated at the special election, and the women immediately announced that they would institute mandamus proceedings to compel him to do so. The petitions have more than 15,000 names.

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