

CONGRESSIONAL.

A Long Tariff Discussion.

Comparative Revenue of House and Senate Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The Republicans of the senate committee on finance furnished the Democratic members of the committee with estimates of the revenue, to be compared with the house bill and the McKinley and Wilson laws, together with the statements showing a comparison of the rates of duty, reduced to ad valorem figures. The estimates of the revenue and the importations are given on each item separately, but no computation as to the general volume is made either for the entire bill or for individual schedules. A rough calculation of the estimates, given on the importation of sugar, indicates a probable total of about \$90,000,000 of duty as compared with probable total of about \$50,000,000 as provided by the house bill. There is no estimate of the amount of duty to be derived from either tea or hides, or wool as a whole according to this statement.

The uniform rate of the senate bill on raw sugar is 75 per cent ad valorem, while that of the house bill is 72 per cent. Under the Wilson law the rates ranged from 40 to 44; under the McKinley law sugar was free. It is noteworthy that the estimates include sugar, imported from Hawaii, as among dutiable importations, 75 per cent being the estimate upon it as upon all other sugars.

The Democrats complain that the statement is incomplete and complicated and express the opinion that on this account they will not be prepared to go on with the debate on the bill on May 18th, the day on which Senator Aldrich has given notice he will call it up.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The committee on civil service of the senate resumed its investigations of the operations of the present law. Senators Pritchard, of North Carolina, and Chilton, of Texas, and Proctor and George Walls, of the civil service commission, conducted the proceedings. Several letters from the government officials giving opinions of the law were read.

Secretary Bliss, recommended that each commissioner of the department have the right to appoint a private secretary or confidential clerk and chief clerk of the department, and that chiefs of divisions be exempted from the classified service.

The appointments of special agents such as land, timber and mineral land commissioners, and particularly special Indian agents, he wrote, should be more directly under the control of the secretary who is responsible for them. He suggested an examining board of the secretary and four commissioners to make special examinations for such offices.

Commissioner of Pensions Evans and Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office, recommended that the chief clerk, private secretary, chiefs of pension and examiners and inspectors be exempt from the classified service.

Director Wilcott, of the geological survey, and Wade Hampton, commissioner of railroads, recommended the continuance of the present law.

Thomas Robinson, a \$1000 treasury clerk, claimed that he had been dismissed on demand of Georgia senators because he printed the only Republican newspaper in Georgia during Grant's second campaign.

William H. Hill, formerly assistant superintendent of the free-mail delivery, charged that there had been collusion between the postoffice department and the civil service commission to violate the law by the employment in 1894 and 1895 of fifty-nine spies termed inspectors whose employment was not authorized by law. Two inspectors, Hill asserted, were brothers of Mr. Machen, superintendent of the free-delivery service. One brother had been under charges of embezzlement at Toledo, O., when appointed. Another appointee had been dismissed from the Washington postoffice for embezzling the funds of the letter-carriers' association.

RESIGNS.

Henry A. Robinson, of Michigan, the statistician of the agricultural department tendered his resignation. Robinson is an ardent Free Silver man and said he thought it only right that the administration should have the office at its disposal. The office pays \$3000 a year and is protected by the civil service law. Secretary Wilson appointed John Hyde, of Nebraska, well known as the agricultural expert of the eleventh census, to succeed Robinson.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Instructions have been issued by Commissioner of the General Land Office Hermann to the registers and receivers of the various United States land offices, under the provisions of section 6, act of June 10, 1896, which provides that homestead settlers on all ceded Indian reservations be and are hereby granted an extension of one year in which to make the payments now provided by law. These offices have been especially directed to inform all parties applying to make proof and payment for such lands before acting on their applications.

ORDERED HOME.

The little steamer Pinta, which has served for many years as a gunboat in Alaskan waters, has been ordered home to Mare Island. She has outlived her usefulness, and to insure her a safe voyage down the coast, the Alert has been ordered from San Francisco to Sitka to convey the Pinta.

BAYARD AT SOUTHAMPTON. On arriving at Southampton, on his way to New York, Thomas F. Bayard was received by the mayor and a deputation from the chamber of commerce of Southampton. The retiring United States ambassador was presented with an eulogistic address. Mr. Bayard responded briefly.

DIVIDED SECRETS.

John Benton, formerly a special employee of the treasury department, has been dismissed from the service. The official reason for Benton's decapitation is given out merely as "inefficiency," but the real cause for his discharge is said to be that he divulged government secrets.

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Memorial Day, which this year falls on Sunday, is to be observed on the day preceding, Saturday, the 29th, in most states.

Triplets were born in the household of Louis Hard, of Carnegie, Pa., and he has named them McKinley, Hobart and Hanna.

Professor Leibig declares that as much flour as can lie on the point of a table knife is more nutritious than eight quarts of beer.

Gov. Pennoyer may be able to de-lude Multnomah county Republicans, but he will fall ignominiously when he attempts to control or boss the Populist party of Oregon.

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