

LOBBYISTS FIGHTING HARD IN CAPITAL

Well-Known that Congressmen and Senators Hear From People Who Want Duty Retained.

(By Burton K. Standish. Written for the United Press.)

Washington, June 7.—There's a dark man with a sinister purpose lurking in his brain, in every corridor of the capitol and the house and senate office buildings these days. Each of these gentlemen carries concealed in his verbal apparatus a series of explosive arguments against various schedules in the tariff bill. Each lurking gentleman is desirous of setting off these verbal bombs under the particular schedule in the tariff which meets the disapproval of his employer.

Among the number is the worried looking person of sleek aspect who is here to save the sugar industry from utter ruin. Members of this class are more numerous than any of the others. Does a harried congressman seek solace in the bright sunshine and balmy air of the capitol grounds, a cutaway gentleman leaps from behind some nearby bush and fastens his thumb and forefinger in the weary congressman's coat lapel. The gentleman's pockets protrude with memoranda and statistics tending to prove beyond peradventure that the sugar beet is due for eternal damnation if the fortress of protection is kicked from around it as suggested in the tariff bill. From behind another bush creeps another frack-coated lobbyist who has a tragic piece to speak about the sugar cane plantations which will be no more if the senate passes the bill.

When, faint and exhausted, the congressman reaches his office and bolts the door, there skips nimbly from the next room a pleasing, open-faced gentleman with more statistics. He's the representative of the sugar refiner, who is perfectly certain with the duty taken off sugar, the common people can well afford two lumps in coffee and tea, and daughter can serve fudge every night in the week, without embarrassing the family exchequer, and without hurting the pocket of the plutocratic sugar cane grower.

But the sugar devotees are only a part of the army of would-be tariff bill murderers who are here waiting an opportunity to kill the entire bill or merely to relieve it of a part of its anatomy. There is a very ardent band of wool apostles, who can reel off at a moment's notice enough statistics on sheep and the wool industry to make existence a nightmare of sheep-counting for our legislators. The American Woolen company, that organization which dolefully admits it will probably go to the low wows when the proposed tariff law becomes effective, has a small army of representatives here making a last desperate stand against the new schedule K.

Then there are the cotton men, steel men, iron men, flour representatives, oatmeal manufacturers' representatives and others representing practically every United States industry which fears for its dividends if they are not protected by a mountain-high tariff wall. All are adopting tactics similar to those employed by physicians when as a last resort oxygen is pumped into the lungs of a dying man. A national advertising scheme by three of the sugar factions is but a small part of the campaign. Letters, statistics, delegations of manufacturers from the home districts, and threats of reprisals—in fact, every method known to love, hate and war are being put into use to stop the passage of the schedules which the interested industries fear.

But through it all, like a dreadnaught sailing a stormy sea, the party leaders are steering the old Underwood tariff measure through the legislative waters to the haven of the president's signature.

Recalcitrant congressmen of democratic persuasion who have been opposed to certain of the schedules have been whipped into line. The moment they have shown signs of becoming skittish and of tearing the traces of party pledges, they have been whipped and spurred back into line.

The brunt of this unenviable job of keeping the party intact has fallen on the shoulders of the chairman of the powerful ways and means committee, Oscar Underwood. With a skill and dexterity and calmness of purpose that has evoked admiration and praise even from his most bitter political foes, Underwood has curled the lash of authority about the flanks of those who gave signs of balking and the tariff wagon has successfully crossed the legislative plains of the house and into the roadways of the senate with no material or essential ounce of freight that was on it when it started, jared off. In the senate, Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance committee, is fighting the tariff battle, aided by Senator Hohe Smith. Despite the fight which some senators are making against certain schedules, notably the dust from Louisiana, the passage of the tariff bill seems assured without change.

And behind the immediate line of battle against the lobbyists is President Wilson. He has declared for this tariff measure. The wool and sugar schedules are his own pets. He intends to see that they become law.

THE ROUND-UP.

Miss Ramona Ladd, aged 18, at a picnic near Marshfield Thursday accepted a dare to climb a tree and ascended it about 30 feet. A breaking limb caused her to fall, and she is in the hospital. It is thought her back is broken.

The Sockeye salmon run, which occurs every four years, is about to begin in the Columbia, ships reporting the schools as approaching the mouth of the river.

Mrs. Francis Cunningham of Portland committed suicide Thursday at her home by taking carbolic acid.

William Penny is in jail in Hillsboro charged with mutilating a horse by pulling its tongue with a rope until that member was almost cut in two. His bond is fixed at \$1500.

The farm residence of William Kraus, near Albany, burned Thursday afternoon, loss about \$4000, and insurance \$1800. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

Milwaukie has ordered the sale of its \$20,000 bond issue in order to build its water system.

Union held its fifth annual stock show beginning Thursday and continuing over Friday. Some splendid stock was exhibited, there was a large attendance and the sports were said to be the best ever.

Lebanon held its fifth annual strawberry festival, rose fair and horse show Friday.

Yamhill pioneers held their 21st annual reunion at McMinnville Thursday.

Gay C. Stockton, for five years superintendent of the Eugene public schools, has accepted a position as superintendent of the school for American children in Shanghai, China.

The latest arrival at Fossil is a moving picture show man, who expects to make a permanent installation.

Being politely informed that Uncle Sam can do nothing in the California alien land bill, Japan will do—nothing.

Arlington has commenced work on cement walks and will soon begin on the new reservoir. An electric lighting system is also to be installed.

Gilbert Zaehner, late Socialist candidate for mayor at Eugene and formerly employed in a grocery store, has been chosen as manager of a co-operative store soon to be started in Eugene.

Three men of mystery, from California, toured Lake county north of Lakeview recently, and opinion in Lake is divided between a soda and borax formation and a new railroad project.

C. A. Harrington, landlord of the Myrtle Point hotel, is displaying a piece of rock taken from the Coos county stone quarry near Norway, which shows a liberal sprinkling of gold, and the Myrtle Point Enterprise wonders if the county commissioners hadn't better put in a stamp mill.

Concluding an editorial article on the good business sense in the scheme of establishing a good hotel at Jacksonville, the Post says: "As a matter of fact, the opening of a good hotel, with modern conveniences would do more to tie the county seat to Jacksonville than anything else imaginable."

Albany has a stringent dog ordinance that is causing much complaint from dog owners.

Sheriff Singler, of Jackson county, was pinched by the chief of police of Medford for speeding. He punted \$10.

According to the Medford Mail, Doc Anderson may yet fight Ritchie July 4.

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