

# Some Details Regarding Important Law Just Enacted

## PROVISIONS OF NEW TARIFF BILL

### Measure Is Expected to Yield Large Revenue.

## RATES LOWERED BY SENATE

As Prepared by the House the Average Duties Were About 30 Per Cent and as Finally Adopted the Average Is About 27 Per Cent—The Payne-Aldrich Bill Carried Average Duties of 35 Per Cent—Free List is Increased.

### PROGRESS OF THE NEW TARIFF BILL.

The following shows the chronological history of the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill: Jan. 6 to Feb. 1—Hearings, house ways and means committee. April 7—Bill introduced by Mr. Underwood and referred to the ways and means committee. April 23—Bill reported by Mr. Underwood after Democratic caucus had approved it. May 4—Passed house of representatives—yeas, 281; nays, 123. May 5—Received by the senate and referred to finance committee. June 20—Bill completed by senate finance committee and referred to Democratic caucus. July 11—Bill reported to senate by Chairman Simmons with recommendation that it pass. July 23—Made unfinished business of senate. Sept. 9—Passed by senate—yeas, 44; nays, 27. Sept. 12—House nonconcur in senate amendments, and bill goes to conference. Sept. 25—Conference reach final adjustment.

After being under consideration in congress for nearly six months the new tariff bill is a law, and for the first time in nearly a quarter of a century the country has a tariff law originated by the Democratic party. The bill will doubtless be known as the Underwood-Simmons bill, taking the title from Chairman Underwood of the house and Chairman Simmons of the senate committee of the senate. The sponsors of the bill say that it will raise ample revenue. Chairman Simmons has been advised that it will yield a surplus of at least \$16,000,000 a year above current expenses. If it does not meet the expenses of running the government the expenses will be reduced.

One remarkable thing about the present tariff bill, a precedent, in fact, is that the senate cut the average rate of duty carried by the bill below that fixed by the house. Heretofore in the making of a tariff bill the house has slashed the rates, while the senate has then taken up the bill and readjusted the rates on a higher general average.

The house bill carried a general average rate slightly below 30 per cent. This the senate cut a little over 4 per cent. The conference committee has raised the general average duty but slightly. The average ad valorem duty carried by the bill as perfected is about 27 per cent. The average under the present law is about 35 per cent.

Many Changes Considered. The conference committee had to deal with 676 paragraphs on which there were disagreements. Some of those involved only the change of a word or a question of punctuation, but a majority of them represented differences in rates and a few were fundamental.

The house conferees also accepted the senate amendment fixing dates when the wool duties shall go into effect, which was one of the final stumbling blocks.

Raw wool will go on the free list on Dec. 1, and the reduced duties carried by the present bill will become effective on Jan. 1. The house bill proposed to make the wool duties effective immediately on the bill being signed by the president. The final action was an important concession to the manufacturers.

The senate won over the house also on a controverted paragraph in the schedule relating to cotton cloths and yarns. By this agreement slightly higher duties are given to certain coarser grades of cotton cloths and yarns by changing the classification. Fur hats and frames, forms and other parts for the manufacture of such hats received a rate of 45 per cent. This matter affects the hat industry in Connecticut. The house fixed the rate at 40 per cent, the senate made it 45.

The silk schedule also was reopened and the rate on silk partially manufactured from cocoons or wastes, not further advanced in manufacture than cradled or combed silk, and silk noils was reduced from 30 to 20 cents per pound.

The Metal Schedule. Probably no single industry covered by the tariff bill suffered such reductions in duties as did the iron and steel industry. The house cut duties on sparring, and then the senate followed by making still further reductions and increasing the free list.

ference committee after a considerable deadlock yielded to the senate. The senate also free listed slabs, blooms, loops and other products of iron more advanced than pig iron, which the house had made dutiable at 8 per cent. The conference agreed to this. The senate cut the duty on round iron or steel wire from 20 per cent in the house bill to 15 per cent, and the conference accepted the senate reduction.

Agricultural Schedule. The conference committee agreed to the senate amendment, which struck out the 10 per cent duty on cattle provided by the house bill and the 10 per cent rate on sheep and transferring both to the free list. The conference committee also put wheat on the free list, where the senate had placed it, by striking out a duty of 10 cents a bushel provided by the house bill.

The house won a victory in the duty on lemons and other citrus fruit when the conference committee restored the classification based on the cubic feet of the containers in which such products are imported, which results in a slight decrease of the duty.

The senate also lost in the struggle over a proposed duty on bananas when the conference committee struck out the senate rate and restored bananas to the free list of the house bill.

Woolen Schedule. Very few changes were made in the woolen schedule. The senate was sustained by the conference committee in its amendments fixing the dates when wool duties shall go into effect. Compromises were made by the conference committee between senate and house rates, by which wool tops will bear a duty of 10 per cent and yarns a duty of 15 per cent.

The senate sought to reduce the duty on woolen blankets and to free list blankets valued at not more than 40 cents a pound, but the conference committee rejected the amendment, and all blankets will bear duty at 25 per cent ad valorem. The house rates of 50 per cent ad valorem on carpets and rugs were adopted by the conference.

A compromise was reached on the paragraphs relating to angora goat hair, alpaca, by which the hair will pay a duty of 15 per cent; tops from such hair, 25 per cent, and plushes, velvet and other fabrics, 45 per cent.

The conference committee adopted the action of the senate, plucking fulminates and gunpowder on the free list. There was a compromise on the paragraph relating to furs, but generally the house rates were restored.

The senate rates prevailed as to lace curtains and laces and the house won by having restored the paragraph in the house bill covering chamois skins and glove leathers, by which the former were made dutiable at 15 per cent, and the latter at 10 per cent. There was a compromise on the glove schedule between senate and house rates and the senate's action in free listing harnesses, saddles and saddlery parts was approved by the conference committee, although the house bill had made them dutiable at 20 per cent.

The only substantial victory won by the house in the free list was as to free art. Here are rates of the new tariff compared with the Payne-Aldrich law:

### LUXURIES.

|  | Payne         | New          |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Diamonds, uncut.....                                 | Free          | 10 p c       |
| Diamonds, cut, but unset.....                        | 10 p c        | 20 p c       |
| Pearls, unset.....                                   | 10 p c        | 30 p c       |
| China ware.....                                      | 15 to 20 p c  | 25 to 30 p c |
| Stained glass.....                                   | 45 p c        | 50 p c       |
| Gold leaf, 500 leaves.....                           | 45 p c        | 50 p c       |
| Laces, embroideries, etc., of linen.....             | 15 and 20 p c | 20 p c       |
| Candy, val. at 10c or less.....                      | 10 p c        | 20 p c       |
| Candy, over 10c, per lb.....                         | 10 p c        | 25 p c       |
| Snuff, lb.....                                       | 15 p c        | 25 p c       |
| Cigars and cigarettes, lb.....                       | 15 p c        | 25 p c       |
| Orcells.....   | 40 and 50 p c | 50 p c       |
| Flowering bulbs—tulips, hyacinths, etc., per M.....  | 1 to 10       | 10           |
| Preserves, per lb.....                               | 10 p c        | 20 p c       |
| Jellies.....   | 25 p c        | 30 p c       |
| Olives, gal.....                                     | 15 p c        | 20 p c       |
| Brandy, gal.....                                     | 25 p c        | 30 p c       |
| Ray rum, gal.....                                    | 15 p c        | 20 p c       |
| Champagne and all sparkling wines, qts, per doz..... | 10 p c        | 15 p c       |
| In pint bottles, per doz.....                        | 10 p c        | 15 p c       |
| Still wines, gal.....                                | 45 p c        | 50 p c       |
| Ale, beer, etc., in bottles, gal.....                | 45 p c        | 50 p c       |
| Laces.....   | 60 p c        | 60 p c       |
| Silk manufactures.....                               | 30 to 60 p c  | 30 p c       |
| Fancy paper boxes.....                               | 45 p c        | 50 p c       |
| Playing cards, per pk.....                           | 10 p c        | 20 p c       |
| Trimmed hats.....                                    | 25 p c        | 40 p c       |
| Dolls.....   | 25 p c        | 30 p c       |
| Firecrackers, lb.....                                | 5 p c         | 10 p c       |
| Feathers (dressed).....                              | 60 p c        | 70 p c       |
| Furs (dressed).....                                  | 30 p c        | 40 p c       |
| Human hair.....                                      | 25 p c        | 30 p c       |
| Fans.....  | 50 p c        | 60 p c       |
| Jewelry.....   | 60 p c        | 60 p c       |
| Musical instruments.....                             | 45 p c        | 50 p c       |
| Paintings.....                                       | 15 p c        | 20 p c       |
| Statuary.....  | 15 p c        | 20 p c       |
| Cut glass.....                                       | 60 p c        | 60 p c       |

### NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

|   |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Glass jars, per lb.....   | 10 p c         | 30 p c         |
| Common window glass, per lb, from.....  | 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 | 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 |
| Scissors and shears, doz.....   | 15 p c         | 20 p c         |
| Table cutlery, each.....  | 25 p c         | 30 p c         |
| Cut nails, lb.....  | 4-10           | Free           |
| Wire nails, lb.....   | 4-10           | Free           |
| Needles, sewing and knitting, per thousand.....   | 1 and 2        | 20 p c         |
| Crochet needles.....  | 25 p c         | 30 p c         |
| Wood.....   |                |                |
| Rough lumber, per 1,000 ft., sawed boards of white wood, planks, etc., per 1,000 ft. board measure..... | 50             | Free           |
| Other sawed wood, per 1,000 ft. board measure.....  | 15 p c         | Free           |
| Clayboard, per thousand.....  | 1 1/2          | Free           |

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|---|----------|----------|
| Pencapots.....                          | Free     | Free     |
| Shingles, per thousand.....             | 10 p c   | 10 p c   |
| Chair cane or reeds.....                | 10 p c   | 10 p c   |
| House or cabinet furniture of wood..... | 15 p c   | 15 p c   |
| Laths, per thousand.....                | 20 p c   | 20 p c   |
| Silvers, per thousand.....              | 40       | 100      |
| Toothpicks, per thousand.....           | 2 and 20 | 2 and 20 |
| Railroad ties.....                      | 15 p c   | 25 p c   |
| Telegraph poles.....                    | 15 p c   | 15 p c   |

### SUGAR.

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| Sugar not above No. 15 Dutch standard, per lb.....   | 10-1000 | 11-1000 |
| Molasses testing from 40 to 50 deg., per 50 deg..... | 20      | 25 c    |
| Molasses above 50 deg.....                           | 40      | 45 c    |
| Maple sirup and maple sugar, per lb.....             | 40      | 30      |

### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

|   |        |      |
|---|--------|------|
| Cattle less than 1 yr. old, per head.....             | 1.00   | Free |
| Other cattle, val. under \$14, per head.....          | 1.25   | Free |
| Over \$14, per head.....                              | 1.75   | Free |
| Horses and mules val. at \$100 or less, per head..... | 100.00 | Free |
| Over that value.....                                  | 25 p c | Free |
| Sheep, per head.....                                  | 1.50   | Free |
| Poultry, live, per lb.....                            | 30     | 15   |
| Poultry, dead, per lb.....                            | 40     | 20   |

### BREADSTUFFS.

|                                      |        |       |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Barley, per bu.....                  | 20c    | 15c   |
| Corn, per bu.....                    | 15c    | 10c   |
| Oats, per bu.....                    | 15c    | 10c   |
| Oatmeal and rolled oats, per lb..... | 1c     | 5-10c |
| Rice, cleaned, per lb.....           | 10c    | 10c   |
| Rye, per bu.....                     | 10c    | 10c   |
| Wheat, per bu.....                   | 25c    | 20c   |
| Wheat flour.....                     | 25 p c | Free  |

|                                     |        |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Butter and substitutes, per lb..... | 60     | 30     |
| Cheese, per lb.....                 | 20 p c | 10 p c |
| Milk, per gal.....                  | 3c     | 2c     |
| Beans, per bu.....                  | 45c    | 35c    |
| Eggs, per doz.....                  | 15c    | 10c    |
| Hay, per ton.....                   | 4.00   | 2.00   |
| Honey, per gal.....                 | 1.00   | 1.00   |
| Onions, per bu.....                 | 40c    | 30c    |
| Peas (green or dried), per bu.....  | 25c    | 10c    |
| Potatoes, per bu.....               | 25c    | Free   |
| Flaxseed, per bu.....               | 25c    | 15c    |
| Claxseed, per bu.....               | 25c    | 15c    |
| Straw, per ton.....                 | 1.50   | 50c    |
| Vegetables in natural state.....    | 25 p c | 15 p c |
| Cider, per gal.....                 | 5c     | 2c     |
| Garlic, per lb.....                 | 15 p c | 10 p c |
| Beets, per bu.....                  | 25 p c | 10 p c |
| Sugar beets.....                    | 15 p c | 5 p c  |

### FISH.

|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| Flsh, dried, salted, smoked, pickled, frozen, per lb.....          | 5c     | Free   |
| Mackerel, halibut or salmon, fresh, salted or pickled, per lb..... | 1c     | Free   |
| Packed in oil or canned.....                                       | 10 p c | 25 p c |
| Fresh water fish, per lb.....                                      | 1-4    | Free   |

### FRUITS AND NUTS.

|   |             |          |
|---|-------------|----------|
| Apples, peaches and other small fruits, per bushel..... | 25c         | 10c      |
| The same, dried, per lb.....                            | 30c         | 10c      |
| Berries, per qt.....                                    | 1c          | 1/2c     |
| Chocolate and cocoa, per lb.....                        | 1 1/2 to 2c | 1c to 2c |
| Figs, per lb.....                                       | 50 p c      | 25 p c   |
| Grapes, bulk, per lb.....                               | 1c          | 1c       |
| Lemons, per lb.....                                     | 1 1/2c      | 1c       |
| Oranges, grapefruit, limes, per lb.....                 | 1c          | 1/2c     |
| Pineapples, per thousand.....                           | 15          | 15       |
| Orange and lemon peel, per lb.....                      | 2c          | 1c       |
| Citrus, per lb.....                                     | 4c          | 2c       |
| Peanuts, unshelled, per lb.....                         | 1/2c        | 1/2c     |
| Peanuts, shelled, per lb.....                           | 1c          | 1/2c     |
| Almonds, unshelled, per lb.....                         | 4c          | 2c       |
| Almonds, shelled, per lb.....                           | 5c          | 4c       |
| Pilberis and walnuts, unshelled, per lb.....            | 3c          | 2c       |
| Pilberis and walnuts, shelled, per lb.....              | 4c          | 3c       |
| Pineapples, per thousand.....                           | 15          | 15       |
| Pineapples, preserved.....                              | 25 p c      | 20 p c   |

### HOUSEHOLD NECESSARIES.

|                               |        |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Salt, per 100 lbs.....        | 11c    | Free   |
| Salt in bulk, per lb.....     | 7c     | Free   |
| Potato starch, per lb.....    | 1 1/2c | 1c     |
| Other starch, per lb.....     | 1c     | 1/2c   |
| Vinegar, per gal.....         | 1 1/2c | 1c     |
| Mustard, per lb.....          | 10c    | 5c     |
| Red pepper, per lb.....       | 15c    | 10c    |
| Nutmeg, cinnamon, per lb..... | 30     | 15     |
| Cloves, per lb.....           | 40 p c | 30 p c |
| Brooms.....                   | 40 p c | 30 p c |
| Brushes.....                  | 40 p c | 30 p c |
| Buttons, per gross.....       | 15c    | 40 p c |

### PERFORMED TOILET SOAPS.

|   |             |         |
|---|-------------|---------|
| Perfumed toilet soaps.....                | 50 p c      | 30 p c  |
| Castile soap, per lb.....                 | 1 1/2c      | 10 p c  |
| Medicated soap, per lb.....               | 10c         | 20 p c  |
| All other soaps.....                      | 20 p c      | 10 p c  |
| Cosmetics containing alcohol, per lb..... | 60c and 40c | and 40c |

### COSMETICS WITHOUT ALCOHOL.

|                                 |                  |        |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Flintars, all kinds.....        | 25 p c           | 15 p c |
| Saleratus, per lb.....          | 20 p c           | 10 p c |
| Sponges.....                    | 20 p c           | 10 p c |
| Sponges, manufactured.....      | 20 p c           | 10 p c |
| Common earthenware.....         | 25 p c           | 15 p c |
| Earthenware, ornamented.....    | 40 p c           | 30 p c |
| China and porcelain.....        | 60 p c           | 50 p c |
| Biscuit, bread, cakes, etc..... | 25 p c           | 15 p c |
| Pickles and sauces.....         | 40 p c           | 25 p c |
| Beans, per bu.....              | 45c              | 35c    |
| Gun wads.....                   | 20 p c           | 10 p c |
| Silk ribbons.....               | 50 p c           | 40 p c |
| Marbles.....                    | 15 p c           | 10 p c |
| Photographs.....                | 45 p c           | 30 p c |
| Photographic dry plates.....    | 25 p c           | 15 p c |
| Films for motion pictures.....  | 25 p c to 50 p c | per ft |

### MANUFACTURES OF CATGUT.

|   |           |        |
|---|-----------|--------|
| Manuf. wax, asbestos, etc.....                  | 25 p c    | 20 p c |
| Manufactures of bone, horn, whalebone, etc..... | 25 p c    | 20 p c |
| Manufactures of india rubber.....               | 25 p c    | 20 p c |
| Manufactures of gutta serena.....               | 25 p c    | 20 p c |
| Manufactures of ivory, gelatin, shell, etc..... | 25 p c    | 20 p c |
| Mattings made of cocoa fiber, per sq. yd.....   | 2c        | 5c     |
| Clay pipes, per gross.....                      | 50 and 25 | 25 p c |

### OTHER PIPES, PIPE BOWLS AND OTHER SMOKERS' ARTICLES.

|                        |        |      |
|------------------------|--------|------|
| Harness, saddlery..... | 35 p c | Free |
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### MEAT PRODUCTS.

|                                  |        |      |
|----------------------------------|--------|------|
| Lard, per lb.....                | 1 1/2c | Free |
| Bacon and hams, per lb.....      | 4c     | Free |
| Meat extract, per lb.....        | 25c    | 10c  |
| Meat extract, fluid, per lb..... | 15c    | 10c  |

### MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

|   |                |             |
|---|----------------|-------------|
| Cotton thread and carded yarn up to and including No. 15, per lb.....                   | 2 1/2c         |             |
| Cotton from No. 15 to No. 30, per lb, increase per number.....                          | 1-10c          |             |
| Cotton, exceeding No. 30, per lb, increase per No.....                                  | 1-40           | 5 to 25 p c |
| Cotton thread, colored, up to and including No. 30, per lb.....                         | 6c             |             |
| Cotton thread, colored, No. 20 to No. 30, increase per No.....                          | 4c             |             |
| Above 30, increase per No.....  | 3-10c          |             |
| Spool thread of cotton, including crochet, darning and embroidery, per doz. spools..... | 60             | 15 p c      |
| Cotton cloth, unbleached, less than 50 threads to sq. in., per sq. yd.....              | 10 to 7 1/2    |             |
| Cotton cloth, unbleached, from 50 to 100 threads to sq. in., per sq. yd.....            | 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 |             |
| Fine grades.....  | 1c to 3 1/2    |             |
| Cotton handkerchiefs or mufflers.....   | 5 p c          | 20 p c      |

|  |                |        |
|--|----------------|--------|
| Cotton cloth, bleached, val. at over 10c per sq. yd..... | 3 to 7 1/2 p c | 5 p c  |
| Cotton clothing, ready made.....                         | 20 p c         |        |
| Cotton corduroy, per sq. yd.....                         | 40 p c         |        |
| Cotton stockings.....                                    | 15 p c         | 20 p c |

### SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, PANTS, VESTS, SWEATERS, ETC., PER DOZ.

|                          |      |        |
|--------------------------|------|--------|
| Same, higher grades..... | 1.10 | 10 p c |
|--------------------------|------|--------|

### TOWELS.

|                        |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Table cloths.....      | 40 p c | 25 p c |
| Cotton suspenders..... | 45 p c | 25 p c |

### HATS, BONNETS, ETC.

|  |       |        |
|--|-------|--------|
| Fur hats, bonnets and hoods val. at not over \$5.00 per doz., tax per doz..... | 1.50  | 40 p c |
| Same, val. between \$5.00 and \$10.00 per doz., tax per doz.....               | 3.00  | 40 p c |
| Same, val. between \$10.00 and \$20.00 per doz., tax per doz.....              | 15.00 | 40 p c |
| Same, val. at more than \$20.00 per doz., tax per doz.....                     | 17.00 | 40 p c |

### LEATHER.

|   |               |        |
|---|---------------|--------|
| Belt and sole leather, etc.....                   | 15 p c        | Free   |
| Sheepskins, dressed, per doz.....                 | 15 p c        | Free   |
| Goatskins, dressed, per doz.....                  | 15 p c        | Free   |
| Patent and japanned leather, per lb.....          | 10c           | Free   |
| Same, weighing over 25 lbs. per doz., per lb..... | 5c and 10 p c | Free   |
| Chamois skin.....                                 | 20 p c        | 15 p c |
| Glove leather.....                                | 20 p c        | 10 p c |

### WOMEN'S OR CHILDREN'S GLACE FINISH, PER DOZ. PRS.

|  |       |           |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Men's gloves, same finish, per doz. prs.....           | 15.00 | 11 and 15 |
| Women's or children's lamb or sheep, per doz. prs..... | 15.00 | 11 and 15 |

### MEN'S, WOMEN'S OR CHILDREN'S GLACE FINISH, PER DOZ. PRS.

|  |       |           |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Men's, same kind, per doz. prs.....                            | 14.00 | 11 and 15 |
| Women's or children's goat or other leather, per doz. prs..... | 11.00 | 11 and 15 |

### MEN'S GOAT OR OTHER LEATHER, PER DOZ. PRS.

|  |       |           |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Men's goat or other leather, per doz. prs..... | 14.00 | 11 and 15 |
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### COTTON GLOVES.

|   |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|
| Muskets, muzzle loading shotguns.....   | 25 p c | 15 p c |
| Double barreled breechloading shotguns val. at not more than \$5.00 each..... | 1.50   | 25 p c |
| Same, val. at more than \$5.00 and less than \$10.00.....                     | 4.00   | 25 p c |
| Same, val. at more than \$10.00.....  | 15.00  | 25 p c |

### PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

|                              |       |        |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|
| With less than 7 jewels..... | 7c    | 30 p c |
| With 11 to 15 jewels.....    | 11.25 | 30 p c |
| With 15 to 17 jewels.....    | 15.25 | 30 p c |

### WATCH MOVEMENTS.

|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| With more than 17 jewels.....                    | 25 p c | 30 p c |
| Watch cases, clocks, etc.....                    | 40 p c | 30 p c |
| Pens, metallic, except gold pens, per gross..... | 12c</  |        |