

# CONFEREES MEET

## Danger of Tariff Bill Falling in Senate.

# RANGE FACTION UP IN ARMS.

### Western Senators Renew Insurrection Against Free Hides, Declaring That Leather Compromise Contains a Joker and Want Corrections Made. President Taft Indorses Language of Leather Schedule.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Tariff legislation has been delayed again by the hide and leather question, and as a result the conferees were called together once more. Western senators complain that the leather schedule, as arranged by the conferees with the approval of the president, is unfair to the states interested in protected hides. It was agreed that some action must be taken to conciliate them if the conference report is to be adopted.

An usual Senator Aldrich and his associates moved about to see if there had been any change of sentiment.

The difficulty appeared to be a lack of understanding between the conferees, the president and the western senators concerning the condition under which the latter consented to hides being placed on the free list. The westerners claimed that they had been led to believe that all boots and shoes of leather were to be dutiable at 10 per cent and that all harness was to be dutiable at 20 per cent. When the conference report was issued it appeared that the reductions applied only to articles manufactured in chief part of the class of hides which were to be made free of duty. The reductions would not apply to shoes of calf skin or to harness which was of calf skin.

### Conferees Hold Session.

Senator Aldrich was among those who called at the White House. When he returned to the capitol he issued a call for a session of the conferees, including the house Republican members. The western senators were ushered into the conference chamber singly, or in pairs. Audiences were given to Senators Beayburn, Warren, Carter, Brown, Borah and Bourne.

Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne stated unofficially that the language employed in adjusting the hide controversy was not a "joker." An effort was made to reach an understanding with the men from the cattle raising states. They said that the word had gone out over the west that free hides had been given for cheaper shoes and harness and that their constituents would not be satisfied with any other settlement. Senators Brown and Borah both had letters from the president bearing upon the alleged "joker." The senators read these letters to the conferees. The letter to Senator Borah was in response to one he had written. The president asserted in this letter that the leather and hide schedule as adopted by the conferees was just as he had indorsed it. He said that his understanding was that the reduction on leather goods should be made on those manufactures heretofore dutiable in hides.

Continuing, the president argued that farmers wear shoes made of the kind of hides that would pay the low duty and that practically all harness is made from dutiable leather and not from free leather.

### Content President is in Error.

The contention of the "range" senators is that the president is in error. After the westerners had departed the conferees discussed ways of meeting the situation. Representative McCall (Mass.) opposed applying the low rates on boots and shoes to products other than those which would be affected by the abolition of the duty on hides. Others argued that the westerners had been embarrassed by the misunderstanding to such an extent that they could not be expected to give their support to the report on terms other than those generally understood at the time it was agreed to. It was realized that these senators, augmented by "progressive Republicans" opposed to the bill, could defeat the report if they were so inclined. It was conceded that in order to secure the passage of the report by a safe majority the low rates on boots and shoes and harness would have to be applied to calf skin products as well as to leather from a class of hides that are now dutiable, but which are made free by the report.

No program had been reached positively as to how this result shall be accomplished. The plan favored is to make an agreement with the western senators that this will be done, after the passage of the report, by the adoption of a concurrent resolution instructing the enrolling clerks of the two houses to make alterations in the paragraph relating to hides. Errors have been discovered in the maximum and minimum provision and such a resolution must be adopted to make the corrections. It is proposed to make the resolution cover the paragraph relating to hides as well as to the administrative matter.

### House Passes the Bill.

The house passed the conference report on the tariff bill by a vote of 195 to 183. Twenty Republicans voted against the adoption of the report and two Democrats, Broussard and Estoppel of Louisiana, voted for it.

# WRIGHT MAKES HIGH SPEED

## Aeroplane Traveled Over Forty-seven Miles an Hour.

Washington, July 31.—Orville Wright has attained the zenith of hard earned success. In a ten-mile cross-country flight in the famous aeroplane built by himself and his older brother, Wilbur, and accompanied by Lieutenant Benjamin D. Foulola, an intrepid officer of the army signal corps, he not only surpassed the speed requirements of his contract with the government, but accomplished the most difficult and daring flight ever planned for a heavier-than-air flying machine. Incidentally, he broke all speed records over a measured course and established beyond dispute the practicability of the aeroplane in time of peace and in time of war.

Wright's speed was more than forty-seven miles an hour. He made the ten-mile flight in fourteen minutes and forty-two seconds, including the more than twenty seconds required for the turn beyond the line at Shuter hill, the southern end of the course. He attained a height in crossing the valley of Four-Mile run of nearly 500 feet, and the average altitude of his practically level course was about 200 feet.

President Taft arrived upon the parade grounds at Fort Myer just in time to see the aeroplane land and to participate in the wild demonstration which welcomed the triumphant aviators.

# SITUATION IN SPAIN IMPROVING

## Threatened General Strike at Madrid Apparently Averted.

Paris, Aug. 3.—The internal situation in Spain seems to be improved. Barcelona has emerged from her isolation and the threatened general strike in Madrid appears to have been averted, at least temporarily.

The first train out of Catalonia's capital city since the beginning of the tragic events there reached the French frontier, bringing censored and plainly inexact newspaper accounts of the insurrection and of the conditions in the outlying parts of Catalonia. Several of the smaller cities are reported to be in the hands of the revolutionists and many villages have proclaimed the district a republic. Troops are being steadily distributed throughout the rebellious districts, and barring new serious outbreaks, the insurrectionists eventually will be forced to capitulate.

Reports from San Felice, Palamos and Casa de la Selva says that those places are still in the hands of the revolutionaries. It is rumored that the Spanish gunboat Temerario has left for San Felice to aid the troops in restoring order.

In striking contrast with the estimate of the victims of the disorders given by the Barcelona newspapers, which arrived at Cerbera, is one of 5,000, emanating from private advices received from Madrid. This latter estimate, however, is labelled "perhaps exaggerated."

# CHINESE SLAYER A DRINKER

## Arraigned Before Coroner and Committed to Jail.

New York, Aug. 2.—Wong Bow Cheung, as he has been identified, or Matuda Wong, as he insists on being named, the under-sized Americanized Chinaman who shot and killed his vice consul, Dr. Luk Wing, Saturday, was arraigned before the coroner and committed to the Tombs, to await the result of the inquest to be held Wednesday. He slept soundly and ate well, but seems depressed and refuses to answer questions.

What scanty information the police can gather about him is wholly to his discredit. The average Chinaman is frugal and industrious, but Wong had the reputation in Chinatown of being a hard drinker.

Wingshu S. Ho, the Chinese consul here, cannot believe that Dr. Luk Wing, whom he knew as the most gentle and painstaking of aides, ever treated the prisoner harshly or did anything to excuse the assault.

# BREEDERS TO MEET IN OMAHA

## Convention of American Association Will Be Held There in December.

Washington, Aug. 2.—W. M. Hays, secretary of the American Breeders' association, sent out a notice announcing that the sixth annual meeting of the association is called for Dec. 8, 9 and 10, at Omaha, in association with the National Corn exposition, to be held Dec. 6 to 10. A program of addresses by prominent breeders of live stock, breeders of plants and scientists eminent in study of heredity of plants, animals and men is being prepared. Arrangements are being made to have many of the addresses illustrated with stereopticon views and moving pictures.

# Five Dead in St. Paul Fire.

St. Paul, Aug. 2.—Search in the ruins of the building at 73 West Third street was continued. The death list remains at five. The death of two more persons, now in a hospital, is hourly expected. They are Mrs. Martin A. Christensen and Mrs. Nathilda Johannes.

# Pierce-Arrow Car Wins Glidden Cup.

Kansas City, Aug. 2.—Pierce-Arrow car No. 9, driven by W. F. Winchester, with a perfect score, won the Glidden trophy in the annual reliability tour of the American Automobile association, which ended here Friday, according to official announcement made here.

To have reduced all boots and shoes, the conferees said, would have compelled the resubmission of the question to the house.

# OSAKA FIRESWEPT

## Jap City Loses 20,000 Buildings in Twenty-five-Hour Blaze.

# HOSPITALS ARE FILLED UP.

### Thousands Are Without Homes and Great Suffering Prevails—Several Insurance Companies Will Probably Fail as Result of Paying Heavy Losses—Area of Four Miles Square Swept Over by Fierce Flames.

Osaka, Japan, Aug. 2.—Confusion still prevails here as a result of Saturday's disastrous fire. Thousands of persons are homeless and hunger is staring many of them in the face.

Outside cities and towns are generously sending in contributions to be used in alleviating the sufferings of the homeless and destitute. The number of casualties has not yet been determined, but hundreds of injured persons are crowding the hospitals.

The latest estimates are that 20,000 buildings were destroyed, these including the banks, the stock exchange, the museum, government offices and factories. While at present it is impossible accurately to state the losses, these are given roughly at several million yen. It is feared that some of the insurance companies will fail as a result of the heavy losses they will have to pay.

The conflagration lasted more than twenty-five hours and the burned section presents a deplorable sight. The streets of the city are very narrow and the houses were mostly of wood construction. Under a strong breeze, the buildings were easy prey for the flames, which jumped from one to another with great rapidity. The firemen fought valiantly against the odds of lack of water and high wind and many of them fell unconscious while working bravely at their posts. Had not the water supply been curtailed by the existing drought it is believed the fire would have been quenched without great damage.

The belongings of the people who were able to save anything from their burning homes are piled in great heaps along the railroad tracks from Osaka to Kobe. In the gray of the dawn thousands of persons, heavily laden with household effects, were to be seen fleeing across the numerous canal bridges and away from the fire.

An area of over four miles square, containing some of the city's hand-somest structures, including the Buddhist temple, the largest in the world, was entirely burned over before the fire was brought under control. The stock exchange, which was one of the most important in this country, was entirely destroyed. This loss, it is believed, will tend considerably to dislocate the business of Osaka, which, with its manufacturing concerns, is one of the chief commercial cities of Japan.

# KILLS CHILDREN AND SELF

## Domestic Troubles Prompt Deed of Chicago Woman.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Marital troubles caused Mrs. Emma Michel to kill her two children, Meta and Gustav, twelve years old, and then commit suicide by means of illuminating gas here. The two children were found dead in bed, with every gas jet in the house open, and Mrs. Michel, also dead, was seated in the kitchen. In her mouth was a rubber tube, one end of which had been attached to a jet.

Mrs. Michel left a letter, in which she gave the reasons for her act. Mrs. Michel and her husband, Louis, have been separated for three months and she had filed suit for divorce. Pending a decision her husband was to pay her alimony, but he had failed to do so.

# CABINET MEMBER SLAYS

## Cuban Postmaster General Kills an Havana Editor.

Havana, Aug. 2.—Postmaster General Nodarse entered the home of Senor Torriente, editor of an illustrated weekly, Policia Comica, and fired several shots, seriously wounding Torriente.

Nodarse then escaped and has not been arrested. The cause of the attack is said to be rumors concerning the relations of a certain high government official with Nodarse's wife. The publication of a scandalous cartoon is believed to have induced Nodarse to attack Torriente.

# PERU INVOLVES CHILE

## Claims it Advised Bolivia to Guard Frontier and Offered Aid.

Lima, Peru, Aug. 2.—The newspaper El Comercio publishes copies of secret telegrams which it claims passed between Bolivian Minister Arce at Santiago, Chile, and President Montes of Bolivia, showing that Chile, through a third party, had advised Bolivia to move troops to the frontier and had offered money, arms, ammunition and officers without recompense.

# Mob Lynchs Jack the Peeper.

Wellston, Ga., Aug. 2.—Sim Anderson, a negro, was taken from a deputy just outside this place and shot to death by a posse of citizens. The negro was caught peeping into the room occupied by daughters of W. P. Bell.

Chicago Girl Climbs Mont Blanc, Geneva, Aug. 2.—Heien Bauer, aged twenty, of Chicago has accomplished the feat of climbing Mont Blanc.

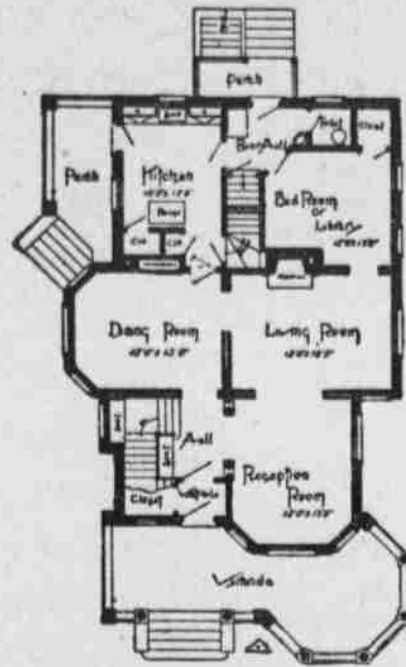
# A Concrete Block Residence.

## A Perfect Imitation of Natural Stone—Architect's Estimate of Total Cost, \$5,500.

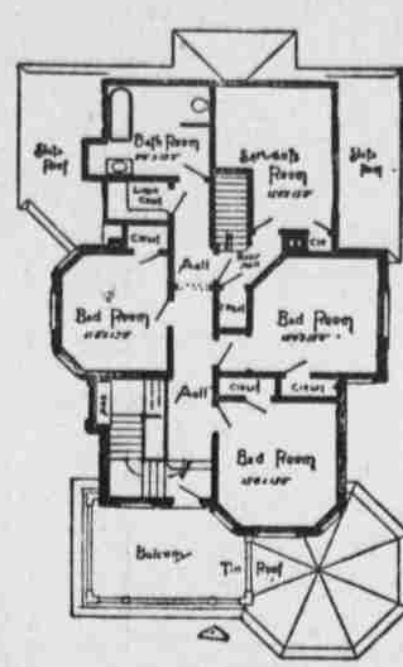
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No. 44, Daily, Local from Alliance to Seneca; thence stops at Merna, Broken Bow, Ravenna, etc.	11:45 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
No. 36, Daily, From Edgemont and Deadwood.	1:35 a.m.	
GOING WEST	AR. C. T.	LV. M. T.
No. 41, Daily, Flyer—Edgemont, Deadwood, Newcastle, etc.	4:35 a.m.	4:10 a.m.
No. 43, Local, Edgemont, Newcastle, and west.	1:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m.
No. 35, Daily, Edgemont and Deadwood.		3:50 a.m.
GOING SOUTH	LV. M. T.	AR. M. T.
No. 301, Denver Flyer.		2:55 a.m.
No. 302, Denver Local—connects at Bridgeport with Gurnsey local.		12:45 p.m.
GOING NORTH	AR. M. T.	LV. M. T.
No. 302, Flyer from Denver.		3:10 a.m.
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