

FREE COAL GIVEN

BILL GRANTING REBATE OF DUTY PASSES THE HOUSE.

HARD COAL TARIFF OFF FOR GOOD

Senate Sends Measure Back with Single Amendment, Which is Adopted—Cushman, Jones, Gaines, Mondell and Patterson Vote Against It.

WASHINGTON.—The bills reported from the ways and means committee Wednesday providing a rebate on coal for one year was passed in short order by the house by 253 to 5, those voting against being Messrs. Cushman and Jones (Wash.), Gaines (W. Va.), Mondell (Wyo.), and Patterson (Penn.), all republicans.

The only opposition came from members representing coal states, who expressed the fear that the admission of Chinese-mined Canadian coal would injure the industry of their states. Both Mr. Dalzell (Penn.) and Mr. Payne (N. Y.), the republican leaders, expressed the opinion that the bill would not relieve the existing distress, but admitted that it would satisfy the public demand for action and show the disposition of congress to do what it could.

The democrats, although they all supported the bill, took the view that it did not go far enough, saying coal should go on the free list, and when the bill came back from the senate with a provision which practically conceded this point they applauded vigorously. The senate amendment was adopted without division.

Rapid progress was made with the army appropriation bill, the most important amendments being an increase in the number of officers in the signal corps by twenty-three, namely, one colonel, two lieutenants, four majors, two captains and eight first lieutenants, and another to prevent the discontinuance of the army transport service without action of congress.

The chairman of the judiciary committee introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be and is hereby directed to investigate and report to this house, with all convenient speed, the opinion of that committee as to the power of congress to declare that a necessity has arisen for taking possession of all coal, coal beds, and coal mines in the United States, and all lines of transportation, agencies, instruments and vehicles of commerce necessary for the transportation of coal; and that if in the opinion of that committee, the power exists and the necessity for the exercise of such power has arisen, that the committee forthwith report to this house a bill declaring the necessity, providing fully and in detail the occasions, modes, conditions and agencies for said appropriation, that will fully and completely exhaust the power of congress in that regard.

COAL ON FREE LIST.

Ways and Means Committee Bill Provides for Rebate.

WASHINGTON.—The ways and means committee of the house decided to report a bill providing for a rebate, equal to the duty now imposed, on all kinds of coal coming from all countries for a period of one year.

This bill is a substitute for the one introduced by Representative Hill of Connecticut, which provided for a rebate until June 30 next. It is expected the bill will be called up in the house at noon.

The bill adopted provides:

"That the secretary of the treasury be and is hereby authorized and required to make full rebate of duties imposed by law on coal of every form and description imported into the United States from foreign countries for the period of one year from and after the passage of this act."

Representative Richardson (Tenn.) proposed an amendment striking out the words "for a period of one year," which was voted down. He then proposed an amendment placing all coals on the free list, which was likewise voted down.

The final vote on the adoption of the bill was unanimous.

Representatives Payne, Dalzell and Grosvenor held a conference with the president relative to the action which had been taken by the committee.

The committee reported the bill, but will not call it up in the house for consideration today, as originally contemplated, the decision having been reported to bring it up under a rule Wednesday.

The report of the committee, submitted to the house by chairman Payne, after recommending the passage of the bill, says:

This is an emergency measure demanded because of the scarcity and high price of coal resulting from the recent prolonged strike in the anthracite coal mines.

Precedents for such action are found in the Chicago fire and the fire at Eatsport, Me., in which cases congress

gave rebates on the duties on lumber used in rebuilding the burned districts. Whether the legislation will increase the importance or reduce the price of coal is a question on which men differ, but it is all congress can do in the premises and will satisfy the demand of many of our citizens. While there is a threatened coal famine in any part of the country, we cannot turn a deaf ear to the cries of the people.

The committee did not consider it best to make any changes in the tariff on coal after the period of one year had expired, preferring to bring in this as a purely emergency measure and not desiring to go into the question of tariff revision, even upon this one article. If any relief can come to the people from such legislation it will be amply secured in the period provided for in the bill.

ISSUE CIRCULAR.

Mitchell Urges Miners to Increase the Output.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America issued the following circular letter to all local unions in the anthracite district:

To the Officers and Members of Local Unions of the United Mine Workers of America in the Anthracite Region.—Gentlemen: You are no doubt aware that a serious coal famine exists in inland and seaboard cities, due to the shortage of the anthracite coal supply. The situation has reached an acute stage and has resulted in great suffering and hardship to the poor, whose earnings are insufficient to enable them to pay the excessive prices now being charged for fuel, and it is subjecting the general public to great inconvenience.

To relieve the situation and alleviate as far as possible the situation now being endured, is the duty of everyone connected with the production of coal. With this end in view, we are prompted to address this communication to all members of our union and request that they co-operate with the management of the mines in an effort to increase the production of coal. The gravity of the situation is such as to require that every mine worker shall exert himself and use every effort at his command to this end.

Upon reading this communication in the columns of the daily papers local unions should hold meetings and devise means by which the daily output of the mines may be increased. These efforts should be continued until the weather moderates and the great necessity for fuel shall have passed.

JOHN MITCHELL,
President United Mine Workers of America.

T. D. NICHOLLS,
THOMAS DUFFY,
JOHN FAHY,
President Anthracite Districts.

TREATIES ARE TO STAND.

Reichstag Will Denounce International Agreements.

BERLIN.—By 141 to 161 the Reichstag adopted a substitute for the resolution asking the government to denounce the most favored nation treaties. The substitute requested the government to denounce treaties with countries where experience showed the most favored nation clause were favorable to Germany's interest. The socialists and the radicals composed the minority.

During the debate Herr Gothein, radical leader, said the United States observed the treaty of 1828 loyally for the favored nation clause in the present sense was unknown prior to the Anglo-French treaty of 1861.

"The greatest obstacle against commercial treaties," he added, "is open and disguised export bounties which the zealots for these resolutions should help to abolish. We cannot denounce the reciprocity arrangement with the United States without damaging our interests with other countries."

"Prince Bismarck has said that the United States already is discriminating against Germany under the agreement of 1900, since we do not get the same concessions as France and Portugal in the case of wines. Now that President Roosevelt has made a treaty with Cuba giving extraordinary concessions to its sugar, the United States will surely make us concessions, because Germany is its best customer."

No Crime to Steal Coal.

TOLEDO, O.—The work house board has issued an order setting at liberty all prisoners held for stealing coal from the railway yards and tracks. The order includes directions to the superintendent to receive no more prisoners from any court sending them in for petty coal thefts. It is said that no prosecutions for coal thefts will be recognized by the board during the coal famine.

Perkins Must Resign Post.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan.—The absence without leave of Lieutenant Edward O. Perkins, Fourth Cavalry, United States army, has been reported to the war department. In case of his return to the post his resignation will be asked for.

A Recipe for Becoming Popular.

In the game of social success you hold a trump card if you are just ahead of other people in the latest popular fad.

Then, too, be able to do something and to do it well. A hostess likes a girl who can help her out in entertaining guests.

But if you want to climb, make society's fads your own. A girl got into one of the best sets in the city, though she had stood mournfully without the gates for a long time, by making herself expert in "bridge" when it first started. She saw at once the possibilities of the game, mastered it thoroughly, and when fashionables went crazy over it she was welcomed everywhere enthusiastically as an expert and authority. Differences in social positions were thus bridged, as it were, by this clever girl, and all her friends are yet wondering how she managed to get into Mrs. Tiptop's set.

Another girl who was a local failure at home became quite a sensation in London and a reigning favorite as well by the enchanting way in which she sang "coon songs" when the vogue was in its infancy.

So when a fad comes along scan it carefully to see if it is likely to take. If you are convinced it will, get into the game at once. It will help you up the social ladder to be au fait in such matters.

MADE HIM MAD.

While on an automobile trip State Senator James K. Flood of Hart, Mich., met a mounted Indian whose horse appeared much frightened at the machine. The senator called out: "Joe, is your horse afraid?" "Naw; heep big fool. He only mad, he tink you take his job!"

A Struggle for Life.

Eagle River, Mo., Jan. 19th.—Maggie E. Decker, a hard-working woman 49 years of age, whose home is here, has just gone through a thrilling battle for her life. Many another would have lain down and died, for for twelve long years she has suffered the most awful pains.

She had Kidney Trouble and Rheumatism, combined with a very distressing stomach trouble. At last she got so bad that she could not sleep, for she ached all over, and was so lame that she could scarcely walk. She spent over a hundred dollars in different medicines, but only to be disappointed, for everything failed to help her.

At last, however, just when she was beginning to despair of ever finding a remedy, she heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills and bought six boxes. She says: "Now I can eat well, sleep well, and am feeling splendid. God bless Dodd's Kidney Pills, for they saved my life. My troubles were many, but Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me completely. But for them I surely would have died."

Admittedly there is no standard of greatness, hence the difficulty of deciding who are the truly great.

NO MORE TICKET SCALPING IN CHICAGO.

Illinois comes into line with New York and Pennsylvania in vigorous action against the ticket scalping thieves and forgers, three having been sentenced on Saturday, in Chicago, after a fortnight's trial, one of whom, profiting by his experience, pleaded guilty to a second indictment, while the trial of the others will doubtless proceed to another conviction. Chicago has long been a favorite field for ticket speculation, and a blow against the nefarious practice could nowhere have been landed more effectively. The persistent and united efforts of the leading railroads of the country to exterminate the business, which is simply one of petty larceny, robbing the poor and the wage earners, are bringing most satisfactory results.—From the Brooklyn Standard-Union.

Young Farmer—Are you fond of beasts, Miss Sweetleeps?

Miss Sweetleeps—O, really, Mr. Pawker, if you mean this as a proposal of marriage, you must speak to mamma, please.

WHEN BACKS ARE BAD.

Bad backs are caused by sick kidneys. Most backache pains are kidney pains.

Backache is the first symptom of kidney disorders.

Neglect the warning of the back, serious troubles follow.

It's only a short step to urinary derangements—diabetes, dropsy, Bright's disease.

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CASE NO. 24,613.—Mr. Joseph Calmes, foreman of the Harter mills, Fostoria, O., says: "I just as ardently recommend Doan's Kidney Pills today, and it is the month of October, 1899, as I did in the summer of 1896, when, after taking a course of the treatment, they cured me of kidney complaint and backache, which was often so acute that I was unable to sleep at night and had difficulty in remaining on my feet all day. I am still free from the lumbago or any annoyance from my kidneys, and unhesitatingly declare that I am only too pleased to re-endorse my opinions of Doan's Kidney Pills."

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