

TARIFF BILL IN THE HOUSE

Amended Measure is Reintroduced by Underwood.

ONLY MINOR CHANGES MADE.

Majority Leader Predicts Passage of Measure in House by May 15—Oral Hearings on Bill Will Not Be Granted by Senate Finance Committee.

Washington, April 21.—The Democratic tariff revision bill, with its sweeping reductions, long free list and its income tax provision, was reintroduced in the house today by Majority Leader Underwood.

It will be reported favorably by the majority of the ways and means committee tomorrow and called up for debate on Wednesday.

Chairman Underwood predicted that the bill would be passed in the house by May 15. Two months, the administration leaders believe, is a generous time to allot to the senate for its consideration, and passage, and unless it is decided to bring in a currency bill thereafter, congress should be ready to adjourn about July 15.

The bill as approved by President Wilson came through the caucus unscratched. Democratic opponents to free sugar in three years, and to free wool, made the most vigorous fight on the president's suggestions adopted by the ways and means committee, but they were hopelessly outvoted with little chance to develop enough opposition with Republican allies to do anything with their amendments on the floor of the house.

Principal Changes Made.

The principal changes made in the bill were: Shoe machinery, buckwheat, rye, rabbit fur and phosphoric acid transferred from dutiable to the free list; onyx reduced from 65 cents to 50 cents a cubic foot, to put it on the same basis as marble; diamonds, uncut, are unchanged, but cut diamonds, increased from 15 to 20 per cent; castor oil, reduced from 15 to 12 per cent; cod, seal and herring oil, reduced from 5 to 3 per cent; vanilla beans, reduced from 50 to 30 cents a pound; salts and other compounds and mixtures of which bismuth, gold, platinum, rhodium, silver, tin and uranium constitute the chief value, cut from 15 to 10 per cent.

Representative Hardwick insisted it would be necessary to draw a line on the offering of amendments. He introduced a resolution, which was referred for subsequent action, providing the tariff bill shall be passed under a special rule, restricting general debate to eight legislative days, and that the minority in the house shall be limited in the offering of not more than two amendments as substitutes to each schedule of the bill.

The caucus adopted an amendment May 1, 1916, as the date when raw sugar should go on the free list. The time when the income tax shall become effective was left subject to future disposition by the house.

Minority Report Presented.

That ad valorem duties, such as proposed in the Democratic tariff bill, are "a delusion and a snare," that the radical tariff revision submitted by the Democrats is inexcusable and uncalled for and that an accounting will come for its enactment into law are contentions of the Republican members of the ways and means committee in a minority report presented to the house today.

"There is no excuse for the radical change in our revenue system proposed by this Democratic bill," says the report, which is signed by Representatives Payne, Fordney, Gardner, Moore, Green and Anderson. "The people have not asked it. The party proposing it is in power, not by the grace of a majority of the American people, but by a division in the ranks of the majority on other questions than protection. The administration has the power to enact the legislation. The accounting for the abuse of that power will come later."

The report contends that the bill has caused "intense and widespread alarm in business circles."

Asserting that the Democratic bill "seems to meet with approval on the other side of the Atlantic," the report declares that the protective feature has been entirely eliminated in the framing of the bill.

Oral hearings on the tariff will not be granted by the senate finance committee, according to the unofficial opinion of Democrats of the committee. Business men interested will be allowed to file briefs, but the committee does not propose to spend several months in listening to arguments, which its members feel would be largely a repetition of the testimony already given before the house ways and means committee.

Appeal Issued for Prayers for China.

New York, April 21.—The Chinese government's request for the prayers of Christian churches within its borders Sunday, April 27, was made the subject of an open appeal to clergymen of all denominations throughout America to join in intercession for the new republic. The appeal was made by Dr. Arthur J. Brown, chairman of the committee of reference and counsel representing the foreign missions conference of North America and by the federal council of the churches of Christ in America.

HENRY M. FLAGLER.

Noted Financier Who Is Reported Very Ill At Palm Beach, Fla.



WHY JESUS DIED FOR SINNERS

We Have All Erred Seriously in the Past, Said Pastor Russell.

A RANSOM PRICE NECESSARY

The Penalty For Sin According to the Bible Contradicts Our Creeds—The Bible Theory Reasonable—How It Could Have Been Different Had God Pleased—How Jesus Suffered the Penalty of the Sinner—He Redeemed Not Only the Church, but Also the World—How All For Whom He Died Must Ultimately Be Profited—Divine Justice as Well as Divine Love Involved—The Glorious Outcome.



Mr. Flagler, who is eighty-three years old, has been reported near death for the last few weeks at Whitehall, his Palm Beach home. His connection with the Standard Oil company has made him one of the most prominent capitalists in the country.

INTEREST CENTERS IN AMENDMENTS

Administration's Efforts Softens Japanese Ire.

Sacramento, Cal., April 21.—In the absence of new developments in the anti-alien land situation, interest centered in the amendments to be offered to the senate measure today by Senator Birdsall; if the bill comes up. There is some doubt as to its being reached, as it is far down the list.

Birdsall's amendments are designed to make the bill more particularly anti-Japanese by framing it so as not to affect corporations composed of European capitalists.

Other amendments may be offered. Some members have been in favor of striking out the restrictions on corporations altogether, but general opinion has been that such a method would be so easy of evasion as to make the act inoperative.

Tokyo, April 21.—The announcement that President Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan are making efforts to bring about a compromise in the proposed California legislation with respect to the alien land ownership bill and that Governor Hiram Johnson is opposing the bill has softened Japanese ire and public opinion has now become more optimistic.

DESLATORY FIRING KEPT UP

Rambling Attack Is Made on Huerta Garrison at Guaymas.

Nogales, Ariz., April 21.—Deslatory firing continued between constitutionalists, holding Empalme, and the Huerta garrison entrenched at Guaymas. The exchange of shots was at long range, across the bay. The concentrated attack is not expected for several days. The state troops will be delayed in any general attack by necessary repairs on the artillery employed in the recent attack on Naco and the repairing of pieces captured from the federales at Naco.

Federal and state troops taken prisoners incident to the battles at Naco and Naco, remain held by United States troops of the border patrol.

Veteran Dies Suddenly.

Boone, Ia., 21.—Louis Young, who served through the civil war with distinction, arose after lying down and walked over to a chair, apparently in good health. His wife looked at him a moment later and found him dying.

Ex-King Manuel to Marry a Princess.

Berlin, April 21.—It was announced ex-King Manuel of Portugal is engaged to marry Princess Augustine Victoria, daughter of Prince Wilhelm of Hohenzollern.

CONDENSED NEWS

Seventy-five federal soldiers were killed outright when Mexican insurgents dynamited a troop train a few miles below Chihuahua City.

Ray Pfanschmidt was found guilty of the murder of his father, mother, sister and Miss Emma Kaempfer at Quincy, Ill. The penalty is death.

A premature explosion of dynamite occurred between the Pedro Miguel locks and the Miraflores locks of the Panama canal. Three men were killed and twenty-three wounded.

The lower house of the Minnesota legislature repassed over the governor's veto the telephone control bill and the bill providing for the municipal control of public utilities.

A triple automobile fatality, in which the two children of Isadora Duncan, the American dancer, and their governess were killed, occurred yesterday in a suburb of Paris.

that all might have an opportunity to return to harmony with God, and thus to everlasting life.

This, said the Pastor, is clearly set forth in both the Old Testament and the New. If we would forget our creeds and rid our minds of the false theories which they inculcate, these Scriptures would now guide us without difficulty. Christendom is handicapped by the creeds of the Dark Ages, which confuse us. On this subject, for instance, of Christ's redeeming work, we are met with the proposition of the creeds that the curse of God against our race is eternal torture in some far-off place, we know not where—possibly within the earth.

The misconceptions of our forefathers on the subject of punishment for sin were built upon mistranslations or figurative statements meant to be understood symbolically. For instance, we read of our Lord, "He opened His mouth in parables and dark sayings." When our Lord illustrated the utter destruction of the finally incorrigible by the destruction of the ossuary of Jerusalem, cast into the Gehenna fire outside of the city wall, it was not torment that He taught, but annihilation. Nothing was tormented in the fire of the valley of Hinnom. In the Book of Revelation, wholly symbolic, the plain statement is made that the lake of fire represents the Second Death.

"The Wages of Sin is Death."

Most emphatically the Bible declares the wages of sin is death—not torment. And lest any one should think of this as merely meaning the death of the body, while the soul continues to live, the Scriptures expressly state more than once that the death of the soul is meant. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." "God is able to destroy both soul and body" in Gehenna, the Second Death. The penalty against Adam, "Dying thou shalt die," signifies the death of his soul, his entire being. Under that sentence, unless redeemed, Adam and his race would have had no future life.

But God from the very beginning purposed to redeem man from this death sentence. In due time He sent forth His Son to pay man's redemption price. Jesus' redemptive work will restore man's soul from the power of the tomb, by a resurrection of the dead. Therefore, even before Jesus died for our sins, He said to some of the people, "Fear not them which can kill the body, but thus take from you all that remains of the present Adamic life. Fear God, with whom are the issues of the future life, for He is able to destroy not merely the temporary life of the present time, but also your prospective life, which He purposes to secure for you through the Redeemer's sacrifice, and by the resurrection from the dead.

We see, then, that God rested every feature of His Plan for mankind upon the great work which from the beginning He intended Jesus should accomplish for our race. St. Paul, said the Pastor, expresses this in a few words, saying, "As by a man came death (not eternal torment), by a man also comes the resurrection of the dead." For as all in Adam die, even so all in Christ shall be made alive, every man in his own order." The first order, or resurrection, is that of The Christ, Head and Body, to glory, honor, immortality, on the Divine plane of being. Search carefully the Old Testament Scriptures—every word of God through Moses and the Prophets—and we find not a hint of any other penalty for sin than this death penalty.

What the Death Penalty Includes.

The Pastor declared that many fail to grasp the full import of the death penalty. It includes not only the final act of dying, but all the steps leading thereto. Had there been no sin and no sin penalty, there would have been no dying process—no aches, no pain, no sighing nor crying, nor dying.

Man lived in Eden as happily as angels live in their Heavenly home on the spirit plane, for he is an earthly being, adapted only to earthly conditions. Besides, had it not been for sin, God would not have permitted the curse, nor brought thorns, thistles, storms, cyclones, drouth and deluges, which in death-dealing power have been permitted to come to man, because he is a convict. He is already under sentence of death, and not entitled to any consideration.

The favors that God has promised to him through Christ will come in their due season. They will make earth a Paradise garden, with nothing to hurt or destroy. The Divine blessing will bring to all mankind the opportunity to return to the image and likeness of God, and to everlasting life, under the New Covenant.

Another of Our Difficulties.

An additional difficulty under which we labored as Bible students in the past, said the Pastor, is that we confused the special work of this Gospel Age with the general work of the next Age. God's provision, through the death of Christ, for rolling away the curse of sin and death from mankind applies to the next Age, and not to the present Age. When His due time shall arrive, everything will be in readiness for the great work which He has promised shall be satisfactorily consummated. Divine Wisdom, backed by Divine Power, will establish Messiah's Kingdom in power and great glory, blind Satan, break the shackles of ignorance, error and sin, and set humanity free from the slavery of sin and death, under which it has rested for six thousand years.

This great work is spoken of in two different ways: (1) It will be a time for overthrowing and breaking down the powers of sin, darkness and evil. (2) It will be a time for uplifting mankind to the original Divine image in which Adam was created.

As the entire reign of sin and death came, through Adam's disobedience,

upon the whole world, so the entire release from the curse will come to every member of the race, through Jesus. The broad basis for this work has already been laid in the death of Jesus. "Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3) Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man. "He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."—1 John 2:2.

As all the race were involved in the death sentence, the one redemptive work was necessary for the releasing of all, in God's arrangement. He has divided the redeemed into two great classes, both of which will attain everlasting life. But one class will receive it on the spiritual, or Heavenly, plane, while the other will get it on the earthly plane. This does not signify universalism, for while these two classes are to be saved, the Bible distinctly tells of some who will receive the grace of God in vain, and die the Second Death.

From this viewpoint, note the force of the Apostle's words: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) The death sentence passed upon all through one man, Adam. The gift of God is to come to all humanity through the seed of Adam, the Lord.

The Riches of God's Grace.

Our Great Creator is rich in grace, the Apostle tells us. He not only purposed to recover mankind from the disadvantages of the fall, but additionally took advantage of the circumstances connected with the permission of sin to give an especial opportunity to any of the sinners to manifest, if they would, special loyalty to Himself. God might have placed a different penalty against sin. He might have excluded our first parents from Eden for a year and then have returned them, or He might have simply banished the race from Eden, and have allowed all to live without sentence of death against us. Had He done so, Jesus would not have needed to die for man's redemption. Because the sentence of death had been imposed, however, it must be canceled before the race could be restored to perfection and to God's favor.

It is evident, then, that God wished to have the death penalty upon our race so as to make necessary the death of His Son. This, in turn, meant that the Father invited the Son to become man's Redeemer, and that the Son accepted the offer, and came into this world for that very purpose. This implied that the Father would reward Him with a high exaltation, in recognition of His loyalty and obedience unto death, even of the cross. Thus Jesus suffered for our sins, and entered into His glory.

But God had a further Plan. Hence He sent Jesus to die for the world nearly two thousand years before He was ready to deal with the world. And that long period of nearly two thousand years has since been devoted to the calling out of the Church, to the Bride of Christ, and Joint-heir in His Kingdom. This Church is described as a Little Flock, a saintly few, who through much tribulation are walking in the footsteps of the Redeemer, and ultimately will be accounted therefore as worthy to share with Him in His glories—on the spirit plane.

This election of the Church in no sense or degree hinders the great work of God for the world. On the contrary, God in His Wisdom has made the election of the Church to be a helpful and connecting link in His great Plan for blessing and restoring mankind to human perfection and earthly Eden.—Acts 3:19-21.

The Bible Triumphant.

We are all witnesses to the confusion which has prevailed amongst us as the people of God. Our difficulties have been connected with this problem of eternal torture, and a redemption and recovery therefrom. How glad we are, as children of God and students of His Word, for the light that is now shining upon us! This does not mean that we have made the light, and may therefore boast of it. It means that as in the dawning of the natural day, the darkness flees gradually, so now in the dawning of the New Dispensation, Messiah's Day, a thousand years long, the light of Divine Truth is shining more and more clearly. It is scattering our darkness and our fears, and enabling us, as people of God, more and more to love the great Fountain of blessing from whom cometh every good and every perfect gift.

Now we see that the faults which have been found with the Bible belong not to it. It is consistent. It contains the Divine Plan, or Program, so comprehensive and so beautiful as to be heart-assuring that it is of God and not of man. No human mind could possibly devise the glorious features of God's Plan, providing a place on the Heavenly plane, for the elect Church, and a place on the earthly plane for Adam and all his race—as many of them as will accept the offer, when clearly and distinctly presented to them, when the blind eyes shall be opened and all the deaf ears shall be unstopped.—Isaiah 35:5, 6.

We see, then, my dear brethren, that the death of Christ is, by God's arrangement, the most important fact in the whole world's history. The one next in importance is His resurrection from the dead and ascension to glory. His work for man will be at His Second Coming: He will establish His Heavenly Kingdom, and rule, bless and uplift the world to all that was lost in Adam and redeemed at Calvary—the Bride of Christ sharing with her Lord in all that great and wonderful work, which qualified thereto by her share with Him in the First Resurrection.—Revelation 20:4.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

A FINISHED JOB.

WELL That's over with! The country's saved. Once more. The last debater has debated. The last silver tongued orator Has orated. And peace settles down. Like a wet blanket Over a bonfire Of yellow autumn leaves. And, strange to tell, All is well. You might have thought As you caught The last refrain Of the grand campaign That it was bound to make A whole lot of difference Who Blew In. Each side was forced to win Or the world would come to an end And send Shivers along the spine Of the universe Or maybe something worse. Wrought to a frenzy By the spell Of their own oratory. The knell Was sounded unless The voters made their guess The same way As did the speaker of the day. But now we see it in quite A different light. The jigs Is never up in this big Country, no matter who Comes through. The ship of state Sails on With any captain The people see fit to pick.

How to Thrive.

"My doctor says I must get out of doors."

"Really?"

"Yes. So I am going on a farm. I wish I knew some farmer who could give me practical advice."

"Nix on the farmer."

"Why?"

"If you really want to know how to run a farm get a high priced lawyer who has read a series of magazine articles on agriculture."

Some Entertainment.

"How did you enjoy the play last night?"

"Hugely!"

"Good, was it?"

"The play? Oh, I don't know. But two women just behind me went over the latest developments in the Clauses' divorce case, and two men in front of me told all about the poker games my husband played the night before."

Forethought.

"I wonder why Briggs married so suddenly."

"He lost his job."

"But his wife can't support him. She can't even support herself."

"He figures he can spend the winter visiting among his relatives."

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