

THE TARIFF.

Synopsis of the Debate in the National House of Representatives.

On the 19th Mr. Dalzell (rep., Pa.) continued his remarks. He began by recapitulating the charges he had made against Mr. Johnson (dem., O.). He did not believe, and had it on authority of the president of the Cambria Iron works, that Mr. Johnson paid higher wages than his neighbors. Johnson and Carson were both robber barons, with the difference that the latter was a true philanthropist and gave \$5,000 a day for the relief of the poor of Pittsburgh, while the former had pocketed from Cleveland (Johnson) takes advantage of the winter's blast to kick about the wages of his employees. He (Johnson) had worked at the Western stock of his steel railroad, and a bank account was swelled by the manufacture of rails under the protection of patents.

repealed the sugar bounty at once and entirely. He regarded it as a fraud and an outrage, and was gratified at the action of the house in adopting an amendment for its repeal. Mr. Hilborn (rep., Cal.) took up and presented serially the articles of California production in which California would be injured by the passage of the Wilson bill. Mr. Dalzell (rep., Pa.) defended the Wilson bill, and was followed by Mr. Avery (rep., Mich.) who spoke in opposition to it.

On the 21st the Warner amendment placing a duty on iron rails was discussed. The bill was then taken up and debated, amendments being offered to place a duty of from 40 to 75 cents per ton on coal. Mr. Brocius (rep., Pa.) opposed free coal. His state's output is valued at \$10,000,000 a year. Free coal would leave his constituents naked and defenseless. Mr. Wise (dem., Va.) supported the proposition to place a duty of 40 cents on coal. Mr. Tucker (dem., Va.) advocated an amendment to place a duty of 40 cents on coal. Mr. Surpin (dem., Ala.) said that his state had the greatest democratic majority for the national ticket. They did so because they expected a tariff for revenue only. They did not think that such men as Wilson, McMillin and Breckinridge would put coal and iron on the free list.

A SCENE OF HORROR.

It Attends the Hanging of George H. Painter, in Chicago. The Rope Breaks and the Doomed Man Falls to the Floor—Picked Up in a Dying Condition, His Inanimate Body is Hung Again. A BOTCHED JOB. CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—George H. Painter was hanged in the corridor of the county jail at 8:08 a. m. Friday for the murder of Alice Martin. The execution was marred and delayed by an unfortunate accident. At the first attempt made to carry out the sentence of the law at 7:59 the rope broke, carrying the condemned man to the floor with a heavy crash. Blood streamed from a wound in his head and dyed the white shroud in which his form was enveloped with deep crimson stains. The spectators—there were not many of them—jumped from their benches and chairs as the body struck



GEORGE H. PAINTER.

SIGNS OF BETTER TIMES.

Numerous evidences of increasing activity are seen in the business world. New York, Jan. 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "Secretary Carlisle's decision to issue bonds and the early reports of large bids for them helped to accelerate recovery of industries and trade, as was hoped last week. Sale of the amount offered will check anxiety about the maintenance of note redemption, remove the only pretext for further issues of paper and thus give a solid basis for greater confidence regarding the financial future. The revenue is still small—on costumes in January thus far \$10,865,611, against \$19,988,758 last year, and the total for 1902 was \$11,082,498. The volume of domestic trade is still small.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

It Takes Action on a Number of Live Topics. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Immigration, especially as applied to the importation of artisans and professional men and women under contract, was again the absorbing topic of discussion at Thursday's session of the national board of trade. It was evident that there was considerable difference of opinion among delegates. The debate was precipitated by the report of the special committee on immigration matters. In brief the report, which was adopted, was as follows: It stated that the national board of trade recommends the strict enforcement of the immigration laws of the country; also that the law be so amended as to require from the authorities of the town or district whence immigrants depart a certificate that the immigrant is a person of good moral character, has never been convicted of crime, has never been a public charge and is of industrious habits and character and capable of taking care of himself, such certificate to be countersigned by the nearest United States consul. It further recommends such modification of the immigration laws as will admit (under agreement) of professional men and women and technically expert artisans, as instructors, with such safeguards and restrictions as will preserve the spirit of existing laws. Resolutions urging congress to confer further powers on the interstate commerce commissioners and recommending that the commission be authorized to put in effect a classification of freights which shall be uniform throughout the United States were adopted. A resolution was adopted urging on congress the passage of measures for the benefit of our merchant marine engaged in foreign commerce.

KILLS WIFE, CHILD AND HIMSELF.

Alonso Reese, of Pike County, Ill., Pays an End to His Unhappy Family. JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Jan. 24.—The eastern part of Pike county is excited over the murder at Perry of Mrs. Alonso Reese and her little babe, but 8 weeks old. The deed was done by the husband and father, who shortly after ended his own worthless life, saving the infuriated people from taking things into their own hands. This makes the third murder affair in the county in a month.

DIED ERE FORTUNE SMILED.

An Heir to Great Wealth Falls a Prey to a Grave at Buffalo. BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Mrs. James B. Amos, of Auburn, Bay county, Mich., found her long-lost husband among the unidentified dead here Thursday. He had died unconscious that he was worth from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Amos was a marine engineer. He shipped from Bay City on the steamship Maine in October, 1892. It was her last trip. On arriving in Buffalo Amos wrote to his wife that he was unable to find work there. She received no further communication from him, and for the past year has mourned him as dead.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

It Adjourns After Adopting Resolutions on Many Topics. WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—At the morning session of the National board of trade a resolution was passed memorializing congress that Senator Morgan's bill for a guarantee of \$70,000,000 of Nicaragua canal bonds should be enacted. Other resolutions adopted were as follows: Urging prompt action by congress on all matters relating to the tariff and revenue, in order that the industries of the country may adjust themselves to any new conditions, and to recuperate from the effects of the recent financial crisis. Favoring the creation of a commission to investigate and report to congress upon the subject of the development of a comprehensive system of free waterways connecting some of the great cities of the country and principal lakes and rivers; favoring the deepening and widening of the channels of the Delaware and Christina rivers; favoring the consolidation of third and fourth-class mail matter at a rate of 1 cent for two ounces; favoring the suggestion made by Postmaster General Hissell in his last annual report that the postoffice department should be authorized to expend out of the larger post offices of the country; memorializing congress to amend the National banking law so as to provide that all intrusions of the provisions be referred to a commission consisting of the secretary of the treasury, the comptroller of the currency and the treasurer of the United States.

MISSING LINKS.

The Chinese language is spoken by the greatest number of people, over 400,000,000. The deepest coal shaft in America is at Pottsville, Pa. In 1885 it had reached 1,576 feet. The longest wire span is a telegraph wire over the river Ristwah, in India. It is over 6,000 feet. The swiftest bird is the kestrel, or sparrow hawk. It has been known to make 100 miles an hour. In 1720 the world's commerce was estimated at \$28,000,000; in 1892 it was valued at \$3,377,000,000.

AMENDING THE WILSON BILL.

Important Changes Are Decried by the Ways and Means Committee. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—A number of important amendments have been adopted by the ways and means committee to the customs and internal revenue sections of the tariff bill. Among them are the following: The tax on cigarettes, which had been placed at 80 a thousand, was reduced to 41. It is now 41 a thousand. The sections admitting petroleum from other countries free of duty when they admit American petroleum, were amended so that they should apply to all petroleum, leaving petroleum to come in free without any qualifications. Crude oil was taken from the free list and put on the dutiable list at 4 a pound. The paragraph relating to condensed milk, upon which the house recently placed a duty of two cents a pound, the committee added a clause that the duty should be computed by adding also the weight of the package. Cut stones, including diamonds, are let at 10 per cent, as in the existing law. The pearl button schedule was made to read "one cent per line per gross."

BATTLED SEVEN YEARS FOR LIFE

California's Governor Finally Commute the Sentence of a Murderer. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 29.—The sentence of John McNulty, condemned to hang, has been commuted by Gov. Markham to imprisonment for life. Seven years ago he shot Patrick Collins. The murderer was but 19 years of age and he got much sympathy. For nearly seven years he has been in jail. Six times has the day for his death been fixed, five times a gallows has been erected from which he expected to drop to death, but each time execution of his sentence has been stayed.

FOUR GIRLS WERE KILLED.

Fatal Result of a Snowslide in White Bird Gulch in Idaho. BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 29.—News reached here that a fatal snowslide occurred in White Bird gulch. A family named Thomson lived at the bottom of the gulch, and the slide came down without a moment's warning, wrecking the house and killing four girls. The parents and one infant child escaped.

A CLOSE CALL.

A Supposedly-Dead Englishman Revives Just Before His Funeral. LONDON, Jan. 22.—Thousands of persons gathered in the cemetery at Burton-on-Trent Friday to attend the funeral of Town Councillor Charles Wileman. When members of the family were called to take a last look at Wileman's face before the coffin lid should be screwed down two persons said they saw signs of life. Physicians who were summoned pronounced Wileman alive. The funeral services were suspended, and the crowd was dismissed. Wileman was taken from the coffin and he is now under treatment.

BOTH ARE DEAD.

Father and Daughter Asphyxiated by Gas at Indianapolis. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 27.—Edward Thornton, his wife and 10-year-old daughter Belle were found unconscious Thursday morning at their home on Blake street. The pipe had been detached from the stove to get more heat, allowing the natural gas to escape into the room. Thornton died during the morning and his daughter in the afternoon. Mrs. Thornton will recover.

Fifteen Killed in a Wreck.

BRILLIN, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from Orenburg says that a passenger train collided with a freight train near Samara, Russia. Five naphtha trucks were set fire to and fifteen persons lost their lives.

Burglar to Get a Life Sentence.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 27.—The jury found William Bots, aged 24, guilty of burglary and larceny. The verdict also stated that Bots had been twice before convicted of a felony. This brings the prisoner within the provisions of the habitual-crime law, and there remains nothing for the court to do but impose a life sentence under the habitual-crime law. Good Outlook for Iron. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A review of the iron trade says there is an improvement and indications point to active operations by spring.