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\$48.86, as compared with \$3,899,-325.89 admitted free under the Dingley law in 1909. But when these same specifically-named cabinet woods are admitted in the form of sawed boards, planks, deals or other forms of sawed wood, these cabinet woods paid a duty of 15 per cent under the Dingley law, which was not changed by the Payne-Aldrich law, and this duty was prohibitive. In 1910 under the Payne law only 395,000 feet of these cabinet woods were admitted.

It was worth only \$27,552.57 and the duty collected amounted to only \$4,132.57. The object of this 15 per cent duty is to force these hardwoods to be admitted in the rough,

hewn or log form, to be sawed into planks and deals or other forms in American mills. With this the proposed free-list bill does not interfere. Over \$18,000,000 worth of lumber in the form of boards, planks and deals, rough or dressed, was admitted during 1910, and under the Payne law the duty paid on this lumber amounted to \$1,434,000. All of this lumber, rough and dressed, is now proposed to be transferred to the free list.

The articles designated by the bill for the free list would make a difference, as compared with the present duties and revenues of less than a million and a half dollars.

The customs court held that a rate of duty on whisky imported from France lower than the rate from

England did not affect the so-called "favored nation" clause in the existing commercial treaties with England, France and Germany. The point involved is the same raised in opposition to the proposed Canadian reciprocity agreement by those who claimed it was practically forbidden by the "favored nation" clause.

A Washington dispatch, carried by the United Press says: "Charges that 'there was something significant' in the fact that the largest contributor to the democratic congressional campaign fund was W. C. Beer, alleged confidential agent of J. Pierpont Morgan, this afternoon, threw the house into confusion. Representative Good (rep., Ia.) was discussing the Rucker bill for ante-election publicity of congressional campaign contributions. He favored more stringent provisions and some law which would show the true source of all contributions. 'I was amazed to discover in the report of the democratic committee that the largest contributor was W. C. Beer of New York,' said Good. 'Beer formerly lived in Iowa, and I know him now as the confidential agent of Morgan.' Several members on the democratic side were instantly on their feet, demanding further explanation of Good's statements, but he merely reiterated them a second time."

Hereafter speeches will not be printed in the Congressional Record, at least that is the program as now outlined.

David Jayne Hill, of Rochester, N. Y., ambassador of the United States to Germany, has resigned his post. The resignation has been accepted by President Taft. Neither in Mr. Hill's letter of resignation nor in the president's letter of acceptance is any reason given for the ambassador's action.

The Washington correspondent for the United Press says: "Representative Sims (dem., Tenn.) declared in the house that only in the interests of democratic harmony did he refrain from offering a recall amendment to the bill for direct election of senators then pending. Sims made an impassioned appeal for the initiative, referendum and recall, warning the democratic leaders that the time had come when they would have to accept these principles. 'The people should have the power,' he shouted, 'to dismiss their agent whenever it appears he is not properly representing them or serving their interests.' There were a number of supporters for the Sims plan on the democratic side, Burleson, of Texas, being prominent among them."

A Washington dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: "The democratic party met its first serious trouble in the house of representatives. At the close of a session marked by insurgency in the democratic ranks, by reason of which the republicans narrowly missed scoring a triumph, the house passed the Rucker bill for the publicity of campaign contributions before election. 'The fight arose over the extent to which publicity should be applied. But for the vigorous and continued use of the democratic party whip an important republican amendment extending publicity to the individual receipts and expenses of candidates for congress, would have been retained in the bill when it finally passed.

"As it was, the amendment was adopted over the protest of the democratic leaders, by the support of fifty-two democrats who voted with the solid republican strength. 'Resort to a parliamentary move

enabled the democrats later to get rid of the amendment, but twenty-eight of their number refused to change their attitude, and stuck with the republicans in opposing the democratic majority.

"The Rucker bill passed finally by an unanimous vote, but only after a stormy scene. The amendment offered by Representative Jackson, a new republican member from Kansas, required all candidates for congress to file statements of the source and use of their individual campaign funds, in both primary and general election. The amendment met instant support from the republican side and encountered the opposition of the democratic leaders. Mr. Rucker of Missouri, chairman of the committee in charge of the bill asserts that it would so change the form of the law that it might endanger its final passage.

"This did not deter fifty-two democrats from supporting the Jackson amendment. They, with the solid republican forces, gave the amendment a majority that resulted in its adoption, 172 to 131; and the announcement of the vote was followed by a storm of applause from the republican side.

"There was a hurried conference of democratic leaders and Mr. Rucker moved to recommit the bill, with its new amendment, to the elections committee, with instructions to send the bill back to the house without the Jackson amendment.

"This parliamentary move to squeeze the amendment out of the bill brought about a split in the ranks of the democrats who had

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