

WASHINGTON NEWS

The house passed the rivers and harbors bill, carrying \$26,250,000 and including the Ohio river and Kentucky rivers appropriation.

In a discussion of the excise tax bill in the house, Mr. Underwood is reported as having said that the decision of the supreme court against the constitutionality of the income tax law had increased the growth of socialism in the United States.

President Taft was given an ovation in Boston, where he spoke to the legislature and reviewed one of the largest parades ever arranged in honor of Ireland's patron saint.

According to the figures of a capitol official 2,951 private pension bills were introduced in the senate last summer, Senator Curtis, of Kansas, leading, with 227. Senator Kern introduced ninety-four.

Senator Lea gave notice of a motion to consider senate appropriations of \$207,500 for public buildings in three western towns, which, he said, have a combined population of 2,800.

Judge Mahlon Pitney, of New Jersey, took the oath of office as associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Washington, March 21st.—The democratic wool tariff revision bill, levying a 20 per cent ad valorem duty on raw wool, introduced today by Democratic Leader Underwood will be reported tomorrow to avoid a caucus and thereby dodge trouble with the advocates of free wool.

The measure is identical with that passed by the house last summer and after revision by the senate vetoed by President Taft. Regular republicans contend that the president would find excuse for vetoing the democratic bill on the ground that it does not adequately protect the revenues.

The re-introduction of the bill vetoed by President Taft with the elimination of the senate amendments will be used by the democrats as the basis for an arraignment of the tariff board.

In the report on the bill, which is being written by Mr. Underwood, an effort will be made to show that the board is a failure and that its report on wool was useless.

The committee first considered a bill that would correspond to the conference report, but finally decided unanimously to introduce their own bill, which puts a duty of 20 per cent on raw wool.

Chairman Underwood dropped the bill in the basket as he entered the house today.

The decision followed an examination of the tariff board's statistics as analyzed by Chairman Underwood and compared with the data in the possession of the committee. Free wool champions were convinced that a free wool bill could not be passed because there was no means to raise the \$21,000,000 revenue that would be lost by its passage.

It was even said there had been no democratic caucuses on the bill which will obviate a fight before the free wool adherents, though when

the bill comes upon the floor they may make a stand.

The action of the democratic leaders is in the face of a report of the tariff board which came to the house last December. President Taft, in his veto last summer, urged that there had been no report from the tariff board on the subject.

"It was determined to introduce the bill just as we introduced it last summer, carrying a 20 per cent ad valorem duty on raw wool, a reduction of about 50 per cent from the duties of the Payne-Aldrich law," said Chairman Underwood.

The bill differs from the bill vetoed by the president principally in the duty assessed on raw wool. The house bill carried 20 per cent, but after the conference the house leaders yielded and the bill as finally passed, carried a 29 per cent duty on raw wool.

Other schedules of the bill introduced are:

- Combed wools, 25 per cent.
- Yarns, wholly or in part of wool, 30 per cent.
- Knit fabrics, felts not woven and manufactures of wool, 40 per cent.
- Blankets and flannels, valued above 50 cents a pound, 45 per cent.
- Women's and children's dress goods, etc., 45 per cent.
- Ready made clothing, 45 per cent.
- Webbings, bandings, beltings, braids, etc., 35 per cent.
- Carpets 40, 35 and 30 per cent, according to grade.

Secretary Knox has cabled from Nicaragua to President Taft urging that the senate foreign relations committee give attention to the Nicaraguan loan treaty, which has been pending over a year.

Former Secretary of War Wright is expected to testify before a congressional committee as to why Maj. Beecher B. Ray, the army's so-called "political paymaster" was transferred so frequently during 1908.

Reports from the south of Mexico indicate that the comparative peace established by the federal army in Guerrero has given place to a very unsatisfactory state of affairs, the rebels still being active.

MR. BRYAN AND THE STUDENTS

Minneapolis Tribune: Practical pointers on public speaking were given the students of the University of Minnesota when they were addressed by Mr. Bryan. The commoner chose public speaking as his subject, and after treating upon this he dwelt upon the broader principles of life with a slight reference to politics.

Mr. Bryan filled the university chapel as none has done since the last visit of the Nebraskan. Although his address was scheduled for 4 p. m., students began to take seats at 3 and for an hour before the beginning of the talk the assembly room was absolutely filled. The corridors were jammed, co-eds sat on the window sills, and hundreds were unable to enter the building at all.

On Mr. Bryan's arrival upon the platform, the students gave him the Minnesota yell, with Ralph Johnson as cheer leader. He was accorded the "Nine Raahs" and the individual yell. Mr. Bryan was introduced by Professor Robinson of the department of political science, in the absence of President Vincent.

Mr. Bryan criticized the average American for his part in politics, saying that the brains of the educated man were usually found on the side of the few.

What was interpreted by his hearers as an indirect slap at Colonel Roosevelt and his third term candidacy was contained in one statement made by Mr. Bryan in which he said: "I have noticed that the guarantee

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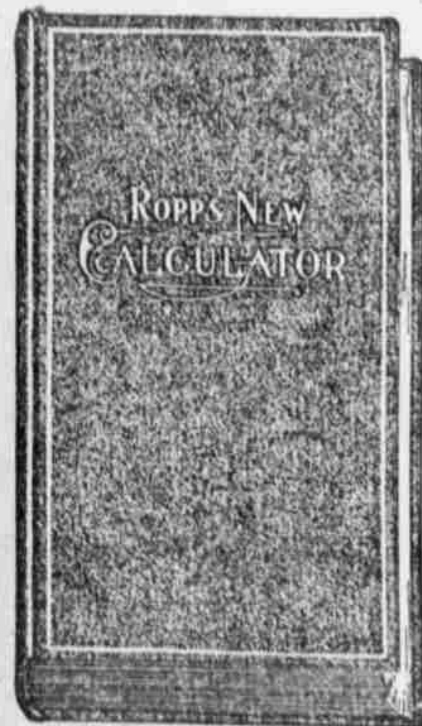
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