

TARIFF BILL PASSED

PHILIPPINE LAW GOES THROUGH BY A VOTE OF 258 TO 71.

Sugar, Tobacco and Rice to Pay 25 Per Cent of the Dingley Rates and Other Articles Free—All Amendments Voted Down.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Philippine tariff bill was passed by the house substantially as it came from the ways and means committee. The vote was 258 to 71. Rice was made subject to the same tariff as sugar and tobacco—25 per cent of the Dingley rates—and one or two changes were made as to language. This result was attained after decidedly the most strenuous day of the present congress. The many amendments which were launched and went to pieces in the storm of debate and against the rock which the house rules constituted, left much legislative wreckage and many records only useful for future political purposes.

Republican opposition to the bill in the interest of American beet and cane sugar and tobacco, tried out its strength early and gave up. This opposition refused to affiliate with Democratic efforts. The strongest plea for "insurgent" support was made in behalf of Champ Clark's amendment, reducing the differential on refined sugar. The minority sought to duplicate the house record made on the Cuban reciprocity act, but they reckoned without their host, as not a Republican opponent to this measure stood with them to overrule the decision of the chair. The Democratic substitute met with only the support of the minority, and went down under a vote of 231 to 106. On the final passage of the bill, the "insurgents" demanded a roll call that their record might be preserved.

An effort, sustained by the Democrats, but opposed by all but three Republicans, was initiated by McCall (Mass.) to commit the United States to the policy of granting independence to the Philippine islands as soon as the inhabitants can be prepared for self government.

What the Bill Provides.

The bill admits goods the growth or product of the Philippine islands into the United States free of duty, except sugar, tobacco and rice, on which a tariff of 25 per cent of the Dingley rates is levied. It provides that after April 11, 1909, there shall be absolute free trade each way between the United States and the Philippines. It also exempts Philippine goods coming to the United States from the export tax of those islands. Merchandise from either country is subjected to the internal revenue tax of the country in which such merchandise is withdrawn for consumption.

RATE QUESTION UP IN SENATE.

Fulton of Oregon Precipitates Discussion in Explanatory Speech.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Unexpectedly the senate found itself considering the railroad rate question, which was precipitated by Fulton's taking the floor to make a brief speech in explanation of an amendment offered by him to the Dooliver bill, giving to courts of justice authority to modify orders of the interstate commerce commission imposing an unreasonable rate. He had not proceeded far when he was switched from a general explanation of the terms of the provision to a defense of the principle which it seeks to establish, and a general debate followed. Fulton held the floor throughout, but there were many interruptions, and other senators fully shared the time, among them being Foraker, Spooner, Bailey and Clay. The discussion was listened to most attentively by all the senators, showing the great interest that is felt in the subject. The trend of the controversy was all toward the point as to whether congress has the right to delegate its authority to fix rates and whether the courts may determine what is a reasonable rate. Fulton contended that the courts may legitimately exercise this right.

Scott made a brief speech in support of the merchant marine shipping bill and Heyburn gave notice that he would ask the senate to name a day for voting on the pure food bill.

N. Y. SENATE STANDS BY DEPEW.

Resolution Requesting His Resignation Only Receives Vote of Its Author.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The state senate, by a vote of 34 to 1, rejected the resolution of Senator Edgar T. Brackett of Saratoga, demanding the resignation of Chauncey M. Depew from the United States senate. After a debate lasting more than three hours and characterized on the one hand by Senator Brackett's unsparing denunciation of Senator Depew and the insurance company, and on the other by almost every harsh criticism of the judgment and the motives of the introducer of the motion, the roll call showed Senator Brackett's own vote to be the only one in favor of the resolution. Every other Republican senator voted against it.

The fourteen Democratic senators were excused from voting on the resolution, although the motion to excuse them was opposed by Senator Brackett, who expressed his desire to "put every senator on record on this moral issue." Senator Grady, the Democratic leader, said the Democrats regarded the Depew matter as a purely personal Republican one.

Senator Grady said they did not regard it as Senator Brackett said he did, as a great moral issue.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Biennial Election Law.

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Motions for rehearings in the biennial law cases were filed in the supreme court. The biennial election laws were declared unconstitutional just before election. The appeals were filed from Buffalo and Gage counties. A reversal would result in ousting county commissioners who took their places last week.

Condemns the Railroads.

Wahoo, Neb., Jan. 12.—At a largely attended public mass-meeting at the court house to discuss the action of the Union Pacific and Burlington railroad companies in refusing to pay the entire amount of their taxes, resolutions were adopted denouncing the conduct of the railroads and calling on the state delegation in congress to support the administration scheme of regulating freight rates.

Lambert Takes the Stand.

Omaha, Jan. 16.—John C. Blue, the old soldier from the Grand Island home, and Frank W. Lambert of Portland, Ore., gave interesting testimony before the federal court in the Rev. G. G. Ware land fencing case. Blue continued his tell-tale story of how old soldiers were used as catspaws to file on government land and Lambert told how he bought up leases and received \$50 apiece and in turn gave Harry Welsh \$25 for every one he got.

Favors Fire Insurance Plan.

Lincoln, Jan. 13.—An unanimous vote at the meeting of the state board of public lands and buildings sanctioned the more than \$18,000 insurance at approximately 4 per cent which has been placed recently upon the outbuildings of the Hastings insane asylum. No insurance has been carried on the main buildings at the state institutions for many years on account of the great risk and the heavy rate.

Brakeman Commits Suicide.

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 16.—With a farewell note to his mother and friends, asking forgiveness for what he was about to do, which he thought was for the best, and a special goodbye to his mother, A. G. Grimm, a young man formerly employed as a brakeman, committed suicide at Feathers' restaurant by shooting himself just above the temple. He had been drinking considerably for the last several weeks and it is presumed he became crazed as a result.

Woman Killed by Train.

Clarks, Neb., Jan. 15.—The overland limited, eastbound, struck and killed a woman who was walking on the track at a point one mile west of town. A letter from the cashier of the bank at Hinton, Ia., indicates that her name is Mrs. L. E. Frary, that she had a son, Earl Frary, working near Correctionville, Ia. She has been at St. Paul, Minn., Sumner, Miller and Kearney, Neb., recently. She seemed to be a laboring woman, rather poorly clad and about fifty years old.

TELLS OF FRAUDULENT ENTRIES

Old Soldier Was to Receive \$150 When He Deeded Homestead to Ware.

Omaha, Jan. 13.—Preliminary statements of a sensational character made by Special District Attorney Rush to the jury in the trial of Rev. George G. Ware for conspiracy were supported Friday afternoon by the testimony of John C. Blue. His most striking assertion was that he and other Grand Army men from the old soldiers' home at Grand Island had taken homesteads, with the avowed intention of relinquishing their rights to Ware for \$150 for each quarter section they filed upon.

PTOMAINÉ IN CHEESE.

Panama (Neb.) Families Suffer as Result of Poison in Food Product.

Lincoln, Jan. 13.—Some action may be taken to investigate the poisoning of twenty-six people by ptomaine at Panama, a short distance from this city. The patients were dangerously ill, and for a time it was feared that several lives might be lost. All are now recovering.

Dr. Bixler, health inspector of Panama, and himself a sufferer from the outbreak, has reported the matter to the city and state authorities. Food Commissioner Thompson has been notified and the state pure food department will doubtless be instructed to look after some of the food products sold in the state. All the cases have been traced to a cheese sold by a Panama grocer. The cheese was heavily laden with ptomaine.

Snow in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—Snow fell heavily in southeast Nebraska and the northwestern part of the state, drifting badly in places, with a high wind blowing. Steam railroad trains are from a half hour to fourteen hours late.

Fruit Growers Meet.

Auburn, Neb., Jan. 13.—The Fruit Growers' association of southeastern Nebraska met here and representatives from every county, except Pawnee, were present. W. G. Swan of Tecumseh was re-elected president, Al Russell of Tecumseh secretary and Oliver P. Dorel of Auburn treasurer.

Thompson for Mexican Post.

Washington, Jan. 13.—David E. Thompson of Nebraska, ambassador to Brazil, will soon be nominated for promotion to the Mexican embassy, and there is little doubt that he will be confirmed. If the senate asks for the papers in the matter of the Penfield report, they will be sent and no mystery will be made of the matter.

Says Fences Are Coming Down.

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—In speaking of conditions in western Nebraska and of the fencing cases, State Auditor Searle spoke as follows: "Notwithstanding the many statements made to the contrary, the fences in western Nebraska are coming down at a rapid rate, and a majority of the cattlemen are keeping faith with the government."

Lincoln Will Entertain Chinese.

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—Elaborate plans were outlined for the entertainment of the fifty Chinese statesmen who visit Lincoln Thursday. United States Commissioner Jenks will be in charge. The party will visit the state university and state institutions. Chancellor Andrews and President Miller of the Commercial club will be in charge of the party while in the city.

Will Pass on Motion.

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—The supreme court will render a decision this week on the motion of the state for a rehearing in the case of the state against the State Journal company, in which that company was charged with having illegally deprived the state library fund of revenues amounting to \$84,500. A decision is also expected in regard to the right of the state to tax fraternal insurance reserve funds under the present revenue law, the question coming up in the case of the state against the county clerk of Douglas county.

INDIANS ARE MADE INSANE.

Half the Tribe Suffering From Eating Mexican Beans.

Winnebago Indian Agency, Neb., Jan. 11.—As a result of eating Mexican mescal beans, partaken of as a ceremony in a new religion recently introduced among the Winnebago Indians, Thomas Hill, one of the most prominent members of the tribe, is dead, a dozen others are violently insane and will probably die and fully half of the tribe are suffering from the effects of the bean and more or less serious results are expected.

Fully half of the Indians on the reservation have organized as the "Mescal Band." The mescal bean is eaten freely by the Indians, and as a result of its fearful effects the condition of the religionists is deplorable. The agent is unable to check the spread of the religious frenzy under which the members of the tribe are laboring. A few months ago a visiting tribe of Indians from the south introduced the religion among the Winnebagos.

STATE WINS BURLINGTON CASE.

Nebraska Can Collect Railroad Taxes on State Board's Valuation.

Omaha, Jan. 15.—Judge Munger of the federal court decides the railroads of Nebraska must pay their taxes. Such is the essence of his decision in the Burlington case, which has been fought for the state by Attorney General Brown. This decision will apply also to the Union Pacific and to the collection of taxes for 1905, as well as 1904, of both roads.

This suit was for an injunction against the collection of taxes for the year 1904 on the basis of valuation fixed by the state board of equalization and assessment. Another suit, identical in character, had been brought with relation to the taxes for 1905, and the Union Pacific, as well as the Burlington, had instituted the same suits.

The total assessment for the Burlington and Union Pacific for the two years amounts to \$2,056,482. Together they have tendered \$1,445,680. The Union Pacific tendered or paid \$256,000 in 1904, when its assessment was \$348,000, and \$275,000 when its assess-

ment amounted to \$385,000.

General Manderson, general solicitor for the Burlington, said his road had paid in 1904 \$444,710.78 in taxes to the state and \$472,970.24 in 1905, and that the amounts in dispute were, 1904, \$216,802, and 1905 \$215,000. The penalty on this is 10 per cent; that is if the railroads finally lose they must pay 10 per cent.

"Inasmuch as the county warrants draw 7 per cent, the counties will clear 3 per cent, which is pretty good interest on their money these days," remarked General Manderson. "Of course the decision as to the 1904 taxes will apply to the taxes of 1905, hence it means a decision for both cases. We have not yet seen the full text of the decision and cannot say what we shall do as to further litigation. The fact that the case is one in equity will not prevent us from appealing."

GOSS SUCCEEDS BAXTER.

Omahan Named for United States District Attorney of Nebraska.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Nebraska delegation met with Senator Millard and, after several ballots, named Charles A. Goss of Omaha as the nominee for United States district attorney for Nebraska, to succeed Irving F. Baxter, removed.

It was the first time the entire delegation had been taken in and the inauguration of the new plan was made the occasion for issuing a special statement, as follows:

"The delegation met with all members present. The Iowa plan of distributing patronage was adopted for the first time and will be followed for all future appointments. The delegation voted by secret ballot and after several ballots Charles A. Goss of Omaha was chosen. The selection was then made unanimous."

All the names of candidates were presented and discussed. There were a dozen or more.

Morales Thanks Americans.

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 15.—While stretched on a cot in the hospital here, General Carlos F. Morales, former president of Santo Domingo, who arrived here in the United States gunboat Dubuque, requested the Associated Press to convey to the American people, particularly to President Roosevelt, the expression of his sincere thankfulness for the assistance accorded him while president of the republic. "The future salvation of Santo Domingo," he said, "is dependent entirely on the ratification of the pending convention by the United States senate and the congress of Santo Domingo. I believe that the majority of the people of the republic agree with me in this, as they all know that the continuance of the revolutionary agitation means continual ruin."

Shipwrecked Passengers Reach Port.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Passengers and crew of the wrecked steamer schooner W. H. Kruger, which went ashore off the Mendocino county shore Friday, arrived in this city on board the tug Sea Foam. For nearly four hours the refugees of the wrecked vessel were tossed and buffeted about in lifeboats in a heavy sea before the Sea Foam loomed in sight and took them on board. The passengers and crew of the Kruger were clad only in scant clothing, having left their effects on board the vessel. Luckily there were no women or children in the open boats. Several times the boats threatened to turn turtle in the raging sea, but luck was on the side of the shipwrecked crowd.

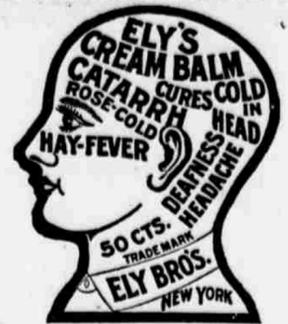
Negro Sailors in Mutiny.

New York, Jan. 15.—The American line steamer St. Paul, which arrived from Southampton, brought Captain Sheppard and crew of nine men of the American bark Edward L. Mayberry, which was abandoned at sea when 250 miles east of Cape Hatteras. The men of the Mayberry's crew were rescued by the American bark Statia and were landed at Havre. According to Captain Sheppard, his crew was for four days in practical mutiny. When the Mayberry became unmanageable four of the negroes declared that they were going to desert the ship. Captain Sheppard pulled his revolver and announced that he would shoot the first man who attempted to take the boat.

Farmers Are Holding Corn.

Omaha, Jan. 17.—W. H. Johnson, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington, says that his road is having no trouble now supplying cars for grain. He adds: "Conditions are much easier now than they were some weeks ago. We are not getting nearly so much grain as formerly. Farmers are holding their corn for better prices."

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