

MR. WILSON'S TARIFF

Some Features of the Measure that Will Be Offered to Congress.

REDUCTION FROM PRESENT DUTIES

New Bill Proposes a General Out of Thirty-Three Per Cent.

MANY ADDITIONS TO THE FREE LIST

Nearly All Raw Materials Will Be Admitted Without Imposts.

CHANGE IN THE MANNER OF TAXATION

Specific Charges Abolished and Ad Valorem Rates Named on All Articles that Are to Pay for the Privilege of Entry.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE. 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, NOV. 26.

April, 1893, is the time fixed in the bill when the new tariff law is to go into effect. The long time given is with a view to permitting manufacturers who may have on hand materials, time in which to cover the losses which they would otherwise suffer by the introduction of free raw materials. It will also give the first hand dealers who have large stocks time before they are brought into competition with articles which will have to pay far less duty.

At first glance the deferring of the date when the law becomes effective to April, 1893, appears to have much political significance, as the entire new congress will be elected before that time, and yet the Fifty-fourth congress, which succeeds the present one, does not come into being until March 4, 1895, and will not be in session, unless called in extraordinary session, until December, 1895. For this reason the new tariff bill, if it becomes a law, will take effect before any expression at the polls can check the absolute operations of the law.

Some Side Features.

Two important propositions made in connection with the preparation of the bill, namely, an income tax and an increase of the whisky tax, are to be left out of the measure and treated as separate and distinct propositions subsequent to the adoption of the bill itself. It is generally understood that a report will shortly be made in favor of taxing corporation shares, and it is just possible that this provision will at the last moment be incorporated in the main bill, which is to be made public at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

It is altogether probable that the increase of the whisky tax will be favorably reported at no distant day, as the bill as it stands, while purporting to be a revenue measure, does not propose as much revenue as the present law provides. The proposed tax on corporation shares would give the government about \$20,000,000 a year from the start.

Must Have More Millions.

At least \$50,000,000 annually more revenue than is at present collected must be secured by some means through the measure. It is the general feeling among the members of the committee tonight, and they express it to THE BEE man, that not only will the limited income tax proposition be adopted, but that finally the whisky tax will be increased and that the senate will put a duty of 1 cent a pound on raw sugar. These three revenue features would raise about \$30,000,000 a year, while it is believed that the augmentation of imports by reduced duties will more than make up the losses which the government must sustain by additions to the free list. They will not be half sufficient to meet the demands of the government in the way of increased revenues. Thus the income tax, a duty on raw sugar and an increase of the whisky tax or other lines of their will be necessarily likely to be adopted.

Interest in the Free List.

Several items of the bill not mentioned in last night's BEE special are of great interest. Probably the most important feature of the bill to Omaha and other manufacturing and commercial centers is the free list, and the great reduction of the duties upon iron and steel, glass, tin plate and woven goods. On the free list there will be placed, in addition to the large list already provided by law, coal, iron ore, wool, lumber, logs, salt, copper, lead-bearing silver ore, hemp, jute, copper ore, and many articles of less importance. Every one of these staples enters into the manufacture of everyday necessities of life, and altogether they affect directly and vastly every important manufacturer in this country. More than this they affect directly every individual consumer in the country. Most important of all, these paramount features of the bill are all, or nearly all, sure to stand in the bill as at present when the measure has been acted upon by the house and senate.

While many of the duties on manufactured articles will undoubtedly be modified by the senate there is but one article on the free list, bituminous coal, which is all likely to be differently dealt with in the senate. It is believed that about 35 cents or 40 cents a ton of duty will be placed on bituminous coal. The free list for full monty was issued nearly a week ago by Chairman Wilson, and the republican members from various parts of the country are arriving today. So far the republicans of the committee know nothing of the bill that is to be submitted by the democratic majority, except the knowledge derived from newspapers. The committee will start for full monty in a few minutes later the bill will be read at length and a democratic member will then promptly move it be adopted. The measure will be adopted by a strict party vote.

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