

ALMOST READY TO REPORT

Tariff Conference at Last Got Together on a Compromise Measure.

DUTY KEPT ON COAL BUT NONE ON IRON

Charge Concerning the Nova Scotia Coal Company Kept the Duty on Black Diamonds—Sugar Schedule the Same as Outlined Last Week.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Senators Jones and Vest of the tariff committee and Senators Gorman and Smith, acting on behalf of the conservative senators, held a meeting today previous to the meeting of the conference and it is understood that the time had arrived when the conference should come to an end, either by agreement or a disagreement, and that they arranged a program for bringing about this result.

This program as detailed was to have the senate conferees do their utmost to secure an agreement at the morning conference, and in case of failure to urge that a disagreement be reported without further delay, and failing to secure the consent of the house members to this plan for the senate conferees to go to the house and ask that they be discharged from further consideration of the tariff bill in conference. When Senator Jones was asked as to the truth of this report he neither confirmed nor contradicted it, but simply said it was impossible to say that might happen or might not happen.

The republican steering committee of the senate held frequent conferences these days and this morning held a session of considerable importance in view of the various propositions that are being considered by the senate by the democrats. The main point was practically agreed upon. The republicans think that it is no time to debate the differences that exist in the democratic ranks. The proposition that has been made to make sugar free was also discussed this morning and the bearing this item would have upon the success of the bill.

The opinion was expressed that by putting sugar on the free list the votes of the Louisiana senators would be lost to the bill, but that Senator Caffery might vote for it. The republicans say that if a proposition is made to put sugar on the free list it will receive the support of nearly the entire republican caucus.

AT 1 O'CLOCK THE DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE ADJOURNED UNTIL 2:30.

For their usual recess the afternoon session of the conference was adjourned until 2:30. The republican conferees said that the house must take the responsibility of ridding another vote upon the bill in the senate. They have seemed to have been waiting for the senate to enforce a decision, one way or the other during the day, but the measure may be further delayed.

THINK THE END IS NEAR.

Senator Jones said at 2:25 today that he thought the tariff conferees would be able to reach an agreement tomorrow.

Chairman Montgomery joined Speaker Crisp in his private office after the recess of the conferees. The report was soon circulated among members of the house and immediately created an agreement would be reached today. This could not be positively confirmed, however, from any of the sources mentioned.

One of the republican conferees said that he expected the bill would be called in tomorrow, and Senator Harris said to another senator that an agreement was in sight.

HAVE PRACTICALLY AGREED.

When the democratic conferees adjourned today it was understood on all sides that the democratic conferees would report to the full conference tomorrow. Members of the conference added to the general faith by their statements, which were more or less sanguine, depending upon the position of the speaker. While the utterances at the time of the adjournment were not so strong as those which were heard earlier in the day, they were more or less positive. Justify the statement that, barring improbable contingencies, the democratic members of the conference will find themselves prepared to continue their session with the house conferees longer.

This situation was at the end of a day which had started out with a stern determination on the part of the senate conferees, supported by the conservative senators, to bring the question at issue to a finality during the day, and which had brought a tentative though unofficial announcement that this end had been accomplished and an understanding reached. The report began to gain circulation about 1 o'clock, and it grew stronger and stronger, without receiving positive confirmation from the senate in a position to know the facts, until about 2:30, when the members of the conference and the conferees who had been closeted with them confirmed it to the extent of saying that while all the details had not been arranged, they felt confident that a basis had been found upon which the conferees of both houses could stand and terms actually agreed upon which the conservative senators would accept. Both democrats and republicans accepted this as the approach of the end and as equal to a definite announcement of an agreement.

TERMS OF THE COMPROMISE.

The terms as given out were that the sugar schedule as published last week, namely, a duty of 40 per cent ad valorem on raw sugar, 40 per cent on the value of raw sugar in the refined, and one-fifth of a cent differential on refined sugar 10 cents a cwt. The conservative senators had proposed changes in the metal, woolen and cotton schedules. When, however, the conference reconvened at 3 o'clock, it soon developed that the conservative senators had been arranged, and also that there was more or less opposition to the program, and it was not long before the conferees found themselves lockering over many of the same propositions which they had been considering for days. It also became noised abroad

that the outlook was not so bright as it had been for hours before. All was understood that objection had been made from the house to the retention of the duty on coal and that certain senators, among whom was Senator Fugh, had taken a decided stand against what they termed the sacrifice of iron ore. These complaints were sufficient to cause the conferees to halt for a time, and the best result recall appears from the statements given out to be the only article upon which a definite conclusion has been reached, but it was understood that other conservative iron ore would get the free list and the other would be dutiable at the senate rate. The metal schedule will be changed to accord with free iron ore if it is finally concluded that this article is to be selected for the free list.

Members of the Louisiana delegation were pleased with the reported agreement. They have been clamoring for a change in the sugar schedule and the purpose was to put the new law into effect at once without any further delay. They had expected until January 1 next. There was talk among them that the schedule would not receive their votes.

MAY ADJOURN NEXT WEEK.

Representative Catehings of the rules committee is hopeful that the adjournment of congress will occur next week.

The republican steering committee of the senate adjourned immediately after the adjournment of the conferees to consider the situation. The understanding among the members was that the democrats had not close enough together to allow the tariff bill to be reported to the senate tomorrow.

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WYOMING DEMOCRATS AT WAR

State Convention Unable to Make Any Nominations Yesterday.

SILVER QUESTION CONSUMES MANY HOURS

Free Coinage Element Too Strong for the Administration Delegates and Carry Things to Suit Themselves—Tribble Will End Today.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 8.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The democratic state convention met this morning at 10 o'clock with eighty of the 103 delegates in attendance. It is claimed, however, to be the largest democratic convention in the history of the state. Governor Osborne, Congressman Coffeen and other prominent citizens of the state occupied seats on the platform when Chairman New of the state committee called the convention to order. Willis E. Corthel of Laramie city was made temporary chairman, and M. L. Blake of Sheridan secretary, and the organization was permanent. Committees on credentials, resolutions and order of business were appointed, and the convention took a recess until 3 p. m.

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made a vigorous address, which was received with loud applause. His references to Cleveland were long applauded.

The convention will nominate four supreme court judges and a state treasurer. The present incumbents of these offices have no opposition.

The proposition for primaries was laid on the table.

The platform committee resolutions reaffirm the doctrine expressed in the democratic platform of 1892, declare for free silver and demand the repeal of the state bank tax. The resolutions were adopted by his action concerning the recent difficulties at Chicago. Senators Ransom and Jarvis were heartily endorsed.

Michigan Philanthropists Make Nominations.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Aug. 8.—At the state prohibition convention held here today, the following nominations were made: Governor, Albert M. Todd; lieutenant governor, A. C. Winer; secretary of state, Charles D. Schermerhorn; treasurer, R. D. Scott; auditor, General C. K. Porritt; attorney general, John C. Wainwright; state land officer, George Rooks; member State Board of Education, Harvey B. Hatch; superintendent of public instruction, Fred M. White; United States senator, John C. Wainwright; United States congressman, John C. Wainwright; short term, Prof. Samuel Dickie. The platform relates the vital of the liquor laws, the free coinage of silver, and the national declaration in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1.

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Decided that State Troops are Not Needed to Preserve Order at South Omaha.

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Sheriff Drexel Will Send Down a Large Force of Deputies this Morning and Says He Can Furnish Ample Protection—Yesterday's Events.

After a conference lasting from 8 o'clock last night until 1 o'clock this morning at the Millard hotel, participated in by packers, citizens and workmen of South Omaha, Mayor Johnston, Sheriff Drexel, General Gage and Acting Governor Majors, it was decided not to call out the militia to protect the packing houses. Sheriff Drexel will supply a large force of deputy sheriffs and send them to South Omaha shortly after daylight.

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