

TAKE UP NEW TARIFF BILL

Ways and Means Committee Goes Over the Proposed Schedules.

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS WANT MORE TIME

Estimates on Revenue from Sugar Schedule Vary from \$16,000,000 to \$50,000,000—Democrats Will Offer Amendments.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The democratic members of the ways and means committee received their first official information on the new tariff bill today when the bill was considered at a secret session of the committee.

Mr. McMillin, democratic of Tennessee, complained that this plan would not give the democrats sufficient time to analyze the measure and prepare a report.

Half an hour was consumed in sparring over this point and no definite conclusion was reached. Three hours were spent in analysis of the bill by sections, the republican members of the committee, who had been invited to participate in the preparation of the various schedules.

Several hours were spent early in the day on the question of admitting Mr. Henderson, appointed by the president to fill the temporary vacancy from that state. The debate was largely of a legal and technical nature concerning the president's admitting someone to the office.

NAMES TWO OF THE AMBASSADORS

Hay Goes to England and Horace Porter to France.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The president sent to the senate today the following nomination: State—To be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States, John Hay of the district of Columbia to Great Britain; Horace Porter of New York, to France; Henry White of Rhode Island, to be secretary of the embassy of the United States to Great Britain.

FOR THE CHICORY GROWERS

In the agricultural schedule it was said that the duties on chicory root should be 10 cents per hundred pounds. The democrats objected to the imposition of a duty of one cent on chicory root, which is now on the free list. They also contended that the proposed rates on seeds are double the McKinley duty.

SCHEDULES FINISHED

In its second session of the day the committee finished the schedules on the tariff bill. It did not go so much into detail in this schedule. Mr. Evans of Kentucky explained the spirits and wines schedule. The democrats opposed the advance of 20 per cent on \$1.80 to \$2.50 on the ground that it encouraged the placing on the market of spurious goods, imitations of standard brands.

RETIREMENTS IN THE NAVY

Three Rear Admirals Step Down and Many Promotions Follow. WASHINGTON, March 16.—A number of important changes in the navy will occur within the next few months in consequence of the compulsory retirement on account of age of three ranking officers, viz: Rear Admiral George Brown, commandant at the Norfolk navy yard, who retires in June; Rear Admiral J. C. Walker, chairman of the Light House board, who retires in March; and Rear Admiral P. M. Ramsay, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, who retires early next month.

THREE TO ONE

And in the Right Direction. It is not alone the weather classes who are using Postum Cereal, the grain coffee, instead of the old kind. Working people have found that 25c worth of Postum is as far as 75c worth of coffee, and that while it is not as bitter as cheap coffee it has the deep rich color of expensive Mocha and much the same mellow taste.

always being regarded as properly belonging to the navy. There is considerable more uncertainty concerning the prospective assignments to the vacancies at the head of the Norfolk navy yard and the Bureau of Navigation. It is expected that the last named detail will be announced in a few days. The place held by Rear Admiral Ramsay is regarded as one of the most important in the navy service, and Secretary Long will take all the time at his disposal in the selection of his successor.

BUSINESS NOW RUNNING SMOOTHLY

Work at the White House Rapidly Becoming Systematized. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Business is beginning to run more smoothly at the white house. The mails are enormous and the clerical force is heavily taxed to keep up with the rush, yet there is a system about the proceedings that facilitates the transaction of a great deal of business in a short time.

Facilities for the press, heretofore unknown at the white house, have been provided by the president's private secretary. The office in such a favorable position that the reporters, for whose benefit they are reserved, are enabled to see for themselves all the president's visitors and to talk with them if they desire, and there is a general air of freedom in the press.

WOLCOTT MAY BE SENT ABROAD

Senator Has Been Selected to Consider Bismarck's Proposal. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Senator Wolcott said today that he knew nothing of any intention on the part of President McKinley to ask him to go to Europe as a commissioner on the part of this government to conclude its negotiations looking to an international agreement on silver.

SHERMAN CONFERS WITH SENATORS

Said to Have a New Treaty with Nicaragua Under Consideration. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Secretary of State Sherman today met the senate committee on foreign affairs by his own appointment, and was closeted with them for some time. The principal subject under consideration was the proposed treaty with Nicaragua.

INTERESTING COMPLICATION

WASHINGTON, March 16.—An interesting complication, it is said, is liable to arise in the near future between the British embassy and the Spanish legation here over the filibustering steamer Bermuda. The recent report of the Bermuda from Philadelphia to Bermuda and back to Fernandina is a mystery yet to be solved, but it is said to be certain that she did not take on arms or men from the United States. If she has engaged in filibustering she must have taken on her cargo and men under the British foreign enlistment act and therefore the British and Spanish diplomats here, it is expected, will exchange notes on the subject.

WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS THROWN OPEN

WASHINGTON, March 16.—President McKinley has issued an order that the road back of the white house running through the white house grounds, be restored to its former function of a public way. It is now open to the public, and will be subject to his orders. Up to within the last four years it has always been open to the use of the public, and it is expected, will be restored to its former use.

ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH 16.—(Special Telegram.)

At about 10 o'clock this evening the inhabitants of this usually quiet town were startled by the cry that the court house was on fire and within a few moments nearly every citizen had reached the building. A heroic struggle was made for nearly two hours, but the flames, fed by the gas from the building, were too much for the firemen.

CHOKED ON ARMY BEEF

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 16.—An autopsy has disclosed the fact that Private Gollie, who dropped dead while scuffling with Private O'Shay at Fort Russell recently, died of strangulation. In the stomach O'Shay gave Gollie an uppercut on the jaw which knocked him over backwards and caused a piece of meat which he had in his mouth to become lodged in his windpipe, choking him to death.

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IN THE FLOODED DISTRICTS

Thousands of Acres Laid Waste by the Father of Waters.

RIVER CONTINUES TO RISE STEADILY

Two Lives Lost Yesterday and Many Persons in Imminent Danger—Memphis Cares for One Thousand Refugees.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 16.—The Mississippi river at Memphis tonight gauges a fraction over 36.5 feet, a rise of over one-tenth of a foot since morning. The river continues to rise steadily. Two lives are known to have been lost during the day. Two negroes, who live near Marion, Ark., attempted to cross Mound lake in a dugout. When they were caught by the mighty current, their boat capsized and they were swept away.

The change in the situation in the past twenty-four hours has been decidedly for the worse in every respect, so far as the flood and the flood victims are concerned. Localities that were expected up to the last few days to withstand the overflow are at present in imminent danger. The people there were safe from the angry river, but themselves hemmed in, and their danger is the greater because of the confidence that prevented them from providing against the flood.

From every direction come reports of unexpected and unprecedented disaster. Over 100 lives are known to have been lost during the past few days. The people are reported to be lined up on the railroad track, over which occasional waves sweep, threatening to carry off the desperate looking and starving masses who are in precarious foothold. Along the other railroads leading out of the city into Arkansas a similar condition of affairs exists. Down on the river banks in the distance must be seen, that all persons in danger had been carried off last night, it is learned that from fifty to 100 people were this morning standing on the river banks, waiting for a boat that would take them off. From Island Forty came reports that the water is everywhere, that human beings and dumb animals are being carried off by the ever swifter water over standing places.

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RUMOR OF LOSS OF LIFE

The people in and around Marion, Ark., are certain that the loss of life is very heavy. There was a rumor to the effect that several negroes had already been drowned in attempting to escape to places of safety, but this report could not be verified. The Memphis and St. Louis packet Mary Morton arrived in port today and reports something like a hundred men, women and children and a quantity of live stock were picked up and carried to Fulton. From all accounts it is believed that the lives of the mentioned and aid is being asked of the citizens of Cairo.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI GETS A TOUCH OF THE FLOOD

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 16.—In southeastern Missouri, on the Mississippi river, the river is almost entirely inundated and today the Cotton Belt and Iron Mountain railroads will probably have to abandon their trains into that place. The water is over the Cotton Belt track nearly one foot deep at several points between the river and Smithton, the first station south. Forty thousand acres of land in Mississippi county, Missouri, are protected by levees which were built since the last flood. They are holding against the water from the Iron Mountain railroad embankment, which forms the southern boundary of the drainage district, is not raised to the grade of the levees. Water has commenced pouring over the levee and badly wrecked territory. Many of the farmers in this district sowed wheat for the first time this year, feeling safe from floods, and the growing crop which was in good shape will be entirely destroyed. At Caruthersville, Mo., work on the levee is being kept up night and day, and in imminent peril the levee is nearly all broken. At Osceola, Ark., the levee broke yesterday and the flood is doing great damage in that section. At Tyler, Arkansas, below Caruthersville, the levee broke and the water is nearly all broken. At Caruthersville, Mo., work on the levee is being kept up night and day, and in imminent peril the levee is nearly all broken.

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OUR GRAND SPRING OPENING

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We are more at home when we discuss Dry Goods. Know therefore that Wednesday morning, will find us prepared to make our spring exhibition of fashionable fabrics for ladies' wear—to which everybody is asked to come.

In Dress Goods we show exclusive things in Fancy Colored and Black Goods—elegant Irish Poplins—Illuminated Canvases—Converts the like of which you can get nowhere else—English Checks—Scottish Tweeds—Linen, open and meshed patterns—Moiré effects—Green and reds, delicate as the spider's web. Everything made by Priestly in black goods that is good. Plain weaves, every imaginable and possible color, in all the latest styles.

That our manufacturers ask for protection—think of silks from 25 cents per yard, possible only where hours are long and wages low. Then the Foulards—so fashionable just now—show designs and colors by the score. Give your little girl or boy a can of paint and a brush and be sure to conduct them to a clean wall—let them indulge their artistic genius for an hour or so, and there you have it—two of the most fashionable impressions as they are called in silks this year. Taffetas with silken shewn, with rustle or without—Broadels—Checks—plain Chinas—all the colors of the rainbow—plain weaves—and a large assortment of cheap print or ginghams which we guarantee to be the most delicate and durable, designed by French artists and woven in foreign or domestic looms. Linens with spots of silk, known as Bishop's Lawn, fine and dainty—Bishop's Lawn, Lawn, and Lawn—of beauty and joy while they last. Go to our trimming counter and ask to see our Silk Applique—Embroidered Clifton—Persian effects—Iridescent Tinsel, Jeweled, etc.

PASSING OF THE SHORT LINE

Last Act of the Segregation is Now Formally Complete.

CHICOOK WIND SWEEPS OVER THE SEVEN MILES TO THE NORTH

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 16.—Specials from Bismarck and other western and North Dakota points state that the snow is rapidly melting under chinook winds. Twenty-four hours ago the mercury at Bismarck was 36 below zero. At midnight there went out a heavy rain. The snow, which probably saved the lives of many thousands of cattle that were dying from cold and hunger.

RIVERS CONTINUE TO RISE

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The following changes in the rivers have occurred: Risen: Nashville, 0.8; Memphis, 0.1; Vicksburg, 0.8; they are above the danger line and rising at Cairo, 3.4; Nashville, 2.4; Memphis, 3.4; Arkansas City, 2.8; Vicksburg, 0.3. The river is above the danger line and falling at Chattanooga, 4.1. The following heavy precipitation was reported: Chattanooga, 1.4; Shreveport, 1.6; Arkansas City, 2.0.

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