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BILL IS READ IN HOUSE

Members Pay Little Attention to Reading and Motion by Mr. Sims to Recommend Bill for Passage Nearly Passes.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—There is a general disposition in the House to eliminate as far as possible any academic discussion of the tariff. Members on both sides are desirous of having as little general debate as possible and as much time as is practicable for the consideration of the bill under the five-minute rule for amendments.

When the Dingley bill was before congress less than a week was devoted in the house to the discussion of the bill under the five-minute rule, and while it is likely that a rule will be brought in to limit the time for considering amendments, it is believed sufficient time will be allowed for consideration of the whole bill under the five-minute rule.

Members on both sides are lining up and preparing to submit amendments to the sections of the bill in which their constituents are interested. The main contention is to be over the cut made in the duty on boots and shoes, according to the southern representatives are almost unanimously in favor of retaining the present duty of 22 per 1,000 feet. They will have the support of many members from the northwest and Pacific coast states.

Democrats for Free Hides.

Hides and leather manufactures also will be the subject of considerable debate. An earnest effort will be made by the democrats to have shoes and other leather products reduced at least 5 or 6 per cent and to have hides retained on the free list. On boots and shoes, according to the new tariff, will be levied a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem. It is a reduction of 10 per cent ad valorem, it is contended by those who favor further reductions that the shoemakers themselves have admitted that they would stand a reduction of 5 or 10 per cent more if hides were admitted free. The representatives of western states will make an earnest effort to have a duty of 15 per cent again placed on hides.

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In explanation of the retention of the countervailing duty clause on petroleum it is claimed that Mexico has developed large oil fields and that the provision limiting the free entry of oil to countries which do not impose a tax on the importation of American oil was made to prevent the importation of Mexican oil free of duty if that country should impose a tax on oil from the United States. There has been very little criticism in the house of the metal schedule, but it is claimed duty on wrought and cast scrap iron should be equal to the duty on pig iron, as is provided in the Dingley law. In the Payne bill scrap iron is covered by a duty of 20 cents per ton while the duty on pig iron is \$2.50 per ton. In speaking of this schedule, a member of the house today declared that its effect would be to reduce the importation of pig iron to practically nothing, while all the scrap iron that could be secured in foreign countries brought into this country.

BILL IN HOUSE.

For four and a half hours the house representatives today listened to the reading of the tariff bill, which was concluded. It was the only business transacted. It was perhaps the dreariest session of any held by that body in recent years. Some of the members in the reading took to the cloak rooms and lobby, while others deserted the building.

Mr. Sims of Tennessee injected a breath of life into the proceedings. He wanted the reading of the bill dispensed with as a farce, but objection was made. He then asked unanimous consent that the bill be put on its passage, saying it was evident no opportunity would be offered to amend the measure in the house. To this suggestion, however, Mr. Mann of Illinois objected.

When the house convened this morning it was agreed that when adjournment is taken today it shall be until Monday. Without any explanation, Mr. Payne called up the tariff bill, which was read at length in committee of the whole. The description by the speaker of Mr. Gimstead of Pennsylvania as chairman of the committee, while the tariff bill is under consideration, elicited republican applause.

Mr. Payne announced that general debate on the bill would begin Monday.

Mr. Sims of Tennessee inquired of the chair the reason for reading the bill when no one was paying attention.

The chair reminded him that the rules required such procedure unless by unanimous consent the reading was dispensed with.

"Then," said Mr. Sims, "to end the farce, I move that the further reading be dispensed with."

"I object," shouted Mr. Payne in a loud voice, and the clerk proceeded.

Diversity by Mr. Sims. The majority of the reading proved too much for most of the members and they left the chamber in such numbers that practically only empty seats remained. Mr. Sims made the speech of a quorum, but he quickly reconstituted and withdrew it.

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Robbers Shoot Up Town While They Blow Bank Safe

One Band Keeps Up Fusillade While Another Vainly Tries to Loot Bank Building.

BALD KNOB, Ark., March 19.—While some of their number rode about the streets discharging their weapons and holding the populace in terror, others of a band of robbers worked more than an hour this morning in an unsuccessful effort to dynamite their way into the vault of the Bank of Bald Knob, abandoning their task after firing nearly a score of blasts, which demolished the outer door of the safe, but failed to force the inner doors. One citizen was wounded in the paring fusillade of the band as they rode away.

The first explosion aroused the citizens, who, as they emerged from their houses were greeted with the bullets of the outposts. They quickly ran to shelter, while the robbers held undisputed sway, keeping up an almost continuous fire and taking chance shots at any who came within range.

Before beginning operations the robbers destroyed telephone communication out of Bald Knob, but overlooked a railroad telegraph wire. A message to Augusta over this wire brought a posse of citizens from that place, who joined several other posses hastily formed here, and immediately started in pursuit of the band.

Sharp Not Guilty, Jury in Tangle as to Coopers

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 19.—Persistent rumors that an agreement had been reached by the jury in the Cooper-Sharp murder trial drew a large crowd to the court room today.

Judge Hart sent the sheriff to ask the jury at 12 minutes after noon if it wished to report. Promptly the word came back that no agreement had been reached. The court considered a moment and said:

"I will bring in the jury anyhow. Bring in the defendants."

There was a hustle and scurrying of deputies through the corridors and the defendants entered. The court room was nearly empty by this time, the throng disappearing gradually, as it seemed there would be no report. Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Wilson, pale and wan, were with the Coopers, and faithful Mrs. Sharp, as always, at her husband's side.

"Have you reached a verdict, gentlemen?"

"We are hopelessly tied as to the Coopers," said the foreman, Burke, "but we find John Sharp not guilty."

"You will retire, gentlemen, and reconsider further as to the other defendants. Is there any reason, General McCann, why John Sharp should not be discharged?"

"None, your honor."

"Mr. Sharp, you are discharged from custody, acquitted," said the court, with a smile.

INSANITY PLEA FOR DAVIS

Galena Business Man Caught Robbing Safe and Bound Over to Court.

GALENA, Kan., March 19.—Frederick Davis, the prominent young business man who was shot last Saturday morning while trying to break into the Miners State bank, and seriously wounded, was today bound over to the September term of court. Insanity probably will be Davis' defense.

TRANSPORT MAY BE LOST

Fragment of Wireless Message Tells of Boat Stranded in Puget Sound.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 19.—Fragments of a wireless message were picked up here this forenoon indicating that a United States transport had gone ashore near the entrance to Puget Sound and that several lives were lost. No confirmation can be secured.

Sharon Kidnaping Mystery Rivals Famous Omaha Case

SHARON, Pa., March 19.—From reports received this afternoon concerning the kidnaping of William Whittles it is believed the lad was drugged by his abductors immediately after they had taken him from school and placed him in their buggy. The accounts of several persons who are alleged to have seen the two men and boy driving along the road toward Warren, O., agree that the boy was wrapped in blankets and was apparently asleep on the lap of one of the men.

The case is expected to rival the famous Cudahy case at Omaha. Many points of both cases are identical. Many points of both cases are identical.

Elaborate preparations are under way looking to the capture of the abductors. The boy's mother, if she could, would instantly pay the demanded ransom of \$10,000, but as to how, when and where the \$10,000 is to be paid has not been made known by the kidnappers.

The lad's relatives, some of whom are millionaires, are making every possible effort to locate the child and his abductors. No decision has yet or can be made regarding the ransom of \$10,000 demanded by the kidnappers for the safe return of the child. Mr. Whittles immediately complied with the terms contained in the letter received yesterday from the men, insofar as the insertion of an advertisement in various papers about the country is concerned. The advertisement is to the effect he is willing to pay the ransom of \$10,000, but will up to 10 o'clock this morning no word has been received from the kidnappers as to when and where this money is to be paid.

A squad of Pennsylvania state constabulary reached here today from Pottsville to assist in the search.

The father, dry-eyed and full of the fighting spirit, sits in his office here directing the extensive search. He is in constant communication with nearby towns and orders every clue, no matter how slight, run down. Mr. Whittles refuses to divulge the letter he received from the extortionists and was greatly depressed and said that he would surrender everything he owns if it would effect the immediate restoration to him of his boy. He said:

"I will endeavor to get in communication with my boys' abductors. It looks as though they would put a terrible threat into execution. Advice is good, but perhaps the lad is too short in this to disregard threats." If money will bring back the boy, then I will readily pay the \$10,000.

The mother is prostrated at the Whittles home. She did not sleep last night and today clings pathetically to her daughter, Salina, 16 years old. The mother refused to allow the boy to go to school today, and South Dakota have nothing to fear from free lumber while they are anxious to obtain entrance into the Canadian market.

HOUSE AND SENATE AT LOGGERHEADS

Resolution in Lower Body Censuring Upper for Discourtesy in Handling Bill.

PHYSICAL VALUATION THE CRUX

Held Up in Senate and House Retaliates on South Omaha Charter.

DOUGLAS SENATORS LAMBASTED

Taylor Bluntly Tells Legislators They Are Recreant to Pledges.

MUCH PARTY LINEN IN WASH

Senators Threaten to "Loose," and Representative Word Back to Open Up Cage Door.

Whereas, The honorable senate has departed from the best parliamentary practice and has shown a discourtesy to this house in refusing to either concur in or to concede to the house amendments to senate file No. 133, "The physical valuation bill," which this house sent the senate in the regular way; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this house most respectfully request the senate to either concur in or to reject house amendments to this senate file No. 133 and, if rejected, that this house do not concur in the amendments of the two houses in the regular way and that all bills of this session shall be by both houses considered in the ordinary, parliamentary way.

GEORGE W. LEIDIGH.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 19.—(Special.)—The above resolution was introduced in the house this morning and went over until tomorrow, under the rules, upon objection being made to it by Connolly of Douglas.

The resolution came after a denunciation of the senate, and particularly the Omaha senators, by W. J. Taylor of Custer county. In a discussion of the South Omaha charter bill, which Tanner of Douglas in person was attempting to lobby through the house over the protests of Howard of South Omaha.

In the course of his talk Taylor said: "I want it to go out over the state that Taylor said the railroads of the state have suffered little at our hands and the people of the state have profited but little. We have given the people no relief from the graft of the insurance companies; the depositors' guarantee law that we sent to the senate is coming back from the senate a bankers' law instead of a depositors' law."

Has Yielded the Limit. "I have yielded every inch I intend to yield. I just asked this question of the senator (Taylor had been talking to Tanner): 'Will you pass the physical valuation bill as sent from the house and with you pass the initiative and referendum bill?' He declined to commit himself. When you are dealing with a bunch of men who have no regard for party pledges and you have a club will you use the club or will you not?"

"The bankers reduced the republican state convention, but their motion. During the discussion of the charter bill and his Omaha colleagues had the bank guaranty bill held up in the senate pending the outcome.

On a motion to indefinitely postpone the charter bill, made by Howard of Douglas, following the failure of the house to adopt his proposed amendments, the vote was decidedly in favor of the motion.

Kuhl of Cedar moved that the house not concur in the report of the committee of the whole, but that the bill go on the general file. Taylor of Custer had no objection to this motion and it carried.

Tanner then went to the senate and asked by Arthur Mullen if he was ready for the bank bill to be again brought up. He replied to leave it where it was.

After the charter bill had been indefinitely postponed.

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SENATORS OUT WITH CLUBS

Members of Upper Branch Not Satisfied with Tariff Bill.

EAST AND WEST WILL CLASH

Frye and Hale Oppose Reduction in Lumber and the Westerners Will Line Up Against Free Hides.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—

That there will be a great variety of opinions on the tariff bill when it reaches the senate is now certain according to expressions of senators in whose states are located the various industries chiefly affected by the changes of schedules proposed in the house bill.

Reductions on lumber schedules will be stoutly resisted by the Senators Frye and Hale of Maine, and by some of the senators from the Pacific coast and from the extreme northwest. Senators from Minnesota and North and South Dakota on the other hand will make strenuous effort to secure free lumber, instead of the mere reduction of the tariff as proposed by the house bill.

The proposed inheritance tax will be stoutly resisted and senators will have an opportunity to vote upon an amendment providing for an income tax. Free coal and hides also will be resisted and there is likely to be a strong fight against reductions in the various iron and steel schedules.

While the general trend of the sentiment among senators favors an increase in some of the schedules and while they generally believe that the house has made ample reductions to satisfy reformers, at least one republican senator, Mr. Cummins of Iowa, declares that the tariff should be made still lower and that he will do everything in his power to obtain further reductions.

Minnesota for Lower Schedule. The entire Minnesota delegation has steadily taken a leading part in advocating a reduction in the iron and steel schedules and in the procurement of free coal and free lumber and the senators from state will continue to advocate that course as well as to obtain a lower tariff on glass.

It is declared that Minnesota, North and South Dakota have nothing to fear from free lumber while they are anxious to obtain entrance into the Canadian market.

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Bank Bill a Pawn. Tonight the democratic hosts, members of the Democratic Editorial Association, in session here, and the members of the legislature, sat at a dollar dinner in honor of the 8th birthday of the Peerless Leader, and hurraed for democratic harmony, while the men who had ragged and threatened during the day sat cowed in their seats.

The bank bill was made the lever by the Douglas county senators to force consideration of the charter bills. When the house early in the day decided to postpone the South Omaha charter bill, Senator Tanner at once requested that the guaranty bill, which had come up for third reading, be passed over for the time. The senate agreed. He was importuned by the democratic leaders to let the bank bill be passed but refused and insisted on being passed.

Members stood with him. All day a contest raged between the members of the house and the Douglas county senators who were determined to force the bank bill and the Douglas county senators who were determined not to let it budge until the house acted on the charters and made other pledges. Senators Ransom and Tanner were called on to give an account of the day and they stood pat. Then the governor sent for the house leaders and impressed upon them the absolute necessity of conceding to the wishes of the senate. An understanding was reached that the South Omaha charter bill should be advanced also and that to save the face of the party, the senate should vote on the guaranty bill so this news at least could be imparted to the silver tongued one later at the banquet.

Called Up in Closing Hour. The bill was brought up for third reading as the last business of the afternoon session. Being placed on passage containing the emergency clause, the republicans voted against the bill for the purpose of striking this out. The democrats did not have the nerve to do this themselves, though several of their number were extremely anxious the bill should not be put in force on the day the governor will sign it. One or two of them came to give the measure enough support to include the emergency portion. As this would have had the result of overturning the present banking system at once, the bill received only a token vote against the clause to twelve against. Senators Banning and Laverty were paired, Senator Banning being obliged to be absent.

On the vote to pass the bill without the emergency clause the roll call was as follows: Yeas—Bartles, Bessie, Badinian, Buch, Burman, Cain, Cox, Diers, Donohoe, Fuller, Hartfield, Henry, Howell, Ketchum, King, Klein, Major, Miller, Myers, Oille, Ransom, Tanner, Tibbets, Volpp, Wilkie—3. Nays—Brown, Gammill, Randall, Raymond, Thomas, Warren—6.

Senator King, in explaining his vote on the last roll call, declared since it was necessary to strengthen the confidence of the people in the banks of the state, owing to the incidents of recent period and, though he regarded the bill as unfair to the two members of the banking board beside the governor, he had voting that in enacting any law there was always a risk of the constitutionality which must be taken, he would vote for the bill as the last resort to secure legislation of this kind. He hoped the measure would stand the test of the courts, though, he said, there was doubt.

Doubts Its Constitutionality. Senator Myers in a long explanation declared the bill was unconstitutional and that he had little doubt of this. However, he was for a bank guaranty law and, while he thought his own measure was the better, he would vote for the bill. He declared he had expected Mr. Bryan to be able to draft a bill, but found out there was no hope from this financial Moses. The legislature had been compelled to seek aid from a county lawyer. He said Nebraska would be the last state, he thought, which would enact a guaranty law and that in the future the people would look for relief from congress.

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