

FIGHT ON HIDES IS WAXING WARM

Conferees Will Put Article on Free List, but Western Senators Prepare for Trouble.

AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT

Several Solons for Duty First, Last and All the Time

MAY ASK TAFT TO RESIGN

That is Trump Card Which House Has in Reserve

TO REDUCE RATE ON LEATHER

This Seems Certain Now, if It Made Undesirable—Adjournment Now Seems Farther Away Than Ever.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Hides will be put on the free list if boots and shoes and other manufactures of leather are reduced below the rates fixed by the house bill. Unless the advocates of free hides are able to carry out this bargain, the whole program is to be called off. A decision to this effect was reached by the tariff conferees today.

The conferees adjourned tonight until 11 a. m. tomorrow, but the house members will assemble half an hour earlier so that they may lay their plans for executing their part of the agreement. It is expected that they will give a report from the house to the possibility of passing a rule conferring jurisdiction upon them to agree to lower rates on leather than those named in the house bill. Senator Aldrich has informed senators from northwestern states that he will not consent to the abolition of the duty on hides unless there is a material cut in the rates on boots and shoes and other leather goods. In no other way, he said, can he get the votes necessary for the adoption of the report in the senate if it carries free hides. Senators from cattle raising states have insisted that the only way consumers can get any benefits from the removal of the protection on hides will be by corresponding reductions in the duties on boots and shoes and harness.

May Put It Up to Taft.

If, for any reason, parliamentary or otherwise anything should occur to upset the plan to give the conferees jurisdiction to adopt rates lower than those named by either the house or the senate the conferees committee is holding what is regarded as a trump card, in reserve. This provides for the preparation of a conference report putting hides on the free list and reducing the rates on shoes and other leather manufactures.

The report, it is said, then would be presented to President Taft with the statement that the conferees had not been able to muster sufficient votes to assure its passage. It is expected that President Taft will then proceed to the senate to secure the necessary support for the program. In the event of failure, according to promoters of this suggestion, the conferees would submit a report placing a small duty on hides and the house rates on leather. The president would be asked to get the necessary votes in the house to insure the passage of such a program by that body.

Reluctance to Oppose President.

Obnoxious as such a plan would be to most of the conferees, it is said to have been suggested in all seriousness. Few of the conferees believe that it will be incumbent upon them to resort to such tactics, however, for all of them realize that the conferees, usually headed upon President Taft to procure the necessary support for the program. In the event of failure, according to promoters of this suggestion, the conferees would submit a report placing a small duty on hides and the house rates on leather. The president would be asked to get the necessary votes in the house to insure the passage of such a program by that body.

Senator Warren said today that the western senators would not be representing their states if they were to consent to the abolition of the duty on hides in the interest of the manufacturers of shoes and other leather goods, unless manufacturers in New England and other eastern states are compelled to concede lower rates on leather products.

While the western senators take the position that the removal of the duty on hides will be injurious to the cattle business, some of them say they will withdraw their protests, because of the insistence of President Taft. If reductions are made all along the line in the leather schedule.

Program of Conferees.

The program on which the conferees are working is as follows: Hides free, as provided by the house, against the senate rate of 15 per cent ad valorem.

Sole leather, 5 per cent, the same as in the house bill, as against the senate rate of 15 per cent.

Dressed upper leather, 7 1/2 per cent, as against 15 per cent in both the house and senate bills.

Boots and shoes, 10 per cent, as against 25 per cent in the house bill, and 20 per cent in the senate bill.

Saddlery and harness 20 per cent, as against 25 per cent in the house bill, and 40 per cent in the senate bill.

According to Senator Warren, the story that beef packers are engaging extensively in the tanning business, and will be the principal beneficiaries of a duty on hides, has been used by the "free hide lobby" in manufacturing sentiment against the protection asked by the cattle industry. He submitted figures to Senator Aldrich to be used in refuting this argument. Mr. Warren declared that the three largest packers in the United States annually tan 1,265,000 hides, which he said, is only 7 per cent of the entire domestic production. He denied that the beef packers are able to control the leather market.

Opposition to Free Hides.

Senators who were entrusted with the task of canvassing the senate, reported today that it would be impossible to adopt a report providing for free hides. These senators conferred with some of the house leaders, and were informed that under present conditions it is just as impossible to pass a report through the house without free hides. This information was communicated to the conferees and convinced them that it would be futile to spend any more time trying to reach an agreement, unless concessions were made to the cattle interests in the form of reductions in leather.

According to the leaders tonight the plan

Important Suit for Rebate on Freight Paid

Contractor Will Sue Omaha Road for Money Paid on Rate Held to Be Excessive.

SUIT FILED YESTERDAY

Suit was filed yesterday in the district court by C. S. Egan, against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway on behalf of the George W. Craig company of Omaha to determine whether or not a shipper can recover damages after paying rates which the state railway commission has declared excessive.

In 1907 the George W. Craig company had a contract to do fifteen miles of paving in Florence and it was necessary in order to complete the work to ship about 35,000 pounds of crushed rock. The rate over the Minneapolis & Omaha previous to 1907 had been \$5 per car load, but before these large shipments were made, it was raised to 3 cents per hundred pounds. This made a difference of from \$10 to \$15 per car load. The contractors protested to the State Railway commission, and after a long consideration of the case a decision was handed down in June of this year declaring the 2-cent rate excessive and ordering the fixed rate of 1 cent per hundred pounds.

This would have made a difference to the Craig company of about \$3,000 on their shipment and for that amount they are intending to sue.

The railroad company had a right to protest the decision of the commission within thirty days and take the matter to court, but did not and have established the 1-cent rate as official. On the ground that the excess over this paid by them should be returned under the ruling of the commission, the Craig company files its suit.

A similar suit will be filed by the Florence Lumber company for a similar case in which the rate on lumber was changed from 1 1/2 cents per hundred to 4 cents and then reduced again by the commission.

The settlement of the suits is very important inasmuch as it may determine whether or not shipment money paid over to a transportation company after a protest has been made on a rate which is afterwards declared unreasonable by the commission can be recovered by the shipper.

Suicide Club is Disclosed by Death

Cleveland Young People Believed to Have Made Pact to Kill Themselves.

CLEVELAND, O., July 26.—A club composed of disheartened factory employes, advocating suicide as the only means of attaining the peace of mind they crave and to escape the torments of their daily grind, is believed to exist here. This fact was advanced today by the death of Miss Rebecca Bosczech, 15 years old, who was found dead in Gordon park yesterday.

In addition to this the relatives believed another girl, a companion of Miss Bosczech, will end her life within the next few days. The mother of the second girl says she overheard her daughter and Miss Bosczech planning to kill themselves.

According to those who know of the habits of Miss Bosczech the club consisted of six girls, four young men and a man and his wife. Most of them are employed in steel factories.

Yesterday after the death of Miss Bosczech became known several young men and women called at the Bosczech home to obtain books and newspaper clippings which the girl had in her room and which she would not let her parents see. The girl is known to have met with these young people at meetings held at various places. They are known to have read morbid literature and discussed death as the only relief for their woes.

Flight Ends at Savannah, Ill.

Balloon University City, Out After Lahm Cup, Alights Near Home.

ST. LOUIS, July 26.—The balloon University City, in which John Berry, pilot; John J. McCullough and John S. Thurman ascended here last night in an effort to capture the Lahm cup, landed this morning at 9:30 o'clock at Savannah, Ill., after being in the air eleven and a half hours.

BODY IS NOT CLARKSON

Corpse Taken from Chicago Canal at First Thought to Be His.

CHICAGO, July 26.—The body of a well-dressed man which was taken from the drainage canal today, led the police to think for a time that they had solved the problem of the whereabouts of Joseph R. Clarkson, former judge of Kenosha, Wis., who has been missing for several days. Friends of Clarkson's hurried to the morgue tonight, and after viewing the corpse, declared that it was not that of Clarkson.

Local Democrats Defy State Supreme Court

Are the democrats of Douglas county in contempt of court? Mayor Dahlman says he does not know and does not care. Assistant City Attorney Dunn says he hopes so, and Comptroller Loebek says he thinks contempt proceedings would stand. Boss Flynn says he is not worrying in the least, as he did not vote for the resolutions adopted Saturday by the democrats in county convention. These resolutions "deplored the unseemly action of judges of the supreme court in holding the 'non-partisan' judiciary law unconstitutional, this ruling being termed by the democrats as an attempt to overthrow the will of the people. The resolutions contain the statement that the judges themselves each has an interest of \$7,000 in the outcome of the election and the ruling nullifies a law 'demanded by the

HEYBURN STANDS FIRM AS A ROCK

Idaho Senator Will Not Join His Western Colleagues in Fight for Free Hides.

STICKING POINT IN CONFERENCE

When Adjusted Bill Can Quickly Be Sent to President.

HOUSE MAY TAKE A TEST VOTE

Lower Schedule on Finished Leather Goods Proposed.

NEBRASKANS WITH PRESIDENT

Barkett and Brown are in Line With the Policy of the Executive in the Matter of Revision Downward.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Free hides continues to be the real stumbling block in the way of an agreement between the senate and house conferees on the tariff bill. And strange to say, Senator Heyburn of Idaho is the one recalcitrant holding out for a duty on hides among western senators whose states grow more hides by 100 per cent than does Idaho. Western senators, and included in that category are Smoot and Sutherland of Utah, Carter and Dixon of Montana, Warren and Clark of Wyoming and Borah of Idaho, will yield the question of duty on hides if the boot and shoe manufacturers of New England will agree to a reduction of the duty on leather and leather goods below the house schedule. It is understood that every one of the senators mentioned, who have stood unalterably for duty on hides, will abandon their position, providing the manufacturers of New England will submit to a cut on finished product commensurate with their concession. But Heyburn is stubborn, and has been laboring with not only his own delegation, but by the president, to yield his objection in view of other favorable schedules, including lead, zinc and wool, in which his state is most vitally interested.

House May Vote on Schedule.

While on the face of things but little progress was made today by the conferees, this one thing seems almost certain to happen, that either by resolution or by bill, the house, when it meets tomorrow, will be called upon to vote on a new finished product schedule affecting boots and shoes that was contained in the house bill. For several hours today Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee had the boot and shoe schedule under consideration with experts of the Treasury department and representatives of that industry with a view of shaping up a paragraph that would be acceptable to those senators who have made a fight against free hides, and that resolution is expected to be presented tomorrow to the house.

It is expected that the vote on the schedule will be a close one, and that the conferees will be obliged to make some concession to delay its introduction.

Nebraska Senators Consistent.

The Nebraska senators have been consistently supporting the tariff on hides, and are willing to accept free hides providing suitable reductions are made on the boot and shoe schedule. They have been closely in touch with the president in his fight for substantial reductions, and if the bill as now framed up shows decrease in the steel, woolen and cotton schedules from the senate bill, together with free oil, free iron ore, free hides and a substantial reduction on boots and shoes, as some of the conferees predict, it would not be surprising to find the Nebraska senators voting for the bill, thereby supporting the hands of the president.

Depends on the Shoe Men.

It is expected the boot and shoe industry will make a stubborn fight to keep the duty on the finished product. Should the manufacturers command any considerable following it is hard to predict when congress will get away. Should the New England shoe manufacturers agree to a lower rate it is believed the conferees could reach an agreement in twenty-four hours and congress adjourn by August 4. But there is seemingly no possibility of this occurring.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon made a bet today that congress would not adjourn until August 15. That may give an idea of the situation tonight.

Hinsaw Names Broas.

Congressman Hinsaw has named Philip F. Broas of Wahoo supervisor of the census for the Fourth Nebraska district. Mr. Broas is a son of Rev. H. Broas, a former commander of the Grand Army of Nebraska. He is a University of Nebraska graduate and late secretary of the republican county committee of Saunders county.

The senate today confirmed the nomination of Fred Reichmann to be postmaster at Dallas, S. D.

George M. Nattinger of Omaha and R. M. Gillan of Auburn arrived in Washington today, en route to the annual convention of building and loan associations to be held in Philadelphia this week.

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DELEGATES REACH LINCOLN

Advance Guard for Today's Convention Indicates Good Attendance.

LITTLE FRICTION ANTICIPATED

New State Committee Well Selected and It Will Probably Organize Tonight—Few Democrats Here.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The advance guard of delegates to the republican state convention reached Lincoln tonight and brought information that a fairly good attendance will be on hand tomorrow. Otse county sent word through Will Hayward that the entire sixteen delegates from that county would be on hand, and Douglas county is expected to send a great majority of its delegation.

The indications are tonight there will be no friction at all in the convention, and tonight it is anticipated that several bouquets will be distributed in the resolutions, and that the convention will have no serious differences over the adoption.

Whedon Will Preside.

C. O. Whedon has been selected chairman and J. M. New secretary of the convention, and no doubt this organization will be made permanent.

The new state committee will be selected tomorrow and it will hold a meeting tomorrow night, and it may select a chairman at that meeting, after a consultation with the various candidates.

Both the republican and the democratic conventions will be free from any requests from the Nebraska Temperance union. The executive committee of this new organization met tonight and passed a resolution that it would not ask any convention to take a stand on the liquor question this year, but next year it expected each political party to endorse county option in its platform.

The Douglas delegation will meet at the Lincoln hotel at 11 o'clock in the morning and organize.

Few Democrats in Town.

James Brady of Boone county and four others from Boone and John M. Gilchrist of Omaha tonight represent the delegates to the democratic state convention to be held tomorrow. Judge George P. Loomis has been selected temporary chairman, and he gets to town he probably will also serve as permanent chairman.

Senator Brady and Mr. Gilchrist were unable to say what would happen at the convention tomorrow other than it would be peaceful and quiet and harmonious.

The democrats may have a hard fight over the selection of a chairman of the state committee because so many of the members of the party are anxious for Tom Allen to let loose, and Mr. Allen has signified that he is anxious to retire. The job probably will be offered to Chris Gruenther at the request of Governor Shallenberger.

Bank Cashier Steals Large Sum and Flees

Leaves Note Saying He Has Gone Forever and Slips Quietly Away.

TIPTON, Ind., July 26.—The First National bank of this city, one of the old financial institutions of northern Indiana, is closed and its assistant cashier, Noah R. Marker, has disappeared, taking with him between \$50,000 and \$60,000, which was all the cash that was in the bank's vaults at the close of business last Saturday afternoon.

Marker, after sweeping together the money, set the time lock on the safe so that it could not be opened until 9 o'clock this morning, and left the city on a traction car for Indianapolis at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, telling his wife that he would spend Sunday with his father and mother in Indianapolis. Nothing more has been heard from him here.

Marker left a note on the desk of his brother, William Marker, cashier of the bank, saying that he had gone forever, and that he had taken enough money to pay his expenses. The fact that he had emptied the cash box of nearly \$60,000 was not known until the time lock gave admittance to the vault this morning.

Whether or not Marker had previously taken money from the bank's funds, and had covered up the defalcations by making false entries in the books, cannot be known until the arrival of a national bank examiner. The directors of the bank today decided to suspend the bank's operation until the bank examiner shall have taken charge of the books.

Marker had been connected with the bank sixteen years. He was the republican candidate for mayor of the city four years ago, and was defeated. He was an active church member. He is 35 years old, and has a wife and two children.

Collector Loeb Lays Down Law

"There Will Be no More Kow-towing to the Rich," He Declares Firmly.

NEW YORK, July 26.—"There will be no more kow-towing to the rich by the customs agents of this port," announced Collector William Loeb Jr. today. "No more slip-through-easy subservience. Heretofore the poor school teacher who had taken a frugal trip abroad had all the worst of it, but from now on we are going to have quicker clearances, more revenue and fewer disgruntled citizens."

By placing customs desks on both passenger decks of incoming liners, instead of on only one, as formerly, Mr. Loeb has recently been able to clear the Lusitania in one hour, against a past average of three, and he says he expects eventually to cut the time to thirty minutes.

"I feel proud," he added, "that while we have lessened the clearing time two-thirds, we have increased the customs receipts 100 per cent."

Dinner Dates and Races Occupy Time of Roosevelts

NAIROBI, British East Africa, July 26.—Colonel Roosevelt and his son Kermit have accepted a number of dinner engagements in their honor for the next ten days. On July 29 Mr. Roosevelt and Kermit will dine with the stewards of the East African Turf club.

Kermit has secured several mounts in the races to be run here on Thursday and Saturday. The Roosevelt party will leave Nairobi August 5 for Naivasha, a stop being made at Kijabe, forty-four miles northwest of this town, where Mr. Roosevelt will lay the foundation stone of a new building to be erected by the African Inland mission, an American organization.

Edmund Heller, the zoologist of the Roosevelt expedition, arrived here this morning with specimens obtained by the expedition on the shore of Lake Naivasha. The collection will be packed here and forwarded to the Smithsonian institution.



From the Washington Star.

OBJECT TO OCCUPATION TAX

Corporations Appear Before Council and ask Modifications.

PASTEURIZED MILK UP AGAIN

Arguments on Both Sides Listened to and Matter Put Off Until Next Week When It May Be Settled.

Public service franchised corporations will not accept the new occupation tax without demurrer. Representatives of two corporations appeared before the city council committee of the whole Monday afternoon to protest against the ordinance as drawn and amended, and a representative of a third appeared to ask that the ordinance be put over for another week.

Judge Ben S. Baker appeared for the Independent Telephone company and alleged discrimination. Attorney Edgar Morsman appeared for the Nebraska Telephone company, with the assertion that the city had no right to place a tax on toll service. President O. W. Watters appeared for the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, and asked that action be deferred for one week.

The council listened to the emissaries from the corporations, but took no action. Councilman Barka, chairman of the judiciary committee, having charge of the ordinance, said that the city attorney, to whom they were referred, would be unable to have the measures in shape before Tuesday evening of next week. At that time they will come up for final passage.

Lewis Pleads for Street Railway. This brought forth objection from S. Arion Lewis, who said he represented the West Leavenworth Improvement club. Mr. Lewis said he wished to be heard again before the ordinance were to come up for final passage, and when Chairman Funkhouser said that now was the time, he asked that leniency be shown the street railway company. He said that he was afraid that if the ordinance were passed with the 3 per cent tax provision the company would not build the extension to Elmwood park, and asked that the council wait until the extension is built.

Councilman Bridges replied to this request by reminding Mr. Lewis that the street railway company promised this extension to certain members of the last legislature, providing they would defeat the amendment to the charter compelling the company to pave streets between the tracks. This charter amendment was cut out and therefore the extension will be built, argued the councilman. Further promises from the company would avail nothing, he said.

Pasteurized Milk. The council tackled the pasteurized milk problem again, but after listening to long arguments from both sides, postponed action until next week. A resolution prevailed that no arguments be received at the next meeting, but that the council be left free to thresh out the question alone.

The council voted to allow City Electrician Michaelson a third assistant inspector during the busy season. The electrician showed the council that his department is self-sustaining, that about 90 more inspections were made during the first six months of 1909 than during the same period last year, and that it is impossible to get over the ground with only

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BATTLE RESUMED WITH THE MOORS

Spanish Forces Under General Marina Again Attack Moorish Tribesmen.

RIGID PRESS CENSORSHIP

Madrid Newspapers Must Submit Their Dispatches to Military.

BAD QUARTERMASTER SERVICE

Spaniards Were Badly Handicapped in Fight of July 23.

SOLDIERS EXHIBIT BRAVERY

Only Their Courage Prevented Catastrophic Disaster—Madrid Greatly Disturbed Over War Situation.

MADRID, July 26.—Fighting between the Spanish forces under General Marina and Moorish tribesmen was resumed outside of Meilla at 9 o'clock last night.

General Linera, minister of war, in an interview today announced that the mobilization of Spanish troops would soon reach 25,000, thereby bringing General Marina's effective force up to 40,000 men, but on account of the extent of territory on the Riff coast to be covered he considered it doubtful whether that number would suffice, and consequently the formation of new brigades would continue. General Crogo's division and the Gibraltar brigade will leave here today for the Riff coast.

General Linera declares General Marina enjoyed the full confidence of the government and that he would remain in command and be given every man he asked for.

Rigid Press Censorship.

The Madrid newspapers have been notified that hereafter they will not be allowed to print special dispatches from the seat of war until their accuracy has been confirmed by the general staff. Foreign correspondents are forbidden to telegraph any except official news.

The government denies it intends to suspend the constitutional guarantees in Catalonia and other provinces.

BARCELONA, via the Frontier, July 26.—In order to prevent further anti-war manifestations, the police and a mounted civil guard are patrolling the streets with orders to disperse crowds by force.

Quartermaster Service Poor.

MENYAYE, France, July 26.—A ministerial circular has reached the Spanish provincial governors, instructing them to stop all communications for the interior or abroad relating to military operations and movements of troops. The governors are also reported ordered to suppress popular manifestations. All suspicious dispatches are held up. The entire liberal press is protesting against these measures.

Madrid advises received here from Madrid say that the quartermaster's service during the fighting outside Meilla July 23 was defective. The troops repeatedly ran out of ammunition and were forced to fall back. The battery was useless and momentarily fell into the enemy's hands. Only the bravery of the quartermaster, who fought with bayonets and clubbed muskets, prevented a disaster. The Herald intimates that the state of siege will be extended to other Spanish provinces. Great excitement and apprehension are reported at Madrid.

BARCELONA, July 26.—A general strike was declared here today as a protest against the Spanish-Moorish war. The government replied by proclaiming a state of siege, which is equivalent to martial law.

Riot Call Ends Colored Convention

Brothers of Friendship Tries to Hold Convention at St. Paul, but Factions Fight.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 26.—Bitterness between factions resulted in a riot when the Brothers of Friendship, a colored organization, attempted to begin its annual national convention here this morning. Both factions tried to obtain possession of the old state capitol, where the meetings were scheduled to be held, and there was a hand-to-hand conflict on the steps. A riot call was sent in and police reserves and an ambulance were sent to the scene.

The police soon quelled the riot, which was bloodless, and Walter M. Farmer of Illinois, claimant of the title of grand master of the organization, was ejected. The order is now in session.

The Sisters of the Mysterious Ten are also in session here.

EDITOR IS FOUND DYING

Oklahoma Newspaper Man Wounded Mysteriously in His Office at Tulsa.

TULSA, Okl., July 25.—Mark Bassett, editor of the Daily News, who was found wounded in a printing office here yesterday, was still unconscious today. His chances of recovery are slight. The police are undecided as to whether Bassett attempted suicide or was attacked by some one with murderous intent. There seems to have been no cause for suicide.

AVIATORS ARE DECORATED

Wright Brothers and Henry Farman Recognized by Legion of Honor.

PARIS, July 26.—Orville and Wilbur Wright, the American aeronauts of Dayton, O., and Henry Farman, the English aeronaut, were today decorated with the Legion of Honor for their achievements in aviation. Henri O. Berg, the European business manager of the Wright brothers, and Alberto Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, were promoted to officers of the Legion of Honor.

PENSION FOR FORMER SHAH

Persian Government Offers Ex-Ruler Annuity of \$25,000 for Leaving Country.

TEHERAN, July 26.—The new Persian government is prepared to offer Mohammed Ali Mirza, the ex-shah of Persia, an annual pension of \$25,000 on condition that he leaves Persia without delay.