

GENERAL WASHINGTON NEWS

TOPICS OF NATIONAL INTEREST.

FAVORABLE COMMENT ON THE TARIFF LAW—CRITICISM UPON THE LATE SPEAKER—SENATOR VAN WYCK AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—MISCELLANEOUS.

The new tariff act is not viewed with such hostility by Democratic Congressmen as was the bill before it became a law. A TRIBUNE correspondent furnishes the comments of several of them, and states that there is less talk of making a new tariff law at the next session of Congress. The action of Mr. Keifer in removing Mr. Tyson, a stenographer whose place was wanted for the Speaker's nephew, excites much unfavorable criticism.

AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS. OPINIONS RESPECTING ITS WORK—REPRESENTATIVES ON THE TARIFF ACT. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The legislative halls, offices and committee rooms of the National Capitol always present a dreary and melancholy appearance on the day of the final adjournment of a Congress. This was peculiarly marked to-day, however. When the Speaker's gavel fell at noon yesterday, denoting the expiration of the XLVth Congress, it sounded the political death-knell of an unusually large number of statesmen. A few of them revisited the scene of their former greatness to-day, picking up the odds and ends of their official perquisites and giving directions about the sending off of the remainder of their share of free garden seeds and public documents.

A TALK WITH THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE. Clerk McPherson was at his desk as usual, and remarked that, in his long experience, the end of a Congress never found the current official work in such complete and satisfactory shape as now. Remembering that Mr. McPherson served as a Representative from 1859 to 1863, and that he has been Clerk of the House during seven Congresses since that period, a TRIBUNE correspondent asked: "How does the work of the XLVth Congress compare with that of its predecessors within your experience and observation?"

"I think it is fully equal to any of them," was the reply. "In the number and importance of general public measures enacted it exceeded any Congress for a long period. The great measures which came before Congress in the years after the war were few in number, comparatively, and were mostly of a political nature." Mr. Carson, the clerk of the Ways and Means Committee, who is intelligent and industrious laborer in the preparation and classification of material due much to lighten the work of the committee and of Representatives generally, in the view of the tribune, was engaged in arranging and filing away for future reference the multitude of petitions, memorials, arguments, letters and other documents relating to the reduction of duty on raw wool for future reference.

WHAT CONGRESSMEN THINK OF THE TARIFF ACT. Among the Representatives seen at the Capitol to-day were General Brazz, General Rosecrans, Mr. Robertson, and General Robinson, of Ohio. All the talk among them and other Congressmen about the session and its results, turned upon the new tariff law and its probable effect upon the interests which they severally represent and upon business generally. The tone of comment was extremely favorable, even among Democrats. General Brazz, who is a member of the House, and who is also a great hatter in some parts of the country. He did not anticipate, however, that the "cutting of the wool-growers' throats" would produce any injury on raw wool production, or a depressing effect on wool productions. General Robinson, who voted against the bill, said he feared such a result, and also that he was not likely to take any steps which would result in breaking down the interests of wool-producers in the United States.

General Rosecrans was not well pleased, although he said the new law carefully guarded the interests of the wool-growers, and that it was naturally the best personal interest. He, however, wants a tariff law enacted which shall, "with due regard to the interests of the wool-growers, and the business of the country, permit a gradual reduction of the tariff by a fixed percentage each year, keeping always in view the probable demands of the Treasury." There is not so much talk, apparently, as there was two days ago among Democrats about repealing the new tariff at the next session of Congress. It is significant that the late Speaker, Mr. Keifer, Carlisle's stock in the next Speakership is not quoted so high as it was, while Randall's stock appears to be advancing.

KEIFER'S CARE FOR HIS RELATIVES. UNFAVORABLE COMMENT UPON THE REMOVAL OF MR. TYSON—HIS PROPANE REMARKS TO A CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The removal of one of the official stenographers of the House, Mr. Tyson, yesterday, by Speaker Keifer, in order to make a better place for his nephew, excited much unfavorable comment to-day, and several Representatives and others with a statistical turn of mind began to figure up the amounts paid to Mr. Keifer and his relatives in the last two years. It appears that on June 1, 1882, he appointed as son private secretary to the Speaker, an office worth \$1,800 a year. When he was elected Speaker General Keifer appointed one of his nephews, Mr. Gaines, "clerk of the Speaker" at a salary of \$1,000 a year, and another nephew "clerk to the Speaker's table," at a salary of \$1,400 a year. The nephew, for whom a place was made yesterday, received \$1,600 a year, he will receive under his new appointment \$416 66 a month from March 3 to December 3—the same amount that a Senator or Representative is paid. For doing absolutely nothing in the next nine months this fortunate nephew will receive \$3,740 94. A larger sum than will be paid to Dorman B. Eaton for a whole year's service as chairman of the Board of Civil Service Commission '83. Mr. Gaines will receive more for nine months than will be paid for a year to either of the Auditors of the Treasury or to many of the United States District Judges, including, for example, Judge General Keith's brother-in-law, whose appointment to the Speaker's office was procured from the President a few weeks ago.

has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." It ought to be said that General Keifer is the first Speaker who has indulged with the important appointments of official stenographers to the House from personal motives. It is absolutely necessary that these places should be held by thoroughly competent men, who should be allowed to hold them by merit. Mr. Keifer last winter removed Messrs. Devine and Hayes, who had held them many years, in order to make two personal appointments in their stead. Now, on the last day of the session, he removes one of his own personal appointees to give his nephew, a newspaper correspondent, a large salary for doing nothing. It is possible that this last action may result in the restoration of Messrs. Devine and Hayes to their places next winter, and return to the Civil Service rules which have always governed these offices.

Ex-Speaker Keifer was not in a good humor with the newspapers when a TRIBUNE correspondent saw him at the Capitol to-day. The action of the newspaper correspondents yesterday, he declared, was "a gross insult to me," and he was indignant at the false statements. He emphatically declared that he had used profane language, when approached by a correspondent in regard to the throwing open of the House to the press, and that he had said on Saturday evening, "I understand a person stated that I was in the influence of liquor," the ex-speaker remarked with some exultation; "that is false; I never, when I was on duty, do not care what the newspapers say about me, but I want them to tell the truth. The House was responsible for throwing the press gallery open to the public. A member asked unanimous consent to have done, I put the question and nobody objected. I admit that the gallery ought to be reserved for the representatives of Congress; when the House said that the wives of the members should be admitted, I could do nothing."

FLATLY CONTRADICTION MR. BURROWS. "Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, said that he asked you to recognize him, or let him be recognized, and you refused," remarked the correspondent. "I put the question and nobody objected. I admit that the gallery ought to be reserved for the representatives of Congress; when the House said that the wives of the members should be admitted, I could do nothing."

SENTENCED FOR BIASPEMIOUS LIBEL. LONDON, March 5.—George W. Foote, editor, William J. Ramsey, proprietor, and Mr. Kemp, printer, of The Freeholder, have been found guilty of blasphemous libel. Foote was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, Ramsey to nine months, and Kemp to three months. Foote's sentence was pronounced after he had pleaded guilty to the charge of a libel on the Pope.

THE FALSE PROPHECY DEFEATED. CAIRO, March 5.—Abel-evedy Kader Pacha has arrived at Senaar after several defeating the False Prophet, who lost 2,000 men.

HONORING PROFESSOR MORSE'S MEMORY. ROME, March 5.—The memorial tablet in front of the house he formerly occupied by Professor Samuel F. Morse was unveiled at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Astor and the whole American Legation, Signor d'Amico, Director-General of Telegraphs, many prominent members of the American colony and other well-known persons were present. After speeches appropriate to the occasion had been made, Mr. Astor thanked the municipality in behalf of the United States, the American colony in Rome, and the Americans, for their action in causing the erection of the tablet to the memory of Professor Morse, a high eulogy to Professor Morse. In conclusion he said: "None of the most civilized nations in the world have honored a man in this manner, which is splendidly paying him debt to his country. A detachment of Pompeians paid military honors on the occasion."

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FOREIGN NEWS.

WHAT PARLIAMENT IS DOING.

MR. GLADSTONE AND MR. FAWCETT IN THE COMMONS.—IRISH AND OTHER TOPICS. LONDON, March 5.—Mr. Gladstone entered the House of Commons to-day for the first time since his return from Cannes. He was received with loud cheers from all sides of the house.

Postmaster-General Fawcett, who has been ill for some time past, also reappeared in the House. He was cheered and congratulated on his recovery. In reply to a question by Mr. Baxter, Mr. Fawcett said that he would make inquiries with regard to improving the mail service with Andover.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Under Foreign Secretary, in response to an inquiry, informed Mr. Puleston, Conservative, that the surrender of P. J. Sheridan had been asked of the United States Government. He was unable to say anything further regarding the matter.

Mr. Parnell asked a question touching "the starving condition of the people in Ireland." Mr. Trevelyan, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in reply, denied the existence of such distress as mentioned in Mr. Parnell's question.

The House of Commons resolved that the Government intend to withdraw the troops from Egypt as soon as the aims of the occupation had been obtained. These were the establishment of order and liberty and the security of the passage of the Suez Canal.

PHASES OF SOCIALISM. MADRID, March 5.—The existence of a branch of the "Black Hand" Society has been discovered in Estremadura. The judges who are conducting the investigation in regard to secret societies still receive threatening letters.

PRAGUE, March 5.—The trial of the Socialists was adjourned because the preliminary examination resulted in the implication of other persons in the charges of high treason.

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A meeting will be held in the Faneburg St. Antonio on Wednesday to protest against the arrest of Byrne and John Wals at the request of the British Government.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION IN FRANCE. PARIS, March 5.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, on the question of taking into consideration the proposals for a revision of the Constitution, M. Ferry, the Prime Minister, formally refused to court a repulse by presenting any such proposal to the Senate. The Government, he said, would energetically bring the matter before the Chambers, when it believed that a revision was possible; the present moment was inopportune. The people would withdraw their support from the Republic if they saw it meant instability and agitation. The question was one for friendly compromise and should not be raised as a means of revenge against the Senate. An attempt might be made before the elections in 1885 to induce the Senate to accept a revision.

M. Clémenceau, Radical, asked whether or not the vote of 1882 in favor of a revision of the Constitution was still valid. He moved to adjourn the debate until to-morrow. This motion was carried by a vote of 274 to 207.

ATTACKS ON THE FRENCH REPUBLIC. LILLE, March 5.—A Legitimist meeting was held here yesterday, at which 5,000 persons were present. MM. Baudry d'Asson, Deputy, and Harb delivered addresses in which they violently attacked the Republic. A resolution was unanimously adopted pledging all persons to defend the Republic to the last drop of blood. The principal importance to be attached to the affair is that it will possibly cause prosecutions.

AFFAIRS IN GERMANY. BREMEN, March 5.—The Emperor has acceded to the resignation of General von Kameke as Minister of War. Either General Broussart von Scheffelsdorf or General Capri will succeed him.

General von Kameke resigned because of difference of opinion in regard to important military principles which were discussed at a recent conference, under the presidency of the Emperor, and not because of the proceedings of the Reichstag.

The relations between Germany and England are reported to be better now than they have been for ten years. The North-German Gazette expresses the highest satisfaction at this state of affairs.

A military officer has committed suicide in the Thurgau here. Monetary difficulties led to the act. Such acts are of a most daily occurrence.

RAILROAD NEWS.

OPPOSED TO DUMMIES IN THE STREET. The Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen gave a hearing yesterday to members of the West Side Association and others who are protesting against the proposed extension of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company and the use of steam dummies on Hudson and Canal streets, and the use of steam dummies on Hudson and Canal streets, and the use of steam dummies on Hudson and Canal streets.

Long lines of cars, he said, were sometimes left standing for hours on the tracks in Canal and Hudson streets, and the noise from the dummies was dangerous to life and limb. Other speakers followed, requesting the committee to amend the ordinance as to prevent the use of steam for drawing trains below Sixty-third street, and also to prevent freight cars from blocking the streets. The speakers presented a petition, signed by more than 5,000 of the residents of the West Side, asking that the evils complained of be abolished.

J. M. Tenney, superintendent of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, said that much had been done to remedy some of the evils complained of. If the railroad company was compelled to draw its freight cars by horse power, it would be obliged to employ a large number of men, and the expense would be very serious indeed to the merchants of New York. He said that the company would do its best to remedy the evils complained of, and would do its best to remedy the evils complained of.

NO SALE OF NORTHERN PACIFIC LANDS. Rumors that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company had completed the sale of some four million acres of land to a foreign syndicate have been recently revived. At the office of the railroad company it was said yesterday that the rumors were in the same condition that they had been for several months. The company has something over four million acres of land east of the Missouri River which it has offered for sale to a syndicate of capitalists. The syndicate, it was said, had probably the syndicate would take them as soon as it had completed its arrangements.

DIRECTORS OF THE UNION PACIFIC. At the next general meeting of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, which will be held at Boston this week, the election of a Board of Directors will probably be by the election of Charles Francis Adams, Jr., and Andrew H. Green. It was said yesterday that Mr. Green is to be chosen to represent the interest of Samuel J. Tilden, who is reported to be a large holder of the company's stock.

GENERAL PASSENGER AGENTS TO MEET. The semi-annual meeting of the National Association of Passenger Agents will be held in this city next Tuesday. The meeting was arranged to be held at Jackson Hotel, but the lack of hotel accommodations here has caused a change of New York east of place for the convention.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. BOSTON, March 5.—The stockholders of the Old Colony Railroad met here to-day and voted to ratify all issues of bonds and to consolidate with the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad.

NEW-HAVEN, March 5.—Petitions for a temporary injunction against the advance of the parallel railroad from New-Haven to Meriden, Conn., were filed here yesterday by Judge Andrews. The cases of the Hartford and Meriden and the Orange and Meriden parallel roads and labels against the same will also be argued. The arguments will probably occur Tuesday.

FIRE RECORD. FLAMES IN CHAMBERS STREET. A fire was discovered at 11:10 o'clock last evening in the four-story building at No. 90 Chambers-st. The second floor was occupied by O'Callaghan & Frazer, dealers in leather, and the first floor by William V. York, a pocketbook manufacturer, and the fourth floor by Robert Fredericks, a publisher of school books. The fire started on the fourth floor, and was mainly confined to that and the floor beneath. Its origin is unknown. The damage done is estimated at \$3,000, and to the stock of Robert Fredericks at \$3,000, and to the stock of the other tenants at \$3,000.

DAMAGE AT RED WING, MINN. RED WING, MINN., March 5.—The Diamond and Iron Mills, located with two warehouses, all belonging to the Red Wing Mill Company, were destroyed by fire yesterday. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000, insurance about \$150,000, principally in the Diamond and Iron Mills. The origin of the fire is unknown.

LOSSES IN VARIOUS PLACES. LAWRENCE, MASS., March 5.—Evan's Artificial Leather Company's manufactory at Salem, N. H., was destroyed by fire last evening. The fire originated in the boiler room. The loss on the building, machinery and stock is \$40,000.

ROME, GA., March 5.—The barge Venus, towed by the tug Hercules, on the Coosa River, caught fire on Sunday evening. She was loaded with 100 bales of cotton, all of which were destroyed. The tug Hercules, which was towing the Venus was forty miles below Rome and near Blakemoore's Landing at the time.

A NILSSON CONCERT GIVEN UP. (BY TELEGRAPH.) BUFFALO, N. Y., March 5.—Musical circles here are greatly excited over the failure of the Nilsson concert, owing to the light sale of seats. Manager Albey was here on Saturday and Sunday, and went to New York last night. Up to 10 o'clock the receipts were about \$1,200, and he then expressed fears that the enterprise would prove a failure. He telegraphed from New York this morning to ascertain the extent of the sale. The answer was sent that only \$1,300 had been received. Mr. Albey then ordered the engagement cancelled, and the money refunded. Mrs. Nilsson shed tears over the failure. Naturally she concluded that the people of Buffalo did not care to hear her. She was assured by those acquainted with the situation that she had hosts of admirers here, and that the reasons for the failure were of another kind. In the first place, the program was opposed to the fancy prices which most of the concert managers charge. 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