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TAXES WILL BE REDUCED

Conference Agreement on the Measure.

IT PASSES THE SENATE

Compromise on Tobacco and House Rate on Beer.

NO TAX ON MESSAGES AND CHECKS

Bucket Shop Provision Stands-Total Reduction Amounts to \$41,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 28.-The conferees of the senate and the house have agreed on the war revenue reduction bill. The report was adopted by the senate without objection. The changes in the present law are as follows: Tobacco-Twenty per cent discount of the original tax of 12 cents per pound, as against 25 per cent reduction as fixed by the senate and none as fixed by the existing law. Cigars-On those weighing more than three pounds per 1,000, the house rate of \$3 per 1,000 was retained, as against \$3.20 as fixed by the senate and \$3.00 as in the present law. On those weighing less than three pounds per 1,000, the senate rate of 18 cents per pound is allowed to stand against the rate of 21 per 1,000 as fixed by the existing law, which was not disturbed by the house. Cigarettes-On those weighing not more than three pounds per 1,000, the senate rate of 18 cents per pound prevailed. The house did not change the existing law. Beer-The house rate of \$1.00 per barrel and repealing the 7 1/2 per cent discount is retained. Bankers' Capital-The present law is retained, the senate receding from its amendment. Commercial Brokers' Tax-Repealed in accordance with original act in both houses. Certificate of Stock Transfers-The rate of 2 cents for each \$100 is retained, and the senate amendment making the law include the transactions of bucket shops is accepted. Sales of Products at Exchanges-The senate amendment exempting sales of merchandise in actual course of transportation is accepted. The rate of 1 cent for each \$100 fixed by the present law is retained, the senate amendment making the rate 2 cents being disagreed to. Bank Checks-Repealed in accordance with the house action. Certificates of Deposit-Tax repealed. Promissory Notes-Tax repealed. Money Orders-Tax repealed. Bills of Exchange-Tax repealed. The rate fixed at 2 cents for each \$100, in accordance with the senate amendment. Bills of Lading for Export-Repealed. Express Receipts-Repealed. Telephone Messages-Repealed. Miscellaneous Bonds-Tax repealed, except upon bonds of indemnity. Certificates of Deposit-Tax repealed. Otherwise Specified-Repealed. Charter Party-Repealed. Conveyance-Exempted below \$2,500; above \$2,500, 25 cents for each \$500, in accordance with senate action. Telegraph Messages-Tax repealed. Insurance-Tax repealed on all kinds of insurance in accordance with action of the house, the senate conferees receding on all senate amendments. Leases-Tax repealed. Mortgages-Tax repealed. Steamship Passage Tickets-Exempted below \$50 in value, and the rate fixed at 50 cents for each \$50 in cost for that price and over. Power of Attorney-Tax repealed. Protest-Tax repealed. Warehouse Receipts-Tax repealed. Proprietary Medicines-Tax repealed in accordance with house action, the senate being disagreed to. Perfumery and Cosmetics-Tax repealed. Chewing Gum-Tax repealed. Taxation-Law modified so as to exclude from taxation legacies of charitable, religious, literary or educational character. Total Reduction. The total reduction of the revenues as made by the bill as agreed upon will amount to about \$41,000,000 as against a reduction of \$36,000,000 as it passed the house and \$45,000,000 as amended in the senate. The provision of the bill will take effect on the first of next July.

McKinley May Veto Spooner Resolution.

HIS HANDS ARE TIED

Hoar Amending He Regards as Decidedly Obnoxious.

CLASSES PHILIPPINES WITH CUBA

It Will Encourage the Filipinos to Keep Up Resistance-Scheme of His Enemies.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Fox Building, Washington. Washington, Feb. 28.-The New York Tribune this morning prints this dispatch from its usually well-informed Washington correspondent: The administration views with extreme disfavor the action of the senate in acquiescing in the insidious attempt to tie the president's hands in the pacification and development through the Hoar amendment to the Spooner clause of the army bill that the Philippines be placed in the same category with Cuba, so far as franchises are concerned, would be fraught with the gravest national dangers. The Hoar proposition, it is declared, proposes for the archipelago, under American sovereignty, the same restrictions that the Foraker amendment proposed with regard to an island over which American sovereignty was not to be extended. This uniformity of political treatment, it is held, could not fail to convince the rebellious Filipinos that their future status was not regarded by congress as unlike that of Cuba, which the United States has promised to make free and independent. Beyond the political effect which it is believed the Hoar plan must have in the Philippines, its possible commercial and industrial results are also greatly to be deplored. Administration officials contend that the antagonists of the president in the senate have skillfully drawn the amendment with other purposes than to keep the rebellion going by encouraging the rebels to believe that there is still a strong disposition in this country to give them a measure of autonomy approximating Cuban independence as limited by the Platt resolution. It is being urged that the president will not hesitate to veto the bill if the obnoxious feature is modified. The purpose of the general aversion to an extra session. No doubt is expressed of the prompt passage by both houses of the revenue reduction bill in the form it came from conference this morning. The house has won a distinct triumph, although on the most vicious feature of the bill as it passed the senate, the conferees of that body have succeeded in having four-fifths their way. This is the tax on tobacco and snuff, which was made 12 cents a pound under the war revenue act. At that rate it yielded last year \$35,000,000. The senate made a reduction of 25 per cent in the rate, and the conferees favored no change. The conference report is for a 20 per cent reduction, but with no change in the size of the package. That which was originally proposed for 5 cents will remain at the 3 1/2 cent size according to the ways and means committee. The house conference objected not so much to a reduction in this tax as to the form in which it was made, and previously throwing the benefit into the pockets of the trust instead of relieving the consumer. But this was the one point on which the senate conferees were obdurate. The house conferees yielded the principle for which they at first contended as to the right of the senate to amend a revenue bill, and they yielded the tobacco tax; in other respects they have won a notable triumph. This law will go into effect July 1 instead of upon its passage, as originally proposed. It was found that the business interests involved could make better calculations by knowing a few months in advance what was to be the law. The bucket shop tax goes into effect the first of April. The oleomargarine bill is doomed for this congress. Representative Tammey, who has been its strongest supporter, acknowledges this, but he says that in another congress it will be taken up early enough to insure favorable action in the senate. The house republicans, from all appearances, will take no part in the discussion on the Louisiana exhibition bill to-day agreed on the amendment to close the gates on Sunday, and disagreed to the appropriation for the Chicago Exposition. The house conferees will go back to the house later in the day for instructions. The senate amendment to the St. Louis exposition bill providing for Sunday closing is so loosely drawn as to raise a question whether it can be enforced. The section orders the "board of directors" to keep "the fair" closed on Sundays. There is no board of directors and the exposition is not known as a "fair"; and no penalty clause is attached. It is predicted that under the section as it now stands, the fair can be kept open.



Under Admiral Sampson Our Gunners May Yet Acquire the Social Graces Necessary to Meeting Representatives of Foreign Powers Politely.

THAT ST. P. & D. DEAL

A Thorough Investigation Called For in the Legislature.

JOINT RESOLUTION IS OFFERED

Mr. Jacobson Its Author-Some Peculiar Complications May Arise.

The absorption of the St. Paul & Duluth by the Northern Pacific was investigated by the legislature. Representative Jacobson, on the morning of the 27th, introduced a joint resolution calling for a joint committee to consider remedies the state may use to protect the interests of the people from the effects of the consolidation. Mr. Jacobson, when asked for a statement after adjournment this morning, said: The question of interest in the effect this consolidation, if allowed to stand, will have on freight rates. This independent outlet has been absorbed by one of its old competitors, the Northern Pacific, and when the friendly relations now known to exist between the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, which owns one of the other outlets between the twin cities and Duluth, are considered, it is apparent that there is only one outlet, as far as competition is concerned, where there were formerly three. The possible consequences are of such grave import, that if there is still a remedy in existence it should be utilized and applied in the most effective manner. Laid on the Table. The resolution was laid on the table until to-morrow at Mr. Jacobson's request. Some interesting facts may come to light if the findings of the railroad and warehouse commission prove true. If the two roads in question were competing or parallel lines of railway within the statutory inhibition against consolidation, the question that arises is: Was the action of the governor illegal in allowing the consolidation to take place? Possible Complications. It is reported that the old corporation of the St. Paul & Duluth company has dissolved and gone out of existence. If that be true, said Mr. Jacobson, the consolidation and the operation of the St. Paul & Duluth company is either unable, owing to the dissolution, or unwilling, if alive, to operate its road in accordance with its charter. The attorney general can commence an action to take possession of the road in the name of the state, and the state can either operate it or dispose of it to be run as an independent line, with the usual restrictions governing other roads. The Resolution. By the terms of the Jacobson resolution, the joint committee is to report to the legislature its findings by a bill or otherwise. The resolution is in substance as follows: Whereas, The Northern Pacific Railway company and the St. Paul & Duluth Railway company have for a number of years been the owners of and operated separate, independent, parallel and competing railways between St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth; and Whereas, On June 15, 1900, the said St. Paul & Duluth company sold and conveyed to the said Northern Pacific all of its yards, depots, side tracks, terminals, stations, rolling stock and other property for \$2,795,824.61; and R. R. Commission's Findings. Whereas, The board of railroad and warehouse commissioners did on June 29, 1900, after a thorough investigation, find among other facts and conclusions of law: That prior to June 15, 1900, the Northern Pacific and the St. Paul & Duluth operated competing lines of railway from Duluth to St. Paul and Minneapolis, and from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Duluth, and from Duluth to Carlton, and from Carlton to St. Paul and Minneapolis. That the said lines are substantially parallel, as the same extend from Duluth to St. Paul and Minneapolis. That on June 15 the said St. Paul & Duluth sold the said Northern Pacific all of its properties of whatever nature, whether real or personal, and whether then acquired or thereafter to be acquired, in consideration of

FIRE IN THE STREET

Half a Block of Pavement Is All Ablaze in Chicago.

CAR WRECKS AN OIL TANK WAGON

Another Car Sets Fire to the Oil Car Is Burned to the Wheels.

Chicago, Feb. 28.-Half a block of pavement in Halsted street was on fire to-day. A street car was burned and property along the street was damaged. An oil tank wagon was wrecked by a trolley car, and the oil flooded the pavement. Another electric car came along and a spark ignited the fluid. The first car was burned to the wheels, but the other escaped. The flames spread to a store at 3445 Halsted street where the woodwork was burned and plate glass windows were smashed.

SCHWAB THE HEAD

He Will Be President of the United States Steel Corporation.

FRICK HAS NOT TIME FOR IT

Gary the Chairman of the Executive Committee and Lovejoy the Secretary.

New York, Feb. 28.-A news association of this city says to-day: It is practically settled that President Schwab of the Carnegie Steel company will be the president of the United States Steel corporation, and there is semi-official authority that Elbert H. Gary, president of the Federal Steel company, will be the chairman of the executive committee. Until to-day it was generally believed that H. C. Frick would be at the head of the corporation, but Mr. Frick has notified his other interests and will not allow him to give sufficient time to the duties of that position. It appears to be settled that P. T. F. Lovejoy of the Carnegie company will be secretary of the combined company. ENGINEERS MAY WIN Passenger Lines May Leave the Carrier's Association. Cleveland, Feb. 28.-Telegrams received at the local headquarters of the Marine Engineers Association to-day from lake ports indicate that the strike order issued yesterday by National President Uhler will be obeyed. Some of the more conservative and influential vesselmen intimate that the strike will soon be compromised. Officials of passenger boat lines declare that they will make every effort to start their steamers just as soon as the law permits. It is intimated that if they cannot secure non-union men they will withdraw from the Lake Carriers Association and comply with the demand of the engineers. It is said an effort is being made to get the Vessel Masters association to cooperate with the engineers in the strike. DELIVERY IN TOWNS Provision Stays in the Postoffice Bill-House Rejects. Washington, Feb. 28.-In the house to-day, Mr. Loud presented a complete conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill. He explained that the most important amendment agreed upon in conference was that providing for experiments in mail delivery in towns and cities not having free delivery or rural free delivery service. The amendment directing the postmaster-general to report upon the feasibility of a government postal telegraph and telephone system had been accepted to avoid complications in the closing hours of the session. The conference report on the postoffice appropriation was, however, rejected and sent back to conference.

GEN. BOTHA SURRENDERED?

British Papers Print Official Announcement That General Botha Has Given Up to General Kitchener.

The War Office Denies That It Has Any Confirmation of the Report of the Surrender.

London, Feb. 28.-The Sun says it is officially announced that General Botha, the commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, has surrendered to General Kitchener. The war office at 2:30 p. m. had no confirmation of the reported surrender of General Botha. London, Feb. 28.-The Pall Mall Gazette credits the news of General Botha's surrender, but a representative of the Associated Press learns that neither the foreign office nor the colonial office has any information confirming the report. London, Feb. 28, 6:23 p. m.-The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, announced in the house of commons this afternoon that he had no official information of the surrender of General Botha. Manchester, England, Feb. 28.-The Evening Mail says General Botha formally surrendered to General Kitchener shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

EVARTS IS NO MORE GET A GRIP ON ENGLAND

Distinguished Lawyer Dies at His Home in New York.

PNEUMONIA THE DIRECT CAUSE

He Has Been Feeble and Practically Blind for Several Years.

New York, Feb. 28.-William M. Evarts died at his home in this city to-day. The cause of death was pneumonia. Soon after 4 o'clock this morning Mr. Evarts suffered a relapse. He became unconscious at 6 o'clock, and breathed his last at ten minutes after 9 o'clock. His wife and his children were with him. The sons are Allan, Sherman, Rev. D. Prescott and Maxwell Evarts, and the daughters are Miss Mary Evarts, Mrs. Beaman, Mrs. Tweed and Mrs. Scudder. Mr. Evarts was 83 years old. For several years past he had been without the use of his eyes, and he was otherwise so feeble that he was unable to leave his home. He was the nominal head of the law firm of Evarts, Choate & Beaman, although for many years he had not been in active practice. Mr. Evarts was secretary of state in President Hayes' cabinet, and he was in the United States senate from 1885 to 1891. He took part in numerous political cases, and frequently represented the government in international contests. HAULS HER HOME Gallant Student Takes the Horse's Place in the Sleigh. New York Sun Special Service Chicago, Feb. 28.-E. Springer, a student at Northwestern university, is kept busy explaining a sleigh ride he took with a co-ed Tuesday night. All went well until they tried to turn a circle on the ice. The sleigh was upset, and Springer said things to himself. The horse stood patiently while the driver tried to fix the broken rigging. Falling in this, the gallant young man tied the animal to the back of the cutter, attached the traces to the back end of the outfit, grabbed the other ends firmly and started back over the long three miles to town. The company reached Evanston at midnight, all in good condition except Springer. ARMED MEN ON GUARD Factional Fight for Control of Mining and Navigation Interests. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 28.-Armed men are on guard at the Leary coal mines, but so far no trouble has occurred. It is claimed that the long three miles to town in order to meet any attempt of the Guerin faction to get possession of the mines. This is the result of litigation between W. F. Guerin and John Leary over the control of the Seattle & San Francisco Railway & Navigation company. The superior court yesterday rendered a decision in favor of Guerin and Leary has appealed. BULL PUPS LEFT BEHIND Father-in-Law Zimmerman Refused to Pay for Them. New York, Feb. 28.-When the Duke of Manchester sailed for England, says the Times, he left behind his two terriers. A friend of the dogs' former owner said: Mr. Kelly, of Boston, sold the terriers to the duke last year. Manchester promised to pay \$1,500 for the pair. He did not pay. So, when Kelly heard the duke was to sail he came to New York. The duke said he had not the money. His father-in-law refused to pay the bill, so the duke had to let Kelly take the dogs. WOULD'NT EAT THE PIE New Husband and Wife Are in Divorce Court. New York Sun Special Service Cleveland, Feb. 28.-In the divorce suit of Mrs. Carrie J. Schlaudecker against Gasimer X. Schlaudecker, the mother of the plaintiff testified that the first family quarrel dated from the refusal of the husband to eat so much of his time that he could not attend to the mayoralty.

SUNDAY CLOSING STANDS

ST. LOUIS FAIR CONFEREES AGREE

But They Disagree on the Appropriation for the Charleston Exposition.

Special to The Journal. Washington, Feb. 28.-The conferees on the Louisiana exhibition bill to-day agreed on the amendment to close the gates on Sunday, and disagreed to the appropriation for the Chicago Exposition. The house conferees will go back to the house later in the day for instructions. The senate amendment to the St. Louis exposition bill providing for Sunday closing is so loosely drawn as to raise a question whether it can be enforced. The section orders the "board of directors" to keep "the fair" closed on Sundays. There is no board of directors and the exposition is not known as a "fair"; and no penalty clause is attached. It is predicted that under the section as it now stands, the fair can be kept open.

NO MORE ASSISTANTS

Wis. Assembly Kills the Bill for Relief of Mr. Adams' Department.

Special to The Journal. Madison, Wis., Feb. 28.-The bill to give H. C. Adams, dairy and food commissioner, two more assistants, was defeated in the assembly to-day by a close vote after a lively discussion. Its defeat being secured by a motion to strike out the enacting clause. The bill increasing the salaries of supreme court justices to \$6,000 and circuit court judges to \$4,000, was ordered to engrossment and third reading in the senate. The assembly killed the bicycle side path bill with little ceremony. Thirty-eight petitions were received in favor of the primary election. It bill and three against, the latter from constituents of Senator Harris. Last evening the legislators and the governor attended the reception of the faculty of the college of engineering to exhibit the new building.

SPANISH CLAIMS COMMISSION

Senate Agrees to the Conference Report-Other Bills.

Washington, Feb. 28.-A number of conference reports were agreed to by the senate to-day, including those on the military academy appropriation bill and the bill creating a commission for the adjudication of Spanish war claims. The senate also agreed to the conference report on the bill to amend the act to provide for the construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama. The senate also agreed to the conference report on the bill to amend the act to provide for the construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama. The senate also agreed to the conference report on the bill to amend the act to provide for the construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama.

ATTACKED BY JEALOUS RIVAL

Bridgeman Stabbed, Bride Driven From Home and the House Set Afire.

New York Sun Special Service East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 28.-Edward Moore, living on the Old Cahokia road, two miles south of this city, was probably fatally stabbed late last night, his wife was beaten and driven from home, and his house was nearly destroyed by fire. Moore says the attack was due to a jealous rival. Moore says the attacking party was composed of three women and one man. They visited the house three hours after the marriage ceremony had been performed. The women, he says, attacked Mrs. Moore, pulled her hair and tried to set fire to her night dress. She escaped and ran six blocks to a neighbor's until she could be released without promising not to do any smashing. Mrs. Nation's last day was full of incidents. She had a row with W. A. Brubaker, who was associated with her in editing the Journal. According to Mrs. Nation's version, Brubaker destroyed much of the best "copy" she had prepared. Mrs. Nation visited the Great Western distillery and implored the manager, Peter Casey, to "tear down all this devil's shop."

BACK TO JAIL

Mrs. Nation Has a Row and Visits a Distillery.

New York Sun Special Service Peoria, Ill., Feb. 28.-Mrs. Nation has gone to Topeka to resume her life in jail. She visited the house three hours after the marriage ceremony had been performed. The women, he says, attacked Mrs. Moore, pulled her hair and tried to set fire to her night dress. She escaped and ran six blocks to a neighbor's until she could be released without promising not to do any smashing. Mrs. Nation's last day was full of incidents. She had a row with W. A. Brubaker, who was associated with her in editing the Journal. According to Mrs. Nation's version, Brubaker destroyed much of the best "copy" she had prepared. Mrs. Nation visited the Great Western distillery and implored the manager, Peter Casey, to "tear down all this devil's shop."

SCHOOLBOYS FIGHT

Council Bluffs Boys Use Flats Over a Sweetheart.

New York Sun Special Service Omaha, Neb., Feb. 28.-Two students of the Council Bluffs district school went to the rooms of the Owl Club last evening and fought a most desperate battle in seven bloody rounds. The contest was between Robert Mitchell and Earl Warner. The result of a dispute over a sweetheart. Both were knocked down repeatedly. As they rushed the matter in the seventh round, Warner ducked and his head butted against Mitchell's stomach, laying him out. This ended the fight.

MAYOR WILL DEAL

Utah Official Resigns to Work in a Fargo Bank.

New York Sun Special Service Eureka, Utah, Feb. 28.-Irwin H. Spiggs, mayor of Eureka, is resigning his office to accept the position of dealer of a Fargo bank. Spiggs thought the Fargo bank would occupy so much of his time that he could not attend to the mayoralty.