

RETALIATORY TAX INDORSED BY TAFT Favors Proposed Amendment to the Payne Bill.

GIVES POWER TO PRESIDENT

Substitute Clause Framed by Senator Aldrich Would Empower Executive to Substitute Maximum for Minimum Rates in Case of Discrimination Against the United States.

Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee have adopted a proposed amendment to the Payne tariff bill which is intended to afford greater elasticity in the application and enforcement of the maximum and minimum provision of the House measure.

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed over the arrangement proposed by the Payne bill for applying maximum or minimum rates of duty to articles imported into the United States.

The amendment of the Republican members drawn by Senator Aldrich, which is in connection with the criticism of the House provision, the favorable reception given to it by the few in high quarters who have been made acquainted with its terms indicates that it is likely to be accepted by both branches.

In the House tariff bill the minimum rates of duty prescribed are to be applied to the products of all countries for sixty days and applied thereafter to the products of American countries as to those of other countries which are accorded the most favorable treatment in tariff matters.

Provides Retaliatory Schedule.

Countries failing to accord "most favored nation" tariff privileges to the products of the United States will be obliged to pay the maximum rates of duty prescribed in the House bill. In criticism of this provision it has been maintained that it affords no discretion to the administrative authorities of the United States to make exceptions in favor of any country not according to the United States the most favored nation tariff privileges.

This provision, as it stands in the House measure, might lead, it is contended, to a tariff war with some foreign nations which, for perfectly justifiable reasons, are unable to comply with all the provisions of the House bill, though willing to accord every privilege possible to dutiable products from the United States.

Some of the European countries, by reason of peculiar industrial conditions, due to geographical proximity or other cause, have reciprocal tariff arrangements that might be broken out of kilter, it is held, if extended to include the United States. It is contended that to ask these countries to apply all the benefits of the United States would be going too far. Failure to do so would, under the terms of the Payne bill, compel this government to apply its schedules of maximum duties to the products of the foreign countries in question, and not only defeat in large measure the downward revision principle of the American tariff act, but rob American exporters of the benefits of the minimum rates accorded to their own goods.

At discretion of President. The proposed substitute of the Senate Republicans is to provide that the minimum rates of duty prescribed in the forthcoming tariff law shall go into effect immediately with reference to the products of foreign countries, and shall continue in effect for a period of ten months or one year.

During this prescribed period the President is to satisfy himself whether most favored nation treatment in tariff matters is accorded to the United States by foreign countries.

This provision leaves it to the discretion of the President to determine whether discrimination exists, and does not bind him hard and fast, as the House bill does, to apply the maximum rates of duty to products of any country which, through some peculiar arrangement, may give one of its neighbors preferential rates in certain instances, although giving to the United States the same tariff benefits as are accorded to other nations regarded as receiving favored treatment.

One objection urged to this proposed amendment is that it seeks to delegate legislative authority to the Executive and would therefore be declared null and void. But those who have used this argument with President Taft have found him fully prepared to refute them, for when Mr. Taft was Solicitor General of the United States he appeared before the United States Supreme Court for the Federal government in opposition to a similar contention against the validity of a provision of practically the same import in the then tariff law.

President Taft laid down the rule that the conferring of authority on the Executive to apply punitive tariff rates was not a delegation of legislative power, but a mere delegation of administrative authority.

President Approves Amendment. President Taft has expressed approval of the Aldrich substitute for the House bill provision. He regards it as more elastic and, therefore, more feasible. With his sanction of the amendment, its chance of enactment into law is regarded as excellent.

In the proposal of the Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee, acting on the suggestion of Chairman Aldrich, to create some sort of a tariff bureau, the intent is not to create any extra department of the government which will require the appointment of an additional set of officials and employees, but the utilization in a more effective way of the machinery of existing bureaus which have to do with collecting information affecting trade and commerce.

Whether several bureaus should be amalgamated has not been determined by those who are framing the proposed provision.

Under the proposed discretionary power to be vested in the President to determine whether maximum or minimum tariff rates shall be applied to the products of any foreign country, this tariff bureau, or clearing house of tariff information, or whatever it may be, would be used to

gather the information upon which the President would act. There is no intention on the part of the Republican members of the Finance Committee to indorse the project for a permanent tariff commission which shall advise Congress when and how to make changes in tariff schedules.

President Taft is represented to be of the opinion that much revenue has been lost to the United States in the past through starting undervaluations of foreign importations.

He is hopeful, it was said yesterday, that this condition will be corrected by a provision determining valuations contained in the House tariff bill. Objection has been urged that this provision will defeat the purpose at which it aims, but Mr. Taft does not see it that way, and is understood to regard it as able to meet the exigencies of the case.

TARIFF HEARINGS SECRET. Bacon Resolution to Give Democrats Part Is Tabled. At a meeting of the Senate Finance Committee yesterday, it was decided that no action would be taken by the committee on the resolution of Senator Bacon, of Georgia, which was referred Thursday to the committee by the Senate.

This resolution was offered in the Senate Monday, and was the basis for the attack made Thursday by the Democrats in the fight to prevent the Republicans from holding hearings on the tariff bill before allowing the Democrats to be present to cross-examine the witnesses.

It is designed to compel the members of the subcommittees, composed exclusively of Republicans, preparing the tariff bill to admit to their deliberations Democratic members of the committee, if further hearings are to be held and if witnesses are to be examined.

It was decided by the committee that no notice be given of the hearing, and that information gathered by the subcommittee from experts shall be for private use of the members, and shall not be published. This decision is satisfactory to the Democratic members, who contend that if the information, which they contend should contain both sides of the tariff question and should not be ex parte.

"JOKER" IN THE CENSUS BILL Senators Declare It Will Defeat Civil Service Clause. Bill Said to Permit Appointment of Applicants Best Available Without Examination.

"Jokers" in legislation now before Congress are not all found in the tariff bill, as members of the Senate Committee on Census are correct in their interpretation of some of the provisions of the census measure. When the committee gathered around the long table in Senator La Follette's room yesterday Senator Rogers pointed out with some show of fight what he regarded as cunningly framed provisions calculated to nullify the outward manifestations of submission to the civil service rules which the bill contains.

Had Congress not gotten into a difficulty with President Roosevelt over a proposed amendment to the civil service law making appointments for the work of census-taking, there would have been no appropriation last session. Congress wanted those appointments, especially that portion of it which comes up for re-election in 1909. So the members insisted upon ignoring the civil service law and the bill got a veto at the White House.

Now the House has sent to the Senate another bill, which goes to a new committee. Upon the committee are some Senators, such as La Follette, of Wisconsin, and Cummings, of Iowa, who yesterday showed disposition to scrutinize the bill rather sharply. Under the civil service the appointment of some 2,000 clerks would be apportioned among States which have not already their full quota of employees now serving the government.

Some Senators hold that, as drawn by the House, the bill not only permits the re-employment of clerks who were engaged upon the former census without the ceremony of a re-examination; that in case of emergency the bill permits the appointment of the applicants best available, which they believe would mean "on the spot," and that, in trying to exempt messengers and some other minor employees, the House has really thrown them under a more strict examination than that provided for clerks.

Wall of Yale Buildings Crumbling. New Haven, April 2.—The walls of some Yale buildings are slowly crumbling and unless attended to will be unsafe in three years, said an expert on stone brought from New York to-day to inspect the buildings. The expert said that dampness was the cause of the stone rotting. He has advised that the buildings be waterproofed. Treasurer McClung said this would be done.

Oil Fight Opens in Texas. Port Arthur, Tex., April 2.—The Texas Company, the oil producing and refining concern which is controlled by John W. Gates, has inaugurated a strong fight for control of the bulk of the refined oil made in this State, by cutting prices of petroleum and gasoline.

Gives Aeroplane a Trial. Red Bank, N. J., April 2.—With an aeroplane his own design, Charles Hendrickson, after several trials, and in a light breeze, flew about a hundred feet to-day at Middletown, a few miles from here. The flight was made under discouraging conditions.

No Reward for Crazy Snake. Guthrie, Okla., April 2.—Gov. Haskell stated to-night that no reward will be offered for the capture of Crazy Snake, believing such action would be to encourage armed bands of irresponsible parties to create further alarm and trouble.

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NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Further Details of Dedication Parade Are Made.

POLICE TO PLAY BALL GAME

The Nine is the First in the History of the City—High School Girls Will Have a Holiday—President Taft Declines an Invitation of the Local Daughters of American Revolution.

Alexandria News Agency, 822 King Street, Alexandria, Va., authorized agents and carriers for The Washington Herald. The Herald will be delivered daily and Sunday to any address in Alexandria for 30 cents a month.

Alexandria, April 2.—The majority of the committees that will have the work of arranging for the parade to be held April 30, in connection with the dedication of George Washington Park, have arranged for meetings during the coming week for the purpose of formulating and outlining plans for the work which will have to be done from now on until the time set for the parade.

The committees from the five engine companies will meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning in the rooms of the chamber of commerce. They are as follows: Relief hook and ladder, John M. Webster, chairman; William Cleveland, E. Stewart Smith; Reliance, J. S. Douglas, chairman; A. D. Grimes, captain; C. M. Schwab; Columbia, C. J. W. Summers, chairman; Leadbeater, Charles W. Duffery; Friendship Veterans' Association, P. M. Bradshaw, Herman Friedlander, M. R. Norris, Charles M. Griffin, James A. Javins.

The military committee was arranged for a meeting Monday night in Armory Hall. The committee is as follows: Maj. James E. King, chairman; Capt. Albert Bryan, Capt. W. M. King, Jr., Capt. P. J. Murphy, Lieut. W. W. Demaine, Lieut. R. H. C. Beverly, Capt. F. L. Slaymaker, Capt. R. H. Atkinson, Lieut. C. H. May, T. B. Cochran, M. J. Greene, S. L. Monroe, Wallace Lindsay, Arthur Herbert, Jr., Charles D. Barrett, R. C. Acton, and G. W. Bontz.

Alexandria policemen are going to test their athletic qualities on the diamond to-morrow afternoon at "Colosseum," where they will play a practice game prior to getting in trim for a game with a team at Fairfax Court House next week. Six "coopers," with Chief Goss as captain, at the present time constitute the baseball aggregation of the police force. The nine will be completed with the addition of three outsiders. Considerable enthusiasm is being manifested in the police team, as this will mark the first time in the history of the force that it has had a baseball nine.

The girls now occupying the Lee School Building, King and Alfred streets, will be transferred to the new building in Prince street during the coming week. A contract for the removal of the effects has been awarded to J. W. Deavers. During the removal the girls will be given a holiday. Gustavus Robey has been selected as janitor of the new school.

Charles Rush, about thirty-two years old, died this afternoon at his home, 1512 Duke street, following an illness of typhoid fever. Mr. Rush is survived by his wife and two children. He was formerly employed in the freight office of the Washington-Southern Railway Company. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Mr. Marie Travers, wife of Robert S. Travers, died shortly before noon to-day in her home, 519 Queen street. She had been ill a long time with blood poisoning. Mrs. Travers was fifty-three years old. Besides her husband, she is survived by the following children: Mrs. May Jones, John R. Travers, and Charles W. Travers. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from her late home.

President Taft has declined an invitation of Mount Vernon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to attend the unveiling of the tablet containing the names of those who served as pallbearers at Washington's funeral, which will take place at Christ Episcopal Church April 2.

Seminole Tribe, No. 35, Improved Order of Red Men, gave its first annual banquet to-night at the Hotel Rammel, which was largely attended. Toasts were responded to by the following members of the lodge: W. S. Nicklin, Robert S. Barrett, H. Noel Garner, and L. P. Woodward. Several other members of the order made brief addresses.

C. J. Cummings has purchased from the Alexandria Brick Company a house and lot, 822 North Columbus street.

At a meeting of Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows, held to-night, the initiatory degree of the order was conferred upon several candidates.

Marlowe to Support Sothorn. New York, April 2.—Edward H. Sothorn and Miss Julia Marlowe have decided to resume their partnership, which was broken at the end of the season in 1907. These two great artists will appear together on the same stage in three, possibly four, Shakespearean dramas, supported by players drawn from their present separate companies.

Detroit Store Burns. Detroit, April 2.—Fire which was discovered at 11:30 o'clock to-night on the second floor of Heyn's Bazaar, 140 Woodward avenue, in the heart of the retail district, destroyed the great department store under control. No definite estimate of the losses can be given at this hour, but it will easily reach \$200,000.

SAGE FOUNDATION WORK IS OUTLINED

Plan Is to Improve Social and Living Conditions.

NO INDIVIDUAL AID GIVEN

Writer of Article in the Survey Is Mr. De Forest, Chief Adviser to Mrs. Sage, and One of the Trustees of Fund—Partaking in the War on Tuberculosis.

New York, April 2.—Robert W. De Forest tells in detail in the current issue of the Survey what has been done by the Russell Sage Foundation since Mrs. Sage established it by a gift of \$10,000,000 in 1907.

Because of the general terms of the gift many have been interested to know how the trustees of the foundation would undertake the improvement for social and living conditions in this country. That is shown for the first time in Mr. De Forest's article, the writer being not only a trustee of the foundation, but Mrs. Sage's chief adviser in charities. The trustees were early obliged to exclude application for individual or family need, for higher education, and for church aid.

"The initial work of the foundation," says Mr. De Forest, "has been largely in the line of co-operation with other efforts, corporate and individual."

Divided into Groups. Mr. De Forest groups the early activities of the foundation roughly under these heads: "First—Educational propagandist movements directed toward ends clearly within the purposes of the foundation and as to which there could be doubt of the expediency of action.

"Second—Research relating to lines of effort in which action might be expedient, but in which other expediency of action or the particular direction of action should be predicated on greater knowledge. Research, too, in the ascertainment and record of facts useful and necessary to direct future action.

"Third—Direct action, either in aid of propagandist movement or of results of research likely to be of general utility. "Fourth—Aid to corporate or individual effort of others.

One of the first of the propagandist movements which the foundation took up was that for the prevention of tuberculosis.

Stirs Others to Effort. "The foundation," says Mr. De Forest, "provided the means whereby a very successful campaign has been instituted in the State through the State Charities Aid Association, which through its county organization was able most effectively to reach the State at large. The result of this campaign has been that more than \$1,000,000 has been appropriated by municipalities, counties, and individuals for tuberculosis hospitals, dispensaries, and other agencies."

The foundation contributed to the international congress at Washington. It also paid part of the expense of the recent tuberculosis exhibition in New York.

Former Actor Entertains with a Lecture on Russia. In the presence of a capacity audience at the Columbia, yesterday afternoon Fred Niblo repeated his delightful travesty on Russia. The resources and the capabilities of the vast domain of the Czar were dwelt upon at length, and although he mentioned Siberia several times during the course of the lecture, he did not show any views of this dreaded country.

It was disappointing to some, who think that a lecture on Russia without views of Siberia is incomplete. But Mr. Niblo more than overcame this deficiency by his splendid talk on the Russia of Europe.

It may be mentioned that the performance as an actor has admirably fitted him for the lecture platform. His presence, a well-modulated voice, a keen sense of humor, and his ability to weave into the lecture the incidental interruptions that beset every lecture stand him in good stead in his new field of endeavor.

Weather Conditions. U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, April 2, 1909. During today there were local rains in the Middle Atlantic States, the Lake region, the Ohio, the Upper Mississippi and Wisconsin valleys. In the South Atlantic States showers Friday night were followed by fair weather Friday; elsewhere fair weather prevailed.

It is somewhat cooler in the Middle Atlantic States and considerably warmer in the Missouri and Arkansas valleys and the southern States. Unsettled weather, with occasional showers, will continue Saturday and probably Sunday in the Middle Atlantic States, New England, and the Eastern U. S. In the Upper Lake and Western U. S. Lower Lake regions and the Upper Ohio Valley showers Saturday will be followed by generally fair weather on Sunday. In the Northern Upper Lake region the precipitation Saturday may be in the form of snow. Over the remainder of the country the weather will be generally clear Saturday and Sunday. Temperature change as a rule, will not be decided.

The winds along the New England coast will be moderate and variable, possibly becoming brisk over the extreme northern portion; on the Middle Atlantic coast moderate northerly, becoming variable on the South Atlantic coast. Light to moderate westerly, becoming variable; on the Gulf coast light to moderate southerly; on Lake Michigan southerly, shifting to northerly. Steamers departing Saturday for European ports will have moderate variable winds, except possibly that of the New England coast, with showers, to the Grand Banks.

Local Temperature. Midnight, 50; 2 a. m., 48; 4 a. m., 45; 6 a. m., 47; 8 a. m., 48; 10 a. m., 51; 12 noon, 56; 2 p. m., 61; 4 p. m., 57; 6 p. m., 51; 8 p. m., 45; 10 p. m., 45. Relative humidity—8 a. m., 63; 2 p. m., 53; 8 p. m., 70. Rainfall (8 p. m. to 9 p. m.), 1. Hours of sunshine, 12.4. Total cloudiness, 10.8. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 63; minimum, 38.

Temperatures in Other Cities. Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 3 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

Table with columns: City, Max., Min., 5 p. m., Rainfall. Includes cities like Asheville, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Galveston, Hartford, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Omaha, Philadelphia, Portland, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Springfield, Syracuse, Tacoma, Vancouver, Victoria.

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AMUSEMENTS. BELASCO NEXT WEEK—Seats Selling For the Greatest Play of the Times. Sam S. and Lee Shubert (Inc.) Present JOHN MASON In Augustus Thomas' Masterpiece. One Year at the Hackett Theater, New York, The WITCHING HOUR "Greatest play of the season."—Boston Globe. "Greatest Drama of the century."—New York Tribune. ORIGINAL NEW YORK CAST AND PRODUCTION. Telephone Orders Suspended.

ACT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL. Young Men of Hamline Church Give Vaudeville Performance. With everything in the way of entertainment from love songs to tumbler, the young men of Hamline M. E. Church gave a vaudeville performance last night in Pythian Temple, for the benefit of the "J. O. C." class of the Sunday school. The talent was not drawn entirely from the men of the church. The greatest hits of the evening were scored by Will A. Boyd in some original songs, Ross M. Wright in most songs, Messrs. Boyd and Wright in duet harmony, and the Bruner troupe of tumbler, consisting of W. Bruner, Chase Taylor, and K. Mastarala. Will T. Pierson played several of his compositions on the piano, and was freely applauded.

COLUMBIA Washington's Leading Theater. MATINEE TO-DAY. COHAN AND HARRIS PRESENT EDNA WALLACE HOPPER IN GEO. M. COHAN'S MUSICAL PLAY 50 MILES FROM BOSTON NEXT WEEK—SEATS SELLING. COHAN AND HARRIS PRESENT THOS. W. ROSS AND PERFECT CAST "THE FORTUNE HUNTER." By the Author of "BREWSTER'S MILLIONS."

AMUSEMENTS. BELASCO MAT. To-day. HARRISON GEORGE FISKE PRESENTS GEORGE ARLISS IN THE DEVIL ORIGINAL NEW YORK PRODUCTIONS.

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