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This Sunday will be the final one of the immense crowds that have characterized this August. Of course, many one-day tourists will be down next week and the next and so on, but as far as an unquarterable arrival is concerned we will have no more of that this year, and every one who hies himself to Atlantic City from now out will find ample and satisfactory accommodations for comfort and pleasure.

The regular variety of entertainments have come off this week, and those here have enjoyed themselves the same way that they did the week before—dances here, euchre parties there, tally-ho parties, crabbing, fishing, sailing, side trips to Brigantine and Longport, through the country, &c. Fishing especially has been very good, and the catches reported this week surpass those of any time during the summer. Weak fish and sea bass are always in the majority, and both make very fine sport.

The gunning season is now coming in, and a great many gunners will come down next week ready to battle with the snipe, curlews, gray duck, teal, &c. Later, about the 1st of October, the wild geese and brant and black ducks will arrive, and all gunners know that they make excellent sport.

I have been treated to some very good exhibitions of base ball at the Inlet Park, the Pittsburg league team being here on Wednesday, and our local boys gave them a very strong game, the score being 6 to 7 in the leaguers favor, and at that they had to put in two pitchers before the game was won.

A very interesting exhibit is now being made by the Association of American Florists, who are holding their annual convention in this city. The floral exhibit is very complete and beautiful, and thousands of the visitors here have visited it. A noteworthy exhibit are the water lilies, which were sent by Mrs. Cleveland from the Executive Mansion, and, of course, are attracting a great deal of attention.

The city council is arranging to have all legislation passed so that at the close of the season the contemplating of the paving of the streets will become a reality, and before the visitors reach Atlantic City again they will see this work under way. Another improvement, which there is little doubt but what will be a reality before the waning of the season of '94, is the boulevard drive down the beach from Atlantic City to Longport, which, when completed, will undoubtedly prove one of the most attractive features with the fashionable life at the shore, and private equipages next year will be numbered by the score.

Washingtonians in town the past week include the following: Miss H. Doyle, Miss N. O'Brien, Miss M. King, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hibbs, F. Porter, O. Heendley, G. McLaughlin, Charles Leisse, William Hahn, Miss R. Hahn, E. Hahn, G. Hahn, G. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. J. Morgan, E. Morgan, J. Knight, H. Wilson, C. C. Burdine, T. Venable, Mrs. S. Mitchell, Miss Mitchell, T. Cawoll, L. Williams, Miss G. Clements, Mrs. N. F. Seyomow, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Cuming, B. Woodlinger, jr., Mrs. D. Fahey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson, Mrs. A. Mathox, E. P. Mertz, Mr. and Mrs. F. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. M. Harvey, B. Whiteside, J. W. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sautter, Mrs. G. Moyers, Miss F. Moyers, M. Brady, J. Miller, Mrs. D. Miller, Miss Agnes Hutchinson, J. L. Hutchinson, W. L. Hutchinson, Mrs. D. Ingram, Mrs. J. Sickles, A. Thomas, Dr. Charles Diedel, F. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Waham, V. Adler, Miss M. Brady, H. A. Kane, A. Haufman, Mrs. E. Buckley, Miss H. Heinricks, W. Norris, F. K. Gordon, H. Miller, J. Grant, H. Gloven, H. Chrust, A. Frederick Bradley, C. Morgan, Mrs. Frizzie, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mattingly, Miss B. Kramer, S. C. Cropley, Mrs. Belle Frieber, A. Lawson, N. A. Collins, M. A. Walsh, D. Nicholls, Miss K. D. Frye, R. Mann, M. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cammock, J. N. Power, D. Smith, H. W. Hunt, H. J. Devine, Arthur Perkins, Charles Roberts, William Hodges, Mrs. J. Collins, Miss Collins, Mrs. J. Doyle, Miss Flora Engel, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Eberly, Miss L. Matthews, W. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hyman, E. Shuffle, jr.
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TO ENFORCE THE INCOME TAX.

The Bill Appropriating $9,000 Has Now Passed the Senate.

The impossibility of securing a working quorum in the Senate was effectively demonstrated yesterday afternoon to Senator Harris, and he accordingly conceded to the republicans the terms that they have been demanding, namely, that there should be no further attempts at speechmaking or at general legislation. Much work was, therefore, done in the afternoon behind closed doors, although the Senate was really in legislative session. The bill appropriating the $9,000 for the enforcement of the income tax provisions of the tariff law was passed without objections, but no effort was made to bring up the bill repealing the free alcohol paragraph of the new law. The bargain between the two sides was clinched by a statement by Mr. Quay in open session, just before adjournment. He gave notice to the Senate that there was no use trying to secure further legislation, and he merely gave voice to the understanding.

The Senate took up and passed without any amendment the bill granting right of way through the Arlington reservation to the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Company, Mr. Manderson withdrawing his amendment to the bill, which was adopted by the committee on military affairs. This enabled the passage of the bill without further delay.

The bill to incorporate the National Gas, Electric Light, Heat and Power Company of the District, which was recently reported adversely from the committee on the District, was taken up anew and referred back to the committee.

A Crazy College Professor.

M. M. Mensfield, formerly professor of languages at Stanford University, has been arrested in San Francisco for insanity. His conduct has been so erratic that people in the neighborhood stood in great fear of him. He was once professor of languages at Harvard College, but there also his mental vagaries caused him to lose the confidence of his associates and finally his position.

SOME GOOD STORIES

Which Relieved the Strain of the Contest Over the Tariff.

CHAIRMAN WILSON AND HIS OLD HAT

The Situation, Though Grave, Suggested Witty Incidents.

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There was a humorous phase to the tariff, notwithstanding all its seriousness and the profound effect it was to have on the commercial and political interests of the country. The tariff leaders always had time to have their jokes, and there is hardly a crisis in the many which occurred during the long contest which is not marked by some good story. The country has heard of the prolonged and bitter struggle in the conference room, and yet these conferees, wearied with their hopeless task, often turned aside to tell stories aptly illustrating their condition.

Even the old gray slouch hat of Chairman Wilson came to have its significance in the great struggle. It is a weather-beaten tile, which has gone through several West Virginia summers, until the perspiration from Mr. Wilson's brow has run irregular waves around the band. It is of the Texas brand, with spacious brim and the top smashed in an irregular fashion. It has been worn so long and has become so marked as the hat of no other man than Wilson that it never could be mistaken. And this fact soon became an inestimable boon to the eager lobbyists, who swarmed through the Capitol corridors and sought to get near the man who had so much to do in fixing the rates of the tariff bill.

Mr. Wilson was seldom to be found in person, as he was closeted most of the time with his democratic associates on the ways and means committee or with the tariff conferees during the several months the bill was under consideration. It was in vain that lobbyists asked for him, as they could get no information as to where he was or when he would return. But the acute lobbyist, and, indeed, everybody about the Capitol, soon learned to look for Wilson's hat instead of Wilson. It was an unfailing indication of his presence at the Capitol. He hung it in the ways and means committee room when he arrived in the morning and left it there until he departed.

The Tale of the Hat.

When it was gone it was certain notice that Wilson had departed for the day and that tariff figuring had ended. As long as it hung there it was proof positive that Wilson was not far off and that the tariff schedules were being arranged. Soon the hat advanced from its position as a mere notice to a receptacle for cards and notes. On one evening Representative Dalzell of the ways and means committee had a message of pressing importance to convey to the chairman, and, as Wilson could not be found, Dalzell thrust the note through the band of the hat and felt confident that the message would be received before the day closed. Other members and callers strolled in to see the chairman, and soon the hat band was encircled with cards and messages. Night after night this hat looked like the card rack in some country tavern. It was not until the last days of the struggle that Wilson determined to cut off this unfailing notice of his presence by wearing his hat continually. It was a sore disappointment to the army which sought him daily and which had until then camped around his old slouch hat.

When Senator Gorman made his memorable speech, bringing it to a dramatic climax by asking one Senator after another to rise and substantiate the statements made, Representative Tarsney of the ways and means committee told a story which was soon passed among the members as applying to the Gorman incident. Tarsney told of an old Irish lady living in his district who was continually complaining of her afflictions. When the neighbors came in she would explain Patrick's latest misfortune in losing his job and her own troubles with the rheumatism. Besides this the oldest daughter was sick in bed and the youngest was afflicted with the whooping cough. It was a distressing cough, explained the old lady, and then, that there might be no mistake about it, she added:

"Now, Elnora, cough for the ladies."

And so, as the result of Tarsney's story, members got in the habit of inquiring whether Gorman was likely to ask any of the Senators to cough that day.

Birdie and Her Song.

Miss Birdie Anandale and her inimitable song of "Down in the Valley" will long remain as a feature of the tariff struggle. In fact, during the last few weeks Senators and members have seldom spoken directly of the success of the Senate bill, but have usually referred to it as the triumph of Birdie Anandale.

Miss Anandale was introduced into the tariff discussion by Senator Vest of Missouri. It occurred at one of the first meetings of the tariff conferees. Mr. Wilson and his House associates declared with emphasis that they would never accept such a conscienceless bill as that presented by the Senate. They said it was covered with scandal and was a gratuity to the sugar and other trusts. The Senators merely replied that it would have to be swallowed, good or bad, without the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t." Senator Vest said that the opposition of the House reminded him of Miss Birdie Anandale, and he proceeded to tell the story.

A crowd had gathered in one of the Missouri concert halls during the early days and were waiting for the show to begin. It was the custom for the manager to come on the stage between the acts and announce the events. He came out and the crowd listened intently.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said he, "I will have the pleasure of introducing Miss Birdie Anandale, a songstress who has charmed two hemispheres, in her captivating song, 'Down in the Valley.'"

At this moment a drunken man in the audience staggered to his feet and shouted, "Birdie Anandale is no good on earth, and she can't sing for sour apples."

The stage manager was naturally flabbergasted. He gagged for a moment, but finally pulled himself together, and added: "Nevertheless, notwithstanding, ladies and gentlemen, Miss Birdie Anandale, the songstress of two hemispheres, will now sing 'Down in the Valley.'"

He Had to Be Forced.

When the House was about to accept the Senate bill Representative Bynum of the ways and means committee told a story illustrating the situation. At that time it was generally supposed that Mr. Wilson and his associates wanted to have the public appearance of accepting the Senate bill very reluctantly, while, in fact, they were quite ready to end the struggle by taking the Senate measure as speedily as possible.

Bynum told his associates that it reminded him of an old gentleman in Indianapolis who had been bedridden for some time and was fond of the bottle. He told his wife how miserable he was feeling one day. Chills were chasing down his back and cramps had possession of his vitals. After specifying each of his miseries, the old gentleman said to his wife:

"Get the black bottle, and if I show any resistance just force it down my throat."

Representative Robertson of Louisiana dropped into poetry as a result of the tedious tariff debate, and he would frequently recite to his associates parts of Spencer's "Fairy Queen." The Louisiana sugar interests were particularly anxious to see the struggle close, so that Robertson's recitation was with more than ordinary feeling. He chose those lines in which Spencer gives his personal regrets at waiting so long for the poet laureateship only to see it conferred upon another. Robertson said it expressed his feelings exactly. It was this:

"Full little knowest thou, that hast not tried,
What hell it is in suing long to bide;
To lose good days that might be better spent;
To waste long nights in pensive discontent;
To speed the day, to be put back tomorrow;
To feed on hope, to pine on fear and sorrow;
To fret thy soul with crosses and with cares;
To eat thy heart with comfortless despairs;
To fawn, to crouch, to wait, to ride, to run;
To spend, to give, to wait, to be undone."

Several epigrams survive the tariff struggle. Col. Christy, who is well known about the Capitol, has written a book of epigrams, and one of his pleasures during the tariff discussion was to confer an epigram upon every tariff leader he met. Meeting Senator Brice one day, and referring to the tariff scandals then under investigation, he used an old Chinese epigram:

"'Tis not the absence of virtue which brings the shame, but the presence of stupidity."

Meeting Chairman Wilson a little later, the epigram was varied thus:

"A bad bill with a good reputation is better than a good bill with a bad reputation, for one man may steal a horse without being suspected, while another cannot even look over the hedge."

These are only a few of the innumerable stories and oddities, with which the long and bitter tariff battle was given a touch of humor.

AMONG THE TREES.

Nature's Camp Grounds at Washington Grove.

Correspondence of The Evening Star.

WASHINGTON GROVE, August 25, 1894.

The quiet sequence of camp life has quickened pace today, and fervency in spiritual things, as well as activity in the cottages, indicates the earnest preparation that is being made for the only Sabbath of camp meeting. The elder has provided a great feast of spiritual food for tomorrow, and in every cottage home, and in the places of public entertainment, bountiful provision is being made for tomorrow's guests.

A large concourse is expected and the only drawback will be found by the country folks, in the dusty thoroughfares that lead here.

Within the grove all is cleanliness and good order, and the courteous president of the association, Mr. Gee, and his able coworkers, are untiring in effort to promote comfort in camp.

The water supply is ample, and all the pumps are in working order.

Dr. John Lanahan will preach on Sunday morning. Dr. O. A. Brown will fill the desk at 3 p.m., and the evening sermon will be preached by A. J. Gill.

Overflow meetings will be held at different stations within the encampment. There have been nine able sermons preached since the beginning of camp, and the people are mightily in earnest.

Rev. Jas. McLaren preached at 11 a.m. yesterday to an attentive audience.

The children's hour grows in interest and popularity under the skillful management of Dr. Laney and Rev. J. W. Slarrow.

Dr. S. L. Beiler, vice chancellor of the university, arrived yesterday, and preached a powerful sermon at the Tabernacle at 3 p.m.

The interest in the young people's vesper service increases daily, and the attendance is large. Rev. W. W. Van Arsdale, who is in charge, preached last night to the largest congregation of the season. He spoke of the more excellent sacrifice of Abel, because it was by faith. The delightful feature of this service was the singing of Moody hymns by the well-trained choir. "God Calling Yet" was called for the second time.

Among the late arrivals at the ministers' lodge are Revs. Ryan and J. H. U. Lemon, who is the preacher of today. Dr. L. T. Widerman will arrive today.

Mrs. J. R. Miller of Rockville and Mrs. Chas. Thomas of Baltimore were visiting friends on the circle yesterday.

Miss Irene Harper of Washington is here, the guest of Mrs. Clara Ward.

Mr. Fred Moulton came to camp today and is stopping on 2d avenue.

Mrs. Wm. Montgomery of Linden arrived yesterday with her children, and are stopping with Mrs. W. B. Miller, on 6th avenue.

Mrs. H. M. Talbott was today the guest of her mother, Mrs. Henry Wilson.

Mr. Vinton Birch is visiting friends at the corner of 1st avenue and circle.

DENOUNCED AS ABSURD.

Manager Egan Denies That the Railways Instigated Destruction of Property.

After preliminary questions by the national strike commission at Chicago, Commissioner Wright asked Railway Manager Egan yesterday if, in his official capacity, he had made any effort to settle the strike peaceably.

"I did not," answered the strike manager.

"Is the policy of the railroads to settle such troubles by force?"

"In this case, at least, it was," the witness replied frankly.

The commissioner then asked the witness for his views regarding measures for the prevention of strikes. Mr. Egan said that he thought all railroad employes above common laborers should be licensed and compelled to wear uniforms plainly indicating the positions they held. Such means, he believed, would tend to put reliable, level-headed men in service, and would prevent such troubles as those of the present summer.

Commissioner Kernan, by a shrewd series of questions, succeeded in badly mixing up the witness and his theories, and Mr. Egan finally admitted that even with a system of licenses conditions might arise that would necessitate outside assistance or arbitration.

"Mr. Egan," said Commissioner Wright, "a witness has stated before us that you used railroad money and employed men to burn and otherwise destroy railroad property during the strike. Is this true?"

The witness grew evidently angry, and straightening up in his seat, said emphatically: "Considering the source from which that testimony came, it seems to me that it should be apparent that it is the most foolish rot. I will, however, enter a general denial to any and all such stories. I never employed men for such work and can state authoritatively that no one else connected with the General Managers' Association helped or commanded any one to burn or destroy railway properties. The story is absurd."

At Colonial Beach.

Correspondence of The Evening Star.

COLONIAL BEACH, Va., August 23, 1894.

The lawn party held last evening by the ladies of Union Chapel was visited by a large number of people, who by their generosity showed their willingness to help in our efforts to save the chapel from the auctioneer's hammer. The grounds were tastefully decorated with bunting and Chinese lanterns, which, added to the fireworks set off at night, made the scene a very beautiful one.

We were visited by the officers of the steamer George Leary, who convinced us, by their liberality, that their hearts and pocketbooks were by no means small.

Mrs. Post, during an interval in the dancing, which lasted until a late hour, favored those present with a recitation.

To Dr. Evans, the proprietor of the hotel, belongs much