

TARIFF AND TAXES ARE DISCUSSED BY HARDING ADVISERS

Weighing of Possibilities for Posts in Cabinet Also Gets His Attention.

WAR OFFICE TO WEEKS

Fordney Presents Plan for Complete Revision of the Tariff Schedule.

WOULD KEEP IT FLEXIBLE

Says Ad Valorem Duty Must Be Computed on Values in United States Money.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, MAHON, Ohio, Jan. 15.—The personnel of his Cabinet and the fiscal and military policies of the new Administration occupied the attention of President-elect Harding almost entirely to-day. He breakfasted with former Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, who came at Mr. Harding's invitation to discuss Cabinet possibilities and domestic and international problems. Later in the day Mr. Harding conferred with Representative Joseph W. Fordney (Mich.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, who came to lay before the President-elect a suggestion for a complete revision of import tariff schedules.

Mr. Weeks's close intimacy with Mr. Harding and the former's frank admission that he came to discuss Cabinet material led to the belief that the Massachusetts man has been definitely decided upon as a member of the President's official family. The further fact, disclosed by Mr. Weeks in a talk with newspaper men, that he is in entire sympathy with Mr. Harding's ideas for a small army of 150,000 men, with adequate facilities for the training of large numbers in an emergency, might support the belief that he is to be the next Secretary of War. Mr. Weeks's opinions as he laid them before Mr. Harding may be summarized thus:

He believes that the United States has spread throughout the country, the best

Senate to Vote Again on Reduction of Army

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THE Senate is to have another test of sentiment on reducing the size of the army, which yesterday was limited to 150,000 by a narrow margin of votes. Senator Phelan (Cal.) to-day filed a motion to reconsider the amendment of Senator Lenroot (Wis.), which was adopted yesterday by a vote of 34 to 28 over the vigorous protest of Senator Wadsworth (N. Y.), who said the Senate "had completed the wreck of the army."

Gen. Pershing and Secretary Baker have advised Congress that any reduction below 200,000 is unsafe because of world conditions, while Senator Wadsworth is willing to go as low as 175,000, but no lower.

army that any nation possesses; that despite what other nations may do, it will remain the best army for at least ten years; and he believes, because of this, that Mr. Harding's policy of a small army with proper facilities, is a sound one.

He believes there should be a more economical administration of the War Department. He said: "The only way to economize is to stop spending money."

Hears Fordney Tariff Plan.

Mr. Weeks also gave to Mr. Harding the benefit of his opinions on matters of taxation, disposition of the public debt, taxation and labor problems.

Representative Fordney came particularly to urge Mr. Harding's consideration of a revision of the tariff by which ad valorem duty on imports would be computed, not on their invoice value in British, French, Italian or German currency, but upon their value in American money. The effect, Mr. Fordney believes, would be to create a sort of flexible preferential tariff that not only would tend to equalize exchange, but increase materially the revenue from his source without erecting a prohibitive tariff. It would provide a maximum, medium and minimum tariff along the lines of the Canadian preferential tariff.

Mr. Fordney reported to Mr. Harding that the hearings on the tariff and revenue problems were progressing before the Ways and Means Committee, but that he saw no hope of meeting the \$7,500,000,000 budget.

If Mr. Harding has made up his mind to offer the War Department portfolio to former Senator Weeks it is believed the latter will accept, regardless of his acknowledged preference for another place.

Mr. Weeks has been mentioned to head either the Navy, Treasury or War departments. He is a graduate of Annapolis, and while this fact at first might be regarded as an unusually strong qualification, on the other hand, it would be extremely embarrassing for him to assume a place of absolute authority with the duty of discriminating between former classmates who now are captains or admirals in the service. He

would prefer a Treasury portfolio, but there are reasons why Mr. Harding might prefer to have this appointment go elsewhere than to Massachusetts.

Hughes Puts Down as Sure.

That would close two Cabinet places. Whether Charles E. Hughes's formal acceptance of Mr. Harding's offer to head the State Department has been received will not be known until the President-elect makes formal announcement of his Cabinet selections. It is understood, of course, that Mr. Harding had Mr. Hughes's verbal acceptance of the place should it be offered to him, as long ago as last August, when Mr. Hughes came here. Those who witnessed the many evidences of cordiality and esteem in which such held the other—and these include a group of actors and actresses to whom Mr. Hughes lunched and had with an abandon surprising in a Emer Justice of the Supreme Court—his no doubt of the quality of cooperation that will ensue between the two men.

The Attorney-General's bill probably is as well decided upon as any of the other places. Unless the total unexpected happens, the place will go, Harry M. Daugherty of Ohio, who with Mr. Harding's pre-convention manager and whose desire to have the place never has been denied.

The question of a man to head the Department of Labor has been much in Mr. Harding's mind during the last few days. He would like in many ways to appoint a union labor man to the place. But the objections that have been directed to interested sources toward possible appointees have been no less emphatic in this department as in the case of the Treasury, Agriculture, Interior, War and other departments. However, the several men under consideration to head the Labor Department are gradually narrowing down to possible choices, and this was one of the departments discussed by Mr. Harding and Mr. Weeks to-day. Mr. Weeks, known to have a high regard for the ability and judgment of James Duncan O'Quincy, Mass., head of the granite workers' organization and a man of known moderate views with regard to organized labor questions.

Ex-Gov. Odell Praised Follies.

Among Mr. Harding's other calls to-day were Meyer Bloomfield of Boston, publisher of *Industrial Relations* and *Bloomfield's Labor Digest*, who came at Mr. Harding's telegraphic request to discuss industrial conditions and matters pertaining to the Department of Labor.

Henry C. Wallace of Iowa still led in consideration as the probable head of the Department of Agriculture. Former Governor Benjamin E. Odell of New York was another caller. He came to discuss international problems, and a long conference with Mr. Harding said:

"I have been particularly impressed with Mr. Harding's proposed solution of our relations with our Allies and other countries abroad for the building up of such safeguards for the world's peace as are contemplated under his proposed plan. I am also particularly interested as a business man with his proposed solution of the taxation matters, which, if carried into effect, in my opinion will do much toward the restoration of business conditions upon a safe and sane foundation. No one can meet Senator Harding without being impressed with his earnestness and his devotion to America and her best interests."

Mr. Harding will wind up his conference early next week and will leave on Thursday night for his vacation in Florida.

EMERGENCY TARIFF BILL COMPLETED

Senate Committee Adds Seven Amendments Before Approval.

OPPOSITION INDICATED

Senator Smoot Forecasts Its Defeat as an Unsatisfactory Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill, broadened to in-

clude practically all farm products instead of the limited number in the measure as it passed the House, was approved to-day by the Senate Finance Committee, which voted to report it to the Senate Monday.

More amendments were added to the bill in to-day's session, making a total of ten which have been tacked on by the committee. No provisions of the original bill, however, were removed and rates on the major products carried by the House bill were left intact.

Opponents of the bill in the committee joined with the authors of amendments and forced the acceptance of most of them, despite opposition from the bill's defenders. There was no record vote.

It was said that the Democrats in the committee, with the exception of Senators Nugent of Idaho and Jones of New Mexico, stood against reporting the bill. The amendments which finally were made a part of the measure by committee action included:

Sugar, \$2.13 a hundred pounds until the retail price reaches 10 cents a pound.

Frozen meats of all kinds, 2 cents a

pound; all other meats, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

Apples, 20 cents a box; cherries, 4 cents a pound.

Tobacco, sumatra wrappers and fillers, \$2.85 a pound; stemmed sumatra, \$3.50 a pound.

Butter and cheese and their substitutes, 8 cents a pound, instead of 6 cents provided in an amendment accepted yesterday.

The length of long staple cotton on which the tariff will be effective was reduced from 1 1/2 inches to 1 1/4 inches, the duty remaining at seven cents a pound as the bill passed the House.

Cattle and sheep to be used for breeding purposes were exempted from the duty on imported animals.

Rice to be used in manufacture of canned goods was exempted from the tariff of two cents a pound levied in the House bill.

Attempts of several opponents of the bill to load it down with amendments dealing with extraneous subjects were unsuccessful. Members of the committee, however, said they understood it was the plan of some Senators to re-

introduce their amendments when the measure was taken up in the Senate.

Among those which the committee refused to accept were the bill recodifying the Federal laws, the reclamation bill, the soldiers' bonus, and the committee draft of the proposed new immigration laws.

The bill will be reported "in the form it is to be defeated," said Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah. He added that "about everything anybody asked for was put in." Several other supporters of the measure also expressed dissatisfaction with the result of the committee's work.

REVIVED WAR FINANCE CORPORATION IS QUIET

Demand for Relief Succeeds, Now Applicants Are Few.

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Despite heavy pressure by agricultural and other interests which resulted

in passage of a law by Congress reviving the War Finance Corporation, for the relief of agriculture and industry by extending credits for foreign trades, not a single application for funds has been received by the corporation.

In the ten days since the act was passed over the President's veto, several inquiries have been received by the corporation as to whether certain hypothetical cases set up by bankers or other concerns could meet with approval. These are being studied, but no person or organization has made a direct application for relief.

Secretary Houston of the Treasury sent a letter to Senator Robinson (Ark.) to-day saying there had been much misapprehension as to what was done when the corporation was revived. The letter was in response to one from the Senator saying the chief value in reviving the corporation was psychological. The Secretary replied that the extension of loans or advances by the corporation were limited, but that the corporation had been placed in working order to proceed promptly when applications were received.

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