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CHANGE OF SENTIMENT IN SENATE

Free Iron Ore and Oil Reduced Duties on Coal and Lumber Expected to be Provided For When New Bill Becomes a Law—Change of Sentiment in Senate.

(By the Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—President Taft will win his fight for free or reduced rates of duty on raw materials. Nearly every member of the conference committee concedes this today. The indications are that when the new tariff bill becomes a law the rates on the articles which the President desired to come in free will be as follows: Iron ore, free (present rate 40 cents per ton); oil, free, (now protected by countervailing duty); coal, 45 cents per ton, (present rate 67 cents); lumber, probably \$1.25 on rough; with senate rates on finished. This would be a material reduction throughout the lumber schedule. When the conferees transferred to the President's shoulders the responsibility of putting the foregoing raw materials on the free list, it was not believed he would meet with success in bringing about a changed sentiment in regard to these articles. In effect, the President was told by the conferees that if iron ore, oil, hides, lumber and coal, were put on the free list or the rates reduced below the figures adopted in the senate he would have to get the votes. It was recognized that it would be impossible to put hides, lumber and coal on the free list, if the conference report was to be adopted by the senate. Neither was it believed rates on these articles could be reduced.

Change of Sentiment. That a change of sentiment has taken place in the senate in the matter of free iron ore and free oil was a matter of common gossip about the capitol today. It was stated just as confidently that the fifteen per cent ad valorem rate on hides would have to be cut in half.

Coal at 45 cents a ton it was declared would prove satisfactory to every section except Wyoming, which fears that the industry in that state might be ruined by cheap Canadian coal. Two railroads are now building from North Western states to Canada which will tap the Canadian coal fields.

President Taft will win a decided victory in the Philippine free trade provision. The sub-committee, which has been considering this section has decided to permit the free admission of 150,000,000 cigars annually, as requested by the President, instead of 70,000,000 as would be admitted under a senate amendment.

Philippine Section. It is expected the Philippine section as approved by the sub-committee will be adopted. It provides for the free admission of 200,000 pounds of wrapper tobacco and 1,500,000 pounds of filler tobacco and 30,000 tons of sugar.

With the exception of rice and limitation placed upon tobacco and sugar all articles "the growth, product, or manufacture of the Philippine Islands" will be admitted free. The inclusion of the words "or manufacture of the Philippines" is the subject of criticism in many quarters. Many think this would make it possible to ship raw materials into the Philippine Islands for manufacture with cheap labor and then bring them to the United States free of duty.

By the action today the tariff conferees settled the question of giving the secretary of the treasury authority to issue 50 year bonds at a rate of interest not exceeding three per cent to cover the entire cost of purchasing the site and constructing the Panama canal.

Authority Given Secretary. An amendment to the tariff bill giving the authority was prepared by Secretary MacVeagh and adopted by the conferees. The effect of the bond provision is to repeal the limit of the authorization contained in the Spooner act, although not interfering with 2 per cent bonds issue under that authority to the amount of \$4,521,980. The estimated cost of the canal is \$375,261,000.

There is no longer any question that the corporation tax amendment will be accepted. It will tax the net earnings of corporations organized for profit at the rate of one per cent. Reductions in Woollens. Practically the only subject considered during the forenoon session of the conference was the woollen schedule. Three reductions were made in women's and children's dress goods, tops and yarns. During the afternoon session an effort was made to dispose of the cotton schedule and many of the senate's specific rates were adopted. Work on this schedule was not concluded, however, as there were numerous other questions on which the conferees desired disposition before adjourning until Monday.

PRESSED STEEL CAR PLANT IS BESIEGED

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ARMED FORCE KEPT ON GUARD

Deputy Sheriffs, Factory Police and Mounted Constabulary Disperse Crowds as Soon as They Form—Strike Assume Threatening Attitude—"Fight to Finish."

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURGH, PA., July 17.—Despite the assertion of President F. N. Hefstel, of the PRESSED STEEL CAR COMPANY that "there is no strike," the entire plant of the company at McKees Rock remained idle and under a state of siege today.

With the exception of the office force and of some 200 shop employees, most of them foremen without men, the plant is entirely in the hands of an armed force of deputy sheriffs, factory police and mounted state constabulary, who present an impenetrable cordon about the plant and disperse all groups as soon as they are formed.

The strikers assume a threatening attitude, but save here and there for some trivial disturbance following the arrest of a townsman for jeering a deputy sheriff for not moving fast enough at the urging of the constabulary horses, the day passed without serious violence. In a proclamation issued tonight the strikers cite thirteen instances of actual wages paid to workmen under the pooling system, which they claim are illustrative of the conditions existing at the McKees Rock plant.

In one instance, where 45 hours' work brought only 90 cents pay; in another a riveter working 130 hours received but \$14.90. In not one of the thirteen cases cited was the average hours wage more than seventeen cents. The proclamation closes with the assertion that the fight is to be "to a finish" and with the promise that no violence shall be used.

The mounted troopers of the state constabulary are ruling the affected section with an iron hand.

FATAL DUEL OVER COW

Two Mississippians Dead and Two Mortally Wounded

RESULT OF LONG-STANDING FUED

Each Side Claims Old Cow and Shooting Follows—No One May be Left to Answer to Law for Crime—Peacemaker Hurt.

(By Associated Press.) UNION, MISS., July 17.—One old cow, which would not have brought fifty dollars on the market, caused a bloody pistol battle in the streets of this little town today. It resulted in the killing of two men, the fatally injuring of two more and seriously wounding of another.

The dead: E. J. McDonald, cattleman, and Peter McDonald, his brother. Fatally injured: Cornelius Chisholm, cattleman; Joseph Miller, friend of Chisholm. Seriously injured: Murphy McDonald, son of E. J. McDonald.

The fight was between the McDonalds on one side and Miller and Chisholm on the other, two factions which have quarreled for many years. Both Chisholm and the McDonalds claimed the cow. Miller and Peter McDonald started the row in front of the Union Bank. Revolvers were drawn and the shooting commenced. Chisholm and E. J. McDonald came up about this time and joined in. Peter McDonald fell first and Miller was the next. E. J. McDonald and Chisholm, for a while shot desperately until McDonald fell dead and Chisholm mortally wounded. Murphy McDonald, apparently a would-be peacemaker, was seriously wounded.

All the men are prominent in this section of Mississippi and number many relatives in Newton county. Consequently it was believed further strife would result, but indications are tonight, with Peter and E. J. Donald dead, and Chisholm and Miller dying, no one will be left to answer to the law for the tragedy. A report that an effort would be made to have a company of state militia sent from Meridian is denied by the authorities.

SAYS OTHER WOMAN HELD HER HUSBAND IN SPELL

Wife of Dr. Miller, Slayer of Saylor, Declares Mrs. Saylor Caused Murder.

NEGRO REPUBLICANS PLAN BOLT FROM ORGANIZATION

Conference at Richmond Paves Way For a Separate State Convention.

(By Associated Press.) RICHMOND, VA., July 17.—At a conference here today of leading negro Republicans of Richmond antagonistic to the policy of the present party organization in eliminating the negro as a political factor, plans were discussed for the organization of a strong negro Republican organization in the State.

A committee was appointed to draft a letter to be sent to leading negro citizens in every district with a view of holding a State convention soon after the meeting of the Newport News "Lily White" Republican convention and to take under consideration the advisability of having a full State ticket in the field for the November election.

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YOUNG BARON LOVED BEAUTIFUL CHICAGOAN

Dr. Rudolph Menn Tells Why Oskar Rothschild Killed Himself at Vienna

FAMILY OPPOSED HIS MARRIAGE

Meeting Olga Menn Six Weeks Ago, the Boy Proposed After a Week, Was Accepted and Went Home Expecting the Bride-elect's Beauty to Win Over His Father.

(By the Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILL., July 17.—Dr. Rudolph Menn, of this city tonight placed an authoritative seal upon the story that Baron Oskar Rothschild, youngest son of Baron Albert Rothschild, of Vienna, had killed himself because of his family's opposition to his marriage with Olga Menn, the physician's young and beautiful daughter.

The doctor told of his daughter's meeting with the young baron when he arrived in Chicago with a party of friends on their way to Europe from the Orient six weeks ago. They were together much of the time that young Rothschild was in Chicago he said.

Not more than a week after meeting Miss Menn, the doctor said, Rothschild proposed marriage. He was accepted and left soon after for Vienna with the promise that Miss Menn and her mother would follow. He expected that his father would not consent to his marriage with an American girl, but thought the young woman's beauty would win him over.

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ARCHDUKE OF AUSTRIA'S TRAIN IS FIRED UPON

Landowner With Gun Says He Didn't Know He Hit the Train.

PRISONER SETS FIRE TO CITY JAIL BUILDING

Man Throws Lighted Cigarette Out of Window, Setting Off Awning on Window.

(By the Associated Press.) LONDON, July 17.—A despatch to a London news bureau from Vienna says that while the royal train was conveying Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria back from Roumania, four shots were fired at the royal compartment, one of which narrowly missed the archduke.

After a search, a local land owner carrying a gun was arrested. He said that he was shooting at bears and did not know that the shots had struck the train.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILL., July 17.—A prisoner in one of the cells on the second floor of the city jail threw a lighted cigarette out of the window and set fire to an awning on one of the side windows of the police court room about 8 o'clock last night. Station Keeper Robbins and Patrol Driver Boswell discovered the fire and extinguished it before the Central fire company reached the scene in response to an alarm.

Several hundred people gathered on the scene a few minutes after the fire company arrived at the jail building, but the crowd soon dispersed. The damage amounts to the cost of the awning—a few dollars.

MAKES RECORD FLIGHT

Glenn Curtis Travels Nearly Twenty-five Miles in Aeroplane

IN THE AIR OVER FIFTY MINUTES

Completing Twentieth Circle Over Measured Course, He Sets New Pace for American Aeroplanists and Qualifies for Cup.

(By the Associated Press.) MINEOLA, N. Y., July 17.—A climb to the aeroplane flights Glenn H. Curtis has been making at Hempstead Plains, Long Island with increasing success came today when he sent his flyer 24.7 miles in 52 minutes and 36 seconds, and qualified as the first candidate for the cup offered by the Scientific American.

This flight is not only Curtis' best, but the longest made with an aeroplane in America this year. The cup was offered for the longest flight of this kind during the current year, the only condition being that the winner must cover at least 25 kilometres over a measured course before judges of the Aero Club of America and land within 100 metres of the starting point. Curtis came to earth today barely within the required distance, but the judges decided in his favor.

He will win the Scientific American cup, which he also captured last year at Hammondsport, N. Y., unless his flight is excused before the end of the year. Curtis rose easily and circled the course at a variety of altitudes, which showed he had his machine well in hand. At times his speed increased to 40 miles an hour but the average for the whole distance was 28.14 miles an hour. At no time did he rise above 60 feet and most of the time he sped along within 15 or 20 feet of the ground. At the beginning of the twentieth round he encountered a strong head wind and fearing that his gasoline would fall before he could make another round, shut off his motor and landed. After lighting he found he still had two quarts of fuel left, enough to have carried him several miles further.

"After yesterday's flight," said the aeronaut, "I was never in doubt about breaking all records for the year. I remained up in the air as long as the wind was safe."

(By Associated Press.) WILMINGTON, N. C., July 17.—A special from Wilson, N. C., says that the Boston American Club has cleared its option on Pitcher Anderson and Shortstop Yerkes of the Wilson club in the Eastern Carolina Baseball Association, paying \$1,000 each for them, the players to report at once. Blaze at the Lexington. A small fire in some boxes in the rear of the Lexington hotel about 10 o'clock last night caused an alarm to be turned in to the city department. The Central fire company responded and extinguished the flames before any damage had been done. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MEANS OF PREVENTING FRAUDS ARE DISCUSSED

Collection of Revenue on Unstemmed Leaf Tobacco Subject of White House Conference

PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS AT DINNER

Senator Aldrich, Representative Payne, Senator Bradley and James C. Wheeler Present—Exempting of Tobacco Growers in Tariff Bill Responsible for the Meeting.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—To discuss the best means of preventing frauds in the construction of the collection of the internal revenue tax on unstemmed leaf tobacco because of the provision included in the tariff bill which exempts tobacco-growers from the tax, was the object of a conference at the White House tonight.

President Taft had as dinner guests Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne, Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, who presents the tobacco growers' interest, and James C. Wheeler, acting commissioner of internal revenue. Later the party was joined by Attorney General Wickersham and Senator Root.

The house provided that the internal revenue tax of six cents a pound levied upon manufacturers for the sale of leaf tobacco should be made applicable to farmers who sold unstemmed tobacco of their own raising.

Opens Way to Fraud. The objection to this was that it would open the way to fraud and the senate adopted a provision offered by Senator Bradley which was intended to prevent the loss to the government of any revenue by compelling the farmers to furnish a record on each sale.

This President is especially desirous that a portion of the revenue now exacted by the government should be raised by additional internal revenue taxes first tobacco.

Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne stood up against additional tax on leaf tobacco growers for which Senator Bradley sought the endorsement of the President. They said, the senate amendment went as far as was practicable without taking chances of great loss in revenues.

New Amendment Advocated. Wherefore new amendments are now advocated by Mr. Bradley which would permit unlimited sales by the first buyers without the payment of the "six cent tax," so long as the product handled was not manufactured in any form.

Mr. Wheeler agreed that such an amendment might open the way for fraud. The President said this should be guarded against but at the same time, he desired that everything possible should be done for the tobacco grower, in giving him a broad market.

No decision was reached but it was agreed that the conference would give the subject their careful attention.

(By the Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILL., July 17.—James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson failed to meet here today according to the schedule outlined by their representatives. Jeffries was at the appointed place, but Johnson did not leave his training camp in Indiana until late in the day and said he would not meet Jeffries.

(By the Associated Press.) PENSACOLA, FLA., July 17.—W. A. Hight well known in the legal profession throughout the south is an interview here today announced that he will be a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Tallaferra whose term expires in 1911.

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