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PACKING THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The big tariff beneficiaries are busy engaged in an endeavor to pack the Conference committee in support of the bill as amended in their interest by the Senate. For weeks they have been laboring arduously against the appointment of Mr. Hill to the committee, despite the fact that the rule of seniority upon the Ways and Means committee entitles him to the position. Now, they have added to their "black list" the names of Representatives McCall of Massachusetts and Senators Outlen and Burrows, all of whom are entitled by the rule of seniority to positions on the Conference committee.

The principal argument in use against Representatives Hill and McCall is that their appointment would give the great power to New England. It is decidedly inconsistent with the frequently-made charge that New England is the chief beneficiary of the Senate's tariff revision, but consistency is not regarded in the pursuit of riches through Congressional gifts. It is any way and anyhow to "get there."

Of course, the purpose is to pack the Conference committee with those who support the Senate bill. The House refused in round numbers, 350-out of over 4,000 votes; the Senate has thus far increased about 500, and the few increases made by it are unimportant. These figures reveal clearly the tariff beneficiaries' reason for preferring the Senate bill, the general effect of which is to increase the prices of necessities and thus to boost still higher than at present the cost of living, at the expense of the people and to the further enrichment thereby of the already healthy beneficiaries of tariff duties.

Speaker Cannon who will name the House conferees upon whom will devolve the brunt of the fight against the Senate's increased duties, is a stand-patter, a follower of the old-school Republicanism upon the tariff question as distinguished from the new school which is strong in the Middle West. If he follows his natural instincts, he will not appoint Messrs. Hill and McCall to the Conference committee; the only question is whether he will dare to shunt aside the rule of seniority, which action would be in direct snub to the House and, incidentally, also to the occupants of the White House.

During the fiscal year which ends this week, the value of hides of cattle, imported and dutiable at 15 per cent, was \$2,000,962. The tariff duty collected upon them was over \$3,000,000, and every cent of it was added to the total price of shoes, harness, etc. In addition, the price of home-produced hides to the tanneries was made equal to the cost of imported hides in the countries where produced, of freight charges upon them, and of the 15 per cent tariff duty, the aggregate making a very handsome profit to the Beef Trust upon one of its by-products which, according to statistics given by the Gov. Douglas of Massachusetts, costs it nothing and does not add a cent to the price paid by the trust for cattle. Yet the Senate has voted to retain the tariff duty of 15 per cent, instead of accepting the House provision of free hides.

According to Watson, Alpers & Co., the corporate income tax will, "if it goes on the statute books, as surely is submitted to the arbitration of the United States Supreme Court as was the last income tax bill put through Congress and afterwards declared to be a violation of the National Charter of Government." This is probably understood authoritatively in Wall Street, or it would not be reported by this firm of brokers. Indeed, a prediction to such effect was made by the Farmer when President Taft's proposition first appeared.

The big corporations which find either their dividends or their surplus reserves menaced by the proposed tax, will probably contend that no income tax whatever is constitutional, and that if it were constitutional, the omission of individual incomes and of corporate incomes of less than \$5,000 would make it discriminatory taxation and, therefore, unequal and illegal.

The builders of the National Democratic platform foresaw this difficulty and therefore advocated a permissive constitutional amendment as to both corporate and individual incomes, but the President and his advisers have seen fit to divide the question—to accept the Supreme Court decision as to individual incomes but to defy it as to corporate incomes. There is a growing suspicion of insincerity somewhere, either in the White House or the Senate—that there is no expectation of the tax being ever collected, and that it is merely a device which is intended to distract attention from the enormities of the tariff revision and to induce a

popular belief that the big corporations are being mulcted.

People who drink Williams' Root Beer don't know the meaning of summer discomfort. At grocers. Make some now.

FASHIONS AND FADS

Skirt panels are as plentiful as ever, and adjustable collars.

Draped gowns are very much in fashion.

Satin is the leader among wedding gowns.

The lingerie waist continues to hold forth.

There is a revival of curls for evening wear.

Princess panels are now seen even in children's wear.

Sparkling jet buttons are now put on beaded double rows.

Rabats and jabots are in the height of fashion again.

Mauve is one of the favorite colors in linens for suiting.

Forages in natural color is most fashionable for shirtwaists.

Some of the best tailored blouses come with adjustable collars.

Many of the lingerie gowns for summer wear are in Empire style.

Tassels are again in great favor upon evening dresses and wraps.

The cuirass effect is seen on many of the handsome imported gowns.

New things include cut glass hatpins with adjustable collars.

Linens dress accessories are among the smartest of the summer things.

White linen parasols, embroidered in eyes, work exceedingly smart.

A quaint revival is the fad for trimming wash frocks with tiny satin ribbons.

The ball fringe finishes the ends of many a stylish sash worn with the summer gown.

Coarse heavy white linen is being worn, trimming for both silk and cloth gowns.

The net or chiffon blouse, the exact tone of the costume, is still modish in Paris.

Paris costumers are trying to escape from the popular demand for souchou decoration.

Scraps of black tulle, draped around the shoulders, are very smart for evening wear.

Cool, dainty little matinees or dress-ling jackets are in popularity throughout the summer.

Linens bags, braided with linen souchou, are very smart, as are also the white dotted net over satin of a soft pastel shade makes an exceedingly beautiful summer gown.

Bands of crosswise or diagonal tuckings are used as a trimming on a tailored blouse of sheer material.

Very chic are skirts made with long, large yokes all around, from which hang a pleating of the goods.

A tailored suit of linen or light-weight serge or Panama cloth seems to be necessary in every wardrobe.

The Dutch collar, with a tiny upper neck to be more comfortably dressed this season than for a long time.

The craze for the Greek fillet has led again to wearing even the roughest barettes across the top of their heads.

The untrimmed gown is very smart, but the current of the fashionable dress seems to be moving away from it.

BBs with quaint designs done in cross stitch make attractive and useful gifts with the small boy or girl.

Paris is making great runs on high, voluminous neck ruchings, which are mostly white or the color of old lace.

Some of the smartest clothes for the girls are of white plissé and trimmed with hand-embroidered bands.

Rosettes of all kinds are the fashion this season, from the tiny upper ornament to the larger dress rosette.

At the summer resorts this season it is noticeable that almost all the best dressed people wear hats in the evening.

A chamoin hat has been brought out for men to wear golfing and riding. It is in natural color and very soft.

A new hat decoration, which is really a revival, is to pass around the crown and of closely packed little feathers.

There is an inclination to desert the Madame Recamier coiffure styles and a continued movement toward greater simplicity.

Crowns of men's hats are a little higher and bands a little wider than last year, but the difference is very slight.

Cashmere de sole is the latest of expensive materials for mourning. It comes in pure silk and in a mixture of wool and silk.

Many children's dresses are being made from the striped and figured dimities, dotted lawns and Swisses and flowered organdies.

Navy blue, faded cadet, dull stone green, khaki brown and the bride's first favorite—grey—are smart shades for going-away gowns.

Dead white straw is very smart among the summer hats, especially when trimmed with shaplets of black feathers and black foliage.

The colored slip of silk or lawn made to be worn under a negligee or tea-gown of transparent material is a pretty idea for summer.

Some of the fashions for small girls are in their way as smart as those designed for their elders. All kinds of bright colors are used.

Silver wheat is a fashionable hat trimming, and when mixed with feathery fronds of white plumage gives an effect most graceful and pretty.

Pretty ties to finish the lace collar of an evening dress are made of black velvet embroidered in imitation jewelry in the proper color scheme.

Matinees or dressing sacks are, if anything, more in demand than the full length negligees, for they are so convenient to slip on when one is tired.

Some of the dots that mark the new wellwars are square, and an inch across. They are exceedingly trying to the wearer as well as to the beholder.

Hats of the sombrero type are growing in favor with the young girls. It is trimmed with a soft fold of satin, finished with corded rosette and a quill or two.

The popular princess will dominate the summer season. It is used for everything from morning toilette to evening gowns, and in all materials from higham to real lace.

Bands of cotton embroidery, in pink, blue, lavender or tan—the kind seen in men's show-made night shirts—are now being sold to decorate gingham dresses and white shirtwaists.

The coats worn during the summer months are made of linen, pongee, shantung, or cloths of a very light weight. These may be had in great variety of plain colors, stripes and checks.

The fad for stenciling has extended

as far as the children's wardrobe, and mothers of young children are decorating the hems of skirts, yokes, collars, etc., with this artistic work.

A bran new fabric just from over the water is called pongee-serge. It is of a fabric like pongee, but has a serge twill. It is an ideal material for the summer coat and skirt costume.

Pretty, simple, fine lawn dresses for little girls show the Dutch neck and very short puff sleeves. Some touches of color are introduced at the belt on the sleeve bands and outlining the low neck.

A welcome revival is the graceful form of skirt which consists of three flounces, sometimes called a "three-decker." It lends itself well to the soft muslins and embroidered lawns which will be worn this season.

The Game of Whist.
 Whist is thought to be of English origin and a development of the game trump, or triumph, which was played in England in the time of Henry VIII. Whist was introduced by Shakespeare or the writers of his day. Its earliest record is in the poems of Taylor, the water poet (1621). It is spoken of in the second edition (1680) of Cotton's "Complait Gamester" as "the game of whist, so called from the silence that is to be observed in the play," but as whist seems to have been its original name, according to some authorities, this derivation is not assured. The game was at first nine up. This was changed to ten up early in the eighteenth century, and in 1864 the experiment of dividing the game into half, which was first tried as early as 1785, was generally adopted by the clubs.

How Swallows Build Nests.
 Swallows and house martins build by sticking together the pellets of their excrement. Most of the material is obtained from the drying puddles on the high roads. If not mixed with anything else the tendency of these pellets would be to crumble when dry. But the swallow tribe is supplied with a mucous secretion which enables it to gum the particles together. The swallows' nests, from which the Chinese birds' nest soup is made, are constructed of this mucous matter only. An Indian swallow, which builds its little boat shaped nests against the trunks of lofty trees, practically makes them of dried saliva.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Worse Than a Bartle.
 The Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker of the City temple, London, once had a collection made, to the announcement of which he added with deep pathos, "Widows and orphans will not be expected to contribute." A few Sundays later there was another collection for the same object. "This time," said the preacher, "nobody will be exempt, for no battle ever made so many widows and orphans as the announcement made on the previous Sunday."

Bathing the Eyes.
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