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EEL WIGGLES INTO NEW TARIFF BILL

REVISION TURNS THE NEAT TRICK

General Appraisers Now Have Sole Power to Boost or Depress Customs Schedules

Suspicion Strong That "Interests" Caused Slippery Fish in the Measure

Board Has Supreme Control in Fixing Valuations on All Imports

THERE is an eel in the new tariff bill. It was found yesterday by local experts after a close study of the statute. It isn't exactly a bug, nor is it a joker. Its discoverers prefer to classify it as an eel. It has all the characteristics of that slippery fish. The suspicion is strong that it was slipped into the bill by Senator Aldrich on behalf of the interests which he and his coterie represent in the United States senate.

The trick was turned in the provision establishing the board of general appraisers and the customs court. The customs court was discussed with resounding din, and while the public was watching the performance the eel wriggled into the board of appraisers. This board will be the real "imperator et rex" of the tariff. Its powers are without limit. In fact, it has been given such elastic discretion that it can boost, depress, elevate, decrease, advance or abridge the schedules at will.

Secret in Valuation
The whole secret lies in the matter of valuation. On that the board of appraisers has been made supreme and final unto itself. No man shall say it nay.

The customs court, heralded with such acclaim, will be given the opportunity to decide whether a tin pall should enter under the hardware or the bucket schedule. Beyond this and kindred jurisdiction it may not go. Under the old tariff bill questions of value, as well as classification, could be carried to the federal courts on appeal. With the adoption of the new bill, however, jurisdiction over the matter of value ends with the board of general appraisers. Thus, the three men on this board will be able to turn the schedules up or down at their pleasure. Here is the way it may be worked out:

No Way to Stop Them

A manufacturer friendly to the Aldrich clique finds that the tariff on the article in which he deals is not high enough to harmonize with his ideas as to a proper margin of profit. He can not have the tariff raised, but he can bring pressure to bear on the appraisers to raise the valuation on the articles imported. These articles, let it be supposed, carry a valuation of \$10. The manufacturer complains to the board of appraisers that he can not make the article for any such amount. After due influence has been invoked the appraisers may see their way clear to boost the valuation to \$20. In effect they have by this act doubled the tariff on that article and there is no one to stop them.

The impression has spread that the customs court was to be all powerful, but its duties are limited to questions of classification, while the more important considerations are in the hands of the appraisers.

Hold Office for Life

The appraisers are appointed by the president, but virtually hold office for life. It is expressly stipulated that they may be removed only for neglect of duty, malfeasance or inefficiency. There is more in the tariff bill, however, than a single eel to worry the local customs officials. The changes, while not numerous, are of sufficient importance to demand close study. The new set of regulations has not yet arrived from Washington, but it is expected in a few days.

The first question of procedure under the new act was decided yesterday and as a result the Manila cigar will give the Cuban and domestic brothers a hard run in the local field. Some 500,000 cigars from the Philippines, which have been held in bond, were ordered admitted yesterday duty free. The Manila brand, which has hitherto been offered for sale here at 10 cents and a bit, will be placed on the market at five cents.

Under the old tariff bill the cigars from the Philippines carried a total duty of \$45 a thousand or 4.5 cents

Schedules Left in Hands of Three Men

An eel in the tariff bill is the latest discovery.

It was revealed yesterday by local experts that the power to raise or reduce the schedules has practically been placed in the hands of the three men comprising the board of general appraisers. Under the statute the decision of this board is final on all questions of valuation.

By raising the valuation of a competitive article at the instance of an American manufacturer the board may, in effect, with no one to stay its hand, advance the tariff on that article.

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Intended Victim of Shooting by California Actress Asks That Life Be Spared

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Through the intervention of powerful friends, Lawyer William B. Craig was persuaded this afternoon to agree to drop the prosecution of Mrs. May Scott Castle, who attempted to shoot him in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel last Tuesday afternoon. Though it will be necessary for the woman to appear tomorrow morning before Magistrate Butts in the Jefferson Market police court to waive examination, it can be said with authority that nothing further will be heard of the shooting incident unless the district attorney forces Craig to lodge a complaint with the grand jury, which is unlikely.

Craig's decision to drop the prosecution of the woman came as the result of several prolonged conferences between him and Captain Henry Harrison Scott of the United States army, Mrs. Castle's brother.

Two Men Prove Friendly

The report that the two men were so unfriendly they would not speak to one another is wholly unfounded and from information which reached The Call's correspondent it can be stated positively that Craig and Captain Scott spent many hours together Sunday and today, seeking to arrange things so that Mrs. Castle would be spared as much as possible and Craig would be assured that no further attempt would be made on his life.

When the case came up today before Magistrate Butts, Lawyer Emil Fuchs, representing Captain Scott, asked for an adjournment on the plea that he expected to get bail for the woman and that as soon as he did so further examination would be waived. Judge Butts consented to the adjournment, no opposition being offered by Lawyer Craig, who was present. A little stage play was enacted by which it was made to appear for the benefit of the newspapermen present that Captain Scott would not talk to the man whom his sister had attempted to shoot. Craig played his part very well and everybody who watched them was duly impressed.

But when Mrs. Castle had been taken back to her cell every one concerned gathered at a convenient meeting place and the situation was discussed. Captain Scott was not backward in acknowledging that his wife, a daughter of the late Rear Admiral Sampson, was pressing him to arrange matters so that no further scandal would develop.

Goes On Woman's Bond

In the afternoon a shoe maker was found who was willing to sign a temporary bond for \$3,000 and Mrs. Castle was released until tomorrow morning.

Before her release Craig and Captain Scott had a talk in a hotel near the courthouse which resulted in Craig's declaring that he would be only too glad to drop the prosecution if assured that Mrs. Castle would be so well looked after that there would be no recurrence of the symptoms she manifested a week ago in "Peacock alley." Mrs. Castle has been an inmate of a sanatorium and it was said tonight she probably would be taken back to the same place or to some other private institution where she will have the quiet and comfort necessary to regain her health.

When she left the prison Mrs. Castle looked very pale and careworn and refused to say a word concerning her affairs.

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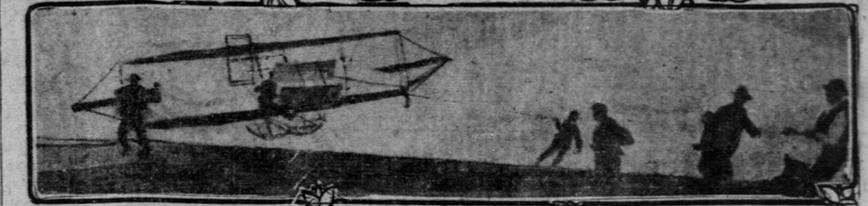
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BRAVE GIRL AVIATOR

May Be First Woman to Sail in an Aeroplane



GENEVIE SHAFFER ANXIOUS TO FLY

With Her Brother She Has Built an Airship and Will Make Flight

Shaded from the sun by the wings of her brother's aeroplane, Miss Genevieve Shaffer, sorority girl and aeronautist, of 302 Holyoke street, stood yesterday, telling the details of construction of the biplane at her side and of the thrills she hopes to experience Sunday, August 22, when she is to sail away from Berkeley in the balloon of Captain A. Van Tassel.

"I will be the first woman on the coast ever premeditatedly to take a balloon trip," said the young and pretty aeronautist, "and I hope to be the first woman ever to fly anywhere in an aeroplane. Our aeroplane should be ready very shortly; all it lacks now are the engines, and since it has demonstrated its efficiency as a glider I do not think there should be any apprehension but that it will be a good flying machine. What I wish is that the women of San Francisco would form an aero club."

Miss Shaffer has been called by some of her friends the Katherine Wright of the Pacific coast. At present her brother, Cleve T. Shaffer, has not duplicated the wonderful aerial adventures of the Wrights—no one in the world has done that nor can achieve the distinction which will always attach to the Wrights—but Shaffer intends to follow closely in their air currents, so to speak, and when he has achieved his fame he must share his glory with his sister, Miss Genevieve Shaffer, for she has been his closest adviser and most intelligent helper.

Gives Sister Equal Credit

Shaffer now gives his sister equal credit for the work he is doing. When he was seen yesterday afternoon at the place where he is employed he referred all questions to his sister. "You will find her at our home," he said, "and she can tell you as much about the machine as I can." Miss Shaffer, who, with her mother and brother, lives in a little cottage in Holyoke street near the San Bruno road, was quite ready to show her brother's model.

"We live out here," she said, "because here is a great deal of room and high land from which to fly the machine."

"Our aeroplane," she said, accepting joint responsibility for the machine, "was built first as a glider and was used in several flights of about 200 feet. But now we will install a Curtiss engine of six horsepower and will make an aeroplane of it. Then I expect to fly in the machine and hope to be the first woman ever to sail."

The Shaffer Aeroplane

The Shaffer aeroplane is ready for flight as soon as the engines are installed and the rudders, which are finished, are attached. The frame is 20 feet from tip to tip and the extensions from fore to rear rudder planes will be 50 feet. The planes are arched and the frame is covered with a prepared waterproof cloth. The frame is of spruce, reinforced with piano wires. The wing tips will extend beyond the ends of the planes.

Cleve T. Shaffer is a member of the Aero club of New York and is the western representative of Aeronautics, the periodical devoted to flying. He is 23 years of age. Miss Shaffer is younger. She is well known here socially, having been a member of the Phi Alpha Kappa sorority while attending the Polytechnic high school in this city. Later she went east to a finishing school at Jamestown, N. Y.

"My brother has been interested in aeronautics all his life," said the girl with much family pride. "He studied air currents from the time he was able to read, it seems. I have followed his studies, too. I have closely read Professor Baden Powell's book, 'Ballooning as a Sport,' and keep up with the articles in the Scientific American and other papers. I think that some day I may be able to write articles on the subject, too. I hope so, but it is too early yet for me to talk about that."

Will Make Balloon Trip

"I look forward with the greatest anticipation of our balloon trip Sunday, August 22. We start from Professor Van Tassel's place in Berkeley and will sail with the wind. I can't say what direction we will go, but probably southeast, down the Liv-

SAW THEM SLAY SON IN DREAM

Mother of Lieutenant Says He Appeared After Death and Told Her All

Tells of Strange Premonition of Fear on the Night of Annapolis Tragedy

Letters Ordered Read in Open Court Recite Minute Details of the Alleged Murder

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 9.—The reading of the record last Saturday, when the board of inquiry investigating the death of Lieutenant James N. Sutton conducted the proceedings of that day in secret and the cross examination of Mrs. Sutton, the mother of the dead officer, occupied practically all of today's session.

No sooner had Mrs. Sutton taken the stand than Major Leonard, judge advocate, demanded that the letters of Mrs. Sutton, read in the closed session, be read in public with the records.

"We have been accused of holding a star chamber session," declared the judge advocate, "and besides there are sundry other mothers who are entitled to know their sons are accused of crime."

A warm wrangle ensued. Lawyer Davis, counsel for Mrs. Sutton, argued against the necessity of making the letters known, as they had no actual bearing on the evidence. The public reading at this time would be merely catering to a prurient curiosity, he contended. The four letters were written to H. M. Swartz, a clerk in the marine corps paymaster's office in Washington by Mrs. Sutton.

The court decided that they should be read.

Mrs. Sutton's letters showed very bitter feeling on her part against a number of the officers of the marine corps and bristled with condemnation of Sutton's brother officers and the finding of the first inquest relative to Sutton's death.

Under cross examination Mrs. Sutton bore herself well. Three more witnesses were summoned. One is a resident of this city, Charles R. Russell. Another is Corporal Todd of the marine corps, corporal of the guard on the night of Sutton's death. The third is a Washingtonian whose name is not divulged.

The first letter to Swartz asked if he was a friend of her son, to whom she could write with confidence as to his sympathy.

A second letter to Swartz gave a version of what occurred on the night of Lieutenant Sutton's death, and also detailed the wounds on the face and head which Mrs. Sutton wrote had been inflicted upon her son. She referred frequently to those who were with Lieutenant Sutton when he was shot as "wild beasts."

In this letter the name of Miss May E. Stewart of Pittsburg was mentioned. Called Associates "Low Brutes"

Mrs. Sutton asked Swartz to find out from Osterman and the others who were in the automobile with Sutton the fatal night and what had actually happened preceding the shooting.

A third letter to Swartz gave further details of what Mrs. Sutton had, she said, discovered, and referred to those who were with her son when he died as "low brutes." She referred to a letter from her son in which he described his fellow officers as "low cads," and referred in words of bitter criticism to Lieutenants Adams, Osterman and others.

This letter described the receipt of the news by her at her home of her son's death and said that she felt at that time that her son was with her and that he described to her the manner of his death, which, she wrote, he declared was due to a shot fired by Lieutenant Adams.

Mrs. Sutton wept quietly while her own words went to her son's death were being read.

After the reading of the letters the reading of the record of Saturday showed Mrs. Sutton to have been asked many questions as to evidence in her possession to support her contentions. She referred to letters received by her from Miss Stewart, Professor Coleman and others and to the record of the first investigation as sufficient evidence.

Wrote Many Letters

The reading of the record concluded, Mrs. Sutton was cross examined by Birney and said she had received her information relative to the wounds which she believed to have been suffered by her son from the testimony at the first investigation. Birney was still cross examining when recess was taken.

All the letters of Mrs. Sutton which

DASHED TO DEATH AT GLACIER POINT

Soldiers in Yosemite Hunt in Vain for Body of Horace Logan, Lost Student

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

YOSEMITE, Aug. 9.—Horace A. Logan, a student, is believed to have been dashed to a terrible death over the Glacier point cliff last Friday night while trying to make the difficult descent down a trail little traveled and pronounced unsafe by the Yosemite park superintendent.

Today, after nearly three days' search, the cavalrymen who were sent out to look for the lost man found in a stream, which flows across the trail down the cliff, a battered felt hat, containing the lost lad's initials. The hat was lying below the trail and the body of the unfortunate youth is believed to be hidden far down the granite wall in some shelf of rock, inaccessible and invisible.

When Major W. W. Forsyth, chief military authority in the valley, learned of the finding of the hat this afternoon he said he would not jeopardize the lives of any of his men by permitting them to search for the body by means of rope ladders. Several soldiers volunteered for the task, but Forsyth refused to consider the proposition. A search party will go up the precipice tomorrow, however, and a final attempt will be made to locate the body and settle the mystery which has bothered the people of the valley for three days.

Logan climbed by the "long trail" to Glacier point last Friday. He talked of continuing his trip to Sentinel dome, into the region where F. P. Shepherd of San Francisco was lost so strangely last June. He was prevailed upon to abandon this trip, but he could not be

BENZINE BOARD FOR NATIONALS

Officers Declare They Are to Be Dropped After a Fake Inquiry

Adjutant General J. B. Lauck, N. G.

C., has ordered a "benzine board" to investigate Captain J. C. Nagle, First Lieutenant William H. Mallett and Second Lieutenant C. C. de Wolfe of the First company, state coast artillery, and Lieutenant J. C. Young and Second Lieutenant A. C. Collett, Third company, for the purpose, it is believed, by the line officers involved, of having them summarily dismissed from the service. With the officers out of the way General Lauck, it is said, believes that he can put the fear of the sword into the men in the commands and break the spirit of what he has called insubordination in the ranks.

The five officers of the old "Nationals" battalion were advised last night to break the movement by offering their resignations before they were "rubbed out" by the application of military benzine.

A "benzine board," as the martial euphemism goes, is known among civilians as a "fixed" board, appointed knowingly for the purpose of getting rid of the men to be investigated. But the officers will not resign "under fire." They are going "to stick to the colors," "hold the fort" and do a series of similar stunts which merit valorous military metaphor.

NAGLE ENTERS PROTEST

The personnel of the "benzine board" has not yet been announced, but it is understood that General Lauck has picked his men and is simply waiting for the signature of the commander in chief of the state militia, Governor

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