# TARIFF TINKERS TO BACK WATER ON THEIR BOASTS

## When Democrats Start Revision, Work Will Be Tempered Somewhat.

Signs multiply that when the House and Senate Democrats get down to the actual business of revising the tariff they will go at the task much less vigorously than they talked about it in the campaign.

"No chef ever serves soup as hot as he cooks it," remarked a prominent Democratic leader at the Capitol the other day. This doctrine apparently is to be applied to tariff revision, as it is to some other phases of legislation when the Democrats get into power. That is to say, it will be thus applied if a large conservative element among the Democrats in both houses can force the application. It will not be so applied if the more radical Democratic leaders have their way.

**Hearings Cause Talk.**

In addition to the fact that conservative House Democrats are laying plans to get on the Ways and Means Committee, and that progressive Democrats are up in arms about it, the decision of the Ways and Means leaders to have hearings on the tariff question are looked on among the knowing folks at the Capitol as of the utmost significance.

The significance seen in the decision to have Ways and Means hearings is that no such decision would have been reached had not the purpose been to let the cotton manufacturing industry and some others off with as mild a dose of tariff reduction as possible.

**Scorn Tariff Board.**

The present Ways and Means Committee has set tariff revision bills in motion in two sessions within less than two years. House Democrats would have none of the information dug up by the tariff board. The Ways and Means Democrats gathered their own data and made their tariff bill on that basis.

Moreover, they went to the country in part on the issued caused by the fact the President vetoed the bills that finally were accepted by a Democratic House and a Senate of which the Republican leaders had lost control.

Under the circumstances Progressive party men about the Capitol are asking why the Ways and Means Committee wants to conduct hearings now. Has it not, they are asking, ample data to revise the tariff? If it does not have, why did it put forth bills in the extra session of the present Congress and in the long session of the present Congress?

**Want To Act Mildly.**

The answer the Republicans and Progressive party men are giving is that the Democrats on Ways and Means, at least part of them, want to get evidence that will afford them a reasonably good excuse not to revise with sharp-edged tools, but to do it in as mild fashion as circumstances will permit.

The situation is understood better when the methods of getting tariff testimony in a Ways and Means Committee hearing are considered. The country saw a lot of these methods prior to the Payne bill. Interested manufacturers come before the committee, and give ex parte statements of what will happen to them if schedules are lowered. The testimony thus given from an impartial standpoint is of little or no value. But if one is searching for excuses to keep schedules up, such a hearing is exactly the way to find the excuses.

Among the Republicans, especially the progressives, are a lot of earnest tariff revisionists. They are watching with a lot of interest the course of the Democrats on the tariff.

**Clash Is Possible.**

A powerful element of the Democrats in both Senate and House unquestionably is working for a tariff that will be reduced in name only. If Mr. Wilson, as President, refuses to consent to a revision that is not real, that does not cut some of the schedules radically, it is impossible to see how a clash between him and the men of the Gorman view on tariff can be avoided.

That Wilson will insist on applying the knife vigorously to the schedules is the general impression in Washington.

## Man Who Wants Money From Uncle Sam Detained

A young man who said he was Aman Simle, of Beaver, Okla., called at the Treasury Department yesterday and told Captain of the Watch Cobaugh that he wanted to see Uncle Sam.

"What do you want to see him about?" inquired Captain Cobaugh.

"Why, to get some money, of course."

Simle was detained until the arrival of a policeman, when he was sent to the Washington Asylum Hospital for observation. He said he was a Norwegian, but had been living in this country ten years.



# PLAN DEEP PROBE INTO TAX REPORT

## Directors of Chamber of Commerce Want to Learn If Congressman George's Statements Are Correct. Reforms To Be Urged.

The George taxation and assessment report will come in for another investigation, the result of which was foretcast last night, when the committee on municipal legislation of the Chamber of Commerce undertakes to prove the falsity or truth of statements it contains.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber last night, D. J. Kaufman requested that an investigation of the report be made by the proper committee at once, in order to let the citizens know what was being done. Chapin Brown, chairman of the committee on municipal legislation, replied that his committee had postponed the investigation until Congress meets because whatever action is taken will be more effective when the legislators are in the city.

Although the public hearings planned for the report have not begun, Mr. Brown said his committee doubtless would show that many statements in the George report are incorrect. He said he did not want to prejudice the report, but admitted his opinion was contrary to the George committee.

**Publicity Is Desired.**

D. J. Kaufman urged that the matter be given all the publicity possible Mr. Brown having said the investigation was being carried on quietly.

"Let the citizens know what is transpiring," said Mr. Kaufman. "Let your investigation make you appear to the citizens as if you were coming to them with the idea, 'We would like to have your opinion of the matter.' This is a matter that concerns the citizens primarily and everybody, rather than a select number, should be invited to take part in these investigations."

Mr. Brown said his committee expected to advance considerably in the work during the coming week.

Mr. Worthington, in making his report as chairman of the membership committee, told the directors there were less than 500 members qualified at the present time to vote in the annual election. The announcement of the election is expected to bring many remittances. Two members of the board of directors were automatically dropped from the board for failure to attend the meetings, and a resolution was passed to fill the vacancies at the next board meeting, except where the terms expire in January, which vacancies will be filled at the regular election of officers on January 13.

**Mr. Lothrop Mourned.**

The following resolution, introduced by Chapin Brown and seconded by W. T. Galliher, in respect to the memory of the late Alvin M. Lothrop, was unanimously passed.

"Resolved by the board of directors of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, That we learn with the keenest sense of loss of the death of our esteemed member, Alvin M. Lothrop.

"He was a member of this organization from its inception. His unfailing generosity in all public and private matters, his cheerful and amiable disposition and his spirit of justice in all his dealings endeared him to the wide circle with whom he came in contact.

"We feel that the Chamber has lost a valuable member, the Capital one of its best citizens, and by this formal motion write on our records the expression of our sincere appreciation of the man.

"Be it further resolved, That the secretary transmit a copy to the family of our late member."

The board received with applause the report of D. J. Kaufman as chairman of the special committee on entertainment of the delegates to the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Kaufman's report showed that $1,410 was raised for this purpose without any personal solicitation, and that he had a balance of $32 which he would turn into the treasury of the Chamber to help defray expenses incidental to the entertainments that are usually paid by the Chamber.

Chairman John Dolph reported that the joint committee from the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, and the Retail Merchants' Association had agreed on a plan for raising and distributing an annual conventions fund of $30,000, and the board approved the action of Mr. Dolph's committee. The plan as outlined gives the disbursing power into the hands of a joint executive committee after each item of expense has been approved by the directorate of one of the organizations.

In behalf of the charities indorsement committee, H. B. F. Macfarland asked the Chamber to contribute $100 as its share of the committee's expenses during the coming year. Mr. Macfarland showed that the committee had made considerable progress, but that its work was barely begun, and that much more could be accomplished during the coming year in the way of informing the people as to what charities are worthy and what are unworthy. The directors granted the appropriation.

**Dislike Slippery Streets.**

It was brought out by President Oyster and others that the streets are made too slippery because of unnecessary watering, and that many horses fall as a result of the slippery condition. The attention of the Commissioners will be called to the matter.

The directors adjourned to meet on January 2. The annual meeting and election of officers will be held on January 13, and the attention of the directors was called to the fact that nominations for officers and directors must be posted at least two weeks prior to this meeting. President Oyster requested all committee chairmen to file their reports not later than January 1.

Present last night were President James F. Oyster, D. J. Callahan, A. Lisner, John Dolph, D. J. Kaufman, George Y. Worthington, O. J. De Moll, M. A. Leese, F. C. Handy, W. Galliher, A. D. Prince, Hugh Harvey, H. C. C. Stiles, E. C. Graham, H. B. F. Macfarland, Ralph W. Lee, Chapin Brown, Secretary Thomas Grant.

## Van Buren's Birth Anniversary Today

Today is considerable of an anniversary so far as the National Capital is concerned, and otherwise. On this day in 1782, Martin Van Buren, the eighth President of the United States was born. In 1854 Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana, was elected President pro tem of the United States Senate. December 5, 1881, General Warren Keifer, of Ohio, was named Speaker of the House.

The day is the anniversary of a now all but forgotten theater horror. In 1876 on this date a Brooklyn theater burned during a performance of "The Two Orphans," and 296 lives were lost.

Today is the anniversary of the death in 1791 of Mozart, the composer, and of the arrival, in 1850, in New York of Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot.



# BULLETIN SOUNDS WARNING AGAINST DIPHTHERIA PERILS

## Health Department Urges Use of Anti-Toxin to Check Spread.

Directing attention to the prevalence of diphtheria in the District, the Health Department in its weekly bulletin made public oday, offers advice as to the care and treatment of the disease. Thirty-one cases were reported during the week ended November 30, increasing the total number on record from thirty-two to fifty-five.

"During the prevalence of diphtheria a simple sore throat should be considered suspicious and a physician should be called at once and a culture taken from the throat," says the report. "The wise thing under such circumstances is to take no chances.

**Antitoxin Is Praised.**

"Early treatment by antitoxin in positive cases should not be delayed and it should be given in doubtful cases as well. It is a well-known fact that those who are associated with or come in contact with diphtheria patients do not always show clinical symptoms of the disease, but nevertheless often carry the characteristic bacilli in the throat, and may and do spread diphtheria if they are not isolated.

"These carriers have diphtheria within the meaning of the law and are quarantined as such. Indeed, it is a question whether more cases of diphtheria are not caused by the apparently well than by the sick.

**How to Prevent Spread.**

"Early attention and early treatment and immunizing doses to those who have been exposed are the means to be used in connection with the isolation of the patient, to prevent the spread of this disease."

The record of other contagious diseases in the District is as follows: Scarlet fever, 41; whooping cough, 141; measles, 53; chickenpox, 27, and typhoid fever, 144.

There were 115 deaths during the week, 66 among the white, and 49 among the colored population. The births numbered 141, 97 were white, and 44 colored.

## Big Orders for Guns Are Placed by Powers

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 5.—Information was received in this city today that Russia and some other European powers, among which Germany is supposed to be included, have placed orders for several hundred thousand dollars' worth of firearms with two Hartford factories.

Col. C. L. F. Robinson, president of the Colt Patent Firearms Company, left Hartford several weeks ago. It is reported that as a result of a conference with some of the War Department chiefs of the European countries he will return with contracts for automatic and army revolvers sufficient to keep the local plant running at its capacity for many months.

Manager Hanson, of the Pratt & Whitney Company, of Hartford, who is also abroad, says that the czar's minister of war has decided that he needs about $300,000 worth of machine guns which are made here.

# OLD INHABITANTS ADD MORE NAMES TO THEIR ROSTER

## Pioneers Take Action for Better Place in Reception Line.

The regular meeting of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association was held last night in the rooms of the association in the Old Engine House, Eighteenth and H streets northwest. Two new members, Daniel McFarlin, of the Woodley apartments, and George Hellen, of the Greenway apartments, were elected to membership of the association.

Mr. McFarlin is a real old-time inhabitant, having lived in Washington all his life. When informed of his election this morning Mr. McFarlin stated that it was a thing that he had wanted for a long, long time, but for one reason or another he never put his name up for membership before. Mr. McFarlin was a grown man when the civil war broke out, and lived in Washington in those troubled times.

Mr. Hellen is a younger man than Mr. McFarlin, but his is one of the old families in the city, which long has been identified with things of Washington.

In the meeting last night two names were submitted for membership, John B. Crawford, of 14 R street northwest, and B. F. McCaully, of 1747 Church street northwest. Their names were put in nomination, and will be acted on in a future meeting.

President Theodore Noyes announced the following standing committees: Finance, William H. Singleton, George W. Ryans, and Louis P. Deliwig; hall and archives, John McCarthy, Harry L. Hryan, and M. I. Weller; entertainment, Andrew H. Ragan, B. W. Summy, Washington Topham; to get the association a better position in the New Year Presidential reception, Judge Charles S. Bundy, the Rev. Samuel V. Leech, Dr. B. W. Summy, and William H. Singleton.

George W. Evans, as chronicler, read the annual report of the association which showed that the association is in first-class shape financially and otherwise.



# PUBLIC CAREER OPEN TO YOUNG DOCTORS

## Competitive Examinations Will Be Held for Health Service Places.

Young physicians and surgeons, ambitious to win their way before the American people, will have an exceptional opportunity for a public career, January 13, when a competitive examination for entrance to the Public Health Service will be held.

There are seven vacancies already existing, and others may be vacant in the near future. Positions in the Public Health Service pay an entrance salary of $2,000 a year, with an allowance of $80 a month for commutation of quarters.

Consistent enlargement of the scope of the work of this service offers exceptional opportunity to young men, it is declared. Candidates must be from twenty-three to thirty-two years old, must be graduates of reputable medical colleges, and must have had one year's experience in a hospital, or two years' experience in private practice.