

EXPERTS SAY
WOOL DUTIES
ARE TOO HIGHPresident Concurs in Find-
ings of Tariff Board
on Schedule K.

TO REVISE DOWNWARD

Message and Report Heard in
House, But Action Deferred
Until Tomorrow.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The tariff board's report of its investigation of the wool industry struck water as soon as it reached the house today. At the conclusion of the reading of the president's message an attempt was made to have the report referred to the ways and means committee without printing. There was some discussion, but the message and report finally were left on the speaker's table until tomorrow.

FOR IMMEDIATE REVISION.

The president urges that revision of the schedule be proceeded with at once. Neither the president nor the board proposes definite rates of duty. Taft holding the function of the board merely is to present finding of fact on which rates of duty may be fairly determined in the light of adequate knowledge and in accord with an economic policy to be followed.

The president recommends that the proposed revision adhere to the policy of protection based upon difference in cost of production at home and abroad.

REPORT OF TARIFF BOARD.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The tariff board's report on schedule K, sent to congress today by President Taft, suggests a general revision of the duties on wool and woolsens, and many individual reductions in the rates. The board makes no recommendations, but points out what changes are desired. In nearly all classes of the schedule, the board's experts report the majority of the rates of duty prohibitory and condemn the system of levying them.

The report points the way to two great changes in the present system of levying duties upon raw wool and finished cloth. It would assess duty on scrubbed wool—not wool and grease combined; and suggests a graduated scale of ad valorem rate on cloth.

The report is divided into sections, viz.: raw wool, yarn and cloth. They are taken up in the order in which they come in production and manufacture.

PRESENT SYSTEM BAD.

On raw wool, the board finds the present system of levying duty bad, and the duties higher than the difference in cost of production in the United States as compared with the cost abroad. The method of levying duty is condemned because it charges for grease as well as for wool and operates to keep out of this country the heavy shrinking woolsens.

On tops, from which yarn is made, the present rate of duty is found to be prohibitory. It costs 80 per cent more in the United States to convert tops into yarn than it does anywhere else.

On yarn, from which cloth is woven, the present rate of duty is found to be prohibitory because it keeps out all except the finer grades.

On cloth, the present rate of duty is pronounced prohibitory on heavy weight, cheap and medium grade cloths, principally because of the specific compensatory duty which fixes a certain charge per pound before the ad valorem rate begins. It costs 100 per cent more to make cloth from yarn in the United States than it does in England or France. The present system of fixing the same ad valorem rates of duty on different grades of fabric is condemned as unfair.

FOR GRADUATED SCALE.

The board holds that a fair solution would be the adoption of a graduated scale under which the ad valorem rate properly assessed on goods of low value should then increase progressively according to slight increments of value, up to whatever maximum rate should be fixed.

The board's figures would seem to show that the "prohibitory duties" do not affect the American consumer so much as would be inferred by the use of those words; for while the duties on 16 samples of foreign cloth selected by the board averaged 184 per cent the actual excess of the domestic price over the foreign price was found to be 67 per cent as the result of domestic competition.

"At the present time the industry in general is on a competitive basis," says the report.

The cost of a suit of clothes from the back of a sheep to the back of a man is computed in the report, and the profits which accrue in the

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COME ON MR. GOOD FELLOW

CHINA IS READY
FOR A REPUBLICConference at Shanghai Now
Awaiting Answer to New
Proposal from Peking.

ARMISTICE IS EXTENDED

Notes, All Identical, from Six Pow-
ers Read to Delegates—
All for Peace.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—During the peace conference this afternoon Tang Shao Yi, who represents Premier Yuan Shi Ki, expressed himself as "ready to accept a republic, but I must first communicate with Peking."

An identical note from the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Germany, France and Russia was presented today to representatives of the imperial government and the revolutionaries by the consular corps. The consuls first visited Tang Shao Yi, where each read the note. Tang replying, expressed gratitude for the interest of the powers and the hope that peace would result from the conference.

WU PLEADS FOR JUSTICE.

The consuls then called upon Wu Ting Fang, where much the same ceremony took place. Wu expressed himself in favor of peace, but declared no peace could be permanent unless it was based upon the highest justice.

AWAIT WORD FROM PEKING.

The conference was resumed, and after the meeting adjourned it was announced Wu had presented his case in favor of a republic, and Tang had expressed his readiness to accept Wu's proposition, but that he must first communicate with Peking. The armistice between the opposing forces was extended to Dec. 20.

MONTEREY DISPATCHED.

Amoy, China, Dec. 20.—The United States monitor Monterey sailed this afternoon for Swatow, where serious trouble is reported between the Chinese and Hakkas.

Vote Big Christmas Present.

New York, Dec. 20.—A Christmas present of \$50,000 was voted yesterday to the employees of the Central Trust company by directors of the concern. For years the company has presented its employees with a year's salary at Christmas.

Yesterday in Congress

SENATE.
Met at noon. Russian treaty abrogation taken up with expectation of ratification of the president's notification to Russia. Senator Bayner of Maryland in speech urged immediate action on Russian abrogation. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts led fight in support of the abrogation resolution reported by foreign relations committee. Urgent 634.758 as it passed the house, was considered ahead of the Russian treaty abrogation. Russian abrogation resolution unanimously adopted. Adjourned at 7:26 p. m. until 2 o'clock today.

HOUSE.

Met at noon. Representative Sulzer of New York announced that house would waive any technicalities in order to join with senate in securing action on Russian abrogation. House considered legislation for arrangement of pay for congressional clerks. Resolution passed calling for complete information as to proposed army concentration plan. Adjourned at 8:37 until noon today.

The Weather

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline,
and Vicinity.

Heavy snow or rain tonight and probably Thursday, high easterly winds, not much change in temperature. The lowest temperature tonight will be slightly below the freezing point.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 26. Highest yesterday 34, lowest last night 26.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 19 miles per hour.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 82.

at 7 a. m. 80.

Stage of water 5.5, a fall of .1 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)

Sun sets 4:32, rises 7:17; moon sets 4:07 p. m.; moon farthest south and lowest; 6 a. m. all Jupiter's principal satellites seen on west of the planet.

No. 2 above No. 4, No. 3 just west of these and No. 1 half way to the planet;

eastern time; 6:33 a. m. moon in conjunction with Mercury; sun's declination, 23 degrees 26 minutes south of celestial equator.

MAY DELAY HANGING

FOUR CHICAGOANS

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 20.—The fate of the Shablowski brothers, Sommerling and Schultz, condemned to hang in Chicago Friday, now rests with Governor Deneen and the state board of pardons. Pleas for reprieves for 60 days were made this morning by attorneys for the prisoners. The inability of the defense to make a record of the case to file in the supreme court within a short space of time intervening from the date of the prisoners' sentence and the day set for the execution is a strong point being urged by the attorneys.

William Gewetke, himself a truck farmer, and president of the Cook County Gardeners' and Truck Farmers' association, spoke against a reprieve. An impassioned address by Gewetke, in which he told of the brutality which marked the murder of Guelzow, formed the dramatic feature of the hearing.

Later in the day Governor Deneen granted a reprieve until Feb. 16.

MABRAY TELLS OF GIVING

BRIBES TO OFFICIALS

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 20.—The placing on the stand of John C. Mabray, called the prince of fake sport promoters, for which crime he recently served a term in the federal prison at Leavenworth, was sufficient to bring into the district court room a big crowd of persons anxious to hear his testimony against Benjamin Marks, charged with being a conspirator with Mabray to defraud various persons out of sums aggregating \$1,000,000 on fake sporting events.

Mabray's testimony created a stir. His declarations of the acceptance of graft money by city and county officials caused more than local interest.

"Sleeping Woman" Is Dead.

Des Moines, Dec. 20.—Mrs. L. J. Parmenter, known as the "sleeping woman" because of a remarkable 10 days' sleep from which she awakened a little more than two weeks ago, died at her home here yesterday. Her case puzzled many physicians, several of whom expected her to recover. She was 78 years old.

2 HOUSES AGREE
TO BREAK TREATYMacon of Arkansas Casts Only
Negative Vote in the
Lower Branch.

IS READY FOR PRESIDENT

Berger Presents Resolution for End-
ing of Extradition Agree-
ment of 1887.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The house agreed to the senate resolution to abrogate the Russian treaty of 1832. The only negative vote was cast by Macon of Arkansas.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Immediately following disposal of the president's tariff message the house entered upon consideration of the Russian treaty. Early in the day the foreign affairs committee agreed to concur in the senate measure abrogating the treaty.

CONCURRENCE ASSURED.

Sulzer moved that the house concur in the senate resolution. It was evident there would be considerable debate before the house voted, but no doubt was expressed in concurrence of the senate. The resolution probably will be ready for the president's signature upon his return to Washington tomorrow.

AFTER ANOTHER TREATY.

Representative Berger, the Wisconsin socialist, introduced a joint resolution in the house today to terminate the Russian extradition treaty of 1837.

LIVERPOOL FACING

A STRIKE OF 100,000

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—A lockout affecting 100,000 cotton operatives is threatened on Christmas. The trouble has arisen over the employment of non-unionists.

Widow Daughter's Sister-in-Law.

Canton, Dec. 20.—A grandmother at 29, mother of eight children and sister-in-law of one of her daughters—such is Mrs. William Golden of Norris, a mining town six miles from here. Mrs. Golden has been married twice. The youngest of her children are twins, born last Saturday. Her grandchild is six months old. Its mother is 15 years old. Mrs. Golden was married when 14 years old to Henry Bird. There are six children living as a result of that marriage. Bird died, and in July, 1910, Mrs. Bird and her oldest daughter, then 14 years old, were married to Floyd and William Golden, brothers. Mother and daughter are sisters-in-law. William Golden is stepfather to his brother's wife and the twins born to Mrs. Golden are both aunts and cousins of Mrs. Floyd Golden's child.

Financier Arrested as Forger.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—H. W. Richardson of Louisville, Ky., formerly president of the American Union Trust company, was arrested here on a charge of forgery. Richardson is alleged to have forged the name of Theodore L. Steger of Kansas City to 56 shares of the trust company's stock, valued at \$7,900.

Storm in Middle West.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—A heavy snow and sleet storm is sweeping the middle west today. Telegraph communication is delayed.

TAFT FLIRTS
IN 2 CAMPS
IN NEW YORKPresident Talks Situation
With Old Guard and
Insurgents.

ROOSEVELT NOT THERE

Colonel Has Business at Oyster
Bay, and Will Not Re-
turn Until Night.

New York, Dec. 20.—At the suggestion of Dr. Lyman Abbott and Dr. Mary Eddy, an American woman who spent many years in Turkey, President Taft took under advisement today the tendering of the good offices of the United States as mediator in the Turko-Italian war.

New York, Dec. 20.—Taft has another busy day before him, following a strenuous program of last night. This afternoon he will lay the cornerstone of a settlement house for the blind, the first building of its kind in the world. Tonight the president speaks at two dinners. During the morning many prominent republicans called, and, it is stated, talked politics. Roosevelt went to Oyster Bay before the president's arrival yesterday and it is announced will not leave for home until this evening.

DICTATES TO BLIND WOMAN.

When President Taft attended the actors' fair here last year he wanted a stenographer in a hurry, and Miss Grace Kestor took his dictations. Although Miss Kestor did his work without a mistake, the president learned, to his surprise, she was blind. In fact, she is the first blind woman in the city to earn a living as a writer of shorthand. The president's interest in work for the blind, it is said, dates from this incident. Miss Kestor, who is president of the New York Blind Women's club, assists him in today's ceremonies.

BARNES' CALL SURPRISE.

Barnes' call, in view of recent criticism attributed to him of the president, was a surprise to those outside the president's immediate circle, for he did not attend any functions at which the president spoke last night.

MOROS DEFY ORDER;

NEAR TO A BATTLE

Manila, Dec. 20.—A battle is imminent in the island of Jolo between 600 Moros, who are defying an ultimatum issued by Brigadier General Pershing ordering disarmament of natives in the district. They retired to the top of the peak of Bud Dajo, which they fortified. They are surrounded by infantry and artillery, and a fight is likely to begin any moment.

SOCIALISTS WILL MEET IN

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Announcement was made today that Oklahoma City, Okla., has been chosen for the national socialist convention May 12, 1912.

Juror Ill; Votes in Bed.

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 20.—Edward Ferguson, a juror in a \$10,000 damage suit at Aurora against the Aurora & Elgin interurban road, fell seriously ill during a prolonged wrangle of deadlocked jurors, but he refused to go home. A bed was brought in and a doctor summoned, and Ferguson continued voting, although fast losing strength. After the jury had been out 26 hours it was discharged by Judge Mangano. The sick man was taken home in an automobile.

Banker Must Serve Six Years.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 20.—William Adler, former president of the State National bank of New Orleans, will have to serve six years in the Atlanta federal prison. The United States circuit court of appeals affirmed the judgment of the circuit court, which imposed the sentence a year ago on conviction of violation of the national banking laws.

Orders Dive District Closed.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 20.—As the result of the recent police investigation in which officers were accused of taking money from proprietors of disreputable houses, Chief Webster ordered all the houses closed and the "red light" district wiped out at once.

RICHESON TRIES
TO END HIS LIFEMinister Accused of Miss Lin-
nell's Murder Found
Wounded in Cell.

INCISION IN HIS GROIN

Greatly Weakened by Loss of Blood,
But Will Recover in Time
for His Trial.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Rev. Clarence V. Richeson, confined in jail awaiting trial on a charge of murdering Miss Avis Linnell, cut himself in the groin with a piece of tin today. It is said the aim was not suicide. Counsel for Richeson state he attempted to emasculate himself, inflicting injuries which made it necessary for physicians to complete his act at a hospital.

MAY INQUIRE INTO SANITY.

It is now declared Richeson's act was an attempt at suicide. He is very weak from loss of blood, but will recover in time for his trial Jan. 15. In legal circles it was stated today some action may be taken before the trial to ascertain Richeson's sanity.

LORIMER'S STORY
TO TAKE 4 DAYSSenator Is to Be Last Witness
in Investigation of His
Election.

AN ADJOURNMENT TO JAN. 8

W. H. Behrens Denies There Was
"Shakedown" Attached to Saloon
Bill He Introduced.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Hearings of the senatorial committee investigating the election of Senator Lorimer were adjourned yesterday afternoon until Monday, Jan. 8. Senator Lorimer is the only witness to be heard. He will testify in January.

"No further witnesses except Senator Lorimer will be heard, unless the committee by its own motion determines to summon them," said Senator Dillingham in announcing the plans of the committee.

Up to date the hearings of the committee have occupied 84 days. One hundred and sixty-seven witnesses have been heard. Senator Lorimer probably will remain on the stand for three or four days.

W. H. Behrens of Carlinville, Ill., former republican representative, who introduced a saloon bill referred to as a "shakedown" measure, and Thomas M. Webb of East St. Louis, an attorney consulted by Charles A. White previous to the publication of his confession, were heard yesterday.

DENIES "SHAKEDOWN" IN BILL.

Mr. Behrens denied any knowledge that the bill introduced by him aiming to prevent breweries from owning saloons was a "shakedown" measure. He said he realized after it got on the floor of the house that it would be defeated.

Representative Morton D. Hull

testified last week that Mr. Behrens practically deserted the bill, and that all except two of the 24 members of the license committee who had voted favorably upon it in the committee either voted against it or absented themselves on final roll call. The theory was that the breweries paid the desired money to kill it after it got on the floor of the house.

NOT AS MUCH AS PROMISED.

Mr. Webb said Charles A. White told him three months prior to the publication of his confession that he had received \$900 from the jackpot, but made no mention of having obtained anything for his vote for Senator Lorimer.

"White said he hadn't got as much money as he had been promised," said Mr. Webb. "He said that if he didn't get what he wanted he was going to ruin those who were after, even if he went down with them. He told me he had written a letter to Senator Lorimer in which he had offered his story for \$75,000."

MME. LANGEVIN IS

GRANTED A DIVORCE

Paris, Dec. 20.—A petition for separation from her husband presented in the divorce court here by Mme. Langevin was granted today. Mme. Langevin asked separation on account of her husband's alleged relations with Mme. Curie, the famous scientist. The suit caused a great sensation and was an occasion for several duels.

Illinois Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Illinois postmasters confirmed yesterday by the senate: William Clemons, Mansfield; Allen H. Webster, Cuba; Joseph B. Messick, East St. Louis; Thomas F. Shipton, Hanover; John G. Carson, Melrose Park; August J. Berger, Nauvoo; William A. Hutchinson, Oak Park; George P. Wilson, Oriskany; Harry E. Spear, Polo; August Kalbitz, Red Bud; Earle D. Riddle, Leroy; Andrew M. Corbus, Oglesby.

Recall of Mayor Is Asked.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 20.—A petition asking the recall of Mayor W. H. Jones was filed by the liberal element here.

Snow Breaks Dry Spell.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 20.—Snow, the first precipitation in any form for the last two years, is falling over the western half of Oklahoma. The fall is heavy enough to menace train schedules.

Ice Blocks Ship 30 Days.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—After having been imprisoned for 30 days off Cape Horn by icebergs, the British ship William T. Lewis, commanded by Captain Manning, arrived in port yesterday, 154 days out from Antwerp.

Helps Black River Falls.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 20.—The Merchants' & Manufacturers' association of Milwaukee remitted a check for \$1,188 to State Treasurer Dahl for the relief of Black River Falls.

New Cabinet For Shuster.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A Tehran dispatch reports the Persian ministry has resigned. The new cabinet, it is said, will reject the Russian ultimatum commanding Shuster's dismissal.

PACKERS IN A
POOL THIRTY
YEARS, CLAIMNational Company Formed
to Deceive, Wilkerson
Alleges.

RATE WARS ARE CITED

Means Adopted by Combination
to Stifle Competition and
Kill Independents.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—At a conference of counsel for the defense early today it was decided that several representatives of the packers would make an opening address to the jury immediately following the close of District Attorney Wilkerson's opening statement. Indications are the government will not call its first witness before next week. Wilkerson resumed his address this morning, describing the methods he said had been pursued by the alleged trust.

COMPANY HELD A SHAM.

"The organization of the National Packing company was a sham," declared Wilkerson, "and its stockholders and directors are just as guilty under the law as if the fixing of the business and the control of the meat industry had been accomplished by individuals." He argued the intent of the packers to fix prices was shown by the history of the packing industry, and said there had been a packers' pool for 30 years. The object of the National Packing company, he declared, was to continue this pool.

COMPETITION SUPPRESSED.

Wilkerson described the methods of the combination in suppressing competition. He said rate wars were started in a certain district to drive independent packers from the field. In other instances troublesome competitors were absorbed by the combination. He described how Swarschild & Sulzberger, the New York Pressed Beef company and other independent concerns were brought into the alleged combination. Wilkerson concluded his statement at noon and court took a recess.

VANDALS DEFACE A
CAPITAL PAINTING

Washington, D. C., 20.—Vandals got into the capitol last night and mutilated the "Battle of Lake Erie," the largest canvass of the collection of paintings which adorn the walls of corridors and stairways. A strip two feet long and three inches wide was cut from the lower left hand corner of the painting, at a place where the artist had shown great detail. The strip was found close by upon the floor. It can be replaced. The painting shows Commodore Perry transferring his flag at the crucial moment in his gallant fight in Put-in-Bay.

McMahon Admitted to Bail.

Springfield, Dec. 20.—James McMahon, serving a term of 15 years in the penitentiary at Joliet for the murder of Mary Hetrick on Dec. 5, 1908, was granted a writ of superadeas by the supreme court yesterday and admitted to bail of \$15,000. McMahon was convicted in the Bureau county circuit court last September.

For Female Police Officer.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 20.—A committee of three women, headed by Mrs. Julia Proctor White, president of the Peoria Women's club, called on Mayor Woodruff and made a proposition that he appoint a female police officer.

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