NEW TARIFF BILL OFFERED IN HOUSE

Reductions in Duty on Steel, and Inheritance Tax Are Some of the Features.

NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE

Consolation Mainly Rests Upon th Possibilities of Drawback Clause on Exported Material.

Washington, D. C .-- Representativ Sereno E. Payne of New York, pre sented to the House the net result of four months of hard work by the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee in the form of a new tariff bill. It was referred to the new committee on ways and means, and, according to present plans, will be taken up by the house for consideration next week.

plans, will be taken up by the house for consideration next week. It is the most radical revenue meas-ure that ever emanated from Repub-lican sources. Sweeping reductions in schedules are made, items which for years have been guarded with free list, a new policy of maximum and minumum tariff has been provid-ed for, the customs administrative act has been amended, and the laws for reimbursing a depleted Treasury have been extended and enlarged. Another innovation for times of peace is the imposition of a duty of 8 cents per pound upon tea, though coffee is left upon the free list. A provision, considered by some as the most important feature of the bill, is that by which the drawback clause is liberalized so that a drawback may be obtained upon exported material, whether it be produced in this coun-tor abroad, if an equal amount of sextension of the drawback is expected to exert a tremendous influence in eign trade. Pensylvanla industries are, per

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eign trade. Pennsylvania industries are, per perhaps, more directly interested in this new bill than any others for the reason that the cut in the metals schedule was the most severe of all. It will average between 30 and 40 cent

Iron ore, formerly carrying a duty from ore, formerly carrying a duty of 40 cents per ton, is on the free list. Pig from has been reduced from \$4.00 to \$2.50 a ton. Steel rails have been cut 50 per cent, from \$7.84 to \$3.92. Scrap iron and steel is cut from \$4.00 per ton to 50 cents per ton. Structural steel is cut 40 per cent, as is har from

as is bar iron.

Charcoal iron is reduced from \$12

Control of the second from size to \$6 per ton. Cotton ties are cut 40 per cent. Tinplate is reduced 20 per cent. Steel ingots, blooms and slabs are reduced 40 per cent. Bituminous coal retains its present

Bituminous coal retains its present duty at 67 cents per ton, with a re-ciprocity provision by which Canadian coal will come in free. Hides are reduced from 15 per cent to the free list. Lumber is reduced from \$2.00 per M. to \$1.00 per M. Plate glass in sizes below 24x30 inches gets an increased duty of 20 to 25 per cent. Above that size plate glass is reduced. The above items give an idea of

to 25 per cent. Above that size plate glass is reduced. The above items give an idea of the cuts that have been made in this bill, and while the manufacturing in-dustries of the country may feel that they have been pleked to bear the brunt of the reductions, the farmer also will find something to interest him aside from the proposition for free hides. Barley has been re-duced from 30 to 15 cents per bushel. Cabbages are cut from 3 to 2 cests each. Bacon and hams are reduced from 5 cents per pound to 4 cents. Lard comes down from 2 cents to 1½ cents per pound. Green peas like-wise suffer a reduction from 40 cents to 30 cents per bushel. to 30 cents per bushel

to 30 cents per bushel. In framing this bill the committee thas avoided changing the internal the committee thas avoided changing the internal the set the pic. THEODORE ROOSEVELT." THEODORE ROOSEVELT." THEODORE ROOSEVELT." Coke Merger Planner. The consolidation of the indepen-dent coking plants in the Connells will this provision alone is ex-tent of \$20,000,000. They also have increased the tax upon cigarets, which in itself will be a large pro-ducer of revenue. The consolidation of the indepen-interest of the tax upon cigarets, to of \$40,000,000 combination. It is de-a \$40,000,000 combination. It is de-The consolidation for the amalgama-a \$40,000,000 combination. It is de-to of the the tax upon cigarets, to of the

RESERVOIR BURSTS Two Million Gallons of Water Sweep Down on West Virginia City.

Parkersburg, W. Va.-With a thun-derous crash both big tanks on Pros-pect hill, holding this eity's water supply, burst at 5:10 o'clock a. m. loosing 2,000,000 gallons of water which swept down the hillside, car-rying death and ruin. Two lives are known to have been lost, while sev-eral persons are reported missing Strangers Drive to Schoolhouse Boy Was One of Heirs to a Large Es

known to have been lost, while sev-eral persons are reported missing. Five are seriously injured, while the property loss is placed at \$225,000. The dead are Walter Wigal and Mrs. Walter Wigal. Those injured are Mrs. John Maloney, both legs broken and head hurt; Mrs. Kate Carnes, hurt internally; Mrs. W. C. Crim, severe contusions; Clara Jones, collar bone broken, and Blanche Hol-linger leg broken.

Crim, severe contrastons, Canta Sources, Collar bone broken, and Blanche Hol-Inger, leg broken. There was not an instant's warning of the approaching disaster. The big residences, 30 of which were torn from their foundations by the mighty torrent. Most of the buildings were completely wrecked. The dead and injured were among the scores caught by the flood as they slept. St. John's Lutheran church, recently completed, was demolished. That the number of casualties is so small is regarded as a miracle. artifice practiced on his school teach er, William Whitla, the 8-year-old son of Attorney James P. Whitla, one of Sharon's wealthiest and most promi-

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New York.—The plans of the citi-zens of Hoboken, N. J., to give ex-President Roosevelt a send-off when he sails on the steamer Hamburg next Tuesday to begin his African trip, were abandoned when Mayor Stail received a letter from Mr. Roosevelt discouraging any proposed demonstration. The letter read: "My Dear Mr. Mayor: "You are most kind, but I shall wish to go through Hoboken as quictly as possible. I suppose a few friends who wish to say good-by to me will be at the pler.

AMENDED CENSUS BILL Measure Obviates Veto Objections and Prescribes Quotas by State HELD FOR RANSOM Populations.

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Maryland Company Cuts Wages.

Populations. Washington, D. C.—The first piece of legislation to be passed by the house during the special session, was the bill providing for the taking of phased at the last session, but was vetoed because it took away from the civil service commission the ap-pointment of the clerks. An amendment by Mr. Sterling (III.) was agreed to providing that the appointments shall be made in conformity with the law of apportion-ment among the states under the civil service act. Through an amendment by Mr. Hay (Va.), which also was agreed to, messengers, assistant mes-sengers, messenger boys, watchmen, unskilled laborers and charwomen are exempted from taking examina-tions. As amended the bill then was passed. Prompt Action on Tariff Demand-PRESENT REVENUES TOO SMALL The President says Conditions Have Changed So Much That Read-

sent a message to Congress in which

he gives his reasons for convening the extraordinary session. The message passed

WAGE CUT ANNOUNCED

Cambria Steel Company Slices Al Employes Salarles. Johnstown, Pa.—In the various de-partments of the Cambria Steel Com-pany plant here the following notice has

s been posted: "On account of the recent sharp de "On account of the recent sharp de-cline in the market prices of the com-pany's products, following the long continued business depression, it be-comes necessary to announce a re-duction in salaries and wages averag-ing 10 per cent, to take effect on and after April 1, 1908." The reduction will affect all em-ployes, from the highest to the lowest. There is a general expectation that this reduction will enable the concern to take business it could not accept

to take business it could not accept with a profit under the old rates. The Cambria company employs about 18,-000 men

GROVER CLEVELAND HONORED

Anniversary of His Birthday Celebrated In New York City.

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ted in New York City. New York.—Tributes in poem, song and speech were rendered March 18 in honor of the seventy-second birth-day anniversary of the late Presi-dent Grover Cleveland at memorial exercises in which President Taft, Governor Hughes, Chief Justice Ful-ler and Mayor McClellan made ad-dresses and hundreds of New York's most prominent citizens attended. Mrs, Cleveland, with a party of friends, occupied a box in Carnegie hall, where the memorial was held. A second memorial was held at night at the College of the City of New York, at which speeches were made by Governor Hughes, Senator Root, Mayor McClellan, Judge Gray, of Delaware; William B. Hornblower and Edward M. Shepard. the calling of an extra session. "In my inaugural address, I stated in a summary way the principles upon which, in my judgment, the revision of the tariff should proceed, and indi-cated at least one new source of reve-nue that might be properly resorted to in order to avoid a future deficit. It is not necessary for us to repeat what I then said. "It protuces to avoid that the rewhat I then said. "I venture to suggest that the vi-tal business interests of the country require that the attention of the con-gress in this session be chiefly do-voted to the consideration of the new tariff bill, and that the less time given to other subjects of legislation in this session, the better for the country. "WULLIAM H TAFT

BATTLE WITH MOROS

Eight Natives and Two of Constabulary Dead on the Field.

Manila.—A dispatch from Lake Lano reports that a band of Moros at-tacked Lieutenant Furlong's detach-ment of constabulary at Borddng March 8, and after a sharp fight eight Moros and two members of the con-stabulary were left dead on the field, while two soldiers and one civ-ilian were wounded. A company of the Twenty-fifth In-fantry and a detachment of scouts have gone to the aid of Furlong's forces. The day after the fight a constabulary soldier ceserted, after stealing five rifles. to the senate inimentative arter it assembled. Its reading was received with man-frest expressions of approval from Re-publican senators, who not only liked its brevity, but also its expression of desire that the business of the spe-cial session should be confined as much as possible to the consideration of the revision of the tariff. The mes-sage was referred to the committee on finance.

Baltimore.-- A general reduction in vages at Sparrows Point, amounting to 10 per cent and affecting all divisions of the works of the Maryland Steel Company, will be put into effect on April, 1, according to a high of-

GETS WIRELESS CONTRACT

To Furnish Equipment by Which Messages Will Be Transmit- 7 ted Across Sea.

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS Washington. - By an agreement eached between Secretary Meyer and representatives of the National Elecrepresentatives of the National Elec-tric Signaling Company, of Pittsburg, the naval establishment is to be fur-nished under contract, with wireless apparatus, which will transmit mes-sages for a distance of 3,000 miles day or night and two ships are to be furnished with similar apparatus canable of sending messages for ia

be furnished with similar apparatus capable of sending messages for a distance of 1,000 miles. The apapartus, it is said, will be 30 times as powerful as those in or-dinary use. This will enable the department to communicate with its vessels practically across the Atlan-tic ocean and if successful will mark one of the greatest achievements in naval practice. The tower in which the aparatus is to be installed will be erected here, it is now contemplated, and will be constructed probably by the govern-ment.

SOUTHERN STEEL SUCCESSOR

New Company Organized With \$17,-000,000 Capital.

000,000 Capital. New York.—The Southern Iron and Steel Company was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., with \$7,000,000 pre-ferred and \$10,000,000 common stock, as the successor of the Southern Steel Company, an Alabama corporation, which went into a receivership in Oc-tober, 1907. The incorporators are D. G. Boisse-vain, Carl M. Ower, W. R. Saintsbu-ry, William B. Denton and K. K. Mc-Laren. The reorganization plan con-templates the issuance of \$10,000,000 bonds in addition to the \$17,000,000 stock. It is expected that the Southern Steel Company at the foreclosure sale with the consent of the reorganiza-tion committee.

HARRIMAN PROPOSES A LAW Says Business Will Boom If Railroads

May Combine.

Pasadina, Cal.-"Resumption of railroad improvements and extension contemplated before the fall of 1907 will follow the passage by congress of a law giving the Inter-State Com-merce Commission power to allow the railroads to enter into a mutual agreerailroads to enter into a mutual agree-ment; that is, permitting the strong railroads of the country to extend their credit and protection over the weaker railroads." said E. H. Harri-man who is in Pasadena to attend a meeting of officers of the Harriman lines

lines. "Such a renewal of railroad activ-ity," continued Mr. Harriman, "would mean the expenditure of an immense amount of money, and eventually I believe it will result in reduction in the cost of operation and in charges."

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STANDARD FINED AGAIN

Assessed \$20,000 for Rebating to Vermont; Most Counts to Come

Buffalo.-United States Judge Hazel denied the motion of the Standard Oll Company for a new trial and imposed a fine of \$20,000. The case hinged on the Standard Oll Company's ac-cepting concessions from railroads on shipments of oll from Olean, N. Y., to Vermont. There were in all 346 counts found against the oll compa-ny, but thus far only 40 have been considered. The railroads involved are the New York Central, the Penn-sylvania and the Rutland. The company was given 60 days in

Typhoon in Sea of Japan Reaps Har-vest of Death.

vest of Death. Victoria, B. C.—Much loss of life and several disasters to Japanese sailing craft as a result of a typhoon near Shimoseki are reported by the steamer Lyo Maru. At Shimnoseki 54 junka fourdered

steamer Lyo Maru. At Shinnoseki 54 junks foundered. The British steamer Tsinen rescued a man and bis wife, the survivors of a submerged junk, found elinging to a capsized vessel in the Sea of Ja-pan and the French steamer Salazie took off 16 survivors of the salling junk Yebisa Maru who were etinging to the wreck during the gale.

Pennsylvania Railroad Buys 40,000

"To the Senate and House of Kepre-sentatives: "I have convened the Congress in the extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the Dingley tariff act. Conditions affecting production, man-ufacture and business generally have changed in the last 12 years as to require a readjustment and revision of the import duties imposed by that act.

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Washington, D. C .- President Taft

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"WILLIAM H. TAFT. "The White House, March 16, 1909."

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act. "More than this, the present tariff act, with the other sources of govern-ment revenue, does not furnish in-come enough to pay the authorized expenditures. By July 1 next the excess of expenses over receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$100,000,000.

the current instal year will equal \$100,000,000. "The successful party in the late election is pledged to a revision of the tariff. The country, and the business community especially, ex-pect it. The prospect of a change in the rates of import duties always causes a suspension or halt in busi-ness because of the uncertainty as to the changes to be made and their ef-fect. It is therefore of the highest importance that the new bill should be agreed upon and passed with as much speed as possible consistent with its due and thorough considera-tion.

 will bring in \$260,000,000 a year, which, they believe, will be sufficient from this source when the business of the country resumes its normal condition. The maximum duties to be applied to those countries which do not give the United States their most favorable rates, are 20 per cent above the minimum rates, a sufficient advance to be retailatory and enforce our demands for consideration. Bishop Horstmann's Successor. Bishop Horstmann's Successor. RomeThe pope ratified the appointment of Monsignor John Farrelly, at present spiritual director of the American College at Rome, to be Bishop of Cleveland in succession to the fate Bishop Horstmann. The new bishop is an American, a little more than 50 years. old. A Canadian Pacific engine ran m to a station at Montreal killing four and injuring 30. DOWIE FOLLOWER ENDS LIFE Aged Man Loses Life Savings in the Famous Zion City. New YorkDespondent because he had lost all his life savings in investments in Zion City industries, the city started by John Alexander Dowie, Ludwig Auguszt, aged 71, committed, suicide by hanging. 	Hold Recount Not Warranted. Springfield, III. — Adlai E. Steven- son's contest of Governor Charles S. Deneen's election was decided ad- versely to Mr. Stevenson. The legis- lature, in joint session, adopted the majority report of the contest com- mittee, finding that the Stevenson peti- tion for a recount of the vote for gov- ernor had not made out a case which would warrant the recount. Would Tax Weapons. Washington.—A novel way of rais- ing revenue was proposed in the house by Representative Sisson of Missouri. It is provided in a bill he introduced that a tax of \$2 be levied on every deadly weapon, such as pis- tols, dirk knives and brass knuckles, manufactured and sold within the United States. BLOW PRISONERS FROM GUNS Sepoy Mutiny Punishment Repeated Upon Plotters. Peshawur, British India.—It is re- ported that 1,200 arrests have been made at Jellalabad, Afghanistan, in covered to murder the Ameer, the heir apparent and other members of the royal family. According to advices batches of prisoners are being blown from guns	Thirteen Big Battleships Are Now Being Constructed. Berlin.—In view of the assertions made in the British house of com- mons that Germany in the spring of 1912 would have 17 warships, all of them of the big gun type, the navy department authority the statement that in the autumn of 1912 Germany will have 13 such vessels. Makes Good GetAway. Springfield, O. — After knocking down the sheriff's wife and a female attendant who stood in his path. Al- fred Frey, colored, leaped through a window is the county jail here and escaped. Bloodhounds were secured and a posse headed by Sheriff Law- rence was guided by the dogs to the north of town. Along the paths of duty are the flower beds of ease. Marines to Go Back. Washington.—Arrangements are be- ing made by the navy department to carry out the will of congress contem- plating the return of the marines for duty on ships of the navy, whose services aboard the vessels were di- rected to be discontinued by Presi- dent Roosevelt in an executive order issued several months azo.	graphers of the postoffice department was declared following a meeting of the General Association of Post- Telegraph Employes, at which 5,000 were present. The resolution to strike was voted without a single dis- senting volee, and orders were issued immediately for the withdrawal of all operators employed in the telegraphic bureau of the department. Kills Three Children and Self. Danville, IILWord has been re- ceived here of a triple murder and suicide at Flora, III. Robert Straw- ser, a rural mail carifter, gave his three children strychnine and then swallowed some of the drug. BIG CONTRACT FOR SHELLS Government Orders Armor Piercing Shells for Navy Department. Washington, D. C Contracts for armor piercing shells have been awarded by the navy department as follows: To the Firth-Sterling Company of McKeesport, Pa., 3,000 12-inch shells at \$197,50 each, a total of \$592.500. To the Bethlehem Steel Company.	The message was then read. Steel Company Gets Aid. Springfield, III.—Relief legislation for the IIIInois Steel Company, a sub- sidiary company of the United States Steel Corporation. with investments amounting to millions of dollars hing- ing upon its outcome, was introduced in the legislature today in a bill pro- viding that 334.16 acres of land in South Chicago, now made or to be made, be sold to the company for \$37,157. Jordan Succeeds Dunkle. John H. Jordan of Bedford, Pa., was nominated by President William H. Taft to be United States attorney for the western district of Pennsylva- nia, to succeed John W. Dunkle. The nomination was sent to the senate and undoubtedly will be approved. The new attorney was recommended by Secretary of State Philander C. Knox, then a senator. Shortest Bill Presented. Washington.—Representative Coud- rey, of Missouri, has just introduced what is probably the shortest bill so far presented during the present ses- sion of congress, yet if enacted into law, it would probably attract more attention than the Sherman antitrust law. After the enactment clause the eutire bill is as follows: "That from and after the passage of this act all corporations shall pay a license tax of 1-10 of one per cent on their cap-	and cotton were in the building and for a time it was feared that the flames would spread to nearby build- ings and vessels, but this was pre- vented. Enough of Consumptives. Los Angeles.—At a meeting of rep- resentatives of all permanent chari- ties of Los Angeles a resolution was adopted asking all charitable associa- tions of the United States to refrain from sending any more consumptives to Los Angeles. If more are sent, the resolution says, necessity will compel the local associations to return them at once to the place whence they started. Ambassador O'Brien Stays at Tokyo. Washington, D. C.—American Am- bassador Thomas J. O'Brien, at Tok- yo, is to remain where he is. This announcement was made by Senator William Alden Smith, after a confer- ence with President Taft. Duke Wills Gems to Miss Elkins. Rome, Italy.—The Duke of the Ab- ruzzi, on the eve of the departure of his Aslatic exploration party, has made a will bequeathing to Miss Katherine Elkins the finest of the jewels left him by his mother, ac-
J. P. Morgas has been asked to	According to advices batches of	that the Glidden tour this year will	To the Bethlehem Steel Company, 1.000 10-inch shells at \$131.41 each.	corporations shall pay a license tax of 1-10 of one per cent on their cap-	in case the explorer meets death, in- clude a pearl necklace, emerald