STILL TALKING ABOUT THE TARIFF

The Fight Over the Tariff Bill—Democrats Doing Most of the Talking.

WASHINGTON, May 22d.—The votes on schedules of the tariff bill indicate that when the final vote on that measure is taken in the Senate few changes will have been made in the bill as prepared by the Finance Committee. Even the most radical of the so-called "progressives" now admit that they have no hope of success in their efforts for visionary legislation. The chief aim of Chairman Aldrich and his associates on the Finance Committee now is to bring about an agreement upon a date for the veto. Senator Penrose said today that unless something unexpected developed to delay the vote, it probably would be taken about June 15th. The Senator stated that from now until the vote is taken nearly all of the set speeches would come from the Democratic side. Realizing the importance of speedy action on the bill to the business interests of the country, Mr. Penrose is doing his utmost to effect an agreement upon a date for the veto.

In order to make progress with the bill, members of the Finance Committee decided before it was reported to refrain from speech making. Their idea was to merely explain the provisions of the various schedules without prolonged discussion and this plan they have adhered to. Practically all of the set speeches have been made by the Democrats and by a class of so-called Republicans of the LaFollette type. The wisdom of the course of the Finance Committee is now apparent. Otherwise the debate would be prolonged until far into the summer to the detriment of the industrial, commercial and farming interests. In urging an agreement for the veto, the attention of senators has been called to the emphatic demand of the business interests that they cease talking, and pass the bill. Senator Penrose stated today that in his opinion the one thing that stood in the way of industrial and commercial expansion was the uncertainty over the outcome of the tariff deliberations in Congress. He predicts that the enactment of the tariff bill will be followed by a prolonged period of widespread prosperity.

Both of the Pennsylvania senators have been conspicuous in the consideration of the tariff bill. The fight for that measure has been directed by Senators Aldrich and Penrose, and Senator Oliver effectively defended the iron and glass schedules. Senator Oliver is engaged in the manufacture of glass and he is an authority on the effect of tariff legislation on the glass industry as well as its effect upon the various branches of the iron and steel industry. He furnished the Senate with much valuable information regarding both industries. Mr. Oliver is an effective phrase maker. He informed the Senate that glass was "wholly and simply the crystallization of labor," and added that he had once invested in a glass plant and that the money had disappeared as rapidly as if he "had placed it upon the wrong number at Monte Carlo."

2,000 EMPLOYES GET PENSIONS.

More than 2,000 employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad were receiving pensions from the company on January 1, 1909, and the payments authorized to be made to them during the year of 1908 amounted to $544,245.08. Since the pension department was established in 1900, the sum of $3,445,793.77 has been paid to retired employes. These striking figures are brought out in the annual report of the pension department of the company, which has just been issued.

When its pension system was inaugurated by the Pennsylvania railroad for the purpose of providing for its employes in their old age, the sum of $300,000 was appropriated for the first year's payments. This sum was continued for two years, and in 1902 increased to $390,000 per annum. In 1907 it was raised to $600,000. This does not include the operating expenses of the department, which are also paid by the company, and which in 1908 amounted to $5,369.47.

All employes, no matter of what rank, receive pension allowances on relatively equal terms. For every year of service rendered the company, a retired employe is paid one per cent. of his average salary for the ten years immediately preceding his retirement. In other words, a man who has worked for the company 50 years, and who received an average annual salary of $1,000 the last ten years of active service, receives a pension of $500 a year.

A total of 367 employes were retired on pensions in 1908 while 211 men who were already on the pension list died during the year. The number of retired employes on December 31, 1908, was 2,176, or 156 more than at the close of 1907. The average age of those receiving pensions is 73 years and 3 months, while the oldest employe on the list attained the age of 92 years in 1908.

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HOW TO FISH FOR BLACK BASS

Suggestions as to the Most Attractive Lures for the Gamey and Obstinate Fish.

There is a great diversity of opinion as to what kind of bait is best for black bass. Some fishermen swear by minnows, others by green frogs and still others say that absolutely the best bait is the night walker, or the smaller ordinary angle worm. They no doubt all have their advantages in the sections where they are used. Bait that is attractive and fetching in some localities will not be so good in other places. Bass will usually take minnows if they are biting.

In the Delaware River, fishermen mostly use helgramites (dobsons); still many Delaware fishermen use the small lamprey eel, known locally as the "lamper."

In the smaller inland lakes and waters crawfish are very considerably used. It is not an uncommon sight to see anglers chasing over the fields with a landing net scooping at grasshoppers. Big crickets are often successfully used.

In the lakes, ponds and streams hereabouts green frogs are often used for bait. If some enterprising dealer would go to the trouble of shipping green frogs from the West and advertise that he had them for sale, he would find plenty of buyers. It is possible to get this bait at most of the fishing places, but it is fearfully disappointing to arrive at a lake or pond and find that you cannot get them. Unfortunately this happens only too often.

The green frogs are very hardy and will live for two or even three weeks with the slightest care. They should be kept in a covered basket, in a cool place, away from the rays of the sun. The basket should be dipped into fresh water about three times a day. It is a mistake to leave the frogs wet all day, as it is apt to chill and kill them. When possible, the basket should be placed partially in the water, leaving the greater portion of the bottom dry. This will be found to be the most successful method of keeping the frogs. They will not require food.

Fresh water minnows, on the other hand, are very delicate, and it is difficult to keep them in captivity. They soon exhaust the oxygen from the water, turn belly up and die. The floating minnow pail helped solve the problem some, but even in this, in a strong sun a great percentage will die. A further improvement is a self-aerating minnow bucket, which has an air pump on its side and an air chamber at the bottom. The air pumped into this chamber escapes gradually into the water and supplies the necessary oxygen. The changing of the temperature of the water kills the minnows. If it is possible to drop them into ice water and to keep the water icy cold they will live almost indefinitely. If you put them in a pail of fresh water and allow the water to become gradually warm they will all die. The best plan is to keep them in the water in a large pail full of small holes. The pail should not be submerged as the fish cannot then come to the top for air, and it should be kept from the rays of the sun.

The dew worm is the large garden or angle worm. They come to the surface at night and particularly following rain and can easily be picked up with the aid of a light. They will live in earth if the earth is not too wet, but manage best in moss. They are usually very plentiful in fertile soil. Most people call them night walkers.

Helgramites, or dobsons, as they are frequently called, are hooked through the shell part in the back, the hook passing out, leaving the point clear. A better method for hooking the helgramite is to "put a halter on him," as the Delaware fishermen say. This is done by tying one strand only of silk around the neck, leaving it just loose enough so that the hook will pass through the loop. This method keeps him alive, in which condition he is much more apt to attract the bass. Anglers usually prepare their bait in this way in advance. Keep helgramites in a tin can or a wooden box (not a cigar box) and leave them in the shade. At night, put in a little grass that has been dipped in water.

Some Household Dangers.

Never fill an oil lamp or a paraffin lamp, either, for that matter, while it is alight. It is quite easy for the vapor to catch fire and set the spirits or oil in the bottle ablaze, and an explosion will very likely follow. Always turn the light out before refilling it.

After filling a lamp, too, be careful to wipe the outside dry, for any trickle of oil on its sides might easily catch fire.

Don't allow the oil to stand in the lamp for very long. If it is not burned it should be thrown away. It gathers impurities and increases the risk of an explosion. For the same reason always keep the paraffin can well corked.

Don't put clothes around the fire to dry, and then go to bed and leave them. A spark may easily fly out of the fire and set them alight. Never leave a wood fire unguarded. Always put a metal fire screen or something of that sort in front of it to prevent the sparks flying.

Don't try to make a fire draw by holding a newspaper in front of it. If it does not set fire to the mantle piece or your own clothes, it may fly blazing up the chimney and set that alight.

THE COMING ATTRACTION—"POLLY OF THE CIRCUS"—A HOME CRITIC'S OPINION.

The following letter has been handed us for publication:

Honesdale, Pa., May 20, '09.

To the Honesdale Reaity Co.,

Gentlemen:

While passing along the Main street of our town I observed the large posters containing the announcement that an attraction is shortly to appear at the opera house under the auspices of your company. I hope it will not be amiss for me to congratulate the Realty Company on procuring so large and expensive an attraction, and to state without any hesitation that "Polly of the Circus" is one of the best plays now being produced on the American stage.

Some two months ago the above company appeared at the Lyceum Theatre, in Scranton, to the capacity of that house, and, under the management of my friend, Mr. A. J. Duffy, better known as Toney Duffy by the profession, and throughout the State of Pennsylvania, who for many years was business manager of the Lyceum and Academy of Music up to last season when he resigned to accept a better position in Boston in the theatrical line. Toney succeeded in attracting the attention of Frederick Thompson, who was about to put on the road a number of large productions, among them "Polly of the Circus." The next point was to get capable business managers, and Mr. Duffy was selected to manage "Polly the Circus Girl." At his invitation I went to see the production at the Lyceum in Scranton, and in all my experience in the profession, which has extended over thirty years, I never saw its equal. It is a stupendous production. What an expense it must be to produce it! Mr. Duffy informed me that it cost a fortune before the first night's performance, but that it has repaid all the money expended upon it, with interest. As I saw act after act, I hardly realized that I was in a show house, but it seemed to me as if I were in a circus lot; and right here I wish to say that the last act especially, brought me back to my boyhood days, many years ago, when I stood on the old bridge which extended across the D. & H. Canal and watched the old time circus leave our town.

Again I congratulate you on your success in producing this grand play. I should like to describe all the acts, and all of them cannot fail to please the people. I sincerely hope that on the night of the appearance of the company, the Lyric Theatre, which has all the facilities to produce this attraction, will be crowded to its utmost capacity. Judging from my experience in Honesdale in the theatrical business, which covered a period of more than twenty years, I know the show-going people will appreciate the effort you have made to give them an opportunity of their lives to see something that will recall to many some of the most pleasant scenes of their childhood.

Wishing you the best of success, I remain,

Yours truly,

WM. J. SILVERSTONE.

THE THRILLING CIRCUS SCENE IN "POLLY OF THE CIRCUS," AT THE LYRIC FRIDAY NIGHT.

A DISAPPOINTED WIFE SEEKER.

The Susquehanna Ledger is responsible for the following account of an interview between "a Wayne County man" and a Justice of the Peace of Lanesboro:

"A farmer from Wayne county tried to work a flim flam game on Justice of the Peace Axtell this afternoon. His main object was not so much to bunco the justice as it was to secure a wife without going through the formality of securing a divorce from his former spouse, and but for a little carelessness he would have been successful.

Shortly after the Justice had returned to his office after partaking of a hearty luncheon, and was deeply engrossed in some intricate point of law, there was a knock on the door of his sanctum and in response to "come in," a middle aged stranger entered, and said:

"Can I get a marriage license here, Squire?"

"Certainly," said the Lanesboro jurist, "that's easy, I can fix you up in a short time."

"You can't do it too quick," responded the visitor, as the judge reached in his desk for the necessary papers.

"Your name?" said the Squire, and the man at once replied John Smith.

"Age," queried the judge, and the reply was fifty years.

"Ever married before?"

"Sure," responded the would-be bridegroom," or I would not be so anxious now, as it is lonesome to live alone."

"Wife dead," asked the squire, who was anxious to have the job well done.

"Wish she was," replied the prospective husband, it "would save me a lot of trouble if she was."

"Got a divorce, of course," said the squire who began to smell a mouse.

"Sure that is what I came to Pennsylvania for," said the man, "got it on the ground of desertion, been here going on two years."

"Guess there's something wrong here, as you cannot get a divorce in this State until you have been in the state for at least two years," said the squire.

"I said I got the divorce in Auburn, N. Y., before Judge Danforth Lewis, for desertion," said the man.

"Guess again," said the squire, "they only grant a divorce on one cause in New York State and you made the wrong guess."

"I guess I did," said the applicant, "and the next time I want to get married I will hunt up a justice of the peace that is not so all fired particular about as little a thing as a divorce. Any way I will find a justice that has a little more sentiment and knows a little less law. You are too wise for me. Good afternoon!"

Too Much.

"Judge," aid the prisoner, "I would like to ask a few questions before I enter my plea."

"You have the Court's permission," said the judge.

"If I go on trial," said the prisoner, "do I have to sit here and hear all the hypothetical questions asked by the lawyers?"

"Certainly," said the judge.

"And hear all the handwriting experts?"

"Of course."

"And follow the reasoning of the chemistry and insanity experts?"

"Very probably," said the judge.

"Well, then, judge, I will enter my plea."

"What is it?" asked the judge.

AUTOS TO CLIMB THE GREAT HILL

The Wilkes-Barre Hill Climbing Contest to be a Grand Affair.

What will unquestionably be the greatest hill climbing event of the year will take place at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on May 31, when the local club will hold a national climb up Giants' Despair Mountain. Last year 60,000 spectators witnessed the event, and the managers expect that the affair will draw a crowd of 100,000 spectators.

At present the course is being oiled and prepared in the most approved manner, in order that the fastest time possible may be made on the tortuous ascent. Two thousand gallons of crude oil is being used to make the course dustless, while the turns are being banked.

On the entry list are the greatest number of cars the club has ever counted upon at such an early date, and among these entries are some of the classiest machines and drivers to be found in the country. Some of the stars who will perform are David Bruce Brown with the Benz, with which he scored such a string of victories lately; Ralph De Palma, the famous Fiat driver, at the wheel of the fast Fiat "Cyclone;" Albert Dennison in the Knox "Giant," Vanderbilt Cup car; a Matheson, the Chadwick "Six," which holds the record for the hill (1:38 2-5 for the one and one-sixteenth miles course), and the Corbin, which won the first leg in the Hollenbeck trophy contest last year. A couple of Nationals, which made such splendid time at the Fort George climb; a Simplex, some Buicks and other well-known makes will make things hum on the 31st. It is quite likely that George Robertson and Willie Haupt will be seen at the wheels of the Herreshoff entries. Three days prior to the meet authorities will permit contestants to practise on the course between the hours of 9 and 12 a. m. and 2 and 5 p. m.

Announcement has been made that the principal prize, the Hollenbeck trophy, donated to the club by John Welles Hollenbeck, will be offered for the car making the fastest time in event No. 4, for cars selling between $2,000 and $3,000, instead of event No. 10, which is piston displacement class. The trophy has to be won three times before it becomes the permanent property of any one winner. In addition to this cup there will be numerous other trophies, shields and cups of attractive value.

A special event, which will be probably one of the most interesting of the day, has been added to the present list of twelve. It is an event open to gasolene cars of any type between 451 and 600 cubic inches piston displacements, which will be an invitation event. This means that numerous famous drivers and the biggest of cars will make the attack in keenest competition, and it is in this that records are expected to be broken.

Giants' Despair is a mountain well named. As a hill, it is the terror of the East. It is located right in the heart of Wyoming Valley and rises to an altitude of 690.6 feet in its 1 1-16 miles course. The grades vary and its ideal feature as an automobile testing ground lies in the fact that the grade is steepest at the summit, where it reaches a pitch of 22 per cent. The slope has its share of sharp curves, of which Devil's Elbow is the star. Following this comes an "S" bend, calculated to stall more than one motor. Then as the grand climax is the twist with the disparaging increase of angle—gesundheit!

FIRE ESCAPE LAW TO BE ENFORCED

Fire Factory Inspector to Enforce Strictly the New Law Requiring Fire Escapes on Public Buildings.

Orders have been issued to all deputy factory inspectors to enforce the new State law requiring fire escapes and other precautions on public places.

"This Act," we are informed by Chief Inspector John C. Delany, "supersedes all previous Acts as to fire escapes, and is a great improvement on them. It excepts cities of the first class and second class from its provisions. It does not include churches and ordinary dwelling houses within its supervision. It settles beyond controversy the vexed question as to lodge halls, as they are named among buildings subject to its requirements.

"You will note," he says, "that ways of egress and means of escape may be either 'fire escapes on the outside,' or 'stairways on the inside.' You will observe that the provisions as to doors, passageways and landings apply only to buildings used or occupied by 50 or more persons.

"The section which has to do with theatres and like buildings covers matters relating to exits, doorways, aisles, lighting, electric wiring, drop curtains and borders, fire extinguishers and illuminated "exits to fire escapes." Now, for the first time, we have a law requiring doors to open outward, and that fire extinguishers be provided, and specifying the number and the width of aisles in both auditoriums and galleries.

"The Act specifies, also, that external fire escapes shall be of wrought iron and shall be kept in standard condition and painted once a year.

"This is by far the most far-reaching and most important piece of legislation put upon the department for enforcement, and it has in view the safety and saving of human lives not only of those employed, but also of men, women and children in all manner of places where education, healing or amusement is sought, as well as in tenements, apartments and flats where they are domiciled. Compliance with its provisions will be enforced without fear or favor."

Would Have Done the Same.

Rudyard Kipling undoubtedly got his wit from his maternal grandfather the Rev. George B. Macdonald a Wesleyan clergyman.

It is related of this gentleman that in the days when he was courting the lady whom he afterwards married, the father-in-law-to-be—an aged Methodist with extremely strict notions in regard to the proprietors—was injudicious enough on one occasion to enter the parlor without givng any warning of his approach The consequence was that he found the sweethearts occupying a single chair.

Deeply shocked by the spectacle, the old man solemnly said:

"Mr. Macdonald, when I was courting Mrs. Brown, she sat on one side of the room and I on the other."

Macdonald's reply was:

"That's what I should have done if I had been courting Mrs. Brown."

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