

THE AMENDED TARIFF

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS THE BILL AFTER MAKING CHANGES.

The Measure Now Bears Little Resemblance to the Original Dingley Document—Reduction in Most of the Schedules—Retrospective Clause Cut Out.

Washington, May 5.—The Dingley tariff bill, as amended by the senate finance committee, was presented in the senate by Mr. Aldrich (Rep.) of Rhode Island, who gave notice that he would ask for its consideration on Tuesday, May 18. The bill bears but little resemblance to the original Dingley measure.

Except with regard to the duties on lumber, which was fixed at \$2 per 1,000 feet, lead at 1 1/2 cents per pound, fruits at a proportionately high rate, hides at 1 1/2 cents per pound and a few other items which were unchanged in order to secure the support of Senator Jones and a few senators whose votes are necessary to its passage, the bill shows great reductions all along the line.

The retrospective clause making the rates collectible April 1 is stricken out of the bill. The provision emphasizing that nothing in the bill shall be regarded as abrogating the Hawaiian treaty is stricken from the bill. This practically abrogates the treaty.

This was done on the argument that all the United States gets in exchange for Pearl Harbor is the small amount of duties that will be collected on sugar, which is not regarded as a fair exchange.

There is an increase of 44 cents a barrel in the internal revenue tax on beer, which, it is thought, will bring in \$10,000,000 of revenue. This tax will continue until 1900, after which it will be \$1.

The discount on stamps is also removed, which, it is estimated, will add \$22,000,000 more.

The sugar schedule now reads: "Sugars not above No. 16 Dutch standard in color, tank bottoms, strips of cane sugar, concentrated molasses, concrete and concentrated molasses, testing by the polariscope above 37 and not above 38 degrees, 75-100 of a cent per pound duty and for every additional degree shown by the polariscope test 2-100 of a cent per pound and fractions of a degree in proportion."

"Sugar above No. 16 Dutch standard in color and sugar that has gone through a process of refining, 1.16 cents per pound duty and in addition thereon to all the foregoing 35 per cent ad valorem. Sugars not above No. 16 Dutch standard in color, tank bottoms, strips of cane juice and beet juice, melada, concentrated molasses, concrete and concentrated molasses, testing by the polariscope not more than 87 degrees, 75 per cent ad valorem. Molasses testing above 40 degrees and not more than 50 degrees, 4 cents per gallon; testing 50 degrees and not above 70 degrees, 8 cents per gallon."

The Wool Schedule. First class wools are placed at 1 cent per pound instead of 11 cents and the second class at 9 cents instead of 12. Third class wools of a value of 10 cents a pound pay a duty of 4 cents per pound instead of 32 per cent ad valorem; above 10 cents per pound value 7 cents per pound.

The metal needle is very low, far below the rates of the Dingley bill, except on cutlery, in which the rates are proportionately high, which was due perhaps to the strength of the New England men in the committee.

One of the most important provisions of the bill is that general clause providing that the duties on all articles imported from all countries which pay a bounty shall pay an additional duty equal to the amount of such bounty. This applies to all schedules, although inserted in the sugar schedule. It will be made a general principle of Republican policy.

In the wool schedule the rates on finer grades of wool are low and are raised on fine carpet wools. This was a concession to the far western senators and illustrates the idea of concession that has been carried out in all the schedules in order to get support for the bill in the senate.

Works of art are free, including books, except such articles of art as are imported for the purpose of general utility. This qualification was made to cover the case of the importation of fancy fans and matting, which have been coming in as works of art.

Personal luggage is also free, except such articles as are used for personal adornment.

Fish on the Free List. A very important new provision in the bill is that which admits fish free of duty. This provision is inserted as a stimulus to the fishing industry of the great lakes.

The duty on lead bearing ore is increased from 1 cent, as in the Dingley bill, to 1 1/2 cents.

The duty on watches, clocks and chronometers is fixed at 40 per cent ad valorem; on jewels used therein 10 per cent ad valorem.

The duty of \$2 per 1,000 feet on pine lumber is the same as the Dingley bill. There was great pressure to make the rate \$1, and the lumber men were divided in their opinion. The rate was left at \$2, with a provision for adding the export duty levied by any country.

The duty on mixed or packed tobacco, unstemmed, is \$1.25 per pound; if stemmed, \$2.25 per pound; filler tobacco, unstemmed, 35 cents per pound; if stemmed, 50 cents per pound. This is a slight reduction from Dingley rates. All other tobacco, manufactured or unmanufactured, is 40 cents per pound. Cigars are \$3 per 100.

The tobacco schedule is accompanied by an important provision making a detailed invoice necessary, with a certification from the secretary of the treasury as to the original quality of the tobacco, before entry is made.

The bill contains an important provision in regard to the amended bill is to take effect July 1, but this is a shifting date and will be fixed finally when the bill becomes a law.

Sugar Kings to Be Tried. Washington, May 5.—Having succeeded in securing the final conviction of E. R. Chapman for refusing to testify before the senate sugar scandal committee, District Attorney Davis

NOBILITY IN FLAMES.

TWO HUNDRED PARISIANS KILLED BY FIRE AND PANIC.

Great Assembly at a Charity Fair Caught in a Deathtrap—Duchess d'Alençon, Sister of the Empress of Austria, Among the Missing.

Paris, May 5.—One hundred blackened, almost unrecognizable corpses are lying in the Palais de l'Industrie. At least 100 incinerated bodies are beneath the smoking ruins of a building in the Rue Jean-Goujon, and 200 badly burned people are in hospitals. Many of them are expected to die.

This terrible loss of life occurred at a fire in a crowded charitable bazaar in the Rue Jean-Goujon, at which the Duchess d'Uzes and other well known patronesses were present.

The bazaar was a temporary structure of wood and was erected in the flimsiest manner, the nudity of the scaffolding inside being concealed by tapestry hangings of the most inflammable material.

The flames were first discovered above the stall occupied by the Duchess d'Uzes and while the place was densely crowded with well known society people, the holding of the bazaar in the centre of charity being an annual function presided over by the leaders of Parisian society.

As a somewhat remarkable coincidence, the fall presided over by the Duchess d'Uzes was No. 13.

A terrible panic and crush followed the alarm of fire. There was a wild rush for the exit, and the weaker persons were trampled on after having been knocked down in the stampede.

The inflammable nature of the building and its contents caused the flames to spread with great rapidity and in a very short time the bazaar was a mass of flames.

In spite of the efforts of the firemen, some time elapsed before the charred bodies could be pulled from the smoking and burning mass of debris covering the spot which but a short time before had been the scene of a brilliant display of the most fashionable spring toilet.

All the cabinet ministers now in Paris went immediately to the scene. Hundreds of equipages streamed along the Champs d'Élysees, their occupants, with anxious and tear stained faces, inquiring for their relatives.

Cabinet ministers, ambassadors, noblemen and members of the highest social and financial circles were side by side with the lowliest and poorest, anxiously inquiring for their missing relatives.

About 30 were saved, including Ambrose and Pierre Bally, who helped them over a wall with a ladder to the printing room of the newspaper La Croix.

Many of French Noblesse Dead. Among the dead are some of the most prominent persons of the French nobility and include the Baronne Elizabeth St. Martin, the Viscountess Marie Bonnavent, Mile, Henriette Hilsbeld, Sister Superior Guinoux, Mile, de Grancy, the Comtesse St. Perrier, the Baronne St. Didier, Mme. Laurent Cosselin, Mile, Shevigny, the Comtesse Mirmel, the Comtesse Broderville, Sister Leonie Guillaume, Mme. Hausmann, Mme. Schlimberger and M. Victor Cosselin.

The Duchess d'Alençon, sister of the Austrian empress, is among the missing and is believed to have perished.

The list of injured includes the Duchess d'Uzes, the Comtesse Savigny, Mme. de Laboulaye, the Duchess de Latorze, the Princess Kotehony, the Viscountess d'Avonnet and Mmes. Moreau, Du Ruel, Malzeuque, Eugene Challema, Recamier and St. Didier.

The Duc d'Alençon was slightly injured. In the streets adjacent to the bazaar were long lines of sumptuous equipages. The most of these returned empty. Their owners were dead. The bodies were lying in the streets, many of them with their limbs twisted in the writhing of agony, some still having shreds of clothing which assist recognition in spite of horrible disfigurements, bones visible through fire eaten flesh, some merely skeletons, or grinning skulls blackened with soot.

The wounded are known to number at least 180. Mme. Florez, wife of the Spanish consul, expired at the Hospital Boujion, where are several others of the injured.

M. Faure, the president of the republic, has visited the hospital and the Palais de l'Industrie to pay his respects to the dead.

The Duchess d'Uzes is one of the most prominent women in Paris. A French newspaper about a year and a half ago said that the Duchess d'Uzes provided 3,000,000 francs for the propaganda of the movement was actually a royalist campaign, and that the late Comte de France, then head of the royal house of France, had pledged himself and his heirs to repay the money if he should ascend the throne.

The Duc d'Alençon is the premier duc in France, the creation of his title dating back to 1555.

The Duchess d'Alençon is the sister of the empress of Austria and the wife of Prince Ferdinand of Orleans, second son of the late Duc de Nemours, and elder brother of Prince de Joinville and the Duc d'Annamite. She is just 50 years old. She is the mother of the Duc d' Vendome, who was married last year to the Princess Henrietta of Belgium.

She was born a princess of Bavaria of the younger branch, of which her brother, Duke Karl Theodor, who is well known as a practicing oculist, is the head. The ex-queen of Naples and the Countess of Trani are her sisters.

Spaniards Claim Victory in Philippines. Manila, May 5.—The Spanish troops have captured Naio. In the engagement the insurgents lost 500 killed, the Spaniards lost 20 killed and had 90 wounded. Two hundred of the insurgents were captured.

INTERVENTION OFFERED.

The Powers Express a Willingness to Settle the Greek-Turkish Disunity.

London, May 5.—The Athens correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says that the foreign ministers have tendered the intervention of the powers to Greece, but the government has reserved its reply.

A dispatch to The Daily Chronicle from Athens dated Monday, says it is rumored in the Greek camp that peace will shortly be proclaimed.

The Athens correspondent of The Times says the cabinet sat till daybreak yesterday hearing the reports of the ministers from the front and finally resolved to continue the war. General Smolenski has declined to accept the post of chief of staff of the crown prince, as he prefers to remain with his own brigade. The decision of the government is momentous, but it is difficult to say it is absolutely final.

During the past week the Turks have continued their invasion of Grecian territory, pushing their way southward with comparatively slight opposition, and are now practically in possession of all of Thessaly north of Volo and Velostino. At the latter place, the Greeks under General Smolenski made a heroic stand and repulsed the repeated attacks of the Turks, suffering great loss. The Greeks still hold the seaport of Volo and control the roads to Athens.

In Epirus the Greeks have been expelled from Turkish territory and have fallen back on Arta, which is in danger of being captured.

The government at Athens with the precipitation a cabinet crisis, and M. Ralli has succeeded M. Delyannis as prime minister. Great indignation is felt toward Prince Constantine, who is charged with cowardice and inefficiency in conducting the campaign in Thessaly.

Big Fire in Pittsburgh. Most Destructive Blaze in Years in the Smoky City—Loss \$3,000,000.

Pittsburgh, May 3.—The most destructive fire which has visited this city since 1845 broke out about 1 o'clock this morning in P. C. Jenkins' wholesale grocery house. The flames spread rapidly from Jenkins' and soon had consumed several large buildings in the vicinity. The total loss will be at least \$3,000,000. The losses are fairly well covered by insurance. The origin of the fire in Jenkins' building is not known, but it is supposed to have been smoldering for hours in a dust heap at the foot of the elevator shaft.

The Duquesne theater, adjoining the Methodist house, will be nearly a total loss. The Surprise Clothing house, on the opposite side of Penn avenue from the theater, was almost totally destroyed. A large number of buildings in the vicinity had windows broken and were deluged with water.

Edward Atkinson, a fireman, was killed, and four other firemen were badly injured.

The Homey Trial Ended. Atlanta, May 4.—The Romey court martial has been concluded and the findings of the court forwarded to the war department. It is the general opinion here that the verdict of the court will either be acquittal or light punishment, although the officers with which Romey is charged is punishable by dismissal from the service.

Cashier Left With the Cash. Webster City, Ia., May 4.—The amount of Cashier H. S. Espe's defalcation from the Savings Bank of Radcliffe is in the neighborhood of \$18,000. Espe has left for parts unknown. He leaves a wife in the Independence insane asylum and a family of small children.

Wool Allow Pictures of Fight. Lansing, Mich., May 1.—The house of representatives passed a bill to prohibit reproductions of prizefights by vitascope, kinetoscope, etc. The penalty is a fine of \$500 to \$1,000 or two years' imprisonment or both.

General Markets. New York, May 4.—FLOUR—State and western was unsettled and weak; city mills patents, \$5.30; winter patents, \$4.60; city mills patents, \$4.80; winter straight, \$4.50. WHEAT—No. 2 red opened weak and lower, selling under unsatisfactory cables and live weather west; May, 77 3/8c; July, 75 1/2c. RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 35 1/2c. CORN—No. 2 opened weak and declined under live weather reports and fear of large receipts; May, 23 1/2c; July, 20 1/2c. HAY—No. 2 was quiet and about steady; May, 22c; July, 23c. Pork—Firm; mess, 28 1/2c; family, 29 1/2c. LARD—Quiet; prime western steam, \$4.30 nominal. BUTTER—Steady; state dairy, 11 1/2c; state creamery, 11 1/2c. EGGS—Quiet; quiet, large, 6 1/2c; state, 10 1/2c; small, 10 1/2c. EGGS—Dull; state and Pennsylvania, 10c; western, 9 1/2c. SUGAR—Raw steady; fair refining, 23c; centrifugal, 9 1/2c; refined quiet; crushed, 5 1/2c; powdered, 4 1/2c. TURKEY—Quiet at 20 1/2c. MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, 23c. RICE—No. 2 domestic, 14 1/2c; Japan, 15c. TALLOW—Quiet; city, 34c; country, 33c. HAY—Firm; shipping, 55 1/2c; good to choice, 75 1/2c.

FRAUD IS CHARGED.

ALLEGED CORRUPTION IN PHILADELPHIA'S GOVERNMENT.

Report to the Pennsylvania Legislature of the Committee Appointed to Investigate the Affairs of the City of Brotherly Love—Corrupt Practices Alleged.

Harrisburg, May 5.—The report of the senate committee appointed in May, 1895, to investigate the operations of the law known as the Bullitt bill, under which the city of Philadelphia is governed, was presented to the senate by Chairman Andrews. The report finds that the policemen and firemen of Philadelphia directly and openly interfere with and intimidate voters. It declares that subordinate members of the police force protect lottery and policy dealers and alleged sellers of liquor from arrest. City contracts for street lighting, street cleaning and other city work, the report says, are awarded among a favored few who avoid competition in bidding by having the city work divided into sections, and those who are alleged to be in the combination have a prior understanding as to which particular section each is to enter.

The provisions of the law in regard to the civil service system, the report says, are deficient in theory and practice and are woefully abused by those having the appointing power.

On the question of political assessments, the report says, it is the practice to collect money from the employees of the city for political purposes.

The passage by the Philadelphia city council of an ordinance granting certain valuable franchises to the Mutual Automatic Telephone company, and which ordinance was subsequently recalled and repealed after charges had been publicly made that its passage had been hastened by the presentation of shares of the company's stock to influential politicians, is referred to at some length by the committee.

The report in this connection says that ex-National Committeeman David Martin and ex-City Chairman Charles A. Porter both appeared before the committee of city councils and denied all knowledge of or connection with the Mutual Automatic Telephone company and denied that they held any stock, but admitted that they had heard that stock was put in their names without their knowledge or consent.

The committee recommends the adoption of legislation which will prevent the giving away of valuable franchises and submit four bills with the report which are intended to prevent in the future the abuses variously referred to in the report.

Suicide at Sixty. Wellsville, N. Y., May 5.—Charles J. Harmon, aged 60, shot himself at the home of his sister, Mrs. Elias Richards, with a revolver. The bullet entered the right side of his head and passed through his brain. Deceased was born in Philadelphia and was a typewriter by trade. Despondency was the cause.

Supposed Dead Man Turns Up. Pittsfield, Mass., May 5.—Thomas Baldwin of Lee, who went to California about 20 years ago and was supposed to be dead, is found to be alive and is expected to arrive in this city in a few days. His wife, while applying for a pension, discovered that her husband had also applied for a pension.

A Fireing Confesses. Lancaster, N. Y., May 5.—William Foster has confessed to Justice Huber that he caused the fire which did \$100,000 damage in this town in October last. He started the fire in John C. Garretts' very stable out of revenge for a grievance against Garretts.

Clerk Sued by a City. Boston, May 5.—The law department of the city has entered a civil suit against J. Richard Mulrey, formerly a clerk in the paying division, who was indicted last month by the grand jury as a result of an examination of certain books. The suit is for \$20,000.

Struck by a Train. Binghamton, N. Y., May 5.—William Booth of this city, aged 24 years, while walking on the track with two companions at Nineveh Junction, was struck by a Delaware and Hudson switch engine and instantly killed.

Old Erie Official Dead. Elmira, N. Y., May 5.—H. Devalson Pratt, who from 1864 until 1873 was connected with the Erie railway, first as Susquehanna division superintendent and later as general manager, died here, aged 76 years.

Ohio Town Badly Burned. Columbus, O., May 5.—Fire at Caldwell, Noble county, has destroyed \$60,000 worth of property in the center of the business portion. Insurance \$40,000.

Boroughs Incorporated in New Jersey. Trenton, May 5.—Governor Griggs has signed bills incorporating these boroughs: Holly Beach, Avalon, West Cape May, Anglesea and Wildwood.

Hotel Destroyed by Fire. Saratoga, May 5.—The hotel at Ballston Center, owned by Mrs. W. O. Brown of Ballston Spa, has been totally destroyed by fire.

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