

**HEARINGS MAY BE GRANTED.**

**DEMOCRATS RELENT AND ALLOW BROTHERS TO STATE GRIEVANCES AGAINST TARIFF BILL.**

**Underwood Tariff Bill Will Come up in House in Few Days as Revised by Caucus and After It Passes Through Hands of Ways and Means Committee.**

Washington, April 21.—Democratic forces in charge of tariff revision in the senate slightly yielded today to the demands for hearings upon tariff schedules. In addition to the permission given all interested parties to file statements with the finance committee, Senator Simmons today conceded to a group of Western senators the right to appear and state their arguments against the free wool and free sugar provisions that have been agreed to by the Democrats of the house. A full meeting of the senate finance committee is to be held tomorrow. Republican senators will then renew their demand that general open hearings be given. The attitude of the majority of the Democratic members of the committee is against this, however. They claim revision, and that no arguments would be brought forth that have not already appeared in the hearings before the house committee or in the briefs filed with the senate committee.

The Underwood tariff bill, as finally approved and revised by the caucus of house Democrats, was reintroduced in the house today by Representative Underwood and referred back to the ways and means committee. Tomorrow it will reappear with a favorable report from the Democrats on the committee and without a dissenting vote.

It has been determined that the measure will be considered as a whole bill in the senate as it will be in the house. The hearing to be granted to the senators from Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States upon the wool and sugar issues is expected to develop the full strength of the opposition and to give the finance committee definite information as to whether it will be necessary to restore any of the duty on any of the schedules.

Tonight the Louisiana, Kansas and Nebraska anti-free sugar forces had not been included in the invitation given for the finance committee hearing.

Some of the Western senators will present their arguments against free sugar and free wool Wednesday. They have not indicated how much time they expect to obtain.

The Republicans are figuring on a number of amendments to be proposed in the substitutes for the wool and cotton schedules.

Representative Payne of New York, as ranking minority member of the committee, today introduced his bill of 1911 to create a tariff board, changed so as to provide for a tariff commission of five members to be appointed by the president by and with the advice and consent of the senate and clothed with authority to negotiate trade agreements with foreign nations. Representative Goode of Iowa also introduced a bill to create a tariff commission with broad powers of investigation and report.

Representative Henebaugh of Illinois, a Progressive, introduced a resolution declaring that inasmuch as the two minority bodies outnumbered the Democratic body in popular vote the tariff bill should be left to a referendum vote of the people of the United States.

**TO PREVENT STOCK FRAUDS.**

**Senator Ashurst Introduces a Bill to Regulate Exchanges.**

Washington, April 21.—Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, introduced a bill today to regulate stock exchanges by refusing the use of the mails to brokers who violate its provisions and make wash or fictitious sales, sales on margin without delivery or carry speculative accounts or accounts of employees of banks, trust or insurance companies without the consent of the companies. Persons who deposit or cause to be carried in the mails literature of brokers violating the terms of the bill would be liable to fines of \$1,000 or imprisonment for the first offence, and to five years' imprisonment for any subsequent offence.

Senator Ashurst attempted to speak on his bill during the Senate's "morning hour," but objection was raised and it was three hours later when he was given an opportunity to be heard. He declared when he got the floor that, although Senators might not be interested in his bill, millions of people throughout the country would be.

**Marriage License Record.**

License to marry were issued Monday to Albert Butler and Mary A. Jenkins, of Tindal; Felix DeLeon and Maggie Richardson, Sumter.

**LONG CRUISE FOR FLEET.**

**GREAT NAVAL CRUISE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.**

**Secretary Daniels Has Decided to Send Entire Atlantic Fleet on Three-Months' Cruise Next Winter to Give Men Practical Training.**

Washington, April 20.—Secretary Daniels announced today that next winter practically the entire Atlantic fleet would be sent on a three months' cruise to the Mediterranean. This will be the new secretary's first step in pursuance of his policy to make the navy, in time of peace, a great educational force for the enlisted men and to afford them opportunity to enjoy the broadening advantages of first-hand knowledge of the great countries of the world.

The secretary believes such a cruise will add greatly to the sailors' usefulness: "I believe we should offer to the enlisted man every opportunity which lies in our power to obtain knowledge of other countries from personal observation," he said today. "The cruise will be so timed as to give every man in the fleet shore leave at every port of interest."

Mr. Daniels also appreciates the advantages from a technical standpoint that the officers of the fleet will gain in a long cruise of this kind where various manoeuvres can be carried out and many experiments can be executed under actual service conditions.

Instead of the usual annual winter manoeuvres at Guantanamo, Cuba, the whole fleet, including the torpedo boats, destroyers and auxiliaries, will make the foreign cruise. There will be at least 21 battleships, probably including the new dreadnoughts, Texas and New York, with an aggregate tonnage of about 375,000 tons.

The fleet will leave about the first of January and cross the Atlantic, probably stopping at the Azores or Madeira to Gibraltar. There the ships will be divided into squadrons and sent to visit the principal ports of the Mediterranean. The exact dates and details of the voyage have not been determined.

**SOCIETY DANCES MOST EVID.**

**Mayor of Boston Town Says They Eclipse Public Hall Dances.**

Boston, April 21.—"Society dances eclipse in boldness anything attempted in public halls, and are mainly responsible for the abuses developed in dance halls," said Mayor John F. Fitzgerald today.

The mayor's statement was made in connection with an announcement that unless dance hall conditions in Boston are improved he will close up "the most offensive places," and might be compelled to adopt a uniform hour for closing, either midnight or 1 o'clock, for all other ball rooms.

A committee of the Public Franchise League, which called upon the mayor to ask for stricter municipal regulation of dancing, had expressed surprise that the mayor should include hotel ball rooms with the cheaper dance halls.

"I would not under any circumstances exempt the hotels from conforming to the midnight closing hour," continued the mayor. "As far as my observation goes, they are worse offenders, and they could well set the rest of the city a good example. At very few of the debutante parties and fashionable social events in the Back Bay does the dancing begin until midnight, and it runs until the early hours of the morning."

**DISPENSARY PETITIONS OUT.**

**Movement to Re-establish Liquor Shops in Hampton County.**

Hampton, April 21.—Petitions for an election on the question of establishing the county dispensary in this county are in circulation, and from all reports a sufficient number of signers have been obtained to insure the election. The petitions have been numerous signed and will be filed with the county supervisor before June 1, in order to have the election ordered for the third Tuesday in August. From all expressions the dispensary will be re-established in Hampton county.

**FLORENCE DISPENSARY BOARD.**

**L. B. Harper, W. A. Law and H. P. Baldwin Are Named.**

Florence, April 21.—The different nominating bodies who hold the fate of the dispensary board in their hands have at last agreed. The nominations so far made were turned down by the governor for "reasons satisfactory to himself." The education board today determined to name L. B. Harper, the delegation W. A. Law of Timmonsville and the mayors H. P. Baldwin of Lake City. This gives all three of the towns interested representation, and none of the men named can be said to be obnoxious to the governor or any other man.

**ABROGATE ENGLISH TREATIES.**

**RESOLUTION IN SENATE TO END CANAL TREATY.**

**Chamberlain's Measure Would Be Require President to Proceed at Once to Terminate Treaties of 1901 and 1825—Senator Says It Was Never Meant to Give Great Britain Such Right as Would Justify Protests She Has Made.**

Washington, April 21.—A demand for abrogation of two treaties with Great Britain bearing upon Isthmian Canal rights, presented to the Senate today in a resolution by Senator Chamberlain, brought a new element into the canal controversy now in progress between this country and Great Britain over the right of the United States to exempt American coastwise ships from the payment of tolls.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the inter-oceanic canals committee, who must handle canal legislation in the Senate, tonight endorsed the principle embodied in the Chamberlain resolution.

Earlier in the day State department officials had expressed ignorance of Senator Chamberlain's plan to introduce the resolution.

The Chamberlain resolution would require the President to proceed at once to terminate the Hay-Pauncefote treaty of 1901 and the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1852, which it superseded. In a statement Senator Chamberlain said the treaties and record would show that the United States never planned to give Great Britain such treaty rights as would justify the protests that country has made.

Senator O'Gorman said:

"Senator Chamberlain's resolution is a more concrete statement of the position I took in the last session, that if the Hay-Pauncefote treaty justified Great Britain in making the protest now before our Government, then it would be well if means could be found to abrogate the treaty."

The new angle of the situation caused much discussion in Senate circles during the day and brought out many endorsements of the proposal. Senator O'Gorman declared at the close of today's session that he believed the resolution would pass by a large majority if it came to a vote.

A meeting of the Inter-Oceanic canal committee had been called for tomorrow, but it was postponed until next Tuesday. Senator Root's bill for a repeal of the free toll provision is now before the committee. It was apparent today that much of the support that was mustered in the last session to prevent the change of free toll provision will now be brought to the support of the plan to abrogate treaties that may be interpreted as giving Great Britain any ground for protest.

**MOROS QUIET; JOLO RESTS EASY.**

**Warlike Philippine Tribesmen Have Troubled Peace of Mind of the War Department.**

Washington, April 21.—Trouble with the Moros, the warlike Philippine tribesmen which threatened the peace of mind of the war department for several weeks, has been averted. Reports to the department say the army of belligerent tribesmen numbering 3,000, which practically laid siege to Jolo and dared the American garrison to venture forth and do battle, have dispersed and that only a few Moros have refused to be reconciled.

The Moros threatened to revolt because agitators from the province of Luzon had spread reports that the Americans had planned to make them abandon the Mohamedan religion.

**TWO NEGROES ARE MURDERED.**

**Five Negroes Are Lodged in Jail to Answer Charge at August Term of Court.**

Edgefield, April 21.—Two negroes were murdered in their house at night some days ago on W. S. Middleton's farm in the lower part of the county and as a result of the efforts of Sheriff Swearingen five negroes were committed to jail yesterday to answer the charge of murder at the August term of court. The negroes in jail are Jim and Carrie Norman, who occupied one end of the house in which the man and woman were killed; Bill Williams, Bob Marshall and John Murray, the husband of the dead woman.

**POPE NOW CONVALESCENT.**

**Dangerous Symptoms Have Disappeared.**

Rome, April 20.—So much improvement was found in the condition of the pope by Drs. Marchisava and Amici on their visit to the sick room this evening that they did not consider it necessary to issue a bulletin. The morning bulletin was as follows: "For four days his holiness has had no fever. As a result of the amelioration of the bronchial affection the pope is gradually recovering his strength."

**STRINGENT ALIEN LAND BILL.**

**RUMOR OF NEW MEASURE HEARD WITH REGRET BY PRESIDENT.**

**Washington Officials Believe Bill Will Resemble Assembly Measure—Efforts to Ameliorate Harsh Features Will Be Continued by Administration — If State Courts Should Uphold Such Statute, Case Would Be Taken to Supreme Court.**

Sacramento, Cal. April 21.—Two new bills dealing with the question of land ownership by aliens in California, each representing the view of a considerable faction in the Legislature, will be offered, and it believed is voted on by the Senate this week.

Through an agreement reached by leaders of the majority party a drastic law directed solely against the Japanese and Chinese will be prepared as a substitute for the Thompson-Birdsall measure and probably will be passed. If not, an end will have come to the anti-alien land legislation at this session, floor leaders declare. It now is planned to throw out entirely the guarded language of the Thompson-Birdsall bill and put in its place two simple prohibitions.

"1.—No alien who is ineligible to citizenship shall be permitted to acquire and hold land in California for a period of more than one year after date of such acquisition.

"No corporation, the majority of stock of which is held by aliens who are eligible to citizenship shall be permitted to acquire and hold land except for one year."

The plan is in direct opposition to the suggestions contained in the telegram received by Governor Johnson from Secretary Bryan of the State department, last week and the Democrats have decided to offer a bill which will confine the restriction to "aliens who have not declared their intention to become citizens according to law."

In effect the Progressive Republicans now are proposing substantially the original Democratic bill, while the Democrats are tending towards the original Administration bill.

**Effect in Washington.**

Washington, April 21.—News of the determination of the legislative leaders in Sacramento to frame and pass an alien land-owning bill, directly discriminating against the Japanese, unofficially conveyed to the White House and State department, was received with grave concern and disappointment. Such a development had not been expected in view of the first favorable comments in California upon the President's suggestion that regard he had for preservation of the friendly relations between this country and the Oriental nations.

The Administration is not yet at the end of its resources, and will continue its efforts to ameliorate harsh features of the projected legislation until the measure is beyond reach of amendment in that direction.

While the President has in his message to Governor Johnson, transmitted through Secretary Bryan, recognized the right of the people of California to legislate according to their judgment on the subject of land tenure, he is also under the obligation of guarding against encroachment by State legislation upon that part of the field of international relations reserved by the Constitution to the National Government.

Therefore, in the event the California legislation takes the form of direct discrimination against the Japanese in violation of what the Administration itself regards as their treaty rights the National Government itself might enter the lists against the State of California, before the judicial tribunals of the land.

It does not follow that the United States Government would take the initiative in the judicial proceedings intended to test the legality of the State's action. In the ordinary course the initial step would be taken by Japanese individuals or corporations in California whose lands are sought to be escheated. But it is fully expected that the department of justice would come forward as an intervener, throwing the weight of the United States Government into the scale in defence of the treaty rights of the Japanese.

If the State courts should uphold such a statute the case would be appealed to the United States Circuit Court, and almost certainly, by one party or the other, taken to the United States Supreme Court, which tribunal has never yet passed upon the Japanese claim of the right of naturalization in the United States.

An important development in the situation is the announced purpose of the opponents of Anti-Japanese legislation to challenge the correctness of the figures and the statements relative to the extent of the so-called Japanese invasion of California, telegraphed to Washington from Sacramento by the legislative leaders, in answer to Representative Baker's request. For some time past quiet search has been made of the records of the United States immigration bureau and of the California tax offices

**BIG FIRE IN GEORGETOWN.**

**DAMAGE FROM FLAMES ESTIMATED AT HALF MILLION DOLLARS.**

**Plant of Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation Almost Completely Destroyed Monday Morning.**

Georgetown, April 21.—The plant of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation, said to be one of the largest lumber plants in the world, having a capacity of one-half million feet per day, was almost completely destroyed by a fire which broke out this morning at about 5 o'clock. Fanned by a strong wind from the north which increased as the flames made headway it seemed that nothing in the pathway of the flames could escape, but one of the mills which was located north of where the fire commenced and another which was not directly in the direction in which the wind was blowing remain standing.

Two mills, together with the power house and two dry kilns and a vast amount of lumber, some 10,000,000 feet, were destroyed.

The loss is estimated at about one-half million dollars, completely covered by insurance.

It is quite a serious proposition to a great many people who were employed in these mills, as well as to business generally in Georgetown and vicinity, as this was the chief industry in this section, but the management has announced that the work of rebuilding will be started at once, and that the two mills which were not burned will be run day and night, so it is hoped that it will not turn out to be as serious as was at first anticipated.

Owing to the fact that most of the pumps were put out of commission during the early stage of the fire very little could be done to check the flames. However, the plant of the Dupont Powder company, which manufactures alcohol from sawdust, was saved by heroic work on the part of the management and employees of that plant.

The fire attracted great attention and a large crowd of people, in fact every one who could possibly get out, turned out to witness it.

**NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE MAN.**

**Lee Irick Is Struck With Spade When He Attempts to Collect Bill at Pinewood.**

Orangeburg, April 21.—Lee Irick, a white collector for M. T. Siffy, this city, was very painfully and probably seriously injured on Friday near Pinewood. Mr. Irick went to this town to collect an account from a negro who lives near Pinewood. A dispute arose between the parties and the negro picked up a spade and struck Mr. Irick in the head. Mr. Irick was brought to Orangeburg and is in a serious condition. The negro is in jail.

**APPROPRIATION BILL UP.**

**Sundry Civil Measure Taft Vetoes Has Wilson's Approval.**

Washington, April 21.—The sundry civil appropriation bill, in the identical form in which it was vetoed by President Taft in the closing hours of the last Congress, was considered in the House today and its reading completed, but action on it was deferred until tomorrow. The measure was taken up under a special rule to expedite it through the House. It carries \$116,000,000 for various expenses of the Government during the next fiscal year.

Mr. Taft vetoed the bill because of a provision that no part of \$380,000 appropriated for anti-trust prosecutions should be used in cases against organizations of farmers or laborers. In reintroducing the measure with this provision included the appropriations committee is known to be acting with the approval of President Wilson.

**Briggs-Hyman.**

Miss Mayme Briggs and Mr. Robert Hyman of this city were married Monday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church in Columbia. The marriage came as a great surprise to their many friends, who had not been informed of their intention of marrying beforehand. Miss Briggs was visiting her sister in Columbia at the time.

The happy bride and groom are expected here this afternoon, where after a short stay they will leave for Spartanburg, which will be their future home.

Both of the young people have many friends here who extend to them their very best wishes in their married life.

**A RED HOT LETTER.**

**TILLMAN SCORES JOHN FISLER OF WORSTED SPINNERS ASSOCIATION.**

**In Reply to Statement That Tariff Is Radically Wrong, Senator Replies That Country is Aroused and Will Stop Stealing.**

Washington, April 21.—Senator Tillman wrote a red hot letter today to John F. Filer of Philadelphia, who is largely interested in the Worsted Spinners' association, in answer to one from him, in which the South Carolina senator takes issue with the man from the Quaker State as to the Underwood tariff bill being "radically" wrong.

Mr. Filer's letter is as follows: "There are many members of congress who know that the Wilson bill now before them is radically wrong in a very great many respects. They know it is a deadly blow at the workshop and yet they are doing nothing to defeat it. Why? Is it the promise of political patronage? Is it the promise of committee appointments? If so, do they intend to sell out the prosperity and happiness of this great, free, liberty-loving people, for a 'mess of pottage.' Don't you be with them, anyhow."

To this Senator Tillman replied: "Yours of April 19 received. Are you right sure that you are correct in charging that the tariff bill now being considered by congress is 'radically wrong in a very great many respects?'"

"Are you not one of those Republican protectionists who have fastened all these years at the expense of the people and have grown rich without honest work for it? Pennsylvania has had her full share of the graft and stealing wrought by the protective tariff and the rest of the country is now trying to get its share or pull you off. Better revise your viewpoint and give other people the credit of being as patriotic and wise as you are."

**MAYESVILLE NEWS MATTER.**

**Rev. R. L. Grier to Be Installed on 11th—Presbyterian Church Repairs Completed—Try to Re-organize Baptist Church—Other Items.**

Mayesville, April 21.—The installation of Rev. R. L. Grier, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will be held on the second Sunday in May, the 11th. Rev. W. H. Workman of Salem (Black River) church, and Rev. Hammond of Mt. Zion church, will have charge of the services. The Presbyterian congregation will return to its own church on next Sunday. This handsome house of worship has been repaired inside and out, newly painted, and generally renovated. This church will be one of the most comfortable and convenient in this section since the recent repairs have been completed.

An effort is being made to reorganize the Baptist church here which has been closed for a number of years. Quite a nice sum has been subscribed by members of that denomination and others toward the securing of the services of a pastor for part time. It is hoped that this denomination will be successful in this undertaking and that the church will soon be opened.

Most of the farmers in this section who have undertaken the raising of tobacco this year have set out their plants and from present prospects, there will be a good crop made hereabouts. The present cool spell has caused some uneasiness about cotton which is well up on most of the farms around here.

The committee appointed to investigate the matter of organizing a chamber of commerce in Mayesville has not been heard from as yet, and no further steps have been taken toward that worthy movement, but it is to be hoped that something will be done in the near future.

The Oswego Dramatic Club gave a performance in the school auditorium on Friday night, which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The play presented was 'The Heroic Dutchman of '76.' This is the second visit of these clever Thespians within the past few weeks.

Mrs. J. E. Goddard is visiting relatives at her home at Sharon, S. C.

Mrs. W. L. Currie has gone on a visit to her sister in Sumter.

Miss Clara Jordan, of Bennettsville is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. J. West.

Miss Fannie Mayes, of Folkston, Ga., is visiting at her home here for a few days.

Mr. H. C. Mayes has accepted a position with the Coast Line on the run between Florence and Charleston, and Mr. Laurin Cooper has taken the former's position as freight agent here for the Coast Line.

Fishing, fish fries, fishing parties and fish, the various ways to catch them and the numerous kinds to be caught, are subjects of conversation just now which seem never to weary the disciples of Isaac Walton.