

# PROVISIONS OF NEW TARIFF BILL

Measure Is Expected to Yield Large Revenue.

## RATES LOWERED BY SENATE

As Prepared by the House the Average Duties Were About 30 Per Cent and as Finally Adopted the Average is About 27 Per Cent—The Payne-Aldrich Bill Carried Average Duties of 35 Per Cent—Free List is Increased.

### PROGRESS OF THE NEW TARIFF BILL.

The following shows the chronological history of the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill:

- Jan. 6 to Feb. 1—Hearings, house ways and means committee.
- April 7—Bill introduced by Mr. Underwood and referred to the ways and means committee.
- April 22—Bill reported by Mr. Underwood after Democratic caucus had approved it.
- May 8—Passed house of representatives—yeas, 281; nays, 133.
- May 9—Received by the senate and referred to finance committee.
- June 20—Bill completed by senate finance committee and referred to Democratic caucus.
- July 11—Bill reported to senate by Chairman Simmons with recommendation that it pass.
- July 21—Made unfinished business of senate.
- Sept. 9—Passed by senate—yeas, 44; nays, 37.
- Sept. 11—House nonconcur in senate amendments, and bill goes to conference.
- Sept. 26—Conferees reach final adjustment.

After being under consideration in congress for nearly six months the new tariff bill is a law, and for the first time in nearly a quarter of a century the country has a tariff law originated by the Democratic party. The bill will doubtless be known as the Underwood-Simmons bill, taking the title from Chairman Underwood of the house and Chairman Simmons of the senate committee of the house.

The sponsors for the bill say that it will raise ample revenue. Chairman Simmons has been advised that it will yield a surplus of at least \$16,000,000 a year above current expenses. If it does not meet the expenses of running the government the expenses will be reduced.

One remarkable thing about the present tariff bill, a precedent, in fact, is that the senate cut the average rate of duty carried by the bill below that fixed by the house. Heretofore in the making of a tariff bill the house has slashed the rates, while the senate has then taken up the bill and readjusted the rates on a higher general average.

The house bill carried a general average rate slightly below 30 per cent. This the senate cut a little over 4 per cent. The conference committee has raised the general average duty but slightly. The average ad valorem duty carried by the bill as perfected is about 27 per cent. The average under the present law is about 35 per cent.

### Many Changes Considered.

The conference committee had to deal with 676 paragraphs on which there were disagreements. Some of these involved only the change of a word or a question of punctuation, but a majority of them represented differences in rates and a few were fundamental.

The house conferees also accepted the senate amendment fixing dates when the wool duties shall go into effect, which was one of the final stumbling blocks.

Raw wool will go on the free list on Dec. 1, and the reduced duties carried by the present bill will become effective on Jan. 1. The house bill proposed to make the wool duties effective immediately on the bill being signed by the president. The final action was an important concession to the manufacturers.

The senate won over the house also on controverted paragraphs in the schedule relating to cotton cloths and yarns. By this agreement slightly higher duties are given to certain coarser grades of cotton cloths and yarns by changing the classification.

Fur hats and frames, forms and other parts for the manufacture of such hats received a rate of 45 per cent. This matter affects the hat industry in Connecticut. The house fixed the rate at 40 per cent, the senate made it 45.

The silk schedule also was reopened, and the rate on silk partially manufactured from cocoons or wastes, not further advanced in manufacture than carded or combed silk, and silk noils, was reduced from 30 to 20 cents per pound.

### The Metal Schedule.

Probably no single industry covered by the tariff bill suffered such reductions in duties as did the iron and steel industry. The house cut duties unsparingly, and then the senate followed by making still further reductions and increasing the free list.

The house, for example, placed a duty of 8 per cent on pig iron, spiegel-iron, scrap iron and scrap steel and like products and made ferro-manganese dutiable at 15 per cent. The senate free listed both of them, and the con-

ference committee after a considerable deadlock yielded to the senate.

The senate also free listed slabs, blooms, loops and other products of iron more advanced than pig iron, which the house had made dutiable at 8 per cent. The conference agreed to this. The senate cut the duty on round iron or steel wire from 20 per cent in the house bill to 15 per cent, and the conference accepted the senate reduction.

### Agricultural Schedule.

The conference committee agreed to the senate amendment, which struck out the 10 per cent duty on cattle provided by the house bill and the 10 per cent rate on sheep and transferring both to the free list. The conference committee also put wheat on the free list, where the senate had placed it, by striking out a duty of 10 cents a bushel provided by the house bill.

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### Woolen Schedule.

Very few changes were made in the woolen schedule. The senate was sustained by the conference committee in its amendments fixing the dates when wool duties shall go into effect. Compromises were made by the conference committee between senate and house rates, by which wool tops will bear a duty of 10 per cent and yarns a duty of 18 per cent.

The senate sought to reduce the duty on woolen blankets and to free list blankets valued at not more than 40 cents a pound, but the conference committee rejected the amendment, and all blankets will bear duty at 25 per cent ad valorem. The house rates of 50 per cent ad valorem on carpets and rugs were adopted by the conference.

A compromise was reached on the paragraphs relating to angora goat hair, alpaca, by which the hair will pay a duty of 15 per cent; tops from such hair, 25 per cent, and plushes, velvet and other fabrics, 45 per cent.

### Sundries.

The conference committee adopted the action of the senate, placing fulminates and gunpowder on the free list. There was a compromise on the paragraph relating to furs, but generally the house rates were restored.

The senate rates prevailed as to lace curtains and laces and the house won by having restored the paragraph in the house bill covering chamois skins and glove leathers, by which the former were made dutiable at 15 per cent, and the latter at 10 per cent. There was a compromise on the glove schedule between senate and house rates and the senate's action in free listing harness, saddles and saddlery parts was approved by the conference committee, although the house bill had made them dutiable at 20 per cent.

The only substantial victory won by the house in the free list was as to free art.

Here are rates of the new tariff compared with the Payne-Aldrich law:

### LUXURIES.

	Payne Law	New Law
Diamonds, uncut	Free	10 p c
Diamonds, cut, but unset	10 p c	20 p c
Pearls, unset	10 p c	20 p c
China ware	55 to 60 p c	50 to 55 p c
Stained glass	50 p c	45 p c
Gold leaf, 500 leaves	45 p c	45 p c
Laces, embroideries, etc., of tinsel	15 and 30 p c	15 and 30 p c
Candy, val. at 15c. or less	4c and 2c	15 p c
Candy, over 15c. per lb.	50 p c	25 p c
Snuff, lb.	15 p c	55 p c
Cigars and cigarettes, lb.	15 p c	15 p c
Orchids	25 p c	25 p c
Flowering bulbs—tulips, hyacinths, etc., per M.	\$1 to \$10	\$10
Preserves, per lb.	1c and 20 p c	1c and 20 p c
Jellies	25 p c	20 p c
Olives, gal.	15c to 25c	15c to 25c
Brandy, gal.	\$2.00	\$2.50
Ray rum, gal.	\$1.75	\$1.75
Champagne and all sparkling wines, qts., per doz.	\$9.00	\$9.00
In pint bottles, per doz.	\$4.50	\$4.50
Silk wines, gal.	45c	45c
Ale, beer, etc., in bottles, gal	45c	45c
Laces	60 p c	60 p c
Silk manufactures	50 to 60 p c	45 p c
Fancy paper boxes	45 p c	40 p c
Playing cards, per pk.	10c and 20 p c	10c and 20 p c
Trimmed hats	25 p c	40 p c
Hats	35 p c	35 p c
Fleecrackers, lb.	8c	6c
Feathers (dressed)	60 p c to 20 p c	60 p c to 20 p c
Furs (dressed)	20 p c	20 p c
Human hair	50 p c	10 p c
Fans	50 p c	50 p c
Jewelry	60 p c	60 p c
Musical instruments	45 p c	35 p c
Paintings	15 p c	Free
Statuary	15 p c	Free
Cut glass	60 p c	45 p c

### NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

Glass jars, per lb.	1c	30 p c
Common window glass, per lb., from	14c to 44c	7c to 2c
Scissors and shears, doz.	15c and 25 p c	15 p c and 30 p c
Table cutlery, each	11c	25 p c
Cut nails, lb.	4-10c	Free
Wire nails, lb.	4-10c	Free
Needles, sewing and knitting, per thousand	\$1 and 25 p c	25 p c
Crochet needles	25 p c	20 p c
Wood.		
Rough lumber, per 1,000 ft.	\$1.25	Free
Sawed boards of white wood, planks, etc., per 1,000 ft. board measure	50c	Free
Other sawed wood, per 1,000 ft. board measure	15 p c	Free
Clapboard, per thousand	\$1.25	Free

Penicosts	Free	Free
Shingles, per thousand	50c	Free
Chair cane or reeds	10 p c	10 p c
House or cabinet furniture	25 p c	15 p c
Over stool	15 p c	15 p c
Laths, per thousand	40c	10c
Skewers, per thousand	2c and 18c	2c and 18c
Toothpicks, per thousand	15 p c	25 p c
Railroad ties	10 p c	20 p c
Telegraph poles	10 p c	10 p c

### Sugar.

Sugar not above No. 16		
Dutch standard, per lb.	95-100c	71-100c
Molasses testing from 40 to 55 deg., per gal.	3c	2 1/2c
Molasses above 55 deg.	6c	4 1/2c
Maple sirup and maple sugar, per lb.	4c	3c

### Agricultural Products.

Cattle less than 1 yr. old, per head	2.00	Free
Other cattle, val. under \$14, per head	\$3.75	Free
Over \$14, per head	27 1/2 p c	Free
Pigs, per head	15 p c	Free
Horses and mules val. at \$150 or less, per head	\$30.00	Free
Over that value	25 p c	Free
Sheep, per head	\$1.50	Free
Poultry, live, per lb.	3c	1c
Poultry, dead, per lb.	5c	2c

### Breadstuffs.

Barley, per bu.	15c	15c
Corn, per bu.	30c	Free
Oats, per bu.	15c	6c
Oatmeal and rolled oats, per lb.	1c	3-10c
Kies, cleaned, per lb.	2c	2c
Rye, per bu.	15c	Free
Wheat, per bu.	25c	Free
Wheat flour	25 p c	Free
Butter and substitutes, per lb.	6c	3c
Cheese, per lb.	6c	20 p c
Milk, per gal.	2c	Free
Beans, per doz.	45c	25c
Eggs, per doz.	25c	25c
Hay, per ton	\$4.00	\$2.00
Honey, per gal.	10c	10c
Hops, per lb.	16c	16c
Onions, per bu.	40c	20c
Peas (green or dried), per bu	25c	10c
Potatoes, per bu.	25c	Free
Cash beans, per bu. of 50 lbs.	25c	15c
Flaxseed or linseed, per bu.	25c	25c
Straw, per ton	\$1.50	50c
Vegetables in natural state	25 p c	15 p c
Cider, per gal.	5c	2c
Garlic, per lb.	1c	1c
Beets	25 p c	5 p c
Sugar beets	10 p c	5 p c

### Fish.

Fish, dried, salted, smoked, pickled, frozen, per lb.	1/2c	Free
Mackerel, halibut or salmon, fresh, salted or pickled, per lb.	1c	Free
Packed in oil or canned	30 p c	25 p c
Fresh water fish, per lb.	1-4	Free

### Fruits and Nuts.

Apples, peaches and other small fruits, per bu.	25c	10c
The same, dried, per lb.	2c	1c
Berries, per qt.	1c	1/2c
Chocolate and cocoa, per lb.	2 1/2c to 50 p c	2c to 25 p c
Figs, per lb.	2 1/2c	1c
Plums, prunes, per lb.	2c	1c
Lemons, per lb.	1 1/2c	1c
Oranges, grapefruit, limes, per lb.	1c	1/2c
Pineapples, per thousand	\$8	\$5
Orange and lemon peel, per lb.	2c	1c
Citrus	4c	1c
Peanuts, unshelled, per lb.	1 1/2c	1c
Peanuts, shelled, per lb.	1c	3/4c
Almonds, unshelled, per lb.	4c	3c
Almonds, shelled, per lb.	6c	4c
Filberts and walnuts, unshelled, per lb.	3c	2c
Filberts and walnuts, shelled	5c	4c
Coconuts	35c	45c
Pineapples, preserved	25 p c	20 p c

### Household Necessaries.

Salt, per 100 lbs.	11c	Free
Potato starch, per lb.	7c	Free
Other starch, per lb.	1c	1c
Vinegar, per gal.	1 1/2c	1c
Mustard, per lb.	10c	6c
Red pepper, per lb.	2 1/2c	1c
Nutmegs, cinnamon, per lb.	3c	1c
Gloves, per lb.	3c	2c
Brooms	40 p c	15 p c
Brushes	40 p c	35 p c
Buttons, per gross	and	45 p c
Perfumed toilet soaps	50 p c	30 p c
Castle soap, per lb.	1 1/2c	10 p c
Medicated soap, per lb.	20c	20 p c
All other soaps	20 p c	5 p c
Cosmetics containing alcohol, per lb.	60c and 40c	and 60 p c
Cosmetics without alcohol	50 p c	60 p c
Plasters, all kinds	25 p c	15 p c
Saleratus, per lb.	25c	1c
Sponges, raw	20 p c	10 p c
Sponges, manufactured	30 p c	15 p c
Common earthenware	25 p c	15 p c
Earthenware, ornamented	40 p c	20 p c
China and porcelain	60 p c	55 p c
Biscuit, bread, cakes, etc.	25 to 50 p c	25 p c
Pickles and sauces	40 p c	25 p c
Beans, per bu.	45c	35c
Gun wads	20 p c	10 p c
Silk ribbons	50 p c	10 p c
Phonographs	45 p c	25 p c
Photographic dry plates	25 p c	15 p c
Films for motion pictures	25 p c to 3c	per ft

Manufactures of catgut, amber wax, asbestos, etc.	25 p c	20 p c
Manufactures of bone, horn, whalebone, etc.	35 p c	20 p c
Manufactures of India rubber	35 p c	10 p c
Manufactures of plaster of paris	35 p c	25 p c
Manufactures of ivory, gelatin, shell, etc.	35 p c	30 p c
Mattings made of cocoa fiber, per sq. yd.	6c	6c
Clay pipes, per gross	50c and 25 p c	25 p c
Other pipes, pipe bowls and other smokers' articles	60 p c	50 p c
Harness, saddlery	35 p c	Free

### Meat Products.

Lard, per lb.	1 1/2c	Free
Bacon and ham, per lb.	15c	10c
Meat extract, per lb.	35c	10c
Meat extract, fluid, per lb.	15c	6c

### MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

Cotton		
Cotton thread and carded yarn up to and including No. 15, per lb.	2 1/2c	2 1/2c
Cotton from No. 15 to No. 30, per lb., increase per number	1-15c	1-15c
Cotton, exceeding No. 30, per lb., increase per No.	1-5c	5 to 25 p c
Cotton thread, colored, up to and including No. 20, per lb.	6c	6c
Cotton thread, colored, No. 21 to No. 80, increase per No.	1-15c	1-15c
Above No. 80, increase per No.	3-10c	3-10c
Spool thread of cotton, including crochet, darning and embroidery, per doz. spools	6c	15 p c
Cotton cloth, unbleached, less than 50 threads to sq. in., per sq. yd.	1c	7 1/2 to 27 1/2 p c
Cotton cloth, unbleached, from 50 to 100 threads to sq. in., per sq. yd.	1 1/2c	1c to 2 1/2c
Finer grades	1c to 2 1/2c	2 1/2c
Cotton handkerchiefs or mullers	45 p c	20 p c

Cotton cloth, bleached, val. at over 3c per sq. yd.	3 to 7 1/2 p c	2 1/2 p c
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Cotton clothing, ready made	50 p c	30 p c
Cotton corduroys, per sq. yd.	40 p c	40 p c

Cotton stockings	70c	20 p c
Cotton stockings, seamless, per doz. pr.	70c	30 to 50 p c

Shirts and drawers, pants, vests, sweaters, etc., per doz.	60c	30 p c
Same, higher grades	\$1.10	30 p c

Towels	45 p c	25 p c
Table cloths	40 p c	25 p c
Cotton suspenders	45 p c	25 p c

### Hats, Bonnets, Etc.

Fur hats, bonnets and hoods val. at not over \$5.00 per doz., tax per doz.	\$1.50	40 p c
Same, val. between \$5.00 and \$10 per doz., tax per doz.	\$3.00	40 p c
Same, val. between \$10.00 and \$20.00 per doz., tax per doz.	\$5.00	40 p c
Same, val. at more than \$20.00 per doz., tax per doz.	\$7.00	40 p c

### Leather.

Belting and sole leather, etc.	15 p c	Free
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