

NEW TARIFF BILL IN; SCHEDULES ARE CUT

Revision Downward is Main Feature of Measure Given to Congress.

FOR A TAX ON INHERITANCES

This Item Expected to Raise \$30,000,000 and Total Revenues Are Estimated at \$300,000,000.

Downward revision, maximum and minimum provisions which impose an average maximum duty 20 per cent in excess of the present tariff, and provisions by which it is estimated that the revenue to the government will be increased from \$165,000,000 to \$200,000,000 are the salient features of the new tariff bill introduced in the House by Representative Serrano E. Payne...

The recommendations by President Taft that an inheritance tax be enacted and that a limited amount of tobacco and sugar be admitted free from the Philippines are followed in the bill. It provides also for the issuance of Panama Canal bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000 to reimburse the treasury for the original purchase of the canal...

Although there is no suggestion of a duty on coffee, tea is taxed 8 cents when imported from the country where it is produced and 9 cents when from any other than the producing country. The internal revenue tax on cigarettes is increased materially...

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The tariff on refined sugar is reduced 66 of a cent a pound and that on dry corn a certain percent. A reduction of half a cent a pound is made also in the duty on starch...

The principal increases are made in the duties on lemons, coconuts and substitutes for coffee, coal tar dyes, gloves, coated papers and lithographic prints.

The inheritance tax paragraph places a tax of 5 per cent on all inheritances over \$50 that are collateral inheritances or in which strangers are the legatees.

The bill provides for reciprocal free trade with the Philippine Islands on all articles, but limiting the sugar to be imported free of duty to 300,000 tons; wrapper tobacco to 300,000 pounds and 3,000,000 pounds of filler tobacco and 1,500,000 cigars in any one fiscal year.

The maximum and minimum provision avoids the necessity of continuing foreign trade agreements. The Payne bill applies the same rule to patents taken out in this country by aliens that applies to Americans in the country of the aliens.

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MINERS' DEMANDS REJECTED.

Operators Ask That Present Agreement Be Extended Three Years. The anthracite coal operators have flatly denied all of the eight demands of the miners that were made for changes to the agreement, which will expire on March 31.

This decision was not unexpected by the workers. President Lewis has his plans laid and is conferring with other leaders to perfect the details of the new move. Those who have followed the trend of affairs in the anthracite region believe it will be useless for the miners to insist further upon any material change in the present agreement.

The present agreement, made in New York three years ago, when John Mitchell led the miners in the negotiations, is identical with the award of the Roosevelt strike commission, made in 1903, after the strike of 1902.

The other demands were for an eight hour day with no reduction in wages, for a contract by which all coal shall be mined and paid for by the ton of 2,000 pounds, and a definite and more uniform scale of wages and prices.

They also demand that the system whereby a contract miner has more than one job or employs more than two laborers be abolished; that the employers be required to issue uniform pay statements, and finally, that the contract shall be made for a period of one year.

SAYS JAPAN SEIZED ISLANDS.

Chinese Commander Forces Mikado's Men to Hand Down Flag. Chinese fishermen engaged at Pratas Islands having sent an urgent appeal to the Viceroy of Canton, alleging that the Japanese were occupying the islands, the Chinese cruiser Fenging and two destroyers were dispatched to investigate.

FLAMES CAUSE DUAL FUNERAL.

Mother and Little Daughter's Perish Despite Heroism of Parent. A double funeral was held in Winnetka, Ill., Tuesday, as the result of the tragedy in the home of Carl F. Gore, station agent at Glenview.

GEORGE T. ANGELL IS DEAD.

Leader in Anti-Cruelty Crusade Succumbs at Boston Home. George Thordike Angell, "friend of dumb animals" and the leader in the humane educational movement in the United States, died in Boston early Tuesday.

SENDS MESSAGE 4,240 MILES.

Japanese Steamer Accomplishes Wonder in Wireless Telegraphy. The steamer Aki Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet of Japanese steamships, sent a message by wireless from Yokohama, Japan, to Puget Sound, a distance of 4,240 miles, without losing communication with the stations.

THE AMERICAN EAGLE GETS A JOKE.



HUGE COUP IN COFFEE.

One-Third of World's Supply of Beverage in New York. Nearly one-third of all the coffee in the world is in New York today. The vast warehouses that line the harbor's edge are jammed high with millions of bags—hundreds of thousands of tons.

At Rio and Santos half a dozen more steamers are heading hurriedly with coffee for New York. In Havre and Hamburg and Antwerp, too, there is great activity along the coffee docks and in the huge warehouses where the world's reserve supply of America's favorite breakfast beverage is stored.

All this is because of the belief among the great coffee merchants and the great coffee gamblers of the world that the United States Congress will put a tax on this fragrant berry that hitherto has entered this country free of duty.

PROVISIONS OF TAX BILL AND RESULTS IT MAY ACCOMPLISH.

Total estimated revenue under new bill, \$300,000,000. Estimated increase in revenue under bill, \$140,000,000 or \$28,000,000,000. Inheritance tax law is upheld. With normal year's business treasury deficit will be wiped out.

GOMPERS DEFEATED AGAIN.

Court of Appeals Affirms Blow at Boycott List. The court of appeals of the District of Columbia has modified and affirmed the opinion of Justice Gould of the Supreme Court of the District, enjoining the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers and other defendants from publishing the "We don't patronize" list.

HOT TIME FOR TEXAS SOLO.

Session of Legislature Ends in Turmoil and New One Starts. After the Senate had expelled one of its members and the House had requested the speaker to resign, a request that was ignored, the regular session of the Thirty-third Texas Legislature was brought to an end Saturday night hours after the time originally set for final adjournment.

FIGURES SHOW ACTIVITY.

Imports of Manufacturers' Materials Grow Over 1908 and 1907. Renewed activity in the country's manufacturing is shown in figures prepared by the Bureau of Statistics, comparing imports of manufacturers' materials in January, 1909, with those of the two preceding Januarys.

FOREIGN

The British authorities at Calcutta have continued to seize important native newspapers which support the Nationalist movement.

MERCHANT'S SON SHOT BY POLICE.

Says His Income Was Not Sufficient for Support of Family. Frank Davis, son of a prominent local merchant, was shot in the groin by police officers in Galena, Kan., while trying to escape when detained in the act of drilling into the safe of the Citizens bank.

WOMAN NOVELIST IS DEAD.

Mrs. Elmore MacCortney Lane Expires on Trip. Mrs. Elmore MacCortney Lane, the novelist, died in Lynchburg, Va. She had been ill for several days and was on her way South with her husband, Dr. Francis R. Lane, to recuperate her health.

FINDS LOOT IN WEALTHY HOME.

Chicago Woman's Discovery in Cleveland May Stir Society Scandal. The finding in a fashionable East Side home in Cleveland by Mrs. C. H. Fisk, of Chicago, wife of the editor of the Plain Dealer, of a safe containing stolen goods, may result in a society scandal.

KILLS FRIEND WHO STOLE WIFE.

Texas Man Says Victim Consented to His Revenge. Fred Morris, in jail in Fort Worth, Texas, admits that he deliberately shot and killed Otto H. Meyer, his former friend.

TO BUILD FOUR DREADNOUGHTS.

British Naval Estimate Calls for Expenditure of \$175,713,500. The eagerly awaited British naval estimates about which there has been so much controversy inside and outside of the cabinet have been issued in London.

SEA FIGHT OPENS WAR.

Nicaragua Year Before Last. The Montombo, a schooner owned by the Salvadoreans, was the vessel that started the war between Nicaragua and the United States. The latter, by a lucky shot, put the Montombo out of action almost at the beginning of the engagement.

SECRETARY OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

William Loeblin. Secretary of the White House. William Loeblin, who was born in Prussia, is a prominent member of the National Citizens' League and is the author of "The Bible and the Science of Evolution."



FRED W. CARPENTER.

"Right hand man" of William H. Taft and has earned the promotion that will place him at the head of the business staff at the executive office...

CANADIAN INDIANS STARVING.

Trapper Says Many Have Already Met Death in Extreme Cold. Colin Fraser, an old-time trapper, who for the past twenty-six years has been going north from Edmonton each year in Canada's hinterland, has returned to civilization and with him a graphic and sober tale of the terrible sufferings of the Indians in the far North during the winter snow drawing to a close.

DAYTON WOMAN AGAIN VICTIM.

Seventh Murder Mystery Appears in Discovery of Body in Canal. Another mystery confronts the police of Dayton, Ohio, in the discovery of the decomposed body of an unknown white woman in the canal below the Apple street bridge.

SCOTCH THIEF.

"Hey, mon," exclaimed the least bonnie north countryman, "thrift is a wunnerful thing!" "Yes," replied his English traveling companion, "You're right there. Now, I gave my wife a ten-pound note to manage on last time I was away, and would you believe it?—instead of seeing it she saved nearly a sovereign out of it to buy herself a hat!"

Wife's Most Costly Garment.

The most wonderful, costly and magnificent garment in the world is the Queen of Slan's State mantle, which she wears only about once a year. It is literally covered with diamonds, emeralds, rubies and sapphires—in fact, with almost every known precious stone.

NEWSPAPER'S FINEST MOMENT.

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