

## TARIFF BILL WORRIES LEADERS

Senators Aldrich and Crane in Conference With President Until Midnight.

## MUM WHEN THEY LEFT HIM.

Hide and Leather Schedule Known to Have Been Cause of Considerable Discord.

Washington, Aug. 2.—An important conference on the tariff situation was held at the White House tonight between the president and Senators Aldrich and Crane. The senators left at midnight, but refused to state what decision, if any, had been reached.

Tariff legislation has been delayed again by the hide and leather question, and the conferees were called together once more today. Western senators will compel further changes in the hide and leather schedule. These senators complained that the leather schedule as arranged by the conferees with the approval of the president is unfair to the states interested in protected hides. It was agreed that some compromise must be taken to reconcile them if the conference report is to be adopted.

Without thought of serious obstacles, Senator Aldrich caused the report to be taken up today as soon as the senators met. As is usual, the senate leader and his associates moved about to ascertain whether there had been any change of sentiment. They were not long in learning that the charges that there was a "joker" in the compromise hide and leather question had upset the comfortable majority they had previously counted for the adoption of the report.

The westerners claimed they had been led to believe that all boots and shoes of leather were to be dutiable at 10 per cent, and that the harness was to be dutiable at 20 per cent.

When the conference report was issued, it appeared that the reductions applied only to articles manufactured in chief part of the class of hides which were to be made duty free. The reductions would not apply to shoes, the uppers of which were made of calfskin, or to harnesses, the chief value of which was the calfskin.

## WESTERN SENATORS BITTER.

Western senators were extremely bitter in their condemnation of the compromise. They said they had been fooled, and tricks played on the consumer were nothing short of unconscionable. Finding that the westerners were not amenable to argument, some of the senate leaders and some of the dissatisfied members hurried to the White House. There all were informed that the president had not been fooled. He was reported to have told all of his callers that he fully understood the character of the compromise.

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It was declared by the conferees that their course was necessary from a parliamentary standpoint. To have reduced all boots and shoes, they said, would have compelled a resubmission of the question to the house.

When Senator Aldrich returned from the White House he called a session of the conferees. The western senators were ushered into the conference chamber, singly or in pairs. Audiences were given to Senators Heyburn, Warren, Carter, Sutcliffe, Brown, Borah and Bourne. Invitations had been issued to Senators Dixon, Burdett and Clark of Wyoming, but they did not accept.

Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne declared that the language employed in adjusting the hide controversy was not a "joker." An effort was

made to reach an understanding with the westerners. They said the word had gone out over the west that free hides had been given for cheaper shoes and harness, and that their constituents would not be satisfied with any other bargain.

## LETTERS FROM TAFT.

Senators Brown and Borah both had letters from the president bearing upon the alleged "joker," which they read. The letter to Senator Borah was in response to one he had written. The president asserted in this letter that the leather and hide schedule, as adopted by the conferees, was just as he had understood it. He said his understanding was that the reduction on leather goods should be made on those manufactures of the hitherto dutiable hides and should not include manufactures of hitherto free hides.

Continuing, the president argued that farmers wear shoes made of the kind of hides that would pay the low duty, and that practically all harness is made from dutiable leather, and therefore would be reduced 20 per cent ad valorem. In the Brown letter the president is said to have added a rather sharp criticism of legislators constantly "finding jokers."

After the westerners had departed the conferees discussed ways of meeting the situation. Representative McCall opposed applying the low rate on boots and shoes to products other than those which would be affected by the abolition of the duty on hitherto free hides. He argued that the westerners had been embarrassed by the misunderstanding to such an extent that they could not be expected to give their support to the report on other terms than those generally understood at the time it was agreed to make hides free. It was realized that these senators, augmented by the "progressive" Republicans' opposition to the bill, could defeat the report if they were so inclined. It was conceded that in order to secure the passage of the report by a safe margin, the low rates on boots and shoes and harness would have to be applied to calfskin products as well as to leather from a single kind of hide, and that the boots which are made free by the conference report.

No progress has been reached positively as to how this result shall be accomplished. The plan favored is to make an agreement with the western senators, and that this will be done after the passage of the report by the adoption of a concurrent resolution instructing the enrolling clerk of the two houses to make alterations in the paragraph relating to hides.

Errors have been discovered in the maximum and minimum provision, and such a resolution must be adopted to make corrections. Efforts are now being made to induce the Massachusetts representatives not to oppose the preferred settlement.

## DANIEL'S SPEECH.

At the conclusion of the reading of the report, which consumed three and a half hours, Senator Daniel, senior Democratic member of the finance committee, after calling for a quorum, which was found to be present, warned the Republican members of the finance committee that it would be wise to remain and hear what he had to say. Mr. Daniel mainly arranged the conference committee for excluding the Democratic members. Regarding the exclusion of the Democratic members from the conference, Mr. Daniel said, a practical fraud had been committed on both houses of Congress.

"This country stands at this moment between the gulfs and the ground," declared Mr. Daniel in commenting on the methods of the majority. "I hope mercy may be sought and may be found. I charge that the senate is apathetic in adjusting the hide controversy and is not a 'joker.' An effort was

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Mr. Daniel also charged bad faith in the action of the committee in signing the conference report without allowing himself and his Democratic colleagues on the committee to meet them and to vote upon it as agreed to by Chairman Aldrich. By this arrangement, he said, he lost out on Thursday, and he went to the room of the finance committee.

"A solemn and honored bond had been entered into by word of mouth," he added, "between the chairman of the finance committee and the Democratic conferees that they would be called as soon as the report was ready to be acted upon with a view to permitting them to cast their votes for or against it. We were told that there were five or six things in the bill upon which they had not reached a conclusion."

"I stated," he added, "that if the chairman wished to see me about this he could come and see me, but I should not call upon him. It seems strange that we should be given a pledge and for some reason that pledge be unredemmed."

## FOLLOWED PRECEDENT.

Mr. Aldrich declared his committee had followed the course that had prevailed since the beginning of the government.

At the meeting referred to by the senator from Virginia, he said, he had remarked to Mr. Daniel that he supposed the Democratic members would not join the Republicans in signing the report.

"The senator said he guessed not," continued Mr. Aldrich. "Of course, we all know the Democrats on the committee do not join us in assuming responsibility for this legislation."

He said emphatically he never had promised that the Democratic conferees should have a day with the committee. Senator Bailey interrupted the senator. He said while he had never contended for a right to sit with the Republican members, he did believe the Democratic members should have a day with the committee.

Referring to the influence exerted by the president in lowering tariff duties, Mr. Bailey said:

"I think I can make it manifest that the people of the United States have been entertained with some mock battle, and that the battle which has been raging here for days and weeks was nothing more or less than a sham battle."

## BRISTOW SAYS THINGS.

Recalling incidents of the late national campaign in which he had taken part, Senator Bristow declared that President Taft was not a man who would revise of the tariff downward and he (Bristow) had been elected to the senate on that issue.

It was said the most of production had been reduced and that the rate of duty should be reduced proportionately," he explained, "and I endeavored to keep that pledge."

The fact was, he said, that practically no reduction had been obtained. "The tax," said Mr. Bristow, "has been taken off of hides and has been added to the sole leather suit case that the American citizen buys. And yet, it has been advertised that a reduction has been made on the leather on a schedule for the benefit of the American citizen."

"Apparently," continued Mr. Bristow, "the thing considered in formulating the cotton schedule has been the greed of the cotton manufacturer of New England."

"As a Republican senator I will not be a party to placing Mr. Taft in the most embarrassing position in which it is possible for a president to be placed; that is, to require him either to sign a bill that he does not believe in, or to repudiate the action of a majority of his party in both branches of the congress by a veto."

"He has, in substance, appealed to this Congress to keep faith with the people, but in effect, it is a bill to require that the president should repudiate the action of a majority of his party's pledges, and which is also, in my judgement, fundamentally wrong and in many of its details iniquitous."

"I set up no standard for other senators. Every man should vote as his conscience and judgment dictate. But I feel that had I supported this bill I would be recreant to my duty as a senator and unfaithful to the people who sent me here to represent them, and I cannot do it."

Senator Bacon expressed himself as extremely anxious that there should be no question as to the responsibility of senators for the vote they cast on a measure. He had prepared a collection of every yea and nay vote taken on the many amendments to the bill, together with an explanation of the method of voting in the senate, which he asked to have printed in the Record. This request was granted. The table, he said, showed the attitude of the members of the two parties to all the questions presented.

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## TAFT FIXED RATE ON PRINT PAPER

Chairman Norris of Publishers' Association Says He Was Not Well Informed on Subject.

## MAY BE WOOD PULP FAMINE.

Serious Tangle Threatened and Trade War Between United States and Canada Not Impossible.

New York, Aug. 2.—John Norris, chairman of the committee on paper of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, has issued a bulletin relating to the tariff on pulp and paper, in which he says:

"In the proposed tariff bill publishers have secured the abolition of the duty of \$1.67 per ton on ground wood. They obtained a reduction from \$6 per ton to \$3.75 per ton on print paper—a saving of approximately \$2,700,000 per annum in the cost of print paper to consumers."

"The publishers had asked for free print paper. The select committee of the house had recommended \$2 per ton. The senate recommended the rate of \$4 per ton, and the conferees had substantially agreed upon a compromise rate of \$3, when President Taft announced to congressional callers, on or about Saturday, July 24, that a \$4 rate was necessary for applying the protection principle to print paper."

"The president made this announcement without that full and impartial ascertainment of conditions to which the consumers were entitled, and in disregard of numerous and voluntary assurances that he was given in favor of the lower rate. In accordance with that intimation from the president, the conferees reported \$3.75 per ton, which will probably be adopted."

"If the publishers had not inaugurated their campaign for a reduction of duty, it is likely that the paper makers would have secured an increase to \$8 or \$10 per ton on print paper upon their representations that American wood had increased in cost to the extent of \$6 per ton on paper produced."

"Under the new schedules, each Canadian province is regarded as a unit, so that Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will have no restrictions of any kind upon exportation of pulp or paper, and immediately avail themselves of the new tariff rate. Quebec has a stumpage tax of 25 cents per cord on wood cut from crown lands for exportation. There is no stumpage tax in Quebec on wood cut from other lands. Ontario prohibits absolutely the exportation of wood cut from crown lands. Newfoundland prohibits the exportation of pulp wood."

"American paper makers hold leases on 12,000 square miles of crown lands in the province of Quebec, for which they pay an annual rental and in addition a fixed price of 65 cents for every cord cut. These leases expire in 1910 and it is given out that within three weeks from the date of the signing of the Payne bill, the terms of the new Quebec leases will be promulgated."

"It is barely possible that Quebec may regard the new legislation as the best obtainable and abolish its stumpage tax. If it should prohibit the exportation of pulp wood cut from crown lands, the American owners of timber rights are prepared to set up a complaint of confiscation. A serious tangle is threatened with possibilities of a pulp wood shortage and a trade war between Canada and the United States, which have business interchanges to the extent of \$250,000,000 per annum."

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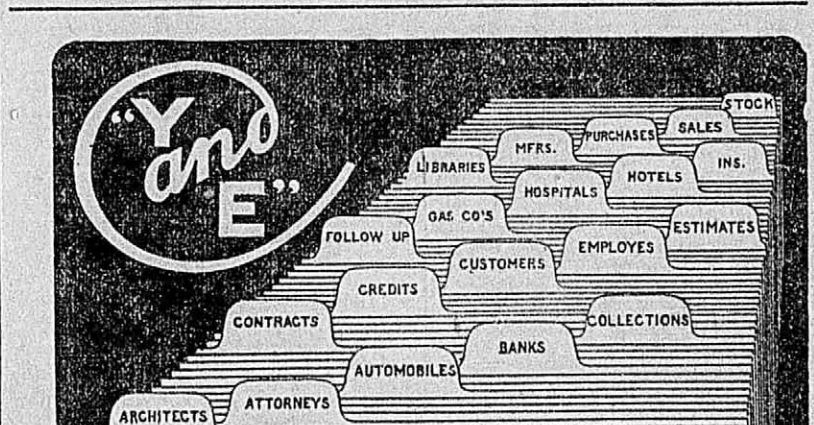
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