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IT WAS

PRACTICALLY A UNIT

In the senate the other day Senator Culbertson of Texas made a statement intended to clear away any misunderstanding as to the attitude of Democrats with respect to the tariff bill. At the close of each session, for many years, Mr. Culbertson has prepared and put on record the Democratic version of what had been done. These statements have been used as party documents. Speaking on the subject of Democratic division on the tariff, Mr. Culbertson in his latest statement had this to say:

"An impression seems to have been created in some quarters that in their action on the tariff bill the Democrats of the senate have been commonly and seriously divided among themselves, and have often voted with the protectionist majority. With the exception of the vote on iron ore, coal, lumber and hides, the Democratic vote was practically a unit, and on hides it was a unit when coupled with the proposition that leather, boots and shoes should also be placed on the free list. On the income tax amendment to the bill the Democratic vote was unanimous, and on oil, tea and coffee, print paper and wood pulp it was substantially so. Still more significant and important, on all subjects of the bill which particularly and more directly affect the consuming masses and the cost of living, such as crockery, cutlery, glassware, sugar, household goods generally, agricultural implements, blankets, flannels and hats, leather, boots and shoes, iron and steel and their products, including cotton ties, cotton manufactures, wool and manufacturers of wool—in fact, on all articles affected by the tariff which enter into the daily needs of the people, the Democratic vote was in effect unanimous, and was for much lower duties than those which were adopted. It was upon Democratic initiative, moreover, that sulphate of ammonia, paris green and london purple and cotton bagging were placed on the free list in the senate bill, which are the principal benefits to farmer and fruit growers in the bill, and it was also due to Democratic initiative that the tax on tea and coffee was stricken from the maximum provision of the senate measure."

WANT THE MONEY

Georgia Having Troubles
Raising the Wind

TAX SOFT DRINKS
They Miss the Money Formerly Raised by the Saloons

Atlanta, Ga., July 30.—If the Georgia legislature incorporates into the general tax bill all the provisions introduced by the members, it soon will be nearly as hard to get a drink of soda water in the state as it is now to get a drink of whisky. Face to face with a deficit and with salaries and bills unpaid, the solons are grubbing desperately to find revenue producers. Since the advent of prohibition the soft drink industry has become the biggest thing in the state. Hence, it offered the easiest solution of the problem. Here are some of the tax clauses already passed by the house: Five dollars a year upon each faucet of a soda fountain; \$500 per year for each manufacturer of carbonated water; \$25 per year upon each bottling machine in the state; a revenue stamp costing five cents for each gallon of syrup of tincture or extract manufactured or sold. All of these taxes are in addition to the tax levied by the cities, towns and villages in which the dealer resides, and these towns have not overlooked the soft drink dealers in their plans for raising revenue. These levies, too, are in addition to certain specific taxes which have been directed against certain big manufacturers of well known bottled drinks.

NAMED AN ENGINEER

(Continued from page 1.) they have ever been in the history of the city. Harry Cooken is one of the most energetic men in the city, and what he does he does well. The streets and crossings will all get theirs from Decatur's new street commissioner.

Curtis Campbell, formerly on the road for the Schafer Hardware company of this city, now representing the Watkins Remedy company with headquarters at Circleville, Ohio, arrived this afternoon and went to the home of his father for a short visit.

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