

EFFORTS TO PROTECT STANDARD OIL IN VAIN

The Countervailing Duty Under Which the Great Corporation Filches \$12,000,000 Annually From American Consumers Abolished by House of Representatives.

Washington, D.C., April 8.—The countervailing duty under which the United States annually collects \$12,000,000 from the foreign oil companies was brushed away by the House today in an indignant upsurge of protest against the compromise suggested by the Senate in exchange of a 25 per cent. ad valorem duty was impatiently rejected.

The House voted to repeal the ad valorem on crude and refined petroleum, the lowest possible rate that could be imposed under the rules which control the tariff-making process.

The bill, which was introduced by the House, was written into the bill. The votes were on hand to have made petroleum and its products free, but it was defeated.

Speaker Cannon and his allies rushed to the rescue of the Standard Oil, but their efforts were unavailing. The House voted 219 to 191 to repeal the Standard Oil, made from the floor of the House, was earnest, even pathetic.

He talked while the Republican whips searched the capitol for votes to beat down the opposition, the men who loved him but little and Standard Oil.

His efforts were in vain and his men did not and would not come out in his aid. Champ Clark, the Democratic leader, who had been a close ally in the fight, Norris, of Nebraska, and Cooper of Wisconsin, the fearless independents, held their men from the Minnesota and South Dakota forces.

The Standard Oil and the speaker. They were successful by a vote of 165 to 136.

Opponents Had Their Opportunity. Someone erred and gave the Standard Oil opponents their opportunity. The ways and means committee had cut and dried under the rule to adopt the 25 per cent. ad valorem. The rule said a vote should be taken on this as a committee amendment and on no other amendment affecting the Standard Oil interests. This rule had

Ice Jam in St. Lawrence.—
Montreal, Que., April 8.—The ice
in the upper river came down in large
blocks today and jammed at Lake
Rondeau just below the main part
of the harbor, causing a rapid rise
in the water level. Lower level wharves
completely submerged and a flood of
some gravity is threatened. The old
C.P.R. wharf sheds are completely
destroyed. It had been planned to do
this anyway, however, so the damage
is inconsiderable. The town of L.
Fraser, opposite this city, is partly
under water.

Child Drowned in Creek.—
Gibbert Plains, Man., April 7.—Yes-
terday afternoon the three-year-old
son of Hamilton was drowned when
he house into the creek where he had
been down.

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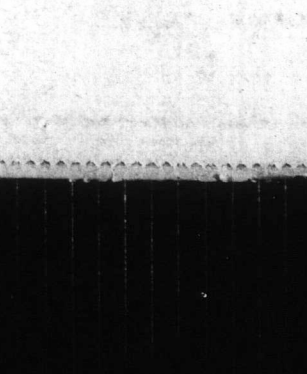
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