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SENATOR CUMMINS IN DEMOCRATIC FIGHT

CUMMINS OF IOWA JOINS UNDERWOOD OF ALABAMA AND STANLEY OF KENTUCKY IN OPPOSING PROVISIONS OF THE TARIFF BILL

Washington, May 27.—The senate came today to its first big fight over individual schedules in the tariff bill. Rates recommended by the finance committee majority on some steel products came under the fire from both the Republican and Democratic sides of the chamber, but as rapidly as votes were taken the committee was sustained.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, one of the Republican senators who fought the Payne-Aldrich bill, opened the fight on the steel plates and announced that he would have amendments to offer to many other duties in the schedule. Senator Underwood of Alabama, Democratic leader and Senator Stanley of Kentucky conducted the fight for the minority.

Asserting that for years the United States corporation had fixed the price on substantially all commodities it produced or in which it dealt, Senator Cummins said the intimacy in the industry was so close that some thing besides competition would have to be depended upon to fix reasonable prices.

"I do not want to go to the point to which we are being forced—that of the government fixing prices," said Senator Cummins, "therefore I am in favor of adjusting the schedules to permit fair competition from abroad, but I do not know that that will be effective."

The Iowa senator and Senators Underwood and Stanley argued that the United States could and did produce steel cheaper than any other country in the world, and insisted that tariff duties were unnecessary. Senator Stanley said the United States was selling in the markets of the world and that in the face of that the United States Steel corporation wanted congress to guarantee its profits against any possible competition from foreign lands.

Senator Underwood characterized the rates on steel plates as "a shame and a fraud on the American people." He urged that congress let the steel industry stand, as it was a giant in the world of industry and not "wet nurse it like a baby in a crib."

In the course of his address, Senator Cummins disclosed that he was one of the leaders on the majority side, who sought to prevent a general revision of the tariff at this time. He said that this was not the time for such legislation because chaotic conditions in the world made it impossible to obtain accurate information on which to act. Senator Walsh, (Democrat) of Massachusetts declared Republican senators were hearing from home and were receiving letters and resolutions proving the people had become aware that the Democratic contention that the bill would increase prices was correct. In this connection the Massachusetts senator read a letter from Julius C. Moss of Boston, vice president of the National Association of Retail Clothiers, stating as a result of agitation relative to the proposed increase in the tariff wool prices of cloth had advanced 50 cents a yard.

Already, Mr. Moss said, the advance in cloth cost meant an increase of \$1 to \$2 for each suit of clothes.

A WEST POINTER.

T. Geddings Roche has passed both the mental and physical examinations and has been notified to report at West Point on July 1st to be entered as a cadet. Geddings received this appointment sometime ago from Congressman Dominick and everyone will be glad to know that he has fulfilled all the requirements and wish the young man success.

MUSCLE SHOALS DECIDED SOON

BIDDERS GIVEN ANSWER BY COMMITTEE—COMPROMISE FROM SENATORS BASED ON OFFER OF HENRY FORD WITH MODIFICATIONS

Washington, May 28.—Bidders competing for development by private enterprise of the government's \$106,000,000 war initiated projects at Muscle Shoals Ala., were given their answers today by the house military committee in the form of a counter proposal framed by the committeemen. None of the offers submitted by the bidders and forwarded to congress by Secretary Weeks for final decisions was found acceptable. That made by Henry Ford came closest to winning the award, in that it was made the basis upon which the committee built its reply.

The committee acted in a way, it was explained, which will leave its decisions subject to acceptance by any person or interest willing to meet its terms and which will permit it at the same time to support its counter proposal before the house when the subject of Muscle Shoals is acted upon in that body.

No time was lost by the bidders in calling for their answers. W. B. Mayo, chief engineer for Mr. Ford was the first to receive a copy of the committee's plans. He, representatives of the Alabama Power Company, Frederick Engstrom and Charles Parsons, makers of the other bids, were asked to advise the committee early next week whether they would accept the proposals. Mr. Mayo said he would confer with Mr. Ford in Detroit before giving an answer and left here for that purpose a few hours afterward.

Some committee members were represented as being confident that the plan worked out by the committee would be accepted by Mr. Ford, despite the elimination of the Gorgas (Ala.) steam plant from the properties to be disposed of with Muscle Shoals.

BOLL WEEVIL FILM

Will Be Shown at Opera House This Week

Manager Verchot has consented to run an educational film on calcium arsenate poisoning of the boll weevil for the information and instruction of those desiring to use poison on their cotton crops this year. The film is a Department of Agriculture film and is furnished T. M. Cheatham of the Cotton Oil and V. C. Company for use in Abbeville. The Southern Cotton Oil Company has about five demonstration farms in Abbeville, and they are poisoning with calcium arsenate. The film to be shown at the opera house this week is a demonstration of how the poisoning by dusting should be done, and should be seen by every one in Abbeville interested in cotton. The crop is doubled where the poison is used, and the purpose of the film is to educate our people in the method of applying the poison, and to demonstrate to them when and how to use it.

DEMAND FOR BEANS

Sumter Sells Four Carloads in One Week.

Sumter, May 27.—Although the market for fresh string beans has been poor this past week, the bean crop has found a good market here, the Sumter canning factory having received orders for four carloads of canned string beans this week. The factory completed the kanning of spinach for this season a short time back and this week has been busy filling this large order for beans.

Arthur Manning Klugh went to Atlanta today on business.

PROSPERITY NEAR IF NATIONS JOIN

COTTON MANUFACTURERS TO HEAR SIR AUCLAND GEDDES—GOVERNMENTS MUST BE WISE IN ACTIONS THEY TAKE OR REFUSE TO TAKE

Washington, May 27.—Conviction that world prosperity could be reestablished within the next few years "provided that the governments are wise in the actions they take or their refusals to take action in regard to economic restoration of other nations," was expressed tonight by Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, at the annual banquet of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association.

Sir Auckland emphasized his hope for closer Anglo-American cooperation not only for the sake of the two countries, "but as a means to the greater end of cooperation between the nationals of all nations."

"Only in that way," he continued, "will we be able to secure the atmosphere necessary to the complete restoration of economic prosperity. We (Great Britain) are convinced that if any nation is to be really prosperous, no nation can be left to wallow in starvation and ruin."

The ambassador declared that the British people have no dearer wish than they might go forward as "friends and cooperators" with America. Incidentally, he said, there was a wide impression in England that if the expected trade development materialized there would be a shortage of American raw cotton.

S. A. HALL LOSES BARN

Sloan A. Hall lost his barn by fire Friday night between ten and eleven o'clock. Mr. Hall lives on the W. H. Long place just beyond town, and lost his feed and one mule. John Smith, a negro, is in jail charged with burning the barn.

POST OFFICE CLOSED

The post office will be closed tomorrow. There will be one city delivery and the general delivery window will be open from 9:30 to 11 a. m. May 30th is a legal holiday, being National Memorial day.

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS RE-ELECTED FOR ANOTHER SESSION

At a meeting of the Board of trustees held Friday afternoon the present corps of teachers with the exception of Rev. A. J. Derbyshire, who is leaving Abbeville this week to make his home in Columbia, were re-elected to teach in the city schools for another session. Owing to the failure so far to hold the election proposed to increase the school taxes by two mills, the board elected all teachers for a term of eight months, the ninth month to be added when the special tax asked for by the board is guaranteed by the electors of this district.

In place of Mr. Derbyshire, F. E. Harrison, Jr., was elected as teacher of French and part of the English work in the high school. Mr. Harrison will be a regular high school teacher, if he accepts, and will teach the entire day's session from 9 until 2 o'clock.

In place of J. M. Daniel, principal of the high school, who declined reelection, A. R. Hafner was elected high school principal. While the board was loath to part with Mr. Daniel's excellent services as principal and instructor, yet they are of the opinion that Mr. Hafner will fill the place of principal with credit and satisfaction.

CUT IN WAGES FOR RAILROAD MEN

MAINTENANCE OF WAY WORKERS HIT BY DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES LABOR BOARD—400,000 MEN AFFECTED.—OPINIONS FILED.

Chicago, May 28.—More than \$48,000,000 was slashed from the wages of 400,000 railway employees in a decision by the United States railroad labor board tonight. The decreases, which averaged five cents per hour in the majority, followed cuts of \$400,000,000 made last July by the board. Today's decision, however, affects mostly maintenance of way workers, although decisions are pending affecting other classifications.

If the wage cuts made in the latest decisions are extended to other decisions expected soon, it was pointed out in railway circles, much of the \$600,000,000 increase given by the board in 1920 will be wiped out and wages restored to a level which, railway officials have told the board, will lead to a new era of development and open the way to the employment of 200,000 men.

The decision was signed by the three railway members of the board and the three members representing the public. A dissenting opinion was filed by the three members representing the labor group. The majority opinion said that the wage cuts, effective on July 1, were made in accordance with decreases in the cost of living. The minority opinion contended that the wage scale provided in the decision was insufficient to sustain life on the basis of American standards.

DEATH OF JOHN R. GRANT

John Robert Grant of the Midway section, died at his home Saturday night about 9 o'clock and was buried yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Midway church. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. H. G. White of Lowndesville. Mr. Grant was 58 years old and is survived by six sons, Alton, Farris, Gassaway, James, Rupert and David and two daughters, Misses Lorena and Hamutel. Mrs. J. A. Schroeder of Abbeville was a half-sister and she and her family attended the funeral.

GERMANY MUST MEET CONDITIONS

BANKERS SERVE NOTICE ON BERLIN AUTHORITIES—THE COMMITTEE MEETING IN PARIS ADJOURNS UNTIL WEDNESDAY

Paris, May 27.—The committee of international bankers in session here this evening served notice on Germany that further consideration of \$1,000,000,000 loan to the German government is virtually out of the question until Germany accepts in full the conditions of the ultimatum in the reparations commission, which expires May 31, and also gives adequate guarantees that the inflation of Germany's currency will be stopped immediately. The committee then decided to adjourn until May 31 to await the decision of Germany.

The conclusion of the bankers was arrived at during their meeting this afternoon which was attended by Karl Bergmann as representative of Germany. Bergmann immediately telephoned the decision of the bankers to Berlin.

In reparations circles tonight the view was advanced that the action of the financiers probably would result in complete acceptance by Germany of all their conditions. It was further stated that acquiescence by Germany in the reparations commission's conditions probably would be productive of a loan of more than \$1,000,000,000 since the bankers have determined that a large loan could be arranged under these circumstances.

The financiers completed their inquiry into the state of Germany's finances at this afternoon's session and it was explained that they had reached a point where Germany's guarantees must be forthcoming before the committee could discuss the details of a loan, the security for it and many other points.

The fact that the international bankers have been able to see good possibilities for a loan, provided Germany subscribes to certain conditions, is regarded very optimistically in reparations quarters where it was pointed out tonight that the German government could hardly afford to do otherwise than agree.

FAREWELL SERMON

Rev. A. J. Derbyshire To Leave This Week For Columbia.

The Rev. A. J. Derbyshire preached a farewell sermon at the Episcopal church here yesterday morning to which was invited his French class at the High school and the members of the seventh grade. There was a large congregation present showing the esteem in which the pastor is held. Mr. Derbyshire chose for his discourse the sermon he delivered the day he took charge of this church.

The members of the congregation as well as the people of Abbeville regret that Mr. Derbyshire is to leave here. The friendship and good wishes of the entire community will attend him and his interesting family to their new home in Columbia.

BACK AT SCHOOL

Mrs. W. P. Kennedy went to Coker College Sunday and will spend the week enjoying the commencement exercises.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Only one case was before the mayor this morning, and that was for disorderly conduct. The fine imposed was \$7.50.

CHICORA STUDENTS

Misses Margaret Cox and Helen Haigler are expected home tomorrow from Chicora College. They have taken excellent stands in their studies and will enjoy the vacation months.

PASSAGE OF TARIFF FORESEEN BY LODGE

MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR PREDICTS APPROVAL BY ELECTORATE WHEN TIME COMES TO PASS THE JUDGMENT

Washington, May 28.—Congress will pass "a Republican protective tariff" before it adjourns, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader, declared today in a statement outlining his views on the measure now before the senate. He predicted that the country would approve the bill "when the time comes for the electorate to pass judgment."

Night sessions of the senate will continue this week under the tariff program with items in the metal schedule for immediate business when work is resumed tomorrow. It was considered improbable that the move to invoke cloture and additional means of expediting the measure would be successful.

"The Republican majority in the senate," said Mr. Lodge's statement, "believes the policy of protection is the surest road to the building up and restoration of our economic interest. That is the purpose of the pending bill."

Senator Lodge denied the rates proposed in the permanent bill would have an adverse effect on the volume of trade.

"Our foreign trade today is not suffering because of the tariff and we are living now under the emergency tariff act, which has higher rates, in many cases, than those proposed in the finance committee bill," Senator Lodge declared. "The Democrats seek to give the impression that the increases in our trade and trade conditions throughout the country are due to the Underwood tariff act, whereas, the figures quoted by Secretary Hoover show increases in foreign trade which have developed since the emergency tariff bill became a law."

"One little thing is interesting and will prove that the resumption of our foreign trade is not prevented by the emergency tariff. During the past four months we imported in Boston 60,000,000 pounds of wool one-seventh of the total consumption of the United States. This wool the importers are holding in bond, awaiting the passage of the new tariff when they can get it in under lower rates."

"This importation of wool does not indicate that the importers are the very men who expect, under the new tariff, a boom in business and they are preparing to take immediate advantage of the passage of this bill."

INTERESTING VISITORS

The Press and Banner office received a call from two interesting visitors recently. Mr. Andrew R. Hamilton, of Easley, one of the visitors, is a great grandson of Andrew Hamilton of Revolutionary fame, and was in Abbeville looking up facts about his ancestors. The other visitor was C. T. Martin, of Easley, a son of William A. Martin of Abbeville and a nephew of "Martin from the Creek." Mr. Martin was born in Abbeville, reared in Alabama and was editor of the Easley Progress and Democrat for seventeen years.

They were being driven by Mr. I. H. Brown, a young man from Greenville.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 20 3-4 cents on the local market today. Futures closed
July 20.91
October 20.47
December 20.30
January 20.25