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### USING HIS PITCHFORK.

#### SENATOR TILLMAN PRODS THE SENATORS

Who Are Suspected of Favoring The Sugar Trust—He Talks to The Point.

Washington, May 28.—After a long period of silence Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, startled the Senate to day in a speech no less dramatic in its delivery than sensational in its allegations. He preceded it by presenting a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of five Senators to investigate charges of speculation by Senators while the tariff bill was before the finance committee. In advocating the resolution Senator Tillman threw aside the usual conventionalities of the Senate, and with plainness of speech seldom heard about the halls of Congress called on his associates to investigate the published charges of Senatorial speculation, and, if found true, purge the Senate of those who debauched it. The Senator read from the desk certain published articles stating that Senator Tillman recently made large sums of money in speculating in stock, and in one instance the name of a Senator was mentioned. Senator Tillman spoke for nearly an hour, every line of his speech being punctuated with intense invective.

Senator Aldrich, in charge of the tariff bill, answered Senator Tillman in a sweeping denial of all irregularity on the part of the finance committee and a specific denial that the Sugar Trust had dictated the sugar schedule of the tariff bill.

Considerable progress was made on the tariff bill, thirteen pages being covered. Several votes were taken during the day, but the finance committee had a liberal majority in every instance. The Democratic members of the finance committee made strong effort to reduce the rates on window glass and their amendment to this effect were defeated. The bill will be considered tomorrow, the usual Saturday recess being abandoned.

During the morning hour Senator Callahan, Republican of Illinois, gave notice of two amendments to the tariff bill. One of them proposes to strike out the item increasing the tax on beer, and to substitute a tax of 70 cents per gallon on distilled spirits.

#### SENATOR TILLMAN'S SPEECH.

Senator Tillman then rose to a question of privilege, and presented a resolution for another sugar investigation. The resolution for another sugar investigation. The resolution recited the work of the last investigating committee, the present imprisonment of Elverton R. Chapman, the acquittal yesterday of Havemeyer on a technicality. It recited reports of the last thirty days that Senators have speculated in sugar stock, and that an advance report

on the sugar schedule reached New York speculators. The resolution proposed the appointment of a new committee of investigation, to be made up of five Senators, who are fully empowered to summon witnesses and call for papers in connection with their inquiry. The resolution, omitting the preamble, is as follows:

"Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to employ a stenographer and to administer oaths, to inquire into the truth or falsehood of the charges made in May, 1894, and into the charges recently made; and the scope of the investigation shall cover everything embraced in the resolution of May 17, 1894, as well as the methods pursued by the American Sugar Refining Company, better known as the Sugar Trust, in controlling legislation in its favor at the present time. Especially whether it has any wise contributed to or controlled the election of a Senator in this body at any time."

Senator Frye, who was in the chair owing to the absence of Vice President Hobart, promptly ruled that the resolution should go to the committee on contingent expenses. But Senator Tillman was not to be stopped. He asked consent to make a statement on the resolution, and, this being granted, the South Carolina Senator began a speech, which proved to be one of the most sensational the Senate has heard in recent years. He spoke with his characteristic vigor of voice, which fairly rang through the chamber corridors, adding expressive gestures to his utterances.

"We have arrived at a time," he declared, "when the Senate can no longer afford to rest under the damning accusations made against Senators. If there are men here debauching the Senate, then we should be purged of them. If these reports are slanders, then the press galleries should be purged. We cannot afford to lay (he should have said lie) back on our dignity any longer and say we will not investigate."

#### BOTH PARTIES TAUNED.

Both parties were face to face with this scandal, he said. The former sugar investigation sought to learn whether members of the finance committee, then Democrats, were "bought and sold like cattle." That investigation involved the President, the Secretary of the Treasury and the finance committee. Now, he added, we have the same question, but the parties are changed, and nothing but cowardice would prevent Senators from energetic action to protect their good names. It would be recalled, he said, that it was charged that President Cleveland met the sugar magnates and discussed the details of the schedule of the now pending tariff bill. There was nothing to fasten that "damning accusation on the President," said Senator Tillman. But Senator Jones, of Arkansas, had recently furnished evidence to the effect that the President told him the trust should have a quarter of a cent per pound.

Senator Jones quickly arose at this reference to him. On one or two occasions, he explained, Mr. Cleveland had said to him that he thought the 1 1/2 cent on raw sugar was necessary to the American refiners and that a 1/8 cent rate would drive the refiners out of business.

Preceding Senator Tillman said it might be that Mr. Cleveland desired to carry out a bargain. He, (Tillman) did not say this was the case. But was it the case? If he (the President) did this the Senate ought to find it out.

#### GRAY CLEARS CLEVELAND.

Here Senator Gray, of Delaware, chairman of the former sugar investigating committee, in-

terrupted. The statement, he said, that a sugar schedule had been made upon Mr. Benedict's yacht, when the President was on board with refiners of the Sugar Trust, was not true, and its falsity had been established after the committee had probed the statement to the bottom. Both Mr. Havemeyer and Mr. Searles had testified that no such meeting ever occurred and that they never met Mr. Cleveland.

Senator Tillman said he was glad to hear this. He wanted everything to come out that would "clarify the situation." He was attacking no one, but one-half of the American people believed, he said, that there was a "corrupt deal" in 1894, "just as some of us believe there is something rotten in Denmark now."

"Both parties are involved," exclaimed the Senator, "and one is as deep in the mud as the other is in the mire. You know of the reports against certain members of the old finance committee, and now we have more damning accusations against the present committee."

Senator Tillman began to speak of Mr. Chapman, "who was living like a little king in the District jail."

#### SPECIFICATIONS DEMANDED.

Senator Pettus, of Alabama, interrupted at this stage. "I will ask the Senator," said Senator Pettus with much deliberation, "not to deal in generalities. If he desires to put a mark on a Senator on this floor then I demand that he do it, and not indulge in generalities against all the members of the Senate." There were an awe-like hush through the chamber and a momentary expectation that names might be given.

"That is what I want an inquiry for; to mark these men," responded Senator Tillman. "I want them marked, and I do not want the poor man to suffer while the millionaires are turned loose. I know there are charges that men have bought and sold, and are we to sit quietly? The Senator (Pettus) is a new comer here, and he, of course, is not a particeps criminis."

It was for that reason, Senator Pettus declared, that he made the demand. True and honorable men should not have to sit here and have a slur cast on them by generalized statements.

"Why don't you wait for the rest of my speech?" asked Senator Tillman of Senator Pettus.

"If the Senator will mention just one name I will be satisfied," said Senator Pettus. "He has given nothing but realizations thus far."

"Well, I have specifications to present if you'll just possess yourself in patience," answered the South Carolina Senator. He then went on to state that when the former tariff bill was framed the finance committee had left their room and had taken quarters at the Arlington Hotel.

"The Senator is grossly mistaken," interrupted Senator Vest, of the finance committee. "The Democratic members of the finance committee did not go to the Arlington Hotel or anywhere else outside their committee room or the Capitol."

Senator Tillman said he was glad the Democratic party was relieved to this extent. He was not dealing with the subject as a party man, he said, but as a free man. Parties could afford to be rid of men responsible for the occurrences of 1894 and thereabouts.

#### THOSE ARLINGTON ROOMS.

"Now no one denies," he went on, "that for the last two months rooms at the Arlington have been occupied by the finance committee in easy touch with the telephone to New York and easy reach of agents of the Sugar Trust. Why was it," he asked, "that the Sugar

Trust could always command a specific instead of an ad valorem duty? Why was it that they cleared \$25,000,000 in three years. They had cleared it," he added, "at the expense of every cup of tea and coffee drunk throughout the country. It was the Republican party who did it first. It was the Democratic party who did it in 1894."

"And now," he proceeded, "with a disgraced and demoralized Democratic party out of power and the Republicans in charge we have another damning evidence of the Sugar Trust's power."

#### SPECIFICATIONS MADE.

Senator Tillman said he would now present specifications. He sent to the desk and had read a number of signed articles in the newspapers of New York, Chicago and elsewhere, making serious charges against Senators. The names of individual Senators were mentioned for the first time.

The first article read from the desk began with "Smith ahead on sugar," and spoke of the New Jersey Senator selling six thousand shares of Sugar stock short, at a profit of \$3,000.

Senator Smith was not in the chamber at the time. Then followed the reading of many other articles making intimations and charges of speculation and irregularity.

Senator Tillman carried on a running comment as the reading proceeded, speaking briefly after each article. "If any man has been influenced in the manner charged, he," the Senator asserted, "was no better than the blackleg gambler who had cards up his sleeve. Such a man should be made to hang his head in shame if his colleagues allowed him to remain in the Senate."

#### SENATORS SPECULATE IN SUGAR.

Another article read from the desk spoke of the "large profits to Senators," estimated that 3,000 shares of Sugar stock had been handled the day before for three Senators. Another article stated that Mr. White, a New York broker, had maintained sumptuous offices while the sugar schedule was in committee, and had when gone out of business here.

"So it seems that some of us have a finger in the pie, and there are some pretty big fish in the pool," commented Senator Tillman with mock humor. He said it was about time these specific charges, most of them signed with the names of their authors, should be probed. There should be no mixture of the old investigation and the new one. Let them stand apart, he said. "Let us not mix the Democratic sheep with the Republican goats, but let's have a fumigation." It was not a time when Senators should sit here apparently silenced by cowardice or corruption. The Republicans had received the recent campaign contributions from "the octopus," he said, and it should be brought to the light before the American people. If this "gang of thieves and robbers" were to have all they wanted, then let the American laboring men realize what a glorious Senate represented them at Washington.

In conclusion Senator Tillman reiterated that if the Senate is rotten to the bottom it should be probed. If these charges were false, then the lie should be laid bare. If the charges were true, then, he said, the guilty Senators should be turned out and the Senate purged.

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