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NEW TARIFF FRAMED FOR PROFITEERS

Democrats Have Had No Hand in Writing Fordney Bill Which is Highest Ever Devised

(Special Correspondence.)
Washington, April 20.—It should be understood in advance that the Democrats in Congress have had no hand or part in the framing of the tariff bill recently reported in the Senate. They were not called in until the tinkering of the bill had been completed and were then permitted to cast a vote on reporting the bill, but having had no opportunity to see it or study it they naturally voted against reporting it. The Democratic Senators, however, have until April 20, to make a minority report and until then the many objections to the measure will not be known in detail. This much, however, is obvious upon the face of the bill:

It is a profiteers' tariff from start to finish, and if enacted in its present form will greatly increase the present high cost of living. It displays throughout an ignorance of even the elementary principles of economics; in many respects it is as much of an economic joke as it was when it came fresh from the hands of Fordney of Saginaw and was generally known as Fordney's Folly.

The rates of the Fordney-McCumber bill are higher than under the Payne-Aldrich act against which the people revolted in 1910 and elected Democratic Congresses for the following eight years. The Senate bill apparently rejects the Fordney American Valuation plan, generally opposed by importers and business men, and then gives the President authority, in defiance of the Constitution, to modify tariff rates either upward or downward and to change the basis of ad valorem duties from the foreign to the American valuation.

In this bill as in the Emergency Tariff act another effort is made to fool the farmer by placing high duties upon agricultural products, but the opponents of the bill contend that the experience of the farmer following the Emergency Tariff act when prices of all his products declined to a point at which it was unprofitable to ship them and compelled him to burn his corn while millions were starving to death in Europe for lack of usable products, has taught him for all time that what he needs is not tariffs but markets.

Opponents of the bill also point out that when Republican orators this fall tell the farmer that this tariff bill is framed in his interest, he, the farmer, will naturally ask why the Republicans who have had full control of Congress for three years, have waited until now to offer him prosperity in the form of a tariff bill.

Although the bill itself has just been published and only its most glaring defects are apparent at a cursory glance, it is already manifest that opposition to the bill is not to be confined to Democrats, but that Republicans themselves are divided, and intense opposition may be expected not only from Republican Senators but from a large section of the Republican press. It has been suggested that perhaps one reason why Attorney General Daugherty has not started any prosecution against profiteers in general was because he has been waiting to find out whether the persons to be prosecuted would include the Republican tariff tinkers.

NEW BID FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

Head of Aluminum Coporation, Seeks Control of Great Power Plant

Washington, April 22.—Proposals for the use of the power developed at Muscle Shoals for the manufacture of aluminum and fertilizer, with the government retaining ownership of the projects, although not spending any more money on them, were presented to the war department by President R. K. Grant, of the American Non-Ferrous Corporation and Aluminum Wheel Company of America.

BOOM IN THE STOCK MARKET

Railroad and Industrial Stocks Reach New Maximums

New York, April 22.—The continuance of the boom in the stock market has carried the average price of railroad and steel, equipment, motor and oil to new maximums, with practically the same conditions in bonds.

Mansion Hall Is Destroyed by Fire

Carriek on Shannon, Ireland, April 22.—The magnificent Mansion Hall was destroyed by fire today. Empty petrol cans were found nearby.

WORST OF FAMINE IS OVER

Former Governor of Indiana Brings Hopeful Message From Russia

Washington, April 20.—The American relief administration now has Russian famine under control in all the accessible districts, former Governor Goodrich of Indiana declared today after conferring with President Harding and Secretary Hoover upon his recent investigation of conditions in Russia.

Mortality among children has been reduced to normal, he reported, and deaths from acute starvation among adults are rapidly diminishing, while the morale of the people in the famine districts has shown an extraordinary change for the better.

Control of the Russian famine until the next harvest, Governor Goodrich asserted, was purely a question of railway transportation, the "degenerated administration and equipment of the railways" giving no certainty as to the continuing movement of supplies. He declared there were enough supplies on the way to Russia or stored in ports to control the situation until harvest if they could be delivered to the famine regions, but added that congestion at junction points where as many as 50 trains have been stalled for weeks, threatened the continued movements from the port.

The former governor said there was every indication that the seed provided by the American relief administration would be sufficient to provide for the next harvest. He spoke in glowing terms of the work of the American staff in the famine districts and declared the members had organized thousands of committees in the various communities to a high point of efficiency.

MANY RUSSIANS DYING DAILY

Conditions Forcing Country Into Grave Situation

Paris, April 20. (By the Associated Press).—Russia's population is dying at such an appalling rate, declared reports received today by American relief agencies in Paris, that the doctors are unable to cope with the situation. In many cases, the reports said, physicians, nurses and hospital internes are succumbing to impoverishment and overwork and pedestrians are dying in the streets daily.

PENN. RAILROAD INJUNCTION HELD

Power of Labor Board Given Distinct Shock by Federal Judge

Chicago, April 22.—Federal Judge George Page upheld the Pennsylvania railroad in the suit to test the power of the labor board by refusing to dismiss the temporary injunction restraining the board from censuring the road for refusing to hold new elections among its shopmen. The board members say the decision is a distinct shock.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI FLOOD

River Falling Near St. Louis—Great Damage Done

St. Louis, April 22.—The Mississippi is falling gradually from St. Louis to Cairo, Ill., leaving in its wake more than two hundred miles of inundated farm land, and causing a loss of over two million dollars in crops, property and livestock, and approximately one thousand persons homeless.

LEVEE BREAKS NEW ORLEANS

Thousands of Acres Thirty Miles Below City Flooded
New Orleans, April 22.—Sixty feet of levee on the west bank of the Mississippi thirty miles south of New Orleans broke, inundating sugar plantations and orange groves over an undetermined area. Aid is being rushed from here.

BLEACHERS COLLAPSE AT COLUMBIA

Fifteen Baseball Fans Sent to Hospital But Majority Are Only Slightly Hurt

Columbia, April 20.—Collapse of a section of the crowded west side bleachers at the ball park this afternoon during the game between Columbia and Charlotte caused the injury of fifteen men and boys, most of them being slightly hurt. Of this number it was only found necessary to give hospital service to seven, although thirteen were taken to the Columbia Hospital, five being immediately discharged. All the injured are residents of Columbia.

Two newboys, Henry Cook, 1020 Taylor street, and John Quinn, 1227 Taylor street, with injured backs, and E. W. George, 1113 Green street, blinded from a blow on the back of his head, are the more painfully hurt, but hospital authorities do not think they are seriously injured.

Others injured are C. H. Hatfield, 1811 Gervais street, not badly hurt; P. A. Nickle, Fourth avenue, College Place, hip and ankle hurt; J. N. Kingsley, 1025 Lower street, leg hurt; H. L. Davis, 1406 Whaley street, leg slightly hurt; J. E. Brawley, 407 Taylor street, ankle hurt; W. T. Hinson, 2502 Laurel street, back probably wrenched; C. H. Fowler, Brookland, leg slightly hurt; R. A. Miller, 1023 Taylor street, slightly hurt; Everett Macetze, 1113 Green street, slightly hurt; Ernest Trumbull, 123 Pickens street, slightly hurt; T. L. Revels, 225 Pickadilly street, slightly hurt, and M. L. Mitchell, 904 Oak street, slightly hurt. Other than these probably half a score of persons received scratches and abrasions from the collapse of the stand.

As soon as the stand collapsed police and spectators extricated the injured from the tangle of boards and they were put on the grass and in automobiles, where they were given immediate examination by Dr. Jennings and practically all of them were ordered to the hospital for detailed diagnosis. All available ambulances and the police patrol wagons were rushed to the ball grounds and the injured were rushed to the Columbia Hospital.

The news quickly spread through the crowd that many had been injured, and this detracted from the interest in a very slow opening game of baseball. Many anxious mothers in the grand stand with sons of theirs in the bleachers sent anxious messages to the players they were among the injured.

TOBACCO SEASON DATE

Independent Warehousemen Set August 8

Florence, April 21.—At a meeting here independent tobacco warehousemen, that is to say, those who have not turned their warehouses over to the Tri-State Growers' Cooperative Association, decided to open the markets of South Carolina on August 8, the same date that the markets of North Carolina will open. It is stated that there was no agreement between the North and South Carolina associations of warehousemen concerning the date for opening. North Carolina will open its markets some weeks earlier than usual while this state will be at least three weeks later than heretofore.

AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY

Mr. Houghton Presents Credentials to President Ebert

Berlin, April 22.—American Ambassador Houghton today presented his credentials to President Ebert.

Central Figure in Oklahoma Shooting



Mrs. Jean P. Day whose husband, a former Oklahoma supreme court justice, killed Lieut. Col. Paul W. Beck, commander of Post Field.

RAILROADERS REVIEW BIG STRIKE THREAT

Pres. Jewell Plans To Call Over 600,000 Men in Fight For Existence

Chicago, April 22.—Grievances centering about the contract system employed by some railroads in handling repair work resulted in a vote by railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor to send strike ballots to its six hundred thousand members. This department comprises shop crafts and switchmen.

STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Representative of Erskine College Wins First Place

Greenwood, April 21.—J. C. Reid, Jr., of Charlotte, representing Erskine, won first place tonight in the annual South Carolina inter-collegiate oratorical contest. His subject was "A Nation's Temptation."

BEN H. HARVIN FOR FARM BOARD

Clarendon County Man Out For Vacancy Made by Lever

Harvin, April 21.—The candidacy of Ben H. Harvin, for the vacancy on the Federal Farm Loan Board made by the resignation of A. E. Lever, was announced here tonight. Mr. Harvin is from Harvin, in Clarendon county, and is well known throughout the state. He worked his way through the University of South Carolina, graduating in the class of '01, and has been farming since boyhood. For three years he served the late Congressman George S. Legare, of Charleston, as private secretary. Mr. Harvin has been successful as newspaper correspondent, and in many lines of business, and is today prominent as a farmer, a merchant, a broker and a fertilizer dealer. He is well known in Washington, where he has many friends.

FIVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Fatal Accident at Gasoline Tanks Near Los Angeles

Los Angeles, April 22.—Five deaths are reported in hospital from the explosion of gasoline tanks at Downey. Five others are in a critical condition.

COMMISSION AGAINST MERGER

Believes Consolidation of Seaboard With Illinois Would Hurt Port of Charleston

Columbia, April 21.—Contending that the tentatively proposed merger of the Illinois Railroad and the Seaboard Air Line Railway by the Interstate Commerce Commission, acting under authority of the Transportation Act, would militate against the port of Charleston in favor of the port of Savannah, the South Carolina Railroad Commission today unanimously adopted resolutions protesting against the proposed consolidation.

The commission in its resolution looks with favor on the suggestion of Prof. Ripley of the department of economics, Harvard University, that the Seaboard Air Line be maintained as a separate unit and that it take over the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway. Should the proposed merger, a hearing on which will be held before the Interstate Commerce Commission on April 24, take place, the commission is of the opinion that the Illinois Central, through its subsidiary, the Central of Georgia Railway, which owns large terminal facilities there, would develop the port of Savannah, leaving Charleston as the coal outlet of the Southern Railway only.

15,000 BALES SIGNED UP YESTERDAY

Cotton Marketing Association Campaign Sweeping Onward to Success

Columbia, April 22.—From all over South Carolina today came the same message, officials of the South Carolina Cotton Growers Association said today, and that was of steadily increasing enthusiasm in the cotton cooperative marketing campaign. Officials of the association estimated that over 15,000 bales were signed in the state yesterday. Large farmers in almost every county who have been holding out since the beginning of the campaign are signing now and are helping to swell the total bales signed.

RELIEF OF LITTLE BOY

Hands Torn by Grenade. Dial Asks for \$10,000

Washington, April 21.—Senator Dial today introduced a bill to appropriate \$10,000 for the relief of Elmer Hall, a little Spartanburg boy, who in 1919 had one hand blown almost entirely away and the other hand badly injured as a result of picking up a live grenade which some soldier had carelessly left on the ground at Camp Wadsworth. The bill is endorsed by the American Red Cross.

COMMISSION IS BROKE

To Handle Eleven Million But Can't Buy Stamp

Washington, April 21.—Created by congress to negotiate the funding of \$11,000,000,000 in debt owed this country by foreign nations, the allied debt commission yesterday found itself without means to buy a postage stamp for setting the wheels of the funding machinery in motion.

LAWLESSNESS AT DUBLIN

Armed Men Raid Steamer and Shoot Watchman

Dublin, April 22.—FBIY armed men raided the steamer Rathlinhead, shot the watchman and set the vessel afire. The flames were extinguished before serious damage was done.

TWO SWELL SWINDLERS ARRESTED

Two More of Lindsay Gang Rounded Up by Police

New York, April 21.—Maj. Ronald Sutton, West Point graduate and clubman and Dr. K. Knute Arvid Endlund went to the Tombs today in default of \$50,000 bail after their arrest on two new indictments growing out of charges that Alfred E. Lindsay, former broker, swindled society women out of large sums by a story of a "domino club" at which insiders met to "rig the market." Today's indictments were returned after Lindsay's appearance before the grand jury. Sutton and Endlund previously had been indicted after Lindsay was said to have implicated them, but the first time they were released on \$5,000 bail.

The new indictment charged the pair with the larceny of \$1,450 from Miss Florence James and \$17,000 from Mrs. Vera E. Arnold, Assistant District Attorney Murphy asked for high bail because, he said, more indictments would follow.

Attorneys for Phelan R. L. Beale, receiver in bankruptcy for Lindsay, continued hearings before a referee seeking assets, but Lindsay was absent. The only witness was K. B. Parrott, president and treasurer of the Pacific Miners' and Chemical Company, with which Lindsay, Sutton and Endlund all formerly were connected.

Parrott declared Lindsay was secretary of the company for only a few weeks but continued as a stock salesman until he was arrested near Philadelphia. The witness said he advised issuance of glowing pamphlets because Parrott said he "told us he was capable of going among wealthy and influential friends and could raise the money easily." The witness found considerable difficulty remembering whether he was treasurer of the company now but finally after several times having said, "I think I am," recalled that he had been appointed September 22, 1921. He said he did not know how much money the company had because he had not consulted the books.

NO MORE COSTUMES

Children Not to Give Plays and Entertainments

Greenwood, April 20.—Hereafter Greenwood school children cannot be asked to take part as classes in any performance necessitating expenditure of money for costumes, according to a ruling passed by the board of trustees at a recent meeting, following numerous complaints from parents. The trustees also passed a resolution forbidding the soliciting of money in the schools without first obtaining the permission of the trustees.

FRANCE FILES PROTEST

Reply of German to Ultimatum of Allies Displeasing

Genoa, April 22.—France today submitted a protest against the German reply to the allied note, contending that Germany may insist upon discussing the questions not settled by the Russo-German treaty.

PLANS FOR RUSSIA

Committee of Experts Begin Work on Reconstruction

Genoa, April 22.—Actual work on a plan for the reconstruction of Russia has been started by experts.

GREAT STRIDE FORWARD AT GENOA MEET

Russo-German Treaty Eliminated from the Controversy—Russia Sends Reply

Genoa, April 21.—The economic conference today made a great stride forward. The elimination of the Russo-German treaty from the controversy, and Soviet Russia's provisional acceptance of the allied conditions concerning foreign debts and confiscated property of foreigners, produced a very definite hope that the greatest congress European statesmen ever held will accomplish something real and tangible for the reconstruction of Europe, including Russia.

The demands of the powers, which have been accepted include the waiving by Russia of her counter claims, based on military intervention; recognition of war debts to the governments, with the understanding that they will be considerably scaled down; recognition of debts and financial obligations due to foreign nationals and the right of foreigners to have confiscated property returned to them or to be given proper compensation for it.

The conciliatory nature of the answer of the Soviet government contributed to the optimism that the Bolshevik seek arrangement with the powers by which Soviet Russia will be permitted to enter into the comity of nations. The clear and brief demands of the allies, which afford a concrete basis for discussion, are compared here by the observers to the "concrete" American proposals for naval limitation which was introduced at the outset of the Washington conference and which gave the delegates to the Washington conference a chance to concentrate discussion on something tangible and constructive.

The insistence of the soviet on foreign financial aid, as a necessary condition to Russia's salvation, served to turn all eyes toward the United States, for it seems to be recognized that effective aid for Russia is impossible without the participation of American capital. This conviction is so profound that the allied representatives are hinting that they would like to see Richard Washburn Child, the American ambassador to Italy, attend the discussions on Russian affairs.

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