

Harvie Jordan says: 'If southern farmers plant an abnormally large acreage in cotton this spring, as usual, and a big crop is gathered next fall, to whom can they look for support during the selling months next winter? The buyers, speculative and consuming, will be combined and organized to hammer prices below the cost of production. The banks will turn a deaf ear to entreaties for loans on cotton until after the debts contracted to make the crop have been liquidated. The time to prepare for freedom and independent action next fall is right now. The man who can do so and won't do is likely to wish he had before another new year rolls around. Cut the cotton acreage before it is too late.'

was adopted thanking President Roosevelt for his kindly and courageous message on free pulp and paper. Another resolution was adopted protesting against 'the subterfuge just described by Spunker Cannon and Representatives Payne and Dabzell, creating a committee on paper inquiry and thereby blocking the Stevens bill for free paper and free pulp. The resolution charges that 'this device was inspired in bad faith' and that since early in December, 1907, a committee has been churning in the way of the bill. The resolution demands that the power of illegal combinations of paper makers to raise paper prices and the effect of the existing tariff. 'With the utmost respect and deference for the authority of congress,' the resolution continues, 'we respectfully state that we distrust the committee just appointed. We challenge the intentions of those who have thus far succeeded in sidetracking the Stevens bill. We charge that action on the Stevens bill has been delayed to the advantage of a combination of paper makers, who, in a desperate effort to maintain artificial prices upon a declining market, have shut down nearly 50 per cent of their mills and who, by throwing into idleness a considerable number of their employees, have shown the insincerity of their profession that the tariff duty on paper was needed to protect that paper.'

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Our attention has been called to the fact that we were unjust in endorsing the criticism of Judge Pritchard suggesting bias on the part of the judge because of his action in requiring a bond of \$250,000 from the state while only \$100,000 was required of the liquor dealer. It has been explained that with the dispensary assets in the hands of the state, it was proper to require a bond sufficient to guarantee the amount that was admitted to be due to the liquor people. We were led to endorse the criticism referred to because it appeared to us in its face to be just. As to whether Judge Pritchard was right about the other and more important matter, that of jurisdiction, will appear with the decision of the circuit court of appeals, and whether the court decides one way or the other, it will not follow that there is any good ground for charging that there is anything about the matter at the end of the United States court litigation other than the matter of making the liquor houses refund their alleged overcharges, and unless this shall result in evidence to convict some of the state officials who are suspected of graft, its practical importance is of small consequence.

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