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TARIFF BILL IS PASSED 196 TO 86

Defiant Minority Fights to Finish Attack by Rainey

POLITICAL LINES SWEEP ASIDE WHEN VOTE RULES

Amendment Defeated. Garret, of Tennessee, Thinks Measure Designed to Cause Split Among Democrats

Washington, Dec. 22.—Over the protests of a defiant minority the house tonight adopted the Fordney emergency tariff bill by a vote of 196 to 86. The vote was taken at 8.45 o'clock after eight hours of debate.

Political lines were swept aside on the final vote, 41 Democrats and 1 Prohibitionist combining with 154 Republicans in supporting the measure, while 14 Republicans lined up with 72 Democrats against the bill.

It was evident long before the vote was taken that supporters of the measure designed to protect some twenty-odd farm products for a ten months' period, had the situation well in hand. But Representative Henry T. Rainey, Democrat, of Illinois, leading the opposition, opened a bitter attack which increased in intensity as the debate wore on.

Paragraph by paragraph he assaulted the measure while Republicans with loud roars of "noes sent his proposed amendments down to defeat. A few Republicans supported him in his attack, but a score of his own party turned from their traditional stand against a high tariff to join the majority.

Opposition speakers charged that the measure would send the cost of living higher and branded it as class legislation. Defenders of the bill, on the other hand, said it would save the agricultural industry.

Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee, which reported the measure, in opening debate declared the measure was not scientific and admitted it was hastily drawn, but asserted that it was the best that could be had at this time.

Representative Garner, Democrat, of Texas, speaking on the support of the bill, said he felt it was the only way in which congress could extend the relief urgently needed by the farmers.

Representative Madden, Republican, of Illinois, however, assailed his colleague for "opening the way to a renewal of prohibitive living costs." Pointing his finger at the "majority leader's desk, he said:

"You will make two lamb chops cost \$1.30 again and you will make our suits of clothes cost 100 per cent more."

Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, said he saw "in this bill a determined effort to divide the Democratic party, to make members of that party turn their backs on every principle of taxation for which the party had stood in its whole history."

"I cannot believe the Republican leaders seriously hope to get this bill passed," he added. "I am convinced it is a fine piece of political strategy."

In his attempts at amendment Mr. Rainey sought to show that the bill for the most part carried higher rates than the Payne-Aldrich tariff. He also warned of retaliator tariffs and embargoes by other nations.

In this connection an amendment by Representative Olney, Democrat, of Massachusetts, to admit wool in transit from Australia to South America at the time of the passage of the measure at prevailing rates of duty was voted down.

Representative Walsh, Republican, of Massachusetts, in opposing the rate of seven cents a pound on cotton manufactures, said the cotton industry of New England were at a standstill now, and predicted that an additional duty would result in further unemployment through the abandonment of plans to reopen mills.

Mr. Fordney said in the course of the debate, however, that he hoped to see congress at the extra session substitute for this bill a relief measure which would remain in effect until a scientific tariff schedule could be worked out.

"I expect," he continued, "to see congress reenact either the Dingley or the Payne-Aldrich schedules."

Columbia, Dec. 22.—E. E. Gunter, Jr., auditor of Aiken county, submitted his resignation to the governor yesterday. Mr. Gunter says he desires to accept a responsible position with a firm in the near future and wishes to leave the auditor's office now. He recommends the appointment of Paul M. Hankinson, auditor-elect. Mr. Hankinson's application for appointment was received also.

Columbia, Dec. 22.—W. F. Hetrick, alleged to have embezzled \$50,000 from the Anworth cotton mills of Cobb county, Georgia, was arrested here Tuesday afternoon and placed in the city jail, where he is held for Atlanta authorities. Hetrick is said to have been general manager of the mills and officers charge him with misappropriating \$50,000 and skipping a \$10,000 bond.

Sheraton, Dec. 22.—Thieves here today smashed the window of a bank and filled their pockets with new currency on Christmas trees, but the police arrested them before they escaped.

CATHOLICS ACCUSE Y. M. C. A.

Holy Office Issues Decree to Bishops to Be on Watch

Rome, Dec. 23.—The holy office has issued a decree asking Catholic bishops to watch an organization which, "while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters instills indifference and apostasy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents." The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian Association, saying it corrupts the faith of youths.

WAGE REDUCTION IS NOT DESIRED

Manufacturers Deny Reports Recently Published

New York, Dec. 2.—The National Association of Manufacturers today issued a statement asserting that "contrary to published reports that manufacturers generally regarded wage reductions as necessary manufacturers in all sections of the country are striving in every possible way to avoid the reductions and curtailment of operations which might lead toward unemployment or reduction of the purchasing power of the nation's labor elements.

"In many sections of the country the employers' association has undertaken to foster a generally prevailing spirit among employers against wage reductions in the interest of facilitating a normal process of readjustment" read the statement which named the Federated Industries of Washington and the Connecticut, Tennessee, Nebraska and New Jersey Manufacturers' association.

Boston, Dec. 22.—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers' local union today issued a statement regarding the recent announcement by the manufacturers' association that wages would be reduced 22 1-2 per cent, and a piece system of payment restored. This action was declared in the statement to be an attempt to "rob the workers of everything they have gained during years of labor to maintain an American standard of living," and the recent break in relations between the manufacturers and the union was referred to as "a resort to industrial warfare rather than to negotiation and arbitration."

"The union still wants to continue to settle all grievances arising between the worker and his employer through investigation, discussion and judgment," the statement said, concluding with the assertion that "any attempt on the part of the manufacturers to reduce their standards will be opposed as matter of self-defense."

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—Announcement was made today that a 22 1-2 per cent wage reduction would be put into effect shortly in all of the woolen and worsted mills in central and northern Berkshire county. Between 2,500 and 3,000 persons are normally employed in the 11 mills. Several of the plants have been closed for some weeks and no date has been set for their resuming operations.

Bridgewater, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Stanley Iron works here, with head offices in New Britain, Conn., today posted notices of a 15 per cent. reduction in wages, effective at once. A 5 per cent. monthly bonus also is abolished, and a straight time for all overtime is announced.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 22.—Average reduction of 22 1-2 per cent. for the 35,000 cotton mill operatives in this city was announced today after a conference between the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' association and the textile council. The reduction, which will become effective on January 3, in all of the mills controlled by the members of the association, brings this textile center into line with the reduced scales of wages in other cotton making centers of New England.

James Tansy, president of the textile council, said that general meetings of all of the textile unions in the city would be held early next week to vote on acceptance or rejection of the cut. Less than one-third of the operatives here are union members, but the action of the textile council usually is accepted as the guide among the workers.

Most of the mills in the city are either closed or running on reduced schedules.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Generally fair weather for Christmas day is predicted on the Atlantic seaboard by the weather bureau.

Anderson, Dec. 22.—The sheriff received a telegram this morning from the chief of police of Cornelia, Ga., that Roy Loundermilk, who escaped from the Anderson county charging pad had been arrested, and was being held there. Loundermilk was sentenced to a term of five years at hard labor.

Anderson, Dec. 22.—The meat market of H. W. Darr and the grocery store of Mr. Kay were burned last night and everything lost. The building was a small one located near the Equinox mill, just outside of the city limits. It is understood that there was no insurance on either stock of goods and as both had in Christmas supplies the loss was heavy.

SELF INTEREST TO THE FRONT

Bitter Fight Started in Congress Over Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill

MANUFACTURERS DEMAND MORE PROTECTION

Big Interests That Have Fattened on Protection Unwilling For Farmers to Receive Emergency Relief

Washington, Dec. 21.—The proponents of the Fordney emergency tariff bill and the opposition are engaged in lining up forces for a fight on the floor of the house tomorrow. The representatives of the manufacturing districts say they will oppose the bill because it fails to include manufactured commodities. Long staple cotton, which was included in the list on which high import duties will be imposed, will be omitted for a list it was announced last night because the committee was unable to prepare revenue estimates derived from a basis of seven cents per pound the duty imposed.

MOTOR LICENSES FOR CANADA

Columbia, Dec. 21.—A reciprocal arrangement with the governments of the provinces of Canada, whereby South Carolina automobilists can travel the highways of Canada is being sought by the South Carolina highway department, according to announcement made today by Secretary Thomas, of the department. The plan is to have South Carolina automobile licenses recognized in Canada. At present there is no such agreement between this state and the states of the Dominion.

Secretary Thomas has had the matter up with the department of state, at Washington, and he is advised by that department of the steps necessary to secure the arrangement. He is immediately taking the matter up directly, as advised by Washington, with the secretary of each state in Canada, beginning with Ontario.

Mr. Thomas states that, judging from action secured by other states of the union, South Carolina will be able to secure an arrangement whereby motorists of this state may travel in Ontario for a period of thirty days without taking out a Canadian motor vehicle license. Thirty days is the limit of time in which South Carolina will recognize a motor license from another state of the union or of the Dominion, and according to practice Ontario and other Canadian states will agree to recognize a South Carolina license for the same length of time within the Dominion.

The investigation of this situation on the part of the state highway department came about at the request of Rev. R. L. Merriman, of Orangeburg, who went to Canada by motor car, and on arriving at the border found that he would have to give bond and go through with a large amount of "red tape" before being allowed to use his car in Ontario, due to the fact that there was no reciprocal arrangement between Ontario and South Carolina. A number of motorists from Canada come to South Carolina, and South Carolinians frequently motor to Canada.

JOHN D. DODGED INCOME TAX

New York, Dec. 20.—The government today brought suit against John D. Rockefeller for \$252,678, charging that his income tax report was "incorrect, misleading and false."

Mr. Rockefeller is in the south but his representatives here tonight issued a statement declaring that pipe line company shares mentioned in the charge were acquired in 1915 as stock dividends, which, under a rule of the United States supreme court, they contend, are untaxable.

The shares were included in the 1917 return under protest, the statement said when the treasury department changes its ruling to make stock dividends taxable. A claim for reimbursement was filed by Mr. Rockefeller after the supreme court decision but this was disallowed, and he now plans to file suit to recover the amount paid.

The additional amount sought in the suit filed today, the statement added, Mr. Rockefeller believes is not legal taxation and declines to pay pending a decision of the courts.

New York, Dec. 23.—A regular quarterly dividend of one per cent on common and two per cent on preferred stock was declared by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senate coal investigation has been postponed until Wednesday.

Athens, Dec. 23.—Dr. Siciliang, head of the political bureau of foreign office, it is said was nominated as minister to the United States and would leave for America in January.

Washington, Dec. 23.—On an objection of Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, a consideration by the senate of the emergency tariff bill was delayed until next week.

STATE DEPT. INTERVENES

Takes up Question of Alleged British Censorship of Cable Messages

Washington, Dec. 23.—The state department has intervened in the threatened controversy between the British embassy and the senate committee investigating cable communications over the question of alleged British censorship of messages to the United States from Great Britain. The action is regarded as a rebuke to the committee chairman a letter denying the testimony.

CYCLONE IN BARNWELL

Barnwell, Dec. 22.—A cyclone that struck the little town of Snelling, five miles west of Barnwell, this afternoon about 4 o'clock completely destroyed the residence of W. C. Birt, killed his wife and seriously injured his three children. A funeral party from Barnwell, on its way to Seven Pines church, near Snelling, was caught in the path of the storm and the tops of several automobiles in the procession were torn off. An overcoat, fur and hat were blown off of one woman as she sat in her car. Large pine trees were snapped off as though they were pipestems. Members of the funeral party say the roar of the approaching cyclone could be heard for some time before they felt the full force of the wind, and that the noise was like that of a heavy freight train in rapid motion. It will probably be a day or two before the full amount of damage is known.

Laurens, Dec. 22.—Laurens was swept by a cyclone this afternoon and a number of unroofed buildings broken windows and blown down chimneys were left in its wake. As far as can be ascertained tonight, no one was injured when chimneys crashed through roofs or by broken glass or other debris.

Telegraph, telephone and electric light poles and wires were blown down in all parts of the city, and tonight Laurens is without communication with the outside world with the exception of long distance telephone lines.

The storm broke between 3 and 4 o'clock and for ten or 15 minutes the wind blew with terrific force. The large frame structure housing the glass works of the city was wrecked, the roofs were blown from two stores in the city and the chimneys were blown down into a number of homes. At the home of Mrs. A. H. Sanders the chimney crashed through the roof and ceiling into the rooms of the lower floor. A chimney was also blown down into the home of Dr. R. C. Walker at Watts Mill, this likewise crashing through the roof. Fortunately no members of the two households were in the rooms into which the debris fell. A store building was also wrecked at Watts Mill and a number of residences also unroofed and more or less damaged. The roof was also blown from a residence at the Laurens mill.

It could not be learned here tonight if damage had been done beyond the city. The storm came in from the southwest, and as it had been raining practically all day, few people were in the streets when the chimneys and glass were hurling through the air.

DEPUTIES FAIL TO APPROVE PLAN

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Chamber of Deputies this afternoon after an agitated debate in which the cabinet was sharply assailed, approved the first part of a resolution accepted by the cabinet but failed to approve the second clause by an unprecedented tie vote, 279 voting each way. This directly means the fall of the cabinet.

Some of the deputies held that the cabinet had been beaten while others said they were ready to accept the clause in amended form. Premier Leygues finally accented the modified form, whereupon the chamber voted confidence in the ministry 472 to 66.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A statement charging Japanese military authorities with "frightful barbarous" deeds in Manchuria is issued by the Korean commission. They said in the Hun-chun district the Japanese burned thirty-two villages, killed all the male inhabitants, and massacred a hundred and forty-five peaceful inhabitants and burned houses with women and children inside.

El Paso, Dec. 23.—Clara Smith has returned to her father's home here, spending last night and plans to go to Ardmore, Oklahoma, to answer to the charge of murder of Jake L. Harmon on November 26. She fled to Mexico after the shooting, returning voluntarily.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Judge Kitchaid sustained a motion to quash a summons in a suit filed by Frank S. Monett, former Ohio attorney general and stockholder of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, asking the appointment of a receiver of the company.

SOLDIER BILL HAS SLIM CHANCE

Sec. Houston Says No New Burdens Can Be Added to Treasury

Washington, Dec. 23.—A gross deficiency in the national fiscal transaction of two billion and one hundred million this fiscal year and one billion, five hundred million for the next fiscal year was forecast by Secretary Houston testifying before the senate finance committee in considering the soldier bonus bill. He said the federal finances were in such a shape that new sources of revenue must be found and no new burdens added to the treasury.

MONEY THAT COULD BE SAVED

Florence, Dec. 22.—Amid the financial difficulties attendant the farmers of South Carolina because of the low price of cotton and the lack of market, in finishing up the year 1920 they are paying out \$111,000,000 in cash to import from other states corn mixed feeds, oats, meats, and similar commodities, to meet their own lack of production of sufficient of these supplies to feed themselves at home. This is the discovery of the committee on banking, legislation, and warehousing of the South Carolina division of the American Cotton association, presented in the following extract from their complete report:

The following expenditures will prove the assertion that our agriculture is on a precarious foundation. We find that in the current year we have imported into South Carolina the following farm products:

Corn	\$15,000,000
Mixed feeds	15,000,000
Hay	12,000,000
Oats	10,000,000
Flour	20,000,000
Bacon	20,000,000
Beef	5,000,000
Eggs and Butter	3,000,000
Canned goods	13,000,000
Totals	\$111,000,000

Every item in this list is cash and in order to get the supplies it is necessary for our merchants either to withdraw their deposits from our banks or to borrow money to pay for them. In either case the purchase of these supplies draws heavily upon the resources of our banks, consequently at the time our crop are ready to market we find our banks all "glutted" up with loans for supplies that should have been grown at home.

This \$111,000,000 expended for farm products does not begin to tell the whole story. In addition, we find our farmers used 56,000,000 dollars worth of commercial fertilizer.

VETERANS NEED ASSISTANCE

Indianapolis, Dec. 22.—Emergency measures are necessary for the relief of 500 disabled world war veterans, who are at Tucson, Arizona, without proper hospital facilities, it is announced here by national officers of the American Legion. The men are suffering from tuberculosis, which is developing rapidly among veterans who were gassed.

It is the plan of the legion to cooperate with the War Risk Insurance Bureau and the United States Public Health Service in meeting the situation. An amusement park at Tucson will be taken over and converted into a temporary hospital. Many of the afflicted veterans failing to find shelter elsewhere are now sleeping in the park, according to reports to legion officers.

National Adjutant Lemuel Bolles has asked Bert C. Clinan, commander of the Arizona department of the legion, to organize volunteer crews of carpenters from the legion membership in that state to assist in construction work.

A corps of public health nurses and physicians and two construction engineers have been promised by the federal government. Governor Campbell of Arizona, has also pledged the use of state employees for construction work.

Mr. Bolles advises afflicted veterans against going to Tucson as arrangements can be made for only those who are there already. The veterans there now are from all parts of the country and went to Tucson on their own initiative.

The legion is continuing its campaign for hospital facilities for 25 disabled veterans, Mr. Bolles says.

WAR BETWEEN FIUME AND ITALY

London, Dec. 23.—D'Annunzio has proclaimed a state of war between the Fiume government and Italy, and has forbidden the population to leave Fiume, says a Rome dispatch.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A frost is predicted by the weather bureau tonight as far south as the interior of Florida.

Havana, Dec. 21.—Dr. Coronado, vice-president of the senate and a newspaper owner, died here last night.

Flt. Worth, Dec. 23.—Tom W. Vickery, a white man, charged with killing a policeman, was taken from the jail and lynched at midnight by a mob.

BORAH & BRYAN IN CONFERENCE

Purpose to Reach Agreement on World Peace Idea

HARDING HAS OUTLINE

Senators Do Not Believe President-elect Has Any Definite Plan in Mind

Washington, Dec. 22.—William J. Bryan, who visited President-elect Harding at Marion recently, held a lengthy conference today with Senator Borah, of Idaho, a leader among Republican opponents of the league of nations.

The purpose of Mr. Bryan's visit here, it was stated reliably, was to discuss possibilities of securing an agreement or reaching some common ground in the movement towards a concord for maintenance of world peace. From what could be learned of his conference with Senator Borah, it was said that the views of Mr. Bryan and the late Idaho senator had not been changed. It was indicated that Senator Borah remained implacable toward any arrangement involving any international alliance.

Significance was given Mr. Bryan's call upon Senator Borah because of the former's very recent talk with Senator Harding and the former cabinet premier's expression, after his Marion visit, of hopefulness for a solution of the world peace problem. Senator Borah also discussed the subject with Senator Harding for an hour during the latter's stop-over here early this month.

Information obtained from Senators and others who have conferred with the president-elect is that Senator Harding has formulated in his mind only the broad, general outline of effecting an arrangement for peace and has not yet come to a consideration of details of any plan. Some who have visited the president-elect, however, state that he apparently does not contemplate absolute discard of the treaty of Versailles, but is considering incorporation of certain features, at least, developing in his peace policy. Among the expedients said to be under consideration at Marion is adoption of a new set of reservations removing all questions of American obligation and expressing merely American adherence to principles believed helpful toward preventing war.

Establishment of a world court and development of a new code of international law and procedure are other features of Senator Harding's thought, according to word brought here from the Marion conference. Difficulties of establishing a world court or substituting some such plan for the league of nations, however, are being discussed privately among senators.

INGENIOUS DEVICE TO MAKE WHISKEY

Anderson, Dec. 22.—A most unusual whiskey outfit was found by officers Tuesday near a gin on the Williamson road. The still was constructed near a big steam engine, and the steam from the engine distilled the whiskey.

Another plant was located in a 15 foot hole with a pipe leading from the boiler to the surface of the ground. The engine was one that had been used in sawing, for there was a saw mill near, but the ingenious booze makers taking advantage of this and using the power instead of the old fashioned still. The steam from the engine was forced through a row of barrels, and out through a pipe in the last barrel that was kept in cool water.

In the 15 foot dugout, a small boiler was made by fastening sheet iron around large stumps, and leaving room enough for a fire to be built underneath, a pipe connection furnishing the steam to the distillers above. The outfits were destroyed, and the engine will be seized and brought to the city.

This is the same place that 800 gallons of beer was found last spring and destroyed by officers. The officers say that there had been a run made shortly before they got there Tuesday, as when a pile of sawdust was dug into steam began rising, showing that hot mash had been buried there.

A stripped automobile and five gallon keg of whiskey was another find of officers Tuesday night. The whiskey was in a sack and was about the only thing to the car, except the wheels and engine. The driver of the car made off and the officers failed to get him as he matched his car in speed. The keg held originally five gallons, but some of the contents had evidently been handed out and only about three gallons of juice left.

Greenville, Dec. 22.—John Ryser, 40, is in the city hospital with a bullet wound through his right side, and Jim Burns is in the county jail as a result of trouble on the Anderson road about midnight last night in which Ryser was shot. His wound, physicians say, is painful but will not prove fatal.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Wilson plans to spend a quiet Christmas at the White House. He will present all employees with a turkey and children living on the road to the golf links with presents.