

Tariff Bill Gains Four Amendments

Supporters of "Emergency Measure" Have Slight Majority

Washington, Feb. 4.—The senate got down to business with the Fordney emergency tariff bill today and before the session ended four amendments had been adopted.

As the situation stood tonight it appeared that the bill would be for the most part actually as well as technically under consideration until a final vote is reached.

Under the program the early part of the session will probably be devoted to consideration of appropriation bills, but later the tariff measure will be debated as it was today to the exclusion of all else.

The committee amendment to establish an import duty of 40 cents a bushel on wheat was twice adopted today. It was first taken up with only nine senators in the chamber and defeated without a dissenting vote.

Then Senator Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, one of the bitterest opponents of the measure, discovered what had happened and sought a call for a quorum.

After the quorum call and an hour desultory debate, Senator McCumber, Republican, of North Dakota asked for reconsideration of the wheat amendment and it again was agreed to by a vote of 38 to 28.

The amendment, also from the committee exempting from a tariff duty rice to be used in the manufacture of canned goods likewise, was adopted.

The committee amendments fixing duties of two cents a pound on fresh and frozen meats and of 25 per cent ad valorem on prepared or preserved meats and exempting from import duties all live stock imported exclusively for breeding purposes also were approved.

Consideration of the duty on meats brought from Senator Underwood of Alabama, Democratic leader, an attack on what he described as the inequities of the proposed legislation, questioning whether Republican senators had "absolutely forgotten that the government had need for revenue" and whether the present bill could be accepted as an indication of their intention to build a tariff wall about the country during the current session.

The Fordney bill, Mr. Underwood asserted, could be construed as none other than a consumption tax. He accused supporters of the bill of being willing to legislate money from the consumers into the pockets of speculators and quoted figures from a summary of tariff information compiled by the Republican house ways and means committee to show that imports so much complained of "exist only in air."

CIGAR MAKERS STRIKE IS ENDED

Tampa, Feb. 5.—Officials representing the thirteen thousand striking cigar makers here announced today the strike has called off by a referendum vote. The strike has been in progress nearly ten months, hinging principally around the open shop. Union officials said referendum was ordered because of increasing difficulties of obtaining funds to support strikers.

PRESIDENT VETOED ARMY RESOLUTION

Washington, Feb. 5.—The president vetoed a joint resolution directing the war department to stop army recruiting until the force was reduced one hundred and seventy-five thousand. The president said he was unable to see in the condition of the world at large need of a minimum enlisted strength of two hundred and eighty thousand men provided for in the army reorganization bill.

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REPLIES TO RAILWAY MESSAGES

Woodrow Wilson Will To-Day Take Up Communication From Seven Large Labor Unions

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Wilson will reply tomorrow to the recently communicated request of seven large railroad labor unions that he investigate railroad executive claims before the railroad labor board in Chicago that the railroads must readjust wages or face bankruptcy.

The president it was said, at the White House tonight, spent a part of the day drafting his reply to the unions, and hopes to complete and dispatch it tomorrow. The nature of the reply was not indicated but was understood to have been based on recommendations submitted by Secretary of Interior Payne, who still acts as director general of the railroad administration.

The reply, it was suggested, at the White House, would take up points raised in both of the telegrams sent to the president this week by the railroad workers through R. M. Jewell, president of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor. The railroad unions in their first message, received at the White House Tuesday, asked the president to investigate the statement before the railroad and labor board by W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania lines, that the carriers must be allowed to readjust wages or face the danger of bankruptcy and if the statement were found to be true, to place the matter before congress and ask immediate enactment of remedial legislation.

The second telegram from the unions received yesterday was in nature of a reply to a telegram sent to the president by Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, who charged that the first telegram sent by the unions was "Plum Plan league propaganda." This charge the unions denied in their message and declared there was no economic justification for wage readjustment.

Secretary Payne returned the telegrams with his recommendations to the White House today.

WOULD GIVE TIME TO "MAKE GOOD"

Greenville, Feb. 4.—That the South Carolina tax commission should be given one more year to "make good" instead of abolishing it when no good substitute is offered was the consensus of opinion of a joint meeting of the wholesale and retail merchants' bureau of the chamber of commerce, held yesterday.

The merchants stated that they were of the opinion that the methods employed by the commission thus far have been grossly unfair since the burden of taxation was heavily increased on certain classes of citizens while certain others have been permitted to pay the smaller amounts as in the past.

In an announcement regarding the meeting issued today it is stated that the vote favoring a continuance of the commission was unanimous and that copies of the motion will be sent to the members of the county delegation now in Columbia, and to the presiding officers of the house and senate.

This question came up before the merchants in view of the bill now before the legislature to abolish the commission.

FIGHT FOR LIFE ABOVE NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 4.—A real fight for life was held above New York today when 15 army airplanes "bombed" the city with smoke bombs and rattled a tattoo with machine guns in a sham battle to stimulate recruiting for the air service.

While thousands of persons, out to their noon day luncheon, watched the thrilling spectacle, Lieut. Edward Black, an observer in one of the machines, was fighting, unknown to the crowds below, a fire which threatened the destruction of the machine and the lives of his pilot, Lieut. Ulyses G. Jones, and himself.

Lieutenant Black was painfully burned. Black, who was in the gunner's pit behind the pilot, was dropping smoke bombs when one of them exploded in the pit. His face and hands were burned and his clothing, and the fuselage of the plane caught on fire. Jones turned and saw the struggle, but was powerless to help. He kept his eye on the nearest river, ready to plunge 2,900 feet below if it should be necessary. Black kept his head, however, grasped a fire extinguisher and pumped its contents on the flames. When Jones saw that his companion had won the grim battle he turned his plane toward Mineola field, 20 miles away, making the trip in about ten minutes. Black was hurried to a hospital where he will be laid up for several days.

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CHEER UP! BETTER TIMES AHEAD

Federal Bank Head Sees Speedy End to Hard Times and Unemployed

Chicago, Feb. 4.—W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve board, predicted prosperity and an end to business depression when he arrived here Thursday to speak before the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

"The dangerous stage of readjustment has been passed safely," he said, "and there is now no reason whatever to fear a money panic or general collapse of business."

"The average reserves of all Federal Reserve Banks are forty-nine per cent against forty-four and one-half per cent at this time last year."

The situation generally is encouraging. It is the hope and belief that the unemployment situation is of temporary character.

COLUMBIA MASONS TO TAKE DEGREES

Class Numbers One Hundred and Eighty-Nine From All Parts of South Carolina

Columbia, Feb. 7.—Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons from various parts of the state will assemble in Columbia this morning for the winter reunion that will continue through Wednesday. Distinguished Masons from other states will be the guests for the occasion.

The class director has a list of 189 candidates who are eligible to take Degrees during the session. The guests will be George Fleming Moore of Washington, grand commander; Charles C. Homer, Jr., inspector general of Maryland; Hyman W. Witcover, inspector general of Georgia and South Carolina, and other 33rd degree Masons from Texas and Tennessee.

The winter reunion will open this morning at 9 o'clock when candidates will report to W. H. Bowen, class director. The ceremonial session will begin at 10 a. m. and various teams will confer degrees from the fourth to the 22nd, inclusive. Candidates from outside of Columbia are asked to notify Claud C. Campbell, secretary, and he will arrange hotel accommodation. The following compose the officers, executive board, orchestra and choir:

J. L. Jones, veneral master; C. C. Fishburne, senior warden; Ira B. Nates, junior warden; O. Frank Hart, orator; J. C. Gasque, almoner; C. C. Campbell, secretary; J. H. Fowles, treasurer; J. R. Van Metre, expert; J. H. Smith, assistant expert; George H. King, master of ceremonies; H. S. Macglashan, captain of hose; R. S. Marks, tiler; W. H. Bowen, class director, and C. C. Campbell, director of work.

Executive board: W. S. Brown, master of kadosh; O. F. Hart, commander; C. A. Miller, wise master; J. L. Jones, venerable master; C. C. Fishburne, senior warden; Ira B. Nates, junior warden; Legare Inglesby and H. S. Macglashan, elected members; C. C. Campbell, general secretary.

Orchestra: John B. Rodgers, T. W. Hornsby, Joe L. Denny and Guy H. White.

Choir: John Prileau, P. V. Mikell, J. W. Spence and M. F. Austin.

The program provides for degree work during today, tomorrow and Wednesday and banquets will be served at 6 o'clock this afternoon and on Wednesday afternoon. Arrangements have been made for a group photograph to be made at the State House Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Much interest is centered in the reunion and a pleasant time is anticipated.

NEW CABINET FORMED IN GREECE

Designation of Gounaris to Attend Conference Causes Apprehension

Athens, Feb. 6.—After conferences lasting all day Saturday between King Constantine and the party leaders, it was announced that M. Kalogeropoulos, minister of finance in the Rhaldis cabinet, who had been entrusted with the task of forming a new ministry, had completed its formation.

Most of the members of the new ministry served under the Rhaldis premiership. In making the announcement Mr. Kalogeropoulos told the newspaper men that he was strongly with the entente, and that his colleagues would be of the same mind.

Announcement that M. Gounaris, the minister of war, and head of the parliamentary majority, had been designated anew as a delegate to the London conference on Near Eastern affairs, has made an unfavorable impression in British circles and has caused considerable apprehension in political quarters generally.

London, Feb. 6.—M. Gounaris, according to the Athens correspondent of Reuters, has abandoned his intention of attending the London conference.

LEADING CITIZEN OF GREENVILLE DIES

Greenville, Feb. 5.—After 69 useful years, the last 24 of which were spent in Greenville, Maj. Charles Frederick Hard died this morning at 6 o'clock, following an attack Friday night of acute indigestion and in his passing Greenville loses one of its most prominent citizens. Funeral services are to be held from the residence tomorrow.

CHAMBERLAIN ON NATIONAL DEBT

United States Refused to Accept British Proposals of Inter-allied Debts

Birmingham, Eng., Feb. 4. (By the Associated Press).—The British government formally proposed a cancellation of all interallied debts, but the proposals were unacceptable to the American government, said J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, in a speech to his constituents here today.

"To make them again," Chamberlain continued, "would be, I think, beneath our dignity and would render us liable to a misconception of our motive."

"In making them," he added, "we sought no national advantage for ourselves. We proposed a solution in which we should have foregone claims larger than any remitted to us, and we proposed it because we believed it would be in the interests of good relations among peoples, the rehabilitation of national credit and the restoration of international trade."

"Our great international debt is due to the obligation we undertook on behalf of our allies. If we had had only ourselves to consider, we should have been particularly free of external debt at the present time."

Mr. Chamberlain prefaced his remarks by saying that he would have preferred at the close of the war that the whole interallied debt had been wiped out, so as to start with a clean slate. There was no proposal for a settlement of the international debt among the allied and associated powers, whether for a total or partial remission, which the British government has been prepared to be a party to, he declared.

Washington, Feb. 4. (By the Associated Press).—Treasury officials refused to comment tonight on the statement of the British chancellor of the exchequer, J. Austen Chamberlain in an address at Birmingham, Eng., that the United States government refused to accept British government proposals that the interallied debts arising from the world war be cancelled.

No mention has ever been made in official circles here of any proposal officially tendered by Great Britain for cancellation of the interallied debts, but it was recalled tonight that Sir George Paish, the British financial expert, who visited the United States a year ago, put forward some such proposal while in this country. Sir George's mission was not regarded by the United States government as official and consequently his proposals did not receive official consideration.

SUMTER HIGH TAKES GAME

The Sumter High school basketball team played their return game with the High school team of Mullins and again were successful in the results of the fray.

The game was played last night in Mullins and upon a ground court which was new to the quintet from Sumter and involving many rules unfamiliar to them. There were many difficulties and inconveniences to be met with in the use of the ground court which the Sumter boys met admirably, showing their great adaptability. Neither of the teams, however, were able to show up at as good advantage as was possible for them on an inside court.

The Sumter team played the better game of ball throughout, catching the lead early in the game and holding this lead tenaciously. The score at the end of the first half of the game was Sumter 16 and Mullins 9, Sumter making as large a score during the first half as Mullins was able to make during the whole game. The final score was Sumter 26 and Mullins 16. Stars: Sumter, Wright; Mullins, Rogers.

Mullins Position

Wright Forwards
Michael Back
Reaves Center
Beeson Burns
Williams Sholar
Guard Chandler
Referee: Ropp and McKnight.

Substitutions: Sumter: R. Wright for Chandler and Weinberg for Buck. The next game on Sumter's schedule will be played in Columbia when the S. H. S. team meets the Hyatt Park school. Sumter goes to this game with an undefeated record, they having played three games and winning the trio.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license has been granted to Wilson Daw and Jennie Lawson, colored, of Dalzell.

The Red Cross secretary on her rounds through the county has found a family destitute and devoid of enough bed clothing to supply their actual needs for warmth during this cold weather. The family consists of a mother and three children. During one of the recent nights, it was necessary for them to abandon their beds and build a fire, which they hovered around for the remainder of the night, waiting for the day to break. Any one that can spare a quilt, comfort or blanket towards worthy charity please get in touch with the Red Cross or communicate by telephone 518.

Sumter merchants are offering every inducement to buy now, yet still there seems to be an attitude among the public of holding back for still lower prices. There is little doubt the bottom has been reached and in a short time as new goods arrive we will find prices taking a rise again.

A petition is being circulated asking the A. C. L. to not discontinue the two trains Nos. 68 and 69 between Sumter and Columbia. We hope it will prove successful as these two schedules are very handy for residents of Sumter.

TRIBUTE TO PRES. WILSON

His Achievement Will Not Be Forgotten, Says Secretary Daniels

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 3.—"The truck-makers here have been trying to find something wrong about the army and the navy but as brass, General Dawes, an honest Republican said, they can not make out a case," declared Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels today before a joint session of the general assembly of North Carolina.

"In the clear light of history," continued Secretary Daniels, "the great achievement will shine while the detractor of Wilson's conduct of the war will be despised and forgotten."

"When the war was over, Secretary Daniels said there was no place in the world where men did not love America. They looked for the dawn of the day when the world might safely come to a reduction of armament and discontinuance of the price paid to prevent conquest by some nation which might wish to take the place of Germany."

"While the world has groped and halted for two years, this country rich in resource and men, has felt the result of America's failure to meet the expectation of mankind."

"It was a time fraught with glory to our country when the president returned from France and brought with him the covenant of peace, brought the document which in the days to come men will look back upon as the shekinah and hope of humanity. About that time I met a good old friend of mine who said to me, 'I do not believe in the league of nations. I do not believe in America having anything to do with any other part of the world. Let other countries attend to their business and let us attend to ours. For myself,' he said, 'I am done with Europe. I am going to raise my own cotton on my own farm and let Europe stew in its own juice.' Well, gentlemen, you know what happened. We had nothing to do with Europe. We let it stew in its own juice, and that farmer's cotton is rotting on his farm. There is no present market for it. Gentlemen we are part of the world and the day of isolation has gone forever, and America must lead the world in prosperity and in peace."

NEW LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AT BAMBERG

Bamberg, Feb. 3.—An organization meeting of the subscribers to the capital stock of the Coastal Life Insurance company was held Monday afternoon. All the capital stock had been subscribed in advance of the meeting and payment of 20 per cent of the capital was effected. Application has now been made to the secretary of state for a charter and it is understood that the new company will be under operation at once.

The stockholders elected 12 directors as follows: G. Frank Bamberg, Dr. George F. Hair, W. D. Coleman, J. K. Faulkner, W. A. Klauber, Dr. Robert Black, C. J. S. Brooker, C. L. Andrews, H. D. Steedly, J. Frank Folk, J. D. Copeland and J. J. Smoak.

A subsequent meeting of the directors was held when officers were elected as follows: C. L. Andrews, president and general manager; W. D. Coleman, secretary and treasurer; J. K. Faulkner, vice president; Dr. Robert Black, medical examiner; W. E. Free, attorney. Finance board: G. Frank Bamberg, chairman; W. A. Klauber, C. L. Andrews, J. K. Faulkner and W. D. Coleman.

The capital stock of the company is \$15,000, with a paid up surplus of \$15,000. The organizers of the concern are enthusiastic over the prospects of a profitable insurance company. The concern will engage in the writing of life, health and accident insurance.

An All Day Meeting

The Rev. J. J. Starks, president of Morris College and Rev. Richard Carroll, have decided to call a meeting of the chapel of Morris college, Tuesday, February 22nd and invite the preachers of all denominations to assemble at 10 o'clock for an all day meeting for consultation and evangelism.

In the afternoon, Mr. T. E. Jones, of Fountain Inn, a business man and Christian layman will speak on "Tithing." He is one of the greatest speakers on this line in the Piedmont section. We are asking, all of the white preachers and Christian laymen to attend this meeting. We can "work together, without associating together."

"Now is the time to work for law, order and Christianity. All of the colored ministers and laymen will have a free dinner on the campus. One hundred voices will sing. Some of the greatest preachers are to speak. J. J. Starks, President Morris College, Richard Carroll, Assistant for this Meeting.

Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 5.—Chilean government troops are being rushed to the Antofagasta province where soldiers and workers at a large nitrate plant have been fighting. Advances state that only six persons were killed during fighting, earlier dispatches declaring twenty-three met their death.

Athens, Feb. 5.—Conferences with political leaders were held today by Constantine in an effort to solve ministerial crisis which culminated last night in the resignation of the Rhaldis cabinet. It is believed War Minister Gounaris or Finance Minister Kalogeropoulos would be asked to head the new ministry.

St. Louis, Feb. 5.—Postal authorities today are continuing investigating mail robbery at St. Charles, twenty miles from here last night, when a registered pouch said to contain about one hundred thousand dollars in cash and Liberty bonds was reported stolen from a mail wagon by five bandits, who held up the driver.

HELD FOR BIGAMY IN ANDERSON JAIL

White Man Alleged to Have Married Another Woman in Graniteville

Anderson, Feb. 4.—R. L. Sullivan, formerly of this county, was arrested and brought to jail Friday morning, charged with bigamy and assault and battery. The action was brought by D. P. Woodward of Graniteville, who is the father of the girl Sullivan is said to have married while having a living wife at Gluck mills in this county. Sullivan was arrested from information from Aiken authorities and will likely be taken to that city.

Sullivan claims that he left Anderson about six years ago and that having heard his wife was dead and having inquired of several parties who corroborated the rumor, he married again and has been living at Graniteville ever since.

HAMPTON AUDITOR BEFORE GOVERNOR

Columbia, Feb. 4.—Governor Cooper spent the greater part of the day yesterday hearing the case of the Hampton county auditor, T. Hagood Gooding whom the grand jury had instructed the legislative delegation to refer to recommend for appointment, it being charged that he had failed to put properly on the tax books in the county and to perform properly his duties otherwise.

The governor heard Mr. Gooding, the comptroller general, the solicitor, the tax commission and other persons on the case and the hearing developed to such an extent that the chief executive deferred action at present and ordered the Hampton authorities to prefer written charges against the auditor. When these charges are preferred the governor will furnish Mr. Gooding with a copy and then allow the auditor a chance to answer them.

The Hampton county grand jury investigated the affairs of the county during December, had an audit made of the books and found that the former treasurer, W. A. Mason, was short in his accounts of \$17,801.91 and further that the tax collections were in extremely bad condition as well as certain other affairs of the county.

In the presentment sent to Governor Cooper, the grand jury said it found that the tax books had not been opened on time, the same situation having been the case in 1918, and that due to this the schools of the county were seriously crippled in their work along with other county activities. "We direct that the clerk of court forward a copy of this presentment immediately upon its being filed to the governor to whom we take the liberty of suggesting that the county auditor of the county should be required to perform his duties even to the extent of requiring him to show cause why he should not be removed from office in the event he has failed," says the presentment. The county attorney and the treasurer were instructed by the grand jury to send evidence to the chief executive on the matter of the tax situation in the county and it was largely due to these facts from the grand jury, the treasurer, the attorney, solicitor and others that Governor Cooper asked Mr. Gooding to appear before him.

The grand jury took exception to the way the affairs of the county were being run in general and asked for a complete change. "The grand jury takes this opportunity of directing the attention of the entire people of the county to the fact that the affairs of the county are not being conducted in the manner required by law," the presentment says.

Charges against the auditor were that he had failed to put property on the books, that he had failed to follow instructions of the tax commission in regard to automobile and other property and that by his acts something like \$100,000 worth of property was not assessed, according to a statement made after the hearing yesterday.

The hearing was only in reference to the auditor, it being the desire of the governor to see whether or not Mr. Gooding should be reappointed. After hearing from all sides the chief executive decided to give the matter more attention and will await the written charges.

Appearing before the governor were Mr. Gooding, J. P. Derham of the tax commission, Walter E. Duncan, comptroller general; W. V. Sutherland, former comptroller general; Ruf L. Osborne, former comptroller general; J. Fraser Lyon, attorney for the tax commission, and a number of Hampton county officers, including Senator Lightsey.

Firmingham, Eng., Feb. 5.—Premier Lloyd George, in a speech here today said Germany was morally bound to pay for damage inflicted. He asserted Germany must not be allowed to pay in a way that would injure the country receiving payment, by cheap goods for example. The allies' bill, he said, was framed on a basis of German prosperity. If Germany was not prosperous, she could not pay; if she were prosperous she could and must.

Madrid, Feb. 5.—Moorish forces attached to an outlying Spanish position at a Sheshuan, Morocco last night killed a corporal and four soldiers.

Hamilton, Feb. 7.—The jury in the case of Sergeant Lancaster continued their deliberations today. They took the case Saturday night at 9 o'clock this morning the jury reported they could not agree. Judge Bailey ordered them to retire again, saying he would give them one more hour.

Belfast, Feb. 7.—One constable was killed and two wounded when a bomb was thrown at them last night near Dunkalk.