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FORDNEY TARIFF BILL DOOMED FOR DEFEAT IN SENATE

So Loaded With Amendments and "Riders" That Republicans Have Little Hope

SENATOR SMOOT SAYS IT'S DUE TO BE BEATEN

Destined To Go Down as Another of Unfulfilled Promises of the Republican Congress; Hearings Before House Committee on Tariff Largely Matter of Form

The News and Observer Bureau, 600 District National Bank Bldg. By JOE L. HAMER. (By Special Licensed Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 16.—At least two important matters will be considered in Congress this week. In the Senate, the Fordney tariff bill is due to be taken up, while the Congressional re-apportionment bill will be "taken up" in the House.

The Fordney tariff bill appears just now to be doomed to defeat. It has been so loaded down with amendments and "riders" that the Republican leaders who have been sponsoring it are about ready to concede its defeat.

The bill will be reported "in the form it is to be defeated," said Senator Smoot, of Utah, a member of the finance committee, Saturday night, adding that "about everything anybody asked for was put in." No doubt some of the amendments tacked on were offered in good faith, but a lot of them were tacked on with the hope that they would help to so overload the bill that it would be unable to muster enough votes to get through.

Another Unfulfilled Promise. If the bill should fail, it will be just another Republican promise unfulfilled. For nearly two years now, President Wilson has been asking that the tariff inequalities, resulting chiefly from altered conditions because of the war, be corrected, but although the Republicans have now been in power in Congress nearly two years, not until the Fordney bill was introduced at this session was any effort made to correct these tariff inequalities and injustices, and now that effort appears about to prove abortive.

Originally advertised as a sort of relief measure, chiefly for the farmers, the bill has been so amended and added to that it not only won't serve the farming interests, but it will make conditions even worse than they already are for other interests, and it won't satisfy the country at all.

If the bill is defeated in the Senate, then will arise the question of whether the Republicans will attempt to pass another "emergency" act in the new Congress, which President-elect Harding is expected to call into session shortly after he takes office, or let matters rest along as they are now until the new general tariff bill is ready. That will be a question for the Republican leaders in the next Congress to determine after Congress is convened.

Hearings Matter of Form. As a matter of fact, the hearings aren't going to influence the committee majority very much any way. Chairman Fordney will do most of the "writing" on the new bill, and he isn't going to be influenced a great deal by what he hears at the hearings. His mind is already made up to write a tariff law in the next Congress whose rates will be just as high as the present rates, and get away with it and that's what he will do.

Wilmington Asks For Maintenance of Rates. Wilmington, Jan. 16.—The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce recently adopted resolutions asking a statement of the attitude of the executives of the railroads of the South toward the reported effort of Eastern Trunk Lines to have cancelled the competitive export freight rates granted South Atlantic ports by the railroad administration.

MARINE WHOSE TITLE TO HAREM IS DOUBTED



Robert A. McClain, now a machinist in Wrentham, Mass., says he doesn't want the harem (Mrs. McClain says so too), but he wants the throne and other Marine when the latter did the ruler of the island a good turn back in 1900 while on duty in the Philippines.

Union Labor to Take Up Attacks Being Made on Trade Unions

Representatives of Over Hundred National and International Unions To Meet

CONFERENCE CALLED TO MEET IN WASHINGTON

American Federation of Labor To Formulate Plan For Offensive Movement

Washington, Jan. 16.—Representatives of the 109 National and international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have been called to meet in Washington February 23, "for the purpose of considering attacks now being made on the trade union movement," according to an announcement today by Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation.

The proposed conference will consider the publicity and other methods of our opponents and it is quite possible that labor will launch an offensive movement against those who imagine they control practically every avenue of publicity.

These attacks include attempts to establish the anti-union shop, wage reductions, anti-strike laws, compulsory arbitration, labor injunctions, and a publicity that would mold the public mind to accept these backward steps.

Secretary Morrison said that the forthcoming conference is one of several similar gatherings that have been called by the American Federation of Labor during its history to consider unusual conditions.

THREE PRISONERS SHOT IN AN EFFORT TO ESCAPE

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16.—Three inmates of the municipal farm were shot today when "23 of the men" attempted to escape from a dormitory on the third floor. Two of the men, John Rothrock, 46, and Alvin Cannon, 43, are in a hospital as the result of injuries.

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ENTIRE FAMILY OF FIVE KILLED BY UNKNOWN PERSON

Bighams Long Prominent in South Carolina Social and Political Life

SHOOTINGS OCCURRED SATURDAY AFTERNOON

No Witness Apparently Left Behind To Give Any Account of Tragedy; Brother of Elder Bigham and His Family Out Driving at the Time; Jury Holding An Inquest

Pamplico, S. C., Jan. 16.—Discovery today of the bodies of two other members of the Bigham family revealed that the entire family, living about four miles from Pamplico, was wiped out some time Saturday afternoon, a Mrs. L. S. Bigham, 60 years of age, was shot through the head and her

ham home, near a well; her daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Black, 35, was found lying in a pool of blood in her room on the second floor of the home with a bullet hole in her head; Mrs. Black's adopted son, nine years of age, was found near the back of the house, his forehead having been pierced by a bullet at close range.

Clinton Killing Remains Mystery. Coroner's Inquest Fails To Furnish Any Clue To Slayer of Lewis Ramey.

Clinton, Jan. 16.—The slayer of Lewis E. Ramey has not been captured. A young bloodhound was secured from Warsaw last night. It took up the chase and followed it to the road construction camp on the Dunn-Clinton highway, about three miles from the scene of the murder and there stopped.

Harding Works On Cabinet Places. Holds Long Conference With Harry Daugherty and To See Will Hays Today.

Marion, O., Jan. 16.—Although President-elect Harding will hold only a few more conferences before he leaves Marion for his Southern vacation trip, his callers will include some of the leading figures in his party.

AMERICAN WOMAN HELD ON SWINDLING CHARGE

Berlin, Jan. 16.—An American woman and two alleged accomplices in a swindling operation have been arrested here. The woman's maiden name is said by the police to have been Virginia Fairfax.

NORTH DUBLIN GUARDED BY SOLDIERS AND POLICE

Dublin, Jan. 16.—The whole section of North Dublin was cordoned by soldiers and police last night and today. The street railway service along the North quay was suspended.

HIGHWAY MEASURE TO GET UNDER WAY BY MIDDLE OF WEEK

Senator Varsar and Representative Doughton Stated To Lead Fight

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE ACTS LATER

First Two Days of Week Likely To See Some Disposition of Investigations and Abolitions; Dearth of Legislation Session's Outstanding Feature Thus Far

It appears about to be Road Week in the General Assembly. The Clark-Highway bill will likely get a new name before the middle of the week arrives, and very likely it will be styled the Varsar Doughton Bill.

Divorced as it is from the ordinary provisions of the Revenue and Machinery act, and the Appropriations Bill, the road measure will not necessarily have to wait until these matters have been worked out before it can be passed.

Legislation Score. The General Assembly thus far is the fact that eleven legislative days have already passed, and less than 100 bills have been presented.

On no day has the number of new bills exceeded a dozen, and Friday and Saturday, when there is usually a flood of minor local legislation, there was nothing to offer.

Militiamen Confesses To Aiding In Lynching. Several Members of Alabama National Guard Company Under Arrest.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 16.—A member of company M has made a complete confession of the part he took in the lynching of William Baird at Jasper last Thursday morning, according to an announcement made late tonight by Judge Horace C. Wilkinson, special assistant attorney general, appointed by Governor Kilby to carry on the investigation of the case.

BUSINESS MEN INSIST ON ACREAGE REDUCTION

Macon, Ga., Jan. 16.—Committees of business men are at work in practically all-where districts in Georgia, it is known here today, obtaining signatures to pledge cards to reduce cotton acreage one third this year.

PREMIER BRIAND FORMS A NEW FRENCH CABINET

Former Prime Minister Aristide Briand Succeeds in His Undertaking

Paris, Jan. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Aristide Briand, formerly French prime minister, succeeded today in the task undertaken by him yesterday to form a cabinet in succession to the Ministry of Premier Leygues, which resigned last Wednesday.

Besides the premiership, M. Briand takes the ministry of foreign affairs. Louis Barthou becomes minister of war and Paul Doumer, minister of finance. Shortly before 6:30 o'clock tonight M. Briand presented the official cabinet list to President Millerand. The ministry is made up as follows: Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Aristide Briand.

PROTEST AGAINST FIGHT ON HEBREWS

President Wilson and Other Prominent Men Oppose Anti-Semitic Propaganda.

Bennington, Vt., Jan. 16.—A protest against anti-Semitic propaganda in the United States bearing the names of President Wilson, Wm. H. Taft, Cardinal O'Connell, and 116 other widely known men, and women of Christian faith, was made public here tonight by John Spargo, socialist writer.

"I have your letter of December 22 and I am heartily in sympathy with the protest against the anti-Semitic movement. I big that you will add my name to the signatures."

Lowest In December. December was the worst month from the standpoint of prices in the entire season, according to the report.

SOUTH CAROLINA CROWERS CONTRIBUTE TO RELIEF

New York, Jan. 16.—South Carolina cotton growers have offered to contribute \$250,000 worth of cotton to the American Jewish relief committee and the New Year relief and have called upon western grain growers to contribute a like amount of their product.

53 MILLION LESS FOR 58 MILLION MORE OF TOBACCO

Final Figures On 1920 Tobacco Crop Show Gain in Production

ENTIRE COUNTRY GETS QUARTER BILLION LESS

But at That North Carolina Farmers Get Better Prices Than the Country's Average; State Produces Fourth of Nation's Tobacco; Wilson Again Leads World in Sales

Tobacco farmers in North Carolina raised 58 million more pounds of tobacco in 1920 than they raised in 1919 and got 53 million dollars less money for it, according to the season's report from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture issued yesterday.

From 53 To 25 Cents. The season's end a year ago carried an average price per pound of 51.83 cents for a total of 293 million pounds. This year the Government estimate places the yield at 384 million, and the average price for all markets in the State has fallen 25 cents per pound.

Drop Quarter Billions. A year ago the entire country had received for its crop a total of \$500,700,000, and this year it falls to a little more than \$400 million dollars.

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STATE TOTALS

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