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ATTACKS COTTON MILLS FOR MAKING WAGE REDUCTION

President of United Textile Workers Tells Committee About North Carolina

TWENTY MILLS RESTORE THE SIXTY HOUR WEEK

Notwithstanding Highest Protection Accorded Any Industry, Employees Get Lowest Wages, John Golden Asserts; Champ Clark Asks For Probe of Campbell Contest

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Washington, Jan. 27.—J. W. Cannon, of Concord, the big cotton mill man, figured in the tariff hearings before the Senate today, when John Golden, president of the United Textile Workers, told the committee that the reading of a letter from Mr. Cannon on the proposed new tariff schedule, which would reduce wages at 20 per cent and following within two weeks with another 20 per cent reduction, Cannon had joined with other mill men in urging the ways and means committee to give the manufacturers protection if they were to continue to run the mills and keep wages where they are now.

To Fight Wage Reduction. Golden urged upon the committee that if they granted the manufacturers the protection against foreign competition they are asking, they require the manufacturers to give guarantees that the wage and working conditions of the mill workers shall not be lowered.

"It is strange that they industry which is given the highest protection accorded any industry under tariff laws should pay the lowest wages to its workers," said Mr. Golden, who declared that the workers were going to fight to keep wages where they are now.

Following Golden's statement about wage reduction at the Cannon mill, Representative Hull, Democrat, asked Golden if he knew what dividends that mill paid last year. Mr. Golden did not know exactly, but promised to supply the information later. Some of the Southern cotton mills now reducing wages are understood to have declared nearly 100 per cent stock and cash dividends last year.

Stuart W. Cramer and Winston Adams, of Charlotte, were here attending today's session of the committee. Mr. Cramer was a member of the cotton manufacturers committee which held before the House committee a brief today urging restoration of a tariff schedule virtually the same as that contained in the Payne-Aldrich bill.

When Representative Fess, of Ohio, chairman and his associates on the Republican Congressional committee advanced funds to the Campbell to prosecute his contest for the Congressional seat of "Farmer Bob" Doughton, of the Eighth North Carolina Congressional district, they shied a stone into a hornet's nest that has started the horns buzzing about their ears.

As a result of this action, Champ Clark, the minor floor leader, introduced the following resolution in the House today:

Whereas it is reported in the public press that a political organization composed of members of the present House of Representatives and members-elect of the House of Representatives of the 67th Congress have advanced money for the purpose of enabling persons desiring to contest the election of those holding certificates of election to the 67th Congress; and

PRESIDENT-ELECT ENJOYING VACATION



Mrs. Ewing Easter, of Baltimore and New York, with her baby, Ewing, Jr., and President-elect Harding, photographed at St. Augustine, Fla. The President-elect displayed quite a fondness for the chubby youngster.

BORAH DISCUSSES DISARMAMENT PLAN

Bi-Partizan Support For Idaho Senator's Plan Given During Senate Debate

Washington, Jan. 27.—Bi-partisan support for the naval disarmament movement was given in the Senate today during discussion of Senator Borah's disarmament resolutions.

Senator Borah's plan for an official determination of the future value of big ships in the American naval program was endorsed by Senators McCall, of Tennessee, and King, of Utah, Democrats, while Senator Borah spoke at some length in behalf of his proposal.

The disarmament discussion was interrupted in the Senate tariff debate, there was an attempt to secure a vote. While the Senate discussion was in progress, the House naval committee reported on the hearing of General Fernald on disarmament, scheduled for tomorrow because of the illness of Representative Butler, of Pennsylvania, committee chairman.

Senator Borah declared if the people of the United States, Great Britain and Japan could give voice to their opinions he felt confident they would speak for an agreement to reduce naval building. He added he would discuss later the suggestions from Elinh Root and others for postponement until after the inauguration of the new administration of action on his resolution looking to a naval disarmament between the three powers.

There are two ways to defeat disarmament, Senator Borah declared. "One to oppose it, conscientiously. Another is that adopted by others in public life who are willing to give lip service to disarmament but conjure up all conceivable methods to secure delay."

The Idaho Senator said his other resolution, calling on the Senate Naval committee for an opinion as to whether the American naval building program could be suspended for six months until the value of capital ships should be determined as can be known what will bring us an efficient navy.

NO HASTY ACTION REGARDING JAPAN

California Senator Assured That Senators Can Present Views On New Treaty

Washington, Jan. 27.—Assurances that the State Department would not give its approval to the proposed new treaty between the United States and Japan until opportunity had been afforded members of the Senate and others interested to place before the department their arguments, were given Senator Phelan, of California, today by Secretary Colby.

Senator Phelan called at the State Department to explain information on the report submitted by Roland S. Morris, American ambassador to Japan, with respect to his negotiations with Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador here. Secretary Colby explained to the California Senator that he had not as yet read the report.

Senator Phelan after his conference with Secretary Colby also had assured him that no hasty action was contemplated. Senator Phelan added that he insisted a full opportunity had not been given to Senators interested in the Japanese question to express their opinions, although he and Senator Johnson, of California, had discussed a few times with Ambassador Morris but prior to the drafting of the report.

Ambassador Shidehara also called at the State Department during the day, but it was explained that his visit had to do only with an effort that had been made to subpoena certain seamen of a Japanese ship recently at Norfolk. They were wanted as witnesses in a case of alleged violation of the prohibition law, and Ambassador Shidehara told the department the ship was now under way to Honolulu. He also informed the department that he had received no further information from his government relative to the Langdon incident.

LOSES TWO YEAR FIGHT AGAINST EXTRADITION

Englishman Chased All The Way From Bombay, India, To New Orleans, U.S.A.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 27.—Two years fight against extradition to Bombay, India, to face charges of "cheating," Parsoe Jewellers there out of part payment on costly jewels, was lost in United States District Court here today by Charles Glenn Collins, son of the founder of the Scotch Publishing House of Collins, and a World War veteran, when Judge Foster ruled against the arguments of his counsel.

Arthur Fuller, senior police inspector of the British police at Bombay, arrested Collins in New Orleans two years ago, following him from India through Camp Volcanier, Canada, to New York and thence here. While in the House of Detention here Collins escaped to a British vessel in the harbor but was captured several hours later. Collins was senior military instructor at Camp Volcanier.

SIMMONS ATTACKS THE INIQUITIES OF WHEAT TARIFF

North Carolina Senator Shows That This Country Can Compete With Canada

SENATE DEBATE RUNS FAR AFIELD DURING DAY

Utah Senator Asks If It Would Not Be Proper For Government To Provide Pensions For Unemployed; Louisiana Senator Wants The Sugar Industry Protected

Washington, Jan. 27.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill was theoretically before the Senate today but was discussed only in a speech by Senator Simmons, Democrat, of North Carolina, and in a brief debate on sugar items. Speeches were so far afield at one time that the Senate adjourned at 11 o'clock. North Dakota, declared the Senators had discussed, "excepting from negroes to battleships" and asked why the tariff should not be taken off the automobile.

Utah Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, spoke at length on the general subject of disarmament, into which other Senators were drawn in debate. Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, discussed the land-tenant laws of the District of Columbia, and Senator Randall, Democrat, of Louisiana, entered an emphatic denial to published statements which he declared, sought to link the Louisiana Senators with big sugar interests.

Simmons denounces measure. Tariff debate, however, was not without pointed argument. Senator Simmons' speech of more than two hours was directed at what he termed the iniquities of the proposed legislation. He charged that Congress would be exceeding its power in enacting such legislation, and asserted that its provisions were confiscatory in that they would compel consumers to pay tribute.

The North Carolina Senator also took Senator McCumber to task for his attitude on wheat protection. He argued that Mr. McCumber was supporting legislation which not only would increase the price of bread and cereals, but would place the United States in a position to suffer retaliation at the hands of Canada, from which Mr. McCumber has said the "dangerous wheat importations" come.

Country Can Export Wheat. Denying the statements of Mr. McCumber that Canadian prices were lower than those in the United States, Mr. Simmons declared that official statistics show that prices had varied little between Minneapolis and Winnipeg. "This country," the Senator added, is on an exporting basis and therefore the slight difference between the prices would have no effect.

"Our market is Liverpool," he continued. "It does not matter whether the Canadian wheat goes direct to Liverpool or comes through the United States and is milled here. The tariff proposals will not stop that, and if they do it means we will have to pay more for our bread and our flour."

Senator King, Democrat, of Utah, asked during the discussion whether it would not be proper for the government to "take care of the unemployed with a pension if it were going to take care of the wheat farmer and the Louisiana sugar grower." He declared that Congress should never establish such a precedent and asserted that the losses of other lines of trades were equally as important.

Wants Sugar Protected. Mention of Louisiana sugar brought from Senator Randall the declaration that if the Congress could do anything to relieve the agriculture industry, it ought to do so. He said he did not believe present conditions would last forever and the farmers should be aided over the emergency.

The debate then turned into an open forum on sugar, and Senator Penrose, chairman of the Finance Committee, followed yesterday's tactics in asking a recess, thus keeping the bill before the Senate as unfinished business.

Just prior to the recess, Senator Spenser, Republican, of Missouri, introduced another amendment to afford protection of two cents a pound on sunflower seed and 20 cents a gallon on oil from sunflower seed. During the day Senator Penrose circulated a petition to invoke the cloture rule and limit Senators to one hour's debate each on the bill, but the movement had not developed tonight.

FIVE NEGROES CARRIED TO LITTLE ROCK FOR SAFEKEEPING. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 27.—Five negroes who have been held in the Crittenden county, Ark., jail at Marion for several days on charges of assisting in the escape of Henry Lowry, negro farmer, who was lured to death by a mob at Nodaway, Ark., last night, were brought to Memphis late today and will be taken to Little Rock for safekeeping in the morning.

Sheriff William Fish, who was in charge of the negroes, said that feeling against them was very high in Crittenden and Mississippi counties and added that an effort to lynch them would probably have been made tonight, according to reports he received.

KH Blue Law. Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 27.—The State Senate today by a vote of 25 to 2 killed the so-called Cooper Sunday blue law bill which prohibited Sunday newspapers and trains as well as Sunday amusements.

DOUGHTON-CONNOR ROAD BILL STARTS JOURNEY IN HOUSE

State Construction and Maintenance, With 50 Million Bond Issue

PROPERTY TAX IS NOT MENTIONED IN MEASURE

House Passes Bill Relieving Penalties On Delayed Tax Settlements After Two Hour Debate; Neal Proposes To Double Confederate Penalties

Providing for the construction and maintenance by the State of a "State system of hard surface and other dependable types of road, approximately 3,500 miles in length, built and maintained by the State," the Doughton-Connor road bill came to the House yesterday morning after two weeks of debate in both House and Senate. Fifty million dollars to be raised by a bond issue, the interest and sinking fund to be paid out of the general fund, to which the automobile license fund will be diverted for two years, the absence of a property tax, and the expansion of the present Highway Commission to nine members, each representing a defined highway district, are the essential features of the bill.

Take Roads Immediately. With the passage of the bill, the State would immediately take over the contemplated mileage, with the general outline of the road indicated on an attached map, and begin the work of building and maintaining them. The authorized issue of bonds would be made by the Governor as the requirements of the Highway Commission demanded. For the first two years, it is estimated that only a part of the automobile fund will be required for maintenance purposes, and the remainder will be turned over to the general State fund.

The first public hearings on the bill will probably be held before the joint roads committees of the House and Senate during the coming week. One thousand copies of the measure were ordered printed for distribution, and when these are in the hands of the members of the General Assembly, and the interested public, the proponents of the measure, believe the committee will be ready to begin hearings. Definite action on the bill is expected to be reached before the middle of February.

Introduction Delayed. The introduction of the bill came eight days after it was expected to be offered in the House. The delay was occasioned by differences of opinion arising from the extent of the road building program, and proponents of the measure in the House and Senate, were of the opinion that it would be better to iron out difficulties and present a measure upon which a larger number were agreed.

The House was preparing to adjourn a few minutes after the Doughton-Connor bill had been offered yesterday morning, but Representative Townsend arose to ask for the consideration of the Varnor Senate bill removing the penalty for the non-payment of taxes, a two hour debate was precipitated, resulting finally in the adoption of an amendment relieving the penalties for the current year, but leaving the statute untouched as to succeeding or preceding years.

Calamity Breaks In. It was the first time that calamity had been heard in full cry in the House since it came into session three weeks ago. Members from the east spoke vigorously against any endeavor to continue the present system of penalties, and would hear nothing of the proposal of the finance committee to move up the time of the beginning of penalties from February 1, to April 1. They wanted straight-out relief, and finally they got it.

The Senate has passed the Varnor bill which relieved all penalties. The House Finance Committee prepared a substitute, moving up the time for the operation of penalties. Brown of Pitt, offered an amendment removing the penalties for the year, and Bowie of Ashe wanted to get rid of them altogether. Debate rocked around the two amendments until Representative Doughton suggested that it go back to the committee to see what could be done about it.

Doughton Ends Debate. The Easterners, with Representative Matthews for their chief spokesman, wanted immediate action on the matter, but the House had grown so confused over the issues that it was beginning to call for question on Mr. Doughton's motion. The situation, was clarified when Mr. Bowie withdrew his amendment. Mr. Doughton declared that his withdrawal removed the necessity for recalculation to committee, and on the vote, the Brown amendment was adopted with virtual unanimity, and the House adjourned at 1:20 to meet this morning at 11 o'clock.

Two other bills of Statewide import got started in the House during the session. Mr. Murphy offered, by request, a measure permitting osteopaths the privilege of practicing and surgery in public hospitals, upon compliance with certain regulations, and Mr. Neal introduced a bill providing for doubling the pension of Confederate veterans and their widows.

Senate Speeds Up. Speeding up the work of legislative machinery, the Senate yesterday passed by a 15-10 vote the bill amending the State-wide measures passed included the so-called "par clearance bill" which made it unlawful for any person to give false fire alarms, all of which were passed without debate. The Senate also passed the House resolution inviting Mrs. George V.

YELPING PUPPY ON CAKE OF ICE HOLDS UP BOAT

New York, Jan. 27.—A yelping puppy on a cake of ice floating down the Hudson river today halted the Fort Lee ferry boat Edgewater in midstream while a rescue was effected.

After Captain James Baranigan maneuvered his craft along side the cake, First Mate Gerard Barry, descended a ladder swung over the rail. The ladder broke. Barry plunged into the stream and reappeared with the puppy in his arms.

Hauled aboard, Barry descended into the engine room with his new pet, which he promptly named "Teletic."

REWARD OFFERED FOR NIGHT RIDERS

Kentucky Governor Calls For Grand Jury Investigations In Each County

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 27.—Governor Edwin P. Morrow today offered rewards of \$100 each for the apprehension of each person participating in night riding in Fleming and Bath counties, Kentucky, which grand jury investigations of reports that bands of armed men intimidated tobacco farmers last Saturday night, and instructed the State adjutant general to have four troops of cavalry in readiness for immediate action. "I intend to and will use every power of the State to save the honor of the State and to prevent midnight outrages upon its citizens," said the Governor in the course of a statement. "Every dollar in the State Treasury," he continued, "and every soldier at my command is pledged to the prevention of night riding with its outrages and intimidations."

The troops are stationed at Louisville, London, Manchester and Louisa. They are supplied with horses and equipment for field duty. On the heels of the announcement came word from circuit court judge Henry B. P. R. Prewitt that he would convene a special Bath county grand jury at Owingville tomorrow and that Judge C. D. Sewell was likely to deliver a special charge to the Fleming county grand jury when it convenes Monday at Flemingsburg.

The night riders were reported to have operated near Bethel in Bath county and near Sherbourne in Fleming county. In each case, it was said, mounted men called tobacco farmers from their homes and threatened them if they failed to heed warnings to cut out tobacco crop this year and hold the last crop for higher prices.

OHIO FARMER REPORTS THAT TOBACCO BARN WAS BURNED

Gallipolis, Ohio, Jan. 27.—Joseph Arrington, a tobacco farmer living near this city reported today that his tobacco barn, containing ten thousand pounds of Burley leaf tobacco had been burned last night by an incendiary. Authorities believe the fire was started by persons opposed to the sale of the 1920 crop because of prevailing low prices.

GRIP OF SNOW STORM BROKEN, BUREAU STATES

Storm Reported Last Night As Being Central Off North Carolina Coast

Washington, Jan. 27.—Relief from the storm which for the past two days has been sweeping up along the South Atlantic coast was forecast tonight by the Weather Bureau.

The storm was described as central tonight off the North Carolina coast and moving northward. Fair weather and slowly rising temperatures were following in its wake, the Weather Bureau said, bringing relief to North and South Carolina and southern Virginia, which was the most seriously affected.

The Weather Bureau's prediction tonight for practically all of the South Atlantic Coast States was: Fair Friday and Saturday with slowly rising temperatures. The strong winds of the last 36 hours, the bureau said, will gradually diminish in strength.

The storm brought snow to North and South Carolina and southern Virginia, a mixture of rain and snow to Georgia, and rain to Florida. The fall in South Carolina, which reached a depth of nearly a foot in some places, was said to have been the heaviest in three years. North Carolina received almost as much snow as did South Carolina, and southern Virginia was covered with a blanket of whiteness.

Sleet accompanied the rain and snow in some sections, interfering with telegraphic and telephonic communication and with transportation.

Former Kaiser Has Birthday. Doorn, Holland, Jan. 27.—The former German Emperor observed his sixty-second birthday today. There was no elaborate ceremony. His daughter the Duchess of Brunswick, and two of his sons visited him. The condition of the former German Emperor is unchanged.

CAUCUS DECLARES FOR REVISION OF ELECTION STATUTES

Joint Commission Named Last Night To Work Out Some Plan of Action

BOWIE FORCES MOTION TO EJECT SPECTATORS

First Secret Caucus To Be Held Within Memory of Any Familiar With Doings of General Assembly; Bowie Wants Help On Bill To Abolish Republican Treasurer

After ejecting every non-member from the chamber last night, on motion of Representative Tam Bowie, the Democratic caucus agreed to save the Bowie bill to abolish the office of county treasurer in his home county, which barely weathered a storm when it was introduced last night, and to appoint a committee to redraft the State election law.

No Definite Method Determined. No definite method was determined upon as to saving the Bowie abolition bill, but for the remaking of the election laws, a committee of three men from the Upper House—Senators Stubbs, Gallert, and Varner, were named, and for the House, Representatives Everett of Richmond, Murphy, Dawson, Neal and Bowie, was appointed, with instructions to report to a further meeting of the caucus next week.

Redraft of the election laws has been discussed by party leaders for some years back, and last night's caucus was to sound out the feelings of the majority in this respect. The committee is formed without instruction, and their findings will be laid before a full caucus for discussion before any concrete program is introduced into the General Assembly.

The Bowie bill, which is said to have been the reason for the ejection of the spectators and newspaper men, was one of the first introduced at the present session. It provided for the abolition of the office of county treasurer, a Republican, and turning it over to the county sheriff, who is a Democrat, chosen at the same election.

Coming up in the Senate Wednesday, its passage was definitely held up and yesterday morning it was amended to allow the treasurer to hold his office until the expiration of his term of office. Mr. Bowie, it is said, felt very much humiliated at this interference with a local measure, and appealed to the Democratic caucus to do something about it. Move will probably be made this morning to have it reconsidered in the Senate, and to have the House decline to concur in the Senate amendment.

The capacity of the lobby, and much of the space in the galleries were filled a quarter of an hour before the gavel of the presiding officer, Senator Stubbs, called the session to order. The roll was called, a quorum declared present, and the temporary organization was made permanent when Representative Bowie made the "customary motion" to exclude every person not a member.

The motion was combatted. Crisp, of Dare, moved to amend it to include Democrats in good standing. Senator Brown, of Pender, said that as a representative of the younger Democracy of the State he was too proud of his party to do anything that required such carefully guarded secrecy. Representatives Wolfe and others voiced like sentiments, but Bowie interposed, protesting against hurting anybody's feelings, but insisting that the room be cleared.

"I didn't intend to have any argument about it, Mr. Speaker," he continued. "We have matters here that must be discussed in secret. If we have these other people here, the business of the caucus cannot be transacted."

Mr. Bowie's amendment received a vociferous response, and was declared lost. Mr. Bowie's motion to clear was put. "The eyes have it, and the Sergeant-at-Arms will get 'em out o' here," said Senator Stubbs, the spectators and the newspaper men made for the door. With them went a considerable sprinkling of members of both Houses and Senate, who declared openly on the outside that they would not sit in a Democratic caucus under such auspices.

THREE HUNDRED MILLION BUSHELS WHEAT ON HAND

Washington, Jan. 27.—Wheat stocks on hand in the United States January 1, 1921, totaled 320,000,000 bushels, according to an estimate made public today by the department of agriculture. The figure compared with 417,000,000 bushels a year ago.

The stock on hand this year was forty per cent of the total amount of wheat available July 1, 1920. During the average annual carry-over of about 700,000 bushels there remained available for export and domestic consumption during the six months from January 1 to July 1, 1921, about 250,000,000 bushels, the announcement said.

WELL-KNOWN NEWSPAPER MAN DIES IN ASHBVILLE. Asheville, N. C., Jan. 27.—Charles O. Cowardin, 77, a widely known newspaper man, who was a son of the late Colonel Charles O. Cowardin, for many years president of the Richmond Dispatch Company, died today in Asheville, N. C. His body will be brought to Richmond for burial.

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