

OVERMAN SOUNDED WARNING AGAINST LOBBYING HOSTS

Junior Senator Plans To Re-
new Fight Against "Invis-
ible Government"

SENATOR KENYON WILL JOIN TAR HEEL SOLO

Would Require Representatives
of Big Business To Register
and State Their Business;
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Washington, March 15.—The "invisible government" which exists in Washington in the form of a myriad of lobbyists, according to the charge made by Charles S. Barrett, of Georgia, president of the National Farmers' Union, in a statement to the press last night, is the "invisible government" against which President Wilson fought so effectively, and which is now returning to Washington with the intention of again wielding all the dangerous power it so effectively employed before the administration of Woodrow Wilson, said Senator Overman today.

The reorganizing of this insidious clan was called attention to a few weeks ago by Senator Overman, when he announced that he would introduce early in the extra session of Congress his anti-lobbying bill. Senator Kenyon of Iowa, is another active enemy of the lobbyists, and he and Senator Overman, who headed the investigation committee which so effectively aided in breaking up lobbying early in the first Wilson administration, have had two of three conferences on the subject of anti-lobbying legislation. Both have about the same remedial legislation in prospect, and will join in the fight to get the bill through Congress.

Defeat Important Legislation.
The chief purpose of the bill is to require representatives of concerns who come here to lobby on legislation of any and every kind to register with the secretary of the Senate and disclose just what their business is. It is not the purpose to prevent men and women coming to Washington on legitimate missions, but to prevent legislation in the interest of the public, said Senator Overman today, but it is intended to throw the light of "pitiless publicity" on selfish interests who keep paid lobbyists at the capital to shape legislation to suit their selfish ends.

"It is openly charged now," said Senator Overman today, "that lobbyists succeeded in defeating an important piece of legislation in the last Congress by having it smothered in committee. While the Senator did not say to which particular bill he referred, it was obvious that reference was intended to the packer control bill, which was finally passed through the Senate after a very long and difficult fight, only to die in the House rules committee, despite frequent demands from the floor of the House that the bill be brought in."

What President Barrett, of the Farmers' Union, had to say on the subject of lobbying last night was much the same as Senator Overman charged in an interview published in North Carolina papers a few weeks ago, and only goes to show the urgent need for legislation to kill off this evil, said Senator Overman today, promising to push the matter, in co-operation with Senator Kenyon, as rapidly as possible when the new Congress meets.

No Surprise Over Removal.
The only surprise occasioned here by the removal of Postmaster Owen Guder, at Asheville, was the summary way in which it was done. It appears that nothing was said to anybody about telegrams which went forward to Guder Monday directing him to turn the post office over to Dan Hill, appointed acting postmaster, and that nobody here knew about it except Postmaster General Hays and his first assistant, Mr. Koons. Certainly Senator Overman and Representative Weaver were not advised, in fact didn't know anything about it until told by a newspaper man this afternoon. The suddenness of the action was the only surprise to them, for they have felt for some time that Guder was marked for political slaughter.

When the Postoffice Department was communicated with today and asked the reason for Guder's summary removal, it was said that it was because of his publication in the press of official correspondence first in the matter of the removal of Miss Katherine Rollins, which was recently done on the recommendation of inspectors, and later his letter to Assistant Postmaster General Koons in reply to the latter's letter asking an explanation of his action in publishing the Rollins correspondence. Efforts will be made to induce Mr. Guder to become one of the two labor representatives to attend the mediation conference with Secretary Davis. If he accepts, the policy of the workers at the conference and afterwards will be placed in his hands.

If Mr. Guder does not accept, Raymond Brennan, of Kansas City, attorney for the stockyards union, probably will be chosen, it was said. Dennis Lane, secretary of the union, is expected to be the other delegate.

Launch Movement for National Memorial to Woodrow Wilson

Temporary Committee Appointed At Meeting In New York
To Work Out Details Of Memorial With Franklin D.
Roosevelt As Chairman; Proposed To Raise Fund Of
Half Million Dollars To Promote International Amity.

New York, March 15.—A movement was launched here today to establish a perpetual memorial in honor of Woodrow Wilson—"The man who projected into the world the idea of the League of Nations."

of \$500,000 be raised as a trust fund, the proceeds from which shall be awarded each year to the person who during the year has made the greatest contribution toward international amity.

AMERICAN LABOR TO CONTINUE FREE

Gompers Declares Against En-
tangling Alliances
With Europe

Washington, March 15.—Sovereignty of relations between the American Federation of Labor and the International Federation of Trade Unions was based principally on the failure of the constitution of the latter organization to protect the "complete autonomy" of its members. This was made clear in the letter sent by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation, to Jan Oudgeest, secretary of the International Federation at Amsterdam, a copy of which was made public here tonight. Other considerations enumerated by Mr. Gompers were:

"That through the issuance of appeals and proclamations the executive body of the International Federation had committed the Federation to a revolutionary principle to which the American Federation of Labor is and always has been uncompromisingly opposed, and to which no labor movement pledged by democratic ideals could give approval."

"That a system of dues had been adopted which would place upon the American Federation of Labor a heavy and unbearable expense."

Requests for a clear exposition of the International Federation's stand on the question of national autonomy and for a readjustment of the question of dues have met with "no favorable response" from Amsterdam, the letter said, but more serious than either of these "is the conduct of the International Federation during the months that have elapsed since the organization of the new International Federation."

Stock Yards Workers
Want Gompers To Serve
Chicago, March 15.—Stock yards workers affected by the recent wage reduction, announced by the Big Five packers, plan to place their case entirely in the hands of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, it was said today by officials of the Amalgamated Order of Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America.

Army Transport Collides
With Ship Off Jersey Coast.
New York, March 15.—The army transport Madawaska, inbound from Manila, collided with the steamship Invincible off Barnegat, N. J., tonight, according to wireless that was being picked up by the Coast Guard station. A later message said that the Madawaska was in an immediate danger. The transport was brought alongside the Invincible and her passengers were transferred to the latter craft.

SENATE ADJOURNS SPECIAL SESSION

No Nominations For Diplomatic
Posts or For Membership
On Shipping Board

Washington, March 15.—The special session of the Senate which convened March 4 to continue important appointments of the new administration adjourned sine die today without receiving from the White House any nominations for diplomatic posts or for membership on the shipping board.

The delay in shipping board selections, which generally had been expected to be ready for Senate consideration today, was attributed to a technicality of the merchant marine act requiring that all seven members of the new board must be named before any of them could assume his duties. President Harding is understood to have been prepared to nominate two or three men for board membership, but was not ready to send in the whole list.

Under the circumstances the President decided not to hold the Senate in session and renewed his request to Admiral Benson, now acting as board chairman under the old law, to continue in that capacity. It was indicated that some weeks might elapse before the entire new membership could be chosen and that in the meantime the board would function under the same tenure as the Wilson administration.

LEADING CITIZENS IN LYNCHBURG OPPOSE KLAN

Senator Carter Glass Among
Those In Virginia City De-
nouncing Order

Lynchburg, Va., March 15.—Business and professional men this afternoon held a meeting to devise ways and means of combating the organization for local branch of the Ku Klux Klan, which, according to paid advertisements appearing in local newspapers, is now organizing in Lynchburg. The Klan is said to have been chartered under the laws of Georgia.

Statements opposing the forming of the Klan here were afterward issued by United States Senator Carter Glass, Judge Frank P. Christian, of the Corporation court; Mayor Fred Harper, Major Harry Holt, commander of Lynchburg Post, American Legion; Commonwealth's Attorney Robert D. Yancey and others. Senator Glass said:

CLARA HAMON SAYS ANTI-DUMPING ACT SHE DIDN'T INTEND FIRST ON PROGRAM KILLING OF HAMON FOR NEW CONGRESS

Swears Employer Had Beaten
and Cursed Her When She
Tried To Escape

ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE
WITH CHAIR, SHE SAYS

Maintains In Testimony That
She Could Not Tell How Pis-
tol Was Discharged; Was
Attempting at Time To Un-
lock Door To Room, She De-
clares; Sticks To Story

Armore, Okla., March 15.—Clara Smith Hamon, on trial for the murder of her employer, Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma millionaire oil man, today on the witness stand re-enacted the scene when she shot Hamon, who, she swore, had beaten her and cursed her, and at the moment of the shooting was threatening to strike her with a chair. She maintained, too, under cross-examination that she had not intended to kill Hamon. Her testimony was the last of the day, and the defense announced that except for the matter of the admissibility of evidence of letters from Clara to Hamon it rested its case.

Both in her direct testimony and on cross-examination she maintained she could not tell just how the pistol was discharged, but that it was discharged as she was attempting to unlock the door of her room to escape Hamon who she said was threatening to strike her with a chair.

Might Have Pulled Trigger.
At one point in her direct testimony she illustrated to the jury the arrangement of her room, and how her view of Hamon was cut off for a moment as she reached the door.

At the request of Attorney General Freeling, who is directing the prosecution of the defendant pointed the pistol at him as she said she did at Hamon. "I might have pulled the trigger," she testified, "but I don't remember. I did not intend to shoot him but my hand was on the trigger."

Asked questions by Attorney General Freeling, Clara said with a shrug of her shoulders, "I am sure, General, I can't remember."

President Harding Finds Him- self "In Complete Accord" With Boss Penrose

DECISION UNANIMOUS AS
FORDNEY AGREES ALSO

Washington, March 15.—Approval was given by President Harding today to the proposal to make anti-dumping and American valuation of imports measures the first special legislation to be enacted at the special session of Congress called to meet April 11.

The President, meeting with Chairman Penrose and Fordney of the Senate finance committee and the House ways and means committee respectively agreed to the decisions reached at yesterday's conference of Republican members of the two committees and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and it was indicated he promised to throw his influence behind the two measures definitely decided on.

The question of whether priority should be given tariff revision legislation or internal tax revision measures was still undecided Senator Penrose and Representative Fordney said after their call on the President. Mr. Harding discussed the matter with them, they said, and in view of inability of Republican members of the two committees to reach an unanimous agreement on the question indicated that he desired to consider the matter further before arriving at a recommendation.

Harding "In Complete Accord."
Other members of the two committees, the chairman said, probably will be called into conference with the President with the idea of reaching an agreement acceptable if possible to all. The two chairmen stated that they expected to hold another conference with the President soon probably before the end of the present week.

The President seemed to be in complete accord with the agreement reached at yesterday's conference that the anti-dumping and the American valuation of imports legislation be rushed through as soon as possible after Congress convenes, the two chairmen said. Chairman Fordney, whose committee will have charge of the drafting and passage of the legislation, said the two measures probably would be combined in one bill, which, he said, would be ready for consideration by the House as soon as it convenes.

Anti-Dumping Legislation.
Anti-dumping legislation as proposed at yesterday's conference would be designed through a special tax to relieve American manufacturers from competition with imports selling below the cost of American products. The other proposed legislation would provide that ad valorem duties on imports shall be levied on the basis of the American dollar instead of on the valuation at the point of origin. This, sponsors of the legislation declare, would eliminate the advantage now held by foreign manufacturers through the difference in exchange.

CONCLUDE ARGUMENTS IN WISCONSIN RATE APPEAL

Considered Most Important
States' Rights Case Before
Court In Many Years

Washington, March 15.—Arguments in the Wisconsin rate case, described by some participating attorneys as "the most important states rights case before the Supreme court in many years" were closed today after having held the attention of the court for three days.

M. B. O'Brien, special counsel for Wisconsin, summed up for that State and for the 45 other states which joined with Wisconsin in opposing the authority to supersede State rates claimed by the interstate commerce commission under the transportation act of 1908.

P. J. Farrell, appearing for the Interstate Commerce Commission, cited specific instances of alleged discrimination against interstate rates when a State was allowed to maintain lower schedules within its borders. As a result, he said, so far as revenue of the carriers were concerned, "Interstate Commerce is converted into intrastate." He denied that the commission had acted "arbitrarily" in raising rates, citing its invitation to State commissions to enter the hearings and argued that adequate authority for its action could be found in the commerce act, under which the commission was organized.

A new angle was given the case today when, in a supplemental brief, counsel for the various states attacked the commission's order for increased rates as providing revenues far in excess of the amount guaranteed the carriers under the transportation act. In the Western territory the brief said, an increase of 6.4 per cent in passenger fares would have been sufficient to return 6 per cent on the roads' agreed valuation, instead of the 20 per cent increase recorded.

GOLDEN STREAM POURS INTO NATIONAL COFFERS

"Big Bill" Edwards and Mem-
bers of Staff Weighed Ac-
cepting Money

New York, March 15.—New York, the financial heart of the nation, throbbled more rapidly today as it drove a golden stream into government coffers with first payment on Federal income taxes.

"Big Bill" Edwards, collector of internal revenue, and his staff, admitted tonight that they were weighed accepting money. Depression in business and increasing unemployment played their part in making up tax returns for 1920. Officials said many persons who had incomes in five figures a year ago, reported earnings during 1920 of only \$5,000 or less. Incomes of many big corporations also decreased during last year.

Early tonight 130,000 returns had come in by mail since morning and many more were expected tomorrow. Several persons who sent in payments of two cents spent 15 cents to send them in registered envelopes. Several unemployed married women reported individual incomes due to "playing the ponies" and "bridge parties." One man confined in the Tombs prison sent in a request for a thirty day time extension, explaining that he was "temporarily detained." Several waiters reported tips approaching \$1,000. No totals or approximation of the amount received by the government through the income tax returns completed today were issued.

RAILWAY WORKERS DECIDE TO REJECT WAGE REDUCTIONS

Representatives of Employees
Will Carry Fight To Rail-
road Labor Board

LITTLE DANGER OF ANY
CESSATION OF WORK

New York, March 15.—Railroad workers in the East have decided to reject all proposals of wage reductions and carry their fight to the railroad labor board, if the cuts are put into effect.

Representatives of the workers who have been holding conferences here, it was definitely learned tonight, have decided upon this course, taking the position that the present wage standard, should be maintained and economic conditions will not permit any reduction. There is little danger of any cessation of work should the railroads put the reductions in force, union officials said, as the employees will appeal to the railroad labor board at Chicago and abide by its decision. The railroad managements, it is understood, will also obey the board's edicts.

The position of the workers was officially made clear today, when representatives of the unskilled men notified the management of the New York Central Railroad that they flatly refused to consider proposed wage cuts of from 17 1/2 to 21 per cent "as we find these employees today are not receiving sufficient income to maintain their families properly."

Representatives of the skilled workers of the New York Central with the exception of those in the "Big Four" brotherhoods, it was learned here also, decided to reject proposed wage cuts. Altogether, approximately 70,000 employees of the Central Lines have decided to oppose any reduction.

After receiving proposals for wage reductions for unskilled labor ranging from 7 to 13 1/2 cents per hour, effective April 16, from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, labor representatives in conference here, it was learned, practically decided to reject this offer. They will make their final answer at another conference called for March 23. Union leaders declared tonight that if the New York Central put the proposed decreases into effect April 1, without first getting permission from the labor board, it would be a violation of the transportation act. Railroad officials said that board would be requested immediately to authorize the reductions.

ROBIN MARKET BREAKS SHARPLY DURING DAY

Savannah, Ga., March 15.—The robin market broke sharply this afternoon when it and below was quoted at \$4.25 a barrel. It has been quoted at \$4.25 since November 12th of last year.

The sale of robin was in the lowest grades and was as follows: Starting with L. 135 barrels; H. 375, G. 505 F. 303; E. 464; D. 311; B. 210, making a total of 2,263.

It was privately stated that over 10,000 barrels have been sold at this price or a little in advance before the 2,263 were reported; but these other sales were not made public.

It is believed the stock in robin has been sold and from now on there will be sales reported at a little higher than \$4.25 a barrel.

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Today is Race Day at Pinehurst. People from Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro are expected.

London, March 15.—A preliminary peace treaty was signed today in Riga by the Russian Soviet and Polish peace delegates as a result of the London Times from Riga.

Five Persons Burned To Death In D. & R. Pullman.
Pasadena, Cal., March 15.—Five persons were burned to death when a rear Pullman car on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad caught fire early today between Pueblo and Walsenburg. The origin of the fire was undetermined.

Fayetteville, March 15.—The native high as it once did. They are thinking almost exclusively about the Y. buildings, and how soon it can be built and put to work, and what that time comes, the number of people who have proprietary interest in it will be a big number.

The list of subscribers of a thousand dollars or over given out at the luncheon today follows: John R. Tolar, Sr., \$1,500; W. N. Jackson, \$1,500; Charles Rankin, C. D. Hutaff, J. Stein, Frank H. Stedman, Dr. Lilly and Dr. Smoot, Dr. Frank Highsmith, W. H. Marsh, W. A. Vanstry, J. H. Culbreth, C. C. McAllister, John R. Tolar, Jr., \$1,000 each.

Commander-in-Chief Charles G. Rose, whose energy is the genesis of the Y. M. C. A. idea, was absent from the noon-day gathering today, he having gone to Raleigh on professional business, but he was back in town tonight marshaling the clans for tomorrow's continuation of the drive. His aides did excellently well during the day, and tomorrow, he thinks that the campaign will be ended because it is finished.