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POU ATTACKS PAYNE BILL IN STRONG SPEECH DELIVERED ON MEASURE

Says Payne Bill Is a Worse Measure Than the Dingley Tariff Bill

IT REVISES UPWARD

In Teeth of Promise to Revise Tariff Downward, the Bill You Submit to Congress Revises Upward and Is Worse Than the Present Law—Republican Party, Because of Its Unbridled Extravagance, Has Defied Fronting It and Must Raise More Revenue, But It Takes Care Not to Legislate Against the Tariff-Fostered Trusts.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, March 26—Soon after the house convened at 11 o'clock Representative POU obtained the floor and began an attack upon the Payne bill. He said in part:

"A place at the pie counter is desired by us all, let us candidly admit, but I have often thought that our republican friends get there quicker, stay longer, and are harder to force away, than any class of people on the face of the earth. Therefore, rather than lose its place at the counter of the national restaurant, that party agreed to revise your Dingley tariff; and, when you agreed to revise it you meant to revise it downward, in a manner fair and just to all sections, and the people so understood it.

"I make bold to assert, here and now, that the Payne bill is a worse measure than the Dingley tariff, which all parties now admit must pass from the pages of our law books. In the teeth of your promise to the people to revise downward, you have revised upward; for you have increased the average ad valorem rate of 44.16 percent under the Dingley bill, to 45.72 percent under the proposed Payne bill.

"You have a deficit in the treasury confronting you—the result of your unbridled extravagance—and, in order to cover that deficit, of course you have got to realize more taxes which will come directly from the pockets of the people; but you have been careful not to legislate so that any of your great tariff fostered trusts will be forced to surrender any part of their unreasonable profits or the protection against competition, which has surrounded them like a granite wall.

"The party to which I belong asks that in the laying of these duties, as far as possible, injustice shall be done no one. I call upon the independent membership of this body to unite in one common effort to defeat this, the worst of all tariff bills ever submitted for the consideration of the American congress.

"After all, Mr. Chairman, what are we here for? Is not the consumer entitled to some consideration? Must he be forever taxed and forever forced to buy in a market where all competition is killed? Such has been the position occupied by the consumer for many years. Special interests can afford to send their representatives here. Not so with the average citizen. If he is represented at all, you and I, and all other gentlemen elected to fill seats in this chamber must see that he has a square deal.

"The spokesman of the majority of this house, announcing the policy of his party recently, declared that duties would be levied or withheld, according as the people of the various districts of the United States elected to congress a democrat or republican. Possibly this accounts for the scant consideration accorded in this bill to the people of the section from which I come. The farmers of Virginia and North Carolina asked for an increase in the duty on peanuts. It was denied to them. The long staple cotton raisers of Georgia and Florida asked for a duty on long staple cotton, 300,000 bales of which are imported annually. A reasonable import duty on long staple cotton would raise considerable revenue, but the request of these people was denied by the majority of the committee.

"Their cause was not worthy of consideration. They had sent a democrat to congress, not a republican. If an import duty on long staple cotton is a good thing for them, then they must be punished for recording their honest convictions at the ballot box.

"One of the important mining industries of the mountain district of

SUPERIOR COURT PROCEEDINGS

Today James McCallum and Oscar Ball, two negro boys, each about 12 years of age, were sentenced to twelve months on the county roads for stealing. There were probably twenty cases against the two boys, several of which could have been easily proven. Their favorite pastime was robbing gas meters and in following this pleasing profession they became remarkably bold and their boldness resulted in their undoing. In sentencing them Judge Lyon said he considered their cases hopeless and would send them to the roads for a year to keep them from stealing for that length of time. He reminded them that there were other charges against them sufficient to send them back again if they did not behave when they got out. The boys were very bright young negroes, one of them at the request of counsel naming the states of the union and the capital of each. The case of the state against John and Turner Evans was heard this morning. Turner Evans pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to twenty years in the state prison. John Evans was released. The case of state vs. Hay Carter and Ed S. Harris, murder, will be taken up tomorrow morning.

PAYNE WANTS HARMONY.

Will Try to Get All the Republicans Together on Tariff Bill.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 26—Appreciating that there is a serious difference of opinion on some of the tariff schedules among a number of prominent republicans, Chairman Payne has started a movement to ascertain just how far those who disagree with him will go in their opposition. Mr. Payne understands that the bill in its present condition can not command the full republican vote, and to make it a strict party measure has sent out word to those who have amendments to offer that he is anxious to secure their co-operation. To bring this about there is to be a caucus within the next few days, when it is hoped a definite program can be agreed on which will limit all amendments to be offered by the majority members. Mr. Payne is not concerned about amendments the democrats may seek to offer. What he is trying to bring about is unity of action on the part of the republicans. This is no easy task for the reason that some 20 members of the majority are demanding that they be permitted to offer certain amendments. It is to reach a compromise in this matter that the caucus is to be held. The democrats will have to content themselves with moving to recommit the bill with instructions. They have no substitute to offer.

ERRORS IN REGISTERING

Some Citizens Have Gotten on Wrong Book

Recent Changes in Boundary Lines of Divisions Has Caused Mistakes—Can be Corrected Now—If Not Rectified Before Primary Votes Will be Lost.

It has come to the knowledge of the campaign committee that some of the most intelligent citizens of Raleigh have registered at the wrong places on account of the recent changes in the boundary lines of the various divisions of the city. This would prevent a man from voting, for he will not be allowed to cast his ballot in the primary on next Tuesday if his name is not found on the registration list at the polling place for the division in which he lives. It will avail him nothing at all to be registered if he is registered in the residence before the change in the boundary lines. In other words, the voter must be registered at the place appointed for the division that now includes his residence.

Pleads Self-Defense For Killing Brother.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Dallas, Tex., March 26—Roy H. Terry, of this city, surrendered early today for killing his brother, Dr. Hugh F. Terry, a physician, who was stabbed and shot to death in his apartments. The body showed 67 knife and six bullet wounds. Terry pleads self-defense.

Quarantine Revoked.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 26—The British government has revoked the quarantine which it declared some time ago against livestock from the port of Baltimore on account of the foot and mouth disease.

A Plea For Fair Play and an Earnest Protest Against The Tyranny of Democratic Bossism in City of Raleigh

Last night the democrats of Raleigh, in mass-meeting assembled, adopted by a unanimous vote the following resolutions: WHEREAS, The democratic executive committee of the City of Raleigh, on Monday, March 22nd, called a primary of the democratic citizens of this city to nominate city officers on March 30th—thus giving only eight days' notice—and that, too, immediately following an election in which the people were so absorbed that they could not prepare for the primary, and WHEREAS, Eight days' notice in a primary is wholly undemocratic, ridiculously unreasonable, contrary to all precedent, manifestly unjust and obviously for the purpose of preventing a full and fair expression of opinion; and WHEREAS, A majority of the democratic executive committee of the City of Raleigh on last night followed up its outrageous treatment of the democratic citizens with regard to the primary by calling a registration, at the demand of the law, which they obeyed only because they must—a registration without notice, to be completed in four days and to close with practically no interval between it and the primary election, a thing unheard of, and surpassing if possible in high-handedness the action in calling the primary; and WHEREAS, In the same session of the democratic executive committee, the democratic citizens of this city who desire a change in the city government were denied the right to choose their representatives at the polls on primary day; and WHEREAS, This mass-meeting of the democratic citizens of Raleigh desires to make formal protest against and record of their disapproval of the high-handed conduct of the democratic executive committee; therefore, be it RESOLVED, FIRST, That we call the attention of the democratic executive committee to the fact that on the face of the primary election law for the City of Raleigh, a registration period of at least 10 days is required. (See sections 11 and 12) and that in the name of decency, democracy, and justice we demand that the law be complied with. RESOLVED, SECOND, That we express our pain and regret that a democratic executive committee could be induced by heat or led on by those who seem to be governed only by an inordinate lust for office, to the point of so arrogantly defying all the standards of precedent, the dictates of common sense and instincts of justice and honor. RESOLVED, THIRD, That we denounce as undemocratic, unlawful and unfair the action of the democratic executive committee. RESOLVED, FOURTH, That we submit these facts to our fellow democratic citizens as the best evidence of the need of a complete change in the administration of affairs in Raleigh, and that we call upon them to come with us into this most important contest in the city's history—a contest for fair play, a contest for the common rights of free men, a contest for a true and worthy democratic party, a contest for a better and a greater Raleigh.

COMMERCE FALLS OFF INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

Low Record Made Everywhere Last Year

International Commerce Made a Lower Record in 1908 Than in 1907 in Nearly All the Countries of the World.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 26—International commerce made a lower record in 1908 than in 1907 in practically all the commercial countries of the world, according to a bulletin just issued by the department of commerce and labor.

Figures of the imports and exports of the principal countries if the world in 1908 compared with 1907, show, in nearly every case a falling off in both imports and exports. In the commerce of the United Kingdom, for example, imports show a fall of 235,000,000 and exports a fall of 235,000,000 in the full calendar year 1908, compared with the full calendar year 1907. In the case of Germany, the imports show a fall of 102,000,000 dollars, and the exports a fall of 23,000,000; these figures being for the full calendar year 1908, compared with the calendar year 1907. In the case of France, the imports show a fall of 25½ millions and the exports a fall of 23,000,000. In the case of Belgium, the imports show a fall of 32,000,000 and the exports a fall of 23,000,000. Canada's imports show a fall of 82,000,000 and her exports an increase of 9½ millions, while most of the other countries in the list show similar falling off, the chief exception being Argentina, which shows but a slight decrease in imports and a material increase in exports.

The average monthly importations of the 23 countries shown by the table was 975,000,000 dollars in that portion of 1908 which they respectively represent against 1,069½ millions in the corresponding period of 1907; and the average monthly exports 901,000,000 against 973,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1907.

SMALLPOX THREATENS QUARANTINE STATION

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Philadelphia, March 26—The state quarantine station here is threatened with an epidemic of smallpox through the carelessness, it is alleged, of government inspectors, who passed several sufferers on the steamship *Arcton* as chickenpox victims. Fifteen physicians rushed to the station today in answer to a hurry call from the authorities. Druggists and severe measures will be made to prevent the spread of the disease.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER SPENT DAY IN CITY

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Richmond, Va., March 26—John D. Rockefeller, who has been spending some months in Augusta, Ga., in company with several members of his family, arrived in Richmond this morning about six o'clock and is spending the day at the Jefferson. From this city they go to Hot Springs, where several days will be spent before going to Cleveland. In the party are John D. and Mrs. Rockefeller, Mrs. Spelman, John Rockefeller, Jr., and Miss Matilda McCormick besides the secretary of the distinguished visitor.

TRUNK MURDER VICTIM IDENTIFIED.

Rome, March 26—The trunk murder victim, at first believed to be the Russian spy, Azef, was today identified as one Sandresel, a Russian, who was last seen alive on February 27.

GERMANY MOBILIZING ARMY CORPS.

(By Cable to The Times) St. Petersburg, March 26—A report here today says that Germany is rapidly mobilizing two army corps on Russia's frontier.

PRINCE REFUSES RIGHT OF SUCCESSION.

(By Cable to The Times) Belgrade, Serbia, March 26—Prince Alexander today refused the right of succession to the throne renounced by his brother George.

KNOCKED DOWN AND ROBBED.

New York, March 26—Archibald C. Haynes, president of the Mutual Profit Realty Company, and formerly an agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was knocked down, choked, beaten, and robbed early today by two cabmen, one of whom was arrested.

MASS-MEETING LAST NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS

Resolutions Censuring Action of the Majority of the Democratic Executive Committee Adopted

CITIZENS, REGISTER NOW

Court House Filled to Overflowing Last Night—Great Enthusiasm Manifested—Register, Register, Register, is the Slogan—Mr. Bailey's Speech a Strong One—Met With Enthusiastic Appreciation—Strong Speeches by Daniels, Pace and Battle and Earnest Talks by Stronach, Cooper and Wynne.

Last night the good citizens of Raleigh responded to the call for a mass-meeting and packed the old court house to overflowing. The object of the meeting was to protest against the snap registration ordered by the majority of the democratic executive committee and protest they did in no uncertain terms.

The speeches of Mr. Bailey, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Pace and Mr. Battle, were of a high order, fearless and convincing.

The mass meeting was called to order at 8:15 by W. H. Pace. On his motion Mr. Nat Dunn was asked to take the chair. Mr. Dunn asked Mr. Daniels to state the object of the meeting.

Mr. Daniels began by showing the great need of good men at the head of the city government and showed wherein the present administration is lacking. He showed that in 1901 the cost of the city government was \$63,000. In 1908 the cost was \$103,000. The number of officers have greatly increased. In 1901 the salary expenditures reached \$19,000. In 1908 the salaries of city officials reached \$27,900, and this does not include the amount spent on the streets, which was about \$1,000 per month.

His arraignment of the office-holding trust was scathing in the extreme. He declared that men who hold public office should not dominate politics. In Raleigh the men at the counter, fattening on taxes, dominate politics. He declared that he had served the democratic party on executive committee in ward, township, county, state and nation, and he had never seen democratic rights and principles so arrogantly violated. The only remedy, he declared, is to turn out the office-holders, mad with power and put competent men in their places.

He called attention to the need of determined effort at the polls and urged every man to do his duty.

Mr. J. W. Bailey followed Mr. Daniels and began his speech with a story of the meeting of the democratic executive committee Wednesday night, at which the steam-roller got in its deadly work. He declared that the "snap registration" was worse than the snap primary, and both were an insult to the democratic intelligence of Raleigh. He declared that in this fight the right of democracy and the rights of free men were at stake.

Mr. Bailey declared that there is going to be primary election in Raleigh next Tuesday that will be no "joke" and that there is going to be an honest election, or a funeral, and he, for one, was perfectly willing for it to be his funeral. He scored Alderman Uppchurch for his declaration that "an honest primary in Raleigh is a joke."

He said that he was not surprised that the people of the state did not respect our city, for the people of Raleigh do not respect their city government.

He said that he had never seen the time when the city of Raleigh, put upon its mettle, did not ring true and that he believed it would this time. He declared that he was in for war to the last ditch and that he would give all of his time and as much of his money as any other man would give for the cause.

He urged upon his hearers the necessity of registering. He said that if the administration could out-register the friends of good government, they ought to win at the primaries. He declared that the campaign on the part of the good government forces was going to be clean and that there was going to be an absolutely fair election and that any violation of the legalized primary law would be punished.



Congressman E. W. POU, of the Fourth District, who spoke on the Tariff Bill today.