

**BARUCH IN FAVOR  
ACCEPTING FORD'S  
MUSCLE OFFER**

**RECOMMENDATION OF FORMER  
CHAIRMAN OF WAR INDUS-  
TRIES BOARD DRAWS FILE**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Recommendation of acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals, made today by Senator McCumber, will be the chairman of the War Industries Board, in a letter to Henry Ford, the Washington representative of Ford's business organization, given forth in formal statements late today from Senator Norris, republican, nebraskan, one of the senate group opposing acceptance of the Ford offer.

At the same time there was made public a statement by Mr. Silver that concluded that acceptance of the Ford offer would make possible a reduction by three-fourths in the price of nitrogen used in fertilizer.

Senator Norris attacked the statement of Mr. Silver, that congress, by approving acceptance of the Ford offer, could reduce the price of nitrogen used in fertilizer by three-fourths, saying:

"Mr. Silver is trying to deceive the American farmer by injecting into the Ford offer something that is not there. The Ford offer makes no such guarantee and offers no such promise, and Mr. Silver knows that the implication he is trying to draw from Mr. Ford's offer is absolutely untrue."

The Nebraska senator further declared the American Farm Bureau federation representatives "boasters up his misrepresentation by quoting from the report of an engineer employed by Mr. Baruch to investigate the Muscle Shoals proposition" and after quoting the portion of the engineer's report dealing with the nature of Mr. Ford, said:

"None of us who have opposed the acceptance of Mr. Ford's offer in the past have often been severely criticized and denounced because we said Mr. Ford was not personally liable except to the extent that he agreed to form a corporation with ten million dollars capital."

Five possible methods of dealing with the government's vast investment at Muscle Shoals were considered in the engineering analysis which in part is as follows:

"Mr. Ford can make complete fertilizers at Muscle Shoals at a price that will be effective," the engineer's report declared. "But these immediate possibilities lie in the electro metallurgical field for which this plant is so advantageously located. The war preparedness feature of the installation can be best preserved by the disposition of the plant to one who could guarantee the minimum quantity of fixed nitrogen. The Ford offer, ridiculous as it is as to price paid for this valuable asset promises the greatest financial return to the government and the most efficient war measure of any available plan."

"Whosoever may be handed Muscle Shoals will receive from the government vast potential possibility, a tool which may effect the economic arrangement of the particular industry to which it is applied."

therefor, valued at not more than \$4 each" shall pay \$1.25 each as a specific duty, and an ad valorem duty of 55 per cent.

Mr. Biffar got a bill for \$241.99, representing the duty on his \$3.18 worth of imports. He didn't like this republican method of creating "prosperity" and has appealed to congress to grant him relief, following the treasury department's refusal to over-ride the New York customs officers.

**SECRETARY WOULD  
STEP FROM UNDER  
TREASURY MUDDLE**

**REPORTED MELLON THROWS ON-  
US SOLUTION DISCHARGE  
SCANDAL ON HARDING**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The war is getting too hot for Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and he is stepping from under the scandalous business that threw out of office the 26 civil service employees, who were ousted in the bureau of Printing and Engraving. Not alone does Secretary Mellon step from under, but the information that is current here is that he throws all the odds upon President Harding in the solution of the problems that face the treasury department and the White House as to what to do to get out of the mess in which both are now involved up to the very neck.

For months there have been reports on the rounds that the report of the investigating or nosing out committee named by the treasury department had filed with the president a report which shows that there was nothing wrong or illegal in any way done by the men and women who were summarily dismissed from service by a night time order from President Harding an unmerited stigma put upon the names of government employees who had served, some of them thirty years, with fidelity in the positions which they had won on merit, making advancement by reason of the faithfulness and capacity exhibited by them.

By a stroke of his pen President Harding put public disgrace upon the men and women, a disgrace so keen that one of the older men died from the mortification and shock this unmerited treatment brought upon him. And the name of it grew keener as it was whispered that the report which exonerated these men and women from any wrong doing was being withheld from the public, and was either on the desk of President Harding in the White House, or on the desk of Secretary Mellon in the treasury department. Admissions from the treasury department, the fact that three of the women discharged have been taken back into government service, but at greatly reduced salaries, seeped into the senate and the denunciation of the course pursued, this led by Senator King, democrat, of Utah, and backed up by Senator Caraway, democrat, of Arkansas, and by Senator Norris, republican, of Washington, has been such as to produce activity which may lead to the complete publication of official exoneration of the dismissed employees.

**THREW DIAMOND RINGS  
IN FIRE BY MISTAKE**

BURLINGTON, Jan. 2.—Mrs. W. J. Evans of North Main street, this city is reported to have sustained the loss of \$500 in diamond ring when she threw them into the fire at her home

Wednesday. Mrs. Evans gathered up some peanut hulls from the mantel-piece and with the peanut hulls were her diamond rings, valued at \$500. All were thrown into the fire together, she not realizing that she had picked up the rings. Two hours later the young woman discovered her mistake,

and a diligent search was made for the rings among the ashes of the fire. Only particles of gold were revealed in the search, and no trace of the val-

uable stones was found. It is supposed that the diamonds were melted by the fire during the two hours intervening following the accident. The in-

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FORDNEY TARIFF LAW**

By a little trick of language in the Fordney-McCumber profiteers' tariff law part of automatic revolvers imported by a certain Mr. Biffar, of Chicago, have been taxed 628 per cent above the invoice of \$3.79 landed in New York.

The consignment consisted of some 200 screws, pins, and other fittings. When the customs officials at New York investigated the invoice they decided that each separate screw and pin was subject to the duty fixed in paragraph 866 of the Fordney-McCumber act. This paragraph provides that "pistols, autopatie and revolving, and parts thereof and fittings,

**FURNITURE EXPOSITION  
CLOSES RECORD SESSION**

HIGH POINT, Jan. 27.—The mid-winter show of the Southern Furniture exposition closed here today after having had what is said to be a record show in point of attendance and orders placed.

Although official figures are not available, it is stated that sales will approximate \$5,000,000 and orders have been placed during the two weeks session which will keep furniture plants here and elsewhere in the south busy for at least a year.

According to the 1920 census there were approximately 8,309,538 persons engaged in farming between the ages of 20 and over.

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Respectfully yours,

**H. T. ROBERSON,**  
SHERIFF