

ORGANIZING A BITTER FIGHT

Protectionists Trying to Get Together

HAVE ISSUED A CALL

Shoe Machinery to Go on the Free List

ACTION TAKEN BY THE CAUCUS

There Were Many Kicks But Underwood Shows His Ability to Run the Caucus and is Determined to Do It.

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Washington, April 11.—Just by way of a forecast of the succession of sensations which will be sprung before the new tariff bill becomes a law. Three distinct fights were brought out in the house and senate during the discussing of the schedules.

The net result was overwhelming evidence that the radicals are in control of the house and that the bill as drawn will go swinging through. No such result can as yet be predicted in the senate.

The first rebellion was that of the Ohio wool, congressmen, who organized a revolt in the house caucus, issuing a call to all wool and sugar men to join them in open revolt.

The second was the placing of shoe machinery of the free list by which action Mr. Underwood serves notices on the conservatives that he can run the caucus as he pleases and intends to do it.

The third was the discovery by the senate finance committee that the chemical schedule of the present bill was drawn by the same man, Herstein, who drew the schedule in the last bill and who is charged with having made many serious oversights.

The committee has hired a new expert and a savage attack will be made on Herstein when the bill comes to the floor. This expert was severely arraigned by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, during the discussion of the old bill last July.

The Ohio wool men after their inability to secure any recognition for their merino raising constituents, went out of caucus this afternoon with blood in their eyes and determined to make a battle.

When they concluded a half an hour's violent indignation meeting they issued the following call, sending copies to both sugar and wool men:

"Those who believe that the original judgment of the ways and means committee in placing a duty of 15 per cent raw wool was more just to the farmer than free wool and more in accordance with the platform declaration and who desire to aid in the fight for a return of at least this duty to the present bill, are urged to meet in the majority room of the house of representative building at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. This letter is hurriedly forwarded to you at the request of numerous members vitally interested."

The members who signed this call are Representatives Sherwood, Claypool, Nathrick, Ashbrook, Francis, Bost and White, all of Ohio.

These men are between two fires and they know it. While they have no direct information that they will be clubbed into line by use of the presidential patronage, which is what happened to the Taft tariff insurgents, they feel sure something like it is sure to happen. Underwood is now sure that he can outvote them in caucus and pass the bill; but they are afraid he may get angry and make a lot of trouble for them in committee appointments. On the other hand, if they do not make a fight for free wool they will not be returned.

Indignation among them was at a white heat today and it is certain they will make a separate effort to defeat the bill as a whole if some attention is not paid to their demands. The restoration of shoe machinery to the free list in the caucus furnished another evidence of the power of the radicals pointed out exclusively by the International News Service, one of the jokers of the item was the elimination of this bill from the list of machinery to be admitted free. The American Machinery company of Massachusetts controls the price of shoes through its monopoly of machine patents and thus far the supreme court of the United States has been powerless.

Putting shoe machinery on the free list would have abated the monopoly and every one was surprised when this was not done.

Members of the senate finance committee which have deferred consideration of the chemical bill until its own experts can pass on it, today were concerned over the report that

foreign manufacturers of extracts are related over the duty on vanilla beans tonka beans and other raw materials used in making of extracts. These materials have been free since 1875. An inquiry has been set on foot to find out how they happen to carry a duty this year.

Here are a few incidents that happened in the house caucus today:

No fight was made in the caucus against placing steel rails on the free list but Representative Thomas, of Kentucky, opposed ineffectually the duty on hooks and eyes. "It would be better for the peace and harmony of married men," he said, "if there were no wire hooks and eyes. If a free list kills the industry I am for putting them there. Any man who fumbles with hooks and eyes buttoning the back of his wife's dress is not much of a man."

UNDER CIVIL SERVICE.

Plan to Include the Whole Postoffice Department.

Washington, April 11.—The reorganization of the postoffice department with provision made for the selection of employes from the postmaster general to the most humble member of the staff through the civil service was advocated today of Senator Norris. General Norris will introduce a bill providing for these reforms when the senate convenes tomorrow.

Under the terms of that measure the postmaster general will be selected for a term of from three to four years and could be removed only for cause, while the lowest employ would have an opportunity to rise in the service were he diligent.

TRIED FOR TREASON.

It is Thought That Rojas Will Be Convicted.

Mexico City, April 11.—The hearing of treason charges against Manuel Rojas was continued before a district court judge here today. It is thought the hearing will be completed tomorrow and it is felt in certain quarters here that sufficient evidence already has been submitted to warrant the judge in asking the chamber of deputies to suspend the immunity law in the case of Rojas and that the charges will be pressed against him.

The charge of treason is based upon the appeal made by Rojas to President Taft to intervene in behalf of President Madero and Vice-President Suarez.

GIRLS NOT TO BLAME.

Cannot Escape from Influence of Degraded Homes.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 11.—According to Miss S. T. Breckenridge, probation officer of Chicago, eighty per cent of delinquent girls are a high grade of imbeciles who cannot be good. "The girls are not moral," said Miss Breckenridge, addressing the social service institute, here today, "and it does no good to put them on probation and then send them back to degraded homes. They cannot be good. It is the duty of the state to pay the board of such girls in some respectable home while she is being trained in an industrial line of some kind."

DEER DESTROY CROPS.

Farmers Want State to Reimburse Them for Loss.

Utica, N. Y., April 11.—Farmers in the Adirondacks section declare they have suffered heavy loss to their property from bands of deer which roam over the farmlands in search of green food and farmers of this section are now planning to ask the state to reimburse them for their loss.

The deer have become plentiful since the rigid enforcement of the game laws. The cold spring made grass late in sprouting in the mountains and the deer were forced to the lowlands for food.

TO EXAMINE CLERKS.

Civil Service Commission Will Hold Efficiency Trials.

Washington, April 11.—The civil service commission announced today that the trial system of efficiency ratings for the 25,000 or more clerks in the departmental service in Washington, and thousands scattered throughout the United States would be instituted immediately. The rating that may be made under the trial system will furnish a basis for all future promotions. It is the strictest effort yet made to prevent individuals from retaining positions through political influence when ability is lacking.

WHITE HOUSE CRANK.

Woman Was Adjudged Insane by District Authorities.

Washington, April 11.—The first white house crank to be arrested during President Wilson's administration was adjudged insane here today. She is Helen Kelley, 37 years old, who was arrested on March 8 after an insistent effort to see the president.

In court today the Kelley woman told a rambling tale about certain persons in Philadelphia conspiring to keep her from coming into a \$65,000 inheritance. The district authorities communicated with Philadelphia with a view of having the woman returned.

ARE EXPECTING LEVEE TO BREAK

Flood Conditions Are Still Critical

MISSISSIPPI IS FALLING

Incoming of Back Water Will Cause a Rise

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

Railroads Are Rushing Clay and Rock to Banks of Big Stream to Strengthen the Weakened Levees.

Memphis, Tenn., April 11.—Flood conditions on the lower Mississippi continue critical at certain points. At Beulah, Miss., a break is expected momentarily. The embankment between caving but was reinforced by piling. A thousand men are working on the levees there.

The situation around Helena is grave. Water from breaks further north now is running back into the Mississippi at the mouth of the St. Francis. A 55-foot stage is predicted for Helena. The levees there still are holding after being raised. South of Helena the levees are being strengthened at many points, especially at Modoc, where a weak spot developed. Railroads are sending car after car of clay and stone to numerous points while men constantly are patrolling the levee line.

At Memphis and points north the river began to fall at the rate of 1.10 of a foot an hour today. Weather observers believe that this fall will not be maintained, however, as back-water passing through the Arkansas breaks soon will begin coming into the Mississippi.

Hickman, Ky., reports a weak place in the Reelfoot levee at Two-Mile. Every mile of the dyke is being watched closely.

More than 10,000 persons, hungry and homeless, are being sent from the flood country in St. Francis basin to places of safety. Probably one-third of that number will be in Memphis before the end of this week.

Cairo, Ill., April 11.—After being closed twelve days all business houses and saloons will be permitted to open tomorrow. The flood situation was much brighter today and residents of Cairo now feel that the danger is over.

Omaha, Neb., April 11.—The Missouri river at this point rose three feet last night, making a rise of nearly six feet within forty-eight hours. Reports from Sioux City and other river points are that the crest of the flood will be several feet higher than the present height. The crest will not reach Omaha until Monday. A tremendous volume of water from the rapidly melting snow which fell recently is pouring down the Missouri and cities along the lower stretches may look for very high water.

LIGHTSHIP ASTRAY.

Frying Pan Shoal Sloop Slipped Her Moorings.

Norfolk, Va., April 11.—Frying pan shoal lightship No. 94, torn from her moorings by a southwest gale, is at the mercy of a high sea off this treacherous coast tonight. Her machinery and steering gear out of commission the lightship twice today struck the beach and bounced off again.

Carrying oil for the purpose of calming the sea while taking off the lightship's crew of twelve men, the revenue cutter Seminole and the buoy tender Cypress left Charleston with the expectation of reaching the helpless craft some time tonight. The lightship's wireless call was so weak it would not have reached land had not the Clyde liner Mohawk heard it. The Mohawk spread the message over the seas.

FOOD PRICES ADVANCED.

A General Rise Reported in Washington Yesterday.

Washington, April 11.—Though a tariff reform bill warranted by earnest advocates of democracy to reduce the high cost of living is even now under consideration at the national capital, food prices in Washington today took a slight upward tendency as if flaunting the red flag of protection in the face of the reductionists.

All meat cuts rose from three to five cents per pound. Prices for new and old vegetables also showed a slight rise in prices and poultry was expected to reach a new high figure by the time Washingtonians got around to the purchase of their Sunday dinner. Only in the fruit and fish market have prices remained the same or gone slightly lower.

FIGHTING TAMMANY.

President Says All Sides Will Be Heard When Time Comes.

Washington, April 11.—Further opposition to Tammany Hall and its machinations particularly as affecting up state politics in New York was manifested at the white house today in the visit of former Representative Stephen B. Ayres, of New York.

He told the president that he did not think it good for the democratic party in general that Tammany should be consulted about up state appointments and added that he hoped the organization would get as little help as possible from the administration.

As is the case of Franklin B. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, who called on the mission yesterday, President Wilson told Mr. Ayres that no appointments of this kind had come before him as yet but he might be certain that when they were to be disposed of all sides would be given an opportunity to express their positions in the matter.

FEW JOBS OPEN.

Nearly Two Hundred Postmasters to Be Appointed.

Washington, April 11.—The appointment of 196 postmasters to existing vacancies in the postal service was discussed with President Wilson by Postmaster General Burleson at the cabinet meeting today and again later in the afternoon. The postmaster general thought that the "emergency vacancy"—that is those which have existed for sometime and are in crying need of executive—should be the first to be filled. The president agreeing with him, the postmaster general compiled a list of 198 of these offices with the appointees as suggested to him and conferred thereon with the president. The names of the successful candidates will not be known until the nominations for the postmastership go to the senate.

May Be Another War.

London, April 11.—The Chronicle's Vienna correspondent learns:

"There is a danger of a new war breaking out between the allies themselves. Bulgaria and Greece are fast drifting into armed conflict over Salonica. Both sides are massing troops in that district to support their claims.

"France and Russia are said to support Greece's claim to the seaport but the other powers favor Bulgaria."

CURRENCY REFORM ON THE PROGRESSIVE

It Will Follow Tariff Legislation

MATTER PROGRESSING NICELY

President Has Discussed the Matter With the Leaders in the House and Senate.

Washington, April 11.—It was learned tonight that the drafting of banking and currency reform legislation has gone much farther than is generally supposed and a measure incorporating the reforms in question will be positively introduced and passed at the present session.

President Wilson has given his idea as to reform he wishes to institute and his ideas have been amplified and learned through a series of quiet conferences between himself and the house and senate leaders. The subject has been kept in the background, however, because the president desires to concentrate on the tariff.

The banking and currency reform will be included in an administration bill which will be the subject of an argument between the house and senate banking and currency committee and President Wilson before it is introduced.

The plan favored for effecting the changes in present banking and currency law will provide for independent reserve association which constitutes a constant market for commercial paper, substitution of a standard style of paper money in place of the various bank notes and issues, and an international agreement to change the price of gold at the mint.

The bill will eliminate the central bank idea and it is probable that no guarantee of bank deposits will be included. In substitution for the latter clause a fund to meet the obligations of insolvent banks up to the amount of the bank's assets is under consideration.

It is expected that the currency and banking reform measure will be introduced in congress shortly after the personnel of the house banking and currency committee is made known on May 1.

Chairman Owen, of the senate banking and currency committee, and Congressman Carter Glass, of Virginia of the house banking and currency committee, are said to be both at work on bills covering this legislation.

ANOTHER ONE IS IN PRISON

Cashier of Claremont Bank Arrested

BROUGHT TO RALEIGH

Claims He Was Only an Employee of the Concern

MAY TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE

The President of the Concern Was Arrested Yesterday in Birmingham and Will Be Brought Back to the State.

Raleigh, N. C., April 11.—Special-Cashier Demit Lafoon, of the Bank of Claremont, was brought here and committed to the city prison today to await trial on the warrant of State Bank Examiner S. A. Hubbard charging him with implication in the banking frauds perpetrated by the States Trust company, Wilmington, whose banks at Claremont, Angier and Macesfield were closed by the corporation commission the past few days. He insists that he had no criminal connection with the operations of the States Trust company, was employed at a salary by the States Trust company to serve as cashier of the Claremont bank. He says if he had been connected with the scheme in any criminal way he could easily have skipped out as have President Smith, Vice-President Tarver and others of the company. He was taken up to the offices of Attorney General Bickett this morning for a conference with the attorney general, members of the corporation commission and the state bank examiners. While no official statement to his effect has been made it is probable that Lafoon will turn state's evidence against the officers of the States Trust company in the hope of demonstrating his freedom from criminal intent in the service he rendered as cashier of Claremont bank.

Ector H. Smith, fugitive president of the States Trust company, of Wilmington, perpetrator of the most amazing fraudulent banking scheme North Carolina has ever known, is under arrest in Birmingham and the corporation commission sent an officer after him tonight armed with a requisition on the governor of Alabama. They have information that Vice-President Tarver is in Augusta and expect his arrest there at once.

The corporation commission had a letter today from business men of Englehard, asking about the States Trust company and stating that they had been induced to subscribe \$6,000 stock in a local bank as they thought, but that when the stock was delivered it proved to be in the States Trust company. Cash and notes had been paid for this stock and if the company was not all right they wanted to know what steps to take to recover money and notes. They had been assured that the town would be provided with a bank of \$10,000 capital and that the local interests should control it. There is no consolation in the way of prospects of recovery of money that the corporation commission could offer the Englehard citizens. There were probably twenty towns in the state that were being worked in this way, the commissioners find.

The corporation commissioners are more and more convinced that if they could have perated a few months longer the state would have been touched for a million or more dollars. They were operating an endless chain of finances in rediscounting notes and were arranging for having notes discounted by northern banks as well as beginning to involve legitimate banks of this state in their liberal discount propositions.

Friends of Dr. Albert Anderson insist that Dr. Anderson is sure of the election as superintendent of the Central hospital for the insane here when the directors meet in adjourned session May 14, no matter whether R. H. Salisbury, the Kitchen appointee, or A. B. Croom, Jr., the Craig appointee to the same place on the directorate, is seated as a result of the pending contest that caused the deferment of the reorganization and election of superintendent Tuesday. According to their claims Mr. Salisbury, a supporter of Dr. L. J. Picot, the present superintendent, or Mr. Croom, known to be for Dr. Anderson, can be seated and still there is a majority of the nine directors who will elect Dr. Anderson. Be that as it may, if Dr. Anderson is elected then there is litigation ahead involving the right of Dr. Picot to hold on for a term of six years from January, 1912, when he was elected to succeed Dr. James McKee, deceased. Dr. Picot and his counsel, Judge Manning, insist that the law specifically states that the superintendent of the hospital must be elected for a term of

six years and that the directors, when they chose a successor to Dr. McKee, had no right to limit the term of office of Dr. Picot to the unexpired six year term of Dr. McKee.

J. B. Sumner, who travels from Atlanta, has reported to the police that he was knocked in the head and robbed of \$212 last night in a negro house out on the Holloman road near Raleigh and charges a negro woman, Sallie Pulley, with the crime. He admits that he was drinking at the time. He was carried to the house by a hackman. The woman is held by the police and others believed to be accomplices are being looked for by the police. Sumner was very painfully injured.

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone for the new parish house of Christ Episcopal church, being erected at a cost of \$30,000 and with the splendid old Christ church, at the southeast corner of capital square, has just been held and the building will be speedily completed. Bishop Chesire participated in the ceremony and there were hundreds of parishioners and others participating.

A special hearing has been arranged for in the officers of the corporation commission in Raleigh April 25 to close the Rockingham-Seaboard Air Line railroad case involving the petition of citizens to require physical connection between the Seaboard and the Rockingham railroads for the interchange of freight, the commissioners not having completed the hearing at Rockingham yesterday.

A charter is issued for the Colonial Investment company, of Hendersonville, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$7,000 subscribed by S. S. Crittenden, P. F. Patton and W. A. Smith for general real estate and development business.

Governor Craig has gone to Charlotte for a conference of the legislative commissioners on freight rate adjustment and the Charlotte conference here April 18th with the railroad companies for the first definite move as to adjustment since the legislature adjourned.

A requisition was issued today by Governor Craig on the governor of Tennessee for John Emitt Gilley who is wanted in Surry county for the abandonment of an afflicted child which he is amply able to support. He is under arrest in Bristol awaiting the arrival of the North Carolina officers.

Colonel Thomas Stringfield, of Waynesville, inspector of small arms, and Captain A. Croig, Jr., of the United States army, were here today on their way to New Bern to inspect the coast artillery there tomorrow. They will inspect Wilmington company Coast Artillery April 14 and then inspect Troop A, Cavalry Lineforton, April 16 and troop B, Asheville, April 18. This will conclude the inspections for the year. Companies of the guard have been found to be well up to the average. However there are prospects of one or more disbandments when the returns are all in.

POLITICAL TRICK.

Is Charged in Connection With D. A. R. Convention.

Washington, April 11.—That by the operation of a political coup the convention strength of Mrs. Charles B. Bryan, of Tennessee, candidate for the president generalship of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is to be thrown at the last minute to Mrs. William Cummin Story, of New York, ostensibly a rival aspirant, is the charge made by supporters of Mrs. John Miller Horton, of Buffalo, a third candidate. The story is denied.

One hundred young women and girls will act as pages during the D. A. R. convention which convenes here next week. Mrs. Edwin Clark Gregory, daughter of Senator Overman, of North Carolina, is chairman of the committee on pages. Among the pages are daughters of society leaders of every state.

MAY RETIRE BACON.

Will Have to Go Into an Election to Retain His Seat.

Washington, April 11.—The ratification of the constitutional amendment for the direct election of United States senators may mean that Senator Bacon, of Georgia, chairman of the powerful foreign relations committee, may have to retire from the senate.

Senator Bacon's term expired March 4. He was nominated at the primaries last fall and in the course of events his election would have been consummated by the legislature that convenes in June. The ratification of the constitutional amendment takes such authority away from the legislature and an entirely new election is necessary. Senator Bacon is now serving by appointment of the governor.

The Pope's Condition.

Rome, April 11.—Pope Pius tonight shows a marked improvement over his condition of yesterday but it still far from convalescent according to reports from the vatican. The cardiac condition is said to remain in a severe form and the attendant physicians believe that the weakness of his heart with consequent depression will continue for some time.

MR. DANIELS MADE SPEECH

First Public Appearance About the Navy

SHIPS BELONG TO PEOPLE

Wants Country to Feel That Navy Is Its Own

THE INCREASE OF THE NAVY

The Demand for More Battleships Must Be the Result of a Demand from the People of the Country.

Washington, April 11.—In his first speech on the defense of the United States since he became a member of President Wilson's cabinet, Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, told a large gathering of members of the navy league at the annual banquet, of that organization tonight that he saw no occasion for a great agitation over the present condition of the American navy and that a strong constructive naval policy would have to wait upon a demand from the people.

Secretary Daniels said in part: "If we can convince the people of the United States that the navy is theirs and that you and I are here as their servants to carry out their wishes and interests in regard to it, I will feel that my services here have not been in vain. I don't want the people to feel that the navy is anchored somewhere away from them in a far midocean of professionalism, but is moored alongside the American home and for its protection. I want them to know about it, not only its glories of the past, but its present efficiency and its future possibilities.

"Every great thing must come from the outside, as for instance came the constitution of the United States, the abolition of slavery, prohibition in the south, the Spanish-American war which McKinley tried patriotically in vain to avert after the thunder of the exploding of the Maine had been glided into the ears of the people. The greater navy must come in this way. The secretary may suggest and the general board outline a policy, but the real propaganda must come from the people—from the men of Iowa, of Virginia, of North Carolina, of Tennessee of Connecticut and the other states.

"The man who is confident is apt to put up a strong fight did he have to fight and make good his self-reliance, but I am not sure the spirit of self-reliance and confidence is not a much better attitude for Americans, unwise as it may seem, than at attitude in which we are endangering ourselves now in the eyes of the world of underestimating and minimizing our strength and indirectly advertising ourselves as weaklings."

STRIKE IS SETTLED.

Street Car Men to Return to Work in Buffalo Monday.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 11.—The street car strike is over. Tomorrow morning the majority of the 2,000 conductors, motormen, linemen and track men who have been on strike since Sunday morning will report for duty. The decision was reached this afternoon after an all day session between the mayor and representative of the traction company and the strikers. The company finally agreed to recognize union and meet a committee from the men in a few days to settle a schedule and working conditions.

Inasmuch as recognition of the union was the principle demand of the strikers agreement was quickly signed and the strikers offered to return to work in forty-eight hours. The company requested the men to report for the usual runs tomorrow morning and at 7 o'clock the service which has been totally demoralized for six days will be resumed.

THE BODY ARRIVES.

Body of Pierpont Morgan Now Lying in State.

New York, April 11.—The body of J. Pierpont Morgan lies tonight amid banks of red roses in the library of the Morgan residence surrounded by many of his beloved art treasures. Mrs. Morgan and her daughter, Anne, looked for the first time tonight upon the face of the dead husband and father.

The body will lie in state in the Morgan library adjoining his late residence until shortly before the funeral services at St. George's Monday. Only members of the immediately family and a few close personal friends were permitted to view the body.

The liner La France, bearing the body of Mr. Morgan, arrived at her pier here this afternoon.