

CHARGES CONSPIRACY TO BLOCK LEGISLATION

President Wilson Creates Sensation in Official Circles.

TALKS OF TRUST PROGRAM

Says Sentiment Favoring Postponement is Result of Campaign—Will Not Influence Him.

Washington, June 15.—President Wilson made the direct charge today that sentiment in favor of postponement of the administration trust legislative program was the result of a campaign of certain interests and intimated that it was the cause of the "psychological business depression," of which he recently spoke.

In support of the President's view the White House made public copies of letters and telegrams circulated among business men calling for adjournment of Congress without completion of the trust bills, praying for the freight rate increase asked by the railroads of the interstate commerce commission and calling for a halt of the "attacks on business."

President Wilson made it clear to his callers that the campaign, if such it might be called, would not influence him and that it was his plan to push the trust program through the senate with the aid of all the means at his command.

He expressed the view that business was as good if not better now than a short while ago and that it would be less harmful to business interests to have the trust legislation program completed than to be confronted with a period of uncertainty which would accompany delay.

One of the letters which came into possession of the White House, but was not given out today, was circulated by the Simmons Hardware Co., of St. Louis. E. C. Simmons, head of the company, had been selected for membership in the federal reserve board and his nomination was to have gone to the senate today. This morning it was announced at the White House that Mr. Simmons had declined the place. White House officials emphatically denied, however, that the circular letter had any connection with this development.

Another circular letter made public, purporting to have been sent out by the Pictorial Review Co., of New York, was signed by W. P. Abnelt as president.

It was dated May 1st, and enclosed a draft of a letter "which embraces the views of a majority of the thinking business people of our section of the country and which should be addressed to the President of the United States, the Congress and members of the interstate commerce commission respectively."

The letter concluded: "If you prefer to use copies of the enclosed letter we will mail you as many as you can conveniently use. It will be more effective, however, if you write them on your own letter heads."

The form of the letter attached was an appeal for postponement of trust legislation and a five per cent freight rate increase for the railroads.

A copy of a night lettergram containing the contents of the form letter in condensed terms was attached.

The letter purporting to have been sent out by the Simmons Company was dated June 9th, which was after Mr. Simmons had been offered a place on the reserve board.

Not since President Wilson made his charge of "an insidious lobby" in Washington to influence tariff legislation has there been a sensation of such a sort in official circles. News of what the President had said and of the giving out of the circular letters spread quickly to the Capitol, where it became the subject of animated discussion in both houses of Congress.

McAdoo Stands Ready to Again Assist in Moving Dixie's Crops.

Washington, June 15.—Secretary McAdoo again stands ready to lend a hand to Western and Southern banks in case they need money for crop moving purposes. The plan of lending government money to the banks in agricultural districts during crop moving season last year was so successful that it will be adopted this year if the necessity arises. The total amount loaned to banks last year was \$37,386,000. It went to 193 banks in 52 cities of 28 states.

DEATH AND DAMAGE.

Thunderstorm of Phenomenal Violence Causes Streets to Cave In.

Paris, June 13.—A thunderstorm of phenomenal violence tonight raged over Paris for three hours. It caused loss of life and enormous damage to property. The rain flooded the streets and caused the bursting of sewers. In the central fashionable quarter of the city a street caved in, engulfing several pedestrians. The number of victims is not known, owing to the danger of approaching the immense pits resulting from the collapse of sidewalks and roadways. The police estimate the victims at seven at least.

The most serious cave-in occurred at the juncture of the Rue la Boetie and the Faubourg Saint Honore. When the storm was at its height 500 square feet of the roadway sank, carrying with it a number of persons who had taken shelter under the awning of a cafe.

REV. J. G. RICHARDS PASSES AWAY

Served as Chaplain During the War Between the Sections—Reached Ripe Age.

Blenheim Special to Columbia State, June 13.—The Rev. J. G. Richards, for more than 50 years a Presbyterian minister, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Hunter, at 2:30 p. m. yesterday in the 87th year of his age. He had been ill with some form of continued fever for six weeks and owing to his advanced age little hope was entertained at any time for his recovery. His remarkable vitality and the retention of his mental faculties almost up to the time of his death were most extraordinary.

He was at the time of his death a trustee of the Columbia Theological Seminary, in which he took a most active interest, and the oldest member of Pee Dee Presbytery, having attended its last session at Marion in May.

Mr. Richards was twice married, his first wife having died several years ago. The following children of his first marriage survive him: John G. and Norman Richards, D. of Davidson, N. C., Louis Richards of Roland, N. C., Mrs. J. E. Hunter of Blenheim, Mrs. Aréh McCallum of Hamer, Mrs. Hay of Farm School, N. C. He is also survived by a large number of grandchildren.

His second wife, who was Miss Sarah Matheson of Blenheim, died three years ago.

Mr. Richards was a chaplain in the Confederate army and served as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Liberty Hill, Kershaw county, for nearly 40 years, coming from there to Blenheim, where he became pastor of the Blenheim, Dunbar and Reedy Creek Presbyterian churches, which he served for 17 years.

He was a man of fine character and ability, loyal to the cause and serving it long in the self-sacrificing spirit of the Master whom he followed like Enoch of old. Unswerving in his loyalty to the truth, he stood for true righteousness, counting it a privilege to spend and be spent in the service of his fellow men. Long life to him meant long service, for his interest in uplifting the world was still ardent and intense; and, unlike many old men, he did not live in the past.

PLEGES ARE FILED

Seven More Candidates Qualify For Coming Campaign.

The following candidates paid their assessments yesterday:

Charles Carroll Simms, for governor.

J. B. A. Mullally, for governor.

L. D. Jennings, for United States senate.

A. L. Hamer, for Congress, sixth district.

John A. Horton, for Congress third district.

John G. Richards, for governor.

E. J. Watson, for commissioner of agriculture.

Richard I. Manning of Sumter filed his pledge some days ago as a candidate for governor.

Beats Her Namesake.

Southampton, June 15.—Shamrock IV, Sir Thomas Lipton's new cup challenger, today beat the older Shamrock 9 minutes, 4 seconds over a 15-mile course in a moderate breeze.

The more money a man has the funnier his jokes sound.

PRESIDENT TO LEAD CANAL PROCESSION

Wilson to Head International Fleet on Bridge of Oregon.

VOYAGE TO SAN FRANCISCO

Will Then Enter Golden Gate With War Craft From Nearly All the Civilized Nations of Earth.

Washington, June 14.—President Wilson next March personally will lead the international fleet of warships from Hampton Roads to Colon to participate in the formal opening of the Panama canal by passing through on the bridge of the world famous old battleship Oregon as leader of the long line of fighting craft of all nations, and then after proceeding northward enter the Golden Gate at the head of the immense armada and attend the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. This announcement was made yesterday by Secretary Daniels.

THE ORIGINAL PLAN.

Originally the President was to go from Washington to Hampton Roads to greet commanders of the international fleet as they arrived. Afterward he was to make the trip by rail to San Francisco to visit the exposition at some convenient later date.

Under the new plan the President will redeem his long standing promise to Col. George W. Goethals formally to open the Panama canal. He will leave Washington for Hampton Roads, accompanied by his official family, on the Mayflower March 5, 1915. The international fleet will have been gathered in the roads since January 1.

NINE ALREADY IN.

So far nine maritime countries have signified their intentions to take part in the parade through the canal and it is certain there will be other participants. The countries that have accepted are the Argentine Republic, Cuba, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Portugal and Russia. The entire Atlantic fleet of the American navy will form the nucleus around which the international naval forces will gather.

After the ceremonies at Hampton Roads are over the President will take up his quarters on the New York, which will be at that time the most formidable vessel in the world. The start will be made for Colon with the New York leading. There probably will be between 80 and 100 ships in the procession.

Exact details of the formal ceremonies in connection with the passage of the great fleet of warships at the official opening of the Panama canal have not been completed. If all goes well the first vessels of the international fleet should pass 1915.

METHODISTS HEAR ANNUAL SERMON

Bishop Collins Denny Preaches at Wofford—Dr. Snyder Also Speaks.

Spartanburg Special to Columbia State June 14.—The commencement sermon before the members of the graduating class of Wofford college was delivered here this morning at 11 o'clock in the Central Methodist church by Bishop Collins Denny of Richmond, Va. There was a large number present to hear the sermon which was considered one of the best delivered to a graduating class of Wofford in many years. The speaker discussed the life of St. Paul and told of the duty of college men today.

Tonight in the Central Methodist church Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president, delivered the annual baccalaureate address to the members of the graduating class. The address was considered to be one of the most brilliant ever delivered by Dr. Snyder. The subject was "The Religion of an Educated Man."

The graduating exercises will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in the college chapel when diplomas will be awarded to 56 young men.

The annual address to the members of the graduating class will be delivered tomorrow morning by Senator E. D. Smith.

It is the consensus of opinion that those who tango need no other athletics.

EX-VICE PRESIDENT OF NATION IS DEAD

Adlai E. Stevenson Passes Away in Chicago.

WAS 79 YEARS OF AGE.

Was Vice President From 1893 to 1897 Under President Grover Cleveland.

Chicago, June 14.—Adlai E. Stevenson died here early this morning.

Adlai Ewing Stevenson, once Vice President of the United States, has a long and memorable public career. He was Vice President from 1893 to 1897 under President Grover Cleveland. In 1900 he again was nominated by the Democratic party for Vice President, but was defeated. He served as a member of the 44th and 45th congresses. From 1885 to 1889 he served as first assistant postmaster general under President Cleveland.

His last appearance as a candidate for public office was in 1908, when he was nominated for governor of Illinois by the Democratic party and was defeated by Charles S. Deneen, Republican.

He was born in Christian county, Kentucky, October 23, 1835, of Scotch-Irish parentage. In 1853 his parents moved to Bloomington, Ill. He attended the public schools and the Illinois University.

In 1866 he graduated from Canterbury College, Danville, Kentucky. There he was a classmate of Senator Joe Blackburn and other Kentucky youths who later became prominent in public life. He signaled the close of his college career by marrying a daughter of Dr. Lewis W. Green, president of the college.

ADMITTED TO BAR.

After leaving college Stevenson returned to Bloomington, Ill., and read law. He was admitted to the bar in 1858 and began legal practice at Matamora, Ill., where he remained until 1868. During these ten years he held the office of master in chancery four years and district attorney for a similar period.

In 1868 he returned to Bloomington and formed a law partnership with his cousin, James S. Ewing and for many years the firm was one of the best known in Illinois legal circles.

Stevenson's political career dated from 1864, when he was a presidential elector on the Democratic ticket. He made a canvass of Illinois in behalf of the McClellan ticket and won a reputation as a political orator.

In 1874 Stevenson was nominated for Congress by the greenback and anti-monopolist parties in the thirteenth Illinois district against Gen. John McNita, Republican. The Democrats considered the case hopeless and did not hold even a convention. The ensuing campaign was exciting and Stevenson won by a majority over General McNita of 1,232 votes.

In 1876 he again was elected to Congress for the same district on the greenback ticket, although he was supported by the Democrats was declined to be put up as a candidate.

In 1884 Stevenson led the Illinois delegation to the Democratic national convention which nominated Grover Cleveland for President. In 1897 he was appointed a member of a commission which visited Europe in an effort to secure international bimetallism.

Treasury Agents Will Soon be on Trail of Income Tax Dodgers.

Washington, June 15.—Treasury agents are making ready to take the trail of income tax dodgers.

"A man is a fool who attempts to avoid the income tax," said Commissioner Osborn today. "He is sure to be detected sooner or later. There is no chance that tax dodgers can escape."

The time for payment of this tax does not expire until July 1 but it is known that the treasury department already has the information necessary for the prosecution of many persons who made false returns.

The penalty for making a fraudulent return is imprisonment for not more than one year or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both with the costs of prosecution.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT III.

Grandson Born to Bear the Colonel's Family Name.

New York, June 14.—Theodore Roosevelt 3d, Colonel Roosevelt's first grandson to bear the family name, was born here today at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

Theodore, Jr., oldest son of the former President, married Miss Eleanor B. Alexander June 20, 1910. Their first child was a daughter.

MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE REBELS

U. S. Will Not Recede From Demand That Only Such a Person be Selected.

Washington, June 15.—Secretary Bryan conferred at length with President Wilson over the progress of the Mexican mediation today and immediately afterward dispatched a long telegram to the American delegates at the Niagara conference, which it was understood, concerned the character and personnel of the proposed provisional government and the attitude of the Mexican delegates who object to a provisional executive with Constitutional leanings. Mr. Bryan would not discuss the nature of his conference with the President and would only say that mediation was "progressing satisfactorily."

The opinion prevailed here that the United States would not recede in its desire to have named as the head of the temporary government a man who would be acceptable to the revolutionary faction.

Bearing on that conclusion was the attitude of the administration towards Charles A. Towne, a New York attorney, in Washington, in the interests of the Huerta regime and who has declared that the Mexican delegates at Niagara Falls positively would not accept a pronounced Constitutionalist for provisional president. Mr. Towne planned to seek a conference with President Wilson today, but it was stated at the White House that the President has no engagement with him and that in all probability no engagement would be made.

The presence in Washington of Pedro Del Villar continued to arouse speculation and a report was persistent that adherents of Felix Diaz, represented by Del Villar, and the Huertistas had patched up their differences and were acting together to exert the strongest possible influence before the mediators. Del Villar is said to have conferred with representatives of Huerta.

Constitutionalist agents in Washington had received no reply from the mediators today to the offer of Carranza to send delegates to Niagara Falls.

VOLCANIC STREAM 2,000 FEET HIGH

Mt. Lassen's Pillar of Smoke Seen Fifty Miles—Eruption of 30 Minutes.

Redding, Cal., June 14.—Mount Lassen finally erupted with volcanic fire today and one man is reported killed one injured and two driven temporarily insane as a result of the terrific outburst from the crater, which had been latent for many years.

Two eruptions occurred today. The sixth outburst early today shot a huge column of dense, black smoke, steam and ashes which could be seen fifty miles distant, 2,000 feet in the air. At 7 p. m., a second funnel of smoke and ashes larger in volume than the morning explosion, shot skyward.

Today's eruption was more violent than any since the volcanic nature of the peak became evident recently. The heavy clouds was blown northward for several miles. The entire snow-capped peak has been blanketed with ashes.

W. J. Rushing United States forest supervisor, who is in charge of Federal observations at Lassen, said:

"The column of smoke was thrown about 2,000 feet high. The eruption lasted half an hour."

A report was received tonight and apparently confirmed that Laning Graham, lumberman from Viola, California, who, with eight others, was viewing the eruption, was crushed by a rock blown from the fissure in the mountain. One other member of the party, it is said, was seriously injured.

A girl always thinks she has a Greek profile if she can wear nose glasses.

READY FOR BATTLE, DECLARES SMITH

Junior Senator to Seek Re-Election on His Record.

CAN DO MUCH FOR STATE.

Brands Charge of His Dealing in Cotton Futures as Manufactured Falsehood.

Spartanburg Special to Charleston News and Courier, June 15.—Senator E. D. Smith, who came here from Washington to deliver the commencement address at Wofford College, left for Columbia tonight, with former Governor John Gary Evans, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee. Mr. Evans said all candidate for governor had filed their pledges except John L. McLaurin.

"I'm ready for the fray," said Senator Smith, with reference to the Senatorial campaign, which opens in St. Matthews Wednesday. He said he would ask re-election on the strength of his record in the Senate, in this connection laying particular stress on a measure he said he passed for the regulation of the cotton exchanges and his amendment to the banking and currency law, which gives farmers six months' time to draw their drafts, bills and notes for agricultural purposes instead of ninety days, as originally contemplated in the measure.

Senator Smith also said: "I am now in position, as a matter of course, to do more for the people by virtue of my position on various committees than I have been able to do in the past in that my committee appointments are such as to give me added influence in legislation. I am chairman of the committee on immigration, ranking member on the committee of postoffices and post roads, ranking member of interstate commerce committee, ranking member of agricultural committee and of several other less important committees. In case I would not be returned, who ever succeeded me would necessarily have to begin practically at the bottom of the list. These are some of the facts that I think the farmers ought to know."

PRAISES WILSON.

Asked about Wilson's policy with reference to negroes, which has been criticized in this State, the Senator replied that he did not know, and that it was a thing that in the nature of the case one did not like to discuss.

"The people know that Wilson is a big lot of seed corn, the only man that has ever accomplished anything and they would be fools to throw away all the corn for a few rotten kernels," he said.

Asked about some of the particular charges that friends of the Governor are alleged to have been talking of as probably to be brought against him, notably the charge that he has been dealing in cotton futures on the New York Exchange while his cotton bills were pending in the Senate and while he was advising the farmers to hold their cotton, the Senator became rather warm, brought his fist down with force and with a laugh of derision said that he was not worrying at all about that, that he had the goods to prove such nothing but manufactured lies. Asked if he voted to confirm a negro judge in the District of Columbia, he laughed again, as if it were a joke, and said that on the contrary he had the proof to show that he made one of the most convincing speeches against this confirmation, and came pretty near to preventing it by changing the minds of a number of Republicans. To substantiate this he said that one had only to write to Senators Vardaman, Lee, Overman and J. W. Kern. "This was done in secret session, and therefore might be hard to get out. It is not in the Congressional Record," said Senator Smith.

Excursion For R. F. D. Association.

Spartanburg Special to The State, June 15.—Announcement was made today that the South Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association, which meets here July 2, 3 and 4, will go to Erwin, Tenn., July 4, on an excursion over the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway.

It seems gradually to be working around all right. A woman in Seattle has been made to pay alimony.