

LEAGUERS BLOCK EFFORTS TO GET REAL RAIL DOPE

Mysterious Influence at Work in Favor of Legislation Appears in the Senate

HOUSE RETURNS RURAL CREDITS BILL, KILLED

An effort made by Senator McLean, chairman of the railroad committee, to give Rate Expert James A. Little of the state railroad commission an opportunity to be heard by the senate in executive session on House Bill 298, establishing new class and commodity rates which, it is said, would concentrate the jobbing business of the state in Grand Forks, Fargo and other border towns, to the detriment of Bismarck-Mandan, Dickinson and similar growing wholesale centers, was frustrated Wednesday afternoon by league senators, who insisted that no hearing be held unless the author of the bill, Dupuis of McHenry, and all members of the large lobby which has been maintained at the capital in favor of this bill, be heard at the same time. This proposal involved the senate in an acrimonious discussion, which ended with making House Bill 298 a special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon, when the issues finally will be fought out.

A notable feature of 298 is that none of the railroad corporations have shown any interest in it.

Their attitude was expressed by a general freight agent this week: "We should worry."

House Rejects Rural Credits

Among forty senate bills which the house has indefinitely postponed, and which were returned to the senate Wednesday, was Senate Bill 4, providing for the establishment of a state system of rural credits, in accordance with the will of the people as expressed at the last general election. This measure was among the first to pass the senate and among the first senate bills to be rejected by the house.

The senate reciprocated by returning to the house thirty-seven house bills which had lost out in the senate. Among house bills indefinitely postponed was No. 146, appropriating \$15,000,000 with which to finance an investigation of the terminal elevator, flour mill and packing plant propositions, to be made by a commission named by the governor. House Bill 299, creating a revolving fund under Dr. Landrum, was reported for passage Wednesday, but at the same time Senator Martin introduced resolutions asking the attorney general to give an opinion as to the constitutionality of the measure, which is in doubt.

House Bill 427, prohibiting the use of trading stamps, premiums or other supposed trade-accelerating schemes in merchandising, is not yet out of the bushes. It was reported for passage Wednesday, but at the same time Senator Martin introduced resolutions asking the attorney general to give an opinion as to the constitutionality of the measure, which is in doubt.

Implement Bill Lost

House Bill 318, prescribing an implied warranty in the sale of agricultural machinery, was laid over by the senate after much discussion, during which Senator Cahill alleged that buyers of threshing machines in his district frequently had found that papers signed as an innocent agreement to buy constituted in reality a binding bill of sale. Senator Paulson insisted that implement men are as honest as any other class; that there was no need for the bill, and that the best thing that could ever happen to North Dakota would be to put its implement business on a spot cash basis. The vote on the adoption of the minority report to pass the bill was

aye to 24 nay, and the majority report for indefinite postponement was adopted, 25 to 20.

Completes Calendar

The senate waded through its entire calendar, the more important bills passed being Representative State Hendrickson's concurrent resolution for a constitution amendment calling for four-fifths decisions of the supreme court to hold laws unconstitutional; three bills relating to the payment of dividends by domestic insurance companies; the purposes for which insurance companies may be formed, and the membership, notices of meetings and by-laws of domestic mutual insurance companies.

Loan Limit Raised

Of especial interest to the farmers was the passage of House Bill 165, empowering the board of university and school lands to double the present maximum which may be invested in first mortgage loans. Under this act the board may loan up to \$10,000, while the former limit was \$5,000.

Representative O'Connor's bill establishing laws uniform with those of other states relative to the sale of goods, H. B. 188, passed the senate with little opposition, as did H. B. 388, defining as boozing anything that looks like boozing, tastes like boozing or acts like boozing. House Bill 60, enabling municipalities to sell surplus electricity, water or power to manufacturing plants outside the corporate limits, designed to care for the Equity packing plant at Fargo, went through the senate, which also adopted H. B. 384, requiring motor vehicles to equip with non-glare lamps, and H. B. 248, tightening up restrictions surrounding peddlers and transient merchants.

DANCING STAR MAY JOIN RED CROSS



Marilyn Miller

If Uncle Sam goes to war, Miss Miller plans to give up her dancing career, in the New York Winter Garden, to become a Red Cross nurse. At the start of the European war her manager promised he would let her go if the United States was drawn into the conflict.

to bring the state militia up to the federal standard, Senator Hyland announced that a wire had reached The Tribune to the effect of Germany's trying negotiating with Japan and Mexico with a view to inducing them to join in war with her against the United States.

Death-like Silence

Several seconds of death-like silence followed the announcement.

Senate bill 325 provides for six years' enlistment, as prescribed by the Hay bill passed by congress last June.

Two more initiative and referendum measures were indefinitely postponed this afternoon. They were house bills 373 and 376, removing many of the safeguards now drawn around the initiative and referendum acts.

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No. 1 Hard	199 3/4 @ 200 3/4
No. 1 Northern	189 3/4 @ 194 3/4
No. 1 Northern Choice	197 3/4 @ 199 3/4
Choice to arr	193 3/4
No. 2 Northern	186 3/4 @ 194 3/4
No. 3 Wheat	178 3/4 @ 189 3/4
No. 2 Mont. Hard	192 3/4 @ 194 3/4
No. 2 Durum	184 3/4
No. 1 Durum Choice	202 3/4
No. 1 Durum to arr	194 3/4
No. 1 Dur. Choice to arr	200 3/4
No. 2 Durum	189 3/4 @ 194 3/4
No. 3 Yellow Corn	98 3/4 @ 101 3/4
No. 2 Yellow Corn to arr	98 3/4 @ 99 3/4
Other Grains Corn	90 @ 98 3/4
No. 4 Yellow Corn to arr	98 3/4
No. 2 White Mont.	61 3/4 @ 62 3/4
No. 3 White Oats	55 3/4 @ 57 3/4
No. 3 White Oats to arr	55 @ 56 3/4
No. 4 White Oats	54 3/4 @ 57 3/4
Barley	92 @ 115
Barley Choice	115 @ 121
Rye	149 @ 150
Rye to arr	149 @ 150
Flax to arr	275 3/4 @ 281 3/4
Flax to arr	275 3/4 @ 281 3/4
May	184 3/4
July	178 3/4
September	148 3/4
Close 1:48 p. m.	

DULUTH	
May	185 3/4
July	178 3/4
September	149 3/4
No. 1 Northern on trk	189 3/4
No. 2 Northern on trk	183 3/4 @ 185 3/4
No. 3 Northern on trk	177 3/4 @ 182 3/4
No. 1 Northern to arr	189 3/4
No. 2 Mont. Hard on trk	188 3/4
No. 2 Mont. Hard to arr	188 3/4
No. 1 Spot Durum	194 3/4
No. 2 Spot Durum	189 3/4 @ 191 3/4
No. 1 Durum to arr	194 3/4
May	192 3/4
July	182 3/4
High May	238 3/4
Low	183 3/4
Close 1:38 p. m.	

CATTLE MARKETS

ST. PAUL	
HOGS—Receipts, 5,500. Range, \$12.75 to \$13.15; bulk, \$12.90 to \$13.00.	
CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000. Range strong. Steers, \$5.50 to \$11.50; cows and heifers, \$5.50 to \$9.00; calves, steady, at \$5.00 to \$10.50; stockers and feeders, strong, at \$4.00 to \$8.50.	
SHEEP—Receipts, 200. Market steady. Lambs, 25c lower, at \$7.50 to \$15.75; wethers, \$6.00 to \$11.00; ewes, \$5.50 to \$10.25.	

CHICAGO	
HOGS—Receipts, 23,000. Market, slow, at 5c under yesterday's average. Bulk, \$13.25 to \$13.45; light, \$12.65 to \$13.35; mixed, \$13.05 to \$13.45; heavy, \$13.05 to \$13.45; rough, \$13.05 to \$13.15; pigs, \$10.25 to \$12.10.	
CATTLE—Receipts, 8,000. Market, steady. Native beef steers, \$8.00 to \$12.15; western steers, \$8.00 to \$10.80; stockers and feeders, \$6.40 to \$9.25; cows and heifers, \$5.20 to \$10.30; calves, \$8.00 to \$11.75.	
SHEEP—Receipts, 10,000. Market, steady. Wethers, \$10.75 to \$12.00; lambs, \$11.85 to \$14.50.	

MEXICAN AGENTS SOUGHT HELP FROM JAPANESE

A Story Is Recalled of Secret Visit of Carranza Representatives to the Orient

THREE MYSTERIOUS ENVOYS WATCHED BY THIS NATION

(United-Press.)

New York, March 1.—In view of the disclosure of German attempts to ally Mexico and Japan with the German government in an alliance against the United States, a United Press story of February 24 today took on a new sense. The story was written by the Tokio correspondent of the United Press January 12 and sent by mail. It told of the mysterious movements in Japan of three Carranzistas. In view of today's disclosures it appeared that these three mysterious men were agents of the Carranza government seeking to sound Japan on the alliance proposition. Although the story dates as being written January 12, seven days before the foreign secretary dispatched the note to the German minister in Mexico committing the scheme in writing to document form, it is presumed there was much talk of it before the story was dispatched. The Tokio story printed February 24 is as follows:

The Story.

"An international affair centering around three Mexicans in their mysterious movements in their attempting to buy arms and munitions in Japan has just disclosed its first act in Japan.

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SEVEN HEAD OF STOCK PERISH IN FIRE AT HEBRON

(Special to The Tribune.)

Hebron, N. D., March 1.—Fire breaking out at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in the livery barn recently purchased by Herman Weber totally destroyed the structure, causing a loss on the stable of \$1,800. Five head of horses belonging to Fred Fry, who managed the barn, and two of his own owned by A. H. Bock, perished in the flames.

When first discovered the fire was raging with such power that no attempt could be made to rescue any of the property in the barn.

GERMANY PLOTTED TO INVOLVE US

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final arrangements for its execution two weeks before it was announced, and had even gone so far in consideration of the consequences that she proposed to meet them by the attack with Mexico and Japan upon the United States.

New Light.

To American officials the startling disclosure throws new light on Germany's real attitude toward the United States. It shows that while the administration had been going to almost lengths to avoid an armed clash with Germany, even to the extent of repeatedly enduring flagrant violations of American rights on the sea, and breaches of neutrality on American soil, Germany, with the disposition to suddenly renege by the outbreak of the European war, has been numbering the United States among her enemies and making provision to meet such a situation.

Documentary Proof.

The documentary proof of Germany's plot to unite Japan and Mexico against the United States has been in the hands of the United States government while German statesmen have been pleading that President Wilson's action in breaking off diplomatic relations was "brusque" and harsh, and that they were informed of no "authentic reason" for his action. While Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg was making his celebrated speech in the Reichstag, in which he deplored the break and protested that Germany had promoted and cherished the friendship of the United States, the documentary evidence in the hands of officials here showed that Germany was plotting an attack on the United States by a triple alliance.

American officials wonder how, in the light of these disclosures, German officials will reconcile their plea that the United States put an interpretation on the new submarine orders "not intended by Germany" with the organized disabling of German merchant ships in American ports and a prepared signal from the German embassy here—some of them even before the break was an accomplished fact.

Effect on Germany.

American officials are equally interested in knowing what reception the startling disclosures will meet in Germany, and what will be the effect on the German people, if they are permitted to know about them.

The evidence at hand here that Mexico, as Germany suggested, communicated to Japan the proposal for an attack on the United States, it met with a reception in Tokio which was quite contrary to what Berlin had expected. It is thought here that Germany's announcement that she intended to withdraw from the Pacific, as part of the making of peace, was carefully planned, long ago, to attract

Japan to Germany's scheme with the prospect not only of occupying the German possessions in the Pacific, adding to her domination of that great ocean, but of settling the long standing friction with the United States.

Full Confirmation.

Full official confirmation of Germany's intrigue to ally Mexico and Japan with her to make war on the United States, as revealed last night by the Associated Press, was given today at the White House, the state department and in the senate.

On the floor of the senate, it was announced that Democratic senators had been authorized to state that the revelation, including the text of the instructions from German Foreign Minister Zimmermann to German Minister von Eckhardt, at Mexico City, were correct.

On motion of Senator Lodge, the senate at once took up proposal to ask the president to communicate the facts to congress officially.

After considerable discussion, Senator Harwick insisted upon an objection to immediate consideration of the Lodge resolution in order that there might be time for deliberation by the foreign relations committee.

ASKS INFORMATION

Senator Stone's request to have the Lodge resolution referred to the Foreign Relations Committee without any instructions as to when it should report was adopted with unanimous consent.

Senator Stone called the Foreign Relations Committee to meet today to consider it.

"That the President be requested to inform the senate whether the note signed 'Zimmermann' published in the newspapers of March 1, inviting Mexico to unite with Germany and Japan in war against the United States, is authentic and in possession of the government of the United States and if authentic to send to the senate if not incompatible with the public interest, any further information in possession of the United States government relative to the activities of the Imperial German government in Mexico."

PLEDGES FRIENDSHIP

The Japanese Ambassador made the following comment:

"With regard to the alleged German attempt to induce Japan and Mexico to make war upon the United States, made public in the press this morning, the Japanese Embassy, wholly lacking information as to whether such invitation ever reached Tokio, desires to state most emphatically that any invitation of this sort would under no circumstances be entertained by the Japanese government, which is in entire accord and close relations with the other powers on account of formal agreement and our common cause, and moreover, our good friendship with the United States, which is every day growing in sincerity and cordiality."

Effect in Congress.

The effect of the situation in Congress was almost instantaneous. Republican senators who had been filibustering against the proposal to empower the president to arm ships and use other instrumentalities to deal with Germany began abandoning their opposition and assured democratic leaders they would stand behind the president.

In the house without roll call a special rule was adopted for immediate consideration of the Flood bill, with authority the president with authority to authorize a bond issue of \$100,000,000.

Amid applause from various parts of the Chamber, the House today adopted a rule for consideration of the armed neutrality bill by a unanimous vote.

The senate foreign relations committee this afternoon ordered a favorable report on the Lodge resolution, after changing only a few words.

The committee struck out the provision asking the president for information as to when the "Zimmermann" letter came into possession of the United States.

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Tabloid History of Germany

Bismarck's Famous "Blood and Iron" Policy Lays the Foundation of the Modern German State.

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The famous "Blood and Iron" policy of Prince Bismarck was announced in Prussia at the time of our own Civil war. And from that hour forth dates the growth of the marvelous German military power which we see in operation today.

In 1836 the Zollverein, or customs union, had accomplished the economic unity of all the German states, but had left Austria outside the pale. From 1840 to 1850 the German nation, however, was torn with dissensions, radical uprisings, popular clamor for direct representation, and open revolution.

A radical national assembly met at Frankfurt to form a national government for all Germany, but after endless bickerings a period of reaction set in, which swamped the national assembly and stifled reform.

But in 1861 William the First came to the throne, and Otto von Bismarck, a thorough and through Prussian landowner, or junker, became his chief minister.

Bismarck declared that the great question of the age could not be solved by wordy discussions in parliament, but only by a policy of "blood and iron."

The first step he took to realize this policy was the unjustified assault on Prussia and Austria upon Denmark, as a result of which the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein were torn from Denmark.

Austria and Prussia at once began to quarrel over the spoils, and in 1866 went to war.

The southern German states aided Austria.

Prussia had prepared for all this. Her victory was quick and complete. Peace was signed at Prague.

Bismarck purposely treated Austria with leniency.

Prussia was made supreme in a north German confederacy, and incorporated with herself Schleswig-Holstein, Hanover, Nassau and other north German states.

Austria was ejected from membership in the Germanic body, and Bavaria and the other south German states agreed to put their military forces under the supreme command of Prussia in case of war with a foreign nation.

Berlin now was practically the German capital, and Prussia had obtained a population of 24,000,000 and supreme command over all the German forces.

It was time for Bismarck to complete his work of national unity by the contemplated war on France, which he knew would enlarge his king's territory and rally all Germans finally to one supreme flag.

The French emperor also was seeking a quarrel, and Bismarck, in July, 1870, helped him find a pretext by so altering a newspaper dispatch concerning a meeting of the French ambassador and the Prussian king that

JAMESTOWN HIGH WINS FROM COLLEGE

Jamestown, N. D., March 1.—The high school defeated the college here last night in the closest and most exciting game that has been played on the home floor, so far this season. The score was 18 to 15.—Hansen Alert.

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