

HOUSE STEEL BILL OPPOSED IN THE SENATE

All Republican Members of Committee Except LaFollette Sign Report Attacking That Measure.

Washington, D. C., April 5.—An adverse report of the house steel revision bill, signed by all of the republican members of the finance committee except Senator LaFollette was submitted to the senate today. This bill is denounced as ill-advised and unfortunate.

It is declared that the enactment of the bill would reduce protection below the margin of safety and tend to destroy one of the most important industries of this country.

The committee contends that hearings of 245 different industrial concerns of eighteen states showed a widespread opposition to the revision of the present rates and that representatives of 225 manufacturers of machine tools testified that putting machine tools on the free list would compel the closing of their factories.

Among numerous other reasons given by the committee for its opposition to the democratic bill is cited the absence of a report from the tariff board on metals.

The report says that the house ways and means committee's estimate that there would be \$25,000,000 of increased importations annually if correct, would mean that foreign iron and steel products were to displace American manufacturers in the domestic market. It added that even with the increased importations relied on by the ways and means committee, there would be a deficit in revenues of more than \$1,400,000.

The minority of the finance committee has not yet reported. An agreement to take up the house iron and steel tariff revision bill by week after next was reached in the senate today. Senator Penrose presented the finance committee's adverse report on the bill and in response to questions he and Senator Simmons, speaking for both the majority and minority, said they would cooperate to begin the consideration of the measure at the earliest possible day.

Senator Simmons said the democratic members of the finance committee would file the minority report.

Pass Money Trust Resolution. Vigorous investigation of the so-called "money trust" and its ramifications was forecast today when the house adopted a resolution empowering the judiciary committee to employ every means in the going into the situation. The resolution gives the committee the powers of a court, authorizing it to subpoena witnesses and to compel the production of papers and records.

Phases of the subject will be investigated, under authority already given, by the committee on banking and currency, interstate and foreign commerce and election of president, vice president and representatives in congress. It was intended that the judiciary committee should provide the ground work on which these several investigations should be pressed, in addition to procuring evidence for an individual inquiry.

CUMMINS' TREATY PLAN TURNED DOWN

Washington, D. C., April 5.—"Indefinitely postponed" was the senate's action on Senator Cummins' resolution to ask the president to inquire if Great Britain and France wished to join the United States in extending practically universal arbitration to practically all justiciable controversies. It was proposed to have the three nations extend arbitration even to nations with which neither have arbitration treaties. Senator Cummins suggested this course in view of the recent emasculation of the arbitration treaties.

DENIES DEFENDANT OGGLED THE JURY

Attorney in Closing Argument For Esther Mercy Also Accuses University Heads

Chicago, April 5.—"Esther Mercy was dismissed from the university of Chicago to prevent an investigation of the disappearance of the Aigrettes from her hat. She was wronged by this powerful institution and is entitled to damages."

That was the statement made today by Attorney Everett Jennings, Miss Mercy's counsel, in his closing argument in her slander suit for \$100,000 against Marion Talbot, dean of women at the university.

Attorney Jennings referred to the attacks made by Attorney Walker on Miss Mercy.

"Mr. Walker has vilified this girl by charging her with ogling and flirting with you gentlemen of the jury," he said. "You know that the charge is untrue."

TODAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE—In session at 2 p. m. Adverse report on house steel tariff revision bill submitted by finance committee.

Senator Smoot introduced bill to repeal "Apex mining law." Porto Ricans opposing house free sugar bill were heard by finance committee.

Bill limiting labor on government work by private contractors to eight hours a day, ordered favorably reported by committee on education and labor, as it passed the house.

HOUSE—Met at noon. Continued consideration of Indian appropriation bills.

Adopts resolution empowering judiciary committee to employ every means possible in investigating so-called "money trust." Committee given power of court.

Chairman Fitzgerald of the appropriations committee, after conference with president and Red Cross announced congress would appropriate no more money for relief of Mississippi flood sufferers unless conditions grew worse.

BARNABET TRIAL NEXT WEEK

LOUISIANA NEGRESS WHO ADMITS KILLING OF 17 WILL FACE COURT.

Lafayette, La., April 5.—The trial of Clementine Barnabet, the negress who admits she killed seventeen members of her race in order, as she explains, that they might gain immortality, is to begin here next week. The grand jury found several indictments against her yesterday.

Officers of the parish now are trying to find other members of the cult of fanatics who are believed to have helped Clementine in the murder of entire families. Joseph Thibodeaux, the "yard doctor," and "voodoo man," who sold "candor bags" to Clementine and her fellow slayers, guaranteeing them immunity from arrest, is in jail. He, with Clementine's two brothers, is held as a material witness.

SILK MILL STRIKERS CLASH WITH POLICE

Bricks and Stones Hurlled at Officers By Mob Answered With Guns and Clubs.

Passaic, N. J., April 5.—A battle between several hundred striking silk mill operatives and forty deputy sheriffs and policemen occurred today outside the Frost Mann and Huffman Silk mills at Garfield. The strikers, many of whom are believed to have later used their clubs and revolvers. Some of the deputies fired over the heads of the strikers and dispersed the crowd, which included a hundred or more women. Six arrests were made.

Among those nursing wounds made by clubs are a dozen women. Strikers who gathered outside the plant of Garfield and jeered the employees in the mill were ordered to disperse whereupon Charles Rothfisher, one of the organizers of the Industrial Workers of the World, mounted a box and told the crowd the deputies had no right to enforce their order and a general fight took place.

Henry Fagan, a deputy was struck in the face by a brick and knocked down. One of the strikers was found unconscious with blood flowing from a cut in the head. Rathfisher was among the six arrested and was taken to the Hackensack jail.

HARVESTER SUIT MAY BE PREVENTED

Regulations Between Government and Corporation for Disintegration May Head Off Trial.

Washington, D. C., April 5.—As the result of negotiations now in progress it is stated authoritatively the government has substantial hope of reaching an agreement with the International Harvester Co. for its disintegration under the Sherman anti-trust law and thus avoiding a prolonged fight in the courts.

Edgar A. Bancroft, general counsel for the corporation, has returned to Chicago to put in writing certain propositions for dissolution he made orally to the attorney general.

The government has not yet accepted the company's plan of two corporations. No definite conclusion has been reached but the friendly spirit which it is said characterized the conferences gives rise to the hope the question will be settled by mutual agreement. The problem is extremely complicated, officials declare.

SIDNA ALLEN SEEN NEAR MOUNT AIRY

Mount Airy, N. C., April 5.—Sidna Allen, hunted in connection with the Hillsville court house assassinations, was seen last night in the mountains twelve miles from this city. Sheriff C. H. Haynes of Surry county, with detectives and blood hounds started on his trail today.

Shug Smith a reputed resident of the mountains, telephoned to Sheriff Haynes that Sidna Allen was at his home last night for food.

ROOSEVELT IS CRITICISED BY SEN. LAFOLLETTE

Colonel Has "Stood in Pat" With the Trusts, Says Wisconsin Senator in Nebraska Speech.

Plattsburgh, Neb., April 5.—Senator LaFollette arrived here early today to begin a six days tour of Nebraska. He goes from here to Falls City over the Missouri Pacific and from there to Lincoln over the Burlington making speeches from the rear platform of the car enroute.

After a meeting at Lincoln tonight Mr. LaFollette intends going to Omaha from which point he will make his start for tomorrow returning to Omaha for a meeting Saturday night.

While crossing the Missouri Pacific Junction this morning Mr. LaFollette dictated a statement in which he declared that the "great awakening for the restoration of government through the people themselves came out of the middle west and has begun to take hold strongly in the east."

He declared the time is "near" at hand when our government will become truly representative.

"Hits Roosevelt's Trust Policy." "My campaign will be for the most part limited to the states which have presidential primaries," he stated. "I will not be able to visit Illinois as their primary comes on April 9 and I will be in Nebraska until that time. I am told that there is a splendid chance for a progressive victory in New Jersey."

A great increase in the number of trusts occurred during Roosevelt's administration, declared the senator in his address here, the number going from 149 to 8,000 and the capitalization from \$3,780,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000. The increase he declared, had continued during the Taft administration. At present, said the senator, there is no competitive market left in America. Roosevelt he said, has "stood in pat" with the trusts.

Watered Stocks Hit. Union, Neb., April 5.—Declaring that "We want to squeeze the water out of the trusts," Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin, made a fifteen minute address from the platform of his car here this morning. His talk dealt with the centralization of industry in a few hands. He cited the instance of the sixty-three directors in the Rockefeller and Morgan banks in New York City, who he declared, held over a thousand directorates in the big corporations and trusts. The special train did not stop long enough for addresses at Murray and Maynard, but Senator LaFollette shook hands from the rear platform with the crowd which had gathered.

NEW YORK MAN TO HEAD AMES COLLEGE

Raymond A. Pearson, N. Y. Commissioner of Agriculture, Called to the Presidency.

Cedar Rapids, April 5.—Raymond A. Pearson, commissioner of agriculture of New York state, today accepted the presidency of the Iowa agricultural college at Ames.

Mr. Pearson is a native of Indiana, and is 39 years old. He is a graduate of Cornell University of the I. O. O. F. For seven years he was assistant chief of the dairy division of the department of agriculture at Washington, and later head of the department of dairy industry of the college of agriculture at Cornell. He was appointed commissioner of agriculture by Gov. Hughes in 1908.

Mr. Pearson will take up his duties at Ames, August 1. The place has been vacant for one and a half years. President Storm resigned in August 1910, and the college has since been in charge of acting President Stanton.

LI YUEN HENG NOT ASSASSINATED

Shanghai, April 5.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, ex-provisional president of the Chinese republic, will leave here for Wu Chang tomorrow on a visit to General Yuen Heng, the vice president of the republic.

The dispatch from Shanghai disposes of the report cabled from Tien Tsin yesterday that the vice president had been assassinated.

Troops Landed at Swatow. Amoy, China, April 5.—Governor Wu Sun has landed with 3,000 troops at Swatow, according to reports from that city. General Ling, who has hitherto been in full control at Swatow and has had the local troops with him, did not offer any resistance. The local troops, however, continue their resistance to the Cantonese soldiers in the interior districts.

Blackhand Mystery is Up. Cedar Rapids, April 5.—The federal grand jury continued its investigation of the Solon blackhand mystery today, but no report is expected before tomorrow. John Adams, victim of the blackhanders has given his testimony but a number of other witnesses are yet to be examined.

A government expert on finger prints will figure in the examination.

CUMMINS IS THE WINNER IN THIRD DISTRICT

After Being Deadlocked All Night, Senator Secures Majority in Convention at Waterloo Today.

Waterloo, April 5.—Senator A. B. Cummins won the republican delegation to the national convention at Chicago in the third district convention here at 11 o'clock on the sixty-second ballot. Franklin county's delegation went over to the progressive side, breaking the deadlock.

The convention reconvened at 9:30 o'clock this morning and the fifty-fifth ballot was taken immediately after the convention had been called to order by Chairman Haeser. The fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh ballots were taken immediately following, after which the chairman allowed half an hour for canvassing. Four more ballots then followed with the same results, but on the sixty-second the delegation from Franklin county switched to Senator Cummins' side.

The two delegates named, G. B. Santee and C. P. Morton, were not instructed by the convention, but, both Santee and Morton announced themselves as for Cummins first, last and all the time.

S. A. Wilson of Buchanan county and C. G. Burling of Butler county, were chosen alternates, and Dr. J. L. Powers of Hampton was endorsed for delegate at large. Burling and Powers were the Taft candidates.

The first ballots today showed no indication of a break in the deadlock between the Taft and Cummins forces for control of the delegation to Chicago. The vote stood 73 to 72, as it did last night, when adjournment was taken until this morning in the hope that a compromise might be reached.

The convention adjourned last night after having taken fifty-four ballots which were equally divided between Senator Cummins and President Taft for delegates to the national convention. After having taken thirty-nine ballots with no success each being 72 to 72, the convention recessed to meet later in the evening. During the night session fifteen more ballots were taken with the same result. Unable to unite on delegates the convention was adjourned again at 11 o'clock to reconvene this morning when Franklin county changed its vote.

Taft Men Win Monona Co. Des Moines, April 5.—The Monona county republican convention was controlled yesterday by Taft men who selected a solid Taft delegation to the state and district conventions and instructed them to vote for the renomination of the president.

Delegates were instructed to vote for Wilson for president at the Sac county democratic convention.

Cummins Ahead in Clinton County. Clinton, April 5.—The Cummins men secured 60 and the Taft men about 40 delegates to the county convention at the caucuses held in the city and county last evening. The Cummins people claim to have complete control of the situation.

ELGIN BUTTER AND EGG BOARD PROBED

Criminal Prosecution Reported to be the Aim of Investigation Being Made at Chicago.

Chicago, April 5.—Criminal prosecution by the federal government against the Chicago butter and egg board and the Elgin board of trade was reported today as the aim of an investigation being conducted here through agents of the department of commerce and labor. The proceedings are expected to be under the provisions of the Sherman law and will be distinct from a civil case, now pending.

Special interest attaches to the new attempt to keep down the cost of home necessities, for in this instance the government for the first time will depend to a considerable extent on evidence obtained by a woman. She is Miss Ida Beck, a federal employe, who was especially detailed for the purpose.

All grades of butter were marked up a cent a pound today, except for packing stock, which will be lifted a half cent.

WILSON CAMPAIGN SPEECH PREVENTED

Mayor Shriver at Rock Island Forbids All Political Meetings at That Place.

Rock Island, Ill., April 5.—Carrying out his purpose to prohibit any political meetings until after the primaries next Tuesday, Mayor H. M. Shriver has notified a committee in charge of arrangements for Governor Wilson's reception next Saturday that no demonstration would be allowed and that Governor Wilson would not be permitted to make an address.

Mayor Shriver said this was necessary to prevent a possible demonstration, like that of a week ago, when two persons were killed and several injured.

The Des Moines River Has Fallen Sixteen Inches Here From High Mark Of Flood

With a fall of eight inches in the past twenty-four hours, the Des Moines river has now receded sixteen inches from the highest stage it reached this week. A five inch fall from yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock until this morning at 8 o'clock was registered. The three inch decrease came from 8 o'clock this morning until 2 o'clock this afternoon, showing a somewhat faster falling of the waters. The official register was fifteen feet and four inches at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Although the fall is slow it is in accordance with expectations for the reason that the flood waters now inundating all lowlands will retard the fall as they flow back to the river.

The Rock Island tracks in West Ottumwa were damaged to some extent and section men are working to repair the damage that has been done. The water receded from the tracks during the night. It was found that the soil had been washed away between the rails and on the lower side of the tracks but otherwise no damage was done. This section of the road must be ballasted however as the water wore holes through the ground, under the tracks.

The return to Central addition has been started by the many families, the majority of the houses being free from water. The vacated south side, all houses are once more tenable.

Many business houses are enabled to return their goods to their cellars today. Basement business houses have resumed business also.

WOODROW WILSON ANTHRACITE MEN IS IN ILLINOIS OPPOSE U.M.W.A.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT SCHEDULED TO VISIT FIFTEEN CITIES.

Chicago, April 5.—Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, arrived from Washington, D. C. this morning, prepared to close his Illinois campaign with a two days' speaking tour of the state.

He is scheduled to visit fifteen cities in the hope of carrying the state democratic preference primary for president against Champ Clark.

He was met at the railway station by a committee of friends and later held a short conference with his Illinois campaign managers. At 9:15 o'clock he left on a special train for a tour of Illinois towns. He is scheduled to speak today at Joliet, Dwight, Pontiac, Bloomington, Lincoln, Springfield, Jacksonville, Petersburg, Mason City and Peoria.

Tomorrow he will speak at Galesburg, Moline, Rock Island, Sterling and DeKalb and return to Chicago in the evening where he will address three mass meetings before going east.

The campaign reached a climax when, with Gov. Wilson's arrival here to begin his tour of the state, the battle for presidential preference was opened on the same fields where for weeks candidates for governor and for other state officers have been waging a terrific fight. Champ Clark is the only opponent of Gov. Wilson in the struggle for the Illinois democratic delegation and his supporters are making a warm campaign.

Col. Roosevelt will arrive in Chicago tomorrow to begin a three day speaking trip through the state over practically the same route taken by Gov. Wilson. Scores of campaign speakers are on the stump for President Taft in all parts of the state and LaFollette leaders are also active. The primary is April 9.

FOSS WITHDRAWS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Ask That Delegates Instructed For Him Consider Themselves Unpledged.

Boston, Mass., April 5.—Eugene Foss withdrew his name from the presidential primary ballot here. In a letter accompanying the withdrawal addressed to Chairman Wiley of the democratic state committee, he asked that delegate candidates pledged to him consider themselves as unpledged.

In explanation of his action, Gov. Foss says he had learned with regret that representatives of one or more avowed candidates for president were preparing to withdraw their names from the primary ballot out of courtesy to him. He asks that these representatives be urged to permit the names of their candidates to remain, as if only one name appeared no chance would be given for an expression of popular preference, which would defeat the purpose of the preferential primary.

MRS. VERMILYA TO KNOW FATE SOON

Chicago, April 5.—Contending that Richard T. Smith committed suicide, counsel for Mrs. Louise Vermilya, charged with Smith's murder by poison, today closed their case, which may go to the jury today. Only three witnesses were called by the defense, Mrs. Vermilya, her sister and Russell F. Thompson. Thompson testified that Smith had threatened suicide.

F. Eban, an automobile demonstrator, in the state's rebuttal test, said Mrs. Vermilya paid him \$50 toward the purchase of a machine after he had taken her for several rides in the car. Once she said she wanted the car for her "undertaking business" according to the witness, and on another occasion she explained on her intended using the machine on her honeymoon with Smith. Arguments followed Eban's testimony.

FLOOD CREST NOT REACHED IN LOWER RIVER

Although Reports From Upper Mississippi and Ohio Indicate Declines, No Relief is in Sight.

DEATH LIST IS NOW PLACED AT EIGHTEEN

Early Reports Today Said Levee at Cairo Had Broken But It Was Found Flood Was Back Water.

While reports today from upper stretches of river territory were on the whole, encouraging to thousands of high water refugees in towns along the Mississippi, nevertheless indications continued to point to the development of an even more serious flood situation in the lower valley than now exists. Today was marked by the usual number of alarming rumors of serious disasters, many proving erroneous upon investigation. The back water from a drainage pump at Cairo, Ill., led to the report that the levee which protects Cairo from the Ohio river, had broken and that the city was doomed. A prompt denial of this report was made by the United States weather observer at Cairo, who said no serious danger was apprehended.

The crest of the flood will not be reached in the St. Louis-Memphis stretch of the Mississippi for a day or two and, even in the event of continuous fair weather, the immense volume of water now pouring into the Mississippi from its numerous tributaries threatens critically high stages at lower river points.

The crest of the present flood wave in the Ohio is expected at Louisville during Saturday night or Sunday. The death list throughout the flood area today reached eighteen. A family of five was drowned in the same neighborhood and a logger in eastern Kentucky lost his life.

Fear For Levee Works. Hickman, Ky., April 5.—Workers are toiling this morning to strengthen the levee, close the breaks and beat back the flood. The climax of the catastrophe may come at any moment with the Reel Foot levee below here. Hundreds of men are trying to strengthen it and should it go out unexpectedly it is feared many lives would be lost, as the means of escape for the workers is limited. The river already is washing over the top of the levee in many places and several ominous leaks have been discovered and stopped in the last twenty-four hours.

Thieves are becoming active in the flooded section of West Hickman and county authorities are discussing the advisability of asking for a company of militia to protect property.

Many Have Narrow Escape. Refugees continue to arrive in great number. Mrs. William Vinters of Island No. 8, who was rescued by a launch is almost distracted because her husband and children were left behind, having taken refuge in the attic of their home. To such retreats she says the inhabitants of the island were driven several days ago.

One woman walked twelve miles in eight hours with six children. She carried the youngest.

A family from Missouri spent a half day in rowing across the river in a skiff and the men were nearly exhausted before they got to the gulf current. A steamer is plying along the river below here picking up marooned residents. Scores have been rescued in this manner.

Three hundred are quartered at Tiptonville, Tenn. Organized relief work is being successfully carried on here with the means at hand and as funds arrive the refugees will at least be spared hardship of hunger. Wagons, trains to East Hickman a mile away, arrived from Fulton, Ky., and Union City, Tenn. The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad is running trains to East Hickman a mile away, where a temporary station has been erected.

On the hill where tents have been put up the women of Hickman assisted in preparing the camp for the refugees, distributing food, clothing and bedding.

The Situation in Cairo. Cairo, Ill., April 5.—The drainage district north of Cairo this morning presented a desolate scene. The lumber from houses and sheds under the debris floats about the district in water probably ten feet deep while here and there the tops of houses may be seen floating about.

The water went into the eastern part of the district last night with a rush and a roar. The lumber piles at the lumber yards were turned over and tossed about like toothpicks. Water reached the subway under the Illinois Central bridge approach shortly before dark and at midnight had almost reached the top of the bulkhead when it reached its level. All of the work-

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