

LEGISLATURE TIGHTLY DEADLOCKED ON COMPENSATION

Nation-Wide Demand Made for Removal of Senator Stone From Foreign Relations Committee

DEMAND COMES FROM ALL OVER THE NATION TO REMOVE STONE

At Washington the Opposition to Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee Less Pronounced Than Yesterday.

BITTERNESS SHOWN BY THE NEWSPAPERS

Editorial Comment Sharply Criticises the Missourian and Insists That Change in Head of Important Committee Is Necessary.

Washington, March 8.—Opposition to retaining Senator Stone in the foreign relations committee chairman-ship still runs high. But today there is less open indication of a real fight against him than there was yesterday.

“Senatorial courtesy” has much to do with this. Members openly say the ancient institution probably will halt any move to oust Stone—one of the 12 who blocked the armed neutrality bill.

Fear of a party fight at a time when solidarity is needed actuates many in refusing to start an organized fight against Stone.

NO PLACE FOR SLACKER BILL

SAYS THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Washington, March 8.—In a stinging editorial headed “Slacker Bill Must Go,” the Washington Times today charged Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, with having displayed pro-German tactics and “a yellow streak.”

“It is amazing,” the editorial says, “that the Democratic majority of the senate should be hesitating over the question whether Slacker Bill should continue to represent his party as chairman of the most important committee in the senate. It is not whether he filibustered against the ship arming bill. It is not whether or not he is in favor of the termination of filibustering methods by the projected change in the senate rules. The 12 apostles of kaiserism seem to be tumbling over themselves to vote right on that question.”

McCORMICK JOINS IN THE DEMAND FOR REMOVAL

Harrisburg, Pa., March 8.—Democratic National Committee ar Vance C. McCormick today joined the chorus of opposition to Senator Stone again heading the foreign relations committee. The Harrisburg Patriot, of which McCormick is the principal owner, today said editorially:

“Senator Stone has forfeited his right to remain longer at the head of the very important senate committee on foreign relations. It would seem as though Senator Stone should have the foresight and patriotism to quit. If he does not the duty of the senate is plain.”

UNFIT FOR THE IMPORTANT PLACE HE HOLDS IN SENATE

Chicago, March 8.—Attacks upon Senator Stone and the part he played in the filibuster, together with demands that he be removed from the chairmanship of the foreign relations committee continue today in Chicago newspapers.

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BRYAN MAKES MILD DEFENSE OF THE DOZEN OBSTRUCTING UNITED STATES SENATORS

Opposed to Wording of Bill Because “President Can’t Ride on the Ships or Handle the Guns.”

\*\*\*\*\* BRYAN ON SENATE SITUATION. “I am against filibustering.” “Is there anything treasonable in a desire to have congress in session?” “Objections were not to giving authority to president, but related to language employed.” “The public has such complete confidence in the president, congress would not hesitate to confer upon him any power he could himself use.” “But the president can’t ride on the ships or handle the guns.” “The gunner must be under the immediate direction of the ship owner, who may have large pecuniary interest in landing contraband cargo.” “A law should be enacted withholding clearance from any belligerent ships carrying American passengers to Europe.” “Why should our government permit the United States to be drawn into war by the folly of any American citizen who so disregards his country’s welfare as to travel upon a belligerent ship?” \*\*\*\*\*

By WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. Copyright, 1917, by United Press. Miami, Fla., March 8.—Answering the inquiry of the United Press, I beg to call attention to the fact that there are two questions instead of one. The first involves the filibuster and the second the merits of the proposed legislation.

I am against filibustering and have for several years been advocating a closure rule in the senate. I believe in the right of the majority to rule and am sorry to learn from press dispatches that the senate is inclined to require a two-thirds vote for the closing of debate. A majority vote ought to be sufficient, after each senator has been given reasonable opportunity to express his views. To require a two-thirds vote is to give to the predatory interests the same power that they now have to prevent legislation hostile to their privileges. As long as the rules permit a minority to obstruct legislation, we may expect them to be employed to prevent progressive legislation just as they were employed two years ago to enable the shipping trust to delay the president’s shipping bill.

Whether the senators should use the rules to defeat a proposed measure is a matter entirely in the discretion of the senators, who are responsible to their constituents alone, just as the president is responsible to the general public only when he uses his veto to defeat a measure favored by a majority of the senate and house.

FINDS NO TREASON. So far as I have seen expressions from the senators nearly all of those who voted against authorizing the arming of ships did so for the purpose of compelling an extra session of congress, or because they objected to the phraseology of the bill. Since the president has power to call a special session of congress at any time, and congress will find it difficult to convince the public that there is anything treasonable in the desire to have congress in session.

AS TO MERITS OF BILL. The second question relates to the merits of the bill. So far as I am able to judge, the objections urged were not to giving authority to the president, but related to the language employed, and surely if congressional authority is needed the members of congress cannot fairly be denied discretion as to the language to be employed.

The public has such complete confidence in the president that congress would not hesitate to confer upon him any power that he could himself use, but the president cannot ride on the ships himself, or handle the guns. He cannot even direct the man who pulls the trigger.

The expert gunner will be some 3000 miles from Washington when he carries out the authority conferred. He will not only have the expert’s desire to test his skill, but he will be under the immediate direction of a ship owner who may have a large pecuniary interest in landing contraband cargo. The president has not asked congress to surrender to him authority to

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Objects to Bill but Is Against Filibuster



W. J. Bryan.

ENGLAND CANNOT AFFORD TO TAKE CHANCE ON NAVY

Sir Edward Carson Declares Nation Will Not Gamble With Its Fleet—Food Situation Serious.

London, March 8.—More drastic restrictions in imports was predicted by Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, today in a speech at the Aldwych club, in stating the “people’s food is really threatened.”

“Disregard those who are impatient and ready to gamble,” he said, referring to suggestion as to use of England’s navy. “We cannot afford to gamble with the fleet. If we failed, it would mean the end of the British empire.”

“I am neither a pessimist nor a coward, and we must face the facts and not allow the people suddenly to be confronted with a situation not anticipated—because remedies conceived in panic leads to revolution.”

“England will fight and endure despite German measures.”

LINER ROCHAMBEAU ARRIVES WITH GUNS BOTH FORE AND AFT

New York, March 8.—The French liner Rochambeau arrived here today with a rapid fire three-inch mounted in the bow and a four-inch piece in the stern, the first large passenger ship to reach this port from Europe with guns mounted fore and aft. Heavy fog forced her to remain out in the harbor all morning and part of the afternoon.

The big liner, bringing 82 passengers in the first cabin and 29 second, passed through the submarine zone under convoy of six destroyers without sighting any submarines.

A tumultuous voyage was reported. A huge wave that struck the ship when she was three days out, almost turned her over, dumping passengers out of their berths, and giving rise to a momentary panic through fear a torpedo had caused the shock.

Passengers had been without news since they left Bordeaux. They had not heard of the sinking of the Lancia nor the revelation of German intrigues in this country. They were greatly excited by first news of these affairs.

URNS PICTURE OF O’GORMAN TO WALL

New York, March 8.—“Turned to the Wall,” is a caption over a line drawing in the Evening Telegram this afternoon. The drawing shows the back of a picture hanging from the wall. Under the picture in black type is: “JIM O’GORMAN.”

O’Gorman is one of the little group of “wilful men” who beat the armed neutrality measure asked by the president.

HOUSE REMAINS FIRM; SENATE ALSO REFUSES TO YIELD POINT

Idaho Legislature Appears to Be in Hopeless Deadlock Over Features of the Compensation Bill Now Pending.

CONFUSION REIGNS SUPREME IN HOUSE

Democrats Line Up Solidly Behind Motion to Inform Senate of Its Opposition to the Casualty Insurance Plan of Rockwell Measure

The workmen’s compensation fight broke over the house of representatives today in all its bitterness and charges and counter charges were hurled across the floor while angry members shook their fists at one another or threatened to climb over desks to settle, personally, attacks that had been made. Out of the confusion the Democratic majority emerged as solidly behind a motion introduced by Representative Bates of Ada instructing the special compensation committee to convey to the like committee in the senate, when in conference, the house position in opposition to accepting the proposed “third plan” or casualty insurance amendment on which the senate majority has been standing pat.

The house committee had previously reported that the only apparent grounds on the conference committee getting together on a compensation act was to include a third plan. The status quo looks like a deadlock.

CHARGE INSURANCE LOBBY. Although the house stormed for two hours and the debate brought out charges that the casualty insurance companies were attempting to dictate to the laboring people of the state of Idaho from Hartford, Conn., all hope that there may not be a compromise perfected on a workmen’s compensation act has not been abandoned. In fact, the apparent deadlock may be broken before midnight and some bill agreed upon satisfactory to all conflicting elements. Notice may also be served on the majority leaders of the legislature that adjournment of the legislature without first enacting into law a workmen’s compensation act in conformity with the platform plank, will not be countenanced and if an adjournment is taken the legislature will be thereafter convened in session extraordinary for the express purpose of fulfilling the compensation pledge to the people.

NO ADJOURNMENT TONIGHT. The Fourteenth Idaho legislature will not adjourn at midnight tonight, the last and sixtieth day. That seems to be very certain now. Until the compensation deadlock is settled, either through the passage of a bill or the certainty none will be passed, many important pending measures that can be taken care of before adjournment, will not be acted upon.

The allegation was made in the house today that some invisible interest is playing both sides of the Fourteenth Idaho against the middle in an attempt to prevent the passage of a workmen’s compensation act.

NEAR PERSONAL ENCOUNTER. When Representative Storey of Ada inquired of Speaker Allied who the representatives of the employers and labor were that attended the Democratic caucus, Grice of Shoshone threatened a personal conflict. Speaker Allied admitted that Jerome J. Day was the representative of the employers and Labor Leader Young the representative of the labor organizations who has been consulted regarding the agreement on the Anderson bill. Storey demanded to know if Young was a resident of Idaho or of Hartford, Conn.

“Don’t charge anything like that,” cried Grice, jumping from his seat and striding toward Storey as he shook his fist, or I’ll be over the desk after you.”

“You can’t get over the desk any too quick to suit me,” replied Storey, advancing toward Grice, and added, “I’m no Moody.”

Representative Anderson was in the chair, and sharply rapping for order, directed the sergeant-at-arms to preserve it in the chamber.

TROUBLE STARTS ON REPORT. The trouble all started when the ap-

pointment of the Panama canal, which is a critical blow at the United States in case of war. The Hindus were to be used in place of Germans.

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AMERICANS PERMITTED TO LEAVE BELGIUM FREELY

Washington, March 8.—Germany is permitting Americans to leave Belgium freely. Minister Whitlock at Brussels informed the state department today that none is detained, though immediately after the break subordinate officials did detain some Americans, inasmuch as they had no orders whereby to govern their action.

NORRIS HAS NO APOLOGIES FOR TAKING PART IN THE FILIBUSTER

“If This Be Treason, Make the Most of It,” Declares One of “Wilful Group” in Senate Speech.

Washington, March 8.—Senator Norris, one of the “wilful twelve,” hotly defended the obstructionist group on the floor of the senate this afternoon, declaring that if their actions in blocking the president’s armed neutrality bill were treason, “then make the most of it.”

“It looks as if this mass of legislation was dumped on to congress in its last minutes purposely when no time remained for even a reading of the bill,” Norris said.

“If the protest of this ‘wilful group’ against this rush action on the part of the majority is filibustering, then I am a filibusterer. If this is treason, then make the most of it. I have no apologies to make.”

Norris then declared in favor of cloture.

ILLNESS DELAYS FORMAL ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT

Washington, March 8.—President Wilson’s illness has delayed announcement of his decision on the armed merchantmen question.

Evidence increased today, however, that orders to Secretary Daniels providing for immediately arming American merchant vessels will not be postponed much longer. It was stated by high government officials that the president has received assurances from legal advisers that he has the right and power to proceed with “armed neutrality” despite the senate’s failure to act on this measure officially.

On the other hand, there were still many who believed the president would rather decide to call an extra session of congress immediately and investigate the favorable outlook for limited debate in the senate, reintroduce the armed neutrality measure and attempt to get quick action.

AT NOON DR. GRAYSON AUTHORIZED a statement that the president spent a restful night, but had some fever today.

The president is tired as a result of trying weeks since the diplomatic break with Germany and has been ordered to remain in bed until he is materially rested and improved. This may be several days.

GERMANS PLANNED TO ATTACK CANAL THROUGH HINDOOS

Washington, March 8.—Germany’s India plot proposed to stretch the fingers of intrigue into the Panama canal. Information in diplomatic quarters here shows that the Teutons hoped to use their Hindoo co-laborers in destructive work at the canal. This was one of the ambitious ideas in the plot which has already resulted in arrests of two of the leading alleged conspirators in New York.

Germany hoped that through the Panama canal work she could strike a critical blow at the United States in case of war. The Hindus were to be used in place of Germans.

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DISCUSSED CROPS WITH THE ANGELS; THEN CAME BACK

Des Moines Coroner Decided He Would Stay on This Mundane Sphere for a While Longer.

Des Moines, Ia., March 8.—County Coroner Claude Koons of this city saw his soul floating lightly over the foot of his bed, but with his last breath called the nurse.

“Otherwise I’d have had a flat tire by now,” said Koons on his out in the Methodist hospital today, explaining how it feels almost to die.

Cheerfulness is the outstanding characteristic of this 88-year-old official who has thrice been on the operating table for kidney trouble.

DECIDES TO HANG ON. “The doctors worked over me for 10 hours and finally brought me safely back to high prices again. Another time, about two weeks ago, I was beginning to discuss the crops with the angels when my physicians shot some morphine into me. That made twice I looked through the doors of death ajar, but guess I’ll hang on as long as I can.”

Several years ago specialists tendered Koons the cheering information that he would die within two years.

BULLETINS

Pittsburg, March 8.—Ambassador to Japan Guthrie is dead.

NO FOOD COST INQUIRY. Washington, March 8.—The federal trade commission will not undertake the food cost investigation order by President Wilson because of the failure of congress to appropriate the necessary money, it was announced today.

GERMANS GET PASSPORTS. New York, March 8.—Four hundred Germans obtained passports from the Mexican consulate this week. They are being issued at the rate of 100 daily. Many Germans are entering Mexico through San Antonio.

MASTER HAND SEEN IN A DIABOLIC PLOT

New York, March 8.—As a federal grand jury began today to probe the activities here of Dr. Chandra Chakrabarty and Dr. Ernest Sokunjer, federal secret service agents throughout the country were believed to be rapidly closing in on the “master mind” who carried out German plot orders from 76 Wilhelmstrasse, Berlin secret service headquarters.

Revelations to secret service agents here and in Washington indicate that there is fast coming to light a plot which stretched its mysterious tentacles into Mexico, Cuba and the Philippines and wrapped themselves around the Panama canal.

BIG SURPRISE PROMISED. Sensational disclosures are expected soon when a new arrest is made. The identity of the man now under surveillance has not been disclosed, but his arrest is expected to be a profoundly surprising disclosure.

Papers taken from the effects of the Hindu and German now held in New York revealed to secret service officials code messages from 76 Wilhelmstrasse and mentioned addresses in Petrograd and Paris, indicating, it is believed, that these addresses, presumably of agents of the Hindu’s “nervous pills” were really notations of German agents’ headquarters.

BAGDAD WILL SOON BE IN THE HANDS OF THE BRITISH FORCES

London, March 8.—The ancient city of Bagdad, since 1638 held by the Turks, is about to fall into British hands. Its capture by the British Mesopotamian force is a foregone conclusion. Official reports today put the British cavalry within 12 miles of the ancient capital.

“The city cannot be defended,” declared General F. B. Maurice, in charge of military operations, in an interview granted the United Press today. “I expect the Turks to make a defense at a point about six miles from the city. If they are defeated, they have no recourse but to retreat north.”

TO HANG CONDEMNED MAN ON THE ROOF OF FEDERAL BUILDING

Washington, March 8.—A request from the federal building custodian at Spokane for permission to hang a sentenced criminal on the roof March 29 was today referred by the treasury department to the attorney general. The prisoner was sentenced in federal court. Washington laws prohibit capital punishment.

Washington, March 8.—A special forecast for livestock interests has been issued by the local bureau, which says: “Continued unsettled weather with rain or snow is indicated for today, Friday and Saturday, without much change in temperature or very high winds.”

RULES OF LONG STANDING WILL BE ABOLISHED BY THE SENATE

“Wilful Twelve” Admit They Cannot Prevent Passage of Rule Providing for the Limiting of Debate in Upper House.

OLD TRADITIONS TO BE THROWN TO WINDS

Bitter Attack on the President Made by Senator Sherman, Who Claimed Filibuster Could Not Succeed at Special Session.

Washington, March 8.—The sacred senate prerogative of limitless debate—the rule for 109 years—may pass into history within 48 hours, possibly sooner.

This was indicated today when the “wilful twelve” senators who in the closing hours of congress, blocked President Wilson’s plans for armed neutrality, admitted no means remained at their command of further hindering passage of the rule.

TO MAKE POSITION CLEAR. With unlimited weeks before the senate, the “wilful brethren” abandoned all hope of gaining their ends by continued filibuster. While several will take the floor to make their position clear, before the country, their now-famous last stand was a thing of the past.

Bitter denunciation by Senator Sherman of President Wilson’s statement that it would be useless to call an extra session of congress until the senate rules were amended, marked the opening of the battle for a cloture amendment.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION. Fight for a cloture amendment to the senate rules was begun today when Senator Martin of Virginia, introduced and asked unanimous consent for immediate consideration of a measure providing limitation of debate.

Senator Hollis, New Hampshire, Democrat, offered an amendment to the cloture amendment making it possible for a majority instead of two-thirds to bring about a limiting of debate.

SUPPORTED BY REPUBLICANS. Support for consideration of Martin’s amendment came from Republicans as well as Democrats. Senators Lodge and Curtis were among the influential Republicans who asked unanimous consent for action today.

Senator Lewis, Democrat whip, tried to inject a resolution asking the senate’s support of any step the president might take. Martin, rebuking Lewis, demanded withdrawal of the resolution for the present. Lewis consented.

Senator Sherman—one of the two Republicans, who opposed the proposed rule—opened the morning fireworks with a bitter denunciation

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Boise and vicinity, RAIN OR SNOW TONIGHT AND FRIDAY. Highest temperature yesterday, 42; lowest temperature this morning, 31; mean temperature yesterday, 36. Total precipitation for the 24 hours ending at 6 a. m., .06 of an inch. Only slight changes in temperature have occurred over the country during the last 24 hours with a slight rise in the Rocky mountain states and along the Atlantic coast.

Precipitation occurred at quite a number of stations, especially in the northwest and the entire section east of the Mississippi with the exception of Florida. No unusually heavy amounts fall however. A special forecast for livestock interests has been issued by the local bureau, which says: “Continued unsettled weather with rain or snow is indicated for today, Friday and Saturday, without much change in temperature or very high winds.”