

CULBERSON ON SIDE AGAINST LORIMER

Indicates He Will Fight Report That Bailey May Stand Up For.

TEXAS SENATORS APPARENTLY PARTED

Signs Point to Growing Complications Over Election Investigation Muddle.

Signs point to a split between the two Texas Senators, Culberson and Bailey, over the case of Senator Lorimer. Senator Bailey is the ranking Democratic member of the Privileges and Elections Committee. He has taken his stand with the majority of the committee in favor of exonerating Lorimer. When the report of the Privileges and Elections Committee was presented to the Senate the other day, Senator Bailey asked a question or two of Senator Beveridge, who practically accused the committee of undue haste. These questions indicated Bailey would stand up for the majority report.

On the other hand, Senator Culberson sharply questioned Senator Burrows as to whether there had been any minority report from the subcommittee of the main committee. This led to the disclosure that Senator Frazier had made a statement dissenting from the majority of the subcommittee, but that the statement was not filed as a part of the report.

Culberson Against Lorimer.

It is taken for granted about the Senate that Senator Culberson is inclined to line up against Lorimer. Should Senator Bailey make an open fight for Lorimer, political gossip here is that his enemies in Texas will seize on it as a reason why he should not be re-elected. Senator Bailey's friends expect him to take a stand against the seating of Lorimer. He has not given it out what he will do, but his friends believe he will take substantially the position taken by Senator Frazier in his statement wherein he held seven members of the Illinois Legislature were tainted and thus the election of Lorimer invalidated.

A long-drawn-out fight over the Lorimer report is now looked for in the Senate. While there has been talk of disposing of it speedily, it is now thought this will be found impossible. Those Senators who think all the facts should be aired are now saying they are not going to let the report be rushed through. The fight may drag along for weeks.

Sentiment Is Aroused.

It is pointed out that already there is much public sentiment aroused against the seating of Lorimer. If those who are opposed to him in the Senate make speeches on the floor which get out to the country it is likely sentiment will be still further aroused.

Under the circumstances, there is no telling how many votes will be cast against Lorimer. It is said by those in closest touch with the case that it is impossible to tell this until the fight really gets started. If public sentiment is aroused, some Senators will be driven to vote against Lorimer who would not do so if the matter were disposed of quietly.

One of the big questions connected with the Lorimer case is where the money came from that bribed certain members of the legislature. For months, there has been a lot of talk that the money came from the interests concerned in tariff legislation. But the facts have never been pinned down and there is a feeling among many Senators that there are important phases of the whole business that need illumination where the subcommittee succeeded in finding none.

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