

SENATE INSISTS ON ITS RIGHT TO TALK

Floodgates Opened for Oratory on Tariff Bill.

CLOTURE PLANS QUASHED

Fordney Emergency Measure Gets Nowhere, but Free Speech Tradition Is Maintained.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The senate, showing signs of a pending legislative vote today to continue consideration of the Fordney emergency tariff bill. The gates were opened for oratory when a cloture petition was voted down, 36 to 25, mustering far less than the necessary two-thirds majority.

In a session marked by political jockeying, attempts were made by each side to lead the other into pitfalls. Republican leaders sought to avoid cloture, but the democrats challenged that it be brought in and then marshaled their forces, defeating it promptly. Minority members then sought a unanimous consent agreement fixing a date for a vote on the tariff, only to have one of their own ranks enter objections.

As it stands, the measure has precedence, except from 12 to 2 o'clock. There were hints thrown out, however, that the end was not yet, and that demand for displacement of the tariff bill by appropriation measures might come at any time, or that an attempt to obtain a vote might be made.

No Agreement Possible.

At the outset today Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, asked that all join in agreement for a vote February 15. His motion was lost. Then the cloture failed. Senator Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, countered the republican move with a proposition to vote February 18, and Senator Penrose tried to prevail on his opponent to set aside his date, fearing a pocket veto. Senator Williams, democrat, Mississippi, however, announced he would object to any unanimous consent.

Senator Townsend, Michigan, republican, called for consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill and there were demands for a vote, but the motion met defeat.

Johnson Against "Gag." "It has come that this bill is the only one in the world where free speech can be had in unbridled form," he declared. "I never have been for cloture—for the gag, or for a pleaser-at any time. I am for this bill, but I never will be in for a gag, or for a pleaser. It does not give anybody an opportunity to express his thoughts fully. It is in violation of the constitution and stands against traditional American free speech."

After the vote Mr. Penrose took up claims that the tariff bill would mean the failure of appropriation bills at this session. He voiced the opinion that "we shall have better appropriation bills if some of them do fail."

When the storm had subsided Senator Gerry, democrat, Rhode Island, began a lengthy discussion of the naval building programme, but was interrupted by Mr. Penrose, who inquired what relation the subject had to the tariff. Mr. Gerry explained that his speech had been announced several days ago and he proposed to deliver it.

The senate recessed so that the bill would remain as unfinished business tomorrow. The house ways and means committee continued consideration of the wool schedule in its work on a permanent tariff.

ITALIAN AIRSHIP BOUGHT

Semi-Rigid Craft Roma Purchased by War Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Purchase of the Italian "blimp" airship Roma, believed to be the largest semi-rigid aircraft in the world, for approximately \$200,000, was announced today by the war department. It probably will cost \$1,250,000 to duplicate the ship, the statement said.

The Roma is of 1,200,000 cubic feet capacity, 410 feet long, 132 feet wide and 88½ feet high, and equipped with six 12-cylinder engines of 400 horse power each. It is capable of an estimated speed of 80 miles an hour and a cruising radius at full speed of 3300 miles, and a cruising radius of 8000 miles. Major John G. Thornell has been ordered to Italy with an air service detachment to bring the Roma to America.

CITIES FOR SKYSCRAPERS

Germans Want Tall Buildings to Solve Housing Problem.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—Agitation for the construction of skyscrapers has started in virtually every German city, where the housing problem is serious. Architects have drawn specifications for buildings to rival the tallest in New York. Buildings in German cities were limited under the old regime to a uniform height. Few are more than four stories high.

BAKER AND LABOR TILT

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propaganda, even giving him the use of public buildings for that purpose? The minister replied that he wanted to hear Stephens even as he had heard Arno Dosch-Fleuret, and swung off into a discussion of the decisions handed down by federalist judges scores of years ago.

"I want to know what to say to my social service commission of the Episcopal church," said Rev. Mr. Howard, warming up to his subject. "I want to know whether I am to tell them that you set yourself up as the sole judge and arbiter of the question as to who shall speak to the citizens of Portland."

He was interrupted by the mayor, Lecture Branded Radicals. "You know what is in my heart and my mind," Baker replied. "I want to keep Portland free from unnecessary radicalism and agitation." "And you consider Lincoln Stephens' lecture unnecessary radicalism?" demanded Howard.

"I do," was the reply. Another rapid-fire discussion followed, during which the mayor was made the target for countless questions.

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