

SENATE IN DILEMMA
OVER TARIFF ISSUE

Attitude Declared One of Baffled Indecision.

"BUCK PASSED" BY HOUSE

New Fordney Bill "Reposes" in Upper Chamber and Its Fate No Lawmaker Knows.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—(Special).—The new Fordney bill is reposing in the senate. "Reposing" is the exact word. Anybody who undertakes to find out the prevailing sentiment and attitude of the senate toward this bill will discover it to be one of baffled indecision. Of course, the republicans have a comfortable majority in the senate, and the bulk of that majority as it stands today undoubtedly holds the old-fashioned protectionist attitude toward the general subject of tariff. If by some chance the senate were forced to take the choice of passing or rejecting the Fordney bill as it stands today, the republican majority would vote with substantial unanimity to pass it and would then look forward with much curiosity and some fear to see what would happen.

But the dilemma which the republican senators face is not so simple as that. They know that in effect the adoption of the bill by the lower house was a "pass of the buck" to the senate, and they fully expect that in due course they will take the responsibility of substantially rewriting the bill. When the time comes that they must look that responsibility directly in the face, there will hardly be a republican senator who will know his own mind unless they progress greatly in their own confidence in the meantime, or unless time happily solves some of their doubts for them.

Tariff Baffling Business.
There are many factors which make tariff making today a more baffling and uncertain business than on former occasions, even though you start from and try to stick to the standpoint of traditional republican doctrine. Tariff making, if done conscientiously and carefully, and the senate wants to do it with care and conscience, is even under the best of circumstances a matter of making very fine adjustments. And in the present unstable state of the world, what is a fine adjustment today in a month may be glaringly inappropriate to changed conditions. Tariff making today is like trying to play chess with the relative value of the pieces changing every minute.

Most disturbing of all, a few republican senators who include some of the most aggressive and powerful, have come to have unsettling doubts whether under changed relations to the world protection is now as sound a policy for the United States as it was before the war.

Impious as such doubt may seem to old-fashioned republicans like Fordney, the fact remains that a small group of such senators is feeling it increasingly. A protective tariff, when we owed a great deal of money to Europe was one thing. A protective tariff when Europe owes us a great deal of money is quite another thing.

Europe's Debt Big Factor.
Europe owes about \$10,000,000,000 to our government, about \$3,000,000,000 more to our citizens. This fact and the bearing it has on what sort of tariff is best for America is creeping into thought and utterances of congressional tariff discussions. Again and again you find republicans practically pointing out that Europe has only two ways of paying the interest and principal of this debt. One way is with gold, the other with goods. As to the first method, Europe has not the gold to pay us with, and moreover, we already have more gold than is economically good for us, and if Europe can only pay us with goods, it is a doubtful policy to set up barriers against the import of goods. The capacity of Europe to pay us this money is none too certain, at best. A wise creditor does not willingly create conditions which both discourage the disposition and impair the capacity of a debtor already in difficulties.

Besides these, there are several other factors of instability. An obvious one is the sudden and erratic fluctuations in the relative value of the dollar on the one hand and the pound, franc, lira, mark and various other European units of currency on the other. Some of the tariff makers of the lower house thought this difficulty could be overcome by some pie a device of basing all duties on the value of the goods in dollars at the time of arrival in America, but an increasing number of senators foresee that this will only partially solve the trouble and that variations in exchange will always cause variations of manufacturing costs, with important and unforeseeable effect on international trade.

Shipping Problem Rises.
Another undecided factor is whether or not America is to be a great mercantile shipping nation. President Harding always has maintained it as his policy that America should use the greatest mercantile shipping fleet in the world. But the shipping board has a disposition to take America more or less out of the shipping business. If America is to have great fleets of shipping, we want to stimulate cargoes, not discourage them by tariffs. What we are going to do about the tariff is closely interlocked with what we are going to do about shipping and the determination of policy on both points will have to go hand in hand.

Another factor of uncertainty is the effect that the German reparations are going to have on international trade. How unforeseeable and disturbing this factor is is going to be proved by the fact that many British and French leaders of commerce who two years ago joyfully enforced these terms on Germany are now alarmed by the boomerang effects on their own trade. Some of the ships which the British made the Germans hand over are now being sold back to the Germans at a fourth of their cost. The British made the Great Britain now knows that compelling Germany to give coal to France has hurt the British export trade in coal irreparably. The ultimate working out of the German reparations in its effects on international trade, including America's, is quite problematical.

Senate May "Pass Buck."
It is in this sort of thing that creates the baffling inconclusiveness which is the prevailing state of mind of the republican senators on the tariff bill. Probably the end of it will be what

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SPANISH TROOPS CHARGE TO
SAVE RETREATING COLUMN.Soldiers Attack Tribesmen in Last
Frenzied Effort to Protect 400
in Retiring Forces.

MADRID, Aug. 13.—(By the Associated Press).—Gallant action by cavalry under Colonel Primo-Rivera, in protecting the retreat of a column of 400 men in Morocco, is described in La Libertad.

The column was pressed by the rebel tribesmen. Twice the cavalry charged and scattered the assailants, killing many of them and enabling the column to retreat. The battle-field was covered with the dead and dying of both sides.

The Spanish troops then entered a narrow pass, where other rebels awaited them on the heights. They expected the order to retreat, but instead came the order to charge a third time. Shouting "viva España," the cavalry again attacked, sacrificing themselves to save the column. None of the men hesitated and when the third charge was finished few of them remained.

Colonel Primo-Rivera, by word and deed, encouraged his men and even ordered a fourth charge. The brave survivors spurred their horses against the enemy, but their animals were so fatigued that they reached the rebel ranks at a walk. Here both men and horses were exterminated.

Market Pressing Need.

The farmer in the immediate past has been wavering about what he wanted the same as everybody else. Six months ago those senators and representatives who depend on the farmers for their tenure in public life were all for a very high tariff. More lately they have tended to a more conservative point of view. What the farmer is at this moment, immediately and intensely anxious for is a European market for his product and he is becoming conscious that he cannot and his cotton and corn and wheat to Europe unless he is willing to let Europe send something back in exchange.

Finally, there is at the moment a disposition on the part of the administration to seek a way out of the difficulty by the device of a flexible or trading tariff, which can be changed from time to time by the executive to meet changed conditions. But if the coming conference for peace does a complete forbidding of everything in the shape of discriminatory or trading tariffs.

CANADIAN HITS TARIFF

America Would Prolong World's
Agony by Acts, Is View.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 13.—The United States will "prolong the world's agony" if it adopts pending tariff measures, W. R. MacInnes, Montreal, first vice-president of the Canadian Pacific railway, declared here Friday.

Mr. MacInnes is in Spokane on a side trip while inspecting the Canadian Pacific system. He expressed optimism in the crop outlook, but in his opinion the Fordney tariff measures on top of the prevailing exchange rate would seriously cripple business between the United States and Canada.

RAIL RATE ON FRUIT CUT.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 13.—Freight reductions of approximately 10 percent on fresh fruit from Spokane, Walla Walla and Yakima and contiguous territory to eastern points were announced Friday by E. V. Hunt, assistant general agent of the Great Northern railway. Reductions, he said, amount to 18½ cents per hundred pounds to Chicago and St. Louis, and 17½ cents to other middle western points.

Wife-Slayer Is Killed.

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of property without the personal approval of the overseer.

The new leases will be for a period of 1079 years, the 79 years being added to cover the period during which the Lord is expected to come and take his saints out of the world for seven years. At the end of the seven years, according to Dowie's teachings, they will be returned to establish his rule throughout the world for 1000 years.

Dowie's leases, made in 1900, were for 1000 years. The flight of the saints to heaven was to take place some time during the extra 100 years. The new leases, running 1079 years, will terminate, like the originals, in the year 3000.

RADIO BILL TO BE CUT

Messages to Be Sent Broadcast Instead of to Individuals.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 13.—(Special).—The "super primary" method of radio transmission will be inaugurated in all navy radio stations on the Pacific coast Monday. It was announced at the 12th naval district headquarters Friday.

The use of this method, according to naval officials, will save thousands of dollars in the navy's radio communication funds. All official communications will be sent en masse to the Pearl Harbor radio station, from where it will be repeated. All vessels of the Pacific fleet and other naval vessels on the Pacific ocean will "listen in" and pick up messages intended for them.

The sending of communications broadcast over the Pacific is a vast improvement over the present method, which calls for the sending of each message to the ship to which it is directed, according to radio officials.

Little Girl Drowned.

GRAYS RIVER, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special).—Alice Loring, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruthven Olson of Rosburg, a settlement five miles below here, was drowned Thursday afternoon in the waters of Grays River. The little one was discovered floating in the river. Though living on the bank of the stream, this was the first time the child had ever wandered from the doorway. She was an only child, 1 year and 8 months old.

Bishop Lewis Ill.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Aug. 13.—Bishop Wilson Seelye Lewis, bishop to China for the Methodist Episcopal church, and for many years president of

London Printers Reject Pay Out.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—London printers Thursday voted overwhelmingly against acceptance of the proposed reduction of ten shillings a week in their wages.

Morningside college here, is critically ill at the Methodist hospital here, following an operation.

Jones, railroad agent here and special deputy sheriff, Palomares had been separated from his wife for two months.

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