

SENATE FILIBUSTERS TO DELAY THE VOTE ON ARMED NEUTRALITY BILL

SENATE WILL GRANT ARMED NEUTRALITY AUTHORITY TO WILSON

Protracted Filibuster Waged in Upper House by Those Who Oppose "Full Power."

STONE TALKS FOR HOURS

Other Senators Take Up Fight Against Measure Sponsored by Hitchcock and Delay a Vote.

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promise, concession and argument—but to no avail.

At midnight, Senator Hitchcock, in charge of the measure, made a strong effort to set a time for voting and to limit further debate. The measure, an overwhelming majority, is ready and anxious to vote on the bill.

Senator Clapp of Minnesota, objected, as Hitchcock did not press his resolution asking unanimous consent.

He said he would again seek consent for a vote, "before noon" and in the meantime would hold the senate in continuous session.

In the presence of hundreds of people who jammed the galleries to the limit, the senate talked on and on through the night. Party affiliations and personal friendships were forgotten in the heat of the discussion and in consideration of the stakes at issue.

Republicans joined with Democrats in bitter denunciation of the filibustering few who "would tie the hands of the president."

This sentiment was responsible for the circulation throughout the chamber of the manifesto which was designed, according to senators of all parties, "to show foreign governments that, despite the technical rules which prevented a formal expression by the United States senate, that body stands overwhelmingly behind the president in giving him necessary powers to protect American rights."

Up to 1 o'clock this morning, Senator La Follette had not yet taken the floor. During the night, however, he had gone among his co-filibusters, asking them to talk for a while, but that his time, when it came, might not be too long. The general impression prevailed that, after all others had concluded, La Follette would demand the right to be heard and then talk the measure into its final death throes.

Break Is Hoped For.
But in face of all these unfavorable signs, some few Democratic leaders still hoped against hope that a "break" might come before the morning.

Should this fail to develop, however, and taking the senate be prevented from taking its official vote, it was emphatically declared by Senator Simmons and others representing the president on the floor that there would be no extra session called now.

"The president will go ahead and put into effect the power he has declared was already his," Simmons said. "And in doing so he will know that a great majority of the senate favored granting him the power if a vote had been possible under the rules."

The text of the manifesto reads: "The undersigned United States senators favor the passage of senate bill 832 to authorize the president of the United States to arm merchant vessels and to protect American citizens in their peaceful pursuits upon the sea. A similar bill has already passed the house of representatives by a vote of 403 to 13. Under the rules of the senate, allowing unlimited debate, it now appears to be impossible to obtain a vote prior to noon, March 4, 1917, when the session of congress expires. We desire this statement entered into the record to establish the fact that the senate favors the legislation and would pass it if a vote be had."

The senators who had signed the manifesto up to 1 o'clock are: Ashurst, Bankhead, Beckam, Borah, Brady Brundage, Broussard, Bryan, Catron, Chamberlain, Chilton, Clark, Cull, Curtis, Dillingham, Du Pont, Fernald, Fletcher, Harding, Hardwick, Hitchcock, Hollis, Hughes, Huntington, James, Johnson, Jones, Kern, Lee, Lewis, Lodge, McCumber, McLean, Martin, Myers, Nelson, Newland, Oliver, Overman, Owen, Page, Phelps, Pittman, Poindexter, Pomeroy, Randall, Robinson, Sausbury, Shafer, Sheppard, Sherman, Shields, Simmons, Smith (Georgia), Smith (Maryland), Smith (Michigan), Smith (South Carolina), Smoot, Sterling, Sutherland, Swanson, Thomas, Townsend, Underwood, Wadsworth, Walsh, Warren, Watson, Williams.

The following senators, in addition to Lippitt, were absent: Gallinger, Goff, Gore and Smith (Arkansas).

Democratic leaders, at 9 o'clock, were so fearful the measure might fail of passage that they began making offers to the Republicans in an effort to reach a common ground.

Negotiations were started when it became evident that certain Republicans would take the bill to death if possible.

Senator Stone concluded at 6:15, after holding the floor four and a half hours.

At once a futile attempt was made to bring up the conference report on the agriculture bill.

Senator Hitchcock, in charge of the armed ship bill, then endeavored, through a swift parliamentary stroke, to force unanimous agreement for a vote at 9 o'clock.

Senator Cummins objected. "Then 19 o'clock," suggested Hitchcock.

Senator Norris objected. "Twelve o'clock," continued Hitchcock.

Senator Gronna demurred. Gronna and Norris then alternated

DEMURS TO ARMED SHIP BILL



Senator Stone of Missouri, who opposed passage of armed ship measure in lengthy address.

in objecting until 4 o'clock was suggested as a time for close debate. Norris then announced he would object to setting any limit to the debate. Hitchcock then asked for unanimous consent for a vote on the bill and the amendments at midnight. Norris objected.

Would Talk Bill to Death.
"What I want to develop," said Hitchcock, "is the fact that there is a well organized filibuster against the bill. Will the senator from Nebraska admit that?"

"I will not," hotly retorted Norris, "but I will say that if I thought I could talk this bill to death I would do so."

Hitchcock then requested a vote at midnight. Impatient at the delay caused by the long drawn out remarks of different senators, the president spent a restless afternoon at the White House. He was in constant touch with developments "on the hill."

At 4 o'clock, when a telephone inquiry to his executive office disclosed the fact that no end of the discussion appeared near, he left for a long walk with Mrs. Wilson in a cold and dreary drizzle.

President Resumes Vigil.
Tonight the president resumed his vigil in his library at the White House, keeping in constant communication with his lieutenants at the capitol.

Bitterness of administration leaders at the White House were not concealed. Friends and intimates of the president were unbridled in their denunciation of the senate's action in debating for nearly a week on the power to protect American rights. They drew a gloomy picture of the effect it has created in the minds of European governments.

That the president "will not fail to grasp the opportunity to place responsibility" for halting action on the big supply bills, was emphatically declared.

The course which the president will pursue was not disclosed, but there were some who believed that before the country will hear from the president on the present situation.

Stone Explains Position.
There was a touch of the tragic in the withdrawal of support by Senator Stone, who has always stood staunchly by the president's side through many bitter fights during the last few years.

Senator Stone himself referred to his position now—and there was a note of deep regret in his voice—as "the first disengagement he and the president had been unable to reconcile."

"If this were but a question of faith and trust in him," Stone declared, "I would not hesitate."

"But," he added grammatically, "I would not for a moment consider the giving such extraordinary powers into the hands of any president, although I would rather trust President Wilson than the whole concourse of jingoes in and out of congress."

In opposing the granting of unlimited powers to the president, Stone held—as did many of the speakers, both the Republican and Democratic—that the "armed neutrality" bill would actually result in a state of war or, at least, give the president authority to engage in hostilities. But Stone, even though speaking for hours and delaying action on the measure declared that while he could not support the bill he would not prevent its passage.

Senator Norris, for every minute of time, asked for a vote be made in writing, "according to the rules," and placed before the senate.

Senator Hughes jumped into the fray at this point, and, hurrying to the clerk's desk, began filling out a written request for the vote at midnight, while Hitchcock continued "jockeying."

Cummins then came out into the open, declaring he would oppose any and all attempts to apply a gag. He didn't intend to "filibuster," he intimated, but he desired sufficient time for "adequate discussion."

Hitchcock then withdrew his request for an agreement, remarking that he had "now found out just who it is who is blocking this legislation."

Senator Lane Enters Fight.
Senator Lane of Oregon, hurrying from the rear of the chamber, took exception to remarks made by Hitchcock.

"Four methods in trying to force

Four Bills Signed by President Wilson

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—President Wilson tonight signed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill; the bill appropriating \$25,000,000 for the purchase of the Danish West Indies and the establishment of a government there, and the pension appropriation bill.

A bill also was signed increasing from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000 the appropriation for the war risk insurance bureau of the treasury department.

The latter was introduced prior to the present crisis, which gave rise to a resolution in congress for a bond issue of \$10,000,000 for the same purpose.

Both Houses Pass Navy Increase Bill

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—A bill appropriating \$115,000,000 for the speedy completion of navy ships authorized and building, and \$25,000,000 for submarines, was passed by the house tonight unanimously.

It took 55 minutes of oratory to do it—at the rate of a little less than \$2,000,000 a minute.

Shortly after 1 o'clock the senate suspended consideration of the armed neutrality bill to adopt the final con-

21,750 Officers For Reserves Are Sought

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—The war department issued a call tonight for 21,750 reserve officers of the United States army. This number probably will be secured within 60 days, the department announced by the appointment of at least 50 reserve lieutenants and captains from each of the 455 congressional districts.

Bone Dry Resolution Is Effective July 1

Washington, March 4.—(U. P.)—(Sunday)—Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning the senate agreed to the resolution postponing the date of effectiveness of the Reed bone dry resolution until July 1.

District "Dry" Bill Signed

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—President Wilson signed the District of Columbia prohibition bill just before midnight.

Steamship Drina Is Submarine Victim

British Vessel Announced as Victim of Raider; Later Reached Port, but Was Sunk on Return Trip.

Buenos Aires, March 3.—(U. P.)—Agents of the Royal Mail Steam Packet company here today announced the sinking of the steamship Drina by a German submarine while on a voyage from Buenos Aires to Liverpool.

The announcement stated everyone aboard the vessel was saved, but gave no details.

The Drina, British ship of 11,384 tons, was reported to have been one of the victims of the German commerce raiding when that ship's activities was first reported in America on January 18, through United Press dispatches from Rio de Janeiro. Later she entered a South American port.

She was a steel screw vessel, registered at Belfast, and was built in 1913.

"Bike Burglars" Also "Musical Burglars"

Police Believe They Have Caught Men Who Entered Home of Dr. Fenton and Took Phonograph Records.

That the "bicycle burglars" arrested Saturday are also the "musical burglars" who robbed the home of Dr. Ralph Fenton at 283 Cornell road, among other places, taking 42 grand opera records, is the charge made by the police. Search of the homes of Archie McCoy and Elton Hitchcock, the accused men, revealed the records as well as \$200 worth of knitted goods taken from the Portland Knitting company and much other loot.

McCoy, who is 25 years old and is also known as Albert Johnson, principal in the burglary, Hitchcock asserts McCoy, upon life release, threatened to kill him unless he again joined him in burglaries. The police believe Hitchcock's story.

It is believed the youths are the ones who tried to rob the home of Professor H. H. Herdman, principal of Washington high school, at No. 375 Cornell road and who were frightened away by Professor Herdman.

In every case in which the boys are suspected of taking part, men were seen riding bicycles near the place burglarized or bicycle tracks were seen leading from the house.

Most of the stolen goods were concealed at the home of Hitchcock.

Government Will Open Bids Monday

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—Bids for \$15,000,000 worth of supplies for the army will be opened next Monday at the quartermaster's depots in Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Chicago, it was announced this afternoon.

Late Arrivals in Spring Furnishings

Our stock is being augmented daily with new Spring Furnishings. Whether your plans include the partial refurnishing of one room or an entire house, you'll find it to your advantage to inspect our stock. You'll be delighted with the well-chosen designs and their variety, and the economical prices will make possible unexpected economy. In any event, inspect at your leisure, and, if you buy, pay in monthly sums to suit your income.

Dining Tables Featured This Week

New Patterns, Prices Exceptionally Low!

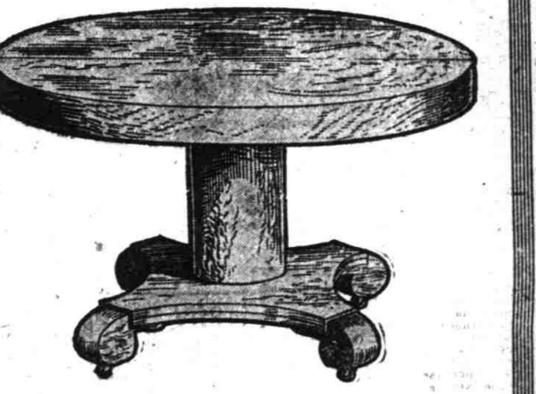
A massive quartered oak dining table exactly like the illustration. The top is 42-in., extending to 6 ft., flush rim, beautiful grain with wax finish. **\$37.50**

William and Mary wax finish dining table with plank top, big of selected quartered oak stock with 48-inch top extending to 6 feet. Price now, this week, only **\$29.90**

Quartered oak dining table with wax finish with a 45-inch top extending to 6 feet. A table out of the ordinary at the low price of **\$24.95**

A beautiful flush-rim table with wax finish with a 45-inch top extending to 6 feet. A table out of the ordinary at the low price of **\$19.75**

A solid oak table with rubbed wax finish. The top is 42 inches 42-inch and extends to 6 feet. A splendid value. **\$13.45**



See These Tables in the Fifth Street Windows

Mahogany Bed Room Suite \$139.75

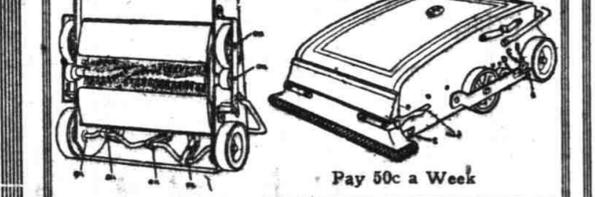
This beautiful mahogany suite is exactly like the illustration on the left. There are 4 pieces in William and Mary design, consisting of bed, dresser, dressing table and chiffonier. Splendidly made and handsomely finished. See them in the window.

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