

SO-CALLED TARIFF WAS MERE SOP TO SOOTHE FORDNEY

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Washington, March 23.—The decision of the Republican leaders in congress in agreement with President Harding to pass the Fordney emergency tariff bill in the same form as it was voted by Woodrow Wilson at the last session of congress, should be passed—that much is certain, but many things point to the probability of a revision of the Fordney measure before it can pass.

Everybody knows that the Fordney bill as it passed both houses during the last session would never have had a ghost of a show of passage if there had been the slightest chance of approval by Mr. Wilson. Accordingly, many things were inserted in the bill, partly out of a desire to satisfy certain constituents and partly out of an effort to make sure that the bill would be sufficiently obnoxious to the Democratic executive as to bring about its veto.

BILL IS CONDEMNED
Leading Republicans have privately condemned the Fordney bill as unscientific. The plan to revise the measure and put it through both houses in the same form as it was passed will not suit because American business houses affected by the measure will demand hearings and subsequent changes in the bill. When once the Fordney bill is opened up, other changes will be insisted upon. President Harding himself has already made one change—a request that the measure apply for six months instead of 10. This will affect certain schedules because already certain changes in economic conditions have occurred which render necessary adjustment of the tariff. Penrose has indicated that he means to go along with the plan to pass the Fordney measure, which he originally wanted killed.

MCUMBER SOMERSAULTS
There's a story that Mr. Penrose turned the management of the bill in the senate over to Senator McCumber of North Dakota in the belief that the latter, by a combination with the Democrats, would surely bury the Fordney measure. But Mr. McCumber turned out to be an ardent champion of the bill, and the astute leaders of the Republican congress are confronted with a perplexing problem. They know that to revise the tariff in the present state of world instability with costs of production changing constantly and price levels uncertain is to attempt a dangerous job which may react politically.

"ME, TOO," FORDNEY
But on the other hand, there are men like Representative Fordney of Michigan, with whom the tariff is a fetish and who must have a tariff bill put through to bear his name along with Messrs. Aldrich, Payne, Dingley and other Republican leaders of bygone days. The real trouble, it is recognized, will come if the Fordney bill sends up the cost of living. Senator McCumber admits during the recent debate that the cost of sugar might rise and possibly other articles of food, but that

it would help the farmer and other interests and therefore was a good thing in the long run.

POLITICIANS NOT SURE
The politicians are not sure that a rise in the cost of living right now would be received with enthusiasm by the great body of men and women voters who elect a new congress a year from next autumn. Eastern Republicans are for the most part counseling caution and are reminding the westerners of the fact that the Republican party lost control of the house in 1910 on precisely the same issue—the alleged rise in the cost of living after the Aldrich-Payne tariff bill was passed. If the tariff were to yield an immense amount of revenue and relieve the masses of folks of the high income taxes, the leaders would go ahead with firm step and jam it through, but the tariff, it is admitted, will not yield more than three or four hundred million dollars in a program of revenue raising that requires at least four billion dollars a year.

REAL BILL IN PROSPECT
The situation may be summed up thus: Mr. Fordney has had his way; there will be a tariff bill bearing his name, but it will not be the same measure that was passed at the last session and it will not go through so quickly as may be surmised from reading the announcement by the Republican ways and means committee. Indeed, the vast number of interests who let the Fordney bill go through by default, so to speak, because of the certainty of a Wilson veto, will have a great deal more to say this time and may so prolong the date as to make acute demand for tax legislation before there is tinkering with the tariff laws.

BRITAIN TO SEND TRADE AGENT TO MOSCOW AT ONCE

By Ed L. Keen
London, March 23.—(U. P.)—Great Britain proceeded today to establish contact with soviet Russia. A commissioner will be sent to Moscow at once, it was announced, to make preliminary arrangements for the opening of the trade under the new agreement.

With this start, Great Britain threw off some of its dread of Bolshevism. Aiding this process was the first statement Premier Lloyd George has made in defense of his recognition of the soviets as the de facto government in Russia.

CHANGE IS SEEN
The premier in commons last night made it clear that his information shows a great change is taking place in the beliefs of the communist leaders. He declared it was certain that Lenin and his associates now realize a state cannot be run on the theories of Karl Marx. Despite these official assurances there was a widespread belief that Lenin is not abrogating his ideas. It was pointed out that the official text of his speech before the communist party in Russia was filled with strong qualifications and that the premier stressed the fact that any expedients adopted now are but temporary.

It was pointed out that Lenin heretofore has shown a tendency to compromise his communistic beliefs in order to get results from the rest of the world which still is on a capitalistic basis.

Bolshevik newspapers read here advocate the acceptance of foreign capital to build up impoverished industries. They approved the premier's proposals for a lessening of Bolshevik restrictions but declared there were better reasons than he advanced for admitting foreign capital.

\$250,000,000 Asked For Reclamation by Smith-McNary Bill

(By Universal Service)
Washington, March 23.—The Smith-McNary reclamation bill, which was lost in the shuffle in the closing days of the last congress, will be urged on the coming special session, it was decided at a dinner of the Western States Reclamation association here last night.

Under this measure, which, with a few minor changes, will probably be designated as the Smith-McNary bill in the new congress, an appropriation of \$250,000,000 for reclamation work in the West would be granted.

The appropriations would be spread over a period of 10 years and the entire amount, together with accrued interest, repaid to the government through

the sale of bonds secured by the improvement of the land.

Senator McNary of Oregon, chairman of the senate irrigation committee,

pledged his cooperation at the dinner tonight and Albert F. Blaine, secretary of the United States reclamation congress, expressed belief that enactment of the measure will prove a boon to the veterans of the world war who will be given first preference to 50 per cent of the land so reclaimed.

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