

ASSERTS TARIFF WILL RESULT IN BLOC KICK-BACK

By David L. Walsh (United States Senator From Massachusetts.) (Editorial Service.)
Washington, Aug. 21.—The Fordney-McCumber tariff bill which the senate passed Saturday is one of the most abominable legislative acts of an American congress. The old principles of tariff for revenue and tariff for protection to infant industries have been abandoned. In part, also, political party lines have been disregarded. The whole measure its preparation and its passage step by step, smacks of selfishness and sordidness. The scales are excessive and the indiscriminate manner in which subsidies and bounties have been distributed to organized groups and classes at the expense of the many is scandalous. The old abuses in appropriation bills which taxed the American people in order to get votes for congressmen by erecting public buildings or by deepening and widening creeks and rivulets in their districts are made to appear insignificant in comparison with the grab features of this tariff bill.

Congress has maintained for months a bargain counter where tariff duties were sold to organized cliques and "demagogues" whose only object was to command a majority of votes. TARIFF MERELY DISTRIBUTES It is well recognized that tariff laws do not create wealth but distribute it. This bill takes billions of dollars from the pockets of the public and distributes this vast sum to those who enjoy sufficient influence to receive an invitation to thrust their hands in to the plunder pile.

The pit of it all is the abandonment of the century old tariff principles by a great political party. Senators from manufacturing, agricultural, mining, steel and metal states may be expected hereafter by the old line log-rolling methods and pork barrel practices, regardless of party affiliations to dictate the rates which the favored industries in their respective states demand.

If the new method which has succeeded at this time continues, it will not be long before the old party labels in our lawmaking bodies disappear and blocs, agricultural, manufacturing labor banking and social are substituted. TOLL IS STUPENDOUS The toll the American people must pay under the operation of this bill is stupendous. It will reach into the billions. Food stuffs, clothing, practically all the very essentials and necessities of life bear the highest tariff duties and all of this while the people are demanding reductions in the cost of production, cost of living, and capital is deflating wages. In the midst of the general business depression throughout the world, from which our own country has not been spared, the people's congress proceeds to increase their burdens and cost of living.

Experts of the government estimate that if the increased tariff duties levied on fresh meats, cereals, potatoes and beans are effective in increasing prices those alone will amount to an increase of \$1,150,000,000 in the cost of living. Indeed it is notorious that the working and poorer classes are especially to suffer in consequence of this legislation. PRODUCTION COST GROWS It is useless to enumerate the millions reaching into the billions which those increased duties will extort. Every industry with political influence, whether of the "war baby" or mushroom type, or of trust busting proportions has been made a beneficiary in participating in the graft. Their friends in congress however, have overreached themselves. Such high duties have been levied upon the raw and basic materials necessary to the manufacture of most of our finished products, that the big industries of the country must face a corresponding increase in the cost of production.

What will be the outcome of such methods of extorting from the people by taxation the millions and billions in my opinion it destroys respect of, if, indeed, it does not really threaten the security of our institutions. The bold and brazen manner in which special privileges have been bestowed upon favored groups is certain to provoke rather than allay the growing unrest which America as well as the rest of the world is combating. BECOMES MORAL ISSUE In view of the indefensible, scandalous, selfish, pork barrel character of this legislation, how much longer can our law making bodies retain the confidence and respect of the American public? It is time for a political revolution against such methods and practices.

This bill has made the tariff more than a political issue. It has become a great moral issue. It is immoral to extort, whether done under the guise of law or in violation of law. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods," is a forgotten commandment if the public cannot compel existing political organizations to live up to their well known principles and platforms, the people at least have the power to drive out of control any political party that sponsors and must assume the responsibility of this iniquitous legislation.

The unorganized ultimate consumers are again the victims. How much longer can they indifferently and patiently be commercialized? Is it not time for the ultimate consumers to organize and go on strike—a political strike?

DEMOCRATS TO FOCUS ON TARIFF BILLS IN CAMPAIGN

(By Universal Service.)
Washington, Aug. 21.—The Republican tariff bill which passed the senate Saturday already has been projected

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Spanish War Veterans to Meet This Week



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On the political screen as an issue in the next campaign. Chairman Cordell Hull of the Democratic national committee announced today that Democratic speakers will be instructed to "expose the inequities of the measure, and to hold the Republican party to a strict accountability to the American people for a measure at once indefensible in sound economics, and estimated to take \$3,000,000,000 out of the pockets of the American people in excess of what they now pay for the necessities of life."

"It will be a difficult task for the Republican party to explain to the American people why \$2,000,000,000 has been added to their cost of living," said Hull. "The special privilege conferred on the great manufacturing and industrial and other interests of the country under the provisions of the bill are already being flaunted in the faces of the American people, the consumers, in the form of newspaper advertisement written in anticipation of the high rates in nearly all of the schedules. Tariff revision upward will not appeal to the American people and so the new administration measures invited critical discussion at the outset."

Democratic campaign literature will be immediately sent out dealing with the tariff and it will become the paramount issue from now on. Particular emphasis will be laid on the split in the Republican party on the bill, which alienated the support of Senators like Borah, Norris and La Follette. The three Democrats who voted for the measure, Brandeell, Broussard and Kendrick are not to be excused by the Democratic national organization.

Senator McCumber, one of the authors of the bill, has already challenged the Democrats to make it an issue. In his speech on Saturday he declared the senators voting for it need seek no excuse for having done so. "There is not an item in it that any good Republican who is at heart a protectionist cannot defend before any person upon the face of the earth who wants to get the truth, and who does not desire to govern his course entirely by his prejudices," he said, and added: "We need no excuse for this bill."

They were taken there. Patrolman G. Jensen and Investigator Robert Kernan are recovering. Mills and Davey are possibly fatally hurt, having sustained fractured skulls and internal injuries.

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The convention was officially opened at 9 o'clock this morning with a joint meeting of delegates from all camps and all auxiliaries of the organization. It will close on Saturday. E. F. Schulz, chairman of the national convention committee, presided. Addresses of welcome to the delegates were made by Governor W. D. Stephens on behalf of California, Mayor George E. Cryer for this city, Colonel Follette, representing Commander Hanford MacNider of the American Legion, and Commander W. H. Noll, past department commander of California and Nevada, Grand Army of the Republic.

The annual business meeting of the Military Order of the Sergeant, composed of veterans, was scheduled to be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Two Policemen Hurt In Crash at Seattle Fighting for Life

Seattle, Aug. 21.—(U. P.)—Bravely holding their own, Patrolmen Fred Mills and F. H. Davey, injured in Saturday morning's crash between a police automobile and a streetcar, remained in the hospital today. Both are in the same condition as when

Standard Oil to Be Queried on Prices

(By Universal Service)
Washington, Aug. 21.—Representatives of the Standard Oil company and the Sinclair interests will be the next witnesses to be called by the senate committee which is holding hearings on the gasoline situation. Senator McNary, of Oregon, acting chairman of the investigating committee in the absence of Senator La Follette, has not determined the date when hearings will be resumed. The fluctuating price of gasoline since the hearings began has added interest to the proceedings.

Letters to Joe No. 1

What a wife writes her husband, when she is visiting the city.

We got here all right. This morning the air was like winter, but the house as cozy as could be. I asked Mary: Is the Gasco furnace going? No, she said, it was. Well, who shut it off, I asked, as she hadn't been out of the room. Why, that thermostat on the wall. Now what do you know about that!

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HUGHES LURED TO DEFENSE OF SEN. NEWBERRY

By Robert J. Bender (United News Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Aug. 21.—With Democrats planning to make the seating of Senator Newberry an issue in many election contests this fall, and with the same issue already in intra-republican line of contention in the Michigan and other forthcoming primaries, Secretary of State Hughes has extended his right hand to Newberry's defense.

In a long letter to the Rev. Hugh B. McAuley of Paterson, N. J.—a state where George Record is opposing Senator Frellinghuysen in the Republican primary—Hughes forcefully defends the Michigan senator, and declares that because of a general misconception of the litigation involving Newberry the latter "has suffered a most serious injustice."

At least four of the remaining 21 primaries and conventions preliminary to the general elections are featured by the issue of "Newberryism". In California, where Senator Hiram Johnson is running for re-nomination at the primary August 29, one of the points being made against him is that he failed to cast a vote when the senate decided to seat Newberry. In Wisconsin Senator La Follette is claiming support because of his vote against Newberry. In Michigan, home state of Newberry, Representative Patrick Kelley is opposing Senator Townsend, using the latter's vote to seat Newberry as a means to defeat him. In New Jersey Senator Frellinghuysen's vote for Senator Newberry has been repeatedly injected into the campaign.

While the Michigan primary is not until September 12 and the New Jersey primary September 29, the Hughes letter written August 16, is being widely circulated by Republican leaders in sections where it may do some good. G. O. P. CONCERNED The outcome of the Michigan primary will be pointedly significant in that Townsend's defeat by Newberry's own constituents would put every Republican who voted to seat Newberry in most uncomfortable situation.

The Rev. Mr. McAuley, in writing to Hughes for judgment of the case, recalled that Hughes argued Newberry's case before the supreme court, and that "Mr. Justice Reynolds, a Democrat, handed down the decision of the majority of the court acquitting Newberry, and that Chief Justice White, a great Democrat, a great chief justice and a great man concurred in the decision." Hughes, in reply, said: "I deprecate any such allusion, as partisan considerations do not enter

into the judicial opinions of the supreme court." Then in addition to reciting the views of the court in acquitting Newberry, Mr. Hughes passed judgment on the case himself, in part as follows: "TERMS CONVICTION WRONG "Senator Newberry could not have been convicted without what I always regarded, and so stated in my argument to the supreme court, an extraordinary misapplication of the statute upon which the charge was made. "The plain fact is that Senator Newberry was wrongly and most unjustly convicted and his conviction was set aside. Despite the long period of preparation, the rigid investigation, the

careful choosing of their ground, the long drawn out trial, the attempt in every possible way to besmirch, and the seal, ability and even bitterness of his pursuers, their endeavor to establish a violation of law on the part of Senator Newberry completely failed, and, accordingly, Senator Newberry stood as a senator duly elected by the people of the state of Michigan, and entitled to his seat in the senate." TWO MORE PRIMARIES This week will be marked by two primaries and two conventions. On Tuesday Democrats and Republicans of Idaho will meet to nominate state and national candidates, but since there are no vacancies occurring in the sen-

ate from that state little national interest attaches to the event. Delaware voters meet the same day to renominate Senator Coleman Dupont, while Wyoming voters go to the polls to nominate House Leader Frank Mondell as their Republican senate candidate and probably to renominate Senator Kendrick, Democratic incumbent. Next Saturday Texas holds its second primary, a run-off of the recent many sided senatorial contest and the fight there is of particular interest because of the red hot Ku Klux Klan issue which has developed. It must be nice to be a "dry" agent and have nothing to do but be "fixed" once in a while.—Baltimore Sun.

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