

HOUSE GIVES TARIFF BILL LARGE VOTE

Fordney Emergency Protection Act is Adopted 196 to 86 Over Defiant Protests of Minority

ALL-POLITICAL LINES ARE BROKEN IN VOTE

Relief Measure Is Asked Until a Scientific Tariff Can be Worked Out

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Over the protests of a defiant minority, the house tonight adopted the Fordney emergency tariff bill by a vote of 196 to 86.

Political Lines Are Broken

Political lines were swept aside on the final vote, 43 Democrats and one Prohibitionist combining with 154 Republicans supporting the measure, while 14 Republicans lined up with 72 Democrats against the bill.

Paraphrase by Paragraph

Paraphrase by paragraph, he assailed the measure, while the Republicans with loud roars of "noes" sent his proposed amendments down to defeat.

Chairman Fordney of the Ways and Means Committee

Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee which reported the measure, in opening debate declared the measure was not scientific and admitted it was hastily drawn, but asserted that it was the best that could be had at this time.

Garner Supports Bill

Representative Garner, Democrat, Texas, speaking in support of the bill said he felt it was the only way in which congress could extend relief so urgently needed by the farmers.

Representative Madden, Republican, Illinois

Representative Madden, Republican, Illinois, however, assailed his colleagues for "opening the way to a renewal of prohibitive living costs."

Retaliation May Come

In his attempts at amendment, Mr. Rainey sought to show that the bill for the most part carried higher rates than the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

Scientific Tariff Is Need

During the day a number of senators entered the house chamber, and their presence led to reports that they were prepared to talk the bill to death in the senate.

NATION-WIDE SEARCH FOR MISS SMITH ENDS

CLARA SMITH SURRENDERS TO SHERIFF GARRETT

Fatigued and Indisposed Young Woman Declines to Give Statement of Her Story

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Worn and weary after her long flight, which carried her from Ardmore, Okla., to Chihuahua City, Mexico, Clara Barton Smith, wanted in Ardmore on a complaint charging murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma millionaire, at Ardmore, tonight surrendered in Juarez, Mexico, to Sheriff Buck Garrett of Ardmore, but later was allowed to spend the night with her family here.

Sheriff Garrett announced he would start with Miss Smith on the return trip to Ardmore tomorrow. The sheriff made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"Clara says she will make her \$10,000 bond the first thing after reaching Ardmore, will spend a day or two with relatives in Carter county, Oklahoma, and then will return to El Paso to make her home with her parents. When her trial is called Miss Smith will of course go back to Ardmore, but her home will remain here.

"You may tell all the world too, that the sympathies of the largest part of the people of Carter county are with Miss Smith."

Miss Smith herself declined to make a statement tonight, pleading her fatigue and indisposition.

"I want the whole world to know my story," she told the correspondent of the Associated Press, "but I could not give out any connected interview tonight. All I can say is that I want to get back as soon as I can."

A later attempt to get a statement developed the information that Miss Smith was ill and that a physician had been summoned.

It was learned that she had been advised by her attorneys not to make any statement.

The search for Miss Smith tonight ends a nation-wide search for the woman which began November 22 when the prosecuting attorney at Ardmore obtained warrants for her charging her with the shooting of Hamon and with a statutory offense.

Flamin was shot in his hotel at Ardmore, Sunday, November 21. He walked to the hospital where he said a gun he had been cleaning was accidentally discharged. He died November 26.

COAL OFFICIALS ARE QUESTIONED

Senate Committee Investigates Organizations Dealing With Government

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—How the national coal association, an organization of coal operators, dealt with the government and coped with the fuel shortage last summer, were fields in which a senate investigating committee today spent ten hours.

J. D. A. Morrow, a vice-president of the organization, told how the association drafted orders for the inter-state commerce commission to issue on transportation matters, paid the expenses of the United States geological survey in collecting official figures on coal production, kept Joseph P. Tully, secretary to President Wilson, informed of all steps, and successfully fought proposals to re-establish a fuel administration, although coal prices continued to mount.

H. W. Wentz, the association's president, testified to purchasing for the war department at the height of the shortage, 150,000 tons of coal, for which the government paid \$11.50 a ton, while another corporation which he controlled, was mining and selling contract coal for \$3.20 and \$3.87 a ton.

The examination of the two officials of the association was enlivened from time to time as senators produced correspondence taken from the organization's files during an unannounced search of its offices in Washington last Saturday and Sunday, and questioned sharply the purpose of public interest of the steps taken by the association and government agencies alike.

Mr. Wentz declared that his purchase of coal for the war department had been made over protest and agreed to a suggestion of Senator Calder, republican of New York, that "it was bad business for the government and increased the difficulty for the public."

"A representative of the war department came to me and said that the department had ordered all its coal for the winter bought immediately, during September," Mr. Wentz said. "I said that the department should buy a little here, a little later on and not go into the market for the full amount because it could all be obtained later, for much less money, but I was informed that the order was to buy immediately. The story I got was that the secretary of war felt the step necessary."

Mr. Wentz said he received commissions amounting to \$55,000 on the purchases. Senator Calder, producing a sheet of figures, said that "millions of tons" had been obtained for the army by other buyers during September and October.

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CRUELTY IS PERPETRATED ON CONVICTS

Publicity Director of Houston Chamber of Commerce Reveals Atrocities of Texas Prison System

MEN BEATEN AND SHOT TO DEATH

Tubercular Inmates Tortured—Dixon Claims He Has Names to Show

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 22.—Charging that convicts are shot down like dogs in Texas prison camps, beaten to death with heavy things, suspended by chains, confined naked in dark cells, beaten and punched with loaded pistols by brutal guards, George W. Dixon, publicity director of the Houston chamber of commerce, has issued an appeal to the public to put a stop to these "cruel and inhuman practices."

Mr. Dixon has issued the following statement to the press, with the request that the facts be given to the public:

"Names in Possession. "I have in my possession a report showing that the cruelties practiced on prisoners in Texas prison camps are sufficient to shock the conscience of the civilized world. I am no maulin sentimentalist; no habitual reformer. I am only a reporter of facts which I am making public solely through sentiments of humanity. I have the names of prisoners who have been beaten to death. I have the names of the prison guards in charge at the time of death. My report shows 13 prisoners killed. Of this number five were beaten to death and eight were shot by prison guards.

"Three prisoners were beaten to death at Ramsey farm, one at camp No. 2, and one at Allen farm, all operated by the Texas prison system. Heavy manilla rope was used in beating one man to death. The rope was first soaked in water then applied to the prisoner's body until he fell in a crumpled heap, dead at the feet of the tormentor. I have the names of two old men who were beaten until their bodies were covered with scars. Nine other prisoners, whose names I have, are covered with scars inflicted with the wet manilla rope.

"Flu Victims Tortured. "One assistant manager beat a prisoner to death, then prepared the body for burial himself. I have the name of the dead prisoner and the prison camp at which he died under the cruel lash.

"During the influenza epidemic volunteer nurses obtained permission from the governor to visit some of the sick prisoners. At Allen farm they found a prisoner had been shot to death the night before and the cause of his death reported as influenza. I have the name of another prisoner on this same farm who was beaten to death in June of last year.

"Prisoners are afraid to give out information as to their treatment and dead men tell no tales. A prisoner at Imperial farm was suspected of giving out facts to a woman who visited the farm in company with the prison physician. The prison farm manager had the man handcuffed and suspended from the floor by chains, and otherwise maltreated him as punishment for his supposed giving out of information which had been used in a complaint to the governor of Texas. On petition of more than 100 Texas women, this manager was discharged, but the maltreated prisoner was transferred to a negro prison camp in East Texas, where the abuses continued.

"Tubercular prisoners are driven to work in the rain. I have the name of a prison guard who chased two tubercular patients together by their wrists, then stripped them naked and kept them in the dungeon for 17 hours. They were beaten, kicked and punched with the muzzle of a loaded pistol. Tuberculars are supposed to get a ration of butter, milk and eggs, but these men received neither. A physician calls to see them about once a week.

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IF YOU DOUBT HUMANITY JUST SEE STATESMAN'S WAREHOUSE FOR NEEDY PEOPLE OF SALEM

If one is ever tempted to doubt human nature, one should begin a campaign for the poor and needy, for it is in response to such calls that the kindly, compassionate side of mankind is best demonstrated. Instance the solicitation made Wednesday morning by The Statesman for provisions for the destitute in Salem—and its result.

The paper had no more than reached the subscribers than telephone calls began to pour into The Statesman office, from both the city and countryside.

And those calling had a host of things to give, canned fruit, potatoes, carrots, cabbages, apples, clothing, flour, beans, rice, money and toys for the children of poor families. The larger number asked that these things be collected as they were unable to make personal delivery, but there were many who came throughout the day with the rear of their wagons or autos loaded with sacks and boxes of provisions.

Everyone of these calls has been listed and will be attended to as fast as the Boy Scouts are relieved from other duties. Anything that could be used to advantage by families who have hardly the bare necessities of life will be received today, tomorrow and even Christmas day, if generous Salem folk see fit to send things then.

To communicate with The Statesman Santa Claus, phone 106.

WORLD PEACE PLAN BASED ON MORALITY

Harding's Plan Roughly Shapes Into Diplomatic Exchange With England, France, Italy and Japan

CABINET PORTFOLIOS ARE STILL UNFILLED

Selection of Cabinet Is Woven Around Question of International Relations

MARION, O., Dec. 22.—Although many important decisions remain to be made it became known tonight that President-elect Harding's series of conferences here have brought him much nearer the solution of the big problems of his administration.

Peace Based on Moral Influence. A world peace plan, based on the untold moral influence of the great powers is taking more or less concrete form in his mind as he gathers advice on the subject from every viewpoint.

Available material for the cabinet has been sorted painstakingly and although no appointments have been offered the field of possibilities has been narrowed sharply. Definite announcement of selections for two or three of the most important portfolios may be made early in the new year.

The problem of reorganizing the elaborate executive machinery at Washington the plans of the president-elect are less complete, but he at least has gathered much information and advice and has settled upon a central scheme of procedure.

Diplomacy to Play Part. Mr. Harding is keeping an ear to the ground for information on the labor situation and on financial conditions. He has inquired into the question of agricultural relief and has sought for the real story of the nation's military and naval status.

So far as the world peace plan is concerned, Mr. Harding still remains free from final commitment to any definite and detailed program. During his conferences here however, he has placed upon the table an outline of procedure which he formulated long before the campaign was over. Much still is to be done but the president-elect views the progress already made as insuring success.

Roughly the plan as it now shapes up is understood to contemplate a diplomatic exchange with Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan soon after the new administration begins on March 4, asking that they consider the possibilities of an agreement between them and the United States to exert a united moral force for world peace. It is not expected that the proposal will suggest in any respect a political alliance, though it may reiterate the faith of the United States in a world court in which all nations might voluntarily become litigants.

Cabinet Portfolios Unfilled. What the next step might be must depend, of course, upon the willingness of the four great powers to co-operate. Mr. Harding has every expectation that they will be ready to second such a move, and if they do, a diplomatic conference at Washington is among the possibilities.

At such a conference would be determined such questions as the availability of the Hague tribunal and workable features of the Versailles league in waiving the texture of the new covenant.

From the first, the question of the more important cabinet selections has been bound up with the world peace program and Mr. Harding has weighed the qualifications of possible secretaries of state with particular concern.

Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican nominee of 1916 and Senator Philander C. Knox, former head of the state department, are understood to be among those who are figuring conspicuously in these considerations. David Jayne Hill, a former ambassador to Germany and Elihu Root, another former secretary, also have been mentioned many times in gossip as possible selections.

Herbert Hoover May Get Place. Some of Senator Harding's immediate, intimate friends believe that to relieve the public mind of some of its present uncertainty he might announce his appointments to the state and treasury departments within the next few weeks and then hold the remainder of the cabinet upon them. For the treasury position, speculation has been less definite, but Charles G. Dawes, Chicago, former Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, George M. Reynolds of Chicago and Charles D. Hilles of New York have been named frequently as possibilities in the under-surface currents of political opinion.

It is understood also that Herbert Hoover is under considera-

FOUR KILLED IN SERIOUS CLASH

Screams of Horror Stricken Heard Above Volleys of Red Guards

BOLOGNA, Italy, Dec. 22.—A serious clash occurred yesterday at Ferrara, 25 miles north of Bologna, where the socialists had organized a demonstration in protest against the recent attacks in Bologna upon socialist deputies. Four persons were killed and more than 30 wounded before police and troops restored order. Fifteen red guards were arrested.

More than 10,000 persons gathered for the socialist demonstration. Authorities believed the absence of police and carabinieri from the scene would aid in avoiding trouble.

The theater was decorated with red flags. In the royal box the coat of arms of the house of Svoys was replaced by a portrait of Nikolai Lenin, the Russian soviet premier.

While the meeting was in full swing, 600 nationalists in military formation issued from their quarters to carry out a parade through the streets, singing war songs and shouting the war cry of D'Annunzio. At first the nationalists were confronted by male nurses from the lunatic asylum. These nurses, all socialists marched in the opposite direction to the nationalists, waving red flags.

Then a volley of rifle fire swept over the nationalists, the shots coming from the battlements of a famous castle.

A stampede of the people followed immediately. During the shooting, which continued only a few minutes, the screams of the horror-stricken could be heard above the volleys.

Bank Robber Wagner's Cache Is Discovered

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—Sheriff Hurlburt's office was advised today that deputies investigating the activities of Frank "Dutch" Wagner, shot Sunday near Astoria had uncovered one of the former bank robber's caches near Gardiner, Or., and had recovered 50 shares of First National bank stock, made out to John M. Hedden, \$25 in thrift and savings stamps, \$59.91 in small change and 12 gold watches. All the loot was said to have been from the Scottsburg postoffice and store of Hedden which Wagner is said to have looted. Following Wagner's death, \$6500 in bonds stolen from the Hedden place were recovered at Astoria.

IRISH RAVAGES ARE DESCRIBED

Corporal Tells Story of "Black and Tan" Attacks on Innocent People

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. A characterization of the "black and tan" in Ireland as "wholly without discipline and not responsible to anybody" was given today by a former corporal in the United States army in reply to a request of the commission of the committee of 100. Investigating the Irish question for "an appraisal through the eyes of a soldier of the English forces in Ireland."

D. J. Broderick of Chicago, who said he served on the Mexican border before the world war and in the navy during hostilities, told the commission that "if enlisted men of the American military services took into their own hands reprisals against the people of occupied territories as the 'black and tan' and English soldiers did in Ireland, they would be tried by courts martial and sentenced to long terms in military prisons."

Broderick, who returned to this country December 5 after a visit to Abbey Feale, Ireland, said he had been addressed by a member of the "black and tan" as "one of those Yanks who won the war." He was searched on one occasion at the point of a pistol, he declared, and upon pointing his American citizenship was told "we don't care if you are the president of the United States, you are going to be searched."

Broderick said he had witnessed the pillaging of homes by "drunken black and tan," the "pistol shooting of cattle by British soldiers, and the wounding of a little girl by the military."

He added that one of the black and tan and a member of the royal Irish constabulary, had showed him their ammunition which, he said, consisted of "soft nosed" bullets, molded of lead and flat on the end.

The witness described several killings attributed to the "black and tan," and the searching and "abuse of individuals."

Members of the commission heard from Miss Susannah Walsh a story of the killing of her brother-in-law, the late Lord Mayor McCurtain of Cork. Miss Annie Walsh, her sister, declared that boy scouts had been killed by black and tan. Firemen fighting fires of incendiary origin, she said, repeatedly were fired upon by the military.

"It is no longer safe to be on the streets of Cork," she said. "The people hurry straight home from work."

THE WEATHER: Thursday: Rain in east, probably rain or snow west portion.

FOUR MINERS CAUGHT WHEN MINE CAVES IN

LITTLE HOPE FOR RESCUE OF MEN IS HELD

Shoring in Eleventh Level Gives Way Precipitating Tons of Coal Entombing Workmen

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Four miners were caught in a cave-in on the 11th level of the Pacific Coast Coal company's mine at Black Diamond, Wash., near here today and are believed to have been either crushed by the slide or suffocated.

The men are: Carl Hevlin, Joe Grill, Frank Bussey and Frank Navonne, all residents of Black Diamond.

According to S. H. Green of Seattle, manager of the coal company there is little possibility of rescuing any of the men alive as they were caught in a small area deep underground, a hundred miners were working tonight, in two hour shifts, in an effort to clear away the debris.

The slide occurred early today when the 11th level was filled with workmen. The shoring in the level gave way, precipitating tons of coal and rock into the tunnel and cutting off the four men from their comrades. Six men were at first believed to be entombed but final check of the men reduced the number to four.

M. L. Hamilton Dies After Long Illness

M. L. Hamilton died Wednesday morning at a local hospital at the age of 64 years. The funeral services will be held from the Webb & Clough chapel Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Hamilton had been ill for many months, beginning with an attack of influenza in California. He was a pioneer business man of Salem and has numerous relatives in this community. His wife passed away only a few weeks ago in Stockton, Calif., and her funeral took place here.

Mr. Hamilton was the father of Laud Hamilton, widely known as a resident of Stockton, Calif., and here as an advertising man, now of Ira Hamilton, former Salem chief of police, now in the automobile business at Oakland, Calif. He was a brother of Mrs. William Anderson of Salem and a brother-in-law of Carey F. Martin of Salem and Richard Kirk of Portland.

Laud Hamilton is now on his way to Salem to attend the funeral. Relatives here are not informed whether the other son will come.

White Population of Melbourne Deputized

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 22.—Virtually the entire white population of Broome has been deputed by the local constables and are engaged in disarming the Japanese as a result of the racial disputes with the Malays resulting in fatal rioting Tuesday. All the hotels in Broome have been closed in order to prevent further bloodshed.

Information reaching the court on the betting on the outcome of the trial, prompted the judge to send the jury back with a request that it reach a verdict, after it had reported that it could not agree.

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AN APPEAL TO CHRISTIANS

By HERBERT HOOVER

It is not wise nor proper for men to claim indiscriminately the blessing of Christ on the tasks they undertake. Yet surely concerning the vital duty to the performance of which American charity has dedicated itself this winter—the protection of 3,500,000 children from the indescribable miseries of starvation or death by disease—it is not presumptuous to call on His followers in His name. Quoted word and recorded act assure us that Jesus had no passion more intense than His love of children.

Eight organizations, working among every race and creed, have come to the unanimous conclusion that three and one-half million children in Eastern and Central Europe have no alternative to disaster between now and next harvest except American aid. The European Relief Council, comprising eight great relief agencies, was formed in the deep conviction that this heartrending peril to helpless children should have absolute right of way until the situation is met.

I know America has tasks and needs at home, but I make no apology for seeking to lay on your hearts our obligation to avert the incredible tragedy that threatens these children. They are no more my children than they are yours. Neither of us can dare let them suffer through our indifference and then claim servanthip to Christ.

One way to make your contribution is to fill out the form below. Bear in mind that \$10 will save a child's life:

EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL

Make check payable to F. G. Deckebach, Chairman

Marion County Committee, Salem, Oregon

Please find enclosed my contribution as part of America's Christmas Gift to the Starving Children of Europe.

Name Address

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