

# SENATOR M'CUMBER IN RED HOT SPEECH HITS WAR CONTRACT GRAFT

### Declares Unless Conditions Change Only Collapse of Central Powers Can Save Allies From Abject Defeat; Scores Bolsheviki Surrender As Damnable Treachery to Entente.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Denouncing the Bolsheviki surrender to Germany, Senator McCumber, republican of North Dakota, told the senate today that a "Bolsheviki" sentiment in America endangers the cause of democracy against autocracy. Profiteers, labor slackers and government officials who fail to stand against them were assailed by the senator in vigorous terms.

Unless conditions change, the senator declared, only a collapse of the central powers can save the allies from defeat. The senator began with a denunciation of a Bolsheviki surrender.

#### "Damnable Treachery."

"Search the world's history," declared Senator McCumber, "and nothing can be found even to approach this most damnable treachery to the faithful and bleeding allies—this blackest treason to country and national honor. For this ignominious surrender under Bolsheviki reign, let every Russian patriot for a thousand years wear branded on his cheek the blush of shame."

"With this spectacle of national impotency and disgrace before you and enlightened by the appalling conditions in our shipyards, is it not about time we were turning our attention to the Bolsheviki doctrine of those in our country who are paralyzing the arms of the government and imperiling the lives of our soldiers in France."

#### Delays Shipyards.

"So, too, we have seen the effect of this Bolsheviki sentiment 'more, still more, always more,' regardless of justice, regardless of patriotic duty, in the shameful delay in ship construction, on which the very life of a great world principle depends, and we are told that all munition plants, every line of industry upon which the life of the government depends, will soon be reduced to the same condition of impotency as the shipbuilding program."

"The time has arrived for the American people to accept this challenge. While this Bolsheviki cancer which is sapping our strength and jeopardizing our safety is not confined to any one class, it nevertheless manifests itself in its most malignant form in labor profiteering in our shipyards."

#### Hits Hog Island.

In supply profiteering, Senator McCumber said, he would name only one shipyard, Hog Island. The foundation of that yard, he said, "is laid on graft," and the cost of construction, he said, will be "three or four times the government's original estimate, adding 'this single holdup of the government will probably cost not less than \$30,000,000.'"

"Like conditions prevail," he continued, "throughout the country wherever speeding up production has become necessary. Contracts of the most atrocious character, always against the government, have been O. K'd by government officials. The government pays every dollar of expense for raw materials and yet the individuals enormous profits."

#### Enormous Commissions.

"Men who never saw a shipyard, men who had no capital, have been given contracts to build ships, and they in turn have contracted to sublet those contracts to others, retaining big commissions. Banks have charged immense bonuses for obtaining contracts for their customers, and all this within the knowledge of, or easily obtainable by government officials."

Despite the fact that the nation needs ships as never before in order to transport troops and supplies abroad and notwithstanding the patriotic fever of Gompers' union, labor in our shipyards is slacking in a most shameful and disgraceful manner," the senator declared.

"Just how long the American people will submit to being robbed first by the material men, then by the laborer, and then by having both robberies encouraged and acquiesced in by the government, the Lord only knows."

#### Hits United States Officials.

"If the country is being robbed, it is the fault of the officials in charge and not because of lack of power to prevent it."

Senator McCumber estimated there were 6,500,000 men between the ages of 18 and 62 in this country doing practically nothing, but yet "soldiers are compelled to die for these men."

"When we send men to France and then all of these remaining at home receive either enormous wages for labor, which they do not perform, or enormous profits on goods furnished, thereby delaying and hindering the government in its efforts to speed up construction, the death of every soldier by reason of this delay is chargeable not alone to the slackers and idlers, but to members of congress as well."

#### McCaffrey Motor Company Makes First Official Sale

The first sale contract registered with Manager Clarke Powell after the opening of the Auto show at 2 p. m. Monday was the sale of a Ford truck by T. Sherman McCaffrey, president of the McCaffrey Motor company, to the Richey Sand company. It being the first contract turned in, Manager Powell inserted in the official records records the time it was received, 2:02 p. m.

#### Aged Painter is Found Dead in His Room in Hotel

John Mulberry, 70 years old, was found dead in his bed at the Ivy hotel, 1315 Douglas street, Monday morning. He had been in ill health for several days. The body was found by John Woods after repeated knocking at the door of Mulberry's room had failed to bring a response.

#### County Administrator Has Tendered His Resignation

William T. Hogan, administrator of county charities, has handed in his resignation to the county commissioners. No reason is given for his action.

"I do not desire to make a statement at this time," said Mr. Hogan. Hogan was appointed February 1, 1917. County commissioners say they know no reason for Hogan's resignation.

#### Badger State Solons Clash on La Follette

Madison, Wis., Feb. 25.—Senator Robert M. La Follette is the issue before the senate of the Wisconsin legislature today. This house is under a call to bring back all absent members to vote on an anti-LaFollette resolution.

Senator I. P. Witter, Grand Rapids, Wis., today withdrew the republican harmony resolution and announced that LaFolletteism on the war has been made an issue. A defense of Senator LaFollette's war record made Saturday by Senator Haber precipitated the clash.

#### Supreme Court Syllabi

The following are rulings on miscellaneous motions and stipulations in supreme court: 20235—Lecher against Lecher. Motion sustained; appellant ordered to pay \$100 for attorney fees and expenses within 30 days, and to pay appellee \$25 per month as temporary alimony, commencing March 1, 1918.

April 20, 1918, to serve briefs; cause advanced and set for hearing at session commencing May 6, 1918. 20244—Moran against Hauser. Stipulation allowed; appellee given until March 1, 1918, to serve briefs; cause advanced and set for hearing at session of court commencing March 18, 1918. 20251—Dow against Modern Brotherhood of America. Motion of Herbert B. Dow to have action proceed in his name as sole appellee, sustained. 20252—Birk against Biers. On court's own motion, cause continued to sitting of court commencing March 18, 1918. 20253—State ex rel. Simon against Moorehead. Motion to advance sustained; cause advanced and set for hearing at session of court commencing March 4, 1918. 19485—Johnson against Trowbridge Boller company. Affirmed for want of briefs. 19266—Schlanbusch against Schlanbusch. Motion for continuance sustained; cause continued and set for hearing at session of court commencing March 15, 1918. 20009—Hershiser against Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad company. Stipulation allowed; appellee given until February 15, 1918, to serve briefs; cause continued to session of court commencing April 15, 1918. 19276—Barker against Drainage District No. 1, Richardson county. Stipulation allowed; rule day extended to March 10, 1918. Appellee given until April 20, 1918, to serve briefs; cause continued and set for hearing at session of court commencing May 8, 1918. 20277—Lincoln Commercial club against Union Pacific Railroad company. Stipulation allowed; rule day extended to March 10, 1918. 19258—National Surety company against Love. Motion of appellant for continuance sustained; appellant given until May 23, 1918, to serve briefs; cause continued and set for hearing at session of court commencing June 2, 1918. 20219—Lampe against Miles. Stipulation allowed; rule day extended to February 20, 1918.

Miscellaneous rulings: 19841—Platner against Hansen. Stipulation allowed; cases dismissed at cost of applicant. Mandate to issue forthwith. 19296—Ireland against Tiede. Stipulation allowed; cause continued to session of court commencing April 1, 1918. 19399—Stevens against German Fire Ins. Co. Stipulation allowed; appellee given until March 1, 1918, to serve briefs; cause continued to session of court commencing April 15, 1918. 20021—Watson against C. B. & Q. R. Co. Stipulation allowed; appellee given until April 1, 1918, to serve briefs. 20087—Anderson against C. B. & Q. R. Co. Stipulation allowed; cause revised in name of Kjerstine Anderson, executrix of last will and testament of Thomas C. Anderson, deceased. 20102—Sheldon against Randall. Stipulation allowed; appellee given until February 25, 1918, to serve briefs. 20212—General Fire Extinguisher Co. against Hord Alfalfa Meal Co. Stipulation allowed; appellee given until March 1, 1918, to serve briefs. 20238—City of Rulo against Edgewood. Dismissal allowed; appeal dismissed at costs of appellant; mandate to issue forthwith. 20239—Edgewood against City of Rulo. Dismissal allowed; appeal dismissed at costs of appellant; mandate to issue forthwith. 20235—Mann against Automobile Mutual Ins. Co. Motion for rehearing of motion to quash bill of exceptions sustained; former order quashing bill of exceptions set aside. 19620—Costs against O'Connor. Reargument ordered before the court at session commencing March 18, 1918.

The following options were filed: 19225—First Nat. Bank of Sidney against Overland. Reversed and remanded. Morrissey, C. J. Letton, J., concurring. Mamer, J., dissenting separately. Rose and Sedgwick, J., not sitting. 19237—Overlander against Ware. Affirmed. Cornish, J., Bean, J., dissenting separately. Mamer, J., dissenting. Sedgwick, J., not sitting. 19275—Workman against Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. Affirmed. Rose, J., Mamer, J., dissenting separately. Sedgwick, J., not participating. 19781—Alberts against Hankins. Reversed and remanded. Sedgwick, J., Mamer, J., dissenting. Letton and Rose, J.J., not sitting. 19798—Dravo-Doyle Co. against Metropolitan Water Dist. of City of Omaha. Affirmed. Morrissey, C. J., Sedgwick, J., not sitting. 19746—State ex rel. Emerson against County Commissioners of Boone County. Reversed with directions to allow writ of mandamus. Rose, J., Sedgwick, J., not sitting.

19874—State against O'Connor. Reversed with directions that action stand abated until final judgment and decree in the proceedings to settle the estate of John O'Connor, deceased. Letton, J., Sedgwick, J., not sitting. 19277—Fort Collins Nat. Bank against Strachan. Affirmed. Cornish, J., Sedgwick, J., not sitting. 20341—Whitcomb against State. Affirmed. Cornish, J., Mamer and Sedgwick, J.J., not sitting. 20329—Moore against Village of Napoleon. Affirmed. Mamer, J., Rose, J., dissenting. Sedgwick, J., not sitting. The following cases were affirmed without opinions: 19294—Liggitt against Bartlett & King. Sedgwick, J., not sitting. 19094—Lewelling against Stevens. 19732—Wiles against Keckler. Letton Sedgwick, J.J., not sitting. Mamer, J., dissenting. The following cases were disposed of by the commission: 19769—Schill against DeFew. Reversed with directions to allow injunction as prayed in petition. McGirr, C. 18994—Moorman Manufacturing Co. against Tangney. Affirmed. Parriott, C. 19413—St. Joseph & O. I. R. Co. against Heye. Affirmed. McGirr, C. 19822—Miller against Kinnaman. Reversed and remanded. Parriott, C. 19834—O'Brien against Coon. Reversed and remanded. Martin, C. 19848—Clymer against Hamar. Affirmed. McGirr, C. 19853—Fropat against Goodrich. Reversed with directions to enter judgment for plaintiff for \$100 and interest June 26, 1914. Parriott, C. 19869—Cornell-Searl Co. against Alderman. Affirmed. Martin, C. 19870—Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co. against Basta & Prenosil. Affirmed. Martin, C. 19891—Galvan, administrator, against Strainand. Affirmed. Parriott, C. 19388—Anderson against Johnston. Affirmed. Martin, C. 19900—Schwabine against Woods. Affirmed. McGirr, C. 19910—Dunn against Lincoln Traction Co. Affirmed. Parriott, C. 19910—G.H. Jankinson Co. against Chamberlain. Affirmed. McGirr, C. 19926—Koupal & Harstow against Dwyer. Reversed with instructions to overrule decree. McGirr, C.

The following are rulings on motions for rehearing: 19623—Jessop against Sterling Realty Co. Overruled. 19735—Nichols against City of Columbus. Overruled. 19728—Benson against Gordon. Former opinion modified. Motion for rehearing overruled. 19759—Nilson against Hyers. Overruled.

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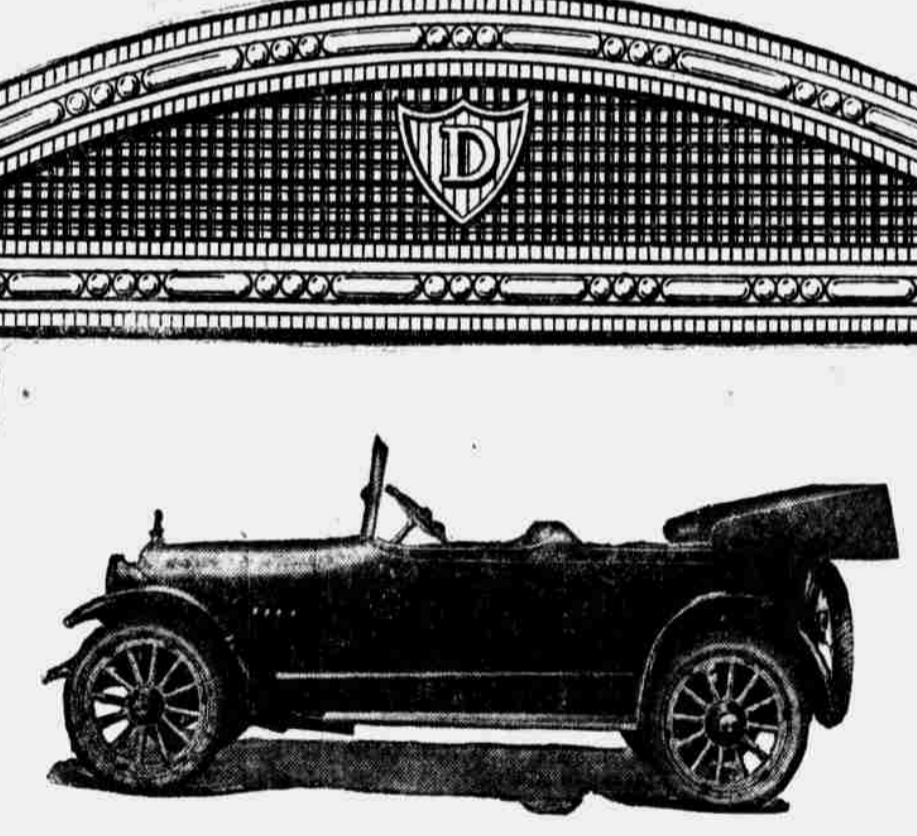
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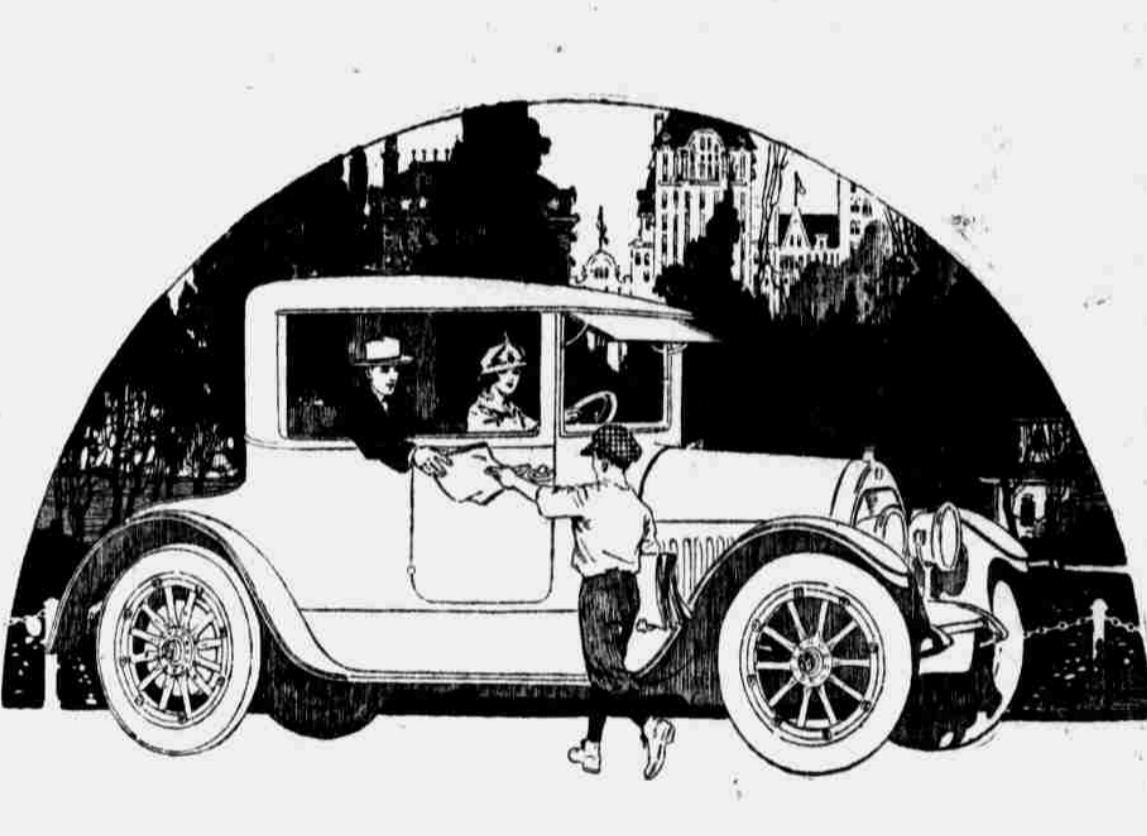
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