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**The Tariff Struggle in the Senate**

A Washington City dispatch under date of May 14 follows:

Asking that an interview with J. J. Hill be read to the senate immediately after that body convened today, Senator Scott endorsed its advice to congress that oratory be suspended and that congress promptly pass the tariff bill.

"This," said Mr. Scott, "is in line with letters I am daily receiving begging and praying that these gentlemen," waving his hand over the senate chamber, "get through with their wind-jamming and let the country go ahead with its business."

In the senate, May 14, Mr. Root of New York lectured senators for "elaborate discussion" and "declamation." Mr. Root added: "If gentlemen think that the people of the country will applaud them, in my judgment, they are much mistaken." Mr. LaFollette replied sarcastically to Mr. Root, saying that he, LaFollette, would be the judge as to when and how he should talk. Mr. Money

of Mississippi also sailed into the New York senator, saying with pointed reference to Mr. Root: "If he objects to so much speaking he can do most of it himself. We do not want any lectures on our business here. It does not become any man, however important he may consider himself, to come into a chamber of his peers and talk about such matters. We come here to do as we please, and the man who comes here to please somebody else should be kicked out of this chamber by the people at his home."

An Associated Press report of the day's proceedings follow:

The Cummins' amendments reducing the duty on round iron and slabs one-tenth of a cent was then voted on and defeated on a roll call by a vote of 35 to 42. Senator McEnery of Louisiana, (dem.) voted with the republicans against the amendment and Senators Beveridge, Borah, Bristow, Brown, Burkett, Clapp, Crawford, Cummins, Dolliver, LaFollette and Nelson with the democrats for it.

Seeking free trade in all farming implements and tools used by carpenters and blacksmiths, Mr. McLaurin of Mississippi offered an amendment exempting from duty the only articles made of iron and steel, such as trace chains, hammers, screws and door hinges. The amendment was defeated on a roll call. The vote was 52 against and 22 in favor.

"I see that the republican party is now reunited," said Mr. Bailey when the vote was announced, "and I ask unanimous consent that on Monday next a vote may be taken on the income tax amendment."

Mr. Aldrich requested Mr. Bailey to change his amendment to provide for a vote on the tariff bill and all amendments on June 1, which the latter said he favored.

Mr. Nelson of Minnesota objected to Mr. Bailey's request, saying he was opposed to including an income tax in the tariff bill unless it was necessary for revenue purposes.

"There is no use of the seance between the senator from Texas and the senator from Rhode Island about a vote on June 1," continued Mr. Nelson. "I hope we will get around to that, but there are two of the most important schedules, those relating to woolen goods and cotton goods, remaining to be disposed of."

Mr. Bailey demanded sharply: "What does the senator mean by seance?"

"I assure the senator that I meant it entirely in a Christian spirit," replied Mr. Nelson, but he added that if the senator was curious he would explain that he had seen the senator from Rhode Island whisper to the senator from Texas and almost immediately came the latter's motion that a date be fixed for a vote on the income tax amendment.

Mr. Bailey appeared intensely angry at the inferred insinuation that there was an understanding between the two senators and he hotly replied:

"I have always noticed that the candid and honest man is slow to suspect others of improper motives and conduct and when I find a man who readily suspects others of misconduct, I conclude that he has been guilty of similar misconduct."

He announced that he would tell the senator from Minnesota just what had been said in his conversation with Senator Aldrich. He said that he had noticed all of the "insurgents" had voted against the amendment of Senator McLaurin and that he had expressed the opinion to Senator Aldrich that the "insurgents" had reached an agreement not to support an amendment which had been offered by a democrat and that Sen-

ator Aldrich had replied that he had heard one of the "insurgents" say so. Senator LaFollette disclaimed having any understanding on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich the senate agreed to meet at 10 o'clock daily beginning Monday.

The breaking up of party lines in the vote taken in the senate yesterday on iron ore gave rise to considerable speculation as to how the members of the majority and minority would divide on various schedules for taxing the products of steel. It is expected that now that so many senators have spoken on the bill there will be more rapid progress in obtaining votes on disputed paragraphs.

While the paragraph relating to scrap iron is next in order for consideration, it was agreed that this should be passed over. The present duty on scrap iron is \$4 per ton, and this was reduced by the house bill to 50 cents per ton, which figure was advanced by the senate bill to \$2.50 a ton. The increase over the house figure is strenuously opposed by industries which use the open hearth process of manufacturing steel. They assert that the high rate is being demanded by railroads and that practically all of the scrap iron marketed in this country is old rails. The contest in the steel today, therefore, is likely to be participated by the increase made by the senate committee in the rates on structural steel.

**LAW OR LAWLESSNESS; WHICH?**

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican prints this editorial:

"The question raised by The Commoner concerning federal licenses for the sale of liquor in territory where local prohibitory law prevails calls for further illumination. A correspondent writes to the Republican, saying:

"The United States does not issue licenses to sell liquors, but does tax those known to be selling or having them exposed for sale; and a collector has no discretion as to accepting a return made by a person selling or intending to sell, and must by law, immediately on payment, issue the tax receipt, which is commonly called a license. The United States supreme court, in the license tax cases (5 Wall 462) held that the special tax stamp is not a license, but merely a receipt for the tax. It puts the United States under no obligation whatever to the holder beyond assuring him against prosecution under the special tax laws, providing his tax is paid before he commences business, or if he pays and makes his return during the calendar month in which his liability occurs."

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