

### WILSON EXPLAINS TARIFF BODY FLOP

President, in Letter to Kitchin, Says He Changed Mind Because Circumstances Did.

#### WANTS NONPARTISAN EXPERTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—President Wilson today sent a letter to Chairman Kitchin of the house ways and means committee, explaining why he had withdrawn his opposition to a tariff commission and now was urging the creation of such a body by congress. He wrote that he had changed his mind because "all the circumstances of the world had changed."

Declaring that he had "no thought whatever of a change in attitude toward the so-called protection question," the president said the proposed commission would have nothing to do with theories of policy, but would be charged only with the duty of seeking facts to guide congress in legislation.

#### Urges Nonpartisan Board.

In another letter to Mr. Kitchin last Monday he had set forth fully his ideas of what a tariff commission should be and urged that the ways and means committee consider the matter immediately. He favored a nonpartisan expert organization.

"I have changed my mind," said today's letter, "because all the circumstances of the world have changed and it seems to me in view of the extraordinary and far-reaching changes which the European war has brought about it is absolutely necessary that we should have a competent instrumentality to study along the whole line of the many questions which affect our foreign commerce."

"I have had in this change of mind, no thought whatever of a change of attitude towards the so-called protection question. That is neither here nor there. A commission such as I have suggested would have nothing to do with theories of policy. They would deal only with facts and the facts which they would seek ought to be the actual facts of industry and of the conditions of economic exchange prevailing in the world so that legislation of every kind that touched these matters might be guided by the circumstances disclosed in its inquiries."

#### Fully to Act Now.

"I dare say you feel as I do, that it would be folly at this time, or until all the altered conditions clearly are understood, to attempt to deal with problems of foreign commerce by legislation and yet having dealt directly and clearly with the whole question of unfair competition within our own borders, it is clear that as soon as we know the facts we ought to deal with the unfair methods of competition as between our own nation and others; this is only one of the many things we probably would wish to deal with. The other matters I have attempted to indicate in my previous letter to you. I am glad to supplement that letter by this explicit statement of the considerations which have been most influential with me."

"You will remember that in my last message to congress I foreshadowed just the conditions which were operating in my mind in this matter. The passage to which I refer was this: 'Many conditions about which we have repeatedly exchanged are being altered from decade to decade, it is evident under our very eyes, and are likely to change even more rapidly and more radically in the days immediately ahead of us, when peace has returned to the world and the nations of Europe once more take up their tasks of commerce and industry with the energy of those who must bestir themselves to build anew.'"

#### No Calculable Elements.

"Just what these changes will be no one can certainly foresee or confidently predict. There are no calculable because most we can do is to make certain that we have the necessary instrumentalities of information constantly at our service so that we may be sure that we know exactly what we are dealing with when we come to act, if it should be necessary to act at all. We must first certainly know what it is that we are seeking to adapt ourselves to. I may ask the privilege of addressing you more at length on this important matter a little later in the session."

"I need hardly say that I appreciate very fully the motives by which you are yourself actuated and it is, therefore, with the greater confidence that I lay the whole matter thus fully before you. Congress has so much to do at the present time that it is clearly impossible that it should be able to collect all the data which such a commission would gather, and I feel that it would presently find such a commission indispensable to it."

#### Should Be Without Bias.

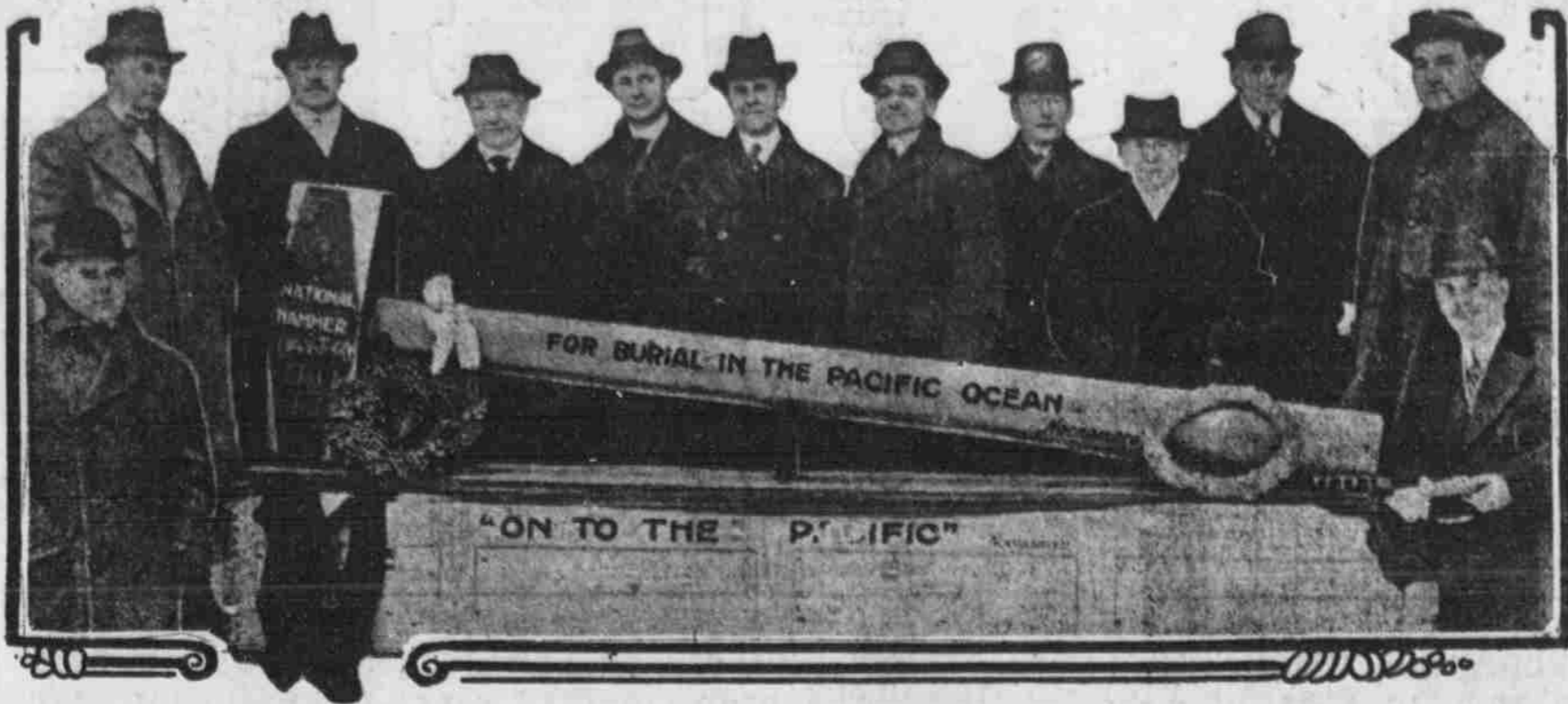
In his letter sent to Mr. Kitchin last Monday the president said: "I am convinced, and I suppose every disinterested person must be, that it would be a mistake to provide for such a board with the idea of serving any particular theory of fiscal policy. What we would need would be above all things else a board as much as possible free from any strong prepossession in favor of any political policy and capable of looking at the whole economic situation of the country with a dispassionate and disinterested scrutiny. I believe we could obtain such a board if the proper legislation were enacted and it is quite clear to me what the field of its inquiry and its activities should be."

He outlined in detail his plans for the work of such a board including the collection of tariff figures, investigation of the output of products at home and abroad, of the workings of commercial treaties and preferential agreements, of unfair methods of competition, of dumping and of scientific methods of creating new industries and building up old ones.

#### COLONEL ANDERSON RECOVERS FROM GRIPPE

Colonel William Anderson, Hotel Elmer's chief clerk, has been seriously ill with grippe for several days, but is now recovering. However, Mrs. Anderson has contracted the malady and Colonel Anderson is remaining away from business a few days longer in order to look after her comfort. A number of hotel men have called at the Anderson home, 304 North Twenty-fourth street, to inquire about their condition.

**COULD FIND NO KNOCKERS HERE**—So Old Doc Knecker will continue his journey to the Pacific ocean for burial. Rotary club in charge of the obsequies. Rotarians who shipped "Doc" on were, left to right, John Mellen, Harry Weller, O. T. Eastman, John M. Hogan, R. T. Manley, Paul Wernher, Will Clarke, Dan Johnson, C. B. Brown, W. E. Taube, Harley G. Moorhead, Tom S. Kelly.



### MEMORY OF BURNS HONORED BY SCOTS

Four Hundred of Them Hold Celebration and Hear J. L. Kennedy.

#### BAGPIPES' TONES SOUND LOUD

When a heart-warming occasion like Robert Burns' birthday is to be observed, what does a howling wind and a low temperature amount to? Nothing, according to the 400 Scotchmen who ignored the cold wave last night to celebrate the one hundred and fifty-seventh anniversary of the birth of the beloved bard of the bonnie land of heath and heather.

It was held in the form of a concert and ball at the Swedish auditorium, under the auspices of Clan Gordon No. 63, Order of Scottish Clans, and in spite of the severe weather it was one of the most successful and best-attended affairs of its kind ever held in Omaha. Tuesday was the exact anniversary of Burns' birth, but Wednesday was chosen as the more suitable date for the celebration.

There were kilts and bonnets aplenty, and bonnie lassies and Highland tunes. Young and old joined in approbation for every Burns quotation and "mid the thrill of the bagpipe music and the inspiration of 'The Highland Fling' and 'The Bonnie Lassie of the Doon' the love all here for the land of Tam O'Shanter and 'The Cotter's Saturday Night' was plainly and merrily emphasized.

#### Kennedy Leads Off.

John L. Kennedy, himself a native son of Burns' own county of Ayrshire, might well be heralded as the man who put the burr in Burns. He was the speaker of the evening and made a stirring address, generously interspersed with lines from the poet, as only a true Scot could speak them.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Ayrshire, and for seventeen years lived near there. Chief Kenneth S. Finlayson of Clan Gordon, who presided, introduced the speaker as "a Scot of whom we are justly proud." Thirty years ago Mr. Kennedy was a speaker at Robert Burns' celebrations in Omaha, and this year he not only made a Burns' address in Omaha last night but delivered a similar one at Havelock the night before.

#### Burns Loved by All.

"Wherever the English language is spoken," he said, "the memory of Robert Burns is honored. Who poet has been dead about 150 years now. How many people are there in the world today who will be remembered and loved as Burns is when they have been dead as long as he has?"

The Bible, John Knox and Robert Burns are the three great influences that made Scotland what it is. We thank God for the memory of Burns, and what it

Omaha is such a typical booster city that "everybody's doing it." Prosperity and progress prevail, and there are no grounds for "knocking," so not a single knocker can be found here.

This fact was discovered by A. S. Borglum, J. M. Hogan and P. C. Heafey, a committee of the Omaha Rotary club. It was appointed a few days ago to arrange a big public funeral for "Old Doc Knecker," which is a gigantic hammer with a handle ten feet long, that eastern Rotary clubs have held funeral processions for, to symbolize the death and burial of the knocking spirit.

"Old Doc Knecker" arrived by express from Syracuse and Dayton a few days

ago. The aforesaid committee started to arrange to have the emblematic hammer lie in state at the court house, and then parade it through the streets, with citizens following as at a funeral.

"But a funeral of Doc Knecker is not appropriate for Omaha," declared President Harry S. Weller of the Rotary club. "How can we bury any knockers, when none have been here, dead or alive?"

The directors of the club called off the local funeral of Old Doc, and instead they sent his "corpse" west to the Denver Rotary club. They put an inscribed plate on the casket, saying that knockers are unknown to the Gate City. When the hammer reaches the Pacific coast, it will be thrown into the ocean.

#### regret incorporated in the treaty that anything should have happened to mar the relations of the two countries.

### Rio Grande Seeking Gateway Settlement

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram)—The Ogden gateway and its relation to passenger traffic was the subject of a conference today between representatives of the Union Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande officials and Commissioners Harlan and Hill of the Interstate Commerce commission. Gerritt Fort, passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific presented the Union Pacific side.

The commission suggested that the Union Pacific allow through tickets to be sold via the Denver & Rio Grande at the sum of the local fares which would make a higher rate via the Denver & Rio Grande than the Union Pacific.

This was agreeable to the Union Pacific but unsatisfactory to the Denver & Rio Grande people and further time was asked by the Colorado road. If no action is taken meantime the whole controversy will be set on February 15, when the decision of the commission as to the Ogden gateway as it relates to passenger traffic goes into effect.

### Motor Car Reason For Unsold Lumber

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 27.—At the convention of the Southwestern Lumbermen's association here today the motor car was blamed for most of the curtailment in the sale of lumber by J. R. Moorhead, secretary of the association.

"The motor car has done more to curtail the use of wood than all the substitutes combined," he said. "Millions of dollars that should be going into improvements on farms, new buildings and homes are going into the purchase of motor cars."

### BURKE WILL FIGHT EFFORT TO TAKE HIM INTO IOWA

William Burke, claiming to be a former newspaper reporter in Des Moines, Burlington, Clinton, Sioux City and elsewhere in Iowa, has been arrested by the Omaha police for the second time within a few months. The first time he was held for the alleged passing of a worthless

### CZAR URGED SERBS TO FLOUT AUSTRIA

Letters and Telegrams to Crown Prince Advised Holding Out Against Vienna.

#### THIS IS WHAT BERLIN HEARS

BERLIN (Via London), Jan. 27.—The Budapest correspondent of the Tageblatt says that, according to a Sofia dispatch, letters and telegrams signed by the Russian emperor found among the archives of the Serbian crown prince, Alexander, advised the prince under no circumstances to yield to the demand of Austro-Hungary for the dissolution of the Narodni Ochrana, a Serbian political society. The documents were dated just before the outbreak of the war.

In a telegram Emperor Nicholas is said to have instructed the Serbians to reject the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum because Russia was ready to support Serbia with force of arms.

### Socialist Presides Over Federal House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A socialist presided over the house today for the first time in its history. Representative London of New York was in the chair for about two minutes, being called to act for Speaker Clark when the house rose from sitting as a committee of the whole to receive an executive report.

Phone your Want-Ads to The Bee.

### Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit

Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

We should drink, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to flush from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract before putting more food into the stomach.

The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It drives out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast and it is said to be but a little while until the roses begin to appear in the cheeks. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation. Try it and you are assured that you will look better and feel better in every way shortly.—Advertisement.

### Use Coconut Oil For Washing Hair

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain milkified coconut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonfuls will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily, and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

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