

Watson Charges Mellon Holding Office Illegally

Georgia Senator Says Secretary of Treasury Is Subject to Arrest or Impeachment Any Time.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Secretary Mellon is holding the office of secretary of the treasury in violation of the law and can be arrested for retaining the place if any one sees fit to swear out a warrant charging him with the offense. Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, declared in the senate late today.

The law which Mr. Mellon is violating, Senator Watson said, prohibits the secretary of the treasury from engaging in any kind of business or commerce.

Senator Watson told the senate that Mr. Mellon could be impeached "any time we see fit" and read to the senate the provision of section 243

of the revised statutes which he declared expressly forbids Mr. Mellon to retain his place. He declared that by staying in office, the secretary was violating the law, adding that it was generally known that Mr. Mellon was one of the wealthiest individuals in the country.

The assertions by the Georgia senator were made in connection with several speeches on the accomplishments of the two major political parties. He informed the senate, in the course of his remarks, that the law, now listed as section 243, was passed in the senate of the United States and that during the administration of President Grant the name of A. T. Stewart had been withdrawn as a nominee as secretary of the treasury when attention was called to provisions of the act.

Senator Watson asked Senator Hefflin, democrat, Alabama, for his opinion on "what the people will think of the way our government is being run when a criminal, convicted but disobeying the penalty openly and notoriously committing a crime, is left in charge of our national funds and the refunding of debts of \$11,000,000,000."

Senator Hefflin said that Senator Watson had shown that Secretary Mellon was violating the law and that it was time for senators to speak out.

Employment Bill Branded as Move of Big Business

Strong Opposition Develops to Measure Introduced by Senator Kenyon—Fate Doubtful.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Expected bipartisan opposition developed in the senate today, to the bill introduced by Senator Kenyon, republican, Iowa, to aid the unemployment problem by empowering government officials to press public works during slack times and retard them during periods of prosperity.

After Senator Kenyon, who is to retire shortly to go on the federal bench, had obtained consideration of the bill and explained its provision, republicans and democrats launched an attack on it with the result that leaders declared the fate of the bill, which went over until tomorrow, was in doubt.

Senator Kenyon, chairman of the labor committee, said he was press-

ing the bill mainly in the interest of labor. It had the endorsement of the American Federation of Labor, the United States Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, he added.

Senator Fletcher, democrat, Florida, said he feared the bill conferred too great powers on executive officials over government work, while Senator Sterling, republican, South Dakota, declared it was paternalistic in spirit and was backed by "big business."

Most of the witnesses before the senate labor committee who spoke for the bill, Senator Sterling said, represented large business interests. It appeared, he added, that business concerns desired its passage not only for the profits they might make out of government work during times of depression, but also in order that they might keep their working forces together in such periods.

Former Senator Ill.
Denver, Feb. 15.—John F. Shafrath, 67, former United States senator from Colorado, is dangerously ill at his home here. He contracted a cold several days ago while on a visit to Colorado Springs. Late yesterday, according to physicians, the senator suffered a severe heart attack and a slight hemorrhage of the brain.

Alabama Concern Rival of Ford for Muscle Shoals

Weeks Expected to Deliver Offer to Congress—Committee to Consider Plans Simultaneously.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Entry of the Alabama Power company today in the lists of private bidders for the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was regarded by officials as offering formidable rivalry to Henry Ford's proposal now before congress for final decision.

Secretary Weeks probably will expedite delivery of the new offer to congress so that consideration of the Alabama and Ford proposals can be undertaken simultaneously and their respective merits discussed before final action is taken on the Muscle Shoals question.

The Alabama company offer is for the purchase of the Warrior power plant and transmission line and lease for 50 years, the other properties un-

der provisions of the federal water power act.

Members of the house military committee investigating the Ford offer learned with interest of the Alabama company's proposal, but said they would not delay action on that already before them pending receipt from the war secretary of the other. Chairman Kahn explained that it was the duty of the committee acting in behalf of the government's interests to make a careful study of all offers alike in an effort to determine which was the best from the government's point of view.

Secretary Weeks did not personally receive the proposal today, as he was confined to his home by a slight cold. It was delivered to his private secretary by Thomas W. Martin, president of the company and held for Mr. Weeks' attention when he returned to the department, which it was explained, would be tomorrow.

Chairman Kahn was uncertain how long the military committee would continue the hearings on Mr. Ford's offer. Witnesses yet to be heard include a number of the most important on the docket, such as Hugh Cooper, consulting engineer for the government on the construction of the Muscle Shoals projects, attorneys for the Air Nitrates corporation and the Alabama Power company, both of which claim optional privi-

lege for properties at Muscle Shoals which they have declared their intention to exercise before the government decided upon a disposal of them to private interests, and Theodore Swann of Anniston, Ala., and engineer on the Muscle Shoals construction work. After they are heard, Mr. Kahn said, the committee will face its task of reporting to the house the result of its deliberations on the Ford offer.

It appeared probable in view of these circumstances, said the chairman, that the committee would be engaged for another two weeks before it would be able to refer the proposal back to the house. In the event Mr. Weeks submits the Alabama company's proposal within that time, the two offers would be simultaneously in the hands of the same house committee.

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