

DEMOCRATS MOVE ON TARIFF SHREWD

Forcing Early Vote May Cause G. O. P. to Face Other Embarrassing Issues

BONUS AND SUBSIDY LEAD

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Washington, Aug. 3.—In proposing an early vote on the tariff, the Democrats played the cleverest political card they have in the entire session.

And in the next place, they take away from the majority a good excuse for not acting upon troublesome questions that are pending and opening the way for pressure upon them to act on bills which will embarrass them in the campaign.

The delay over the tariff has really given the Republicans certain tactical advantages. For instance, President Harding wanted a Ship Subsidy Bill before the session was over.

Getting the tariff out of the way assures a long debate on the bonus, and the opportunity for its friends and its enemies among the public to become thoroughly aroused.

It is impossible to act on this bill without losing votes. Members are up for re-election for that if they vote against the bill they will lose the support of the soldiers, and if they vote for it they will anger the taxpayers.

If the tariff bill were not passed till the middle of September, as many had expected, acting on the conference report, failure to maintain a quorum and a filibuster by opponents of the bonus would perhaps have prevented action on the bonus in what remained of the session.

All the friends of the bonus would have had a chance to get themselves on record for it. Dramatic gestures might have been made and still the responsibility of passing a bill which the taxpayers oppose and the spectacle of party division between Executive and Congress might have been avoided.

Responsibility Shifted Or if the bill were passed by the Senate it might be tied up in conference between the two Houses when the session came to an end.

The Democrats, by offering an early vote on the tariff, have probably put upon the majority responsibility for really acting on the bonus. Of course, this issue is embarrassing to themselves because their membership is split on the bonus, but an opponent who always wriggles out of responsibility more easily than can the party in power.

Also the Democrats have probably shut off debate upon the elastic feature of the tariff. If it were possible for this feature that the majority chiefly depends to make the higher duties acceptable to the country.

WANTS ALL HOLDINGS OF SENATORS PROBED

Washington, Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—Senator Gooding of Idaho, chairman of the Republican agricultural tariff bloc, today offered his resolution proposing an investigation into the financial interest of Senators in their relatives in any industry, property or commodity affected by the adoption or rejection of any tariff bills proposed in the pending bill.

The investigation would be conducted by a committee of five Senators which would be empowered also to inquire into the number of Senators owning or controlling or financially interested in newspapers, the amount of revenue obtained by such newspapers from importing department stores, which would benefit financially by the defeat of the pending bill.

Senator Gooding proposed reference of his resolution to the contingent expenses committee. Senator Harrison asked that it be given immediate consideration, but under the rules it was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Harrison added another resolution which went over, declaring that Senators interested personally in tariff or other bills should not participate in proceedings.

Also the committee would investigate the financial interests of Frank A. Munsey, publisher of the New York Herald and the Howland Square Theatre in this city, died at a hospital here today. He opened his first theatre, the old Boylston Museum, more than half a century ago and brought out many stars of other days.

TO DRIVE DULL CARR AWAY from the familiar characters, Harbort, and others who live only to make a name for themselves, the Secretary of the State has a habit of...

T. LARRY EYRE MENTIONED FOR FUEL COMMISSIONER

Is Interested in Bituminous Mines and Understands Business Harrisburg, Aug. 3.—State Senator T. Larry Eyre, of West Chester, may be appointed fuel commissioner by Governor Sprout to handle the coal crisis. It was learned today.

The Governor could not be reached to confirm the rumor which spread through official circles. Early this week it was announced Governor Sprout would appoint a fuel commissioner within a day or two. He is known to be considering several available men.

Former Lieutenant Governor Franklin D. McCain, four-precise commissioner following the war, had been mentioned for the post, but he is said to be out of question. Eyre is said to be interested in large bituminous holdings and is thoroughly familiar with the coal business.

Efforts to reach Governor Sprout concerning a successor to the late Senator Crow have been unavailing. The Governor declined to discuss the matter at this time, but it is generally conceded that Major David A. Reed, nominated in May to succeed Crow, will be appointed to the vacancy.

LIQUOR SEIZURES IN PENNA. DOUBLED

Withdrawals First Five Months of 1922 Show Big Drop Over Those of Last Year

DAVIS SUBMITS REPORT

Washington, Aug. 3.—Almost twice as many liquor seizures were made in Pennsylvania during the first five months of 1922 as during the first five months of 1921, while withdrawals of liquor in the State have dwindled to relatively insignificant proportions—more than half million in the same period—according to Prohibition Director Davis.

In a report to Commissioner Haynes, the Pennsylvania "dry" director gives the following figures to contrast the enforcement situation for the two years:

Table with 2 columns: Year, and various statistics including seizures, convictions, and fines.

Director Davis also reports that since prohibition has been in effect there have been instituted in the middle district of Pennsylvania 486 actions of all kinds under and with reference to the national prohibition act, of which 479 were prosecutions against individuals for violations.

On July 15, 1922, the status of these 479 prosecutions was: convictions, 418; acquittals, 7; judgments quashed, 2; death of defendant, 1; pending, 31. There were also seven actions pertaining to seized property, petitions, orders and motions, making the grand total of 486.

Court sentences, both as to fines and imprisonments, have as a rule been severe enough to cause no little discomfort to violators, says Director Davis.

The report further states that in the Pittsburgh district during the period covered four thousand gallons of whisky, three thousand gallons of wine, and one thousand gallons of alcohol were seized in raids.

Regarding the forgery of permits for liquor withdrawals and of the prescription forms prepared for the use of physicians, Director Davis says:

"I am determined that this practice shall be stopped. I am putting some of my most successful investigators on this class of violations and shall keep them there until the results are satisfactory."

RESULT IS CLOSE IN MISSOURI RACE

Reed's Lead Cut to 6813. With 296 Districts Still Missing

BREWSTER G. O. P. WINNER

St. Louis, Aug. 3.—With 296 precincts yet to report, the lead of Senator James A. Reed over Breckenridge Long for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator has been cut to 6813 votes.

The vote, with 3552 precincts out of 2848 this afternoon stood: Reed, 187,352; Long, 180,539.

If each of the sixty-three counties that have reported incomplete returns show the same ratio of voting in their remaining precincts as in the precincts already reported, Reed would win by approximately 3000. The lighter the remaining vote is, the better Reed's chances are.

The belief of Reed supporters that he had won the contest apparently was strengthened this morning when the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, an independent newspaper, which fought Reed's candidacy, appeared with a two-column picture of the Senator on the first page under the caption, "Wins Nomination."

The Globe-Democrat asserted Reed apparently had been victorious by 4000 to 6000 votes, adding that the districts yet unheard from "are remote from populous centers and their vote is small."

Reed's lead of 25,000 yesterday morning on the basis of returns from more than half the precincts of the State, but which included Kansas City and St. Louis, was whittled down steadily yesterday afternoon as returns from rural precincts drifted in.

Additional returns received this morning showed that R. R. Brewster, of Kansas City, endorsed by the regular organization, had increased his lead over William Snacks, of St. Louis, who ran on a "split" platform, to nearly 11,000 for the Republican senatorial nomination. The nomination of Brewster seemed assured, as most of the remaining precincts to be heard from are in the rural districts, in which he has polled many more votes than Snacks.

With 2751 of the 2848 precincts in the State tabulated, the vote was: Brewster, 74,653; Snacks, 63,322; Harp, 31,873; Peator, 24,392; McKinley, 24,002; Parker, 10,972.

Miss Alice Robertson, of Christian College, Columbia, Mo., apparently has won the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Eighth Missouri District from two men and will oppose Republican Congressman Sol E. Roach at the November election.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—A smashing victory for the farmer-union labor element and opponents of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma was indicated today when unofficial returns from 1783 precincts of 2837 in the State gave J. F. Walton, Mayor of Oklahoma City, a lead of 21,000 votes over R. H. Wilson, superintendent of the State Board of Education and reported to have had Klan support.

The figures were: Walton, 73,687; Wilson, 52,234; and Thomas H. Owen, 42,113.

"It was a fight between the Ku Klux Klan and other secret orders on the one side and the Roman Catholic Church and union labor on the other," said the biggest Democratic newspaper of Oklahoma. Walton was strenuously opposed by the newspaper.

The Catholic vote was consolidated for Walton, it was claimed by members of the church, only after the Klan made religion a campaign issue. On the other hand, a publication regarded as the official organ of the State Klan came out the day before the primary with the declaration that the K. K. K. as an organization had not given its support to any candidate.

Miss Alice Robertson, Republican, of Muskogee, Okla., the only woman in

Congress, seemed sure of renomination in the Second District.

The political hopes of Manuel Herrick, Republican, of Perry, self-styled "Flying Congressman" and styled by others "a political accident in the Republican landslide of 1920," seemed definitely dashed.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—The Republican party of Iowa, in State convention yesterday, reaffirmed its position in favor of the short ballot primary and instructed the assembling of a State convention prior to the next primary to endorse party candidates for United States Senator and State officers, endorsed the principle of the Federal Reserve system; got back of President Harding's position of Federal soldier bonus legislation; endorsed the pending State bonus proposal;

heartily endorsed the legislative record of Senator A. B. Cummins while neglecting to mention Smith W. Brookhart, and urged the appointment of Willis Stern, of Logan, as a member of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 3.—(By A. P.)—The relative positions of candidates for the Republican nomination for United States Senator were unchanged late today when 1832 of the 2063 voting districts were reported. Senator Sutherland was leading with 51,282 and H. C. Ogden was second with 45,741.

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