

NASH'S ATTACK ON TALIAFERRO.

Views of a Washington Paper, Says that There Is Animus Behind the Charges.

Referring to "An Open Letter to Senator Jas. P. Taliaferro," sent broadcast in pamphlet form by E. S. Nash, President of the American Naval Stores Co., the Washington Herald says:

"Inquiry by this newspaper yesterday very quickly disclosed the animus of the attack made upon Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, by President Nash, of the Naval Stores Company, in an open letter given out at Savannah, Ga. It further showed that the publication was unwarranted and that the well intentioned journals that printed the attack were clearly imposed upon.

"The Florida Senator, on December 16th last, introduced a bill to prevent fraudulent practices in the naval stores business. 'Naval stores' is the trade name for spirits of turpentine and rosin. It is an important industry in the South, and the object of the bill was to stop adulterations and other questionable practices which were tending to put a blight upon the industry. The Senator was moved to this action by the practically unanimous request of the Jacksonville Board of Trade, which condemned the methods of the naval stores monopoly and sought relief therefrom, and by the general outcry following proceedings against the concern.

Matter for the Courts.

"As there was objection to a further extension of Federal authority to correct the abuses, and it was deemed a matter for the courts rather than Congress, the Florida Senator, on February 26th last, presented a new bill, eliminating this objection, and regulating the sale of turpentine and rosin under the Department of Agriculture. The same principle was applied as under the pure food act.

"The bill received the indorsement of Secretary Wilson, and in presenting it Senator Taliaferro made a complete presentation of the entire case. He recalled prosecutions of the concern, or its subsidiary concerns, and showed that the Department of Justice was at this time endeavoring to prevent the practices complained of. A letter from the Attorney General was submitted, giving the Senate such facts as were then in his possession and showing his complete sympathy and co-operation with the Senator.

Denied in Toto.

"Although Senator Taliaferro declines to dignify Nash's charges by making any formal statement, they are denied in toto and pronounced wholly unfounded. The issue of the Congressional Record of February 26th sets out the entire matter fully. That the Senator did not violate the Attorney General's confidence is established by the text itself of the letter written by that official.

"In attacking Senator Taliaferro, the concern, through President Nash, also in effect attacks the Jacksonville Board of Trade and other business interests of Florida and Georgia that are demanding relief from the methods of the Naval Stores Company."

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