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\$300,000,000 CUT IN THE COST OF LIVING

Relief Promised to the Laboring Class From the Terrible Pressure of the Costs of the Necessities of Life.

By CLYDE H. TAVENNER.
(Special to The Democrat.)

Washington, April 24.—An immediate cut of \$300,000,000 in the cost of living—eventually a slash of half a billion! That is what the Democratic leaders of the House believe the income tax will do for the American people. The relief promised by the Democratic party for the terrible pressure of the costs of the necessities of life seems to be at hand.

Only experience will reveal the full benefit to the public of the income tax. The annual saving over the counters of the nation's grocery stores, butcher shops and clothing emporium is expected ultimately to reach \$500,000,000. Some of the more sanguine regard even this estimate as too conservative. The saving may reach \$600,000,000, or even more.

The estimate is reached in this way: From British income tax experience tables, the experts figure that the annual revenue to be derived from income taxation under the terms of the pending bill will be from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000. In writing the new tariff rates the Ways and Means Committee has taken cognizance of this probable revenue and has lopped off duties on necessities which under the present Payne Aldrich law aggregate \$50,000,000 annually. This \$50,000,000, now paid by the people in the cost of living, is to be paid out of the income tax revenue.

But every dollar saved in tariff amounts to five or six dollars in the final retail prices paid by the consumer. This is because the many middlemen who handle an article from the stage of raw material to that of finished product each assesses as profit a certain percentage of the value of the commodity he handles. But in assessing this profit he includes the tariff in the value of the commodity. Thus the people pay not only the tariff but also pay profits on the tariff. Every dollar of increased price for the raw material assessed by the tariff becomes five or six dollars by the time it reaches the consumer.

Representative Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, the member of the Ways and Means Committee who drew the income tax provision, prophetically sees the day when all government revenue will be derived from just two principal forms of direct taxation—the income tax and the inheritance tax.

"The rates in the pending bill are but tentative," he said. "They can and will be changed by succeeding congresses."

"The measure is designed to fit in with the budget system of estimating government expenses. The day will come when government expenses will be appropriated for in an annual budget bill. On the basis of this the amount of revenue needed by the government for the succeeding year will be estimated. In order to raise just the revenue needed, Congress will set the income tax rates to fit the case. There will be few customs duties. There will be, however, an inheritance tax to relieve some of the tax burden on incomes."

The estimates of the Ways and Means Committee show vividly how wealth has concentrated in this country. Although incomes of as low as \$4,000 per year will be subject to taxation, yet less than one per cent. of our total population is affected by the bill.

Marriages.

Miss Bertie Rowe and Mr. R. R. Hewitt, both of this county, were married at the home of the bride, six miles east of Newton, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Duttera, pastor of the German Reformed church at Salisbury, performed the ceremony.

Mr. Jonas Hunsucker, of Conover, and Miss Vertie Simmons, of this city, were quietly married by Rev. J. D. Mauney on last Thursday.

Mr. Earl Smith, ticket agent at Conover, and Miss Ruth Cloninger, of this city, were married, last week by Rev. J. D. Mauney.

FREE WOOL IS RETAINED

Democratic Caucus Stands by President and Ways and Means Committee.

The Democratic caucus voted decisively last week to support the wool schedule of the Underwood tariff bill, placing raw wool on the free list, after Representative Underwood had made a stirring appeal for the support of the caucus. By a vote of 190 to 42 an amendment offered by Representative Dies of Texas to place raw wool on the dutiable list was rejected.

Representative Dies' amendment proposed to place a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on raw wool, he and other champions of dutiable wool asserting that this was the judgment of the ways and means committee before President Wilson saw the bill and suggested a change.

Majority Leader Underwood, in winding up the discussion, warmly defended both the committee and the President. He declared the President had a right to make suggestions to Congress relating to the tariff but that the bill as a whole met with the Chief Executive's approval when he first read it as it came from the committee.

"Out of 4,000 and more items in the bill," said Mr. Underwood, "the President only made two suggestions, those affecting the sugar and wool schedules, it seems to me that we should accept those suggestions from the President of the United States."

Before reaching wool the caucus disposed of the cotton and flax schedules, voting down all amendments to lower or increase the duties proposed in the committee bill.

(Among the 42 Democrats who voted for a 15 per cent. duty on wool were Doughton, Gudger, Page and Small of North Carolina.)

DIES FROM INJURIES

Mr. J. E. Jones, of this City, Fatally Hurt in Runaway Accident.

Mr. J. E. Jones of this city, who was internally injured in a runaway accident here on last Thursday morning, died Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at a hospital in Statesville where he had gone for treatment. The body was brought here Sunday afternoon on the 4:30 train.

The deceased was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones, of this city, and was 41 years of age. He leaves a wife and six children. The funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from the home and the body was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. J. D. Mauney of the Lutheran Church.

SHOOTING AT RHODHISS

Phillip Harris Shoots Sim Lipscomb in the Leg, Causing Death.

A shooting affair took place at Rhodhiss late Saturday afternoon in which one man lost his life. Phillip Harris, colored, shot Sim Lipscomb in the leg, the ball cutting the main artery. Physicians were summoned to attend the wounded man but when they arrived he had lost so much blood that death ensued about 10 o'clock. Harris also shot Jack Osborn in the arm, breaking that member. Harris made his escape and has not yet been apprehended. The men were employed in construction work for the E. A. Smith Manufacturing Company, and it is reported that the fight was the result of being too heavily charged with mean liquor.

Rev. Kazett will preach at Sweetwater schoolhouse the first Sunday in May at 3 o'clock.

Messrs. Whitener & Eckard have started laying the foundation for the Hickory Creamery Company's new building on Ninth avenue.

NEWS BREVITIES.

Short Items of News Condensed for Busy Readers.

Officers captured three trunks of whiskey in Charlotte, on last Wednesday, under the new "search and seizure" law. The trunks contained 72 pints, 52 pints, and 35 pints respectively, and at least nine pints were broken. The whiskey was consigned to L. O. Wilson, and came as baggage over the Southern Railroad from Danville, Va.

The coal operators of Kanawha county W. Va. have accepted Governor Hartsfield's proposal for a settlement of the miner's strike. The miners' representatives have not answered. The New River coal field operators also have made peace.

The engagement of Miss Nell Grant of San Francisco, a grand daughter of Gen. U. S. Grant, to Lieut. Commander William Piggott Cronan, of the United States Navy, was announced Thursday by Miss Grant's mother.

Lieutenant Arghyropoulos, a Greek aviator, and a passenger, Constantinos Manos, a noted Cretan chief, were killed Thursday by a fall of an aeroplane from a height of 2,000 feet.

Charlotte entertained the Southern Gas Convention last week.

One of the most terrible accidents to a spherical balloon in many years occurred at Noisy Le Grand, France, Thursday. The military balloon Zodiac collapsed at a height of about 650 feet and fell to the ground with its five occupants, all of whom were killed.

J. A. Smith, a patient at the State Hospital, at Raleigh, committed suicide last week in his room by slashing his throat with a small one bladed knife. The jugular vein and wind pipe were severed and he lived only a few minutes after being found. He was admitted to the hospital on December 27th of last year, and was a native of Chatham county. He was 44 years of age and is survived by his widow and six children.

COMMENT

RACE QUESTION ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The popular feeling in Tokio against the alien land act as proposed by the California legislature is becoming more intense from day to day. Unlike a previous administration, President Wilson insists that the Federal Government must of necessity refrain from interference with California while in the process of legislation, and cannot make known its attitude to inquiring nations until the bills are passed. Should treaty rights be violated through these bills, it reasonably be expected that Japan will withhold judgment until the American courts have dealt with the question. In reading the news of this international complication our readers must make allowance for jingoism at home and abroad.

CHARLOTTE FAILED TO GET COMMISSION GOVERNMENT.

The Commission Government plan went down to defeat at Charlotte last Friday, but the friends of the measure do not seem to be disheartened, and are planning to build up an organization for a future endeavor two years from now. In the meantime, we would suggest that Hickory has room for a few more progressive people, and if any of the Commission people think they cannot really stand it for two more years we will extend to them a welcoming hand to a city already blessed by a Commission Government.

Miss Jennie Herman and Mr. Herbert Mouser were married last week at New Jerusalem Lutheran church, Rev. B. L. Stroup officiating.

THE SITUATION AT CATAWBA COLLEGE

President J. F. Buchheit Corrects Erroneous Statements of Newspapers—An Official Statement.

To the Editor of The Democrat: It is usual, perhaps inevitable, that when trouble of any kind arises where many persons are concerned that erroneous statements will be made, wrong impressions given out as to the facts. The recent eruption at Catawba College during the absence of the President was not an exception to this rule.

At least three erroneous statements need to be corrected. The first is that the authority of the faculty has been overridden by the students in an attitude of insubordination against the authority of the faculty. If this false impression has obtained lodgment anywhere it ought to be successfully removed by the following resolution which the members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees authorized and instructed the president of the college to publish:

"RESOLVED, by the Executive Committee of the Trustees, that we express our confidence in the president and faculty of the college, that we sustain them in all matters of discipline and that we enjoin the students to render obedience to them, thereby showing themselves worthy men and women and also exhibiting a spirit of loyalty to their college."

In the second place, it is not true that the faculty resigned on account of friction with the student body. Before any trouble occurred the majority of the teachers had already decided to accept or to seek better positions elsewhere or to engage in other work. In one case a teacher had already signed contracts for another position at a salary almost twice his present salary. In two other cases the president knew a year ago that the teachers could not be retained beyond this year. In several other cases he was informed before he left on his recent trip North on March 25, that their positions would be vacant and steps had already been taken to fill the positions for the succeeding year. There was never a time when the faculty considered resigning on account of the students.

It is also an error that the president resigned by wire from Pennsylvania when he heard of the trouble between the faculty and the students. For several months previous he had been considering a much better position elsewhere. Before leaving for the North in the interests of the college on March 25 he definitely decided to resign the presidency, the same to take effect after the next annual commencement. His resignation was mailed to the president of the Board of Trustees from Reading four days before he had any knowledge whatsoever of friction between the students and the faculty.

Peace and order were restored more than a week before the return of the president and all the work has been going on ever since just the same as before. All the facts are being thoroughly investigated and the situation will be dealt with as the merits of the case demand.

J. F. BUCHHEIT,
President.

Mr. P. C. Sharp Injured at Morganton.

Mr. P. C. Sharp, of this city, machinist at the Piedmont Foundry & Machine Company, while engaged in doing some repair work for the Morganton Tannery at Morganton, last week, fell from a step-ladder and received very painful injuries. He was removed to Grace hospital where he was given medical attention. Late reports from the hospital state that Mr. Sharp is rapidly improving.

ITEMS FROM IVEY MILL

Mr. G. T. Barger Nominated for Mayor of West Hickory.

April 21.—By order of the Mayor and Board of Alderman, of West Hickory a Primary was held at the graded school house Saturday evening April 19, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the town offices to be voted for at the election to be held the 6th day of May. There was quite a number of the citizens of the town present and the Primary was organized by electing Q. A. Hedrick, chairman and H. H. Abee, secretary, and the result was as follows: G. T. Barger was nominated for Mayor, H. H. Abee, G. A. Miller and T. G. Leonard for Alderman, J. E. Senter and A. A. Fry for School Trustees. The Primary adjourned sine die.

Mrs. Pearl Sparks went to Caroleen last Saturday to visit relatives and friends there. She returned Monday and her sister-in-law, Miss Callie Sparks, came with her and is working in the Ivey Mill.

T. Berry and family from Drexel, and Mrs. Katie Abee and children from Burlington was here Saturday and Sunday visiting their father, Mr. P. Berry.

Miss Barbra Hahn went to Oyama Saturday, to visit her mother.

Rev. Mr. Fink has been holding a series of meetings here at Methodist church during the past week. There has been preaching every night. Mr. Fink is a fine preacher and at each service he has had a large attendance.

Mrs. Brintie Poteet, one of the hands at the Ivey Mill received a telegram Friday stating that her brother's child was dead. She went to Drexel at once where her brother lives to attend the funeral.

J. P. Burns, D. S., was in our town one day last week on business. IOTA

In Social Circles

The Round Dozen Book Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. C. H. Geitner with fifteen members present. Mrs. Super and Mrs. Russell guests of honor. The discussion of the books becomes more interesting as the club year nears its close and after the various opinions were given the hostess told something of her book, The Sanctuary, and its author, Maud Howard Peterson. In the election of officers for the coming year the old ones were re-elected: President, Mrs. C. H. Geitner; Vice President, Mrs. C. C. Bost; Secretary, Mr. L. R. Whitener. After adjournment all were invited into the dining-room which was beautifully decorated with a profusion of pink sweet peas, ferns etc. Dainty cards with sweet peas marked each place at the table, and the color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the viands also. This was a delightful meeting and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be with Mrs. F. B. Ingold.

The Embroidery Club was entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Henkle. Thirteen members responded to roll-call with quotations from the humorous columns of newspapers or magazines. Mesdames Ramsay, Willard, Elliott, Russell and Gwaltney were present as guests. Mrs. Post read a chapter from "Aunt Jane of Kentucky" and a short story, both of which were much enjoyed while busy fingers made dainty creations in crochet, tatting or embroidery. After partaking of an elaborate luncheon the club adjourned to meet May 1st. with Mrs. A. A. Whitener.

Mr. John Smith, a prominent farmer and Confederate veteran, died at his home near Startown last week.

ANOTHER HONOR TO NORTH CAROLINA

Colonel W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro, Selected as Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Col. W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro, selected by President Wilson as the United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue, is a man of wide acquaintance and friendship not alone in North Carolina but in the nation as well. The endorsements and petitions for his appointment are said to have broken all records. In 1905 he was mayor of Greensboro. His administration is the most successful the city has ever had, and it has been often referred to as the period when Greensboro received the impetus that has made it a thriving little city.

\$50,000 to be Raised for the Children's Home at Winston.

Eight presiding elders of the Western North Carolina Conference and the members of the Executive Committee of the children's home at Winston met last week to discuss plans for raising \$50,000 to meet the indebtedness of the institution and to increase its usefulness in caring for the children. Before adjourning they decided to launch a campaign to raise the \$50,000. The selection of the time for formulating a plan of campaign was left in the hands of a committee composed of Rev. P. T. Durham, Mr. H. K. Bayer, J. K. Nofleet, M. D. Stockton and Rev. W. O. Goode, Secretary of the committee.

Open Hearings on Tariff Demanded by Republicans.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—The Democratic tariff revision bill came in for its attack in the Senate today, and the skirmish outlined the scope and vigor of the fight that will be made against it by Republican forces when tariff discussion begins in the two houses. Backed by requests from many interests for hearings on certain sections of the Underwood bill, Republican senators made a demand upon members of the finance committee for hearings, and openly attacked the "secret legislation" now going on in the Democratic caucus of House members.

Democratic senators who replied to the attack made it clear that the finance committee does not plan to grant any public hearings. Senators Williams and Stone insisted full hearings had been given by the house committee before the bill was prepared, while Republican Senators declared that the figures had been of little value because the rates of the Underwood bill were not then known.

With many complaints and objections before them, Republican members of the senate are preparing for a general attack on all the schedules of the bill. Senator Smoot has put two experts at work to analyze the Underwood bill and previous measures to give the protectionist forces a basis for their fight. Other Republicans, who claim that important industries would be wiped out by the Underwood bill, will again insist that business men and laboring men should have an opportunity to be heard before the new bill is passed.

NO CHANGE IN BILL.

The Democratic House caucus worked over the Underwood bill throughout the day, upholding the Democratic House leaders and President Wilson upon all contested points. The woolen schedule was under fire throughout today's session. Attempts to put ready-made clothing on the free list and to alter other rates in the bill were defeated.

Iron and Steel Man in Asheville.

J. N. Gamewell an iron and steel man, of Birmingham is spending a few days in Asheville. Mr. Gamewell says the business outlook is exceedingly good. All this talk about the reduction of tariff hurting business is a farce.

HICKORY GRADED SCHOOL TO CLOSE FRIDAY NIGHT

Fourteen Girls of the High School Department to Graduate—No Diplomas to Boys This Year.

The following invitation has been received by the Democrat: The Eleventh Grade of the Hickory High School invites you to be present at the Graduating Exercises Friday evening, April twenty fifth nineteen hundred and thirteen at eight o'clock Graded School Auditorium Hickory, North Carolina CLASS OF 1913

Alva Boatright, Katharine Clement, Hilda Field, Grace Craig Henderson, Effie Pauline Johnson, Frances Lentz, Antha Mae Lytle, Frank Martin, Rose Gertrude Martin, Ramona Rich, Katharine Gertrude Stevenson, Caddie Edith Starnes, Majorie Novella Whitener, and Loulaee Wolfe.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM GRANITE FALLS

Rev. W. E. Abernethy to Preach Odd Fellow Sermon Next Sunday.

(Special to The Democrat.) Granite Falls, April 21.—Rev. W. E. Abernethy is scheduled to preach an Odd Fellows sermon in the M. E. church here next Sunday at 11 o'clock. We are expecting a good sermon and a large crowd.

Mr. P. L. Cline lost a horse last week at Rhodhiss. While passing another horse that was hitched beside the road, it was kicked and its leg was broken so bad that it had to be killed.

Sign boards have been ordered placed at the corporate limits of our village for the benefit of reckless automobile drivers. And the speed is limited to 15 miles per hour, which will conform with the State law. Violators will be prosecuted under the same.

Mr. W. E. Kuhu was in Hickory Saturday on business. Our town election will be held the first Monday in May and it seems that we have no candidates. So everything will move off quietly.

Our base ball team "got it in the neck" last Saturday when they played Rutherford College. The score was 12 to 1. Mr. Shuford Allred, of Highland Cotton Mills, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Lawrence Seagle III. Mr. Lawrence Seagle, who has been working in Chester, S. C., was summoned home Saturday by the sudden serious illness of his wife. Mr. Seagle was married recently to Miss Ruth Owens, of Newton, and since their marriage have been making their home in this city with Mr. Seagle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Seagle.

White Mail Clerks Work Under A Negro.

(By H. E. C. Bryant.) Washington, D. C., April 19.—Senator Overman and Representative Faison called on Postmaster General Burleson today to urge the appointment of C. F. Carroll, of Warsaw, superintendent of the third division of railway mail clerks.

During the hearing it was shown that 40 per cent of the railway mail clerks in that division, which embraces the District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina, are negroes.

In one instance a negro is over a number of white clerks. This news caused something of a sensation when it was brought out. It is safe to say that there will be a change in the complexion of the railway mail clerks in the third division before long.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephens, of Thomasville, will move to Hickory May 1st and will occupy the Charles Cline house. Mr. Stephens will take charge of the Southern Power Company plant here.

The new Yoder Memorial Science Hall is rapidly nearing completion. This will be a great addition to the college.