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Let Congress Keep Cool.

Winston Salem Journal.
While the Sixty-fourth Congress is welcomed because of the grave and important questions calling for consideration, there are two reasons for a certain amount of public uneasiness. One of these is based on the interminableness of the previous Congress. When adjournment came early last spring there had been an almost continuous session for two years and a wearied public had begun to question whether a precedent was to be found without going back more than two and a half centuries. The long parliament lasted from 1640 to 1653, nearly 12½ years, meanwhile impeaching and executing the Earl of Stafford, abolishing the Star Chamber, driving out of the House of Commons all who were faithful to Charles I, and causing the trial, sentencing and beheading of that luckless monarch. The Long Congress was less spectacular, busying itself only with tariff revision, reconstruction of the national banking system, anti-trust legislation, etc., but it caused almost as much excitement in some quarters and finally inducted into every quarter a great weariness.

To the fear that there may be a similar interminableness and weariness is now added some uneasiness lest the opening floodgates of Congressional oratory may sweep the United States into the great whirlpool of war. For our foreign relations are actually controlled, not by the State Department, but by Congress which is constitutionally endowed with the power to declare war; and the prudence and restraint of the State Department are not to be expected of the individual Congressman or even of the majority that passes resolutions.

The danger is due to the fact that the conflicting passions of Europe have been brought into our midst, and that when these face each other on the floor of Congress the difficulties confronting the State Department and the country's best interests may be overlooked. A clash between the friends of Germany and the friends of the Allies is to be expected. We may regard as inevitable Hoke Smith's resolutions demanding of the Executive information on the subject of British violence to the commercial rights of neutrals on the seas, and other resolutions inquiring into the Lusitania deadlock and the activities of German agents in this country. Denunciations of German intrigue and submarine horrors are likely to be met by equally emphatic denunciations of British seizures of American ships, material being furnished both contending elements by invasions of American rights from two quarters and thus a harried executive, confronted with problems unprecedented in American history, may be called to account and become the target of immoderate complaint of two antagonistic and irreconcilable elements.

It is to be hoped that in the main Congress will keep cool, avoiding partisan or vindictive criticism as far as possible in these troublesome times. Signs of nervousness have already appeared among the higher officials of the administration, notably when Post master General Burleson took the radical step of barring from the mails an article by Jack London denouncing the business of the soldier. We cannot wonder at such nervousness in view of the diplomatic strain of past months, the strife of European interests in our midst, the plots against this country's peace, the continuing alarms, and the mul-

Chary That Counts.

Asheville Citizen.
Some fifty or more of New York's wealthier women have banded themselves together for the laudable purpose of providing homes for orphaned Belgian children, and several of the little ones have been housed in comfort and luxury. As The Citizen views it, here is charity of a most practical form and certainly to be more commended than a hopeless effort to engineer a Christmas strike among the soldiers of belligerent nations. As recently remarked in these columns, Henry Ford's peace mission may be commendable enough, as far as its spirit is concerned, but we can not suppress the feeling that his millions might be put to far better use along the lines established by the New York women previously mentioned. A million or so of dollars means nothing to the automobile manufacturer, but were that amount employed in relieving the suffering of war's victims, he could hope to be remembered in a more permanent way.

The action of the New York women shows us again that the bond of humanity knows no dividing line. Milady of silks and satins, when occasion requires it can feel the call of motherhood strong within her, and the cries of Belgium's orphans have evoked that maternal instinct which has been the heritage of all good women since Eve mourned the death of Abel. The women who are throwing their homes open to suffering childhood are indulging in no theatrical display, nor do they seek the limelight of publicity. They hear and heed the pleading of helpless humanity; in saving these homeless mites and caring for them they are forwarding the divine plan which has governed the race since time began.

The blackest depths of tragedy have been often illuminated by the higher lights of humanity, and the horrors of many catastrophes have been relieved by the heroism and devotion of great souls who have risen above the accident of birth under the influence of immediate environments. The "tie that binds" knows no conditions; it is limited by no circumstances. We may find it in the flash of a passing train, the fleeing pressure of a hand, or in the memories that rise unbidden like ghosts from a misty past. Humanity is the same the world over and it needs only some period of great stress to bring to the surface all the nobler instincts of man and all the finer traits of woman.

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Under the existing circumstances it is not impossible for an excited Congress to hector or prod the administration into ill-considered acts. That Congress should hold itself under restraint, that the Executive should be firm and refuse to be readily driven by clamor or from any matured conception of foreign policy—this is the need of the hour.

Congressman Doughton is Strangely Advocating Rural Credits.

The Washington correspondents of the State papers are sending out a bit of news that is of much interest to the people of this district. "No Congressman," says this report, "is more ardently in favor of some form of rural credits than Congressman Doughton of the eighth district. Mr. Doughton has given this subject a great deal of study, it being one in which a large number of his constituents find interest and he advocates some feasible plan, if such can be hit upon from those suggested, that will make possible loans on long time to the farmers.

He expressed his purpose soon after Congress convened of paying much attention to rural credits, declaring that he felt it to be of prime importance to his people and to the country as a whole.—Lenoir News.

A Chicago magistrate announces that he is going to try to make lazy husbands work. Nothing lazy about a magistrate who will undertake such a job.—Albano Argus.

Representative Mann is one of those persons who seize the opportunity to play partisan politics with the President's message.—Chicago News.

Hopewell, which manufactures the commodities of preparedness was itself unprepared.—New York Mail.

Our Jitney Offer—This and 5c. Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup. Foley's Kidney Pills, and Foley's Cathartic Tablets for sale by M. B. Blackburn.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WATAUGA COUNTY.

North Carolina, Watauga County. To the Board of County Commissioners of Watauga County:

As required by law, I herewith transmit to you my annual report of all funds remaining in my hands at the close of office hours on the first Monday in December, 1915, viz:

H. J. Hardin et al vs. Mattie J. Green, Adm'r's et al, trust funds.....	\$22.90
G. W. Robbins vs. A. W. Taylor et al, trust funds.....	14.36
Maggie Clarke, from estate of J. B. Clark, deceased.....	83.42
Total ledger accounts.....	\$120.68
W. J. Grandin, vs. John Benson, cost	
L. M. Trivett.....	5.00
G. C. Tolbert.....	1.20
State vs. W. W. Randall	
J. W. Jones.....	1.05
State vs. Allen Minton	
J. A. Miller.....	1.50
Nancy Minton.....	6.30
State vs. Roy Martin,	
W. H. Greer.....	1.20
State vs. Bunny Fox, et al	
Graham Gilliam.....	1.90
Ed Sherwood.....	1.80
State vs. Enoch Minton, et al.	
J. A. Miller.....	.73
R. L. Parsons.....	.10
Nancy Minton.....	2.69
State vs. O. R. Wooten,	
J. A. Miller.....	.90
I. C. Miller.....	7.00
State vs. Cal Greene, et al.,	
J. A. Miller.....	.60
G. G. Shell.....	.30
State vs. Walter Poovey, et al.,	
H. H. Clements.....	.60
G. M. Sudderth.....	2.00
Total criminal cost due.....	\$28.67
Grand total of all funds in my hands.....	\$155.55

Of this amount \$100 is on deposit in the Valle Crucis Bank, balance in the Watauga County Bank.

I also have one note due the Puckett heirs, the principal of which amounts to \$33.34 it being on interest at 6 per cent with approved security. All of which is respectfully submitted for your inspection and approval. (Signed) W. D. FARTHING, C. S. C.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of Dec. 1915.

T. E. BINGHAM, Deputy Register of Deeds.

North Carolina, Watauga County. I, W. R. Gragg, Register of deeds and clerk to the board of county commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached two (2) sheets contain a true and perfect copy of the annual report of W. D. Farthing, Clerk Superior Court of Watauga County, as the same is on file in my office and recorded in the "Record of Official Reports," on page 376. Given under my hand this, the 8th day of December, 1915.

W. R. GRAGG, Register of Deeds.

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(Too late for last issue.)
Most all the farmers are done shucking corn. They are now fixing wood and getting ready for Christmas.

We have three stores here now. H. P. Cook, Smith & Smith and James Miller, formerly of Zionville, who is located in the Geo. McGuire house. Miller is a hustler.

Frank Henson, son of C. P. Henson, who once resided here, but now of Bluff City, Tenn., is visiting relatives and friends in this community.

The school at this place, under the efficient management of Prof. Charles E. Hagaman, with his wife and Miss Janie Greene as assistant, is progressing finely. We have one of the best schools in the county, and, perhaps, the largest. Charley is a great instructor and knows how to successfully govern a school.

A man from Johnson county, Tenn., giving his name as Poe, was in our community last week begging. He claimed to be in very bad circumstances and our people gave to him most liberally. We are sorry for him, but it seems that Tennessee ought to look after her unfortunate objects of charity, as we have many persons in our own county who are sorely in need of help.

James Perry, an aged and highly respected citizen, died Tuesday night of rheumatism of the heart.

Miss Bessie Smith is visiting her brother, Rev. Abner W. Smith, at Mabel, and attending the revival at North Fork church.

Charles W. Smith, who moved to Idaho about two years ago, has returned and is locating on a nice little farm near Mabel.

Misses Mary and Pearl Icenhour are visiting their brother, Rev. W. E. Icenhour, at Siloam, Surry county, this winter.

Carroll Icenhour and family have moved to Wilder, Va. Carroll is working in a coal mine.

John Lowrance, of Rustburg, Va. is visiting his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lowrance.

UNCLE NED.

Literature from the Navy Department.

County Supt. of Schools, Mr. Smith Hagaman, sends us the following for publication from John D. Small, Ensign U. S. Navy, U. S. S. Vermont, Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va:

"DEAR SIR:
In the interest of preparedness it is desirable that the young men of this nation be given authentic information as to the Naval Service. Therefore I am writing to you, as a man who has the interest of his people and his country at heart and as one who is vitally concerned in the education of the younger generation.

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"Thanking you in advance I am, Sincerely,
"JOHN D. SMALL,
Ensign U. S. Navy."

Will each teacher in the county please send the names as above requested, from the district in which you are teaching?
Respectfully,
SMITH HAGAMAN, Co. Supt.

New York is to have a sound-proof apartment building. New York is about to discover that there is no such thing.—Detroit Free Press.

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