

**Wallace Clear Thinker The Roosevelt Courage Tariff to the Front**

Washington—Summing up the results of President Roosevelt's first year in office, the general feeling here is that it has been about an even break between the Administration and the Depression. If the Government hasn't succeeded in licking Hard Times, neither has that Big Bad Wolf got the Administration licked. And that, these observers point out, is due to the good, because the underlying causes of the depression, at home and abroad have pretty nearly caused to function, while the Government still has plenty of weapons left in its arsenal. There are a lot more experiments that can be tried.

One of the most important of these, in the view of many, is that of giving the President power to alter the tariff schedules at will. This appeals not only to those who favor tariff reduction but to those who believe that it is a sign that the Administration has come around definitely to the realization that the Depression is not a local affair but world-wide, and that it has its roots in international conditions.

There has been a good deal of uneasiness over what seemed like moves toward a policy of narrow nationalism in the United States, just at a time when several of the other nations of the world were beginning to abandon their nationalistic policies. Some of the most vocal of the President's advisers have been outspoken in their advocacy of building a wall around the United States and proceeding to try to straighten our affairs out as if there were no other people in the world but us.

It is regarded here as a victory for the sane and well-considered analysis of our situation by Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, whose reputation for having the clearest, most logical and best informed mind in the whole Administration group is growing. In his widely-circulated article, "America Must Choose," Mr. Wallace pointed out that Nationalism, pursued to its logical conclusion, could lead only to either Fascism or Communism. He did not think America was ready for either. Internationalism, he agreed, has its dangers, as has any other policy.

If America were to continue in its international relations on the principle that other nations must buy our goods but we would not buy any of theirs then we would be laying up plenty of trouble for ourselves and destroying all the foreign markets, on which so much of our income from natural products, farm products and factory products depends.

Wallace's conclusion is that the Nation should follow a middle-of-the-road policy neither wholly Nationalistic nor wholly Internationalistic. And that, his admirers say, is what Mr. Roosevelt has in mind in asking Congress for authority to elevate or reduce tariff schedules by Executive order without having to submit them to revision by Congress nor wait upon the slow "studies" by the Tariff Board necessary under the existing law.

Mr. Roosevelt's friends call this the greatest display of courage he has given yet. For there is no political topic which carries so much dynamite in itself as the tariff. More than one Administration has been wrecked on the tariff rocks. One promising candidate for the Presidency, General Winfield Scott Hancock, who ran on the Democratic ticket against General Garfield in 1880, probably would have been elected had he not incurred the hostility of Eastern manufacturers by his perfectly truthful but politically tactless statement that "the tariff is a local issue."

It is just because the tariff is a local issue that it is so dangerous. It can stir up more sectional animosity than anything else in politics. There is nothing for which the average Congressman will fight so bitterly as for tariff protection for the industries of his home district, for not only votes but campaign funds depend upon his record in that respect more than in any other particular.

There is a pretty general agreement (Please turn to page two)

"THE WATCHMAN CARRIES A SUMMARY OF ALL THE NEWS"

**Expect Early Cotton Bill Vote**  
**AUTOMOBILE PAYROLLS INCREASE**

**House To Act On Measure At An Early Date**

Measure Will Be Open For Amendments After A Short Debate.

**TO CUT CARRY OVER**

Bill Is Needed to Aid Farmers In Obtaining a Fair Price For Staple.

Democratic leaders are acting to bring the Bankhead compulsory cotton production control bill to an early house vote.

Representative Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, co-author, expressed confidence the measure would win through by a substantial majority. Strong Republican opposition must be overcome, however. Some Democrats, contending it would open the gate to compulsory regulation of other farm commodities, also were expected to vote against it.

A number of clarifying committee amendments were to be submitted Tuesday. But Bankhead said at the end of the discussions he knew of no opponent-sponsored amendments to change the fundamental purpose of the bill.

The legislation is designed to cut the huge cotton carryover and boost prices. It would limit this season's crop to 10,000,000 bales and tax cotton in excess of farmers' quotas 50 per cent of the market value.

Repetition of the Republican cry of "unconstitutional" rumbled around the bill as Representative Hope, of Kansas, ranking majority member of the agriculture committee, led the attack on it.

Representative Ruffin, Democrat, Missouri, although conceding he did not know whether the measure was constitutional, said he would vote for the bill in the belief that no one knows "where we are going to come out."

Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas, of the agriculture committee said nobody knew whether the bill would work but that every safeguard had been taken and that it could be suspended "in a minute" by the President.

Another Alabama Democrat, Representative Jeffers, argued the bill was needed to bring cotton farmers a fair market price.

"Those who would stand on the sidelines and attack what the AAA is doing," he asserted, "would ignore the fact the farmer was headed for peasantry."

The bill drew Farmer-Laborite support from Representative Johnson, of Minnesota, who pointed out his party advocated the regulation principle for all crops.

**A. I. Ferree Announces For G.O.P. Chairman**

Randolph County Republicans injected a three cornered fight into the state convention to be held in Charlotte April 4, last week when they put forward A. I. Ferree as a third candidate for Chairman. James S. Duncan present Chairman and Judge Meekins of Hendersonville having already announced.

Ferree, prominent lawyer, publisher, active legionnaire and a political leader of recognized ability has a strong following throughout the state. He is not connected with any faction, but answers the call of a new leadership that is fast springing up in the ranks of the G. O. P.

The government, it is said, has been high handed, but it will need to be low footed also to get rid of some of the grafters.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**KIDNAPER-KILLER IN CHAIR**

Robert M. Wiles, 49-year-old kidnaper and killer, faced the zero hour of his life Monday morning at 6 o'clock, when he was led to the death chair in Columbia, S. C., prison. He kidnaped and killed H. H. Harris, Jr., last December.

**GAIN IN POPULATION**

Gain in population of the United States in 1933 over that of 1932 is estimated at 797,000 by the Scripps foundation for research in population problems. The population on January 1, 1934, totaled 126,144,000, the report estimated.

**BIRMINGHAM HAS DESTRUCTIVE FIRE**

A fire loss of three million dollars and injury to 38 firemen was reported from Birmingham, Ala., in the heart of the downtown business district. Every piece of fighting equipment was brought in to play, it is stated.

**BUSINESS TREND CONTINUES UPWARD**

Manufacture and distribution of merchandise in the past week began to reach proportions reminiscent of the minor boom in several lines last July. Preparations for the Easter shopping season went forward feverishly, with many wholesalers hard pressed to make deliveries, and merchants in several localities planning for the best volume in four years.

**BREWARD MEN ENTER PRISON**

Thomas H. Shipman, J. H. Pickensimer, C. R. McNeely, and Ralph Fisher were placed in the state prison at Raleigh Sunday. They were convicted in 1931 under charges of violating banking rules and given sentences of two years. After appeals and retrials the men must serve their sentences, although they protest their innocence of any crime.

**MELLON WELCOMES PROBE**

Attorney General Cummings has authorized a grand jury investigation of Andrew W. Mellon's income tax affairs. The former secretary of the treasury brands the move as "politics of the cruelest sort," and says he welcomes the chance to clear the matter before a local court. Cummings says there are many indictments resting against big and little men of affairs and Mr. Mellon comes under the hammer like any other individual.

**FAVORABLE TO SHORTER HOURS**

An NRA survey was reported to show a commanding congressional sentiment in favor of shorter hours in industry. The survey led to speculation that the administration would seek definite legislation to carry out its program for a reduction in hours for a ten per cent reduction in hours with unreduced pay, if industrial resistance should become too great.

**ITALY BREAKS WITH POWERS**

Growing impatient over the turbulent and unsettled conditions in which war-like preparations and unrest have reached a menacing stage, Mussolini is declared to be at a breaking point with the other powers and will seek alignment with Hungary and Austria to form a three-power pact in order to preserve Austria's independence from Nazi Germany's efforts to force her into a combine with the Reich. The situation is intense in its menace to peace in Central Europe.

**Ungrateful Hitch-Hiker, Allegedly Of Charlotte, Robs Woman Driver Of \$74.00**

Hickory—Jabbing a pistol into her side after she had given him a ride in her automobile, a hitch-hiker, believed to have been a Charlotte man with a criminal record, robbed Mrs. Florence Bentley, who resides in Caldwell county, northwest of this city, Wednesday.

Mrs. Bentley stated she had been visiting her mother in Morganton and was on her way home, when she saw the hitchhiker near the Highway 10 underpass just east of Morganton.

Recognizing the face of the man, the woman motorist told Chief E. W. Lentz she stopped to give him a ride. Just a few miles further along the highway, the

man is declared to have stuck a gun into the side of the woman driver with the demand that she give him what money she had on her person.

Hurrying on to Hickory, Mrs. Bentley informed Chief Lentz of the alleged robbery and declared that man was known to her and was Jim Puckett, whose home is said to be in Charlotte.

Mrs. Bentley is said to have notified officer in other places all the way to Charlotte, and is determined to have the satisfaction of seeing that the man alleged to have relieved her of her money is at least arrested, even though she may not get her coin back again.



Was there ever a boy, tin can hat on his head,

Who never has seen floating 'round his bed,

Visions of Firemen, fearless and bold,

Who, braving danger, fire and cold,

Fight the inferno's raging flame;

To reign supreme in their hall of fame.

Now dreams have their place

In the juvenile heart,

But in the adult driver,

They're a thing apart.

So TAKE HEED all Scofflaws,

Minute-men and Racers;

The LAW deals severely

With Fire Truck Chasers.

Estimates were rampant, on the street today, as to the amount of filling material necessary to fill the old well in the center of the Square. Interest was keen, and onlookers numerous as the excavators uncovered the opening only to find it already filled up to the brim. Funny, the tricks our memory plays us.

Traffic Misfits, . . . whom we could do without, . . . The driver who picks out Saturday evening, with its congested traffic conditions, to ease his car up and down the street at a pace of about two miles an hour, with utterly no regard for the long line of cars behind him, whose occupants may possibly have some business to transact in a hurry.

Moral for today, . . . A telephone pole never hits a car except in self-defence.

**HEAVY MARCH SNOW SATURDAY**

Snow began falling early Saturday morning, which seemed to center in the Raleigh-Rocky Mount area of the state. At Raleigh, the depth gained was five inches or more, while the larger part that fell over a period of 12 or 14 hours dissolved. Tourists driving east found it hard to keep vision clear.

**To Try Mae Blalock In Charlotte**

Sweetheart of Basil Banghart Placed In Jail Pending Return To Charlotte.

Chicago—Mae Blalock, ertswhile sweetheart of Basil Banghart, the Touhy gangster who was given a 99-year sentence upon conviction of participating in the kidnaping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, was ordered returned to Charlotte, to face trial for a mail robbery there.

The woman was captured with Banghart and Isaac Costner in Baltimore several weeks ago. She was one of nine persons indicted for conspiracy in the Charlotte robbery last November when four men held up a mail truck and took \$105,000.

The others indicted were Banghart, Costner, Porky Dillon, Charles (Ice) Connors, Ludwig Schmidt, Tommy Touhy, Mrs. Tommy Touhy and Dr. Leo Brandenburg.

Connors was found shot to death, presumably in a gangland feud, this week. Schmidt has never been apprehended.

The Blalock woman was sent to jail to await transfer to Charlotte.

**THE BLOWHARD'S JEST**

"You're laughing at your handkerchief."

"Yeh. It's an old gag of mine."

**REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL**

Mrs. Jones (spitefully): "She's of the bungalow type. No upper story."

**24 Hour Bride**



CHICAGO . . . Ione Drew, 26, (above) was married Feb. 14th. That same day hubby "struck" her . . . and again the next day he repeated with a more healthy swat. She filed suit for divorce and was freed in 24 hours by Judge LaBuy. Ione claims a record.

**GOOD MORNING**

**KEEP IT DARK**

Chief: "We must dismiss that traveler. He has been telling all our clients that I am an ass!"

Partner: "I'll speak to him and tell him not to discuss business secrets."

**HOPEFUL**

The sad-looking man stopped at the lunch-counter and said: "Five ham sandwiches, please."

"Will you eat them here or take them away?"

"I hope to do both," was the reply.

**PARTNER NEEDED**

"May I have this dance?"

"Certainly—if you can find a partner."

**NO HOLDING BACK**

He: "Experience is our greatest asset, isn't it?"

She: "Yes, there's no holding back her salary either."

**THE TREATMENT NEEDED**

A woman who had been to a party in one of those new "backless" gowns thought she was catching cold and stopped in at her doctor's to get his advice. "The best advice I can give you," he said, bluntly, "is to go home and dress yourself and go to bed."

**WOMEN'S PLACE**

Myrtle: "I think the government is terribly mean. They say they want people to manage the Conservation camps who can best handle men."

Evelyn: "Yes, that sounds O. K. to me."

Myrtle: "Then why don't they let us women enlist?"

**A DESPERATE FLIGHT**

Wedding Guest: "This is your fourth daughter to get married, isn't it?"

Scotchman: "Ay, and our con-fetti's gettin' awfu' gritty."

**NOT INTERESTED**

"Sambo, I'll give you ten dollars to have your picture made in the cage with that lion."

"No, sub, boss, not me."

"He won't hurt you; he hasn't any teeth."

"Mebbe so, but Ah ain't aimin' to be gummed to death."

**WIDE OPEN SPACES**

She (reading sign): "O look! It says, 'Entire Balcony 25c.'"

He: "Well, what of it?"

She: Let's get it so we can be all alone."

**ON THE BLOCK**

"I came in here to get something for my wife."

"What are you asking for her?"

**MORE THAN ONE SYLLABLE**

First Student: "She uses words I don't understand."

Second Student: "Polysyllabic."

First Student: "Yeah, and some longer than that."

**A PLEA FOR FAIR PLAY**

Rastus: "Say, niggah, ain't you play honest? Them ain't the cards ah dealt you."

**BAKESHOP QUALIFICATIONS**

Jack: "My idea of a good wife is a woman who can make good bread."

Jill: "My idea of a good husband is a man who can raise enough dough in the hour of knead."

**THE YELLOW PERIL**

Chinese Patient: "Doctor, what time you fixes teeth for me?"

Doctor: "Two-thirty; all right?"

Patient: "Yes, tooth hurty me all light, but wha' time you fixee?"

**National Body Backs Increase For Employees**

Automobile C. of C. Indorses Cuts In Hours and Raises.

230,000 FORD MEN AIDED

Average Hour Rate Of Workers This Month Better Than In 1929.

Wage increases granted and proposed for the nation's automobile workers will cost manufacturers in excess of three quarter million dollars weekly, leaders in the industry estimated.

Approximately 230,000 wage earners will be affected by the action taken by the Ford Motor company and the proposed plan of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

The Ford order which went into effect Tuesday restoring a \$5 minimum for its workers throughout the United States will add approximately \$300,000 to the company's weekly payroll.

Directors of the N. A. C. C. indorsed a 36-hour week, a reduction of four hours each week, and compensating pay increases to approximately 183 workmen.

While the individual worker's pay envelope in member plants of the N. A. C. C. will not be increased from the present 40-hour basis, the manufacturer will be paying them the same amount for 36 hours, it was explained. As many plants are working in excess of 40 hours on an emergency basis, the workmen will benefit thereby.

The average pay for workers in these plants is 71.8 cents per hour which would increase the manufacturers' cost 2.87 the workman, the week, or a total to the member plants of more than \$500,000.

"The average hourly earned rate of workers this month in the member plants," N. A. C. C. executives pointed out, "will equal or exceed the average rate in 1929. The members of the National Automotive Chamber of Commerce have substantially restored the level of employment and wage rates of the year 1929, although production for the year is not expected to be more than 50 per cent of that of 1929."

The action of the motor manufacturers came as the national labor board in Washington met to hear grievances of union labor on wages, hours and working conditions in the plants which last week threatened a strike. A sizeable walkout at this time might tie up the entire industry now in the midst of new car model production.

**Cleveland Rt. 2 Items**

Mr. Tally Turner was taken to the Long Sanatorium, Statesville, last Saturday night for a ruptured appendix. Mr. Turner is in a serious condition. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mesdames Fred Campbell and Rex Fralley spent Tuesday with their mother, Mrs. N. S. Steele.

Rev. E. D. Brown, D. D. visited at the home of Mr. R. W. Wilhelm Monday afternoon.

Mrs. T. D. Steele and sons Kenneth and Gerald spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Steele.

The Cleveland - Scotch Irish Grange met for their regular meeting on Tuesday night. The Literary program was in charge of Miss Sadie Wilhelm, Lecturer. The Grange is having a special meeting for prospective members on March 22nd.

Mrs. Sam Foster and Spencer Foster, Misses Rebecca and Evelyn Campbell and Miss Betty Fink were Tuesday visitors at P. A. Johnson's.