

## WILL NOT GIVE IT UP

**DEMOCRATS WILL FINALLY TRY TO SECURE SOME FISCAL LEGISLATION.**  
**NOW LOOKING TO THE SENATE.**

Democratic leaders have been conferring with the President and Mr. Carlisle. Several compromise bills have already been introduced. Mr. Carlisle is believed to have made concessions to them nothing can be done. That White House dinner, special to the news and observer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11. The Republicans in the Senate have virtually notified the Democrats that no financial legislation shall pass this session unless the Democrats agree to join them in a measure authorizing national banks to issue notes up to the par value of the bonds deposited. The Democrats will not agree to this unless there is some provision for silver.

Mr. Springer doesn't give it up. Mr. Springer, who was in charge of the Carlisle currency bill in the House, spent some time yesterday with the Democrats. Mr. Carlisle, meeting them separately, when Mr. Springer reached the House later he would not go into the details of the private conversations with the President and Secretary. Mr. Springer is of the opinion that there would be no abatement in the effort to secure currency legislation. It was accepted by members as not only voting Mr. Springer's view, but also the administration to go ahead with the policy it has undertaken. Mr. Springer says he knows of no new bill, although the present bill will be shaped to meet objections and command support.

But I added Mr. Springer, "no concession will go to the extent of silver coinage of a ratio of 16 to 1." Silver must be considered. It is admitted that no bill can pass the Senate if the silver men oppose it, and the effort is being made to devise some measure which will command the support of this important faction. New plans have been proposed by Senators Gorman, Hill, Mills and Vest. It is practically a project of free silver with out absolute free coinage.

Coin Notes for Greenbacks. The plan contemplates the retirement of all the greenbacks and the issuance in their stead of coin notes, redeemable in gold or silver whenever the gold reserve is above the \$200,000,000 and the silver reserve only in silver when the reserve reaches that figure. It is then proposed to coin silver without limitation at the present ratio of 16 to 1, but the government is to retain as seigniorage the amount of the gold and silver in the face value of the coin and the commercial value of the silver bullion. In this way, it is maintained, the government will retain enough silver from each dollar to make up any profit on the production in the value of the coin issued.

Silver Men Fear a Veto. A prominent silver supporter said today if there was any assurance that the President would sign such a bill he would vote for it. The silver men have no desire to risk a veto by the President, and understanding that he will refuse to sanction any measure which permits such an enormous increase in the silver currency of the country, they are not inclined to commit themselves to its support.

Low Interest-Bearing Bonds. The other propositions under discussion contemplate the retirement of greenbacks and the issuance of low interest-bearing bonds in their stead, with liberal provisions for silver. The fact that a majority of the Senate finance committee are favorable to silver makes the tax collector bill a measure reported will have silver a large say in its basis. Members of the House say if such a bill should pass the Senate it would fall in the lower body. It is maintained that giving the most earnest and interested attention also to the subject. He and Secretary Carlisle have talked it over, and were also exchanged by him with Senator Palmer, of Illinois, and Mr. Springer, chairman of the House banking and currency committee. The President undoubtedly is exceedingly anxious to avoid an extra session of Congress, but if the necessity for it arises he will not flinch from his duty.

Plans of the Republicans. Referring to the money question, Representative Swanson, of Virginia, says: "The failure to adopt the rule to day means that the first step toward action on the currency question is to be deferred until the 15th of next month. I don't see any hope of doing anything during this Congress. Wall Street wants nothing, and it seems to have the power to get what it wants. It expects the Republicans to provide for a bill issue during the next Congress and \$500,000,000 of greenbacks into an interest-bearing indebtedness of \$500,000,000. This would give the large sums of money which they are at present unable to loan. An advertisement to this would result in the fact that these bonds are not liable to tax even the income tax cannot be collected on incomes from United States bonds. Such a policy would be in accord with the Republican position. The Republican party, you know, is desirous of increasing tariff rates. To do so, it would be glad to put an additional charge of \$15,000,000 in interest upon the treasury annually to be met by an increase of custom duties."

## TOM REED METHODS

**AN ATTEMPT TO DEPOSIT ALL MEMORIALS OF CONTESTS WITH THE SPEAKER.**  
**ALLIANCE CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

The Act Letting Public Printing out to Lowest Bidder Repealed by the Senate—All the Democratic Representatives Vote for Repeating Amendments to the Alliance Charter—Governor's Message Read in the Senate and Five Thousand Copies Ordered Printed.

The Senate convened at 10 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. Branson, of Raleigh. The journal was read and approved. Senate bill number 1, to make six per cent the legal rate of interest, was ordered referred to its appropriate committee.

Mr. McWhorter, of Lenoir, offered a resolution that Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Rice and one other Senator be named to select the various committees of the Senate. Mr. Adams, of Moore, was named as the third member of the committee.

Mr. McWhorter, to make the legal rate of interest five per cent. Mr. Adams, of Madison, to incorporate California Baptist church in Madison county; Mr. Mitchell, of Bertie, relative to convict farm in Bertie county. This motion was lost and the bill was rushed through its second and third readings, and was sent to the House.

Mr. Hamrick, of Cleveland, to amend the election law of North Carolina. Mr. Cook, to amend section 616 of the Code, and at the same time a bill to amend section 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Appropriations for Higher Education. Mr. White, of Alexander, a resolution requiring the State Treasurer to furnish copies of all disbursements to educational institutions in the State. This motion was lost and the bill was referred to its appropriate committee. Senator White objected and insisted upon its immediate passage. Mr. Cook's motion prevailed.

Revolutions in Action. Mr. Rice, of New Hanover, stated that the Committee on Rules was ready to report. The rules were read and a motion was made by Mr. Cook that they be adopted. Mr. Adams, of the Committee, offered an amendment to leave the appointment of committees with the President of the Senate and to strike out so much as authorized the election of a President pro tem of the Senate. Mr. Adams offered another amendment, requiring the appointments to be made by the Committee on Rules, and to strike out the name of the President of the Senate. Mr. Adams spoke briefly in support of his amendments, opposing the radical changes proposed in the new rules, and stating that the taking of the appointment of committees out of the hands of the Lieutenant Governor was so far as he knew, without precedent. He cited the fact that the Democratic Senate of 1870 left the appointment of committees in the hands of a Republican Lieutenant Governor, and had adopted a resolution similar to that offered by the Senator. Mr. Adams' motion was adopted. He believed the proposition to elect a President pro tem of the Senate, except in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor, to be unconstitutional.

Senator Rice of the committee stated that a new condition of things was now presented which he felt justified the adoption of the new rules as they were presented. He stated that there was no intention on the part of the committee to reflect upon the Lieutenant Governor. Senator Cook stated that every Senator entertained the highest regard for the Lieutenant Governor, and that there was no intention to reflect upon him.

## A PENSION QUARREL

**SHARP CONTROVERSY IN THE HOUSE OVER A PRIVATE PENSION BILL.**  
**GENERAL JOHN A. McCLENNAND.**

His Record is Pretty Freely Discussed and the bill failed to pass—Representative Jones Declares that he is still Proud of the Confederate Cause—Defeated Northern Democrats Declare that Southern Congressmen are Responsible for their Defeat.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11. A House bill authorizing the Laporte, Houston and Northern railroad company to build a bridge over Galveston Bay, was passed. Also the following: Authorizing the Little Rock and Pacific railroad company to bridge the river in Arkansas which its lines will cross; authorizing the Tennessee Bridge and Ferry company to bridge the Tennessee river at or near Sheffield, Ala.; for the relief of L. H. Haskaway & Co., of Philadelphia, contractors for the harbor work at St. Augustine, by the issue of a duplicate check for \$10,115, the original having been lost in the mails.

The Senate bill extending the time in which the Texas and Fort Smith railway may bridge the Little River in Arkansas was also passed. The bill to repeal the law of 1890, relating to the pensioning of officers, which by agreement was postponed yesterday, was called up by Mr. Fithian, chairman of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries. Mr. Dingley proposed a substitute which retained the features of the law of 1890 that had been found beneficial to the seamen engaged in the coastwise and nearby foreign trade. The substitute had been accepted by members of the committee and other members of the House. It was agreed to by the House and the bill passed.

Private Calendar Taken Up. Under the rules of the House this private bill day, and on motion of Mr. Eulo, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider bills on the private calendar for the day. The bill for the payment of \$13,000 for stores and supplies taken from a Loyal Tennessean in the war, as adjudged by the Court of Claims, was the first on the list. Mr. Dingley, of Missouri, took the chair. Three hours were spent in an unavailing consideration of a bill that engaged the attention of the House for the day devoted to the private calendar. It was for the payment of \$13,000 for stores and supplies taken from a Loyal Tennessean in the war, as adjudged by the Court of Claims, was the first on the list. Mr. Dingley, of Missouri, took the chair.

Mr. Eulo, of Missouri, stated that he believed that every old soldier who was in need deserved and should receive a pension. "When B'n Butler was here," he said, "he suggested pensioning the soldiers of both armies. I don't know what that was a wise and patriotic scheme. It certainly would meet with less opposition than the present plan." Having favorably acted upon four bills, the committee, at 10:30, rose, and the House adjourned.

Southern War Claims. Mr. Cockrell (Dem.), of Texas, said he had no request to make of the conquerors on account of claims advanced by men who spent thirty years after the war in the penitentiary.

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Warm Debate on Contested Elections. Mr. Peabody, D., Northampton, having read from the News and Observer the account of the hearing of the committee on Privileges and Elections desired to know whether memorials had been filed in the cases of Norman and Smith and Payne against Carlyle. I desire, said Mr. Peabody, "to state on this subject that I wish to follow the example of the learned member from New Hanover. We, whose seats are contested, ask only a fair and impartial hearing before the Constitution of the United States, and of the State, which guarantee to life, liberty and the right of property, and should like to see the Constitution struck out of the hands of the Government and placed in the hands of the people of this country, and we should like to see the Constitution struck out of the hands of the Government and placed in the hands of the people of this country, and we should like to see the Constitution struck out of the hands of the Government and placed in the hands of the people of this country."

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Special News and Observer. DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 11. Mr. A. G. Cox, of Willardsville, N. C., was in town today. He reports that yesterday the flood in Little River broke through the dam which supplies the water power for the Willard Manufacturing Company. About 100 feet of dam was washed out and it will be at least two months before the damage can be repaired and the mills put to work again. Mr. Cox says that it is probable that new boilers will be put in, so that they will be independent of water supply. As it is now they have steam power which is only used to supplement the water power in dry weather.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, yesterday evening, the business of the bank was found to be a very satisfactory condition and a satisfactory dividend was declared and the surplus fund. The following directors were elected: J. S. Carr, T. J. Lamb, J. T. Mallory, W. R. Cooper, Leo D. Herritt, J. W. Walker, Chas. P. Howerton, Sam Dixon and R. L. Rogers were some of the Durham folks who went down today to take a peep at the new law makers.

Mr. Jim Lyon, who is a most thorough Republican and should be in the confidence of the leaders of that party and who has just returned from Raleigh, says that six per cent interest bill will certainly become a law, and that any attempt to prevent its enactment will be a waste of energy. Mr. J. C. Kilgo will preach for the congregation of the Tyron Street M. E. church of Charlotte on next Sunday morning.

The young son of Mr. A. C. Weatherly of Dayton, died this morning. Thought only one year old it is said the child weighed more than fifty pounds. The stockholders of the Educator Company held their annual meeting yesterday evening. The reports of its officers were received, and showed the business of the company to be in the most gratifying condition. In fact it is shown that their business during the last six months had been more profitable than ever before. The same board of directors and officers were re-elected. Mr. James H. Southgate is President of the company and Mr. H. E. Seeman is the Secretary. Treasurer and business manager. The directors are Leo D. Herritt, Geo. W. Watts, James H. Southgate, H. E. Seeman, R. F. Morris and E. W. Kennedy.

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Jim Mott seems cool and collected. The others are wondering what in the fierce he came down here for, any how, and he says that he will see it. Mott was rejoicing because the past few days, he confessed, had somewhat dampened his ardor.

Holton was complaining a little because the News and Observer said that he said that Pritchard was no longer in it. Dockery appeared to be about half mad and that he had had a fever.

Boyd was laughing and chatting and taking care of his quintette from Guilford and Alamance. Pritchard was about in the lobby talking the first time in a week—coming down to ordinary folks, so to speak. He had just put away his stove pipe hat and his crossed pants and in North Carolina was still almost demanding that Holton should be named Senator.

Carver from Cumberland had two votes that he claims will be Carver votes till the Senatorial carving is over. The Republican caucus to night will tell the tale. Pritchard claims 25 certain out of the 30 necessary to get the Republican nomination. It looks more like his claim is well founded than that any other claim, will pan out. The programme is for the Republicans to nominate for the short term, the caucus, and for the Populists to formally name Butler (all the Pops are for him), and then later to hold a formal joint caucus to rally both. But to-night will tell the tale. Settling, Holton & Co., will postpone their vote if they can. If the caucus decides to night, it will be the soonest that a caucus ever determined the question of the election of a Senator. The real reason why the caucus was called so soon will be found in the fact that Ewart, Settling, Holton, & Co., were understood to be "urrying up the contested election cases unduly. Pritchard's backers claimed that most of the contested cases, being represented by Settling, Holton & Co., were pledged against Pritchard, and that his opponents were trying to unseat the Populists."

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