

PUBLIC HEARINGS NOW IS QUESTION OF CHIEF CONCERN

Republicans May Rally Enough Democrats to Foree Oral Hearings

CHANGES PROPOSED

Chairman Simmons and Finance Consideration to Suggestion to Amend Tariff Bill So as to Authorize Secretary of the Treasury to Proclaim Valuations on Imports. Plan Suggested by Denison and Curtis.

Washington, May 10.—Chairman Simmons of the Finance committee, sees merit in an amendment to the tariff bill suggested today by Assistant Attorney-General Denison and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Curtis, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to proclaim valuations on imports. It is claimed this would prevent undervaluations and avoid confusion resulting from fluctuating foreign market values and ad valorem rates.

After the department officials had explained their proposed amendment to the senator today, he declared it a worthy proposal and that it would receive the most thorough consideration by the committee. The plan seemed to him to be of chief value as an absolute preventive of fraud on the part of importers.

"The bill as it is," said Chairman Simmons, "has many safeguards against undervaluations, but the proposal to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to fix import valuations in the American market would be an additional check. It would answer the principal objection advanced toward an ad valorem tariff system. The suggestion will be given the most serious consideration."

The plan will be taken up by the committee next week. Chairman Underwood of the Ways and Means committee, was also consulted by Mr. Denison, and Mr. Curtis.

CONTEST OVER PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chief interest in the tariff law lies in the contest over the question of public hearings, prefabricated by Senator Poinsett. There is a possibility the Republicans may rally enough Democratic support to their plan to defeat the majority party in its tariff program at this juncture. Such a development undoubtedly would result in showing up consideration of the measure in the Senate. That is the Democratic chief objection to public hearings.

They feel that hearings would not result in material alterations of the bill and that the country is entitled to the new law as soon as it possibly can be made ready for the statute books.

COMMENCEMENT AT BULE'S CREEK ACADEMY THIS WEEK

Rev. J. S. Snyder to Preach Commencement Sermon Today—Dr. C. W. Byrd to Deliver Literary Address Thursday.

Bule's Creek, May 10.—The commencement season tonight with exercises, will be held at the First Baptist church of Fayetteville. The final exercises will take place Thursday night, when an operetta, "Pauline," by the advanced vocal class, will be followed by the awarding of prizes, medals and diplomas, and the valedictory address by W. Arthur Morgan, of Wake county.

Rev. Joel S. Snider, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fayetteville, will preach the commencement sermon tomorrow at 11 o'clock. This will be followed by an address to the Sunday school normal graduates at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Rev. C. W. Byrd, D. D., of Greensboro will deliver the literary address Thursday at 11 a. m., following the contest for orator's medal by J. W. Johnson and W. C. Downing, of Cumberland county; V. F. Mitchell, of Wake; J. L. Powers, of Robeson; Layton McLaughan, of Hoke; and E. A. Latta, of Granville.

Thursday at 2 p. m. the following young men will contest for the declamatory medal: Charles H. White, M. P. Bullard, Charles J. Fleetwood, F. S. Maister, Floyd Alvin Morris, A. Edgar Lynch, Walter Simmons, Phillips and R. K. White. Graduating class exercises will take place the same afternoon. The class has forty-three members.

WILSON HAS TALK WITH UNDERWOOD

General Situation and Prospect of Currency Legislation

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED

The President Particularly Interested in the Organization of the Committees of the House—Anxious to Learn the Complexion of the Democratic Side of Banking and Currency Committee.

Washington, May 10.—President Wilson today discussed with Majority Leader Underwood the general situation in Congress and the prospect for currency legislation which the President is anxious to have passed at this session, if possible. The President was particularly interested in the organization of the committees of the House. He was anxious to learn the complexion of the Democratic side of the Banking and Currency committee which the Ways and Means committee, acting as a committee on committees for the Democratic caucus, is now preparing to select.

Mr. Underwood told the President that Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, ranking remaining member of the Banking and Currency committee of the last House, would be selected as chairman. Representative Glass was chairman of the sub-committee on Banking and Currency which made an extensive investigation last session of currency reform measures with particular attention to the so-called Aldrich currency plan endorsed by the National Monetary Conference.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the ladies of the general committee of the Associated Charities, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, at Superintendent Stephenson's office, over the city market. All members are urged to be present.

INTEREST IN NEWS AND OBSERVER'S RE-BUILDING GROWS AFTER TWO WEEKS

ONE FIRM TAKES SECOND CERTIFICATE—PROMINENT MEN SUBSCRIBE TO SHEPHERD PLAN.

Twelve subscription certificates were taken by twelve well known North Carolinians yesterday, some of these coming from other states to go into The News and Observer under the Shepherd plan.

This was one of the two big days of the campaign which grew out of the desire of The News and Observer's fellow townsman, S. Brown Shepherd, to see the paper emerge quickly from its ruins. The response of North Carolina citizens, scattered everywhere, has been so gratifying to the paper, which has hoped that it fills the place in the State that those subscribing to it have indicated it does.

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T. P. A.'S MEET NEXT AT ROCKY MOUNT

State Association Endorses Efforts to Secure Equitable Freight Rates

AGAINST "TIPPING."

E. L. Clinard of Winston-Salem, Elected President—Other Officers Elected—Delegates Elected to Attend National Convention at Richmond—Committee Named to Attend Freight Rate Meeting.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, May 10.—The convention of the North Carolina Travelers' Protective Association, before adjourning this afternoon selected Rocky Mount as the next place of annual session. In vitations were extended from Asheville and Wilmington.

Officers were elected as follows: President, E. L. Clinard, Winston-Salem; first vice-president, A. S. Byrd, Charlotte; second vice-president, G. S. Edwards, Rocky Mount; third vice-president, R. J. Corbett, Durham; secretary and treasurer, C. C. McLean, Greensboro.

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WILSON AND BRYAN WILL TELEGRAPH GOVERNOR JOHNSON

Views of Administration and Objections of Japanese Government

PROTEST IS FILED

Secretary of State Bryan Receives From Ambassador Chinda the Note Containing His Government's Contentions—Holds Conference With the President and Then Again With the Japanese Ambassador.

Washington, May 10.—Secretary Bryan tonight formulated a message to Governor Johnson, of California, setting forth representations of the Japanese government and views of the administration here as to what was considered discriminatory in the anti-tilt bill, passed by the California Legislature and now awaiting action by the governor.

Mr. Bryan conferred with President Wilson on his message in detail before the formal protest filed by Ambassador Chinda. It was decided the Secretary should frame a communication to Governor Johnson, but the nature of it was not disclosed. Mr. Bryan said the message would not be sent tonight. He probably will confer with the President tomorrow before dispatching it.

WHAT CONGRESS DID YESTERDAY

Washington, May 10.—Day in Congress. Not in session; meets Tuesday.

TAR HEELS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

(By W. E. YELVERTON.) Washington, D. C., May 10.—M. L. Shipman, of Raleigh, commissioner of labor and printing, was here today, stopping over from his trip to Chicago, where he has been attending the meeting of the International Association of Labor Commissioners and Factory Inspectors. Mr. Shipman was made first vice-president of the association.

CHURCH BURNED IN SAMPSON

(Special to News and Observer.) Autreyville, May 10.—The Autreyville Baptist church, which was built principally by Capt. J. J. Autrey in the early nineties and presided by him to the Baptist denomination at Autreyville, was burned to the ground Wednesday afternoon. Most of the church records, all the Sunday school records, and the Sunday school library was destroyed. A school building adjoining was saved only by hard work. The church still, of course, is rebuilt. The building was worth about \$1,000.

BRESEE CASE NOW UP TO PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson Will Hear at 11 O'clock Monday Those Who Wish to Speak for the Aged Farmer Asheville Banker.

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CLUB MEETING

The 20th Century Book club will meet with Mrs. Rutna Hunter on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

FLOOD OF LETTERS REACHES EBB TIDE

Protest From Insurance Companies Against Income Tax Provision

ALL BECOME MUTUAL

Companies That Pretend to Do Mutual Business But "Reserve" Bulk of Funds Raised the Howl—Really Mutual Companies Exempt. "Privilege" Is Hard at Work to Save Itself.

(By W. E. YELVERTON.) Washington, D. C., May 10.—Letters inspired by insurance companies all over the country which have been pouring in upon senators and congressmen for weeks, have about reached the ebb tide now, and a last gasp is being directed toward the Senate side. The whole proceeding was a protest against the provision in the income section of the Democratic tariff bill which requires insurance companies to pay an income tax. Companies doing business under a strictly mutual plan are exempt from the tax.

The howl came from the companies which pretend to do a mutual business, but which in reality "reserve" more than they pay back to policy holders in the shape of dividends. These companies call themselves "mutual," "profit-sharing" and the like. They do not make a part of their earnings to be sent to policy holders as a dividend, but they "reserve" a large percentage of their earnings for the benefit of the stockholders.

MR. LEGGETT RECOVERED

Washington, D. C., May 10.—W. A. Leggett, of Anson county, one of Sen. Overman's appointees to Annetic, is almost recovered from a slight operation which was performed in the Naval Hospital Thursday. Mr. Leggett was affected slightly with vertigo and was advised to undergo an operation. He has passed his mental examination and passed the physical test also, with the exception of this slight defect. With that now removed there will be no further bar to his entrance.

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JAMES CHAPPELL CASE DISMISSED

Justice Rotter Dismisses Both Cases Against Young Drug Clerk

BIG CROWD PRESENT

When Verdict is Announced Friends Applaud—Many Character Witnesses—Session Held in Police Court Room and Lasts Over Three Hours.

The two cases against James Chappell, son of a fountain clerk at Glenwood Pharmacy, of which Mr. O. G. King is proprietor, were dismissed yesterday afternoon by Justice S. I. Rotter. Chappell was charged with selling two pints of liquor to B. M. Green, a detective in the employ of the Raleigh detective agency, and the warrants were sworn out against him last Saturday by Mr. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League.

The case was held in the police court room in the municipal building and its trial occupied a period of over three hours, during which time the room was taxed to its capacity with friends and spectators who gathered to hear the evidence and outcome. When Mr. Rotter announced his verdict there was applause and a large number of the spectators rushed to shake hands with the happy young drug clerk. Chappell was represented by Attorney James and Son and John W. Beckwith, county attorney, appeared for the State.

THE PLAN

The roads commission has proposed a plan which seems to be the best one yet proposed. It is possible, weak spots. It permits the government to bill the states pay the bonds that in five years the entire issue will have been paid. It is a rest of loss to the roads. To illustrate: The state would issue a million dollars of bonds drawing four per cent interest. Instead of selling bonds to individuals the government would issue 2 per cent bonds—the state bonds at par on interest on the state bonds year will amount to \$40,000. The government bonds would amount to \$10,000. The balance to the government would be compensated by turning into the purchase of its outstanding bonds. When all have been retired the interest state bonds will come in. The government bonds will be paid. The interest going over through the principal, leaving a rest of fifty years on bond and roads as a permanent investment.

Capable of Enlargement

The plan is capable of enlargement, says its advocate, states and pursue the same toward the countries as the government with the states. The larger unit simply makes the smaller, using various interest rates to the principal of the bonds. The congressional roads commission is composed of Senator Swann, of Swain; Senator Green, of Swain; Senator Gordon, of Johnston; and Senator Gilchrist, of Johnston. The commission is studying every aspect of the problem and building roads to the world. Previous bills for federal aid to road building have failed, and from the failure to the smaller unit measure will be providing a system that can be adopted in the states will it. And if the committee finds any in the method outlined this plan seems most likely adopted.

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