

NORTH CAROLINA MEMBERS REVIEW WORK OF CONGRESS

Senators Simmons and Overman, Representatives Pou, Page, and Webb Tell of Its Wonderful Record.

NOTHING TO EQUAL IT SINCE FORMATIVE DAYS

This is the enthusiastic Encouragement Passed Upon Constructive Legislation; A New Freedom For The People and Business Given After Long Period of Agitation and Inaction; But Proud As The Record Is, There Is Much Yet Left To Be Done; This State Has Eight Veterans in Next House and Two in Senate in Commanding Position

Washington, D. C., March 6.—No State delegation is more enthusiastic over the work of the past Congress than the North Carolina delegation, and no State delegation had a larger part in the achievements of the Democrats than the twelve men who represent the Tar Heel State in the Capitol. The next Congress will see both houses of the National Legislature headed by North Carolinians as chairmen of the most important committees in both bodies. Ketchum in the House, Simmons in the Senate.

Every member of the North Carolina delegation served in the past Congress on important committees. In the next Congress there will be only two new members. The North Carolina Senators and eight of the State's Congressmen will be legislative veterans, each seasoned by more than two terms of service. As the members are ambitious and all received convincing majorities in their elections.

Yesterday The News and Observer correspondent asked the North Carolina Senators and as many members of the House as could be found in the rush of departure to outline briefly and informally their impressions of the work of the Congress just closed. Nobody was unappreciative of the work done, but nobody believed it perfect, nobody criticized the wonderful record of the 63rd Congress, but nobody believed that there is not plenty of work ahead in the next Congress, and some of the hopes for the future.

SENATOR SIMMONS.
"I don't think any Congress in the history of the republic has accomplished as much constructive and beneficial legislation as this one. Its work has been pre-eminently constructive. We passed a tariff bill which is not perfect, but is far better than any other tariff bill we have ever had. A few amendments to the law will make it almost perfect. In my judgment, the value of the currency bill developed slowly. It was a very radical change and will require time to justify itself.

"In the next Congress, I shall do what I can to secure favorable consideration of two measures. First, an act to build dirt roads in building rural highways. I voted for the river and harbor bill in this Congress, but I shall not continue to support bills appropriating millions for the improvement of rivers and harbors. The improvement of the river and harbor is given to the importance of our public road system.

"The public road which leads to the small towns is the very basis of the prosperity of the nation. We put the cart in front of the horse when we dig out rivers and harbors and pay no attention to dirt roads. I know this means the expenditure of a great sum of money, but the people pay the taxes and if they know the money they pay as taxes is being spent for their own good they will stand with me. I consider the good roads proposition the biggest thing Congress can do.

I have great pride in the part I took in making arrangements to help secure its final passage.

SENATOR OVERMAN.
"The Democratic party came into power two years ago pledged to great reforms. Early pledges are seldom kept, but the most important ones have been almost performed with one or two exceptions. The Democratic party has revised the tariff downward and it has passed a federal reserve act which all parties recognize as a good reform without which we would not probably have the worst panic known to history.

"The anti-trust bill and the commission bill will prevent monopolies from squeezing small business men to death and will give everybody a chance. The work of the government for the farmers by means of agricultural education has been of immense benefit to the country at large.

"The filibuster on the shipping bill, which lasted for two months, prevented the passage of a rural credits bill and other remedial legislation. It prevented many bills of importance from being enacted. Some of the bills of the Congress an amendment was attached on an appropriation bill providing for a rural credits system, but everybody thought that this was no time to attempt legislation of such importance. It was believed that a measure so important as this should be considered until it could be made as nearly perfect as possible. This will be the great problem of the next session.

"No party has ever done as much in ten years as our party has done in the last two. Intimate questions of foreign relations have come up to embarrass us, but our course has been so steered that we have peace and are the only great nation which is not now at war. No question of foreign relations has continually rising, and we passed a law giving the President the authority to settle them. President Wilson is the one of all men to be credited this authority. The negotiations have been kept within limits, but this is a great country and its needs are correspondingly great. Rivers and harbors, the army and navy ship building, building ships, reclamation projects, the fight against disease, prevention of plant diseases, farm demonstration work and other activities have cost a great deal of money. It takes a lot of money to run this government on progressive lines especially when we are building for generations to come.

REPRESENTATIVE POUL.
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"I don't think anybody, particularly those who did the work, can place the estimate at this time of the various laws which the past Congress has placed the statute books. No man can tell the entire wisdom of the tariff law because the disturbance in commerce owing to the European war has affected imports that the law has had no proper test. Adverse trade conditions are not because of the tariff, but because for the first time in a number of years we have had, in effect, an exclusion of imports entirely.

was until this generation taken care of by local communities and States. An instance of this is legislation by a former Congress to require the Interstate Commerce Commission to make a physical valuation of the property of the railroads.

"This was demanded by the people as an incident to its regulation. The people themselves did not stop and consider the cost, but to meet this demand will require an expenditure of from fifteen to twenty-five million dollars. While I believe the government could and should be operated at much less cost, I doubt seriously whether it ever will be for the simple reason that people seem to demand that the government shall enter into activities creating new and increased demands on the treasury.

"Personally, my efforts have been expended in an effort to reduce the sums of money appropriated along many lines and from many causes they have been by this administration materially reduced. But the money saved has been immediately claimed by some new activity of the government.

"The big questions that the administration had to undertake are behind us and the next Congress will be in a position to give more time and attention to the details of government expenditures.

REPRESENTATIVE WEBB.
"I am pleased with the work that the Congress has done. I think that when the record is fully considered, that it will be accorded a place second to no other Congress since the formative period of our government. In writing on the statute books constructive and helpful legislation. Accessible to their promises to the people, as soon as its members were able to revise the tariff and revised it in accordance with their campaign pledges, by increasing the tariff list and greatly reducing the tariff duties, so as to make the tariff burdens lighter on the great necessities of life. Before they undertook this great work they broke up the lobby that had gathered in the National Capitol for the purpose of representing the special interests that had been profiting by the past iniquitous tariff laws. It is well understood and an accepted fact that this Democratic Congress has fully carried out the promise to the people to revise the tariff and that this revision has been a substantial reduction.

"The income tax is also the work of this Congress. It too, helps to equalize the burdens of the government by taxing those with larger incomes their just share for the protection that the government accords to them. This, too, is an achievement of the Democratic promise to the people.

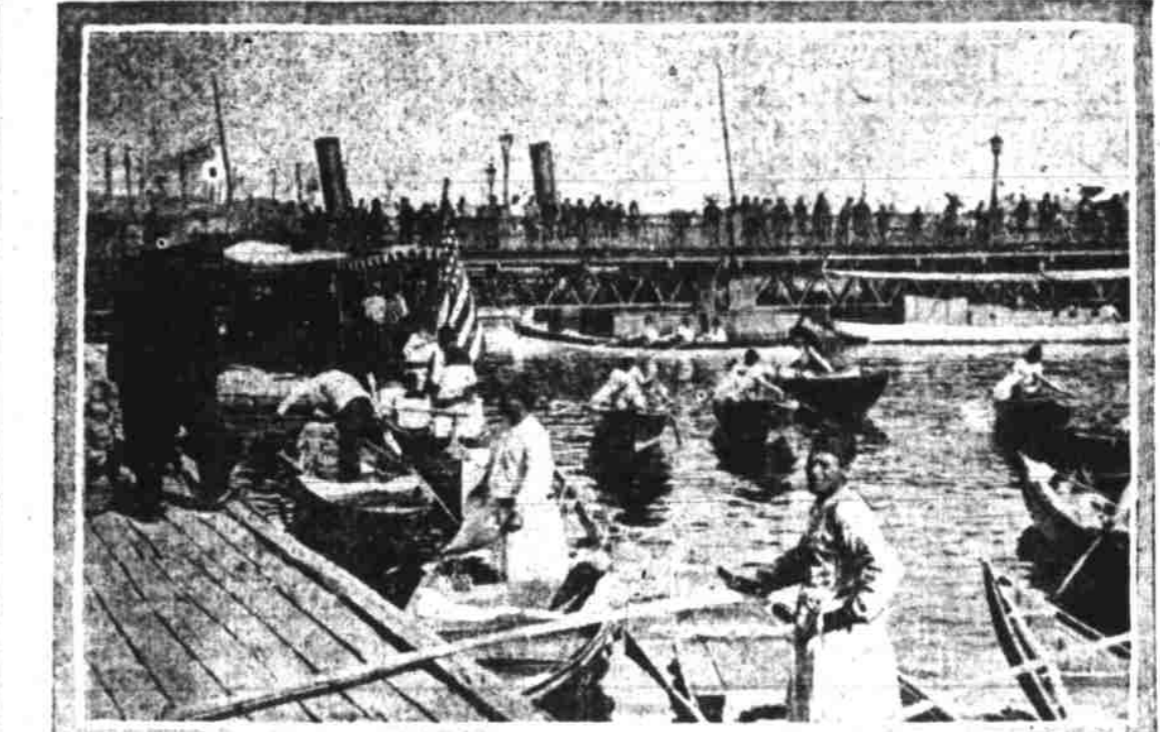
"These laws have already demonstrated their value. The business of the country has suffered on account of conditions produced by the war, but as long as these conditions change, the laws will fully demonstrate the wisdom of their framers.

"The passage of the Federal Reserve Act by this Congress has been an accomplishment. For years the country has suffered for the lack of a modern and elastic currency system. The Republicans, for years, have been confronted by the demand for such legislation, but year after year, failed to meet the demand. It remained for a Democratic administration to take up the question and solve it. The bill which is now in the hands of the President, who did not hesitate to promulgate it, has passed and has been severely tried during the months since it was passed. It has been a strong factor in helping to carry us over these trying times of unrest and wars that are affecting the world. Its enemies have been hushed and all are ready to acknowledge its value.

"This Congress has to its credit, also, the anti-trust law which was hard fought. The Republican opposition in an attempt to secure the people by telling them that the Democrats were trying to upset business and bring on a panic. The bill became a law and the people have seen that the country will enjoy such a season of prosperity as has never been known in the past.

"Republican politicians in the past have been able to frighten some of our people by their prophecies of business disaster if the Democratic party was entrusted with power. As the policies of this administration are tested in actual practice, they will dispel all the doubts that may still linger in the minds of any, and those who are narrow enough to hope that they can bring about Democratic defeat by this method, will find them-

American Flag Still Flies in Constantinople



Here is a photograph just taken in Constantinople which proves sceptic reports that the Sultan is about to leave with his harem. The flag is to be seen on the small extension of the square on the left of the picture. No other flag is visible.

Central Highway UP THE BLUE RIDGE SOON WILL BE DONE

Asheville, March 6.—That the link of the Central Highway of North Carolina, seven and one-half miles in length, running from the Rocky Mountain to assume charge of the most important business of the mountain region, will be completed by the first of June is the statement of George Standin, one of the promoters of the highway, who has just returned from a trip of inspection over the road for two years. This link of the road has appeared an insurmountable barrier to the central highway, running over one of the highest peaks of the Blue Ridge chain and requiring a large expenditure. Some time ago, however, the old Fort township voted a bond issue of \$200,000 for the construction of the road and the government gave \$10,000. Work was started in October and only light work remains to be done.

The highway is being built under the supervision of a government engineer and seven steel bridges over mountain streams have been constructed almost a bridge to every mile. The road is above the level of the water courses and is eight feet wide in the clear. Galvanized iron was used in spanning gullies and it is declared to be as nearly permanent as it is possible to build a mountain highway. Long curves have enabled the builders to maintain a good grade, the steepest ascent being but four per cent.

KINSTON REVIVAL SEASON.
Notable Ministers to Assist Pastors in April.
Kinston, Mar. 6.—April will be a religious month in Kinston. Services will be held in all the principal churches in the city every day for the better part of the month. There will be at least two hundred services held in half a dozen churches. Simultaneous meetings will be held throughout the city for two or three weeks beginning on the first Sunday. Rev. H. A. Humble, pastor of Queen street Methodist church, is trying to secure Evangelist Raymond Brown in Maine to conduct the church services. Evangelist Brown claims residence in Littleton, N. C., but travels extensively throughout the East. Anticipating that the congregations will out-grow the handsome Queen-street church, Pastor Humble is arranging to hold services under a tent with a seating capacity of 2,000 on east Main street. Dr. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore, will have charge of Rev. C. W. Blanchard's program of services in the First Baptist church. He will be assisted by Prof. E. W. Bush, a noted singer who will have charge of the music. Rev. J. N. Harrison, of Caswell street

ANDREWS MAN BOOSTS TOWN

Strong Points of Hustling Little City in Cherokee Are Set Forth

FIVE RAILROADS SOON

And Then It Will Be Some Sure Enough Growing Town—Midway Between Asheville and Atlanta—Owns Its Water Works and Light and Power Systems

Mr. W. B. Fisher, of Andrews, was in the city several days last week in the interest of legislation that he desired enacted. While in the city he gave the News and Observer an interesting interview on Andrews.

"Andrews," he said, "is situated in Cherokee county, the extreme western part of the State. The town is only twenty-five years old and has had most of its growth in the last six or seven years. It has all the modern conveniences of a large city, including one of the best water works and electric light systems to be found in the United States. The water system is operated by a gravity line running back into the mountains some three miles from town, containing a 550-foot fall. The water is conveyed in eight-inch pipe down the mountain gorge to a point on a high ridge into a large concrete reservoir, which holds enough water to supply a town of ten thousand people.

"Back of the reservoir is the sand bed filter which thoroughly cleanses the water and empties it into the reservoir as clear as crystal and germ free. This water is conveyed to practically all the inhabitants of the town, which number about fifteen hundred and is sold to each residence at fifty cents per opening for all the water consumed. A sample of this water is expressed to the State authorities once every month for analysis and never since the plant was started five years ago has there been a typhoid germ found in it.

Electric Current.
The line is tapped and the pressure is picked up from the head of the pipe, 250 feet fall and conveyed in a pipe down to the street, all distance and put against a 24-inch Pelton wheel which develops 85 horse power and is connected to a dynamo, furnishes the electric current for the town, practically all the dwellings and business houses of the city and is sold to them at twenty cents per light for all they want to burn.

The revenue derived from the water and light is taking care of the interest on sixty thousand dollars worth of bonds. The municipality owns the plants, hence such cheap water and light systems and the remainder in sidewalks and street improvement.

"The tax rate is not as high as it was five years ago when there was a poor improvement in the town, being on an average for the last three years only thirty-nine cents on the hundred. This is due to the municipality owning its own water and light system.

Andrews has a large tannery, a large extract factory, large lumber mill, a large furniture factory now under construction. The pay rolls from the above amount to several thousand dollars.

In Beautiful Valley.
Andrews is situated in the beautiful Valley River Valley—the valley about ten miles in length and two miles wide, containing a some of the finest farming land in the State, surrounded by high mountains the scenery of which cannot be equalled in the land of Switzerland.

The town is on the Murphy branch of the Southern, about half way between Asheville and Atlanta. It has two railroads running back into the mountains a distance of 15 or 20 miles and two others now being built, one going east to Gray county to connect at Gainesville, Ga., and the other going north through Graham county expected to connect with the Southern at Phillochee, N. C., giving Andrews a through line from Knoxville to Gainesville, Ga., a distance of about 125 miles.

"When these lines are completed Andrews will have five railroads and it is anticipated that she will grow very rapidly. The community has an abundance of water power, farming lands and mountains and caves adapted to stock raising, fruit growing, etc., and millions of dollars wrapped up in these lands waiting to be unearthed by the capitalists. It is beautifully located, and has large stores, hotels, substantial bank, three churches, livery stables, up-to-date post office situated in the climate and could be made one of the finest summer resorts in all the country.

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Business Picking Up.
"Business is picking up after some what of a fall off on account of the war and everything is running smooth. People are flocking into the town by large numbers and there is not a vacant house here. There is a fine opening for real estate dealers and building and loan associations. Last of all and best of all, there is located here one of the finest schools in the State, a large, handsome brick school building just being completed at a cost of thirty thousand dollars, equipped up to date in every respect."

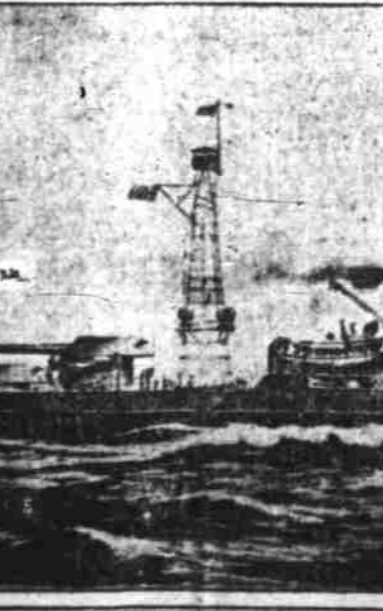
Mr. Fisher states that when you are tired of everywhere else and intend seeking a new "home," and want the best in the State, just take the southbound train for "Andrews, N. C." The citizenship, water, health, scenery and climate cannot be excelled, he insists.

Mr. Fisher owns a large dry-goods store, also has a farm near the town. He has the first slip in the five west-

America's Greatest Battleship, and Girl Who Will Christen Her.

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