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## DEMOCRATIC TARIFF LAW POOR REVENUE PRODUCER

### WEEKS MAKES ANSWER TO KITCHIN

MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR SAYS  
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### PURPOSE WRONG

Cost of Living is Higher. Nothing for Democrats to do But Acknowledge Their Tariff Ideas Are Wrong and Revise Them.

(By Parker R. Anderson)

Washington, Sept. 25.—Senator John Wingate Weeks, of Massachusetts, prominently mentioned as the Republican candidate for President next year, gave the Greensboro Daily News correspondent today what he thinks to be a conservative estimate of what may be expected unless the Democrats revise the Simmons-Underwood tariff during the coming session of Congress.

Senator Weeks declares the Democratic tariff is not only a failure as a revenue producer but that it has failed to accomplish one single object that the Democratic supporters said it would do. Senator Weeks claims the cost of living has advanced more within the past two years than ever before in the history of the government and with the working balance of the treasury down to almost nothing; with the war tax measure expiring by limitation December 31 and sugar going on the free list March 1, there is nothing for the Democrats to do but to acknowledge that their tariff ideas are wrong and revise the measure along lines which the Republicans have maintained were just.

Mr. Weeks' statement is an answer to that of Representative Claude Kitchin, which was carried exclusively in the Greensboro Daily News some months ago. In Mr. Kitchin's article he went to great length to show that the present tariff was just and that the Republicans had nothing to stand upon. Mr. Weeks, however, does not go into detail to back up his statements that the tariff has been a failure, further than to point to the low working balance in the treasury and to the high cost of living which he declared has been brought on by the Democrats.

"The condition of the treasury is such that very radical action must be taken when Congress meets in December," said the Massachusetts senator. "The working balance in the treasury last year was \$44,000,000 against \$120,000,000 when the present administration took over the government in 1913. Since that time corporation income and war revenue taxes have been imposed. From these sources something like \$200,000,000 have been collected. Therefore the treasury has lost in working balance \$26,000,000.

"If this same loss is continued until December 1 it can easily be seen that there will be no working balance available. The war tax measure expires by limitation December 31 of this year and sugar goes on the free list March 1, making it necessary to either renew the war tax and repeal the sugar or produce about \$100,000,000 revenue from other sources.

"The Underwood-Simmons tariff, which is called a tariff for revenue only, is the poorest revenue producing law ever put up on the statute books, I know it will be claimed that the war is responsible for the present condition, but the fallacy is easily seen when we know that imports coming in at this time carry an average of about 11 per cent duty. The lowest average rate under the Payne-Aldrich bill was about 17.1-2 per cent. So that if the law were now in operation we would be collecting about 50 per cent more than we are now getting from importations. This would mean about \$100,000,000 a year.

"I am willing to go on record that not only is the law a failure but it has not brought one single result that framers of the measure claimed for it.

"The cost of living has increased faster during the past two years than at any time in the previous history of the country. It hasn't stimulated foreign trade or sharpened

### TAKING WOUNDED ABOARD



This photograph, taken at the Dardanelles, shows a British soldier, wounded in the arms, being lowered aboard a hospital launch in what is known as a "bosun's chair," which is swung out by means of a crane.

## LOFTIN WILL PREACH HERE AGAIN TONIGHT

RETURNED TO WASHINGTON  
THIS AFTERNOON FROM  
ELIZABETH CITY.  
BEGIN AT 7.30

Prayer Services Will Start at Baptist Church at 7:30. Preaching Begins at Eight. May Continue for This Week.

Rev. I. N. Loftin, of Elizabeth City, returned to Washington this afternoon and will continue the revival services at the Baptist church. Dr. Loftin has an especially strong sermon to deliver to the people of Washington tonight and it is expected that a large congregation will be on hand to hear him.

During his stay in Washington last week Dr. Loftin treated the church-goers of Washington to some of the most able and eloquent sermons that have ever been heard in this city. He makes no attempt to be sensational, but at the same time he does not mince his words and is not afraid to put the blame of unrighteousness living where it belongs. The congregations at the Baptist church have steadily increased since he began holding the meetings here last Monday. Towards the end of the week practically every seat in the church was filled.

It is not definitely known yet how long Dr. Loftin will preach here. An attempt is being made to engage his services for the remainder of this week, at least.

the wits of the manufacturer but it has sharpened the appetites of the employees and as a result of this law and other recent legislation and but for the war I believe we would be in a much greater industrial distress than we are now experiencing.

"When the war is over European made goods will flow into this country at such a rate that our manufacturing industries will be materially crippled. Foreign labor will be more willing to work at even less wages than ever before and as a result not only will the manufacturer suffer but the thousands of employees in this country will feel the effects of this free trade law."

# ALLIES WINNING ON ALL SIDES

## CAPT. LEACH FAVORS IDEA OF HAVING SMOKER

BELIEVES EVENT WOULD STIR UP INTEREST IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

### TO CONSIDER IT

Will Confer With Some of the Members of the Chamber in Regard to It. Favors Inviting Prominent Out of Town Men.

When broached this morning for an opinion on holding a "smoker" or some similar meeting, as was suggested in Saturday's issue of the Daily News, Captain Leach, president of the Chamber of Commerce, expressed himself as being very much in favor of the project and gave it his hearty endorsement.

He stated that it would undoubtedly arouse more interest in the work of the Chamber and would be an excellent "boosting" proposition.

"We are permitted to hold five meetings a year in the Elks' hall," said Captain Leach, "and we could hold the smoker there in good fashion. I also think that it would be a good idea to have an oyster supper or serve some light refreshments, preceding the cigars. If we could get a few prominent men from Greenville, Kinston and New Bern to be present, it would add greatly to the occasion.

"I am going to confer with some of the other members on the matter and I am sure that some arrangements will be arrived at so that we can pull off the event in good style."

## REDS STILL LEAD IN BARACA CLASS

Have Added 14 New Members to the Class. Blues Are Close Behind With 11.

Another well-attended meeting of the Baraca class was held yesterday morning. The lesson proved an interesting one and was ably conducted by the class teacher, W. M. Kear.

The Reds are still leading the Blues in the number of new members secured. Three new members were added to the roll yesterday, two of whom were brought in by the Reds and two by the Blues. The total now stands: Reds, 14; Blues 11.

## TO PAVE FIFTEEN MORE CITY BLOCKS

Kinston Will Have Total of Sixty Blocks, Which Will Be Paved This Year.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, Sept. 27.—Fifteen more city blocks in this city are to be paved, according to an announcement from city officials this morning. This will make sixty blocks in all that will come under this year's improvements. About fifty-five percent of the total cost will be paid by the property owners. The city will pay the rest.

Criticism of Town Clerk. Greenville, Sept. 27.—James Tyson, auditor's report, made public today. There is no intimation of short accounts, but the criticism is solely of his alleged methods of bookkeeping in dealing with the public funds.

## AT THE BELLMO

TONIGHT—5c and 10c—TONIGHT

An exceptionally strong program for tonight. One that is sure to please.

"THE HEADLINERS"  
A stirring two-reel Reliance Drama.

"BEPPY THE BARBER"  
A one-reel comedy.

### WAR'S TRAGEDY FOR THE NONCOMBATANT



One of the London Daily Mail's prize photographs, showing a family returned to their native village after a serious battle had been fought there, only to find their cottage in ruins.

## OVER 100,000 OF GERMANS BEEN SLAIN

TIDE OF BATTLE TURNS IN FAVOR OF THE ALLIES. ARE WINNING DECISIVE VICTORIES ON ALL SIDES.

### CRISIS AT HAND

Italians Are Gaining. Russians Drive Germans Back. French and English Have Turned Tables on Teutons.

(Special Bulletins)

London, Sept. 27.—One hundred thousand Germans have been killed or wounded in the western theatre of war since Saturday. French and English forces have taken the offensive on all sides and are driving the Teutons on before them. The latter appear unable to make effective resistance. They have been driven back almost to the German frontier.

Italians Are Winning. Rome (via London), Sept. 27.—Italian forces are claiming a big victory over the Austrian forces, in which over 20,000 prisoners were taken. The Austrians are being steadily driven back.

Russians Turn on Germans. Petrograd, Sept. 27.—Von Hindenburg's forces are in full retreat. The Russians are following them and have taken a large number of prisoners. The German forces are said to be in confused retreat.

England Rejoices. London, Sept. 27.—All London is today rejoicing over the victories of the Allies. Flags and banners are waving from practically every residence. The general feeling is that the strength of the Germans has been broken and that a quick victory is about to befall the allies.

## NEGRO JOY RIDER COMES TO GRIEF

Trying to See How Much Speed His New Car Could Make. He Found Out.

(By Eastern Press) Greenville, Sept. 27.—George Johnson, colored, who bought a new automobile Saturday, in minus the same automobile today. The reason is that George thought himself to be a racing driver. He had decided to stick to the mule cart in the future.

Johnson has been making considerable money of late off his crops and he decided to invest in an automobile. He did so, and the car arrived Saturday. Johnson immediately took possession and went out on the sand-clay road to see what speed it could make. It made very good speed, but when it was going at its limit, Johnson lost control, the machine skidded, struck a small tree, turned over, caught on fire, threw Johnson about thirty feet, and put an end to the trip. Johnson was painfully bruised, but not seriously injured.

## EXPECT MANY DELEGATES AT CONVENTION

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS TO MEET IN GREENVILLE TONIGHT.

### GOOD PROGRAM

Addresses Will Be Made by Presiding Eder C. E. Read, C. F. Bland and Others. Will Continue Until Tomorrow Night.

(By Eastern Press)

Greenville, Sept. 27.—A large number of delegates are expected in this city today to attend the Methodist Sunday School convention of the Washington district, which will convene here for the opening session tonight. It is believed that over a hundred visitors will be on hand.

Following is the program which will be carried out tomorrow:

Morning.

9:30—Devotions, led by Dr. D. A. Futrell, Stantonburg.

9:45—Address: "My Sunday School Ideals for this District," Rev. C. L. Read, Presiding Elder, Washington.

10:10—Address: "The Sunday School as an Educational Factor. The Laymen's View of It," by Mr. Paul Jones, Tarboro.

10:30—Discussion: "Making the One-room School Effective," by Mr. C. F. Bland, Washington.

10:50—Address: "Lessons from a Diagram: Why Grade, Organize and Train?" by Mr. M. W. Brabham, Field Secretary, Durham.

11:25—Address: "Our Men and Women Mobilized for Service," by Mr. Way.

12:00—Business.

12:30—Adjourn.

Afternoon.

2:30—Devotions, led by Rev. W. P. Constable, Lake Landing.

2:45—Address: "The Sunday School as an Educational Factor: A Professional View of It," Prof. H. E. Austin, Greenville.

3:15—Address: "How to Teach the Organized Bible Class," by Prof. S. B. Underwood, Greenville.

3:45—Open Conference: "The Teacher at Work: Principles, Methods, Plans." Led by Mr. Way.

4:25—Open Conference: "The Superintendent's Work: The 'How' of the Thing." Led by Mr. Bradham.

5:00—Adjourn.

Night.

8:00—Devotions, led by Rev. R. C. Craven, Rocky Mount.

8:20—Address: "The Power of the Trained Worker," by Mr. Way.

9:00—"This One Thing I Do." Volunteer Speeches of One Minute Each, by Delegates.

9:30—Adjourn.

E. Martin Moore, of Chocowinity, was in the city today on business.

## MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED BUT IS STILL A MYSTERY

### Explosion Occurred in the Episcopal Church Yard, But Motive for Act Cannot Be Discovered.

The mystery of the strange explosion, which occurred Thursday night, has been solved, but it is, nevertheless, just as great a mystery as it ever was. It occurred in the Episcopal church yard, as was suspected, but who caused the explosion and what the motive was, are still matters for debate.

Yesterday morning, one of the ladies of the Episcopal congregation, happened to be walking through the graveyard when she noticed a wreath hanging up in the branches of a tree. She also saw that the brush had been disturbed, and, upon investigating further, found a hole in the ground, surrounded by a number of loose brick and two crow bars, a shovel and a big maul. Having heard of the explosion, she at once surmised that this is where it occurred and sent word to the police. When the word spread through the city, a large number yesterday afternoon visited the scene of the explosion and many

conjectures were made as to the cause for the act. Only three of these seem plausible, however. The first is that the act was committed by some young men who were experimenting with the dynamite and who wanted to cause a sensation. The second is that there was a belief that valuables were concealed under the tombstone foundation and that robbery was the motive. The third is that the dynamite had been concealed there for some sinister purpose and that the explosion was accidental.

The explosion occurred on the lot on which Mrs. Simmons, mother of Norwood Simmons, was buried. Mrs. Simmons' body was removed to Oakdale cemetery in 1907, however, and there was nothing on the lot but a brick tombstone foundation. This, in appearance, somewhat resembled a small vault, which leads to the theory that the dynamite was committed by thieves. Nothing definite has been learned.

## L. G. ROPER HAS PASSED AWAY

Died at Roper, N. C. Prominent Resident of this Section of the State.

L. G. Roper, one of the pioneer lumbermen of this section of the State, passed away yesterday at Roper, N. C. He had been in ill health for the last twelve months, and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Elmer Gildrop, of Hazelton, Pa. The funeral will be held in Norfolk Tuesday.

## "ROMANCE OF ELAINE" STARTS TONIGHT

The New Theatre will offer their patrons tonight the 25th episode of "Elaine" in the "Romance of Elaine." This serial will last for twelve more weeks. There will also be tonight four other reels of very interesting pictures. This house is certainly giving their patrons great programs now for the price of admission. Tomorrow night this house will not have pictures, as "Potash and Perimutter" will open store there that night with the best attraction of the season.

## BEAUFORT CO. CLUB FORMED

Local Boys Have Organized Club at A. & M. College. All But Two Are Planning to be Farmers.

(By Special Correspondent) West Raleigh, Sept. 27.—On Thursday night, the A. & M. college boys from Beaufort county met and organized a "Beaufort County Club," which has for its motive the assistance of every student at the college from Beaufort. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and was well attended. The following officers were elected:

President—R. H. Hodges.  
Vice-Pres.—B. D. Hodges.  
Secretary—G. G. Baker.  
Treasurer—J. L. Bonner.  
Members—M. R. Hodges, D. L. Latham, L. E. Hodges, H. N. Cherry, H. V. Latham, J. D. Ehorn, Jr., H. B. Chapin, W. D. Johnston.

All but two of the above are planning to be farmers and are taking up studies that will aid them in agricultural work. Out of about 650 students here, there are about 400 planning to be "business farmers."

"Armed Neutrality." Sofia, via London, Sept. 27.—It is semi-officially stated that Bulgaria has merely declared an armed neutrality, like Holland and Switzerland at the beginning of the war, and will continue conversations with the two belligerent groups.

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