

WASHINGTON LETTER.

One Hundred and Thirty-Three Million Dollars to be Spent on the Navy—Increase in Cost of Living—Expense of Ballinger and Other Matters.

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The Senate has voted to spend on the navy, in a single year, and in a time of profound peace, the enormous sum of one hundred and thirty three millions of dollars, which is an increase of one hundred million dollars over the naval appropriation of the year 1898. A fact in connection with this awful increase which the public seldom hears is that every penny of this \$100,000,000, which is to be spent in excess of the amount used in 1898, comes from the people; not from the rich, but largely from the working men and women.

It is the ultimate consumer who pays the battleship bills, who maintains an ever-increasing army of officeholders in Washington, and who meets the one-hundred and one extravaganzas of the government. He does it by paying excessive prices for protected articles, and practically all the necessities of life are protected by paying the real or natural value of the article and in addition thereto the amount of the tariff tax. The more battleships are constructed the greater the amount the government must raise through the tax on consumption, and the greater the cost of living.

It is not strange that under the Taft administration, which is spending more than twice the amount used by Cleveland to run the government, the cost of living is 50 per cent greater than under the Cleveland administration. While the hat, coat, and shirt of the masses are taxed almost 71 per cent to build \$11,000,000 battleships and keep an extravagant government in spending money, Messrs. Rockefeller, Morgan, and others are not asked by the federal government to pay any tax whatever on their swollen fortunes. Wealth escapes bearing its just share of the burden of taxation because of the absence of a federal income or inheritance tax such as was long ago adopted by the other great countries of the world. An income tax clause would have been tacked to the tariff law had not President Taft and Senator Aldrich defeated the project by substituting a corporation tax. That the necessary three-fourth of the state legislatures will not vote to amend the constitution is now practically certain, which means that an income tax can only be secured at the hands of a Democratic administration.

It is estimated that in 1908 the cost of living was nearly 12 per cent higher than it would have been without a tariff. Hence, calculating that the average family consumed \$941 worth of supplies per annum, its increased payment on account of the tariff was \$111. Of this \$111, \$16.50 went to the government in collection, and \$94.50, went to the trusts in high prices. Of this \$94.50, \$9.25 was on woolens, more than \$17 on other clothing, \$8.25 on furniture, \$4.25 on beef and mutton and pork, \$10.25 on building materials and so on.

In 1910, the cost of living being 15 per cent higher than in 1908, the average family pays \$1080, of which 10 per cent, or \$108, is tribute to the trusts and other protected industries.

Here is a little table which speaks for itself. It compares the expenditures on the army and navy in a period of peace with amounts expended for features of civil establishment:

EXPENDED SINCE 1897.
For rural free delivery, \$173,755, 313.
For rivers and harbors, \$296,075, 181.
For public buildings and grounds, \$128,172,477.
For the navy, \$1,126,210,193.
For the army, \$1,044,101,188.

The exposure of Ballinger's secret relations with George W. Perkins, of J. P. Morgan & Company, in Alaskan matters, has started reports that the usefulness of the present secretary of the interior to even the land grabbers has been destroyed. It is anticipated that as a compromise the investigating committee will not only whitewash Ballinger, but will ename him as white as the lady of spotless town, and that in acknowledgment of this courtesy he will hand in his resignation.

Almost a Murderer.

Henry Sykes, of Reidsville, was arrested recently for a murderous assault on Robert Myers, of Jamestown, Sunday night, May 15th. Mr. Myers was sitting on his front porch when he became so annoyed by Sykes who was drunk and behaving in a very boisterous manner in front of the house that he went out and asked the drunkard to stop his bad conduct, but he turned and attacked Mr. Myers with a knife cutting him seriously, and it was feared fatally. He is now however, considered out of danger. Sykes claims that he has no recollection of the fight.

Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy Sold.

Mrs. Joe Person and son, Mr. R. M. Person have recently sold the Mrs. Joe Person Remedy business to a newly incorporated concern to be known as the Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy Company for nearly \$100,000. The authorized capital of the new concern, which will be moved from Charlotte to Kittrell, is \$150,000. The incorporators are T. M. Jordan, Guy V. Barnes, and Frank Ward, of Raleigh.

Millions Watch for Halley's Comet.

Each evening from about 8 to 11 p. m., millions of persons all over the world look westward to see Halley's comet, which though not as great a spectacle as was looked for is yet worth beholding, especially when we consider that after July 1st the mysterious, celestial wanderer will pass from sight of the naked eye and in a few months will go whirling into limitless space to be seen here no more for seventy-five years.

The comet has been making its periodic visits to the earth every seventy-five years for many centuries. It is said that just before the destruction of Jerusalem, a fiery dagger, thought by some astronomers to have been Halley's comet hung over the city of Jerusalem.

Some even claim that the comet is the bright star that stood over the manger in Bethlehem and guided the wise men from the East to where the infant Redeemer lay.

Westerners Protest.

Delegations from western traffic line territory made vigorous protests to Attorney General Wickersham on May 30th, against the proposed general increase in freight rates, notice of which has been given by the railroads, to go into effect June 1st. These committees ask that the government take the matter in hand.

Notice of Convention to Nominate County Officers.

The Democratic Convention for Randolph county, to nominate candidates for the general assembly and for the various county offices, is called to meet in the courthouse in Asheboro on Saturday, August 6th, 1910, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The primaries are called to meet at the various voting precincts on Saturday, July 30th, 1910, at 3 o'clock p. m., and instruct for such nominees as they may desire, and to send delegates to the County Convention; and also to nominate justices of the peace and constables. Every Democrat is urged to attend the primary and vote for the men of his choice.

By order of the committee.
W. J. Miller,
Chairman.
This May 4th, 1910

President Taft, in an interview printed in the June McClure's, praises Aldrich to the skies and says "there were not a few reductions in the tariff schedules which were introduced at his instance, or with his consent." In other words, concessions in legislation which was to affect the cost of living to 90,000,000 Americans could only be had with the "consent" of a political boss, and that political boss the acknowledged representative of the tariff trusts and Wall street millionaires.

"That Taft will be renominated is inevitable," says the Washington Post, which in the National Capitol is considered by many to be an administration mouthpiece. There is little doubt but that the standpatners still seriously consider Taft the logical candidate in 1912. It is understood in many quarters that the promise of a renomination was the price paid by the powers-that-be for the Presidential signature to the upward revision tariff bill.

NEWS ITEMS.

On May 27th, at Sylva, Jackson county, a man named John Freeman was shot and instantly killed while in the act of taking corn from the barn of Herman Allen.

Miss Mary Harriman, daughter of the late E. H. Harriman, railroad king and multi millionaire, was married last week to Charles C. Rumsey, a sculptor, of Buffalo, New York.

On May the 27th, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, celebrated her 91st birthday, at her home in Boston, Mass.

John Harrington, census enumerator of Cape Fear township in Lee county, has found two old ladies near the town of Broadway. They are half sisters Miss Cynthia Herring is one aged 104 years; the other is Miss Dilly Reuben aged 100 years.

The Sanford Express has information that a gold mine on Lick Creek in Lee county is to be worked on a big scale.

Mr. Walter L. Moore, formerly engaged in railroad office work at Aberdeen, now holds a position as freight conductor on the Asheboro and Aberdeen Railroad.

Mr. F. J. Dedrick, of Oxford, N. Y., has some black minorca hens that eat a great deal of coal and lay coal-black eggs, the shells of which are said to make excellent fuel.

The Quadrennial General Conference of the M. E. Church South, which has been in session at Asheville, N. C., closed May 21th. The next session will be held in May 1914.

Mr. Jesse A. Giles, who has been recently appointed postmaster at Durham, N. C., is a son of Rev. Jesse L. Giles, who formerly lived at Worthville.

Old Uncle Nick Thomas, a colored man said to be 112 years old, died recently near Spring Hope, N. C.

Mrs. Kate D. Vilem, a poverty-stricken woman of 66 years, living in Woodsfield, Ohio, claims to be related to the royal family of England. She says the grandfather of King Edward VII and her great-grandmother were brother and sister.

Miss Berta Ellison, of Franklinville, spent last night in the city as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. H. Luther, on her return from Washington, D. C., where she attended the World's Sunday School Convention.—Daily News.

A charter has been applied for by the High Point Coffin and Casket Company High Point, N. C.

The town of Spencer, N. C., has passed a curfew law, making it unlawful for boys under fifteen years of age to be on the streets after 9 o'clock at night.

The State Republican Convention will meet in Greensboro, August 10.

On May 16, Queen Mary of England celebrated her forty-third birthday.

Harper Rayle has recently been arrested in Iowa charged with the murder of Miss Lydia Newman, which occurred in Guilford county about a year ago.

Cambridge University, England, has recently conferred upon Ex-president Roosevelt the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

At Henderson, N. C., last week, Mrs. B. W. Ebelen shot and killed her husband and fatally wounded Mattie White, a negro servant. Mrs. Ebelen gave herself up to the police, intimating that jealousy was the cause of the act.

On May 12, 1910, Florence Nightingale, celebrated her ninetieth birthday at her home in England. Recently, a piece of the tusk of a mastodon, or some such mammoth animal, about two feet long and four inches in diameter was found by some workmen, who were digging a ditch in Jones county.

Siler City is to have a baby show as a part of the Independence Day celebration and the clear editor of the Siler City Grit who is at the head of the enterprise may have some trouble with the good mothers about the prizes awarded.

WHY NOT COMMENCEMENT.

Literary Address by Rev. Mr. Gibbs—Secretary and Delegates' Medals.

The commencement exercises of Why Not Academy and Business Institute were held on Thursday, May 26th. The day was ideal for such an occasion. By eight o'clock a. m. the people began to come in from all directions, and continued to come until four o'clock. The crowd was variously estimated as thirty-five hundred to four thousand people.

The exercises were of an excellent order, and well rendered. There were three contests, one for the best recitation by a child, one for the best recitation by a young lady, and one for the best declamation by a young man. The medal for the children was given by Miss Swanna Lowdermilk, a former student and teacher of the school. This medal was won by little Nova Stutta, of Seagrove, N. C.

The reciter's and declaimers' medals were given by the Principal of the school. The reciter's medal was won by Miss Berta Yow, of Seagrove, N. C. The declaimers' medal was won by Mr. John A. Russell, of Troy, N. C. Following is the programme: Song—Be a Blessing, By the School. Prayer—Rev. J. R. Comer.

Music.
Children's Contest.

Vacation—Nova Stutta, Seagrove. This Way—Edison Garner, Seagrove.

Our Country—Erastus Stutta, Seagrove.

A Vacation Hyman—Alvah Garner, Seagrove.

Music.
Captain Molly at Monmouth—Junie Parks, Seagrove.

A Nameless Hero—Katie Belle Ogle, Astory.

Decoration Day—Perry Welch, Pisgah.

Music.
A Little Grave—May Harper, Astory.

Resurrected Hearts—Jessie Cox, Pisgah.

The White Ribbon—Grady Garner, Seagrove.

Music.
Hostess's Contest.

Death of Stonewall Jackson—Miss Amelia Yow, Browers Mills.

The Face on the Floor—Miss Myrtle King, Michfield.

The Bivouac of the Dead—Miss Berta Russell, Seagrove.

The Drowning Singer—Miss Berta Garner Seagrove.

Music.
The Great Temptation—Miss Pearl Russell, Seagrove.

The Widow's Light—Miss Berta Yow, Seagrove.

The Light on Deadman's Bar—Miss Myrtle Prenell, Michfield.

Music.
The Maid of Orleans—Miss Stacy Lowdermilk, Seagrove.

The Story of Alameda—Miss Hazel Cox, Pisgah.

WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Ten Thousand in Attendance—Five Thousand Men in Bible Class Procession Down Pennsylvania Avenue—Congress Adjourns for Parade—President Taft Makes Speech and Mrs. Taft Gets Ovation—A Cosmopolitan Gathering—Delegates and Visitors from Randolph.

The World's Sixth Sunday School Convention, which met in Washington, D. C., May 19-24, was unprecedented for its cosmopolitanism, unequalled in magnitude of its constituency and unsurpassed as a spectacle.

On the opening night six thousand persons were within the convention hall, and a still larger number outside unable to enter. Nearly twenty-five hundred of the official delegates wore red ribbon badges with the legend "America." About five hundred others wore blue badges bearing the names of more than fifty different nations as remote as China, South America, Turkey and Australia. Besides the three thousand official delegates from every state and province in the United States and Canada and from foreign lands, there were about seven thousand visitors. Some times three and four simultaneous conventions were inadequate to hold the throngs.

A Great Spectacle.

On the afternoon of May 20, in spite of the fact that torrential rains preceded and followed the procession, thinning the ranks, five thousand men joined in the men's Bible Class parade a mile long, marched down Pennsylvania avenue, and were reviewed at the Capitol by a throng of ten thousand persons. Congress had adjourned early in the day in order that some of the members might take part in the parade and others might witness it. A huge mass meeting for men with ringing speeches by Rev. Dr. Homer C. Stuntz and Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, followed the parade. At the same time two big meetings for women delegates were in session.

Another spectacular feature of the convention was a great opening gathering on the east steps of the Capitol, when a multitude of people joined in the singing of Christian hymns. President Taft addressed the throng and introduced Mrs. Taft as "the real President." Both were accorded an ovation.

Met Under a World Map.

The convention sat with a monster map of the world before its eyes. Part of each day was given to a "Roll Call of the Nations." The ends of the earth came together, and the vote of international peace resounded from session to session.

On the closing night of the convention there was a tableau of seventy-five children reproducing the picture which this convention has made famous—The Twentieth Century Crusaders! The children of many nations gathered under the Sunday School flag, while the delegates from many lands gathered on the front of the platform and all sang together to the one tune, but each in his own tongue, one of the familiar Christian hymns that are sung the world around.

The World's Largest Organization.

27,888,479 members were enrolled at the convention, including 2,500,000 officers and teachers, representing 285,842 schools. Of this number, 16,000,000 are found in the United States and Canada. All ages, from infants on the cradle roll to octogenarians, in all parts of the habitable globe are now enrolled in the Sunday Schools. The increase in non-Christian lands is noteworthy. The convention realized that the agency which deals with childhood is the most potent evangelizing force. Several hundred missionaries were present and many delivered addresses. Cables from various lands showed that thousands of sermons upon the religious training of youth were preached upon the World's Sunday School Day.

Seventy-five thousand dollars was secured in a few hours to be used in placing field workers in foreign lands to develop the Sunday school idea and organization. Frequently the convention broke up into sectional conferences. Especially notable among the speeches were those of President Taft, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of Brooklyn; Hon.

CONTEST CLOSSES.

Miss Moleta Yow Wins First Prize—Mrs. A. B. Coltrane, Second—Other Successful Contestants.

The popularity contest which the Courier has been conducting for the past six months, closed Tuesday evening, May 31, at 6 P. M. The first prize, a handsome Four-hundred dollar Piano, was won by Miss Moleta Yow, of Central Falls; the second, a Victor Typewriter, by Mrs. A. B. Coltrane, of Glencola; the third prize a Sixty-dollar Sewing Machine, by Miss Mary White, of Glencola; and the fourth prize, a beautiful Buggy, by Miss Lizzie Cameron, of Liberty. At the close of the contest, the votes stood as follows:

LIST OF CONTESTANTS

Miss Moleta Yow, Central Falls	127761
Mrs. A. B. Coltrane, Glencola	58,885
Miss Mary White, Glencola	28,048
Miss Lizzie Cameron, Liberty	23,015
Miss Betty Hamberger, Hills Store	12,550
Miss Mattie Jordan, Randolph	8,532
Miss Bessie Farmer, Randolph	7,122
Miss Maud Curtis, Ramapur	7,001
Miss Ella Prenell, Michfield	6,219
Miss Lena Cox, Dewey	5,751
Miss Myrtle Johnson, Worthville	5,376
Miss Alice Burgess, Ramapur	4,587
Miss Berta Luck, Seagrove, Route 2	3,761
Miss Maud Miller, Fellers, Kaula	3,267
Miss Maud Foushee, Slater	2,700
Miss Stella Kelly, Troy	2,500
Miss Maggie Albertson, Trinity	2,520
Miss Emma Pierce, Seagrove	2,500
Miss Ella Harrell, Abner	2,348
Miss Mary Stuart, Franklinville	1,890
Miss Core Vincennes, Seagrove	1,820
Miss Ida Cox, Raleigh	1,702
Miss Della Frazer, Franklinville	951
Miss Myrtle Pugh, Asheboro, Route 1	1,201
Miss Lydia Lassiter, Lassiter	2,000
Miss Linnie Dorsett, Farmer	415
Miss Mamie Ellis, Hillsboro	400

Franklinville Juniors Elect Officers.

At the annual election of the officers of Victor Council No. 228, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Franklinville, N. C., the following were elected for the ensuing year:

W. D. Maner, Councilor; J. E. Burke, Vice Councilor; Joseph T. Buie, Sec.; L. P. Buie, Asst. Sec.; E. A. Routh, Fin. Sec.; A. W. Tippett, Conductor; L. F. Feutris, Treas.; C. M. Jones, Chaplain; John O. Maner, Warden; E. E. Moffitt, O. S. Sentinel; Wesley Webster, I. S. Sentinel.

BASE BALL.

Marlboro 4 Caraway 3

Marlboro defeated Caraway in a very interesting base ball game last Saturday on the latter's ground the final score being 4 to 3.

Both teams played well, but Marlboro outclassed their opponents in nearly every line.

Farlow pitched winning ball, striking out 15 while his opponent only fanned 7.

John Ridge did some excellent catching, but the feature of the game was Farlow's pitching.

Next Saturday Marlboro will go to Oak Shade where they will meet its team at the Fair Field Shooting Club ball ground. A good game is expected.

John Wannamker, Rev. S. M. Zwemer, of Arabia; Bishop J. C. Hartzell, of Africa; Mr. Robert E. Speer and Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman. Rev. Dr. F. B. Meyer, of London, who presided, had a profound influence upon the convention.

The retiring chairman of the executive committee, Dr. George W. Bailey, was elected president for the next three years, and Mr. E. K. Warren, of Three Oaks, Mich., executive chairman.

Because of its size and representative capacity, and because the delegates were for the most part middle-aged leaders in Christian work, and also because of the new notes of world peace, world Christianization, and virile allegiance to the Bible, the convention will doubtless exert an extraordinary influence over the immediate future of all the churches.

The following delegates from Randolph county, this State, attended the convention: Messrs. E. Moffitt and Farree Ross, Asheboro; Hugh Parks, Franklinville; Mrs. W. O. Hammer, Asheboro; Misses Berta Ellison, Franklinville, and Dora Redding, Randleman, Route 3. Misses Lucy Crowson, Lillie Parrish, Harriet Hammer, Maud Dickens, of Asheboro; Miss Virginia Redding, of Progress; Miss Parkin, of Trinity, and Mr. R. L. Elkin, of Franklinville, also went as visitors. All report an enjoyable trip.

Bonds to Equip Colleges.

Governor Kitchen, in an eloquent speech at the alumni banquet of the State University, at Chapel Hill, May 30th, advanced a bond issue to equip the University. His speech was heartily applauded.