

WASHINGTON LETTER

Important Dealings at the National Capital

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Washington, Feb. 7.—The votes of senators who have been defeated at the polls, but who are still serving time in Congress, enabled the Senate to pass the \$4,000,000 "ship subsidy grab" bill.

Under the terms of this measure, \$4,000,000 will be taken from the treasury of the United States each year that it remains in force, and will be paid over to private ship owners who are already millionaires, in order that ships flying the American flag can operate with profit. The \$4,000,000 is to all practical ends a gift, but is paid under the guise of compensation for the carrying of mail.

The bill was passed over the protest of every Democratic senator in the chamber, and over the protest of 13 Republicans. It was a remarkable victory for the discredited "old guard," but probably the last one, as the indications are that the combined Democratic and Progressive Republican forces will win out on the direct election of senators and the oncoming of Lorimer.

If the vote showed anything, it demonstrated once more the un-soundness of the system of allowing members of Congress, either representatives or senators, to legislate after having been repudiated by the people at the polls. The votes of the two Michigan senators afforded a striking example. Burrows, defeated and soon to be out of public life, voted for the subsidy bill, while Smith, who has a long term of service before him, voted against it.

"I protest against the Senate, as at present constituted," declared Senator Owen of Oklahoma, "exercising the power to fix a subsidy amounting to millions of dollars upon the American people, for the sound reason that on the 8th of November last the American people repudiated the 61st Congress now in session, and elected a very different set of men."

"They not only chose a different set of men, Mr. President, but they chose a set of men notoriously opposed to ship subsidy. I concede, Mr. President, that this Congress has the legal right, but it has no moral right, it has no ethical right, in good conscience to pass any law which would not be passed by the newly chosen representatives of the people. Such conduct is identical with the conduct of an agent who, knowing that his successor had been appointed, should make haste to commit his principal to a policy he knew was obnoxious to his successor, before the latter could arrive as a physical fact."

"What right, has this, the 61st Congress, having been repudiated by the people, to pass appropriation bills amounting to a thousand million dollars and fix the fiscal policy of the United States up to July 1, 1912, when this Congress had been repudiated in November, 1910? Is this fair and right?"

"It is my judgement that the proper conduct for this, the third session of the 61st Congress is to pass an act declaring that all future Congresses shall meet on the first Monday in December after the regular biennial elections; that the 62nd Congress shall meet immediately upon the adjournment of the 61st Congress, and that the 61st Congress, do now adjourn."

Senator Owen, who is constantly on the firing line for progressive legislation, has come to be known as one of the most advanced thinkers on the Democratic side of the Senate. The Progressive Republican League adopted many of the things Owen has contended for. It was Senator Owen who propounded the query: "If the people rule, why don't they get what they want?"

Favors Recall for Judges

General Isaac R. Sherwood, who represents the Ninth Ohio district in Congress with great satisfaction to his constituents if his increased plurality in the recent election is an indication, is against the proposition to increase the salaries of federal judges from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year. He does not think increased salaries will result in any better judicial decisions, if the result of the increase in the pay of army, navy and cabinet officers is a guide.

Instead of increasing the salaries of the federal judges, General Sherwood favors the initiative, referendum and recall.

How the federal judges have grown into the habit of abusing their powers was set out in a striking manner by the Ohio man. The first judicial act that he criticized was that of Judge Taft in the Ann Arbor case, which, General Sherwood says, was condemned by all students of political economy and by nearly all the reform writers and thinkers.

The General has a list of 40 cases in which federal judges have decided in favor of corporations and against the workers. In some cases

he shows the courts have even gone so far as to restrain wage earners from free locomotion and free assembly, and, in some instances, against giving financial assistance to the families of worker striking for a living wage.

"The evils we complain of," declared General Sherwood, "cannot be remedied by raising the salaries of judges with the view of securing better judges. The only remedy is to make all judges directly amenable to the people and elected by the people, with limited terms of service and subject to recall by the people."

Newspaper Men Like Wilson Woodrow Wilson, Governor of New Jersey, made a decided hit with the newspaper men of Washington during his two days' visit. In his speech at the National Press club and in little interviews thereafter the Governor of New Jersey represented a miracle to the political writers of the national capitol. They found at last a man who advocated absolute publicity in public affairs, who decried the policy of concealment on the part of office holders and who said that the people's business was too often handled by individuals as though it were private business.

In sizing up the Governor, also, the 200 newspaper men who faced him found an unaffected man. He was easy and direct. He answered any question put to him freely, with never a suggestion of the politician's apology. "I'm sorry, but I can't say anything about that."

Doctor Wilson was told that his arguments against a committee on committees, cited in his book on "Congressional Government," had been used at a recent Democratic caucus. "That book was written a good many years ago," said Doctor Wilson, "when I had never even seen Congress."

These answers were typical of the Governor and his attitude; no concealment, no pretense, no affectation. And the men who met him were treated to constant exhibitions of fine, manly courtesy without a suggestion of insincerity.

Thirty Years Together

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In France the highways carry one and a third times as much freight as do the railroads.

In America it is just the other way. The railroads carry three times as much produce as do the public roads.

Farmers, it is for you to become advocates of what will benefit you. Be persistent advocates of good roads. And speak to your neighbors about the matter.

The above suggestions and good advice is given by the Winston Sentinel. The great need of our farmers-to-day is better roads, and the farmer who is opposed to good roads, even at any cost, is simply standing in his own light.

Attack Like Tigers

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Apportionment of Schools Funds for Randolph County.

Below will be found the distribution of part of the school fund of Randolph county:

Table with columns for District/Color, School Number, and Amount. Includes entries for Trinity Township, New Market, Providence, Liberty, Columbia, Franklinville, Randleman, Tabernacle, Concord, Cedar Grove, Grant, Coleridge, Pleasant Grove, Brower, Richland, and Union.

A Prayer for the Babies

Walter Ratschenbuch, in the February National Monthly. O God, since Thou hast laid the little children into our arms in utter helplessness, with no protection save our love, we pray that the sweet appeal of their baby hands may not be in vain. Let no innocent life in our city be quenched again in useless pain through our ignorance and sin. May we who are mothers or fathers seek eagerly to join wisdom to our love, lest love itself be deadly when unguided by knowledge. Bless the doctors and nurses, and all the friends of men, who are giving of their skill and devotion to the care of our children. If there are any who were killed by love in their own infancy, but who have no child to whom they may give as they have received, grant them such largeness of sympathy that they may rejoice to pay their debts in full to all children who may have need of them. Forgive us, our Father, for the heartlessness of the past. Grant us great tenderness for all babes who suffer, and a growing sense of the divine mystery that is broadening in the soul of every child. Amen.

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suggestions for Protection.

For protecting wells, springs and cisterns Mr. Fuller advocates, first of all, a water-tight lining to keep out surface water. Wells and springs should always be covered and protected from animals, dust and falling leaves. Watering troughs should always be located a safe distance away, though the custom prevails in country districts of having well and trough side by side.

Mr. Fuller's report is printed as Water-Supply Paper 255, which may be obtained free by applying to the Director, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

New Hope.

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In addition to the above are the special taxes which amount to more than \$6,500. This is equal to more than one-fourth of the school fund from the regular county and state sources. The different special tax districts have voted upon themselves a special tax rate of ten to thirty cents on property and thirty to ninety cents on the poll. From this source the different districts have received all the way from \$42.50 to \$1296 respectively. This helps to increase the school term from one to four months. But this increase of school term is not the only great help to the school; it enables the schools to obtain a higher priced teacher, thus giving much better instruction.

A large number of people think a four month's term under proficient teaching is worth more than a seven or eight month's term in the "old fashioned way." There is much truth in this, but without this special tax a majority of our rural schools need not hope very soon for a greater length of term or a better grade of teaching.

The Good Roads movement is being discussed from one end of the State to the other, but hand in hand with this movement go the consolidation of more school districts, a greater length of school term, and more proficient teaching; the two cannot be separated, where the one goes the other must follow.

S. T. LASSITER, Co. Supt of Schools.

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