

WASHINGTON LETTER

Taft Surrounded by Men "Who Know What They Want"

Wiley's Enemies Exposed—Democratic House Has Accomplished Much

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Washington, Aug. 8.—Today, on the eve of the momentous occasion when President Taft must sign or veto tariff legislation of vast importance to the people, he is still surrounded "by men who know exactly what they want," just as he was when induced to sign the iniquitous Payne-Aldrich bill.

The semi-official statement given out by the White House publicists' bureau (secretary being manager) that the President intends to veto all tariff revision which Congress may send to him, indicates that the men "who know just exactly what they want," (and expression coined by the late Senator Dolliver,) also know what they do not want.

The President's advisors are opposed, for instance, to legislation of any kind that would interfere with the Payne-Aldrich protection wall, which gives to the American tariff trusts immunity from competition by virtue of which they are free to charge consumers exorbitant prices without outside interference.

Why Taft Failed

When the history of Mr. Taft's administration is written, his failure to win the sympathy of the people will no doubt be attributed to his selection as advisors of men who are not in sympathy with the needs of the people of the country.

Let us see who the men are, surrounding President Taft, who know exactly what "they" want; and who, through having practically a monopoly of the President's ear, have been able to deceive him into the belief that he is acting the part of a real statesman if he vetoes legislation of the very character that he promised the people before election in order to secure their votes.

"Know What They Want"

In his cabinet Mr. Taft has Secretary of State Knox, former steel trust attorney, Attorney General Wickersham, former sugar trust attorney, and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagle, former attorney, for the Waters-Pierce (Standard) Oil company.

Then in his immediate family circle the President has Brother Charles Taft, who is so constituted temperamentally and financially that he can view legislation only from the viewpoint that "Big Business" views it; and also Brother Henry W. Taft, a member of the New York law firm of Strong & Cadwallader, which represents the sugar trust, Wall street and the great industrial corporations.

For substantiation of any advice the President may receive from these sources, he has but to call in Senator Lippitt, Aldrich's successor from Rhode Island. Mr. Lippitt is one of the millionaire beneficiaries of the struggling cotton trust, and knows exactly what he wants. Others who know what they want and upon whom the President relies are Penrose, Smoot, Guggenheim, Du Pont and the balance of the ring of special privilege servers in the Senate.

And here is a list of the men whose advice is not sought by Mr. Taft: LaFollette, Clapp, Cummins, Bristow and all genuine progressive republicans.

These facts tell their own story. There's no chance for the President to do anything for the people as long as he has his present advisors around, and from present indications he has no intention of taking on a new set of advisors.

More About Controller Bay

The attention of the Graham investigating committee which is probing the action of the President in secretly siding the Ryan larcenists to seize the Controller bay in Alaska, has been directed to a report of the geological survey which shows that the entire tract is underlain with oil. The land which President Taft threw open for exploitation, it now develops, is of far greater value than was at first dreamed. In his recent attempted explanation of the Controller bay jugglery the President attempted to make it appear that the tract is really of little value. He claimed that the grant did not give Speculator Ryan, supposed agent of the Morgan-Guggenheims, a transportation

Death of Mrs. Hancock.

Mrs. Bertha Hancock was born Sept. 17, 1883 and died July 18, 1911. She was a daughter of W. S. Gatlin, of Ulah, and a granddaughter of the late Uriah Pressnell. She was married about three and a half years ago to Rufus Hancock. She is survived by a husband, one child, aged two and one half years, a father and two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Moore, of Carthage, and Mrs. Maie Hearn, of Ulah.

Her one month old baby died July 28 and was buried by the side of its mother at Flag Springs.

Her death was a shock to the community, having been ill only one week.

Everything that physicians and loving hands could do was done, but to no avail, but she is gone and let us hope is now wearing a golden crown and walking the golden streets of that happy home beyond the skies where parting is no more and sickness and death never come. Until we die we shall remember the gentle spirit of Bertha and hope to meet her in the great beyond where parting is no more. Correspondent.

Dave Thomas' Fine Yield of Wheat.

Mr. Dave Thomas, who lives on Thomasville Route 4 made 196 bushels of wheat on ten acres this year. The land has been in wheat three years in succession.

The cost of the wheat was: \$11.25 for seed; guano, \$15.00; labor for sowing \$16.00; harvesting etc \$5.00; total cost \$47.25. His clear profit was \$158.75.

monopoly to the great Bering river coal fields. Both former President Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot declare that the President's statement is a misrepresentation, and that all practical ends he has given away valuable public rights which it was his sworn duty to protect.

Wiley's Enemies Exposed.

"I want to say frankly to you that the referee board was organized and put into action for the very purpose of conserving the interests of the manufacturers, so you would have a safe hearing."

Secretary of Agriculture, Wilson, sometime ago made this statement to a committee of manufacturers, according to testimony just presented to the committee on expenditures in the agricultural department.

It will be recalled that the organization to which Secretary Wilson was alluding—the Remsen board—reversed the findings of Dr. Wiley when he ruled against the use of benzate of soda by embalming beef manufacturers. The same board overruled Wiley many times, finding excuses for letting down the bars to the food dopers on the merest pretense reasons.

The weird rulings of the Remsen board caused friends of honest foods to suspect that it had been organized to thwart Dr. Wiley, and the "consumer" the interests of the manufacturers instead of to conserve the public health, and Secretary Wilson's frank statement to the manufacturer merely confirms the justice of that suspicion.

Playing Favorites.

Allowing 37 of the 83 men under criminal indictment in connection with the wire trust to go free with the payment of many fines upon their withdrawal of "not guilty" pleas, is an illustration of the Wickersham policy of trust breaking. This system would seem to make the violation of the anti-trust laws merely a business proposition. The men running the trusts may pile up millions by paying no attention to the anti-trust laws, and then escape punishment by paying a few thousands in fines.

Much Already Accomplished.

Considered together, the four bills already passed by the Democratic House—reciprocity, free list, wool and cotton—constitute a most comprehensive beginning at revision of the Payne-Aldrich law. The revision accomplished by the House means enormous relief to the public, partly through the reduction of duties and partly through the elimination of jokers and special privilege provisions.

COMBS GETS 30 YEARS

Jury Returned Verdict for Murder in Second Degree and Judge Daniels Gives Him The Limit.

Reuben Combs, was sentenced by Judge Daniels Tuesday to serve 30 years in the state prison for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Bessie Combs, whom he poisoned on the night on May 25.

The case which had been on trial since Thursday, was given to the jury Monday evening at 7 o'clock and a verdict for second degree murder was rendered at 11 o'clock.

The jury first stood four for first degree and eight for second degree murder.

The court was reassembled to hear the verdict and then adjourned until Tuesday morning when sentence was passed the limit of the law being given.

Not until the judge delivered his charge to the jury was it known that a verdict for second degree could be rendered.

Married.

At the home of the officiating J. P. W. A. Pressnell, at Seagrave, Mr. P. R. King and Miss Lora Boling, of Seagrave No. 2, were married. Mr. King is the son of Joshua King. The bride is a daughter of Mr. W. H. Boling.

Randolph County Fair.

The Randolph Agricultural and Educational Fair promises to be a very valuable as well as a most enjoyable week to all the people of our county.

To make the fair the greatest possible success, it will require the support of every man and woman, boy and girl in the county, and as the fair belongs to no one organization and is operating in the benefit of the entire county, I feel that each one of us should do our part to make the Randolph County Fair the best in North Carolina. Already it seems that there will be several hundred dollars to be given for the first premiums, but it is hoped that we can have attractive smaller premiums to give for those exhibits which are not awarded first premiums. To do this it will require the support of many families and business concerns in the county, in the giving of prizes.

The Department of Agriculture, the County Commissioners, the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, the Randolph Club, and several private business houses and citizens have already contributed to the premium list.

In next week's papers we will publish the committees in each township who we are asking to cooperate with the management of the fair in disseminating knowledge about the fair to all the people of the county.

Geo. R. Ross, Mgr.

Married.

At the home of the officiating J. P. W. H. Lawrence at Caraway, Mr. George B. Kindley and Miss Myrtle McDowell, August 6th.

Mr. Allen J. Robbins, of Caraway and Miss Sarah E. Maness, of Biscoe, were married at the home of Mr. J. F. Jarrell at Caraway, August 4. Mr. Jarrell, J. P. officiating. About 20 were present to witness the ceremony.

Conditions in Mexico Beyond Control.

"Conditions here are beyond control and I would ask that you return and take charge of the situation," reads a cipher cablegram said to have been sent by Provisional President Francisco de La Barra, of Mexico, to Jose Yves Limantour, now in Paris.

Miners in Texas will hold a meeting soon to take action toward protecting the lives and property of Americans in the Southern republic.

Real Estate Transfers

Cicero Loflin to E. G. Morris on North Fayetteville Street, one cottage and three acres of land.

J. D. Ross, E. G. Morris et al to J. H. Grossman, 1 house and lot on Sunset Avenue.

John M. Hammer to I. C. Myrick, one house and lot on Salisbury Street.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS

Admiral Togo, Japanese hero of the Russo-Japanese war, is traveling in America.

Gov. Kitchin has revoked the pardon granted in 1910, to Wiley P. Black, of Asheville.

L. M. Sandlin, of Wilmington, who was convicted last week of the murder of his wife on June 27, will go to the electric chair on October 13.

Lewis Melver shot and killed George McDuffy, colored, three miles from Fremont, last Saturday night.

Joe Crosson, a steel and iron worker, fell from a water tank near Jamestown Saturday afternoon and sustained such injuries that he died later.

On last Saturday morning Roseborough Cloer, the 14-year-old son of M. G. Cloer, of Lenoir, met instant death while trying to jump off a moving train.

A serious wreck occurred at Majolica, 5 miles from Salisbury, last Friday, when the eastbound passenger train No. 22 was derailed, 26 people being injured.

As the result of a kerosene explosion in a hospital at Anderson, S. C., the superintendent, Miss Mabel Thompson, is dead and a nurse and orderly are badly burned.

The Catawba county commissioners have appropriated \$50 a mile for the central highway and ordered the county engineer to at once survey the route from Mooresville river bridge to Newton.

Thomas L. Hisgen, who was the Independence league candidate for president three years ago, denies the report that he intended to run for governor of Massachusetts this year.

Southbound passenger train No 33 of the Seaboard Air Line ran into an open switch at Petersburg, Va., and collided with a freight train Monday. Engineer Dan Hick of Raleigh was killed and others wounded.

W. C. Warfield, of the World Publishing Company has been found guilty of attempting to form a pool to use \$1,500 to secure some "friend" in the department of education of the state to secure the adoption of certain books.

The army recruiting officer at Indianapolis has advised the War Department that Private George Peters has been accused of being an Austrian secret agent. It is thought he is there to obtain the secrets of manufacturing the powerful explosive used by the United States government.

A. E. Burgess, a tenant of John N. Whitaker, of Siloam, attempted to poison his employer's family by putting Paris green in the spring from which they used water recently. He also put the poison in the stock food and as a result a fine horse and cow are dead. Burgess has not been caught yet.

Prof. Andrew Bill's latest invention is an ice stove, the use of which is to do for a dwelling in summer, what the ordinary stove does in winter, render the temperature comfortable. The stove is very simple. Anyone who can dump a case of ice in a box and turn an electric light key can operate it.

Charles R. Jones of Chicago, chairman of the prohibition national committee, has been making an extensive tour of the far west consulting with the leaders of the party in regard to the advisability of holding the next national convention of the prohibition party in that section of the country.

Wilbur F. Wakeman, of New York, treasurer-general and secretary of the American protective tariff league, the organization of the advocates of a high protective tariff, has announced himself as a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Elihu Root, whose term of office will expire March 3, 1915.

The Republican leaders in Pennsylvania hope to reduce the Democratic delegation from that state by the election of a Republican from the Fourteenth district, where a vacancy exists by the death of Representative George W. Kipp, democrat. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held next November.

A party of Asheville's "Young Folks" went to Worthville Monday evening on a moonlight drive.

A bill granting Statehood to New Mexico and Arizona has been passed by the Senate.

John W. Gates, the American financier who has been ill at Paris, died last Tuesday.

Governor Wilson of New Jersey has been invited to address the Georgia legislature.

An inter-State Convention of the North Carolina and Virginia Farmers' Unions will be held in Greensboro Aug. 25 and 26.

Arthur P. Gorman, son of the late Senator Gorman is a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Maryland.

Mr. N. O. Skeen and family of Palmetto, Ga., are visiting at the home of Mr. W. J. Miller, on North Fayetteville Street.

Robert Matthewson, the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Matthewson, of Chicago, was drowned at Lake Toxaway, Saturday afternoon.

Charles B. Crowell, secretary and treasurer of the Bobbitt-Wayne Co., of Raleigh died at his home last Sunday.

Little Richard Wilson, the 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wilson, of New Orleans, died at Salisbury Sunday night from injuries received in the Majolica wreck.

The Commissioners of Cumberland county have ordered an election to be held in that county to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 bonds to build roads.

Capt. R. L. Simpson, age 40, of Spenser who had suffered from cancer for some time died last Sunday night. He was employed as conductor on the Southern Railway.

Mrs. H. L. Brower, and daughter, Miss Annie, of Newman, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Brower's brothers, Messrs. John and Lewis Bulls, and others this week.

John McCarthy, an engineer on the Carolina, Olinfield and Ohio Railroad, was killed Monday by being caught under an engine which turned over.

The Prohibitional National Committee will meet December 6 to choose the time and place for holding the party's presidential convention.

Senator James B. McCreary, the democratic nominee for the Kentucky governorship, filled that office something like a generation ago.

The proposed loan of \$30,000,000 which the Guatemalan government has had under consideration for sometime, will be placed with American bankers within the next few months.

Mrs. W. R. Ellis of Advance, reports her wheat crop this year at 550 bushels. One of her tenants, Jess Myers, raised 159 3/4 bushels on five acres of land and used no manure or fertilizer. See offered a prize and Myers won over all the others tenants.—Davie Record.

After a long and bitter fight Timothy L. Woodruff, former Lieutenant Governor of New York and former chairman of the Republican state committee, has been forced to relinquish control of the Republican organization in Kings county, (Brooklyn), where he lives.

In case Governor Deneen seeks a third term, which now appears a probability, the primaries in Illinois next spring will see all the out-going state officers candidates for renomination, with the solitary exception of the state treasury, who is barred by constitutional provision from succeeding himself.

A reorganization of our nation's diplomatic corps has recently been made. Joe G. Leishman, now ambassador to Italy, goes to Germany as ambassador, Thos. J. O'Brien, present ambassador to Japan, is transferred as ambassador to Germany. Chas. Page Bryan now minister to Belgium will be ambassador to Japan. L. Anderson is appointed minister to Belgium. John R. Carter is transferred from minister to the Balkan States. Arthur M. Beaupre, now minister to the Netherlands will be minister to Cuba. Loyd Bryce is appointed minister to the Netherlands.

LAYMENS MISSIONARY MEETING

Dr. E. L. Moffitt Elected Chairman Executive Committee—County Convention to be Held in Asheville, September 28-29

The pastors and Missionary committees of the various churches of the town met in conference with Mr. John McEachern, of Greensboro, State Secretary of the Laymens Missionary movement of North Carolina Sunday August 6th for the purpose of making plans for organizing the county. At this meeting an executive committee was appointed composed of three laymen of each denomination in the town. Dr. E. L. Moffitt was elected chairman of this committee, Mr. L. F. Ross vice chairman and J. M. Scarborough, secretary. This committee decided to hold a laymens convention in Asheville, September, 28 and 29. Arrangements will be made to have a number of prominent speakers present. All christian denominations in the county will be expected to take part in this convention.

Mr. McEachern spoke in the interest of the laymens missionary movement Sunday night in the Graded School Auditorium to a large audience and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested in the work. The executive committee will be glad to arrange to send speakers to any part of the county. For information in regard to the work address either of the above named officers.

Farmer's State Convention Raleigh, August 29-31

The Ninth Annual Farmers' State Convention will be held at Raleigh in the rooms of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College, on August 29, 30 and 31 1911.

After the institutes have been held all over the state during the summer it has proven to be a good idea to bring the several institute parties and a good representative number of the farmers of the state together, to consider the affairs of the state, in its relations to the different sections of the state and as it effects the state as a whole.

At this round-up institute there will be more than twenty-five speakers on practical farm questions: selection of seed corn; pure and adulterated seeds; curing of tobacco; hog raising; dairying in North Carolina; rural co-operation, etc, with a special program for the ladies.

The farmers' and their families will be given rooms free at the College, and will be furnished meals at the College at twenty-five cents each, or they can go to the cafes and hotels of the city for their meals.

Each person will be expected to take with them sheets as the boys when occupying these rooms during school furnish their own bed linen.

It is to be hoped that several farmers of this county as well as those in adjoining counties will attend this convention held at the Capital of our state.

For complete program address, I. O. Schaub, West Raleigh, N. C.

Farmers' Institutes.

Farmers' Institutes will be held at the following dates and places: Trinity, August 18th.

Handlemas, August 19th.

Ramseur, August 21st.

Asheboro, August 22nd.

Farmers, August 23rd.

The institutes will be conducted by Prof. C. R. Hudson and an efficient corps of men and women assistants from the agricultural department of the A. & M. College at Raleigh.

Interesting and instructive programs will be prepared and every farmer should attend. Everybody is invited.

Died

Hannah Spencer, colored, of near Hoover Hill, Back Creek township, died last Monday. She was an aged and highly respected woman. She belonged to the estate of the late Nathan Spencer and remained in the service of the family for many years after their freedom.