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Mr. Taft Against Cheaper Woollens—Let us Alone—"The Richest Baby"—On the Job

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Washington, Aug. 28.—President Taft's veto of the wool bill means there will be no reduction this winter in the price of woollen clothing of any sort for men, women and children, nor in the price of blankets, nor any other forms of woollen manufactures needed for warmth by the general public.

And just so much as the public would have saved in cheaper woollens, together with the amount the farmers would have saved in cheaper agricultural implements had the president signed the free list bill, will be transferred unjustly to the coffers of the woolen trust and the harvester trust, two star contributors to the Republican campaign fund.

What is the President's defense for refusing to permit a reduction in the cost of living? Let us see! First, he makes the point the wool bill was unconsidered, when as a matter of fact the ways and means committee put in three months of sincere investigation and study before the bill was framed, which is twice the length of time given to the consideration of the woolen schedule of the Payne-Aldrich bill, and which document the president signed readily enough.

Second, the president asks that the people continue to pay exorbitant prices for woollens until he hears from his tariff board, which is packed with men who take the high-protection viewpoint, and whose chief agents and alleged "impartial investigators" abroad are writing back articles for American newspapers ridiculing and belittling the crying demand of the consumers for tariff revision downward.

Mr. Taft's message against cheaper woollens will go down as a document of misrepresentation, false pretense and excuse. The real reason the president vetoed the various tariff bills was not stated in any of his messages: It was because he was under obligations to the beneficiaries of the Payne-Aldrich law to serve their interests instead of the public interest. Mr. Taft was elected president, it should be remembered, with a campaign fund contributed by special privilege. Then the great tariff trusts extended further and (and placed Taft further in their debt) by frightening their employees into voting for Taft with the threat their factories and mills would be closed unless he was elected. And, just as he was the candidate of special privilege, Mr. Taft is also the president of special privilege.

Thus it is shown again how protection makes politics a business proposition. The trusts contribute campaign funds to the party of the high protection wall with the intention of not only recovering from the public in excessive prices the amount of their campaign fund investments, but with the determination of extorting stupendous dividends as profits. Mr. Taft proved an exceptionally good investment for the tariff trusts.

"Let us Alone"

The trust officials who appeared before the various investigating committees of Congress this summer, including G. W. Perkins, complained because the Democrats were too active in inquiring into their business methods. "Let us alone" is their favorite wall whenever a move is made to determine in what manner they are exacting tribute from the people. "The tendency to distrust big corporations," said Mr. Perkins, "is hurting business. Business desires to go ahead unimpeded."

The "Let us alone" policy would suit the trusts exactly. Having gobbled everything in sight, naturally they resent interference. With the tariff so high that they have a monopoly on all the necessities of life, and the anti-trust law so interpreted that restraint of trade is not restraint so long as it is "reasonable," they are safe from competition, and immune from prosecution. Hence their desire to be let alone.

In the meantime, how about prices? Ten years ago a pair of five pound woolen blankets could be bought for \$3.75; today they cost \$5. At that time the price of five yards of serge cloth, fifty inches wide, was \$3.75; the price now is \$6.25. Ten years ago twenty yards of unbleached cotton cloth could be bought for \$1.20; today the cost is

Mr. Franklin Auman Dead

Mr. Franklin Auman, a well known farmer of southern Randolph, died suddenly August 28. Mr. Auman was 84 years of age. He suffered a stroke of paralysis a few years ago but had to a great extent recovered and was considered to be in fairly good health for a person of his age. He appeared to be well at supper, and later in the evening went out in the yard to get a drink of water from the well when he dropped dead.

Interment was in the family burying ground the following day in the presence of many sorrowing relatives and friends. Mr. Auman was a prominent and well-to-do farmer and good citizen. He was for many years a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Suggs Creek.

Eight sons and one daughter survive. They are Messrs. Jason Auman, of Richmond county; Jasper Auman, of Hoke county; Elijah Auman, of Norfolk, Va.; Rufus Auman, of Star, Montgomery county; Franklin, Alpheus, Thaddeus, and Lebbeus Auman, all four of Randolph county; and Mrs. C. W. Fields, of Climax, Guilford county.

Prof. Bandy Dead

Prof. James M. Bandy died at his home in Greensboro Wednesday of last week after a long illness.

Prof. Bandy was 62 years of age. He was born in Catawba county, joined the Confederate army as a drummer boy being too young to carry a gun, and was later promoted to captain of his company. He was educated at Rutherford College, where he later taught, and afterwards held the chair of mathematics at Old Trinity, Randolph county for several years. He also had considerable reputation as a civil engineer.

His wife had been dead for six years. Nine children survive him. They are Mrs. B. E. Adams, of Four Oaks, Mrs. Lulu C. Carr, of Greensboro, Mrs. Charles R. Lewis, of Greensboro, Mrs. J. N. Halifax, of Spartanburg, S. C., Carl Bandy, and William Bandy, of Greensboro, Claude Bandy, of Four Oaks, Edgar Bandy, of Greensboro, and Walter Bandy, of Florida.

\$2.20. Five yards of all woolen flannel could be purchased then for \$2.75; the price now is \$6.25. Flour sold for \$3.50 less per barrel during the civil war than it does now.

"The Richest Baby"

Judson C. Welliver, one of the very few Washington newspaper and magazine writers who write what they think, has an article in Hampton's magazine this month which is of special interest, now that President Taft has vetoed the cotton bill. The article is an account of how the cotton millionaires keep up their fat dividends amounting in some instances to one hundred per cent annually and at the same time continue to plead for high tariff, without which they contend they will starve to death. Mr. Welliver begins his article with a photograph of one James Nicholas Brown, aged eleven, whose wealth is estimated in the hundreds of millions, every cent of which was made out of the highly-protected New England cotton manufacturing industry. "In 1908, the panic year," Mr. Welliver writes, "the cotton trust calmly paid its usual fat dividends. They are already underpaid and used to suffer sharp reductions; true, the weavers of its products had to pay increased prices. But that was unimportant to the cotton millionaires. They would have their dividends, and they got them. They had the power to extort them. They could pay as low wages and charge as high prices as they chose. The tariff wall held them secure in their domination. Senator Lippitt predicts this country will be plunged into the worst sort of a panic if the regular flow of profits into the coffers of the richest baby of the world is shut off.

On the Job

The interesting announcement has been made that former Senator Nelson Aldrich of Rhode Island has purchased a home on the fashionable Massachusetts avenue, near Sheridan circle, in Washington, and that he intends to make his future home in the capital. The announcement is of exceptional interest inasmuch as the tariff fight in Congress, within the next two or three years, is to be fought to a finish.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS

A dispensary for the treatment of hookworm has been established at Fayetteville.

An institute for Chatham county colored farmers was held at Pittsboro yesterday.

The Crystal Ice and Ice Cream Company of Lexington has been chartered with \$50,000 authorized capital and \$15,000 subscribed.

Jefferson County, Alabama in which Birmingham is located has recently voted for a return to open saloons.

The Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad, which now reaches Hope Mills seven miles from Fayetteville is to be extended to Fayetteville.

One man was killed and two injured by lightning during a Farmer's Union meeting at Crossville, Va., last Saturday.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a sash and blind factory at Rocky Mount last Saturday night causing a loss of \$25,000 with \$12,000 insurance.

J. Frank Skinner, said to be the tallest Elk in the world, died at his home in Augusta, Ga., one day last week. Skinner was 7 feet and 4 inches high.

Zack Marks was recently arrested in Milton, Fla., brought back and landed in Harnett county jail charged with the murder of Charles Ellen nine years ago.

Twenty-five persons were killed and more than 60 injured last Saturday night when a moving picture film exploded in the opera house at Canonsburg Pa.

Miss Ella McLendon Simmons, a daughter of Senator and Mrs. F. M. Simmons, was married in Newbern last Thursday to Wade H. Meadows, a prominent young business man of that city.

Horace Gentry is in jail at Durham for stabbing water Stanbury several days ago, cut his throat with a razor last Saturday night. Both he and his victim are expected to recover.

"Buck" Kivett was shot and killed by his uncle, "Pitt" Ballew, one of the oldest locomotive engineers in the South, in a quarrel at Asheville one day last week. Ballew is under a \$15,000 bond for appearance at court.

A large barn, containing two fine mules, a wagon, farming implements, feedstuffs, and thirty bushels of wheat belonging to Mr. J. R. Wright of Landis, Rowan county, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin last Friday night.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Statesville Lumber Company last Saturday morning entailing a loss of \$8,000 with \$5,000 insurance. Hyman Harrison, a boy of fifteen or sixteen became so overheated in running to the fire that he died.

Mr. M. R. Walker, a white man 27 years of age, of Burgaw, committed suicide one night last week at Wrightsville Beach by shooting himself while standing on a trestle across Banks channel. His body fell over into the water and at the last reports had not been recovered.

Mrs. A. M. Fry, of Swain County, applied for license to practise law last Monday. Mrs. Fry is the second woman in North Carolina to take the examination, a Miss Holton a sister of District Attorney A. E. Holton, of Winston Salem, having passed in 1878. Miss Holton was from Yachin county. She has since died.

Last Friday night, while sitting in the dining room, Mr. W. A. Elliott, manager of Cloverleaf Dairy near Lenoir was fired at by an unknown man from outside, who missed his mark and ran away. Later someone was heard walking in the yard, and Mr. Elliott went to see who the intruder was and was again fired upon, one of the bullets passing through the crown of his hat and singing the hair on top of his head.

Capt. William H. Van Schaik, who commanded the ferry boat General Slocum, when it burned in Hell Gate near New York in 1904, with the loss of a thousand lives, was paroled from Sing Sing prison by the United States government last Saturday. He is more than 70 years of age, and has been a federal prisoner on the charge of criminal neglect ever since immediately after the catastrophe.

Grandson Arrested for Well Mystery.

Sam Walker, a colored boy, is in jail at Albemarle charged with the murder of his grandmother, "Aunt" Hannah Jones, who was beaten and thrown into an old well near Millington a week ago last Sunday night. The poor old woman was found by passers-by on Monday and resuscitated, but died from her injuries Tuesday. She was respected by both white and colored, and had some property, which probably furnished her grandson with a motive for the murder. The preliminary hearing is set for Friday, September 1, when another negro will probably face the same charge as the Walker boy. A son who accompanied the old woman that fatal Sunday night, is deaf, dumb, and almost an idiot hardly being a competent witness. However, the murdered woman before she died gave a statement implicating her grandson.

The list of dead from the storm at Charleston Sunday has grown to fifteen.

Vaccination against typhoid fever was made compulsory for all of Uncle Sam's soldiers and 45 last Monday.

Dr. L. N. Burleson, a prominent physician of Concord was arrested last Tuesday on a charge of selling cocaine.

John Smith, a white boy, was fatally injured by jumping from a train near Concord last Saturday night.

Messrs. S. L. Davis and J. E. Kirkman, of High Point, will establish a mammoth garage in that city at an early date.

J. R. Brown, a white man of Wilson is under arrest charged with criminal assault on Mrs. W. O. Barfield.

Two special trains carrying 403 "boys" of the Navy from Norfolk to San Francisco passed through Salisbury last Sunday morning.

Walter Brown, a young negro, had both legs cut off by falling under a Coast Line engine at Wilmington last Monday. He may die.

James Sherwood Rogers, the eight year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rogers, of Raleigh, was drowned at Buckhorn Falls last Sunday afternoon.

George W. Crawford, a well known and highly respected citizen of Alamance county died last Sunday aged 87.

J. E. Grady, shot and probably fatally wounded his friend, Thomas Owens, in a trivial quarrel at Greensboro last Monday. Grady is under arrest.

The trial of Henry C. Beattie for the murder of his wife in July has been in progress at Chesterfield courthouse, Virginia ever since Monday of last week.

J. H. Edge, of Yancey county recently found, a massive crystal of mica 3 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches that will probably bring him several hundred dollars.

The Statesville Lumber Company, whose plant was recently burned, gave orders for new machinery to take the place of that destroyed before the fire had died down.

At the Farmer's Institute in Asheboro last week the one dollar prize for the five best ears of seed corn was awarded to Mr. John Beeson, of New Market Township.

A movement is on foot to be celebrated in 1915 the hundredth anniversary of unbroken peace among the English speaking nations.

Mr. C. H. Smyth, of Raleigh, was seized in Nash Square last Saturday night by two unknown highwaymen chloroformed, robbed of \$12.50, and taken out in a field while away, where he awoke next morning.

Several days ago, Whit Taylor of Durham, while intoxicated "cussed" Dr. A. C. Adams of that city calling him the ugliest of names. The doctor waited for the man to get sober. A few days later, meeting John Neatherly, Taylor's double, he proceeded to give the man a sound thrashing. Neatherly soon convinced the doctor of his mistake, and the physician took him into a drug store fixed him up administered to him, paid all costs, and felt rather sorry for his mistake. The costs and fine were more than \$10.

Final Arrangements for "Unveiling Day"—Important Notices.

Opening exercises begin at 10:30 a. m.
Procession forms at court house.
Order of procession to graded school.

Chief Marshal J. D. Ross and aides.
Winston band.
Speakers.
Confederate Veterans.
Daughters Randolph Chapter U. D. C.
Children of Confederacy.
Wives and Widows of veterans.
General public.

Exercises at graded school auditorium.
Procession returns to monument in order in which it came.
Unveiling exercises.
Basket picnic dinner on Presbyterian church grounds.

IMPORTANT NOTICES.

Marshals meet Mr. J. B. Ross, Chief Marshal, at Col. A. C. McAlister's office at 9:30.

Veterans meet in court house at 9:30.

Wives and widows of veterans meet at Presbyterian church at 9:30.

Waitresses meet on Presbyterian church grounds inside ropes at tables at 9:30.

Daughters of Confederacy meet on Presbyterian church grounds at 9:30.

Children of Confederacy meet on Presbyterian church grounds at 10.

Mr. R. L. Caviness of Coleridge State Junior Officer.

The twenty-first annual meeting of Jr. O. U. A. M. State Council of North Carolina met in Greensboro last week.

The complete list of officers elected for the ensuing year follows: U. M. Gilligan, of Goldsboro, State councilor; N. L. Eare, of Greensboro vice councilor; Sam F. Vance, of Winston-Salem, secretary; George F. Fulp, of Kernersville, treasurer; Cloyd Pannel, of Asheville, assistant recording secretary; J. A. Fetter, of Reidsville, conductor; S. P. Eagle, of Statesville, warden; R. L. Caviness, of Coleridge, inside sentinel; D. T. Perkins, of Wilson, outside sentinel.

The reports submitted show that the order in North Carolina is in a flourishing condition. The membership is now 26,722, a gain of 1,169 during the past year. There are 307 councils in the State, while the property owned by the State councils was shown to be \$184,285.61. During the year a total of \$2,522,288.41 was disbursed in the benefits in the State and the balance in the treasury is now \$12,167.22. The next annual meeting will be held in Raleigh.

Tobacco Farmers Meet.

The convention of North Carolina and Virginia tobacco growers was in session in Greensboro last Friday and Saturday. There were between six hundred and a thousand delegates in attendance. Plans to pool the 1911 tobacco crop were unanimously adopted. The farmers agreed to hold their tobacco for 15 and 20 cents a pound according to grade, also to plant grain and food crops for home consumption, and use the tobacco as a money-making product.

Death of Mr. James York.

Mr. James York, of Back Creek township, died at his home about three miles from Randleman, August 21, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Davis' Chapel church the following day.

Mr. York was more than 81 years of age. He is survived by four sons and one daughter. They are Messrs. Brazilla York, of Charlotte; John, Ross and Clark York all of near Randleman, and Mrs. George Allred, also of near Randleman.

The deceased was a prosperous farmer and good man. He had been a church member for 40 years or more. At the time of his death he was a member of the Congregational church at Davis' Chapel.

Free Passes to Old Soldiers

The A. & A. Railway will furnish free passes to all old soldiers living along its route on next Saturday, Unveiling Day. Those entitled to these passes, write or apply in person to Dr. F. E. Asbury, Asbury, N. C., who has them in his hands.

STORM ON COAST.

Seven Lives Lost—A Mill on Dollars Damage—Communication Cut Off.

A terrific storm of wind and rain struck Charleston, S. C., last Sunday afternoon, causing the deaths of seven persons, probably more, the injury of many, and destruction of property estimated at a million dollars. A dispatch from Charleston on Monday said:

"The harbor is filled with wreckage of small boats, schooners and launches, many piers are washed away along the waterfront, and in the city the streets are strewn with fallen trees, roofs, fences and other debris. Among the principal buildings damaged are the custom house, postoffice, St. Michael's church and Wahoo fertilizer mills, which were practically ruined. The street car, electric light, telephone and fire alarm systems are entirely out of commission."

The rice and cotton crops around Charleston were also badly damaged.

There was much damage to property from the storm in Savannah, Ga., but no lives are reported to have been lost. The city was cut off from all wire communication, the streets were in total darkness Monday night and street cars were put out of operation for several days.

The tides were so high at Wrightsville Beach, nine miles from Wilmington, that many summer visitors hurried to the city. A vessel coming up the Cape Fear was stranded, but suffered no real damage.

Monday night Beaufort and Port Royal were entirely cut off from the rest of the world by telegraph or train service.

Report of Asheboro's Home Visitation

On the last morning of the County Sunday School Convention, August 18th, Home Visitation was observed in Asheboro, and the entire town was canvassed in about one hour's time. About seventy workers assisted in the canvass, a little over half of the number being town people, and the others were visiting delegates. While the forces were not as thoroughly organized as they should have been, they entered into the work with a determination to do their best, and the results were very satisfactory. The visitors were asked to get a Church and Sunday School record of the people in each home, and to leave a printed invitation to attend the Church and Sunday School preferred.

It was found that 1297 people were visited, with ten families reported out of town, no record secured. 599 were reported as being enrolled in Sunday School. The record by denominational preference or membership is as follows:

Methodist Episcopal South,	515
Methodist Protestant,	361
Missionary Baptist	140
Friends,	73
Christian,	69
Presbyterian,	52
Holiness,	30
Primitive Baptist,	17
Wesleyan Methodist,	7
Episcopalian,	5
Reformed Church,	2
Lutheran,	1
Boarders, denomination not given,	33.

The record cards are classified and ready to be turned over to the various Pastors, to be used along their own denominational lines, and if the work is followed up the increase in Church and Sunday School will be wonderful.

The Home Visitation Slogan is: "We cannot save the people unless we teach them, and we cannot teach them unless we reach them." Visitation will reach everybody, everywhere, and it places some one in vital, personal touch with every one it reaches.

Robbery Near Randleman.

The highway robbery in the suburbs of Randleman when two masked parties stopped Floyd Rich, the son of Mr. W. A. Rich, on his way home from his father's store after dark, pointing pistols in his face, has attracted considerable attention and awakened interest and a desire to apprehend the miscreants. It was dark and drizzling rain, and Mr. Rich could not identify his assailants, but there are some important circumstances pointing to the identification of parties who made the assault. The robbers got little, for the reason that the young man had had little on his person.