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KITCHIN DEFENDS TARIFF

MAKES POWERFUL SPEECH FOR EMERGENCY TAX — SHOWS THAT REPUBLICANS ARE AUTHORS OF DEFICITS — PROVES TARIFF BILL A SUCCESS

Congressman Claude Kitchin, the new Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, made his first speech as leader Thursday in urging the re-enactment of the emergency bill, and for an hour and a half, defended the record of the Democratic party and harshly criticized the Republicans who sought to make capital out of the necessity for extending the operation of the emergency bill.

The North Carolina congressman walked up and down the house chamber, calm and collected and "knocked" his Republican foes down each time they arose to their feet to make a point. Mr. Kitchin did not speak from manuscript. He seemed to have an amazing knowledge of the good points of the Democratic tariff and an equal amount with reference to weak spots on the Republican side.

His remarks were in parts as follows:

"When this emergency tax bill was first passed the House thought the European war would last only one year and therefore limited its operation to one year, that is to December 31, 1915. But the war has continued and has no prospect of an early conclusion.

"We Democrats know, of course," he continued, "that this bill is unpopular. We know that no tax is popular in time of peace. It is impossible to write a tax bill that will appeal to the judgment and gain the approval of every man, but the country placed this government and its finances in control of the Democratic party. The necessity exists to raise \$80,000,000 by this bill. We face a deficit and I believe it would be unworthy of the record of the Democrats under this administration, if we did not have the courage and the patriotism to do the unpopular thing, and arrange sufficient revenues to meet the absolute necessities of the government.

Republicans Had Deficit.

"You Republicans on the other side have charged that the Democratic administration has been extravagant and that the Underwood tariff law is a failure. I deny both charges. For the first time in the history of the Postoffice Department there was an actual surplus last year of three million dollars. We turned that back into the general fund, whereas every year the Republicans had charge of the government there was a deficit.

Tariff Bill Not a Failure.

"Now the Republicans say the Underwood bill is a revenue failure. That law was not a failure before the European war and that is the only fair and just way to consider it. From October 3, 1913, when the Underwood law went into effect, until August 4, 1914, the day the European war broke out, the Underwood law produced \$10,889,000 more than the last Payne-Aldrich act for the identical months of the previous year.

"From January 1, to August 1, 1914, we raised \$232,954,000. In the same period of the preceding year under the Payne-Aldrich act we raised only \$215,766,000 or \$18,188,000 less than by the Underwood bill.

Republican Deficits.

"If I were like you Republicans (facing Republican side) I would be ashamed to speak of deficits. I will open your eyes regarding deficits when I tell you that the three largest deficits in the history of this government occurred when Republican measures were in the statute books. Under the McKinley Act in 1894 there was a deficit of \$69,000,000. In 1899 under the Dingley Act there was a deficit of \$89,000,000, and in 1909 with the Dingley Act still on the books and Taft President there was a deficit of \$88,000,000. There has not been another time, except during the Civil War, when the deficit reached these figures."

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

The creation of a \$2,000,000 Booker T. Washington memorial endowment for the Tuskegee institute has been authorized by the trustees of the institute who have announced that \$450,000 of it has already been pledged. The task of selecting a successor to Dr. Washington as president of Tuskegee has been referred to a sub-committee of the trustees.

CASES IN UNITED STATES COURT

The December term of the United States District Court at Greensboro convened the first Monday in December, and continued for two weeks and one day, no cases having been tried except those in which the United States was a party.

The most important case tried was that of the United States vs. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, the suit being for penalty on a bond of \$6000 on the distillery of Dart C. Foster at Williams, N. C. This case had been on the docket for five or six years, and had gone to the Circuit Court, Judge Boyd ruling with the defendant on a point of law. The Circuit Court of Appeals reversing Judge Boyd, the case was sent back for trial in the District Court, and upon the trial and the submission of the issues to the jury the jury returned a verdict in favor of the United States. The jury found that 9,440 gallons of whiskey had been removed from the cistern room to places other than the bonded warehouse, and the Government therefore lost the tax on more than ten thousand dollars worth of spirits.

David Nixon, who pled guilty a year ago last June, and the prayer for judgment having been continued at the instance of the defendant from court to court until the present, was not disposed of at this court, but prayer for judgment was again continued.

Norman Shambly, of Orange county, was sent to the Atlanta penitentiary for a year and a day for illicit distilling; he is an old offender, and is alleged to have been in the business for years.

Walton Wilson, of the same county, was also sent to the penitentiary for the same offense for fifteen months, he being a well-to-do farmer, and having the reputation of being an old offender.

Louis Buckwald and his brother, of High Point, and another brother of Savannah, Ga., who were indicted for conspiracy in concealing certain property from a trustee in bankruptcy, were acquitted. This was a case that was set for Wednesday of the first week, but was not called until Friday owing to the fact that the Orange county cases were tried on Wednesday and Thursday, and because of the necessity of using the sheriff of Orange county and other witnesses so that they could return to Orange court by Thursday night.

Elihu Auman, of Montgomery county, having been in jail four months, on being found guilty of illicit distilling was given a chance, prayer for judgment being continued.

Ernest Vuncannon and Aris Vuncannon were sentenced to six months and four months in jail, respectively, for illicit distilling, but upon their own request they were sent to the Atlanta penitentiary for a year and a day—the longest sentence that could be imposed by the Federal Court. Each hopes to secure his parole at the end of four months on good behavior. They are both young men, but have the reputation of being notorious violators of the law in Montgomery county.

Arch Sanders, of Montgomery county, was turned loose after conviction, because of the fact that he had been in jail several months, and had been shot by Ernest Vuncannon.

The case of Logan and Elwood Johnson could not be reached at this term of court.

The case of Jamie Cagle and others, of Montgomery county, was continued.

The case against Frank Snipes, Charles Snipes and James Snipes, of Forsyth county, for conspiracy and resisting officers C. F. Neeley and J. H. Johnston, required nearly three days. The defendants were represented by Watson and Buxton, Clement Manley, Judge Bynum and A. E. Holton and others. The defendants were convicted on both counts of the indictment. A demurrer to the bills of indictment was not sustained. Frank Snipes was sentenced to six years in Atlanta penitentiary, and his two sons Charles and James were sentenced to three years each. Notice of appeal was given by the defendants.

J. H. Bolton, after conviction, took "leg bail."

There were a number of other cases from Surry, Yadkin and other counties, which are not of special local interest to our readers.

J. L. Massey, a colored messenger in the railway mail service from Rutherfordton and Rowe, was indicted for burning a mail car and for the la-

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS

COURT ADJOURNED FRIDAY NIGHT—CASES TRIED—REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

Rantolph County Superior Court in session since Wednesday morning of last week adjourned Friday evening. The following cases were disposed of Thursday and Friday:

State vs. John Ledwell, assault; verdict guilty simple assault, fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. J. W. Brower, selling cigarettes to minors; judgment that the defendant pay a fine of \$275 and costs.

State vs. John Siler, interfering with officers, Gurney Smitherman, resisting officer, Ernest Smitherman, assisting officer, nuisance, and disturbing public worship, David Smitherman, interfering with officer, John Siler and David Smitherman, not guilty; Gurney and Ernest Smitherman, guilty; judgment that the former pay a fine of \$25 and cost, the latter serve 30 days in county jail for nuisance and serve three months on roads for resisting officer. Defendants gave notice of appeal to Supreme Court.

State vs. Geo. M. Foust and John McPherson, assault with deadly weapon; judgment that defendant, Geo. M. Foust, pay a fine of \$25 and no further cost.

State vs. Evander Pritchard, forcible trespass; judgment that defendant pay \$15 fine and be confined in jail 60 days.

A. W. Cockman vs. Love D. Cockman, action for divorce; divorce granted.

Report of Grand Jury.

We, the Grand Jury, for the term beg to submit the following report:

We have completed the business before our body and have returned all bills submitted to us for action, and have made presentations of all matters which are within our knowledge.

We have examined the institutions of the county and all the offices of the county officials, either in body or by committee.

The office of Geo. T. Murdock, Register of Deeds, is found to be in excellent condition, well arranged and the books and records neatly kept.

The office of the county Sheriff is kept well, the records kept by Sheriff J. W. Birkhead are neat and accurate so far as could be ascertained.

The office of F. M. Wright, Clerk of the Superior Court, is well kept. His methods are simple and easy to access.

The office of County Treasurer, L. C. Phillips seems to be in excellent condition. His records are neat and the system by which his receipts and disbursements are recorded is to be highly commended.

The office of County Superintendent of Public Schools is well kept and we are glad to note improvement in the records kept by Supt. T. Fletcher Bulla.

We visited the county jail in a body and wish to commend the officers of our county and congratulate the citizens on the erection and completion of our most modern, secure, and up-to-date county jail. This building seems as nearly complete and perfect in its apartments from the standpoint of sanitation, security, and comfort as could be made. The prisoners report excellent treatment from the county jailor, C. W. Steed, and family.

We visited the county home by committee and found 18 inmates, 7 white males, 6 white females, 1 colored male, and 1 colored female. Their conditions are as favorable as the circumstances and general surroundings will permit. The buildings of our County Home are entirely inadequate for caring for our unfortunate aged ones. Their condition and arrangement make it impractical to repair them. We recommend that our county commissioners have a modern and adequate county home built during the coming year, and suggest that the same be located at some point more nearly the center of our county.

We visited the county convict camp by committee and found four white and six colored convicts who reported that they were well fed and kindly treated. The equipment consisted of one pair of good mules, one road scraper, two road plows, other tools, supplies, etc.

I. F. CRAVEN, Foreman.

centy of several hundred dollars in money. He has been arrested and his case will be called for trial at the April term of the District Court in Charlotte.

DANIELS HAS MADE GOOD

Task is Arduous One But the Wilson Attorney Has Been Equal to the Occasion—No Charges Against Him Being Considered.

Nixon S. Plummer, Washington correspondent to the Courier and other papers in the State, writes that C. C. Daniels has made good as government attorney for Indians in the "white earth" land cases in Minnesota. Mr. Daniels was in Washington Tuesday en route to join his family at Wilson, N. C. In an interview given out in Washington Tuesday Mr. Daniels charged that the efforts to have him removed from his position have been made by the defendants in the land cases and by political influences.

"I know that I have made good," he declared. Judge Page Morris, a Republican presiding over the United States District Court in which some cases were heard, has written the Attorney General that the cases have been properly, ably and expeditiously handled. Congressman Vanduyke, the only Democratic Congressman in the State, backs me. Senator Nelson, a Republican, is backing me."

Mr. Daniels added furthermore that "the Attorney General wrote me he was considering no charges against me."

That National Democratic Committeeman F. B. Lynch was behind the movement was a statement attributed by The Minneapolis Journal of last Friday evening to W. W. Williams, a speaker at a meeting of the Henepin County Democratic committee. At that meeting Mr. Daniels was guest of honor and was strongly endorsed in a strong resolution, while one of the speakers said "We love him for the enemies he has made." The feature of the meeting, however, was declared to be the criticism of Mr. Lynch and the Democratic Governor W. S. Hammond for going back on leaders who had helped to make possible a Democratic victory.

There are some 1,300 different suits in which the Government is trying to recover land that is alleged to have been procured illegally from full-blooded Indians who had no right to make conveyances. About 25 cases have been tried and thus far about \$40,000 has been collected and 2,000 acres of land restored. The Government must first prove the Indians are full-blooded, while the defense must show they are mixed blood, and this naturally requires much tedious investigation in addition to numerous other details to look after.

Many of those who purchased lands are related indirectly to large monied influences, it is stated, and among these are the interests of James J. Hill and the steel trust.

POLICIES OF WILSON ENDORSED

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STORE HOUSE BURNED

Fire of unknown origin, but supposed to have caught from a defective stove flue, destroyed the store building occupied by G. C. Cox, grocer, at Ramassee, Friday night at 11 o'clock. When the fire was discovered the roof was almost ready to fall in and it was useless to try to save any of the contents of the building. The loss is estimated at \$1,000 partly covered by \$600 insurance.

Mr. Cox was in Greensboro buying a line of holiday goods Friday afternoon and was still there when the fire occurred. He succeeded J. E. Phillips in the grocery business and had been engaged in merchandising about a year at the Phillips stand.

TO GET MEN OUT OF TRENCHES BEFORE SPRING

In an interview given out in Christiania, Norway, Henry Ford stated that his peace party would be the means of getting the soldiers out of the trenches before winter is over. He explained the party's visit to Norway as merely to convince the people of that country of America's fervent desire for peace. He said that the party would grow as it traveled through the neutral countries and that the belligerents would see that the rest of the world demanded an immediate peace.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

Two bandits were killed and a detective wounded in a gun fight following an attempted hold up in a saloon at St. Paul, Minn., Friday.

The Hornet, a Democratic paper of a nature kindred to the Yellow Jacket, owned and published by W. Henry Davis, at Fork, N. C., has been sold to J. B. Grier, postmaster at Moravian Falls. Mr. Davis will soon begin the publication of another sheet to be called Davis' Stinger.

A 12 to 14 inch snow has fallen on Mt. Mitchell putting an end to logging for a while.

The city street department of High Point has purchased a two-ton motor truck to be used in street repair work in that city.

Nineteen automobiles and other property amounting to approximately \$30,000 was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning at Wilmington.

J. T. Barnage, a section boss of the Norfolk-Southern railway residing at Khaton, mysteriously disappeared from his home Sunday morning and has not been heard of since. Foul play is suspected.

Mt. Airy is taking steps to add to its water supply which has been found inadequate to supply the needs of the town.

The commission of Confederates comprising the force to raise the fund for writing the State's history reports that \$25,000 has been raised for the purpose.

The Gum tobacco warehouse at Greenville was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

Berry Davis, one of the leading citizens of Guilford county, died at his home at Gibsonville Tuesday afternoon.

Frank D. Parker, a prominent citizen of Salem, Sampson county, was struck by an automobile at Burg Monday and severely injured.

Senor Don Eliseo Arrendondo has been appointed ambassador of Mexico to the United States.

Sir Douglas Hald has been made commander-in-chief of the English forces in France succeeding Sir John French, resigned.

The sales of leaf tobacco on the North Carolina markets during November aggregated 44,975,283 pounds.

Next year's wheat crop has been estimated by the Department of Agriculture at about 540,000,000 bushels.

Representative Page has recommended A. S. Ruggles for appointment to the postmastership at Southern Pines to succeed John Powell whose term expires January 24.

Mrs. Bumpass Troy, aged 70 years, died at her home in Greensboro Saturday morning. Deceased was the daughter of Mrs. Frances M. Bumpass and the widow of the late Rev. R. P. Troy, of the North Carolina M. E. Conference. She is survived by seven children.

Tyrus Raymond Cobb, the wizard of baseball, is 39 years of age. He has been in the game 12 years and the chances are that he is good for many more yet.

Joseph W. Nicholson, aged 62 years, died at his home in Greensboro Saturday morning after a lingering illness.

Congress has adjourned for the holidays. Virtually all the members of Congress have gone to their homes not to return until the reassembling of the National legislature January 4.

Nearly 600 horses valued at an average of \$200 each, consigned to Brent, France, for use of the Allied armies, were drowned in North River, New York, Friday afternoon when a barge on which they were being transported to a waiting steamer sank.

General Villa has quit the revolution in Mexico and is reported to be making his way to the United States. If not permitted to enter the United States he will go to Europe. The Villa officers are said to be making proposals to the Carranza leaders for amnesty and they have guaranteed provided that they will surrender unconditionally.

Woodrow Wilson is the third President to be married during the term of office. President Tyler was the first and President Cleveland was the other. Tyler married Miss Julia Gardiner in New York City in 1844. President Cleveland's marriage to Miss Frances Folsom took place in the executive mansion.

MENDENHALL AND ELLISON RETRACT

The Randolph Bulletin published by Messrs. Pearlre Hayes and J. E. Mendenhall published an article entitled "A Protest" and signed "C. H. E." reflecting on the character and integrity of Mr. J. T. Wood in November, 1914. Mr. Wood soon thereafter swore out a warrant and at a preliminary hearing both Mendenhall and Ellison were bound over to court for criminal libel. At the next term of court a true bill was found against both defendants, Mr. Hayes was not indicted because it was not thought that he had any knowledge of the publication of the articles.

The following retraction and withdrawal was signed by both Mendenhall and Ellison before the last term of Randolph county Superior Court:

"We hereby retract and withdraw any and all statements reflecting in any manner upon James T. Wood in an article published in The Bulletin of November 4, 1914, entitled 'A Protest' and signed 'C. H. E.'"

"C. H. ELLISON,
"J. E. MENDENHALL."

JUDGE HOUGH DEAD.

Judge Robert T. Hough, of Baltimore, who was Solicitor General during President Cleveland's first administration, and now general counsel of the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, died in Washington, after having been taken suddenly ill, on his return from Greensboro, where he was last week engaged in the trial of a civil action wherein the United States was plaintiff and the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company was defendant as surety on the bond of Dart C. Foster, for \$6,000. The Government was suing for the penalty on the bond owing to frauds committed against the Government by the distiller. Mr. G. S. Bradshaw was associated with Judge Hough in the trial. The trial resulted in a verdict for the United States, but a notice for a new trial was made, and a petition for error, etc., to the United States Circuit Court was also made in the case, and the matter is to be argued the first Monday in February.

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UNDERWOOD-NEAL

A wedding of marked beauty and simplicity and of much interest to a wide circle of friends was solemnized at the Presbyterian manse, Washington, D. C., Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock, when Mrs. Katherine Neal became the bride of Mr. James T. Underwood. The ceremony was impressively performed by Dr. A. E. Barrows, the bride's pastor, in the presence of a few intimate friends of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony Mrs. Maude Adams Leach, sister of the bride, was hostess at a course dinner at Castillo's to the bridal party after which the party attended theater seeing Maude Adams in "What Every Woman Knows." Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Underwood left for Asheboro where they were accorded a splendid reception by the many friends of the groom.

Mrs. Neal is a young widow, a native of Ohio but has been making her home for the last few years with her sister Mrs. Maude Adams Leach, in Washington, and is a lady of much refinement and business ability, having business interests in both Ohio and Oregon. Mr. Underwood is the manager of the Standard Drug Co. and is one of Asheboro's most popular and substantial business men who through his rare business acumen has made his store one of the best in the State. He has been a registered druggist for many years and is licensed in thirty-eight States of the Union.

The Courier joins with his host of friends in Asheboro and throughout the county in wishing him a long and happy life.

Mr. Underwood first met Mrs. Neal in the winter of 1912-13 at Defunka Springs, Fla., where she was spending the winter. From this acquaintance the attachment grew until the marriage was celebrated in Washington Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Underwood are at home at the Central Hotel.

Reports from over the South Atlantic and Gulf States indicate snow fall throughout the section. For the first time in many years snow fell at Savannah, Ga. Further north the fall was heavier reaching a depth of six inches and more in places.