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## WASHINGTON LETTER

### Present Congress a Failure. Democrats First For Disarmament

The present Congress has so far been such a failure and has got in such a jam that the Senate wanted to run away for a vacation to get away from voting for the soldier bonus bill and some other legislation. On the vote to adjourn the opponents had only a majority of three. Senator Simmons made a vigorous fight to remain in session until some relief measures to aid the farmers are enacted.

While Senator Simmons may not expect much if Congress remains in session for the experience of the past few months is not encouraging.

It is true the Emergency Tariff was passed, but everybody now knows it was a fraud, a sham, a humbug and pretense. It does nobody any good and never will be anything but a fraud and humbug.

A Budget Bill, called for by the new Administration has been enacted, but Congress has gone right ahead making extravagant appropriations without regard for the budget.

Not a thing that amounts to anything has been done that was not done in pursuance of the principles and policies of the Wilson Administration.

We were to have a peace resolution and after three months we have a fake that everybody ought to be ashamed of.

Republicans in the House want the permanent tariff passed first, while the Republicans in the Senate want tax legislation to precede tariff legislation.

The army appropriation bill was up and while both the House and Senate wanted a big army, yet the Senate wanted a larger army than the House and they could not agree in conference or elsewhere, and finally when they began to hear from the country got scared and agreed to that which suits nobody.

They had the same trouble about the navy bill, and they have now agreed on it yet, and both sides are scared. The country is up in arms in opposition to the enormous expenditures provided for without first making an honest effort by conference on the nations to provide for limitation of armament before going further in attempting to carry out the naval programme entered upon while the war was in progress.

Here we are attempting to enact the highest protective measure ever known at a time when everybody knows we do not need a high tariff, but like the big navy, it helps the Steel Trust, the makers of firearms and ammunition, so a high protective tariff that shuts out competition will help those who were the largest contributors to the Republican campaign fund.

It is strange to many that the Republican leaders did not cut the appropriations for armament instead of increasing, for the way to reduce taxes is to reduce expenditures where they should be reduced, but the trouble is the Republican leaders do not own their political souls, they are tied hand and foot to their masters, the big interests.

Senator Fletcher said in a speech one day last week in referring to the tariff bill under consideration:

"The proposition now is by the Republican majority in the House to pass a tariff bill—a high protective tariff bill. Every manufacturer, every merchant, every banker, every business man, every producer, every man engaged in industry of any sort, knows that there is no need at this time for any high protective duties in this country. He knows that there is no demand for that kind of legislation. He knows perfectly well that if you want a tariff bill to raise revenue all you have to do is to get around a table and in half an hour you can write a bill imposing 50 per cent duties on coffee, cocoa, tea, silk, rubber, ivory, precious stones, and on other things not produced in this country and raise \$500,000,000 of revenue, if that is what you want. But, no; you want protection—protection! A great giant, here, with all the gold in the world and all the credit in the world, demanding protection against the weakly cripple on the other side of the sea—protection against the cripple and protection to such an extent that you do not propose to allow the cripple to be strong enough to pay you what he owes you. So that is about what we have accomplished so far."

The tariff bill referred to was laid before the House July 6. A House Republican conference fixed July 21st as the date for a vote and agreed to permit only five schedules to be amended from the floor; the other are closed to amendment under a gag rule.

Furthermore, under the special gag rule no one but the Ways and Means Committee can offer an amendment on the few schedules that can be amended.

In general terms the bill is to return to the old Payne-Aldrich tariff methods, which resulted disastrously for the Republicans after its passage in

## FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

J. L. Jones and family, J. M. Jennings, G. H. Jones and family went to Jackson Springs Sunday.

Mrs. Clifford Slack, of Greensboro spent last week at R. S. Craven's.

Miss Nettie Cox, of Pleasant Garden, is visiting at Miss Pattie Lutterloh's.

Mrs. Kate Makepeace, who has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Freddie at Rocky Mount has returned and is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Parks and Mrs. H. S. Edwards.

Mr. Bob Kinney spent Saturday evening and Sunday with his son, H. B. Kinney.

Mrs. G. C. Russell entertained the members of the Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church at her home last Saturday evening. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served.

Banks Thomas and family visited the family of W. C. Thomas, of Sancy Creek last Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Grimes, who has been spending some time at Greensboro, returned Sunday evening.

H. H. Slack and Glenn Butler, of Liberty were in town last week.

Professor and Mrs. D. M. Weatherly and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Garrison spent Sunday at Burlington.

The members of the Epworth League of the M. E. church went on a picnic trip to Shiloh Saturday evening.

Miss Mary Moon entertained the Sun Beams, of the Baptist church last Saturday evening, ice cream was served.

Messrs H. L. Jackson, of Richmond Va., and W. S. Russell, of Gulf, attended the stockholder's meeting of Franklinville and Randolph Manufacturing Company last Thursday.

Mr. Joe Nance has bought the A. D. Thurber truck farm south of Franklinville.

Mrs. Jennie Brower has purchased the vacant lots in front of her residence on Asheboro street.

C. E. Henson is working on our streets this week.

Walter Miles has moved back from his residence, on Allred street to proximity and Turner Smith has moved from Grimes Grove to residence vacated by Mr. Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tippet, Herbert Caviness, and Miss Berta Tippet, of Revolution spent Saturday evening and Sunday in town.

Mr. David Holladay left last week for Raleigh where he will take a business course at Kings Business college.

Worth Wrenn and Sam Ryder, of Greensboro, were in town last week.

Mr. Oscar Lamb died at his home near Masonic Hall Friday evening and was buried at Cedar Falls M. P. cemetery Saturday evening. Rev. W. M. Smith conducted the funeral service. He was 55 years old and was a son of Jefferson and Rebecca Lamb and is survived by his wife and several children who have the sympathy of our people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. York, of High Point, spent Saturday night and Sunday with the family of J. H. Fentress.

Josiah and Thomas Keaton, of Winston-Salem, who have been visiting here the past week returned home last Monday.

Franklinville and Shiloh Base Ball teams crossed bats on Shiloh's diamond last Saturday evening with a score 11 to 4 in favor of Shiloh.

Owing to the hot weather, Rev. W. M. Smith has been holding open air services on the church lawn on Sunday evenings.

## RAMSEUR NEWS

Ramseur Base Ball Club Wins From Pittsboro

The game between Ramseur and Pittsboro teams last Saturday was one of the best and the cleanest ball games ever played here. The boys from Pittsboro were a nice bunch and were also hard to win a game from. In the ninth inning the teams tied and had to play ten innings which resulted in the score of four to five. Ramseur winning. Our boys hope to play with the Chathamites again.

Mr. Thomas Bowdin, an uncle of Mrs. J. C. Whitehead is spending a few days with the family. Mr. Bowdin left this part of the country 47 years ago and has been in the west since then most of the time. Texas is his home now.

Pat King, of Washington, D. C., is spending the week with Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. King.

Mrs. M. E. Johnson, who is in the hospital at Greensboro is improving.

E. C. Watkins went to Norfolk Sunday night on business.

G. E. York is making a considerable improvement in his residence.

Miss Marie Burgess, of Durham is spending a few days with her friend Mrs. J. I. Lambert.

Rev. Myers pastor of the Baptist church here preached at the school building Sunday morning and the M. E. church Sunday night. Work is being done on the church which will greatly improve their church plant.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allred, of Greensboro, were visitors at J. W. Allred's Sunday.

Miss Pauline Allred spent a week at Sanford recently.

### No Court Next Week

There will be no court next week. Jurors and witnesses summoned for second week need not attend.

## WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. Hammond Honors Guests

Mrs. W. C. Hammond entertained the members of the Friday Afternoon club complimenting her house guests, Mrs. Whitfield and daughters, Misses Irma and Elizabeth, of Lumberton, Miss Irma Whitfield was a member of this club during the time she made her home in Asheboro several years ago.

The guests were served refreshing punch at the steps by Mrs. Clarence Rush. Tables were arranged for cards on the porch for those who cared to play, while others seated. At the conclusion of the games an iced course was served.

Rook Party

Miss Carrie Brittain gave a delightful Rook party Wednesday afternoon complimenting Miss Vivian Cranford and her house guest Miss Lula Daly, of Danville, Va. Tables were arranged for progressive Rook on the shaded veranda, and iced punch was served between each progression. The top score prize went to Miss Vivian Cranford and the guest prize to Miss Daly. Both were presented with boxes of Azura powder. The hostess served cream and cake.

Mrs. Hunter Entertains

The annual business meeting of the Randolph Book club was held at the home of Mrs. J. V. Hunter Friday afternoon from four to six o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the president and the election of officers were held. All the old officers were reelected for the coming year. They were as follows: President Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Vice President, Mrs. Joe D. Ross, Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. W. A. Underwood. A program committee was named to make out the program for the coming year. They were: Mesdames J. D. Ross, W. A. Underwood, and D. B. McCrary. At the conclusion of the business the hostess assisted by Mrs. Henry Robbin and Mrs. Dixon served tomatoes stuffed with potato salad, wafers and iced tea.

Party for Miss Adelaide Armfield

The following clipped from the High Point Enterprise of last Friday will be of interest to friends in Asheboro:

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. R. I. Pickens gave a rook party at the Armfield residence on Broad street and honored her daughter, Miss Lucile Pickens, and her niece, Miss Adelaide Armfield of Asheboro.

Miss Pickens wore an afternoon gown of green organdy, embroidered, and Miss Armfield was lovely in lavender organdy over pink taffeta.

Rook was played at seven tables, set on the wide veranda, and throughout the drawing room, reception room and hall of the home.

Yellow was the afternoon's color motif, snapdragons forming the chief decoration for the card rooms. An orange ice, with yellow mints and salted almonds, further sounded the note. Punch was served during the game.

Between 35 and 40 guests enjoyed the occasion.

Delightful Entertainment

The entertainment given by the teachers of the county summer school, under the direction of Miss Madge Moffitt, last Tuesday night, was enjoyed by a large audience. Those taking part showed both superior talent and excellent training.

The entertainment was given at the front of the graded school building, the audience being seated in the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Cranford Entertains

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cranford gave a delightful party at their beautiful home on Sunset Avenue, last Tuesday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burkhead, a bride and groom of recent date.

Miss Vivian Cranford and Mr. Hunter Irving served punch on the front porch as the guests arrived. A feature of the evening's entertainment was a puzzle contest in which Miss Annie Wiles was the winner. A ball throwing contest also afforded much amusement for the guests.

Each person was given a ball, which was to be thrown at a bell hanging from the ceiling of the porch. All who hit the bell the first time were supposed to be married within a year; those who hit the bell the second time, within two years; and those the third time, within three years. The contest indicated that there will be a number of weddings in Asheboro in the near future.

Cream and cake were served to about 75 guests. After the refreshments had been served, the host and hostess appeared on the front veranda carrying a small table literally heaped with beautiful gifts for the guests of honor, who opened the packages and graciously received them.

The Cranford home was tastefully decorated with cut flowers.

Crowded Columns this Week

On account of unusually crowded columns this week, much of our country correspondence and other valuable matter is unavoidably left out of The Courier this week.

Died

Mr. Robert B. White died at his home in High Point, one day last week, after a lingering illness of diabetes, aged 64 years. He is survived by his wife and eight children, and two brothers. Mr. White was a prominent and highly respected citizen of High Point.

## HOOVER AND SIMMONS

### The Efforts of These Great Leaders to Help Farmers and Other Citizens

In his letter to North Carolina week-ly speech holding up to the Senate the doleful picture of a Senate exhausted and in a state of coma by the following to say about Hoover's activities and the efforts of Senator Simmons to prevent adjournment before anything was done, and other matters:

Hoover's Vain Effort

A few days ago the Harding administration sent Mr. Hoover, secretary of commerce, before this Senate committee to prevent a favorable report on the Norris bill. Mr. Hoover told the committee that the bill was unwise, that it would involve the government heels over head in engaging in private enterprise, and besides it was wholly unnecessary at this time, as private bankers, under the direction of the government, were organizing the capital needed for marketing the crops abroad. But the farmer's groups in the Senate are taking no stock in Mr. Hoover's assurances, for a few weeks ago the Harding administration had given assurances that private bankers would organize a \$50,000,000 live stock association on this line. It now turns out that this was only an empty promise to keep Congress from doing anything to help the farmers.

Big Business, seeing that it could not prevent the Senate from considering the billion dollar Norris bill to aid the farmers and the soldiers' big bonus bill, decided that the only way to sidetrack these bills and thus kill them was to induce the Republican leaders of the Senate to suspend its sessions during July. A recess of the Senate during July would operate to sidetrack all proposed legislation except tariff and taxation, and that is the only sort of legislation Big Business wants or will permit to be enacted if it can have its way.

Underwood Trapped

This was the situation when the Senate the other day attempted to recess for three weeks. The Eastern Republican Senators, under the direct control of Big Business, were eager to close the Senate doors and go home. The cries of the bankrupt farmers of the South and West have never entered their ears. Senator Underwood, the leader of the Democrats, walked right into the trap by making a ring-

ing speech holding up to the Senate the doleful picture of a Senate exhausted and in a state of coma by September if it remained in session during the heat of July.

The wheat grower Republican Senators of the West began to fidget and turn in their seats with anxiety. Norris had spoken. Kenyon had pleaded to keep the Senate in session. LaFollette fanned his florid face and told the Senate how much he enjoyed the Washington climate in July. The brilliant Williams, of Mississippi, had spoken, but had had nothing worthy of himself. Had the poor cotton farmer lain down beaten between the rows in their cotton fields sick unto death under a torrid sun and surrendered with Underwood to Wall Street?

Sees Farmer's Betrayal

Behind the Alabama Senator, who is as honest and as able a man as there is in that body, sat a small, obscure looking man, a man whose face betrays the fact that his stomach is not always good to him. As Underwood's words rolled out from behind his beaming face this little man's body seemed to rise and swell and grow in stature, and his eyes flashed with fire. His friend had been caught before his eyes by the snare of the enemy. He saw the Democrats betrayed, though not consciously, by their leader. He heard the interests of his beloved Southland misrepresented or ignored. He saw 47 per cent of the American people about to be denied their last opportunity for obtaining justice in the greatest crisis through which they have ever passed.

Senator Simmons never makes pretense to oratory. He has never been shaken by the divine fire, but now he arose and the Senate was startled and electrified with an impassioned appeal so terribly earnest in the depths of its meaning that some of his Democratic friends looked terrified. There were about fifty members of the Senate present and all but about a dozen had made up their minds to take a vacation, but when they heard the plain implication from the lips of this staid, conservative, unemotional, cautious Senator of a conspiracy, and were invited to behold it in action then and there, and with their consent and cooperation, they had a second thought.

MISS ELBIE MILLER BRIDE OF MR. J. B. SLACK

A marriage of unusual interest occurred last Thursday at 5:30 p. m. at the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cox when their sister Miss Elbie Miller was married to Mr. J. B. Slack, of Seagrove. Only relatives and immediate friends were present.

The home was artistically decorated in potted plants, ferns and Queen Anne's lace. The west parlor especially presented a scene of loveliness with the punch bowl beautifully decorated and Miss Mabel Cox, the attractive niece of the bride serving the guests upon their arrival.

The ceremony was performed on the east veranda, by Rev. J. R. Comer, an intimate friend of the groom. Miss Nannie Bulla presided at the piano, playing Mendelssohn's wedding march.

Following the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served consisting of fried chicken, hot buttered biscuits, cold sliced ham sandwiches, block cream, and cake. A delightful musical program followed in which many of the friends and relatives participated. The bride wore a traveling suit of blue with accessories to match. She is one of Randolph county's foremost women having been educated at the N. C. W. She has taught for a number of years, ten of which were in the Asheboro graded school.

Mrs. Slack is the daughter of the late John Miller, who was an educational leader in his day. The groom is a prominent farmer.

Murder in Burke County

Sidney A. Kincaid, farmer and merchant, worth \$30,000, and one of the county commissioners for Burke county, is in jail at Morganton, charged with stabbing his wife to death, while in a drunken fit last Monday night.

After committing the horrible deed, it is said that Kincaid, became sober and bitterly repented of the act, even threatening self destruction in his misery, suggested that the sheriff be sent for, and willingly going with the officers when they arrived. After being taken to jail, he begged piteously to be allowed a last look at the face of his wife before she was buried. The officers considered allowing him to attend the funeral.

Ramseur School Building Begun

Ground was broken for the new school building in Ramseur Monday. Seventy-five thousand dollar in bonds have been issued and the new building will be modern and up-to-date in every respect.

The citizenship of Ramseur are to be congratulated upon their progressiveness.

PRESS ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT MOREHEAD CITY

The North Carolina Press Association will meet in Morehead City, July 27-28 and 29.

Mayor T. C. Wade of Morehead City, will deliver the address of welcome, and Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, will respond for the association. Thursday morning, Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News & Observer, will lead off with an address on "Seeing and Knowing North Carolina."

After him in succession R. H. Graham, district passenger agent of the Southern Railway, will speak on the subject, "The Railroads Will Help You See and Know North Carolina." Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, will discuss "North Carolina in the Editorial Page," and Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, will explain the problem of "Carrying the Story of Our State to Our Readers."

An unusual event, also on Thursday morning, will be the address of Louis Graves, newly-elected professor of journalism at the University of North Carolina, on the subject of "Journalistic Talent for the Future in North Carolina." Mr. Graves, a native Tar Heel, has been engaged in newspaper and magazine work in New York for several years.

Earle Godbey, editor of the Greensboro Daily News, will speak on "Knowing North Carolina Intimately," Thursday afternoon, and a discussion on "Marketing Problems," will be led by W. C. Dowd, Hion Butler, H. B. Varner and T. R. Wade. The "Made in Carolina Exposition" will be presented by Captain W. J. Squires, H. P. Deaton, M. E. Murray and W. C. Dowd.

At the roll call Friday morning every member will be expected to answer with a single sentence telling some new and unusual fact about his part of the state, with five minutes each granted to Miss Harriet Berry, Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, and Frank Page, for a word on highway progress, Representatives of the western, central and eastern parts of the state will describe industrial and economic development in their sections.

The problem of advertising North Carolina to the rest of the world will take up the major portion of the last day, with N. Buckner, John A. Park, G. E. Kestler, H. Glat Braxton, and J. A. Sharp leading the discussion.

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