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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

1909. A long debate is expected in the Senate.

Representative Frear (Rep., Wis.) filed a minority report criticising unnecessarily high duties and saying the bill will increase the burdens of the consumer.

The Cart Before the Horse

The Porter-Knox "peace resolution" declares peace before a treaty is made—a new way of going about to get peace. Some say we will not have a peace treaty; others claim we will arrange an independent peace treaty with Germany to suit the German-Americans who voted like the colored brother as a race in the last election, because they believed Harding would not be as hard on the Germans as Wilson.

Many believe that Harding is getting ready to resubmit the treaty of Versailles and that Secretary of State Hughes, who aided by Secretary of Commerce Hoover, is the dominant influence in foreign affairs, has almost completed the draft of the treaty; the administration will favor.

Having formally declared peace with Germany, however unconstitutional the method, many Democratic leaders hold that we can no longer create peace as a victor; that our hands are tied; that Germany now holds the "whip hand," and she being now a "friendly power" that we cannot insist upon anything she is not willing to grant.

It is also held that the peace resolution violates the terms of the armistice, which we made jointly with the allies and that it is a surrender of our vital interests and rights, as well as our honor.

One of the serious complications is with respect to the alien property held by the United States. Under the terms of the peace resolution this property must be held until satisfaction is had of all the claims of the respective governments, thus closing the doors of our own courts to American citizens with claims against Germany.

On the other hand it is reported that attorneys for the original owners of the seized property will bring suit for its recovery under the declaration of peace.

Democrats are generally agreed that the peace resolution settles nothing; but on the contrary has greatly complicated the situation. They point out that President Harding, failing to exercise his own prerogative to negotiate a peace treaty "passed the buck" to Congress which passed the peace resolution and has now "passed the buck" back to the President.

The more critical among them assert that it is only another illustration of the inability of the present Republican administration to understand or to solve any of the great problems with which it is confronted.

Congress Violates the Constitution and a State Follows Suit

Whether the Republican legislature of Illinois was influenced to disregard the Constitution of the United States by the example set by Congress in passing the peace resolution or whether its act was a manifestation of the fact that we are in the midst of a silly season is a matter of opinion, but it has passed a resolution empowering the governor to fill the vacancy created by the death of Representative William E. Mason of that state, the main purpose of the resolution being to enable the governor to name Mr. Mason's daughter.

With due acknowledgement of the propriety and excellence of such an appointment, attention is nevertheless called to paragraph 4, Section 2, Article 1, of the Constitution of the United States, which says:

"When vacancies happen in representation from any state, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies."

However, if the Constitution is to be abandoned to its fate, it is pointed out, that a Republican state legislature has as much right in the matter as a Republican Congress.

To Vote on Tariff Bill

The new tariff bill is well-named the Fordney Bill, for "Uncle Joe" Fordney is the Grand Panjandrum of the tariff. To him the tariff is a panacea; it cures corns, warts, bunions and chilblains; prevents falling out of the hair, strengthens the kidneys, cleanses the liver, and is good for what ails you whether anything is the matter with you or not.

It is fashioned on the old lines of the Payne-Aldrich bill, only more so. It is being passed under a gag rule, which prevents amendments except on a few schedules, the House delegating its legislative function to the Ways and Means Committee. The "joker" in the bill is the "American valuation" clause by which the value of the article is

## 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. Ferriss. 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 Marnie 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.

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 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.

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Underwood Trapped

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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.

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MURDER IN BURKE COUNTY

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Ramseur School Building Begun

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