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House Marks Time After Having Passed Fordney Abomination

COMMENTS ON LEGISLATION

New Tariff Law Hits the Common Man Hard

(Editorial Correspondence.)

As stated heretofore in this correspondence, the worst features of the Fordney tariff bill were stricken out by the activity of the Democrats who forced the House to strike out the embargo on dyes, etc.

The American valuation clause, previously explained in this correspondence, under which American importers will not know what tax they will have to pay and which it is predicted will lead to endless confusion and inequalities in the attempt to fix American values upon foreign products at the different ports of entry is the worst feature of this obnoxious measure, but could not be stricken out for the reason that the Democrats had no opportunity to hold it up by an amendment so it could be performed by the Democrats in the way and manner they bored holes in the few schedules under the gag rule adopted it could be amended.

Those Who Bear Heaviest Burdens Not Considered

Representative Marvin Jones, who represents the Pan Handle Texas district, in a speech among other things said:

"In taking up the items of this bill we find on all table, kitchen, household and hospital utensils a levy of five cents per pound, plus thirty per cent ad valorem, plus ten per cent more if the articles are electrical. Thus every housewife in America must pay a tribute of around forty per cent on practically every article she uses in the kitchen, and if she should become ill and go to the hospital, the utensils in the hospital have a tariff levied on them; and she must pay per pro rata part, which is an additional cost.

"Table knives are given the penalty of sixteen cents each, so that when the housewife buys a dozen table knives, she must pay \$1.92 for the privilege of furnishing her table with silver knives. An additional amount is levied upon forks, spoons, table-ware, etc. If she buys a pair of scissors, she must pay three cents each, plus thirty-five per cent ad valorem. "Here in the furniture schedule which levies from twenty-five to fifty per cent on furniture, so that the American home will be penalized when an effort is made to secure the necessary furniture for the operation of the home. Carpets are given a levy of from one to five cents, plus twenty to thirty per cent ad valorem. It seems that on some of these articles they were ashamed to state all of the levy in one form, so they doubled up in the form and thus got them from two different angles.

"The housewife must pay for her clock thirty-five per cent ad valorem, and if she secures a clock with jewels, an additional amount of \$1 to \$3 is added.

"Electric light bulbs and lamps are given a thirty-five per cent levy, so that those who use electric lights for the purpose of reading and working or for amusement must pay for that privilege.

These tariff taxes are in addition to what the housewife must pay in taxes on food, clothing, shoes and wearing apparel generally.

Young America Also Tariff Victim

Representative Jones also showed how the Fordney bill levies tribute upon the American boy:

"Pocket knives which are essential to the happiness of every American boy, are given a levy of forty per cent. That is enough to break the heart of a boy who has been saving his money for the purpose of buying a pocket knife.

"Here in another place we find fish hooks, rods, reels and artificial bait with a thirty-five per cent ad valorem tariff. When the American boy wants to go fishing he must pay for the privilege.

Representative Jones also points out that the boy who buys a bicycle must pay thirty per cent duty and that even the privilege of education is taxed by a twenty per cent duty on books. The boy who covets a watch must pay \$0.75 to \$1.75 ad valorem for the privilege of buying one and knowing what time of day it is.

Neither Does the Poor Man Escape Tariff Burdens

No longer does the common man have a fair shake as he did under the Democratic tariff, for Mr. Jones goes on to show that:

"If a poor man tries to economize by buying himself the best pay ten to twenty cents for each razor, plus thirty

per cent ad valorem. He will be certain to cut himself with that kind of a razor. . . . After he has read the items in this bill he will probably conclude he might as well be butchered up after all.

"Buttons are taxed from ten to thirty-eight per cent. If the 'one-gal-lus' man attempts to use nails as a substitute for buttons they get him again, for there is a tax of twenty per cent ad valorem on nails. What chance has an average man for every time he turns around he finds some article of daily use upon which high protective tariff has been levied."

The American Legion is not pleased with Harding's defeat of the Soldier's Bonus bill. The American Legion Weekly, official paper of the organization, calls the President's act "an unprecedented step" and speaks of his message as "remarkable." It alleges that the figures in the message "were inaccurate and so arranged as not to present a real summary of the disabled situation," and insists that the questions of the disabled and of compensation should be kept separate.

It speaks of bringing in the disabled situation as an "effort to fog the issue" and says that those who have followed the fight for compensation "are not accustomed, nor were they prepared to find the President of the United States resorting to such subterfuge."

It thus points out the President's error of commission and omission in the statistics he gave:

Mr. Harding says there were 200,000 claims pending in the War Risk Bureau late in April, and that this number has been reduced by 134,344. A few weeks ago the bureau issued a statement setting forth only the total of claims has been reduced from 90,000 to 65,000. Of a grand total of 813,442 claims filed to July 7, 1921, says Mr. Harding, 747,786 have been settled. He does not mention that 340,000 of these were curily turned down and turned out for "lack of medical evidence" or for other technical reasons. Mr. Harding cites the four billions of government insurance now in force. He does not mention that the allotments for this insurance came out of the service man's pay nor that the premiums are now coming out of the veteran's pocket. He does not suggest that the government transact its insurance business purely upon a business basis.

There are 6,000 beds in government hospitals without occupants, says Mr. Harding. This is the favorite dictum of Dr. Sawyer, the President's physician, refuted by the Dawes committee and punctured many times. As a matter of fact, when President Harding was talking so optimistically to the Senate, the chairman of a special committee appointed by him was telling the Senate committee investigating the disabled situation that even after 6,800 beds to be made available by current appropriations are ready, 5,000 more will be needed. These are just a few of the inaccuracies and inconsistencies in Mr. Harding's message.

Perhaps no part of the editorial so accurately describes the way the American Legion men feel about their legislative defeat than the following sentences:

"In the meantime the United States stands as a country which has refused to meet an obligation and the most ungrateful of nations."

"Only America has forgotten."

Congress in Session in Dog Days

After the vote on the Fordney tariff bill July 21, scores of members of the House left Washington. Many of those who remained wanted to go but the House leaders decreed there was to be no recess and they stayed. They were not in a fit humor to work, however, and the result has been a week spent in wrangling over what Representative Mann, formerly Republican floor leader, called "chicken-feed legislation," and frequently rebellion at the lash which kept them at their desks.

Representative Mann insisted that the only opportunity Congress would have for a recess would be during the time the Ways and Means Committee is considering tax revision and he declared that if it remained in session "during the dog days, then God help the country."

"We are killing time and wasting the time of the House and the country trying to fool the people, and they know it. We pretend to be doing business when we are not. We are wasting time instead of having courage enough to quit and go home."

ROAD MEETING IN GREENSBORO

To Be Held Tonight - Asheboro-Greensboro Road to Be Considered

The Greensboro News of last Tuesday says there is to be a meeting of the good roads bureau of the Greensboro chamber of commerce held in the offices of the chamber of commerce, in Greensboro, on Thursday night, Aug. 4. The question of the road between Greensboro and Asheboro will be considered among other questions.

J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, member of the state highway commission, will be present and will probably make a statement on the Asheboro road situation. J. R. McClamroch, acting chairman of the good roads bureau, visited Asheboro and Randleman on Tuesday and made an effort to enlist interest in the matter in Randolph.

The chief point in the discussion of the Asheboro road is whether it will run due south from Greensboro to Randleman and on to Asheboro, or whether it will run from Greensboro to High Point and thence to Asheboro. Greensboro road people have argued that the route by High Point is much longer and is not the county-to-county route ordered in the highway act. The Randolph and Montgomery areas constitute large trading centers for Greensboro merchants, who are keenly interested in having a direct line straight south, hard surfaced.

Mr. C. M. Vanstroy Grows Weaker

The latest reports from Greensboro are that Mr. C. M. Vanstroy, who has been desperately ill of blood poisoning for the past two or three weeks, is gradually growing weaker and is barely alive.

Fiddlers Convention Saturday Night

A fiddlers convention will be held in the courthouse at Asheboro, next Saturday night, August 6th, for the benefit of a home to be erected at High Point for the aged, infirm and orphan children of the county.

Among the attractions will be an 11-year-old piano playing wonder, and a fiddler who can imitate the song of birds of the fields and woods.

Russia Yields to Hoover Offer

The offer of Herbert Hoover to aid Russia in relieving suffering due to famine on condition that all American now held prisoners in Russia be released, has been accepted by the Russian authorities, who suggested immediate negotiations in order to bring about speedy assistance, according to a dispatch from the Rosta News Agency of Moscow.

Marshal Webb Asked to Resign

Charles A. Webb, United States marshal for the western district of North Carolina, was notified by Attorney General Daugherty, on last Friday that a change in the office at Asheville is desired. Marshal Webb immediately tendered his resignation, to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of his successor, who will probably be Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville.

When Marshal Webb goes out a number of deputies, including John T. Milholland, Statesville; H. C. Trot, Salisbury; W. E. Ogburn, Winston-Salem; C. T. Roane, Greensboro; and J. B. Garner, of Randolph county, working in the Asheville office will go out too.

Marshal Webb's term is not out and he was informed some time ago that the appointees would be allowed to serve out their commissions, but it seems the Republican administration has decided to make a change at once.

Captain Tom Murphy, veteran conductor on the western division of the Southern railway, has been running on this road for fifty years.

RAMSEUR NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Black, of Durham, are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Angel and children, of Stokesdale, were visitors in town the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Marley and daughter, Miss Dale, spent the first of the week with relatives at Raeford.

Miss Fleta Tate returned home last Friday from a visit of three weeks to friends in Wilmington and Clarkton.

The Moore Motor Company purchased two handsome Baby Grand Chevrolet cars the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright, of Asheboro, visited Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shaw, the past week.

Mrs. Pearl Denson and child, of Greensboro, are spending some time with friends in town.

A fine daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stewart, recently.

Our farmers are bringing a lot of fine cantaloupes to town to be enjoyed by the hungry folks.

Mr. John B. York and children, of Greensboro, visited friends in town the past week.

Mrs. W. H. King visited her daughter, Mrs. Fred Warren, in Greensboro, last week.

A large number of our young folks enjoyed a picnic at Kemps Mills last week.

D. E. Whitehead has recently purchased a handsome Ford coupe.

Miss Sarah Steed spent the past week with friends at Coleridge.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Graham and child visited friends in Greensboro Sunday.

Miss Blanche Cavness, of Coleridge, is the guest of Miss Sarah Steed.

Miss Hattie Ellis is spending some time in High Point.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

The Franklinville Roller Mill is installing electric lights.

Daniel Hurley, of Wake Forest college came home last week and expects to spend a few days vacation with his parents on Bush Creek.

Mr. C. E. Henson, Misses Mary Moon and Josie West attended the Piedmont Baptist Association at Summerfield last week.

Mrs. John Kinney and children, of Greensboro, are visiting Mrs. Kinney's mother, Mrs. J. M. Ellison this week.

Mr. H. S. Edwards and family, Mr. M. G. Maner and family went to Greensboro last Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Fox made a business trip to Greensboro last Friday.

Alex Graves colored, fireman at Kessey Carr's Rock crusher was struck by a rock last Friday morning bruising his face. His wound is not serious and he is reported to be getting along very well.

Mr. B. F. Craven and Colon Cox and family, of Greensboro were in town last Saturday.

Walter Miles and family, of Proximity, spent Saturday and Sunday in our town.

Loren McDaniel and son, of Graham, are visiting Mr. John McDaniel.

Mr. C. H. Husband, who is working with American Tobacco Company at Reidsville spent Saturday evening and Sunday at the home of C. H. Julian's.

Mrs. W. C. Vestal and children, who have been spending some time at her mother's, Mrs. Lou Buie, returned to her home at Hamlet last Sunday evening.

Miss Laura Sumner left last Friday for a two weeks visit to Asheville.

Mr. Harris Birkhead has moved into the new bungalow on East Main street near Franklinville store.

The regular meeting of the Franklinville Betterment society was held Friday night. There will be no business meeting for the month of August, but every member is requested to meet at the school house about 5:30 p. m. on Saturday August 20, and bring with them a good supper. From there the crowd will be carried to Gray's Chapel, where a picnic supper will be served in honor of our President's (Mrs. Parks) birthday. Conveyance committee: Mr. G. C. Russell, W. D. Maner and G. H. Jones. Table committee: Mesdames Pete Alfred, J. H. Fentress, Sam Ferree, Luther Craven and Misses Lutterloh and Moon. Ice Cream and lemonade will be for sale on this occasion, for the benefit of the society.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Steed, T. J. Steed Jr., Mrs. W. C. York and daughter, Miss Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buie, of High Point, spent Sunday in town with relatives.

The Junior Baraca entertained the Junior Philathea at the home of C. F. Moon last Friday evening, cream was served.

R. L. Tippett and family, Sherman Cox and family, A. C. Brower and family and Miss Berta Tippett, of Greensboro are visitors here this week.

Mr. T. C. Henson went to Candor last Sunday.

Mr. Taylor Robinson, of Greensboro spent Sunday at W. R. Hughes.

Miss Nettie Moon who has been attending State Normal, Greensboro, returned home last week.

Negro Charged With Various Crimes

"Cap" Adderton, colored, was arrested on the streets of Asheboro last Tuesday night, charged with speeding, and lodged in jail. He has since been charged with driving his car without lights, resisting officers, and importing liquor. The preliminary has not been held yet. Sheriff Brady and Deputy Jenkins made the arrest.

RANDLEMAN NEWS

Messrs. W. F. Mathews, Frank Talley, L. W. Lineberry and J. O. Pritchard made a business trip to Greensboro last week.

Mesdames C. A. Burgess, Claudia Reed and Gurney Brookshire were visitors in High Point Friday.

Mrs. W. T. Herrin, of Raleigh, is here for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. J. T. Pugh.

Mrs. A. M. Floyd made a trip to High Point Saturday.

Messrs. Jason Moffitt and Lee Fritz, of Asheboro were visitors here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Brookshire and children with Mrs. Claudia Reed and Mrs. B. H. Lassiter are visiting relatives in West End this week.

Mr. Walter Brown made a trip to High Point Friday.

Mrs. Anderson Bean, who was in Dr. Wilkerson's hospital for treatment has returned to her home very much improved.

Quite a number of our people are attending the revival services being held at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pugh are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burgess visited relatives in Greensboro Sunday.

Mr. C. C. Miller and family made a trip to Asheboro last week.

Miss Lina Bean, of Greensboro, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Mr. W. A. Davis and daughter, Miss Willie, of High Point, were visitors here last week.

Rev. Charles T. Walker, said to be the greatest negro preacher of his time, died at his home in Augusta, Georgia, last Saturday.

PELLAGRA SCARE

No Famine or Plague in the South Admitted By U. S. Health Authorities

ADMINISTRATION IN HOLE

McLean, Meyer and Senator Simmons Help Them Out

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Famine and Pellagra Plague

Washington, August 2.—The word "famine" and the motive in using it have created the pellagra sensation in the South. There is nothing that will more quickly arouse the energy and the sympathy of the American public than the report of "a condition of famine" anywhere on this earth. Such report is instantly potent coming from far away Russia or China. The news of famine at home staring men and women in the face from their breakfast table newspaper instantly causes a swelling in the throat with a gulp of emotion.

About ten days ago there came reports from the agents of the Public Health Service that in Mississippi, Tennessee and South Carolina there was an increase of pellagra. When these reports were placed before the Public Health Service the publicity man was called in and something like the following occurred:

To Exploit Health Service

Here is pellagra in the South again. It gives the Public Health Service the very opportunity it needs to show Congress and the country it is not asleep. Let us get on the front pages of the newspapers!

That tip was enough to the bulletin writer of the Public Health Service. He went back to his desk and made a hurried excursion into the realms of his vocabulary and his experience as a news writer.

"What is pellagra, he asked himself. Why, it is due to starvation of certain glands and tissues of the human body, because of unbalanced diet of bac-, corn bread and molasses. It comes from malnutrition and starvation.

He repeated these latter words over and over. But malnutrition and starvation won't get us anywhere, he concluded. By H—, pellagra is caused by famine, it is the naked skeleton, the cross bones and the skull. Death from famine. He wrote his bulletin. The South was suffering from pellagra brought on by famine. One hundred thousand people are afflicted and ten thousand will die.

Turning the Trick to Reopen Pellagra Hospital

Even that sensational bulletin did not get across as was hoped. It is rumored that another plan was resorted to to turn the trick for the Public Health Service was honestly convinced that the pellagra situation was grave. It felt there was great necessity to reopen the one and sole pellagra hospital at Spartanburg, S. C., that was closed in 1919 because there were no pellagra patients there to be treated.

The great hobby of Brig. Gen. Sawyer, the Homeopathic physician and President Harding, is the physical affliction of the American people. His particular channel for teaching the public the great need of such efficiency is the Public Health Service. General Sawyer must be got to bring to the notice of the President the famine in the South and the plague of pellagra. If the President could be got to speak, the country would listen to what the Public Health Service had to say. The President did speak, for his heart was touched by the word "famine." On it he rang the changes.

No Famine in South Admitted Now By U. S. Health Service

But there is no famine, the South reports. The Public Health Service explains that the newspapers created the famine despite the fact that the Public Health Service bulletin contained the word famine.

When a copy of the bulletin is produced, a learned doctor of the service comes forward with the explanation that famine means one thing to science and another thing to the public. So there you are.

The New Bill to Help Farmers

Senator Simmons, Eugene Meyer, managing director of the War Finance Corporation, and A. W. McLean, a director of the corporation, have slugged the Harding administration into line for the farmers. But they had to split the agricultural group in the Senate in doing so. It is a story that has disturbed the farmer's group in the Senate all the week.

The Harding administration has feared the Norris bill as a red hot brick in a powder mill. It began to break "Kansard" as soon as it looked down the threatening muzzle of this bill. In its panic it went to the War Finance Corporation for shelter.

"Can't you fix up a bill to take care of the farmers, if they must be helped?" said Kellen and Hoover to Meyer, "your corporation has shown splendid activities of late in cotton, now get busy and save us from the Norris bill."

"On one condition," said Meyer. "The administration must endorse the bill framed by the directors of the corporation. It must get behind the bill and help put it through Congress."

"Of course, of course," chimed McLean and Hoover.

Then Meyer and McLean called in Senator Simmons to help write the bill. The three wrote it and Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, an administration Republican, was called upon to introduce it.

Senator Norris from his seat in the Senate chamber watched the birth of the new bill with some trepidation. Harding's message immediately followed endorsing it. "It is nothing more than an administration bill and we can easily defeat it with the farmers' group," thought the Nebraska Senator.

But lo and behold! Senator Simmons the next day took the Senate floor and defended the bill, practically acknowledging himself as one of its framers and to smash went the group of Senators known as the "agricultural bloc," most of the Senators from the cotton growing states ranging themselves around Simmons while a number of the Senators from the big wheat growing states stood by Senator Norris, with the administration Senators laughing behind their teeth at the wreck in the barn yard.

"Ah!" said Simmons, "let the administration parade the new bill as its own. It knows only too well that we extorted this new bill from it by holding to its head the Norris bill as a pistol."

The new bill proposes to issue two and one-half million dollars worth of bonds to aid the farmers through loans for exportation of their products. Senator Simmons says that the passage of the bill will inspire confidence and cause the bankers and other investing interests of the country to invest their money in agriculture. The difference between this bill and the Norris bill is that the latter will launch the government into competition with private business, while the former will stimulate private business to new endeavors.

STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION

Met at Morehead City Last Week—Mr. J. B. Sherrill Succeeds Mr. J. E. Hurley as President of the Association.

The North Carolina Press Association in session at Morehead City, last week, came to a close last Friday, with the election of officers. Among the features of the closing day were an address by John Paul Lucas, of Charlotte, on the "Made in Carolinas Exposition," and a boat ride to Cape Lookout, most of the members of the association taking the trip. The membership of the association "now numbers 168, this being a gain of 22 over last year.

New Officers Elected

New officers chosen are: President, John B. Sherrill, of Concord; first vice president, R. T. Wade, of Morehead City; second vice president, Sam Farabee, of Hickory; third vice president, Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, of Asheboro; secretary, Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton; treasurer, R. E. Price, of Rutherfordton; historian, M. L. Shipman, of Raleigh; orator, Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh; poet, J. D. Boone, of Waynesville, who is said to be the only poet in the association; executive committee, President Sherrill and Secretary Cobb; ex-officio, J. F. Hurley, of Salisbury; E. B. Jeffries, of Greensboro; Clarence Poe, of Raleigh; H. B. Varner, of Lexington, and W. G. Mebane, of Beaufort.

The Press Association expressed appreciation to the managers of the Bedworth Hotel, for the royal way in which the visitors were entertained and the spirit of cordiality shown. The delicious sea food served by the hotel was much enjoyed by the up-state people. The association has met at Morehead City a number of times but never before right on the beach.

ENRICO CARUSO IS DEAD

Enrico Caruso, the world-famous tenor, died in Naples, last Tuesday following an operation for internal abscess and an attack of peritonitis, aged 45 years. A sketch of the famous singer with the "golden voice" will be published next week.

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