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Fordney Tariff Bill Has No Friends and Deserves To Have None

SPECIAL INTEREST GETTING HOLD OF PRESIDENT

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To Sidestep on Revenue Bill and Borrow Millions to Tide Over Until After Election

Greatest Menace, Says Tariff League

The Fordney tariff bill hasn't a friend anywhere and it ought not to have.

The American valuation plan as embodied in the Fordney tariff bill was characterized as "the gravest menace to the general welfare ever incorporated in an American tariff" in a telegram recently sent by the Fair Tariff League to President Harding, Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon, and each of the members of the Senate Finance Committee.

The telegram was sent following a meeting of the league at the Bankers' Club at which several speakers voiced the most emphatic disapproval of the Fordney tariff bill. The vote to send the telegram was practically unanimous.

The telegram was as follows: "The Fair Tariff League is an organization whose membership includes domestic manufacturers, bankers, women's organizations, labor organizations, farmers' organizations, retailers, importers and consumers generally.

"It is in favor of a fair protective tariff liberally representative of the difference in cost of production at home and abroad. It voices the protest of the great consuming public against the Fordney tariff bill as violative of the protective principles as defined above. It has only just begun to fight.

"It is opposed to the American valuation feature of the Fordney bill as deceptive and un-American. As the gravest menace to the general welfare ever incorporated in an American tariff, as provocative of retaliation and commercial war, as threatening the life of our foreign trade, export as well as import, and promotive of still greater internal distress, unemployment and higher prices."

Prominent Endorsers

The telegram was signed by H. E. Miles, chairman, former chairman National Tariff Commission Association, and other prominent business men of both political parties.

Taxes To Be Taken Off the Rich—The Du Ponts Among These Most Protected

The plan of the administration to repeal the excess profits taxes will greatly relieve the more wealthy and monopolistic corporations which are about the only business concerns in the country now making any profits whatever under Republican misrule.

Another part of the plan to help the rich is to repeal the income surtaxes above 40 per cent to the great relief of the very rich whose incomes are so fabulous that the common man can scarcely comprehend the enormous fortunes which run up into the millions yearly. Let us take for example fibre silk. It is manufactured from wood fiber by a secret process, and there are two corporations only in the United States that make it. The largest manufacturer of this imitation of silk so extensively worn as hosiery, shirts, neckties, sweaters, etc., has recently been acquired by the Du Ponts.

The only other manufacturer of this product in such general use does as compared to the Du Pont factories quite a small business, yet it paid the government in taxes last year 74 per cent of its income and had six hundred thousand dollars left as profit, which was fifty per cent profit on its money invested in the business, yet on fibre silk or imitation silk the Fordney tariff bill carries a duty of nearly fifty per cent protective tariff. So we have under Republican rule not only a tariff duty on all imitations of silk from other countries which is prohibitive and in addition thereto a reduction of its taxes to be paid on its enormous earnings of nearly forty per cent. With a highly protective tariff the price of these products will be greatly increased. That is what this high tariff is for. With the increase

of the protective tariff and the cut of nearly half its liability to income taxes, it is safe to estimate that the profits will not only be doubled but will be increased to several times the profits heretofore enjoyed.

Other instances could be given that would show the manner in which the Republican administration is increasing the cost of living and shifting the burden from the rich to the shoulders of others.

Part of this reduction of the taxes on the rich is to be placed on letter postage, which will be paid by the many. A two cent tax on checks is also another way of helping out the situation by spreading out the burden on everybody. And still another is a flat federal tax on all automobiles, regardless of power or value. This tax would be relatively small for the big high power \$10,000 limousines owned by the well to do and large for the poor man's car costing around.

In reducing the maximum to limit of surtaxes to 40 per cent directly affects 5,000 of the wealthiest tax payers in the United States and transfers by abolishing the exemption of corporations whose earnings are less than \$2,000 a year, and raises the rates substantially on 5,000,000 of the country. Representative Bacharach, Republican member of the House from New Jersey, is opposed to the administration plan of taxation and has given out an interview in which he says: "According to the 1919 statistics, out of a total of 5,382,760 taxpayers in the country, only 5,526 paid a tax on incomes of \$100,000 and more.

"Likewise I am not in favor of the proposition of making the small corporations pay a tax of 15 per cent on their net incomes. According to the Treasury officials there are more than 100,000 corporations in existence whose earnings were less than \$2,000 last year. If these corporations were compelled to pay 15 per cent as suggested by the Treasury officials—without any exemptions—the tax would amount to \$300 each, whereas, if these corporations were dissolved and the people who composed them were to pay as individuals, they would be obliged to pay only at the rate of 4 per cent, or \$80.

"Rather than increase the corporation normal tax by this amount, I would prefer to have the excess profits tax retained, because corporations would not be affected by that tax unless they make large profits, while the proposed increase in the general corporation tax may endanger the very life of thousands of small corporations."

The Democrats have developed so much strength that the Republicans are alarmed and have for the first time in the history of the country denied the opposition party the privilege of being present while the tax bill is being prepared.

The only way the Republicans can get the administration programme through will be a special gag rule adopted when the bill is reported preventing any Democrat from offering any amendment and limiting the amendments which are offered only by majority members of the Ways and Means Committee.

This was the tactics pursued in the consideration of the Fordney bill. One of the most intelligent newspaper editors in North Carolina inquired of me recently to know why I did not move to strike out the specific duty of fifty dollars a ton on potash when the Fordney bill was before the House. Intelligent man as he was, he was surprised when I informed him that under the special gag rule adopted under which the Fordney tariff bill was considered that potash was not included in the few schedules which could be amended on the floor of the House.

The public generally has not been informed of the fact that only a very few of the many schedules in the Fordney bill could be amended while being considered by the House, and that under the rule no one except a



MISS FLORA DAVIS of Raleigh, N. C., assistant superintendent North Carolina Sunday School Association.

PROF. N. C. ENGLISH DEAD

PROMINENT CITIZEN AND EDUCATOR DIED LAST SATURDAY AT HOME IN ARCHDALE—WAS 72 YEARS OF AGE.

Prof. N. C. English died at his home at Archdale Saturday. He had been in excellent health practically all his life until about two years ago when he developed cancer. He was a son of Thomas and Mildred Tomlinson English. He was born near Thomasville June 18th, 1849. His parents moved to a farm near Trinity in 1857 and he has resided there ever since. He was in the graduating class of 1874 of Trinity College and graduated with high honors. This class was long remembered as one of the strongest classes of Old Trinity, in which were Senator Lee S. Overman and Judge B. F. Long and several men of renown.

Prof. English has taught school at various places. At one time he was superintendent of the Greensboro graded schools. Later he was professor of oratory, economics, international and civil law at Trinity College. He held this position until the college was moved from Randolph county to Durham. Prof. English was in 1876 elected a member of the House of Representatives of North Carolina and served for three terms. He has held several offices in Randolph county.

Prof. English was elected to the legislature on the Democratic ticket in 1878 and he with L. G. Bingham served during the year 1879. Mr. William Black was senator at that time, Moore and Randolph counties lying in the same senatorial district. Prof. English was one of the foremost educators in Randolph county. He held the position of chairman of the county board of examiners which by virtue of his office gave him the position which is now known as superintendent of public instruction. He was appointed in 1919 as member of the school board but after serving two years he resigned on account of his health.

In the death of Prof. English Randolph county has lost one of her most prominent and valuable citizens. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was married November 29, 1900, to Miss Virginia Bouldin; to this union there were two sons, Thomas M. and Nerius Clarkson, both of whom finished high school at Trinity last year. Mrs. English with her two sons and the following sisters survive: Mrs. Martha E. Ragan, of High Point; Miss Martitia English and Miss Venie English, of Trinity, and Mrs. J. Robert Harding, of Greensboro.

The burial service was held at Springfield church of which he was a consistent member, Monday morning, at 11 o'clock. The following were the honorary pall bearers: J. Elwood Cox, C. P. Frazier, Dr. L. L. Hobbs, Dr. Raymond Binford, J. C. Teague, Dr. J. W. Bulla, W. T. Parker, A. M. Briggs, J. A. Clinard, A. B. Coltrane, Jeremiah Cox, Rufus Redding, Dred Peacock, W. H. Ragan, O. E. Wilson, Charles F. Tomlinson, Prof. W. H. Pegram, Fletcher Bulla, L. C. Andrews, J. F. White, H. A. White, F. S. Blair, L. E. Byrd, David White, Captain J. Parkin, and Rufus Coltrane. Active pall bearers: R. R. Ragan, E. L. Ragan, H. S. Ragan, A. H. Ragan, J. L. Ragan and Sylvester Bouldin. A large number of friends and relatives gathered to pay the last tribute of respect.

Dr. Hayworth to Take Post Graduate Course

Dr. Claude A. Hayworth will leave this week for Rochester, Chicago, Cleveland and Baltimore for a three weeks post graduate course. Dr. Hayworth will spend most of his time at Rochester with the Mayo Brothers during his absence. Dr. L. E. Chapell will be at the hospital and look after the practice here. Dr. Hayworth has arranged with Dr. J. W. Tankousky, of Greensboro, to take the surgical work during his absence.

Meeting in Regard to County Fair. All persons who are interested in promoting a fair in Randolph county to be held at Asheboro some time in the fall, are requested to meet in the court house, Friday evening, at 8:00 p. m.

COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION

WILL BE HELD MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AT LIBERTY.

Sunday school workers of Randolph county will hold convention in Lutheran church, Liberty, N. C., on August 22nd and 23rd. This meeting for Sunday school workers of all denominations in the county. The first session of the convention will be held on Monday night August 22nd, at 7:30 o'clock. Three sessions will be held on August 23rd, morning, afternoon and night, closing with the night session.

The principal speakers will be Miss Flora Davis, assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday school association, and Mr. D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday school association. Both Miss Davis and Mr. Sims are recognized leaders in Sunday school work, not only in this but other states.

Mr. Sims has had charge of the Sunday school work in the state for the past year. Under his leadership the North Carolina Sunday school association is planning to do progressive Sunday school work throughout the state. Similar meetings to the one arranged for Randolph county are being held in a number of other counties of the state during the summer. Kindred county conventions have been held in the past few months in Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Wilmington, Durham, Charlotte, Gastonia, Asheville and Burlington. In its work the North Carolina Sunday school association is interdenominational, for in its conventions and institutes leaders from the various denominations take part. But in results it is denominational, for if a worker puts into use the methods discussed in these conventions he increases the efficiency of his own denominational Sunday school.

The officers of the association are among the leading christian business men of the state. The president of the association is Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson of Winston-Salem; Vice-president, Mr. Joseph G. Brown, Raleigh; treasurer, Mr. F. B. Crow, Raleigh; chairman of executive committee, Mr. J. M. Broughton, Raleigh, and Mr. Hugh Parks, of Franklinville, is a member of the state executive committee. Mr. W. L. Ward, of Worthville, is president of the Randolph county Sunday school association under whose auspices the meeting at Liberty is being arranged. Other officers of the association are Mr. M. E. Johnson, Ramseur, vice president; Miss Swana Lowdermilk, Asheboro, acting secretary; Mr. A. L. Briles of Cedar Falls, treasurer, and Mr. L. F. Ross, Asheboro, chairman of the county executive committee.

The presidents of the township Sunday school associations of the county for the past year are: Asheboro township, N. P. Cox. Back Creek township, S. E. Henley. Cedar Grove township, J. M. Allen. Coleridge township, M. F. Brady. Columbia township, Charles M. Staley. Concord township, J. E. McDowell. Franklinville township, A. L. Briles. Brower township, S. R. Richardson. Grant township, Carl E. Cox. Level Cross township, Miss Myrtle Causey. New Hope township, H. L. Johnson. New Market township, D. R. Bulla. Providence township, Mrs. A. C. Adams. Pleasant Grove township, J. C. Lowdermilk. Randleman township, Dr. W. I. Sumner. Richland township, C. E. Stuart. Tabernacle township, L. E. Hoover. Trinity township, Mrs. Horace Ragan. Union township, W. H. Parks. Liberty township, L. H. Smith, Jr.

At the township convention a number of these have been re-elected for another year, while others have been succeeded by some other good worker of the township. Miss Dora Redding at the request of Mr. Briles, is acting as Treasurer until the county convention meets.

PROGRAM

First Session, Monday Night, Aug 22

7:30—Period of worship, led by Rev. B. A. Banninger.
7:45—The Adult in the Sunday School, by Miss Flora Davis.
8:15—Song.
8:20—The Book from the Land of the Book, by Mr. D. W. Sims. (This lecture is based on observations of Mr. Sims while in Palestine and Jerusalem a few years ago.)
9:00—Adjourn.

Second Session, Tuesday Morning, August 23

10:00—Period of worship, led by Rev. J. D. Williams.
10:15—Finding and Training Teachers and Officers, Mr. C. C. Broughton.
10:45—Four Essentials of a Graded Sunday School, by Miss Flora Davis.
11:15—Period of business:
1. Record of attendance.
2. Appointment of committees.
11:25—Our Purpose and Our Task, by Mr. D. W. Sims.
12:00—Miscellaneous business:
1. Offering for support of North Carolina Sunday School Association.

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MR. D. W. SIMS of Raleigh, N. C., general superintendent of North Carolina Sunday School Association.

KEARNS-WOOD REUNION

TWO PROMINENT RANDOLPH COUNTY FAMILIES HELD REUNION IN COURT HOUSE HERE LAST SATURDAY.

On last Saturday the Kearns-Wood reunion was held in the courthouse in Asheboro. Col. W. P. Wood presided over the meeting. Rev. A. C. Gibbs pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, offered a prayer after which several members of both families made short talks. Mr. H. D. Scarborough urged that complete family records be kept. He said there were many noted persons in both branches of the families but no records of their lives and activities had been recorded. Rev. Gibbs followed with a talk in which he complimented both branches of the families and noticed that practically all of them were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer deplored the fact she was neither born a Kearns nor a Wood, but congratulated both families that they had just reason to be proud of themselves and while this was true she urged upon them to assume the responsibility to help make Randolph county one of the best counties in the state. She reviewed briefly the progress Randolph county was making especially along industrial, agricultural and road improvement.

A most sumptuous dinner was spread in the courthouse. There were about 150 persons present. The larger number were members of the Kearns family. The afternoon session was called to order by Mr. Wood and the following were elected: Col. W. P. Wood, Asheboro, chairman; Mr. Harris Kearns, Farmer, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Coffin, Asheboro, and Mrs. Ellen Welborn, Greensboro, and Mrs. Harris Kearns and Mrs. Elmer Steed, of Farmer, were appointed to get up a history of the families. Mrs. W. A. Underwood, Mrs. L. C. Phillips, of Asheboro, and Mrs. J. J. Farris, of High Point, were appointed program committee for next year. It was decided that the next reunion would be held at Farmer on the second Saturday in August, 1922.

The following were present: Mrs. Sam Phillips, Mrs. J. W. Kearns, Mrs. Kate K. Parrish, Mrs. J. O. Kearns, Mrs. F. E. Steed, Mr. F. E. Steed, Bruce Steed, Mrs. L. C. Phillips, W. S. Durham, A. R. Kearns, Mrs. A. H. Kearns, Mrs. J. O. Redding, Mrs. R. F. Kearns, Mr. R. F. Kearns, Mrs. Susan Jane Kearns, Neal Kearns, Eugene Kearns, John Kearns, Ethel Kearns, Sam Kearns, Ina Kearns, Emma Leah Watson, Penn Wood Redding, Virginia Steed, Mabel Wood Underwood, Henrietta Underwood, Mrs. Maude Sleight, Hal Johnson, W. A. Coffin, Mrs. Lucy Lewis, McCoy Birkhead, Blanche Birkhead, Mattie Birkhead, Linnie Birkhead, Byron Nance, Kate Dorsett, W. P. Wood, Raeford McMasters, W. L. Kearns, J. O. Kearns, Dermont Kearns, R. W. Kearns, A. H. Kearns, C. E. Kearns, Joe Steed, Hattie Kearns Durham, Wade Durham, John Durham, Corinna Kearns Parsons, Dora Wood, Birdie Wood, M. L. Skeen, Paul Skeen, J. K. Wood, Mrs. C. L. Lewis, Sarah Kearns, Midge Kearns, H. L. Kearns, Willie Kearns, Lula Kearns, Lester Kearns, Claude Kearns, Wilbur Kearns, R. L. Kearns, Lee M. Kearns, David H. Kearns, H. D. Scarborough, Mary J. Lowe, Margaret Nance, Dorothy Nance, Margaret Jackson, L. C. McCrary, J. H. Kearns, Alton Kearns, Joe Kearns, Herbert Kearns, Clara Kearns, Lucile Kearns, Fred M. Kearns, I. Wilson Kearns, Cletus Kearns, Pearl Kearns, Vivian Kearns, Mrs. Myrtle J. Kearns, Mrs. S. E. Rush, Maggie Nance, Miranda Harris, Fred Harris, Maxine Harris, Carr Redding, Pauline Birkhead, Minnie L. Birkhead, Mrs. J. W. Birkhead, Ruth Skeen, David Kearns, Hal J. Phillips, William Alfred Underwood, William Penn Wood, Jr., Nettie Alice Wood, Mrs. J. K. Wood, Mrs. W. H. Redding, Myrtle Scarborough Coffin, W. A. Coffin, Jr., John Redding Mrs. H. Lee Kearns, B. Finch Kearns, Aleine Kearns, L. C. Phillips, Sammie Margaret Phillips.

An epidemic of influenza is reported from Moore county during the past few days. However, there have been no deaths or very serious cases.

ASHEBORO BUILDING BOOM

MARVELOUS GROWTH OF ASHEBORO DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS—MANY RESIDENCES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

A traveling man was heard to remark recently that he knew of no town in his territory that was making the tremendous progress in building according to its size that Asheboro was. Our people have become so accustomed to the sound of the hammer that they are never surprised when a new house appears in any part of the town.

During the past few days The Courier scribes have put their heads together, and with the data kindly handed in by Mr. C. G. Somers, the hustling representative of the Alliance Insurance and Real Estate Co., have compiled a list in part, at least, of the new buildings erected in Asheboro during the past two years, or in process of construction now. Following is the list:

Asheboro Bank and Trust Company Building.

New National Bank building. Large brick store building being erected by J. S. Lewis next to new bank building.

Brick chair factory building being erected by Mr. C. C. Cranford. Standard Oil filling station, corner Worth and Fayetteville Streets.

Brick store building just begun by Mr. W. D. Stedman next door to The Bank of Randolph.

Brick building being erected by Mr. J. M. Caveness and Dr. W. J. Moore near Ashlyn Hotel.

Cox-Allen brick building on Worth Street.

Brick building by Mr. W. H. Marling, opposite Norfolk Southern railway station.

Presbyterian church building. Methodist Protestant church building.

New Holiness church building. Holiness parsonage. St. Luke's colored M. E. church building.

Mr. J. T. Winslow, home on South Fayetteville Street.

Two houses erected by Mr. Arthur Ross near Frazier Park.

House erected by Mr. J. W. Wolff in West Asheboro.

Mr. Jesse Pugh, house on Cox St. near Mr. M. H. Allred.

Mr. B. B. Brooks, home in South Asheboro.

Mr. M. H. Allred, home on Cox St. Mr. Wm. C. Hammer, rent house on Cox Street.

Mr. Arthur Birkhead, home in South Asheboro.

Mr. C. C. Cranford, home on South Fayetteville Street.

Mr. T. E. Lassiter, home on Academy Street.

Mr. E. L. Hedrick, home on South Fayetteville Street.

Mr. W. C. York, home on North Fayetteville Street.

Mr. E. G. Morris, home on Salisbury Street.

Mr. Clyde Hendricks, home on Old Main Street.

Mr. Thomas Lambert, home on Old Main Street.

Mr. J. A. Spence, home on Worth Street.

Mr. W. A. Bunch, home on Old Main Street.

Bungalow, by Mr. L. L. Whitaker, South Fayetteville Street, later sold to Mrs. H. W. Walker.

Mr. Herbert Miller, residence in North Asheboro.

Home by Mr. Burgess in South Asheboro.

The following have been erected on Sunset Avenue:

Home by Mr. G. H. King, just outside the city limits.

Eight-room house, by Alamance Insurance and Real Estate Company.

Home by Mr. Marvin Ferree.

Home by Mr. Walter Stowe.

Home by Mr. Lee Frit.

Home of Dr. J. G. Crutchfield.

Home by Mr. Clarence Rush.

Home by Mr. J. W. Wolff.

Home by Mr. Kemp Alexander.

Home by Mr. Reid Hannah, on Dixon Street.

Hasty home on road to West Bend. Clarence Yates, home on road to West Bend.

On Park Street, Messrs. James O. Walker, T. J. Lassiter, and G. A. Sugg, have erected homes; also Dr. Roy T. Hodgkin.

Mr. T. J. Lassiter has erected two rent houses on Park Street.

Besides the many buildings that have been erected, great improvements have been made in some of the old ones. Mr. W. J. Armfield has beautified his home on North Fayetteville Street by a granite wall which surrounds the place.

Mrs. T. H. Redding is now erecting a handsome granite wall in front of her home on Worth Street.

Mr. W. D. Stedman has enlarged and greatly improved his residence on South Fayetteville Street.

Mr. C. M. Ferree, who purchased Mr. B. F. Newby's residence on Old Main Street, remodeled and greatly improved the same.

Captain Beaver has made great improvements on his residence on North Fayetteville Street, as has Mr. J. T. Ingram, the Standard Oil man.

Nearly three miles of asphalt streets were built in the town last year, and a large force is now engaged in building sidewalks.