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PREDATORY INTERESTS SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES TO ROB THE PEOPLE

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, May 2.—There is a determined tendency all along the line here to get back to the good old days of McKinley and Mark Hanna. The tariff must be raised to the skies. Big business must be investigated by its friends in order to clear away the debris of the anti-trust laws that are still handicapping its ability to gratify its greed. A \$50,000,000 ship subsidy is on the program. And a tax system must be devised if possible that will ease up on rich men.

The predatory interests that support the Republican party with money were rather hard hit in the eight years of the Democratic regime and by the adroitness of such men as Senator Simmons and the farm bloc, it signally failed to get the relief it demanded in the revenue legislation last summer. It is planned before the 67th congress adjourns to make another effort in this direction though the prospect of success looks gloomy. Secretary Mellon has shown that there will be a deficit of \$500,000,000 to \$700,000,000 in the treasury. This deficit is being dangled in the face of congress and the people with the warning that new sources of taxes must be found and it openly suggested that a sales tax is the only solution of the problem. Under that system the rich would be let escape by transferring the burden to the consumer. But there is the farm bloc with a face of flint turned on the system. The farm bloc is the Republican nightmare.

Senator Edge, of New Jersey, one of the staunchest friends of the predatory interests in the senate has introduced a resolution to appoint a joint congressional committee to investigate the alleged handicaps to prosperity, which he brazenly names as the anti-trust laws now on the statute books. His purpose is to have appointed on the committee such friends in congress of these predatory interests as will condemn all these "obnoxious" laws and ultimately get them repealed. He declares these laws have outlived their usefulness if they ever were useful. He knows of course that some of these laws have been evaded by the trusts or nullified by the courts but their ghosts cost money in litigation.

The \$50,000,000 ship subsidy is a naked hand-out from the treasury. If the bill becomes a law it will open the door to the looting of the treasury by every interest in the country that can make a claim on the people, a claim good or bad. The ship subsidy will open Pandora's box.

But the most desperate effort of the predatory interests to get the country back to "normalcy" is seen in the tariff bill. Senator Simmons in his merciless analysis of the bill has riddled it. He declares it is in all respects the worst tariff bill that was ever introduced in congress. The bill he finds is based on three fallacies:

1. Upon the assumption that the export selling prices of foreign goods are so much lower than the selling prices of domestic goods of similar character as to destroy fair competition;

2. Upon the assumption that the present importations are excessive and a menace to the business of the country.

3. And upon the assumption that the selling prices of foreign goods have not changed since August 1921 when the Reynolds report appeared on whose figures the bill is based. Senator Simmons shows that these three basic assumptions are without facts to sustain them.

He says that the rates in the bill are 50 per cent higher than they were in the Payne-Aldrich tariff which defeated the Republicans in 1912. If the bill becomes a law it will cause a further monopolization of American industries with an immense increase in the cost of living.

The most dangerous feature of the bill is its methods of valuation. That power it confers upon the president of the United States who can fix the rates on foreign goods so that they can not compete with domestic goods. The president is empowered to step in and fix rates when the bill in its rates does not take care of the domestic producer. That leaves the domestic producer to sell his goods as high as the market will stand.

ELMER C. YOW, ASHEBORO, MARRIED IN ATLANTA

A marriage of special interest to the people of the town and county occurred in Atlanta Sunday evening when Mr. Elmer C. Yow and Miss Irene Johnson were married in All Saints Episcopal church. Mr. Yow is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Yow of Asheboro, and lived here for many years. For a number of years he had a position with the McCarty-Redding Hardware Company in Asheboro, later going to Greensboro where he was employed by Olden Hardware Company with headquarters at Fayetteville. Before his marriage Mr. Yow held a residence in Greensboro.

THE STATE BANKERS ASSOCIATION AT PINEHURST LAST WEEK

The State Bankers Association was in session at Pinehurst last week, this being its 25th regular meeting. Officers elected for the coming year are C. E. Brooks, of Henderson, president; the new vice-presidents are John D. Briggs, of Williamston, S. A. Hubbard, Asheville, and H. J. Cramer, of Elizabeth City. The secretary is Alan T. Bowler. The place of meeting next year was left in the hands of the executive committee.

The general business and financial situation of the country and the world was discussed during the sessions, an optimistic view of the future being taken. The importance of the country's agricultural interests and the relation of the same to prosperity at large and what the attitude of the association of bankers would be towards such interests received a considerable amount of attention. The whole convention was permeated most with ideas of public benefit, of the extension of the helping hand to the farmer and of a general consideration of the public weal than with technical matters relating strictly to banking.

Governor Seay of the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond delivered the only address dealing strictly with technical banking. He reviewed the growth of banking in the state and the fifth reserve district and the country at large and presented statistics to show that the banking business had grown more during the seven year period of the operation of the federal reserve system than it had grown from the foundation of banking in North Carolina. He especially invited attention to the fact that the banking conditions the country over had been more stable through the extraordinary conditions than in any crisis through which the country had ever passed.

Senator N. B. Dial, of South Carolina, attended the convention and delivered an address which was enthusiastically received. The senator desires the people generally to take a deeper interest in politics and public life. His speech considered mainly the cotton future and contract law. He stated that under the present law the grower is at a great disadvantage as under it the price of cotton is controlled almost entirely by the future contract market. The interests of the seller of a contract is diametrically opposed to that of the grower and of the purchaser of a contract.

Following the adjournment of the association the members were the guests of Leonard Tufts at the famous Pinehurst dairy, where an elegant lunch was served.

GARLAND LAKE PARK IS FORMALLY OPENED

Tuesday evening, May 2, Garland Lake, the new recreation park for Asheboro, was opened with a dance. The pavilion is a large building with a screened porch on the side overlooking the lake, and the inside screened for dancing. The hardwood floor is delightful and was in excellent condition. About a hundred or more couples were dancing, with a large number of the older citizens of the town present acting as chaperones and enjoying the outing as well as the young folks. An orchestra from Greensboro furnished the music for the occasion. During the intermission, Clarence Schuthesis, of High Point, delighted all present with a program of songs in his rich baritone voice. After this, Mr. Basil Brittain welcomed the people and gave a brief summary of what Mr. Pritchard, the owner, hoped to do, saying it was a pleasure park for ladies and gentlemen, and whiskey nor whiskey drinkers would not be welcome on the grounds. He further stated that the lake would be open for bathing the twentieth, and the tennis courts would also be ready about this time. He impressed the fact that everybody was welcome to come to the lake for a good, clean wholesome recreation, and invited all to return. It is seldom that such a large crowd is gathered with such harmony, good feeling and exemplary behavior.

A large number of people from Greensboro, High Point, Rameyer, and many other surrounding towns were present.

Friday evening there will be another dance at the lake, with the Greensboro orchestra furnishing the music. Mr. Schuthesis will again sing. This alone is worth the trip to Garland Lake to hear his singing.

SPECIAL COURIER OFFER EXTENDED TO MAY 13

There has been so much interest manifested in the special Courier subscription offer, six months for 50 cents, half the regular price, among our regular patrons, that we have decided to extend the time up to and including May 13. A number of our good friends have been telling their friends of the offer and have sent in a number of new subscriptions. This offer will close on the evening of May 13th. This offer is to new subscribers only. The Courier subscribes to give the new along all lines and is glad to have you in making this offer.

REPUBLICAN PRESS CONDEMNS McCUMBER FORDNEY TARIFF BILL

The Republican and Independent press are beginning to make known their views of the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill, and they are far from flattering to Mr. Fordney or reassuring to Senator McCumber. Here are some brief extracts:

New York Herald (Rep.)—It rears a tariff wall sky-high all along the line of industry and agriculture. This in itself is bad enough, as it makes for higher living cost in every home in America. But its worst feature is that it completely shuts America out of foreign markets except with our raw materials, notably cotton and copper.

New York Globe (Rep.)—No member of the Agricultural bloc in the Senate can be foolish enough to suppose that high duties (on agricultural products) will increase the prices on foodstuffs in a country which, instead of importing, exports them in great volume. When we pass the McCumber tariff, we practically make Europe a present of the \$11,000,000,000 she owes us. Whatever reason for high tariff may have existed when we were a debtor nation before the war no longer exists, when as the creditor nation of today, we have amassed most of the world's wealth.

New York Tribune (Rep.)—It is something of a shock to learn that the rates of the bill are on the whole higher than those of the Payne-Aldrich law and particularly that the wool duties are higher than those of the House bill, and higher than those against which the late Senator Doherty made his memorable attack. If the bill is as described believers in tariff sanity and reasonableness have need to gird themselves for another battle.

Brooklyn Eagle (Ind.)—When Republicanism fails to satisfy its leading newspaperologists in the East it is heading straight for the rocks. The proposed tariff measure is bad in almost every respect. The Republican control of Congress is now steering the party straight for disaster.

Philadelphia Public Ledger (Rep.)—Fifteen months ago the farmer wanted a tariff. Now he is sure to get it. He is desirous of a tariff on hides means a probable increase in shoe prices. He is afraid that he may be swapping dollar bills for thin dimes. As a heavy user of potash, he will fight the proposed rates on it; but can he fight well if he is also the supposed beneficiary of other high rates?

Chicago News (Ind.)—Too many of the changes are in the direction of the old Aldrich tariff of painful memory, and too few of the rates have been revised downward. With American exports steadily declining and a favorable trade balance vanishing, excessive protection is absurd.

MISS ANNIE KING BRIDE OF MR. GARRETT ALLEN

A marriage of unusual interest occurred at the Methodist Protestant parsonage in Asheboro yesterday at 5 p. m. when Miss Annie King, of Seagrave No. 2, became the bride of Mr. Garrett Allen, of Asheboro Star Route. Mr. B. C. Allen, of Charleston, S. C., who is visiting his father, accompanied his brother and the prospective bride to Asheboro. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. W. Geringer.

The bride is a well educated and refined young woman. She has taught in the county for the past three years, last year at Rock Springs. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah King. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Allen and is an enterprising and industrious young farmer. He went to Miami, Texas, last year and assisted his brothers, H. C. and W. D. Allen, in putting in eleven hundred acres of wheat. Mr. Allen and his bride will leave the latter part of May for Texas where they will reside. They are members of two of Randolph county's most substantial families and will have the good wishes of their many friends.

RANDLEMAN COMMENCEMENT CLOSED LAST NIGHT

The commencement exercises of the Randleman school has been in progress since Saturday evening when a play "Borrowed Money" was rendered. On Sunday evening Rev. S. B. Torrington, president of Greensboro College, preached the baccalaureate sermon. The primary grade on Monday evening presented "Trixie's Triumph" while on Tuesday evening the "A Scene in the Southern Depot" was given by the grammar grades of the school.

The class day exercises were held yesterday morning beginning at 10:30. Thirteen of Randleman's young people were members and have successfully completed their work and have reflected credit upon themselves and upon their teachers. Rev. J. A. J. Farrington, a former pastor of the M. E. church in Randleman, delivered the annual address after which followed the presentation of diplomas. Prof. and Mrs. Washburn and their entire family of teachers are to be congratulated upon their successful

RUNAWAY PONY PAINFULLY INJURES MR. ARTHUR ROSS

Mr. Arthur Ross was painfully but not seriously injured yesterday afternoon while attempting to check a runaway pony. Mr. Ross was in his car coming home from the Home Building Material Company when he overtook his son Arthur, Junior, who was driving his pony. Mr. Ross noticed the pony was frightened and was running away. He immediately stopped his car and got out throwing out his arms to check the pony but the cart which had heavy iron wheels hit Mr. Ross and ran over him breaking both limbs and either a shoulder or collar-bone. He was taken to Memorial hospital where Dr. Hayworth, assisted by Dr. Burrus, of High Point, made X-ray pictures and set the bones.

It is not determined as we go to press just the extent of his injuries.

JACK JARRELL DIES OF INJURIES FROM WRECK

An accident occurred Sunday afternoon three miles west of Asheboro on the County Home Road near the Eli Brown farm which resulted in the death of Jack Jarrell. Mr. Jarrell was riding his bicycle along the road, which has a high embankment. The handlebars slipped and both bicycle and rider were thrown down the embankment. Mr. Jarrell was carried to his brother's home, Alex. Jarrell, who lives at the Old Gluyas place. Here he died Monday and the funeral services were conducted Tuesday at West Bend church. Mr. Jarrell was about forty-five years old, and leaves a wife and several children. He is a son of Milton and Cassie Anne Jarrell who live about three miles west of Asheboro. For a number of years he has been in the employ of W. D. Stedman and Son, of Asheboro.

EXPLOSION INJURES THE FAMILY OF R. J. HOPKINS

While the family of Mr. R. J. Hopkins was seated around an open fireplace in their home a mile south of town, Sunday morning, an explosion occurred in the fire which threw out pieces of copper all over the room, every member of the family being struck. A daughter, Bessie, had 13 small wounds, and the 3 months old baby was hit in the eye. It is not known what caused the explosion, though some sort of cartridge in the wood appears to be the explanation. Some, however, advance the idea that a small amount of dynamite had been imbedded in a stick of wood. Just before the explosion a fresh supply of wood had been put in the fireplace.

THOUSANDS IN FLOOD DISTRICT ARE HOMELESS

Thousands in the stricken flood zone of Louisiana and Mississippi are reported to be homeless and many thousands of square miles of farm lands are inundated. Relief organizations have begun work. A lake of 1,400 square miles now exist on what was fertile farm land due to the breaking of the levee, near Ferriday, La. Food is the crying need of the thousands of refugees and residents. Boats have been sent from New Orleans for refugees. Men, women and children are hungry and without homes. Tents have been erected and many are sleeping on the ground in the open. People are sick and medical aid is insufficient. More than 20,000 men are engaged in strengthening the levees. Congress has made an additional appropriation of \$200,000.

FARMER COMMENCEMENT WAS HELD LAST WEEK

The commencement at Farmer last week was considered one of the best in the history of the high school. Rev. Lambeth delivered the address. There was a large graduating class and every member reflected credit upon themselves and upon the teachers who had trained them. A play, "The Hood" was given Tuesday night and was well rendered. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity. The proceeds will go toward school betterment. There was an interesting ball game in the afternoon.

The music under the direction of Miss Clyde Kearns has done excellent work. A proof of this is that one of the members was a close second to Miss Nan Lewis, who was the winner in the county music contest.

TWO HIGH POINT WOMEN KILLED BY TRAIN MONDAY

Mrs. N. W. Draughn and Miss Janie Anderson were killed by Southern passenger train number 46 Monday evening. They were employees of the Barnes Manufacturing Company. Mr. J. J. Bell, also an employee had told the ladies that he would drive them home from the office. They accepted the invitation and were killed at the railroad crossing. Mr. Bell was seriously and probably fatally injured.

Boy Scout Meeting

Mr. Gorrell Sugg, scout master, announces that there will be a meeting of the boy scouts at the courthouse Friday evening at seven o'clock. Every scout is requested to be present.

UWHARRIE SCHOOL GRADUATES HEAR HON. ZEB V. LONG

Speaking to one of the largest congregations ever assembled at the commencement exercises of Uwharrie school, Hon. Zeb V. Long, of Statesville, delivered one of the strongest addresses ever heard in Montgomery county, April 20, says the Troy Montgomerian, in reporting the speech as follows:

This school has been noted for several years for the large crowds attracted by its commencement exercises, and the attendance this year surpassed all former years, and it is said that had the weather not been so cold the crowds would have surpassed former years.

Mr. Long was fittingly introduced by B. S. Hurley, and for more than an hour held the large congregation spell bound under his wonderful plea for a greater commonwealth and a greater county. By throwing into the pathway of every boy and every girl the opportunity to "Burgeon Out All That God Placed in Them." His plea was for schools in easy reach of every child, with modern equipment and efficient teachers. He said that it was a shame upon any community, as indeed it is, for it to be necessary for any parent to send his child to other communities in order to reach a school high enough in grade to prepare such a child for entrance to any college or university.

Mr. Long closed his wonderful address by making a strong plea to the graduates and under-graduates to make the most of their opportunities. Stay at home, he cried, if you do not think Montgomery county is the best county in the state—bend every effort to make it the best. Love your county, you have a right to love her, and her traditions, was his closing advice. Mr. Long was at his best at Uwharrie Thursday, and the people heard him gladly.

NEW M. E. CHURCH WILL BE BUILT IN ASHEBORO

Mrs. Mary Burns has sold the corner lot on North Fayetteville and Salisbury streets to the M. E. church of Asheboro for a site on which a new building will be erected. Consideration was \$10,500.00. Rev. A. C. Gibbs, pastor of the local church has been most urgent in his appeals to the congregation to erect a new house of worship. The present church building, though quite comfortable, has been in use for a long time. It had numerous additions from time to time.

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING MAY 13

On May 13th there will be a mass meeting in the courthouse. Every Democrat who is interested in putting out a ticket of good substantial business men, is invited. Come and bring your neighbors and friends.

DR. A. C. BULLA HEADS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dr. A. C. Bulla, son of A. V. Bulla, was former superintendent of public health for Forsyth county, but last year moved to Wake county where he was elected superintendent of public health. He is considered one of the brightest young men in the state and has been most successful in all of his undertakings.

MR. F. L. BROOKS WILL OPEN STORE IN ASHEBORO

Mr. F. L. Brooks, who has been for the past year in Burlington with the Eford Department store, expects to move to Asheboro June 1 and open up to date mercantile establishment. He has rented the Redding building adjoining the Lexington Grocery Co. Mr. Brooks has been in the mercantile business for a number of years. He spent a year and a half at Central Falls after which he opened the Asheboro Bargain House. He remained here for two years and after that time he accepted a position with the Eford Department store at Durham. He was later made manager of Eford's store in Burlington where he has been for the past two years. Mr. Brooks expects to visit the northern markets the latter part of this week. He is going to sell goods for cash and make a small margin. He is a good business man and will be an addition to the town.

DR. RAY W. HAYWORTH SAILS FOR CHINESE WATERS

Dr. Ray Hayworth, who has been stationed at Charleston, S. C., since his recall to the navy two years ago, has been in Asheboro for the past few days. Dr. Hayworth was one of the thirty-three applicants for the position of medical adviser on the gunboat Asheville, which will within the next few days start on a three year trip to China. He will visit many of the foreign countries before returning to this country. The gunboat Asheville has been assigned to the Asiatic fleet.

NAVAL EXPENDITURES INCREASING UNDER THE "ECONOMY" REGIME

(By Wallace Bassford) (Special Correspondent.)

Washington, May 3.—When the arms conference gathered in Washington, as provided by the Democratic congress and president in the naval act of 1916, revamped by the Borah resolution, President Harding said: "In soberest reflection, the world's hundreds of millions who pay in peace and die in war wish their statesmen to turn the expenditures for destruction into means of construction, aimed at a higher state for those who live and follow after." A noble sentiment, endorsed by everyone who had no personal pocketbook to fill through a big army or navy, and would have entitled the president to the credit due for its utterance, if events had shown that he meant it. When the naval bill was reported to the house it provided for 67,000 men to handle our diminished navy, and Chairman Kelly demonstrated that the number was sufficient. Then came Nick Longworth with a letter from Harding asking that the number of men be increased by 19,000 and the house, with Harding's words at the arms conference still ringing in its ears, voted the increase! What is the result? It is that the naval expenditures for the next fiscal year, instead of being decreased from \$410,000,000, the figures for the present year, will run about ten millions higher. This is due partly to the increase in personnel above Chairman Kelly's figures, and partly to "authorized" expenditures, not actually appropriated in the bill, amounting to \$67,000,000. This is a peculiar legislative device used to make larger funds available while showing "economies" in the bill.

The outcome at Genoa seems seriously threatened by reason of this government holding aloof from this effort to pacify the turbulent and unsettled conditions in Europe. Harding has allowed Lloyd-George, the greatest statesman of his time and probably of all times, to tackle the tremendous problem alone and unaided; if he succeeds it places him upon a high pedestal of glory from which all time will not take him down. The best theory put forward in Washington to account for Harding's non-participation is that he feared he would be accused of doing the thing Woodrow Wilson would have done under the circumstances.

The Republican congress still haggles with the soldiers over their bonus, with the outcome as uncertain as the weather, while the business world awaits with like uncertainty the new tariff bill. Last winter the leaders talked of adjourning congress the first day of May; the month is here and adjournment is one of the events so far in the future that it is not even discussed in Washington. And the country waits, and waits, and waits, while this "business administration" does business in a very unbusiness like manner.

It has long been thought by ordinary folks that one of the principal missions of our state department is to keep us on friendly terms with other nations of the world, thus making for peace and friendly commercial intercourse of a profitable sort. Representative Yates, of Illinois, son of the famous war governor, Lincoln's friend, has vigorous opinions on the success of the administration along these lines. Remember that Yates is a Republican. On the floor of the house he said, on page 6084 of the Congressional Record: "There is not a nation in the world today that is our friend. They are all suspicious and unfriendly."

The president is reported to be getting ready to remove Commissioner Blair, of the bureau of internal revenue. Blair is trying to run the bureau properly, and he can hardly do this if he removes the hundreds of experts trained under the last administration, during which period the work of the bureau increased with tremendous strides, but the president feels that he has to yield to the thousands of importunities for jobs for the smaller political leaders by putting into Blair's place a man who will use the axe on the experts and put in the inexperienced fellows who voted on the Harding side in 1920. Of course the work of the bureau and the interests of the people will suffer, but these are secondary considerations; the political machine has to be kept up.

FRANKLINVILLE SCHOOL CLOSSES THIS WEEK

The Courier is indebted to the Franklinville high school for a most attractive invitation to attend the commencement exercises Saturday, May 6. Mr. Richard F. Little has the reputation of being one of the best school men in the county. The class roll is composed of the following: Frank Mack Patterson, Lucy Gray Bule, Alton Paul Routh, Dr. Meyer, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Greensboro, will deliver the address Friday night. One of the most pleasing features of the commencement will be a recital by the music class.