

WHAT SHOW THE FARMER HAD IN CONGRESS, THE FARM "BLOC" DID IT

Republicans Not Entitled to Credit Though They Are Claiming It—"Bloc" Composed Largely of Democrats —But in Spite of "Bloc" Republicans Manipulated Taxation So As To Relieve the Very Rich While Increasing the Burdens of the Rest of the Population—Defeat of Treaty by the Senate Brought Collapse of Prices

(Extracts from speech by Josephus actionism. But it was only a partial triumph at Albemarle, Saturday afternoon, September 20.)

The Republicans are seeking to obtain credit for what they have done for the farmers. It is true that "the Farm Bloc" did prevent the passage of some of the most vicious legislation proposed by the Old Guard and the President. It is true also that, over the opposition of the Reactionary leaders of that party in the Senate, some measures designed to protect agriculture did become laws. But every such bad measure killed or its inequities lessened is due to "the Farm Bloc," composed largely of Democrats, to which both North Carolina Senators and all ten of North Carolina's representatives in Congress contributed their leadership and support. The bloc received denunciation from both President Harding and Secretary

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Then came the critical time for the "bloc" to take its stand against the biggest tax of all—the tax called tariff. And here the Republican members of the "bloc" fell down. Hypnotized by the fetish that high tariff rates would enrich the farmer as they do the manufacturer, they accepted the gold brick of high rates on agricultural products instead of fighting the most insidious of all unjust taxation to the finish. If Capper and the other Republicans of the "bloc" had stood like a stone wall against the Fordney bill for a sales tax and the McCumber bill to reduce the tax on big incomes—if they had refused to be seduced by the gold brick of protection on wheat, the farmers and laborers would have saved the annual tax of three billion dollars imposed by the Fordney-McCumber tariff. But they had been raised to say their prayers to Protection and would not see that their idol was another Baal.

The so-called Emergency tariff, heralded as a guarantee of protection to wheat growers, has been in operation over a year. The way it has helped wheat growers is seen in the fact that since it was enacted with roseate out to the letter, and it proved the best tariff measure since the famous Walker tariff which years later James G. Blaine declared had justified all the claims made for it.

Shifting Burden to Consumers. The Republican congress decided upon the policy of shifting the payment of public expenses from the wealth of the country to the backs of those who had only their hard earned wage or salary. It was the attempt to carry out that policy which summoned "the farm bloc" to action. The first movement was to repeal or greatly reduce the income tax rate on big incomes and excess profits. These were to be independent measures. Though in the past few days, when an argument or excuse was needed to kill the soldiers' compensation measure demanded by 4,000,000 American fighting men, the secretary of the treasury and the president told congress that the treasury was facing a deficit of \$666,000,000, the first and most insistent demand of both these officers was to relieve the over-rich portion of the people of the taxation they were paying. That insistence aroused the country. The people saw that, if wealth was needed must be secured from some other quarter. It was then that a group of Republican senators from the agricultural states virtually bolted their party and came over to the position formulated by the Democrats. They saw that if men with large incomes and excess profits were relieved as the first act of legislation, the next step would be to saddle toll with the innocent tax payers, Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Mellon and the other millionaires and billionaires.

It was "the bloc" action for the people against "blocc" action for "Prisilege. Senators from farm states had to face destruction at home or opposition to their party's policy at Washington. Under the leadership of first Kenyon, who was succeeded by a second Johnson, and later of Capper, who had not been a lawyer, cannot be too kicked on state and allowed western. The bill came over to the "Democ" and was passed by their "Bloc" program, but the over-reaction of the "Bloc" to the

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Republicans Stalled the Wheels of Government. They did not stop to reflect that, though he continued as president, the Republican party came into full power in congress on March 4, 1919, and from that date the progress of good government was throttled. President Wilson, from his sick bed and from his chair, to which affliction had chained him, appealed time and again to congress to reduce taxes and the high cost of living. Congress turned a deaf ear to all the appeals he made for early and sensible reconstruction measures. They stalled the wheels of government so that for nearly two years nothing was done. Their performance was so bad that even the Washington Post, the court organ, called it "the sorriest record ever made by any congress in recent years."

Wilson's Prophecy came True. Woodrow Wilson, in a message to congress in May, 1919, declared that Europe is our best customer, and told the people "We must face the fact that unless we help Europe to get back to her normal life and production a chaos will ensue here which will inevitably be communicated to this country." He added as an appeal to those who can only be reached by an appeal to their pockets, "If only in our own interests, we must help the people overseas. There is no such thing as letting Europe go to ruin without ourselves sharing in the disaster."

A Republican congress, mad with partisanship, told the people that such visions were the dreams of an impractical idealist and enough of them believed it to go along with them until they all stumbled in the ditch together. A Do-Nothing Congress. Smelling committees by the score were appointed. Charges of extravagance and crime were broadcast. Every act of the Wilson administration was twisted and denounced. While the world was drifting from the great prosperity it enjoyed under a Republican congress was elected, the Republican congress did nothing. They feared any action might displease some of the heterogeneous elements they were depending on for victory in 1920. And so they deliberately decided to follow the Nero course of fiddling while the country drifted. I charge that most of the depression that sent the price of farm products down and down until many farmers were forced to the wall was due to the refusal of the Republican congress to co-operate with Woodrow Wilson in sound policies of reconstruction.

Conditions Good When Republicans Came Into Power in 1915. Let us go back to the day following the armistice. Until the senate defeated the Versailles treaty, what was the condition of affairs? Economists and bankers gave figures showing the great scarcity of foodstuffs and raw materials in all European countries and their abundance in the United States. They pointed out that this situation would result in a big demand on America for a long time to aid in the rehabilitation of Europe. Without an exception the leaders of thought predicted that the United States was on the eve of prosperity without a parallel. The people planted large crops and produced them at great expense. They ran their factories overtime to be able to

High Republican Taxes

The Republican party campaigners in North Carolina are making a great noise about taxation. They charge that the Democrats are taxing the people to death. It is one of their pet charges. But in the counties where the administration of affairs is in Republican hands the tax rate is higher than in those counties in Democratic hands. That is, the taxes are highest in Republican counties. The following from the Democratic Handbook is illuminating: "But it is said that taxes are too high and that the Democratic party is responsible. Let us see about that. The state of North Carolina neither levies nor collects a cent of taxes upon your or my property, real or personal, as a direct property tax. The counties of the state do, however, levy such a tax. Now, there are counties in the state being administered by Democrats and there are counties in the state administered by Republicans. Democratic county commissioners fix the tax rate for Democratic counties. The average tax rate in the 71 Democratic counties of the state is 85 and 7-10 cents on every hundred dollars worth of property taxed. In 29 Republican counties the average tax rate is \$1.02 on every one hundred dollars worth of property taxed, a difference in favor of the Democratic counties of more than 16 cents on every hundred dollars property taxed. Obviously Republicans prefer their taxes over 19 per cent than do Democrats. So, then, those who prefer low taxes, should live in Democratic counties. The cheapest way to do this is to vote the Democratic ticket—it is cheaper than moving to a Democratic county. Make your county Democratic and save money."

The voters of Randolph should remember that matter of higher taxation in Republican counties when they go to vote, and show what they think of the Republicans in Randolph who ask them, in all seriousness, to vote the Republican ticket. When they are approached by a Republican worker and told that "taxes are too high" the voters of Randolph should ask the Republican to explain how it is that they are higher in Republican counties than in Democratic counties.

Young Negro Electrocutted. McKeever Burnett, 19-year-old negro, who was convicted for attacking the young wife of a prominent farmer six miles north of Raleigh, was electrocuted October 12. The negro was at the time serving a six month sentence on the roads, and was a trusty, having only one more day to serve when he was arrested. Just before the electrocution took place, the man admitted his guilt. A large number of people witnessed the electrocution, several of whom were women. The woman who was the negro's victim, was among those present at the electrocution.

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What Caused the Calamity? One thing and one thing only. The hope of world stability was in American participation and leadership in reconstruction. The peoples of the earth could not believe America would beat a retreat. It took weeks to be convinced that the United States had definitely abandoned its allies to their fate, and would give no counsel and leadership to a shell-shocked world. When a full realization came to them of our withdrawal, they were at first refused. When the full import of our refusal to lead came upon the people of Europe, they threw up their hands in hopeless despair. Then came the deluge of hope and credit, and the deluge engulfed them. We looked on, and passed by on the other side as did the Levite, thinking the disaster would not touch us. "American first" was the creed of selfishness, and the Republicans adopted it and proclaimed it until the storm broke in fury upon our own heads.

No Nation Liveth Unto Itself. The Good Book says, "No man liveth unto himself." It is equally true of nations as of individuals that stark selfishness reacts and injures those who practice it. We despised the office of the Good Samaritan, and we thought to sell Europe our surplus at high prices, and said, "Soul take thine ease, we will fatten on Europe's distress." We soon learned that now as in older days, a just God said, "This night thy soul is required of thee." We fell into the morass of low prices and distress. We could have escaped most of the losses and walking in the darkness of these three years if we had followed where Woodrow Wilson led.

When Europe's purchasing power broke down in the early part of 1920 foreign trade rapidly declined. There can be no general and well distributed prosperity in America without foreign markets for the excess of production. The Republicans helped to produce chaos in Europe and thereby cut off our only markets. They have only this month destroyed the possibility of restoring that market when conditions improve by passing a tariff bill that prevents exchange of commodities. And, having destroyed our hope of international trade, they now promise to buy back some trade and have it carried in American bottoms by vetting a ship subsidy out of the federal treasury.

DISCUSSING TWO VIEWS OF WOMEN IN POLITICS

(By David P. St. Clair.) Washington, Oct. 17.—The appointment of Mrs. Felton of Georgia by Governor Hardwick to represent that state in the United States senate was a most gallant act on the part of the governor. To some it would seem to be a good piece of politics for the governor personally as he himself is a candidate for the senate but will it win the votes of the women of Georgia to any appreciable extent? Old stage politicians say it will not.

The Democrats have nominated two women for the senate, Mrs. Hooper in Wisconsin and Mrs. Olesen in Minnesota. Senator La Follette has Wisconsin in the hollow of his hand. There is not a man or woman in the whole United States who could black the board against him but in the primary Mrs. Hooper did not receive enough votes to put her party on the ballot. In Minnesota Mrs. Olesen is running a poor third. With her the Democrats have thrown away all chance of beating Senator Kellogg. But say certain politicians the appointment of Mrs. Felton and the candidacy of Mrs. Olesen and Mrs. Hooper are certain to have a favorable effect among women throughout the country in behalf of the Democrats. The politicians who generally opposed woman suffrage contend that the espousal of women for the high office of senator of the United States by the Democrats will lose votes to the party among women.

These latter politicians hold that everything that has occurred since woman was given the ballot has confirmed the prognostications made by her opponents that she is as ignorant of politics and the duties of public office as she has always been. A certain senator who fought suffrage in the senate was called upon by a very prominent woman who sought his help in her efforts to secure an appointment to a high office in the government. She did two things, she burned incense at her own feet and scandalized another well known woman who had gotten an office she had wanted. The matter went on this senator is that woman has no sense of sport. She can not give and take in the game like a man. There is too much of jealousy and envy in the sex for politics. The success of one woman raises up for her an army of enemies among her own sex. When woman deals with her own sex she counts for everything. But when man deals with man sex counts for nothing. Man in his battle with man is a sport. Woman in her battle with woman is personal. Principle is subordinate.

That is the age-long view. There is something in it but woman is just beginning to enter the game. Children enter their play first in the same temper but they learn. In politics woman is as yet a veritable child. She has got to take the knocks like man and lose herself in learning to worship the fundamentals. The old stage politicians say the never can. But those forward looking men see nothing in the start she has made to shake their faith.

Arms Parley Failure. The much boasted arms conference treaties, it is now believed, will never be ratified by all of the five nations whose representatives negotiated these treaties in Washington last winter. For months the Harding administration boasted of these treaties as its greatest achievement but of late no mention has been made of them. The United States, Great Britain and Japan have ratified the treaties but France and Italy the other two great powers have not and until they do not a ship will be scrapped nor will there be a reduction of a single dollar in taxation for the American people. The failure of the treaties thus far has come as a keen disappointment to the high hopes of the whole world. This failure is due both the present situation in Europe and to the languid interest of the Harding administration in the fate of the treaties from the beginning.

Great Britain was opposed to signing a naval disarmament treaty without the participation of both France and Italy. That is chiefly why the two latter powers were invited to send representatives to the conference. Since the close of the conference the relations between Great Britain and France have been none too friendly for working allies and for more than a generation France and Italy have been rivals in the Mediterranean and the Near East. It is now regarded as extremely doubtful that France and Italy would consent to scrap their navies unless great pressure is brought upon them by Washington. And Great Britain observes that at this very moment she would be hapless in the Straits of Gallipoli without the very battleships she agreed at Washington to scrap.

But from the very outset the heart of the Harding administration was never enlisted in the naval disarmament venture. When Senator Borah made his move in the senate for naval disarmament the President put every obstacle in the way of the move that he could command. But the public sentiment proved to be too strong for both the President and congress and the conference had to be called. During its sessions the people in both the war and navy departments openly manifested their hostility. It was freely predicted that the treaties to be negotiated would never be ratified and exchanged. But the Harding administration did want the United States to ratify the treaties for the political effect it would have at home. It brought all the pressure it could command on the senate to get the treaties through. But since that nothing has been done to urge France and Italy to ratify. Why? It knew it would not ratify such a request would be asked by France and Italy and

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NORTH CAROLINA LEADS SOUTH IN IMPROVEMENTS

North Carolina, driving ahead on a program of improvement covering many forms of activity and extending from Tennessee to the Atlantic, tops all southern states in amount of improvement bonds issued during the first eight months of 1922, according to figures compiled by the Manufacturers' Record.

The 16 southern states included in the compilation have issued during the period mentioned nearly \$225,000,000 in improvement bonds. Of all these 16 states North Carolina stands first with \$4,805,500. Texas, empire of the west is second with \$4,206,500. Missouri is third with \$2,227,225. Florida is fourth with \$1,820,650. Louisiana is fifth with \$1,933,500. In taking first place North Carolina has made 177 issues, against 231 by Texas and 57 by Missouri. Dividing the total amount of the bonds into classes, road bonds, school bonds, sewer bonds and miscellaneous bonds, the figures show that North Carolina has during the eight months issued in road bonds \$25,202,500. This amount puts the state second to Texas, which has issued \$25,436,750 in road bonds.

In school bonds North Carolina far outpaces the other states with \$10,813,000. Texas is nearly three million less with \$8,006,500 and Georgia is third with \$5,073,500. In sewer bonds Texas take first place with \$4,448,000. North Carolina is second with \$3,499,000. In miscellaneous bonds Missouri holds first place with issues totaling \$15,331,625. Louisiana, Florida, and Virginia follow in the order named, with North Carolina coming fifth with \$5,291,000. These figures indicate that North Carolina is using most of her wealth on highways, schools, and sewers.

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LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE IN MOORE COUNTY

Much interest is being displayed in Moore county in the Law and Order League and a long list of prominent citizens from all sections of their county who are members appear in last week's issue of the Moore County News. A meeting was held at Cuthage last week at which time the league was formally organized with Mr. R. N. Page as president, and Mr. W. G. Jennings of Carthage, secretary. The league is primarily to organize the moral, law-abiding citizens of the county "that their united efforts may be concentrated upon the inculcation of respect for law, and to combat the organized and willful violations that are surely undermining our civilization." The league is desirous of having every citizen in the county who is interested in such a movement enroll in the organization, but no house to house canvass will be made, as it is generally understood those who are interested in such matters of public interest will send in their names to the secretary.

Married. On October the 14 at the home of J. A. Neighbors, justice of the peace, Mr. W. E. Kennedy and Miss Ethel Stalker were married. Mr. Kennedy is a son of the late Dennis Kennedy, of Worthville. Mrs. Kennedy is a daughter of Mr. T. M. Stalker, of Worthville.

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