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THE PRESIDENT HAS RECENTLY SHOWN SIGNS OF REAL FIGHT

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There's Going to be a Real Fight on His pet Measure and if He Loses It Will be a Repudiation of Him by His Own Party; Simmons to the Forefront.

(By David F. StClair.)

Washington, Nov. 28.—Two questions now engage the Democrats in congress: What should be their general attitude towards the Republican progressives and should they force an extra session beginning in March? These questions are so closely akin that one answer may serve them both and that answer may be found in the fate of the pending ship subsidy bill.

There seems to hinge at this moment in the ship subsidy bill the fate of the Harding administration and possibly the fate of the Democratic party and the progressive movement two years hence. The Democrats and nearly all the progressive Republicans are agreed in their opposition to the bill, but it is believed that they can not prevent its passage without a serious filibuster in the senate that will force an extra session. An extra session of congress in the spring of next year, it is held here by leaders in both parties, will cost the Harding administration its life and likewise the Republican majority in congress its life two years hence.

The president evidently believes that his party has not a ghost of chance to win in 1924 without the passage of this bill. He has accordingly put his cards on the table. His message to the joint session of congress on Tuesday impressed the great audience with the feeling that it was witnessing the beginning of one of the greatest political struggles that has ever stirred this country. To the men who sense the future the occasion was dramatic. On previous occasions the president had gone to congress with the soft pedal on his words, but this time there was banter in his overtones with undertones of desperation. In front of him sat men whose eyes flashed the fire of pugnacity flaming in their hearts. No man's land loomed in sight for the first time between him and his progressive antagonists.

But it is difficult to find any really responsible Democrat in the senate who will come out with the flat-footed assertion that he favors a filibuster in order to strangle the ship subsidy and thus bring on an extra session of congress next spring. The question was put squarely up to Senator Simmons who is almost certain to be the minority leader in the next senate. He shook his head and said he would not like to answer the question. But would it be a great advantage to the Democrats if there was an extra session, he was asked. He admitted there would be such an advantage going to the Democrats from an extra session.

But how? The ship subsidy bill fight will more seriously divide the Republicans than now. Its defeat will be a signal victory for the progressives. In an extra session they will be far stronger than they are now, not only in numbers, but in morale. Not only that, but if Simmons is the Democratic leader the progressives will be lined up with the Democrats. We are told by some of the wisest prophets in congress to make no mistake on that score for Simmons is a wizard of combination.

Let us give our readers one signal illustration that they may have forgotten of the masterful gift for combination of this senate chess player. The fate of the first Wilson administration hinged about as completely on the Panama tolls issue as the Harding administration now hinges on the ship subsidy. Wilson had made a desperate effort to get the senate to pass the tolls bill. Senator O'Gorman, of New York, an Irish Democrat, with all his race's hatred of Great Britain, was chairman of the senate Panama canal committee. Through his influence the committee held herings on the bill for the purpose of killing it. The majority report of the committee condemned the bill. Simmons, who was a member of the committee, was at the time sick in bed at his home in New Bern. He received a dispatch asking him to hurry to Washington to save the bill. When he got here he found the bill on the way to the morgue, not only a majority of his own party on the committee, but the Republicans opposing it. In the face of the adverse report of the committee Simmons button-holed the senators one by one and got the senate to pass the bill.

It may also be said here that Senator Simmons had effected a combination whereby the Versailles treaty would have been ratified by the senate had the White House only given its assent. And Simmons' friends will tell you that he never trades his party in these combinations. No Democrat ever goes to him with the warning, "don't give us away."

If Simmons is his party's leader in the senate, the attitude of the Democrats will be to win over the progressives and make the best possible use of them for the Democrats. In him as leader the senate will have such a leader as it has not had since the days of Arthur Pugh Gorman. What his friends here are saying is: "If this fragile man was only fifty and not 15 years older." But he has taken a new lease on his premises, especially on his stomach. He is very at home now though personally he does not want to spend next summer in Washington.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

James, the 4 year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Cronnie Ingold, died Monday morning of wiphtheria, in south Franklinville, and was buried Tuesday in cemetery of Franklinville M. E. church.

Mr. John Hanner, of Ore Hill, spent week-end at the Grove hotel.

Mr. [illegible] Jones and family are visiting at Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shepherd and daughter of Liberty spent Sunday with the family of Mr. H. L. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fentriss spent Sunday evening at Greensboro.

Chaney Graves, colored, is having two more rooms and two porches built to her house in south Franklinville.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denson, of Winston-Salem, were here last week visiting Mr. Denson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Denson.

J. C. Marley left Wednesday for Olean, N. Y. where he has a position with Olean Times as linotype operator.

H. S. Edwards, Mrs. M. Smith and Miss Lorena Haighler went to Greensboro Wednesday.

Mrs. Earl Pruett was taken to Memorial hospital last Tuesday where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

The Rndolph and Franklinville Manufacturing companies are placing generators and motors for the purpose of running their mills by electricity. Their power will be supplemented by current from Moncure.

Mrs. Bettie Maness had a stroke of paralysis at the home of rMs. Sarah Jones last Thursday afternoon.

L. M. Curtis made a business trip to Greensboro one day last week.

Mrs. Charles Vestal and Mrs. Fannie Cox, of Plainfield, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Parks and Lacy Parks made an extended trip to Raleigh, Fayetteville and Pinehurst last week.

J. R. Parks, of Greensboro, and E. B. Parks, of Winston-Salem, were here last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Garrison, Charles Julian and Clement Cox went to near McLeansville Sunday to see Mrs. Sockwell who is critically ill.

Early Moffitt had the misfortune of losing a good horse Saturday night.

There will be a play "The Dust of the Earth," given by 11th grade pupils of Ramseur high school, under the auspices of the Franklinville Betterment Society, at the academy Saturday evenini, Dedember 2, admission 25c. Everybody invited.

C. E. Routh, C. O. Julian and Bernire Jones attended the football game between Sanford and Durham at Chapel Hill last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Annie Pegram, of Jonesboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. M. Weatherly.

John Brady spent the week-end at Greensboro.

Russell Neighbors, late Thursday evening, while riding a bilycle ran against Peter Luther, causing him to suffer a few bruises, but none serious.

Miss Minnie Tippetet is spending this week with relatives at Greensboro.

ROAD BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1922

The board of road trustees met September 5, 1922, at the court house. All members were present.

It is ordered that a standard county road be constructed from Will Carter's to Montgomery county line, intersecting with the new road in Montgomery county, and that the road be built as soon as the county force has completed other roads heretofore granted, on a 50-50 proposition.

It is ordered on petition of M. R. Cox, Joe Hicks and others, asking for privilege of improving a certain cart way beginning at Mrs. Jennie Langley's leading to gravel road, near Shady Grove graveyard, same being allowed on condition that it be done at the expense of the community entirely, and use the bounds of old road, or not to exceed a width of 16 feet.

It is ordered that J. E. Brady and C. C. Cheek investigate a certain road west of Bethel, and report same to board on Tuesday after the first Monday of their next meeting.

SENATOR BAGGETT'S PROPOSED K. K. K. BILL

John R. Baggett, of Harnett county the senator who was elected in the November election, from this district, of which Randolph is a part, expects this year to get the following bill through the legislature:

"AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED"

"'AN ACT TO PREVENT SECRET ASSAULTS BY MARAUDERS.'"

"The General Assembly of North Carolina to enact:

"1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to be found off of his premises disguised or masked in such manner as to destroy his identity.

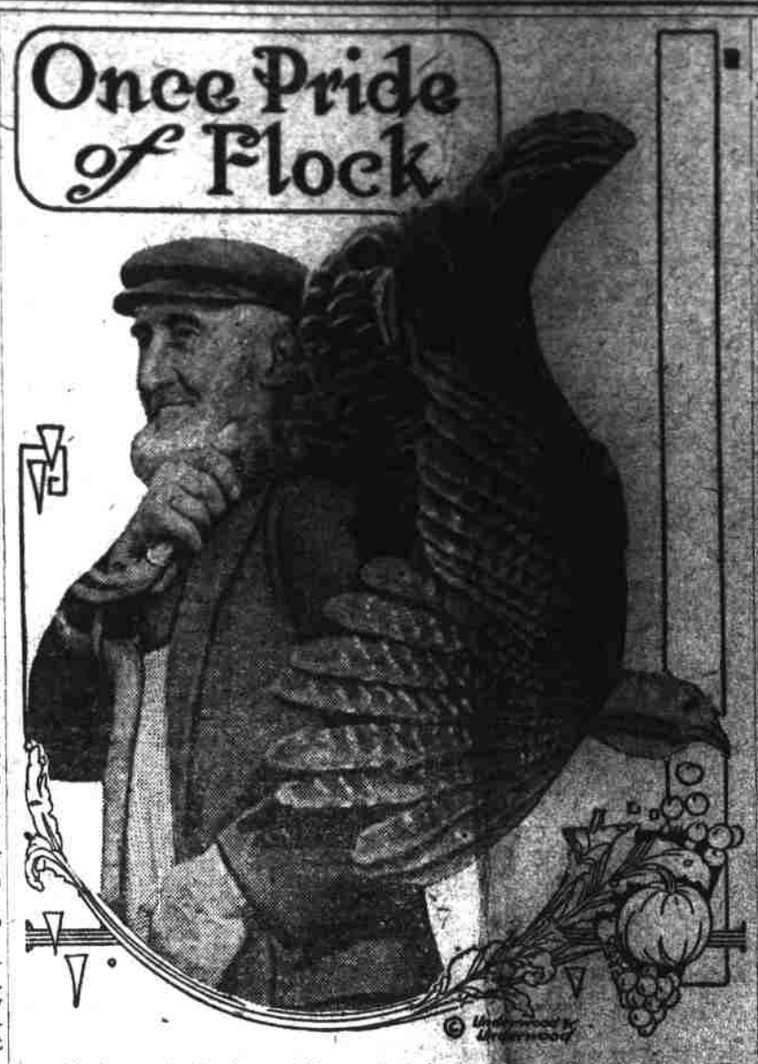
"2. Any person violating this act shal. be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be imprisoned in the state's prison not less than one year and not more than five years.

"This act shall be in force on and after its ratification."

Letter from Bank Cashier.

After an absence and silence of three weeks, A. W. White, former cashier of the Bank of Stoney Point has written a letter to A. L. Watts, president of the bank.

White disappeared three weeks ago and this is the first information, so far as known, received from him since. An audit of the bank disclosed an apparent shortage of $9,000 to $12,000, according to officials of the bank. This has been taken care of by bondsmen and the institution has been in operation with the exception of a few days following the disappearence of White.



Nowhere else in the world except at home, right in the U. S. A., will dinners for Thanksgiving be plentiful and "the best you ever ate." You see here the grand old farmer and the turkey—doesn't it portray the real American Thanksgiving spirit? This is the 1922 Thanksgiving, and it's the best of them all.

TO DIE IN CHAIR FOR THE MURDER OF FOUR PERSONS

William C. Fairies, 60 year old mill man of Clover, S. C., was last week sentenced to die in the electric chair December 29, charged with the murder of four persons unless the governor or the higher court interfere. The murdering of the four persons all grew out of a children's quarrel in the cotton mill village of Clover.

The children of James M. Taylor and those of Fairies quarreled. There were several quarrels and finally the adult members of the families became involved, although never reaching the point of violence. Finally on September 6 little John Fairies, son of William told his father that a member of the Taylor family had struck him with a stone. This, according to Fairies' own story on the witness stand, so provoked the elderly man that he could not stand the quarrels any longer and getting his gun he started shooting members of the Taylor family. He said he did not really know what he was doing. Six members of the Taylor family were wounded when the smoke cleared away. Four, Newton, Iela and Fred Taylor and Claude Johnson, their grown cousin, died.

This case is one of the most notable cases that has ever been tried in the South Carolina courts for several years, and has attracted widespread interest.

EXAMINATION FOR DENTON POSTOFFICE ANNOUNCED

The Civil Service commission announces that an examination will be held at Thomasville January 6 for the purpose of selecting an eligible to fill the contemplated vacancy at Denton. The examination is open to men and women 21 years old and upward. Postmaster Marvin A. Gallimore, of that place has given notice of his resignation. The position pays $953. Postmaster Gallimore gives as his reason for tendering his resignation that he expects to accept a position as clerk in the Greensboro postoffice, which, it is understood, is more remunerative.

HIGH SCHOOLS WILL DEBATE ON RAILWAY LABOR BOARD

Chapel Hill, Nov. 28.—The query for the high school debates for the present school year has been decided on. It is:

"Resolved, that congress should provide for enforcement of the decisions of the railway labor board."

This is the eleventh year of the high school debating union, which was organized by the Dialectic and Philanthropic societies at the University. Last winter sixty schools which had won their preliminary contests sent teams, numbering 240 debaters, to Chapel Hill to enter the final round for the Aylock memorial cup.

Every secondary and high school in North Carolina is invited to become a member of the union and participate in the state-wide debate. Every school that enters will be grouped in a triangle with two others, each putting out two teams, one on the affirmative and one on the negative. Every school which wins both of its debates is entitled to send its team to Chapel Hill for the final day.

Apple Tree eBars Second Crop

In a local paper recently was recorded the fact that an apple tree in the section near Jonesboro was in full bloom and had some apples on it nearly as large as guinea eggs. This is the second crop of apples the tree has borne this season.

SEES NEWSPAPERS AS MOST VALUABLE ALLIES OF CHURCH

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—The newspapers are the most valuable allies of the church, Dr. Ralph Welles Keeler, director of publicity of the board of home missions and church extension of the Methodist Episcopal church, said today before the board in session here.

"During 16 years in helping to interpret the work of the Methodist Episcopal church to the representatives of the press of the United States, I have never seen such whole-hearted co-operation as today," said Dr. Keeler.

"When you consider the countless columns that the rural and city papers give to the story of the Methodist Episcopal church and the constant sending forth of its story by wire by the Associated Press and other news associations, it should be the joy of every representative of the church to co-operate with them.

"For one, I consider the newspapers and press associations of the United States the most valuable allies of those who are endeavoring to make our nation a people of righteousness, justice and truth."

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS TO TAKE CHARGE NEXT MONDAY

The county officers elected on November 7 will be sworn in Monday, December 4. There was a complete change in the recent election and all the officers including the county commissioners are new men. It is believed that the county management for the next two years will be wise and just.

Fire Near Farmer

A fire which orginated from a defective flue occurred near Farmer Saturday when the house, smoke house and garage belonging to Mr. E. B. Johnson burned to the ground. Only alittle of the bedding and a few pieces of furniture were saved. There is about $900 insurance on the entire property. Mr. Johnson is a prominent farmer of the Farmer section and is a brother of Mr. R. C. Johnson, a merchant of this place.

Second Lyceum Attraction Coming

The second Lyceum number of the season will appear at the court house in Asheboro Friday evening, December 1. This attraction comes exceedingly highly recommended, being Jane Goude, "the girl from the West," reader and entertainer. This is the second of the series of five entertainments which come under the auspices of the Woman's Club and Knights of Pythias of the town. The Woman's Club last winter sponsored the Redpath Lyceum and the entire course was an enjoyable one.

Monkey's Escape Changes Plans

A monkey that had ben imported for the purpose of what is believed to be the first operation for transfer of glands in this state thwarted the plans of the doctors when he escaped from his place of captivity. Dr. T. M. Stanton, a High Point physician was arranging for the operation, and when he went to the box for the monkey to prepare for the operation, he found the monkey had departed. As reward was offered for his return.

Death of Confederate Veteran.

James Addison Rickard, prominent farmer and Confederate veteran, died at his home several miles south of Lexington, on November 16. The funeral was conducted at Center Hill Baptist church, November 18, services conducted by the Rev. J. L. Sloan, pastor of the deceased.

RAMSEUR NEWS

Mrs. Jackson Craven, Beloved Lady, Died Last Sunday Night After Brief Illness—Other Ramseur News.

Mrs. Jackson Craven, known to all our folks as Aunt Rebecca, passed away Sunday night after a brief illness. She was indeed a "mother in Israel" having lived longer than most people are privileged to live being 95 years old last August, and having reared a large family, most of whom survive her. Mrs. Craven has been a member of the Methodist lhurch here for a number of years and although it has not been her privilege to attend its services for quite a while on account of her age she has always remained loyal in its support and faithful in the service of her Lord. She was of a sunny disposition, always having a smile for her friends and bearing the burdens of life cheerfully. She leaves three sons and four daughters to mourn her passing. J. Rankin, Monroe, and Preston, sons, Mrs. W. C. Stout, Mrs. Kalida Stout, Mrs. Jesse Cagle, and Mrs. Giles Smith, daughters. All of them live in or near this community. Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Ridge church where her husband was buried, Tuesday morning by her pastor, Rev. W. L. Scott, and interment followed in the cemetery at that place.

Miss Cranford and Mr. Burgess went with a troup of students to Sanford Saturday night and gave their new play "The Dust of the Earth."

Mrs. C. A. Marley left Tuesday for Columbia, S. C., where she will spend Thanksgiving and a few weeks with her son, E. H. Marley who is with Raverty Rustin Furniture Company there.

The church was filled last Sunday when Rev. W. L. Scott preached a forceful sermon from the text "Lord show us the Father and it sufficeth us."

A union service is arranged for here to be held at Ramseur Baptist church on Thanksgiving morning at 10 o'clock.

On Thursday night a musical program was given at the school building by members of the music department and Glee club.

Mr. Lee Craven, Ramseur route 1, seems to be a lucky fisherman having caught several good suckers this fall and last week caught a red horse weighing 4¼ pounds.

Misses Pearl and Blanche and Messrs Fred and Lawrence Leonard, of High Point, are spending a few days here with friends.

MONUMENT TO SERVERS IN THE WAR FROM GUILFORD

A monument to the memory of Guilford county young men who gave their lives during the world war and to those who served and returned will be erected by Guilford county, the board of county commissioners, in mid-monthly session in Greensboro Tuesday, decided.

The memorial, bearing the names of all service men and women, dead and living, will be erected on the north side of the courthouse building in the center of the walk leading from Market street, Greensboro.

Tentative plans call for a bronze figure of a world war fighter, surmounting a column of granite on which in letters of bronze, would appear the names of the sons and daughters of Guilford who lost their lives during the world war. On the base, proper, would appear the names of service men and women, quite a detail, inasmuch as some 2,500 persons from the county served.

The commissioners, during their brief discussion of the proposed memorial, insisted that those who served and returned are, like those who died, entitled to everlasting recognition of their service in enduring bronze and marble.

Can't Randolph do as much? This county is as justly proud of her boys who gave their lives and of those who under the hand of providence were permitted to return, as any county. Our sons were just as brave, just as patriotic as any. The amount of cost per capita to each man and woman in the county would be very small to erect a monument to those who heard and heeded the call to duty. We can't afford not to honor the living and the dead.

TEACHERS TO MEET AT RALEIGH THIS WEEK

The thirty-ninth annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will meet at Raleigh this week with the first session held Wednesday night. Preceeding the regular teachers' meetings will be a meeting of the association of county superintendents Tuesday night. The outstanding feature of the teachers' meeting will be the address by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton, who will lecture to the assembly Friday night on the subject of "Poetry and Nature." The state-wide spelling contest will take place Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. This is always an interesting feature of the meeting, as a large number of children are always present to participate.

FREIGHT CAR SHORTAGE IS REPORTED AS ON A DECLINE

Freight car shortage reported in all sections of the country during recent weeks is now abating, according to reports compiled by the car service division of the American Railway Association, while general movement of railroad traffic is continuing in abnormally high volume. On November 8, shippers had orders in to railroads for 174,498 cars more than could be immediately supplied, but this was 4,741 less than the number ordered and not available on October 31.

THE SHIP SUBSIDY BILL WILL NOT INSURE REAL MERCEANT MARINE

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, Nov. 27.—The ship subsidy bill involves such a fundamental principle and precedent in legislation that no voter in the country ought to be ignorant of its true meaning. It crosses a boundary line that has never before been openly at least invaded. The claim of its opponents is that the bill will take from the U. S. treasury $30,000,000 and pay it over to about a dozen corporations and trusts operating passenger steamers between America and Europe and to the Standard Oil Company and the United Fruit Company that carry cargoes of their own goods.

What is a merchant marine anyhow? The Harding administration and the Lasker shipping board are being told in no uncertain words that a few passenger and mail ships and a few cargo ships steaming along certain defined routes do not make a merchant marine. These limited classes of ships will not give the United States a dominant position on the seven seas. They can not adequately share in the commerce of the world under the American flag as the proponents of the subsidy are claiming.

What made Great Britain the mistress of the seas and why was Germany fast supplanting her when the world war came? England conquered the commerce of the world with the tramp steamer when it superceded the "windjammer." Germany built and operated a still cheaper tramp steamer for it is the ship sailing the seven seas under a nation's flag and picking up cargoes wherever it can find them in the face of competition that gives to the nation a dominant merchant marine. The cheap German tramp steamer was the secret of Germany's maritime success.

But the Harding-Lasker ship subsidy bill will not give one penny of the $30,000,000 subsidy to the American tramp steamer nor will aid the American ships that ply between Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States. And the subsidy goes to only such ship owners as the Shipping Board may select, their ships touching at American ports.

It is plain enough now that a few enormously wealthy ship owners like the Standard Oil Company and the United Fruit Company that ship only their own goods and the people who operate palatial passenger and mail ships from American ports in the Atlantic to Europe and in the Pacific to the Orient are to receive the subsidy.

Not only will the American people get no adequate merchant marine for the subsidy they will pay to these privileged corporations but the $30,000,000 will be a bagatelle of what they will in the end have to pay. President Harding stated in his message to congress that it now costs the government $50,000,000 to maintain the 1,442 steamships that it now owns and that by passing the subsidy bill the government would save $20,000,000 per annum. The opponents of the subsidy emphatically dispute this statement.

They point out that the payment of the subsidy will at once stop a golden stream that is now flowing into the treasury by reason of the fact that those shipowners who get the subsidy (but no others) could deduct from their income taxes their profits on operation of the ships and in case they were owners of the cargoes—as in the case of the Standard Oil Company—5 per cent of what they had paid themselves for hauling their oil.

These income tax exemptions alone, it is estimated, will exceed $10,000,000 per annum. But in addition the bill proposes to lend to these preferred American shipowners $125,000,000 at the rate of 2 per cent per annum, while business men, farmers and ordinary people have to pay the government 6 to 10 per cent for the money they borrow. But that is not all. The bill is filled with plums for the preferred shipowners.

The great danger of the bill, its opponents point out, is that it sets up a precedent in the extension of subsidy. It flings wide open the door to one of the greatest menaces of the republic. President Harding in his plea for the passage of the bill said the precedent had already been set in subsidy by aiding the farmers and building public roads. The opponents of ship subsidy deny that there is any parallel in principle between these two forms of subsidy. The government subsidides a few preferred shipowners without any guaranty of benefit to the public. On the other hand it builds roads for the public and lends money to the farmers with a clear implication of public benefit.

Every argument of the subsidy hunters has been demolished and Representative Davis of Tennessee, one of the star opponents of the bill, declares that the problem of an adequate American merchant marine is simply a business problem to be solved like any other great business problem in this country. It can not be solved by enriching a few favored ship owners at the expense of the people and discriminating against the smaller shipowners. Shipowners like other people must get down to a basis of business principles. If on that basis America can not secure an adequate merchant marine, it does not deserve one.

Automobiles Collide.

Eleven people were hurt when two automobiles run together at Lumberton. One of the drivers was placed under $800.00 bond.