

President Coolidge Boosts The Tariff On Steel, And Farmers Are Footing The Bill

Steel Corporation Will Profit To Extent Of \$19,000,000 By President's Act.

This Comes From Pockets Of Farmer

President Is Himself A Stockholder In The Corporation Which Benefits.

Washington, D. C., April 23rd, 1927.—The United States Steel Corporation, frequently referred to as the "steel trust", one of the giant corporations so tenderly "protected" by the Fordney tariff policy of the Coolidge Administration, this week declared a stock dividend amounting to approximately \$203,000,000. During 1926, the steel corporation paid cash dividends of \$61,000,000, making a total of \$264,000,000 in cash and stock dividends distributed by the steel trust during the last sixteen months. During 1926, its net earnings were \$117,000,000.

Much of the huge profits piled up by the steel trust, and the enormous dividends it has been able to pay, has been due to the excessive tariffs it enjoys in the Fordney-McCumber Act. Although it is a giant monopoly, and not one of the "infant industries" to foster which the Republican party adopted the principle of "protection" the steel trust enjoys abnormally high tariff favors which are denied to lesser corporations and other interests in other lines. Furthermore, President Coolidge has singled the steel trust out for a very special favor, under the "flexible tariff" provision of the Fordney tariff act, which gives him authority to raise and lower any duty as much as fifty per cent.

Approximately two months ago, President Coolidge raised the tariff on pig iron fifty per cent, or 37 1-2 cents a ton. Immediately the steel trust boosted the price of pig iron 50 cents a ton, or 12 1-2 cents per ton more than the tariff increase. Without this increase in duty, the steel corporation has been able to pile up a surplus that has made it possible to issue stock and cash dividends of more than \$250,000,000 since the beginning of 1926. The additional duty allowed by the President will add not less than \$19,000,000 to the already huge profits the steel trust was able to make under the original rates of the Fordney act and that much to the consumers' load. At least, the propriety of the President granting a tariff favor to the steel corporation is subject to criticism, because President Coolidge is a stockholder in the steel corporation and will profit directly from the tariff favor he has bestowed. It is suggested that if he is going to grant executive favors to the corporation, he ought at least regard the proprieties to the extent of disposing of his stock in the corporation. He is in precisely the same position as a Judge presiding over a lawsuit in which he was a litigant.

The farming population is approximately 80 per cent of the total population of the country. The farmers, therefore, are paying a large part of the higher prices for products of steel made from the pig iron on which the duty has been raised. Every plow, axe or other tool or implement, every bit of steel used in the construction of house, barn or garage, costs the farmers and other consumers more as a result of this tariff. This added burden, loaded onto the farmer in order to give the steel trust protection it does not need, and which only swells its profits, increases the load under which the farmer is already staggering. While the steel trust was making these huge profits, during the twelve months ending with March 15, 1926, 123,000 farms in the country were sold under foreclosure, while 170,000 other farms were sold by voluntary sale. Many of the latter were sold at severe losses, because the farmers, under existing conditions, had not been able to make them pay and were unable to carry out the load, any longer. During last year, according to the Department of Agriculture, the farm population of the country decreased by 640,000 persons, the greatest desertion of the farm with a single exception in more than a decade, while 1,000,000 fewer persons are living on farms now than in 1925.

Despite the very deplorable situation of the farmers, despite the fact that only such giant monopolies as the steel trust and the aluminum trust, owned by the family of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, are making large profits and enjoying the so-called "prosperity", the President, under the great grant of authority conveyed to him by the Fordney-McCumber tariff act, increases the expenses of the farmers and of consumers generally, bestows an added favor on the already highly protected steel trust, and increases its opportunity to add to already stupendous profits, and does this for a corporation in which he is a stockholder.

The farmer's bankruptcy and the steel trust's prosperity are typical of the "Coolidge prosperity" of which Republican soothsayers are saying so much.

Famous Cartoonist Joins Our Staff



It is with pride this newspaper this week introduces to its readers, Mr. Albert T. Reid, All American cartoonist, whose cartoons will appear regularly in these columns every week. We are confident his work will win quick favor.

Two Recent Deaths In Bennett Section

Mrs. Herbert Phillips And Infant Of J. R. Wilkins Have Passed Away.

Bennett, April 25.—Newlin Purvis, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Memorial hospital, Asheboro, last week, is improving.

Mrs. Herbert Phillips, daughter of the late Newton Brewer, died at her home here Sunday morning following a long illness. Funeral was held today from Fall Creek Baptist church of which she had long been a member.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilkins died Saturday and was buried at Antioch church Sunday afternoon. Rev. E. A. Livingston conducted the funeral service.

Rev. E. A. Livingston has requested that all members of the Riverside Baptist church meet him at the church next Saturday at 2:30 o'clock for the regular conference meeting.

There will be all day services at Fall Creek Baptist church the second Sunday in May. Aside from the regular preaching service there will be a memorial service. A male quartette from Greensboro will assist in the singing. All those who have relatives and friends buried in the cemetery are requested to come and bring flowers for decorating the graves.

The Baptist church at Bennett will hold an all day service the fourth Sunday in May. Program will consist of children's services, preaching, singing. In addition, the Sunday school will render a program. There will be special singing by the choir and by quartettes. The graves in the cemetery will be decorated, and those interested are requested to bring flowers for the purpose.

Jennings

Our hearts were made sad when the death angel came on March 16th and bore away the soul of our dear friend, Mrs. Martha Ellen Jennings, the wife of Bud Jennings. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, one daughter, Mrs. C. A. Parrish, and son-in-law, two grand children, Henry G. and C. A. Parrish, Jr., all of Greensboro, N. C., and also leaves one sister and one brother to mourn for the dear one. She was tenderly laid to rest on March 17, 1927, in the M. P. cemetery at Cedar Falls by the writer, assisted by R. T. Thorps. This community has lost one of its best friends. She will be greatly missed by us all but most of all by her husband and daughter. She was a good woman. She told her husband shortly before her death that she was ready to go but none of us was expecting her to go soon. She was born June 23, 1861; was married to Bud Jennings December 25, 1879, and lived happily for 46 years, but this happy home is broken up. How sad for the lonely husband. They have lived most of their married life as neighbors to me and I always found them ready to help when needed. Truly a good friend is gone. May the Lord bless the bereaved ones.

—REV. AND MRS. G. A. LAUGHLIN

TRINITY NEWS LETTER

The potato crop was injured some by frost Friday night.

Mrs. Weeks, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting Mesdames Ballance and Carpenter on North Main.

Mr. Bob Royals, of North Trinity, seems to be running a fine dairy business. A lot of fine cattle are seen feeding in his fields.

Mrs. D. C. Johnson and little son, Dougan Clark, and his sister, Elisabeth, visited on Johnson street Sunday.

Mrs. Bullin, who lives not far from the depot in North Trinity, is in poor health. We learn that the doctor has pronounced it pellagra.

Misses Mildred and Ruby Payne, with Paul Hughes and Jim Proctor, went to Mount Airy Easter.

Asheboro Defeated

Bonlee team defeated the Asheboro high baseball team at Siler City Saturday afternoon by the score of 10 to 0. The game was won by the invincible pitching of Morrow, who fanned 12 of the Asheboro boys. Timely hitting of the Bonlee team coupled with six errors made by Asheboro helped to pile up the score. Morrow and Brewer for Bonlee both knocked home runs. Batteries for Bonlee were Morrow and Dixon; for Asheboro, Crofts and Arnold.

Senator Norris Is Against 3rd Term

Thinks Two Enough For Any President—Southern Delegates For Coolidge.

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, says an Associated Press dispatch from Washington under April 22nd date line, is going to the Wisconsin woods for a vacation. But he stopped packing long enough to shy another political missile in the general direction of the third term boom for President Coolidge.

The Nebraska senator, who on numerous occasions, has assailed the head of his party, said a "third term" for any President constituted a long step toward monarchical government. He added that it was immaterial whether a President first succeeded to the office from the vice presidency.

Already, he said, the southern Republican machine "which is universally admitted to be corrupt" is prepared to send Coolidge delegates to the next Republican national convention "in payment for past favors."

John Tyson Williams

John Tyson Williams was born Oct. 8th, 1847. He professed faith in Christ in early manhood and joined Flag Springs M. P. church. Some time after his marriage he helped to organize and build New Hope M. P. church and Why Not church. The writer is led to believe that he is the last one of the charter members at this place. About 30 some odd years ago he moved to Cedar Falls. Still active in church work, he transferred his membership to the M. P. church at that place and acted as steward while there. In 1900 he moved to High Point. He was a charter member and helped to organize and build the Welch Memorial M. P. church there. He acted as steward while living there. After leaving High Point, he came back to the community around New Hope church, Why Not Circuit, and transferred his membership back to this church where he was a faithful member until death.

Mr. Williams was a good father, a good husband, a good neighbor, trying to help his fellowmen in every way he could. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He had been in failing health for more than two years and for several weeks he had grown weaker and knew that he would soon pass out of this world. He was conscious almost to the end and told us he soon must go. He attended church services and prayer meeting as long as his health would permit and almost always testified as being a child of God and would talk of his heavenly home.

The large concourse of people that gathered to attend the funeral and the flowers that were laid on his grave were evidence of the high esteem in which he was held.

In 1872 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Vunneannon and to this union were born 12 children. Surviving him are four sons, W. R., of near Ulah, with whom he was living at the time of his death; Noah, of near Seagrove; Yancy, of Biltmore; and Lacy, of Detroit, Mich.; three daughters, Mrs. S. C. Steward, of Burlington; Mrs. C. E. Durham, of Leaksville; and Mrs. O. J. Sink, of near Seagrove.

God blessed his children in giving them a christian father, then too, in allowing him to stay on the earth till he was 79 years, 5 months and 4 days of age. May the children trust in their father's God and meet him in heaven. We would say to these loved ones, sorrow not as those who have no hope while our loss is our dear, departed brother's gain. We are consoled with the thought that he has gone to the reward that is promised for the faithful. Let us rather be glad that the poor, worn, tired body has laid down to rest, thus setting the spirit free to enter that home to be with Jesus. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. I. Garner, at Pisgah church and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at this place.

—A Neighbor and Friend.

Miss Melise Lamb Entertains

Randleman, April 23.—Miss Melise Lamb delightfully entertained the Junior Missionary Society with an Easter party at her home on Main street, Monday night, April 18.

Enjoyable games were played, many interesting contests were enjoyed by all. The high score prize was awarded to Miss Mildred Brookshire. After the games had been played, the members were directed to the dining room where refreshments were served.

Those present were Misses Ethel Hill, Joanna Van Werry, Mary Martha Lineberry, Mildred Brookshire, Minnie Richardson, Ruby Barber, Johnnie Van Werry, Effie Richardson, Helen Lamb, and Messrs. Charles Lineberry, Clifton Hunt, Claude Van Werry, Sam Bowman and Kenett Lamb.

The "Duke" Still Game

"Rube" Elderidge, "Duke of Spero", though his home is at Glenola, is pitching ball for the High Point team of the Piedmont League again this season. The "Duke" pitched the opening game in the High Point park one day last week and won it 4 to 3. He let the opposing team down with six hits, which is something unusual for "Rube". They usually knock the "Rube's" offerings all over the lot, and he wins the game anyway.

Former Randleman Pastor Is Dead At Spruce Pine

Rev. G. H. Christenbury, pastor of Spruce Pine church, who died from a stroke of paralysis Saturday, April 16, was during the year 1914-15 pastor of the church at Randleman. He was a native of Mecklenburg county. Funeral and burial took place at Chapel M. E. church, six miles from Hunterville, in Mecklenburg county, Sunday, April 17.

Death Claims Mrs. Elizabeth Jones

Died At Home Of Her Daughter Near Bennett Recently—11 A Long Time.

Funeral At Beulah

Bennett, April 25.—Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, aged 74 years, widow of Anderson Jones, died at the home of her son, Eli Jones, at Bennett, Wednesday night. She had been an invalid for a number of years, but only a short while before her death had her condition become critical. In early life she joined Fall Creek Baptist church and in later years moved her membership to Beulah church, where she remained a consistent member until death.

Mrs. Jones was the mother of five sons, all of whom are living. They are: D. H. Jones, Asheboro; and Russell, John, Robert and Eli, all of Bennett. She leaves also one brother, H. C. Purvis; and two sisters, Miss Louisa Purvis and Mrs. Archie Shields; 19 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral was held at Beulah church by Rev. J. C. Kidd, of Bennett, and interment made in the church cemetery. The large number of people attending the funeral and the floral offerings attested the high esteem in which she was held by those who knew her.

SPARE THE DOGWOOD

(Elizabeth City Independent)

The dogwood blooms again, its radiant petals of snowy white gleaming in splendid profusion against the somber background of our pines and hardwoods. What a thrill the sight of a blossoming dogwood imparts to the native born and the transient guest alike!

And hundreds of our townspeople show their ignorance, their thoughtlessness, their selfishness and disregard for every principle of beauty and conservation by scouring the woods for dogwood and mutilating these beautiful trees for the sake of bringing back bouquets of blossoms that wilt and die within a few hours. We have practically denuded our forests of that most beautiful of all evergreens, the holly. The dogwood is threatened with a similar fate. Will not some one who reads this hesitate long before lending a hand to the robbery of our landscapes? Let the dogwood bloom and gladden the hearts of all who pass its way.

SET TOBACCO CLOSER ON FERTILE LAND

Raleigh, N. C., April 25.—Coarse, rough tobacco generally produced on soil that is very rich in humus or nitrogen may be avoided by the simple expedient of setting the plants closer together on the rows.

There are some fields or parts of fields such as turn rows, ditch banks, or where a legume crop has been grown and turned under, where it is impossible to produce a good quality of weed. The leaf grows out coarse and rough. Where this condition prevails, tests made at the Tobacco Branch Station near Oxford indicate that the plants may be set as close as 12 inches apart on the row with the rows four feet apart.

On one plot where a crop of either soybeans or cowpeas has been plowed under, every other year for twelve years, 1,000 pounds per acre of an 8-3-3 fertilizer was added and the tobacco then set 12 inches apart on rows four feet apart. This gave approximately 10,900 plants to the acre. The tobacco from this plot matured nicely, had plenty of size and body and cured out with good color. There was no rough, boney, diseased tobacco in the whole plot. Yet this invariably happens with ordinary settings on soils which have had such treatment as plowing under legume crops.

Last year was the first time that tobacco has been tested with settings as close as 12 inches. Heretofore, the settings have been made 18 inches apart in the row. However, farmers who have a piece of land which they consider too rich to grow out a good grade of leaf, should test out this result and try putting their plants closer together on the row, say agronomy workers at State College.

Gulford county officers watched a cache of 600 gallons of beer near Julian for several days waiting for the owners to show up. The owners were too wary, however, and officers destroyed the beer.

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Let me urge every person who has not paid his tax to do so at once and save cost for themselves and trouble for our office.

Yours very respectfully,

J. A. Brady

Sheriff of Randolph County

Last Notice