

# THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

A PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN PAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN HOMES AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

BURLINGTON, ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1914.

## Germans Who, at Terrible Sacrifice of Life, Closed the Yser Canal, Have Not Been Able To Make Further Progress

Battle For Straits of Dover Is Raging With Unabated Fury—Opposing Armies Are Devising Fierce Attacks—Loss Of Life Appalling—Towns and Villages Are Scenes of Hand to Hand Conflicts When the Forces Meet—Zephelins Wait On Navy—It is Believed When the German Navy Steams Forth the Monster Aircraft Will Assist in Crippling the British Fleet.

### TAXPAYERS ATTENTION.

When I was nominated for the position of county commissioner, I told my friends that I could not accept, and I have held to this conclusion until now, but there is such an insistent demand from all over this county that I stay in the race in order if elected I may be of some service to the taxpayers, that I have decided if the men who pay the taxes in this county want my services, and feel that I can help them in any way by being a member of the next board, I have decided if elected I will accept the position. Our county affairs are in bad shape, and it will take hard work to get them right again, besides years to do it. I am making a great personal sacrifice to allow my name to go before the good people of Alamance county for this position, and a greater sacrifice if I should be elected. But I promise to do the best I can, and I further promise that I will keep the people fully advised as to all matters in which they are interested and which affects their pocketbooks. Every five years the tax payers of this county pay out in interest upon bonds the sum of a hundred thousand dollars, every twenty-five years a half million dollars, where will it all stop, and after you have paid this half million dollars in interest the full amount of the bonds are still outstanding, sure you have never seriously considered this matter, or you would be more anxious to do something to stop this awful drain upon our resources, where is all this money to come from, in the end from your property and mine, the property that we ought to enjoy ourselves while living, and leave to our families when dead, will have to go to pay this enormous and burdensome debt. Do you love your party and the office holders more than you do your family, if you do then vote for present conditions, but if you love your family best, then vote to change present conditions. If you believe I can help you, put me upon the board, but if you do not believe I can, leave me at home.

Yours for better conditions.

R. T. KERNODLE.

### NO REDUCTION IN COST OF LIVING.

Has there been any reduction in the cost of living to offset this new competition? Have the army of consumers received a benefit in lower prices? Has the man who buys his goods over the counter of the retail store obtained them for less? There has been no such change. The new tariff has produced results only on one side of the ledger. The increased importations under the new law means merely so much yardage cut from the American textile mills, so much tonnage taken from the products of the farm, so much less demand for goods made by the American producer, so much less demand for American labor, with a resultant loss of the purchasing power of the whole citizenship of the United States.

The latest available trade figures of the government shows also a grievous fact as to our export business. As the result of the new tariff our foreign exports have not increased, but we are losing part of the trade we already had. For the seven months of the Democratic tariff law from January 1st to August 1st, the exports from the United States to foreign countries showed a falling off of 127 millions of dollars, an average of 18 millions a month, and nearly three-quarters of a million dollars every working day of the month, as compared with the same months of 1913, under the Republican tariff law. The very bad feature of these figures is that our export showing was progressively bad under the present law. Beginning with April, the decrease was so great that the balance of trade ran against the United States and continued to do so until the end.

### DEMOCRACY'S DESTRUCTIVE TARIFF.

Ever since the Democratic party came into power it has promised the country the dawn of our greatest era of prosperity. Every measure which it has passed was heralded as the welcome harbinger ushering in the long deferred but much desired boom.

The promised result has not come to pass, but business and labor are everywhere in distress. What is the true reason for present conditions? Why is the country living from hand to mouth? Why is no mill extending its plan? Why is there no flow of new capital into the productive industries of this great and powerful nation? Why were enterprises curtailed and plans for new ventures returned to the pigeon-holes? Why have our most optimistic and courageous American business men hesitated to enter into new ventures while capital laid idle in its repositories? Why did all these conditions of arrested development and delayed activity exist long before the breaking out of the European war?

### LACK OF CONFIDENCE.

The cause is lack of confidence, and legislative conditions adverse to business in the United States. New enterprises halt and industrial activity hesitates not only because the business men of the country universally distrust and fear the Democratic party and its policies, but also because they have tried and found it impossible to operate under the laws the Democratic party has enacted.

### ALAMANCE COUNTY COTTON FASHIONS SHOW.

The Alamance County Cotton Fashions Show will be held at Burlington, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30th and 31st, from 3 to 10 p. m.

The exhibitions will be held in the Hay Building on Front Street, and the public in general is invited to attend.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Baraca-Philathea City Union will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Baptist Church. A very interesting program is being prepared, and it is hoped that every class that holds membership in the Union will be represented with a good attendance. The program will appear in Friday's issue of The Dispatch.

### OUTSTANDING COUNTY BONDS.

For the information of the voters and tax payers of Alamance County, there are outstanding county bonds to the amount of three hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars as follows:

1903	\$50,000.00
1909	200,000.00
1911	23,000.00
1912	14,000.00
1913	20,000.00
1914 [This year] Did you know it.	20,000.00

Amounting to the enormous total of \$327,000.00  
Deduct amount claimed to be paid on these bonds 4,000.00

Leaving a balance due on bonds \$323,000.00  
Add to this outstanding county vouchers 8,600.00  
Add to this the new county jail, now being built, but not completed, contract price 10,000.00  
Add to this cost of sand clay road now being built between Haw River and Mebane 8,850.00

Amounting to the huge sum of \$350,500.00

Just think of it, three hundred and fifty thousand five hundred dollars, and this does not include any borrowed money from individuals, and other outstanding accounts which will have to be paid and yet they would have you believe that your financial affairs are in good shape, and that they ought to be continued in office because of this splendid financial showing, now really do you think so? If you do, vote to retain them, but if you think otherwise, then vote otherwise. Lay the copy of this paper away, and wait for the annual exhibit, then compare the two and you will learn the value of this paper to any voter and tax payer. All of this is a matter of record, and no one can deny the truthfulness of these statements, read it, and then take this paper in your hand and go to Graham and ask the ring to point out to you one false statement, it cannot be done, these are the facts, and facts will not lie. With this we leave the matter to your calm, cool judgment, render your verdict at the polls, will you do it, we shall see.

## The Tariff The Cause of Business Depression.

This paper wants the laboring men of this county to know what is causing the business depression which we are now passing through. Some would have you believe that it was the war, but this is not the cause, on the contrary our textile conditions here in Alamance County would have been much worse, but for the war. There was coming into the United States before the war started foreign made goods to the amount of millions of dollars worth a day, and this vast amount of foreign made goods was being sold in competition with the very class of goods made in this country, these foreign made goods were manufactured in countries where labor is cheap, the average man only receives 33 cents per day, and the average woman 25 cents per day. Since the war started this condition has been checked, there is hardly any foreign made goods coming to this country, and just as soon as the millions and millions of dollars worth that were already over here when the war broke out is used up, there should be a better demand for our own manufactured product, and with the better demand should come full time and better wages for our working men, the war will help us rather than hurt, and while we all deplore the war, yet the longer it lasts the greater our prosperity. The price of cotton has nothing to do with those who manufacture it, of course when it is cheap, it hurts the man who raises it, but when it is cheap our manufacturers can make cheap goods and therefore can more successfully compete with markets of the world, although they can never make goods as cheap as our foreign neighbors as long as our workmen are paid the wages they are now paid, and we all know that they are paid little enough at best. We want to say in justice to our manufacturers that we believe that they are paying about all they can afford, we do not know of any mill that is paying more than a fair return upon their investment, and they are always entitled to this. What we blame them for is their attitude upon this tariff question, they all know that under a Republican tariff that they can run their mills full time, and give employment to a full set of help, but a great many of the mill owners are Democrats and will allow their business to suffer and their help also rather than be frank and come out good and strong for a protective tariff, heretofore they could vote Democratic at home, and still be protected in their business by the Republican party, but since the Government has changed hands, all this is changed, and it is time for them to change. We can conceive of no condition which warrants manufacturers and business men to take a position upon the tariff question that they know is inimical to their success in business. The manufacturers are doing all in their power we believe to keep their mills going in order that their help may not suffer, but if there is no market they are powerless to create one, in the language of William McKinley, when he said during the Cleveland administration, to open the mills and not the mints, we say now restore the tariff upon cotton goods, and you will open the mills of this country, and they will make a market for the cotton, if it were not for the low tariff upon cotton goods, our mills would be running full time both night and day, take our word for it and vote the Republican ticket, if we are successful in county state and nation, there will be an era of prosperity such as this country has never witnessed before.

### CAMPAIGN CANARDS.

We warn our friends and readers to be on the lookout for campaign canards or to use plain English campaign lies. The ring heels are already industriously at work. You will hear all kinds of things, but pay no attention to any of them, especially about this paper and its Editor. All the articles appearing in this paper for which we are responsible are based upon facts and we unqualifiedly stand by them, scan the columns of this paper closely and accept all our statements as true and to be relied upon, therefore we have nothing to deny or retract, remember this and do not allow yourself to be misled. All of your candidates are men of character and ability and are able to take care of themselves. Be firm and true to the principles which you profess to believe in and victory will be ours—forewarned is forearmed.

Our Democratic friends are holding a meeting in town today. The Registrars, who are supposed to be impartial judges, are here with their registration books, the Democratic candidates and the upright and honest judges are behind closed doors ascertaining the result, why not these honest and upright registrars go into secret conference with the Republican-Progressive candidates, they too would be glad to see the books and give the registrars a little secret instructions as to the final outcome, would it not be just as fair to allow the Republicans to take a peep at the book? The truth is that the registrars should be so fair, so honest, so upright in every respect that they would not take their registration books and go into secret conference with any political party, as a rule the registrars in this county are all good men, clever men if you please, and just why they think they are bound to do these things for the Democratic party and not for the Republican party we cannot see, let us hope that in the future, they will consider it improper to exhibit their books to any party away from their homes, or polling places. We believe when the registrars see the injustice of this custom in its true light, that they will refuse to do it, which will mean a better day for Alamance County politics.

### THE TEST OF THE NEW LAW.

Fortunately for the cause of protection to American industry, and unfortunately for the Democratic party, there was a real and accurate test of the new tariff and a comparison with its Republican predecessor before the beginning of hostilities abroad, which has temporarily put an end to normal importations.

The price that the American producer paid for the privilege of living under the new tariff is one million dollars a day more of foreign competition for him to face in the market of the United States. According to government statistics there was an increase in value of foreign goods brought into the United States of twenty-six million dollars a month, or one million dollars a day for every working day of the month.

This foreign merchandise is brought to this country to be sold. By just the amount of the increase in importation will there be a loss of market to the American producer. By just so much will the sale of American goods in the American market fall short of the sales for the same period under the Republican tariff law. An additional competition of one million dollars a day faces the American producer so long as the Democratic tariff law remains on the statute books and European conditions are normal. And the loss and the injury that result from this will be felt in the workroom of the mill as well as in the counting room; and will reach the Northern farmer in his fields.

## HON. A. A. WHITENER

Republican Candidate for United States Senate,

will address the people of Alamance County, upon the issues of the day in

**Burlington Brick Warehouse**  
**Friday Night, October 30, at 8 O'clock.**

Every Body Invited. The Ladies Especially. Good Seats Provided.

Mr. Whitener is a pleasant and entertaining speaker and will please you. Mr. Whitener is a Prominent Junior, and will be pleased to see the Juniors and Daughters of Liberty present.

Remember The Date. : : Remember The Time,  
Remember The Man.

Come One, Come All, And Bring Your Friends.