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## EDITORIAL BRIEFS

MASSACHUSETTS IS LINED UP.  
Colonel Roosevelt Writes the Progressive Committee in That State Complimenting Them for Taking the First Step to Organize Since the Election.

Already the Democratic office-seekers are referring to it as the uncivil service.

Durham is boiling its drinking water, but continues to take its whiskey straight.

After Wilson is inaugurated Washington will witness the charge of the pie brigade.

Since Simmons' friend Lorimer has been ousted, wonder who Simmons considers the peer of the Senate?

If North Carolina stands for prohibition, the prohibition candidate for President has very little evidence of the fact.

If all the Democrats who want of had voted for Wilson he might have come nearer polling the strength of his party.

Since the Democrats have won they should revise their salaries downward. In this way they could save the country a good deal.

Wonder why President-elect Wilson thought April an appropriate month in which to call the Democrats together to revise the tariff.

There are so many Democratic candidates for the Charlotte post-office that some of the citizens of that town are favoring a primary to settle the question.

According to Simmons' campaign statement, it cost him over seven thousand dollars just to get the Senatorial nomination at the hands of his friends.

One Democratic paper says Wilson is the luckiest man in the United States. But as Wilson is not the whole United States, how about the balance of the country?

An exchange says that ex-Governor Glenn may soon throw his hat in the ring. If he does, it might be well for him to throw in an old one that he doesn't care for specially.

It is announced that the Democratic members of the Legislature from Durham will vote to repeal the dog law in Durham County. They must have lost some dog votes at the last election.

The Wilmington Star is requesting those who do not get an office under the Democratic administration not to get mad. Goodness alive, man, for what do you think they did all that work and hurrahing!

Those Democrats who are already applying for the fourth class post-masterships will doubtless be surprised when they wake up and find that President Taft has placed those jobs under the civil service.

Even before Wilson could get in his seat the Democrats have figured it out that there are 391,350 offices in Uncle Sam's realm. Democrats prove to be great mathematicians when it comes to figuring on pie.

The Democrats once complained that there were too many offices around Washington, but as soon as Wilson was elected he announced that he wanted a new Cabinet office created. It makes a difference, doesn't it?

When Governor Wilson left for the Isle of Bermuda he said if any office-seeker followed him there he would be sure not to get what he went for. Which shows that the pie-hunters are already making Governor Wilson's life miserable.

Last spring Governor Wilson said the song entitled, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," was very foolish. But, as soon as he was elected President and the Democratic office-seekers began to crowd him, Mr. Wilson experienced a change of mind and immediately put out for the beautiful Isle of somewhere, and cut the wires behind him.

## MANY FEAR TARIFF

Industries and Private Individuals Become Restive Despite Wilson's Promises.

## ASK HEARING IN CONGRESS

Do Not Want the Democrats to Introduce Any More Pop-Gun Bills—Bryan Announces His Position Which Borders on Free Trade—Speaker Clark Favors Cutting to the Bone—Committees Ready to Commence Work as Soon as They Can Decide What to Do.

[Washington (D. C.) Post.] Shall it be tariff with incidental protection or tariff "for the purpose of revenue" as written in the Democratic platform?

When the tariff law to be approved by President Wilson has been finally constructed the country will know whether Democracy, entering upon a new lease for power, is a party of radicals or a party reasonably conservative. Lulled for a time into a feeling of security by the utterances of Mr. Wilson, business men and manufacturers, viewed the coming assumption of the Democratic party of full control of all branches of the government, with complacency.

The recently expressed views of the dominant leaders of the party in the House have again aroused a feeling of marked uneasiness. Thousands of industries, in which both great corporations and private individuals have their money invested, once more are beginning to show evidence of alarm at the prospect before them.

These men of affairs, who produce the grand total of American trade and who employ a large army of American workmen and skilled mechanics, are asking themselves whether it will be possible for Mr. Wilson, no matter how sincere he may be, to lead Congress away from the radical path toward which its legislative steps seem now to be directed. The query arises in their minds whether the new President will be in possession of sufficient knowledge of the tariff to enable him to differentiate between the glittering generalities advanced by those who would cut rates to the bone, and concrete facts so necessary to a complete understanding of this economic question.

Some money will be available for the assistance of the State authorities. The War Department also proposes to detail inspector-instructors to assist State officials and war material for the militia will be distributed and stored in suitable depots to be at hand locally when mobilization is ordered.

"General Oliver plans to have the first four of the sixteen divisions composed entirely of regular troops with the District of Columbia assigned to duty as regulars.

## MR. TAFT SPEAKS IN NEW YORK.

Was Guest of the Lotus Club Saturday Night and Sang His "Swan Song."

New York, Nov. 16.—President Taft sang his "swan song" as Chief Executive of the nation to-night. As the guest of the Lotus Club the President responded to the toast, "The President," in a speech which many of his hearers considered the most remarkable he has ever made.

He shifted from grave to gay and from the philosophy which he said four years in the White House had taught

to a discussion of problems which face the nation. He laughed at the outcome of the election, smiled when he spoke of some of the plans of President-elect Wilson and touched with gentle sarcasm on William Jennings Bryan.

In his serious moments the Presi-

dent earnestly advocated the ad-

mission to the halls of Congress the

members of a President's Cabinet, de-

clared that a six-year term in the

Presidency was enough for any man;

advocated strongly the placing in the

civil service of practically every offi-

cer in the Government service, and

hinted broadly that Congress should

provide for ex-Presidents so that they

need not lower the dignity of the po-

sition they have held when they en-

ter into private life.

His chief regret, the President

said, was that he had been unable

to influence the United States Senate

to ratify the arbitration treaties with

France and Great Britain.

Strange Case of Blood Poisoning in Hyde County—One Dead and Another Ill.

A Belhaven, N. C., dispatch of No-

vember 16th says:

"Blank Jordan, formerly of this

town, but now residing in Hyde County, is seriously ill from blood poison

which he is said to have contracted

while lending his assistance to a peddler

who had been cut and poisoned

while opening a can of meat and died

shortly afterwards at the home of

Joe Sawyer, in Hyde County.

Report goes that Mr. Jordan was scratched on one of his legs while descending from his buggy, and in some way his wound came in contact with the poisoned blood from the wound of the peddler. The latest report is that Mr. Jordan's condition is growing more serious and that he is not expected to recover.

remedy. The men close to Mr. Underwood say these bills will be the basis of those to be offered to the next House in the Senate, and many of the items were refused Democratic support.

William Randolph Hearst, owner of a string of influential papers across the continent and one time a candidate for the nomination, upon his departure Saturday from Europe for home, issued a statement supporting what he understood to be the meaning of Mr. Wilson's tariff announcement. Mr. Hearst said he did not believe the Democrats would reduce the tariff to such an extent as to unduly invite foreign competition in American markets and through that sort of legislation put American industries out of business. This policy, Mr. Hearst declared, would put the party out of power promptly.

## INDUSTRIES DEMAND HEARING.

Many things were permitted in the pop-gun bills of the last session that would have been protested had not the industries affected known these measures were to be vetoed. As an illustration, the placing of a large list of machine tools on the free list may be given. There are several States wherein such industries thrive, and the Representatives and Senators from those States—Ohio being a noted example—will never consent that industries employing vast numbers of men and having many millions of capital involved shall be subjected to tariff changes without the courtesy of a hearing before the committees of both Houses.

There will be no undue haste in passing a tariff bill through the House. Nor can bill that is unjust and sectional expect to obtain a majority vote in the Senate. Democrats are beginning to see it is a far cry from a gradual reduction of existing rates; the cutting off of objectionable and oppressive rates in certain items out of which special privileges have grown, and the drastic chopping of duties advocated by many members of the party regardless of the effect such action will have on the country. Before these men have gone far with this policy they will be asked by their associates to stop and consider what effect it may have upon their party.

## TREASURER MCCLUNG RESIGNS.

Result of Continued Friction With Secretary McVeagh.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Announcement of the resignation of Lee McClung as Treasurer of the United States, was made by President Taft today. Mr. McClung tendered his resignation to the President at a conference at the executive mansion early today, and its acceptance later was announced by the President from the executive offices, with the explanation that Mr. McClung resigned voluntarily. It is believed that Carmi Thompson, now private secretary to the President, will succeed him.

It is rumored that his resignation came as the result of continued friction with Secretary MacVeagh.

Mr. McClung was one of the treasury officials named by Assistant Secretary A. Platt Andrew as having been in continued controversy with the Secretary of the Treasury, when Mr. Andrew, in a letter accompanying his resignation, declared that the secretary and his assistants were not in harmony.

## STANLY REPUBLICANS CHARGE FRAUD.

Have Retained Two Attorneys to Ferret Out Democratic Frauds.

A special from Albemarle to Saturday's Charlotte Observer says:

"Immediately after the election the Republicans of Stanly County claimed that they intended to contest and serve notice upon the Democrats that this would be done. They claimed that there were irregularities at two of the precincts in the county. At that time none of the Democrats regarded this action on the part of the Republicans very seriously. However, they got busy, took subscriptions among the ardent Republicans of the county and got a liberal fee for attorneys to have the matter investigated, and it now looks like that there is something more than a joke in the dispute.

Bryan Gives Advice.

Colonel Bryan already is giving advice looking to radical changes in existing tariff rates. Mr. Bryan stands where he did years ago, on a platform of tariff for revenue only, virtually trade.

If his counsel on this subject is heeded, it would be easy to forecast the nature of the Democratic tariff law.

Behind him are a number of prominent men in the House of

Representatives. Speaker Clark, himself, is on record for an exceedingly low tariff.

The bills drawn by Representative Underwood and vetoed by President Taft are held by many

Democrats, especially in the Senate, not to have been prepared with proper care.

It was charged that they were as full of uneven spots as the Payne-Aldrich law they sought to

## WAR MAY SOON END

The Warring Countries are Preparing for an Armistice.

## BIG BATTLE FOUGHT SUNDAY

Foreign Residents Witnessing Artillery Duel Describe it as Magnificent.

Three Bulgarian Batteries Reported Destroyed and 8,000 Prisoners Taken—An Explosion Killed 312 Turks—Five Thousand Cases of Cholera in Turkey Each Day—Frightful Conditions Exist Among the Troops.

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