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THOUSANDS BEG RELIEF

May Rescind Civil Service Orders so as to Throw 30,000 Jobs on the Market

THE SPECIAL SESSION APRIL 7

However the Tariff is Not Being Discussed Much—The Question Before the Democrats in Washington is, How to Get Jobs for the Hungry Followers at Home—One Kentucky Congressman Says the Democrats Must Have Jobs or His State Will Go Republican—Ex-Speaker Cannon Gives Out Statement Showing Democrats Will Bankrupt National Treasury.

(Special to The Caucasian.)
Washington, D. C., March 18, 1913.

President Wilson has issued his proclamation calling Congress into session on April 7th. This announcement of an extra session, however, and the great and important matters that will be taken up for consideration, including the tariff and currency reform, are not being discussed much by the Democratic Congressmen and politicians in Washington. The great question before them day and night is how to get jobs for the hungry political henchmen at home, many of whom are already camping here at Washington, on their heels.

The President Shutting Out Office-Seekers.

Thousands of office-seekers came to the inauguration intending to stay until they got their jobs and went home with them. The pressure from them and their Congressmen was so terrific that the President was forced to announce early that he would not see any office-seekers, but that they must present their claims before his Cabinet officers. The pressure before the Cabinet officers since then has been so great that already more than one of them have declared that they will not see hereafter any office-seekers.

Office-Seekers Attacking the Civil Service.

Soon after the new Postmaster-General was inaugurated he announced that those who were in office under the civil service, whether Democrats or Republicans, would be protected. The pressure on the Postmaster-General, however, has become so great that to-day he has yielded and has announced that he is in favor of rescinding the civil service orders of President Taft, covering over 30,000 postmasters, and that Democrats shall be given a chance to secure these places through competitive examinations.

It is said that the Postmaster-General has been told by many Democratic Congressmen that the Democratic party would go to pieces if this wasn't done. It is reported that one Democratic Congressman from Kentucky said that at least three, if not a majority of the districts of his State, would go Republican at the next election if the hungry Democratic politicians were not given full swing at the Federal pie-counter.

It has been the habit of the Democratic newspapers in North Carolina and all the Southern States, when the Republicans were in power, to declare that the Republican party was a party controlled by pie-hunters and pie-eaters, and that the Democratic party was a great idealistic party that voted for high principles and was not controlled by its stomach and a hunger for the "flesh-pots of Egypt." The fact is, that present situation in Washington is the greatest stomach and flesh-pot demonstration that has ever been seen in the history of this Government.

Democrats Will Bankrupt the National Treasury.

A statement has just been issued by ex-Speaker Cannon reviewing the record of the last and several preceding Congresses. He shows that the Democratic Congress has done nothing that it promised to do, and has, in fact, violated all of its campaign pledges. He charges that the last Democratic Congress was not only the most extravagant Congress that this country has ever seen, but that it has spent money recklessly for self and for partisan purposes, while it has neglected the great and important functions of government, including the protection of the nation itself.

He showed that the last Democratic Congress spent more than \$86,000,000 above any amount ever expended by any Republican, or any other Congress. He pointed out that every Republican Congress had spent a liberal amount necessary for maintaining

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Allen Critcher, of Rocky Mount, was knocked down by a stroke of lightning during a storm last Friday.

A Washington dispatch says that Walker W. Vick, formerly of Wilmington, is slated for U. S. sub-treasurer at New York.

The House of Representatives of Nebraska has defeated the proposed constitutional amendment permitting women to vote in that State.

A Union Pacific passenger train ran into the rear end of express train near Omaha, Neb., Friday, killing four persons and injuring thirty more.

Herbert Smith, a young fisherman of Penny's Hill, N. C., was drowned there early today when a boat in which he and his younger brother was swamped.

The nomination of John Burke, former Governor of North Dakota, to be Treasurer of the United States was sent to the Senate by President Wilson Saturday afternoon.

Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, former Secretary of State in Pres. Cleveland's Cabinet, Saturday declined the post of ambassador to Great Britain. Mr. Olney feels that he is too old to go abroad.

Following a deadlock of many weeks the Legislature of New Hampshire has elected Henry F. Morris, Democrat, United States Senator. Charges of fraud have been made in connection with his election.

John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, Va., former president of the Seaboard Air Line, for assistant Secretary of the Treasury, was among nominations President Wilson sent to the Senate last Thursday.

A large brick building occupied by Messrs. Kesler, Raney and Lomax in the dry goods district of Salisbury, was gutted by fire early Saturday morning. Loss, building and stock, amounts to over \$13,000.

The body of Israel Battle, an aged negro, was found by the railroads at Rocky Mount Thursday. Battle was returning home from prayer-meeting at the time of his death, which resulted from an unknown cause.

Mrs. Nancy Nash, who lived in the suburbs of Charlotte, was burned to death in her room Sunday morning. The woman, who was a paralytic, was unable to escape from the building, which caught fire from unknown cause.

A million pounds of sugar at 4.2 cents a pound for the use of the men in the United States Navy during the year was the contract awarded Saturday by Paymaster General T. J. Cowie to a New York wholesale grocery firm.

Postmaster General Burleson is working on a plan to be presented to President Wilson whereby the 35,000 third and fourth class postmaster-ships placed under the civil service by President Taft may be opened to Democrats.

Julian Hawthorne, Dr. William J. Morton and Albert Freeman were convicted in a New York Federal court Friday of making fraudulent use of the mails in promoting mining claims. Josiah Quincy, former mayor of Boston, another defendant, was acquitted.

Bob Snipes, who was arrested in Los Angeles several months ago and brought to Morganton to be tried on a charge of the murder of John Brittain in Burke County fifteen years ago, plead guilty to manslaughter Saturday and was sentenced to four months in the State Penitentiary at light labor. There was some doubt as to Snipes' sanity.

LON WELLS SENTENCED TO PRISON.

Was Once a Member of the Legislature and a Cleveland Elector—Another Good Democrat Gone Wrong.

Greensboro, March 15.—Lon Wells, once a member of the North Carolina General Assembly and later the Cleveland presidential elector from western North Carolina, has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Foushee at Bryson City, North Carolina, charged with the larceny of nineteen suits of clothing from the Southern Railway Company. With Wells was sentenced his wife for the same period of time. Wells served as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly in 1887 and 1892, was a Cleveland elector. He has been prominent in western North Carolina affairs for many years and at one time was an influential politician.

REAL ANCIENT HISTORY

Great Britain and France Get Into War on Account of Portugal

ENGLISH GOT MUCH TERRITORY

Wellington Liked the Looks of Madrid—Waterloo Changed the Map of the World and Gave Longtime Peace—A King and Queen Live a Warm Life for Twenty-Five Years—When No Reform Was Wanted—Great Britain Now a Good Country.

Correspondence of The Caucasian-Enterprise.

Bilkinsville, N. C., Mar. 17, 1913.

In 1810 Great Britain wuz drawn into a contest, or went into hit with France, on account of Portugal. The British troops occupied the frontier of Portugal an' the French placed 80,000 troops in the country, under Mahsena. Lord Wellington commanded the British an' Portuguese. A bomb fell in the powder magazine established by the British at Almeida, causing a disastrous explosion. Wellington retreated toward Lisbon, destroyin' awl food and forage supplies along the line of march, which wuz so discouragin' that pursuit wuz given up. This war, while not noted for a great number of battles, lasted for more than two years. At the end of hit Great Britain had most of the islands east of the cape of Good Hope. In the meantime the Prince of Wales had the executive duties as regent and the regency parliament wuz opened.

Wellington had his eye upon the capitol of Spain and finally made his way there in spite of the French soldiers and what opposition Spain offered. Joseph, the Spanish King, remained in the field and Wellington marched to Madrid. There a strange thing happened—Wellington, the commander of the British army, wuz placed in command of the Spanish soldiers. But Wellington returned to Portugal, war bein' his trade, he didn't seem to enjoy civil life, even though he had a chance to step to the front politically. For some months there wuz heavy fittin' on the part of the British, French and Spanish, the armies of each country bein' divided and placed at points supposed to be to their advantage at the time. At Burgos Wellington began a seige which lasted thirty-five days without success, he finally giving up the idea of the capture of that place. But Wellington mite hev fared worse at this time if Napoleon Bonaparte had not been on his disastrous campaign in Russia. France wuz actually fittin' Great Britain, Russia and a part of Spain awl at the same time.

During the followin' year Wellington made another trip to Madrid with his British army. But he found the new King out of town and there wuz not much goin' on in the way of war. But on his return he found a large division of the French army. A battle took place and one hundred and fifteen cannon and four hundred and fifteen wagons loaded with ammunition fell into the hands of the victorious British.

The battle of Waterloo wuz a great event in the history of Britain. Hit decided the fate of Napoleon Bonaparte and gave peace for a long time to the whole of Europe. Together with several other less important battles Wellington obtained a firm foothold on certain French territory which he held for quite awhile.

George the Fourth had married the Princess of Wales. The King decided to get rid of his wife. Royalty had been in trouble more or less since time began. But a real divorce, a somewhat modern institution, wuz rather new. The Queen had been away from home. When she returned a royal salute wuz fired in her honor. The trouble between the king and his wife had been going on for some time an' there wuz no let up. For twenty-five years they wrangled.

The King became very fat before his death. He had a disease known as ossification of the heart. He died practically friendless, havin' no gift in the art of makin' friends. Only a servant wuz present when the King died. Ov him hit wuz said that he early in life selected the very worst characters as his boon companions. After he reached the throne he contracted debts to an enormous amount, which, however, were finally paid by the British Government. He wuz ruler over the people of three great countries, though classed as one, and yet he didn't hev even one friend who cared enough for him to be present when death came. Hit hez been said that "kings have no friends." Some ov them have proven the truth of this.

William the 4th became King ov Great Britain in 1830. In his first

THE MOST RECKLESS AND EXTRAVAGANT CONGRESS.

Former Speaker Cannon Issues a Statement as to the Record of the Democratic Congress—Has Appropriated Over \$86,000,000 More Than Any Republican Congress in the History of the Country—Many New Offices Created for Democrats at the Expense of the People.

Mr. Cannon, the former Speaker, in his statement, said in part: "All performances of Republican Houses place into utter insignificance when placed in contrast with what the Democratic House of Representatives of the Sixty-Second Congress has accomplished in emptying the Treasury and piling up obligations against revenues to be derived by direct taxation and from revenue of free-trade tariff laws, for which the new administration stands committed and solemnly pledged.

"The present Congress, with its large Democratic majority in the House, has increased direct appropriations over those made by the previous Congress, controlled by a Republican majority in both branches, by the immense sum of \$63,476,100.22, and the contract liabilities and obligations in the nature of authorized public works, additional to specific appropriations, for the session now closing exceed those of the last session of the last Republican Congress by more than \$23,383,889 or a total excess of combined direct appropriations and authorized expenditures by this Congress over its Republican predecessor of \$86,860,049.22.

"Nor should it be overlooked that of the \$43,454,145 of contracts authorized at the last session of the last Republican House \$30,352,500 was for battleships and other vessels for the American navy, in which all patriotic citizens are equally interested.

Comparison With Receipts.

"The total revenues of the government, according to the estimates for the next fiscal year, under existing Federal tax laws will amount to only \$991,791,508, or \$106,856,452.21 less than the direct appropriations made this session, and if we add to the latter the sum of contracts and obligations authorized in addition that will have to be appropriated for the deficit will reach \$183,812,626.21.

"And so we have this situation: "The Democratic party solemnly promised, if intrusted with the reins of government, to reduce expenditures. With its customary failure to perform according to its pledges, it has enormously increased expenditures.

"It has promised, with even greater solemnity, to reduce the burdens of taxation. It has, by legislation for which it is responsible, made it practically impossible to avoid an increase in taxation.

Many New Offices Created.

"During the last session of this Congress a total increase of 7,049 places were added to the salaried roll of the government, making a permanent annual charge on the Treasury of \$7,696,662.50."

DEMOCRATS EMPTYING THE TREASURY.

Cannon Declares \$87,000,000 More Was Appropriated By Last Congress Than Ever Before.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch of last Friday says:

Appropriations of the last session of Congress, including the sundry civil and the Indian appropriation bills which failed at the last moment, but which are to be put through at the coming extra session, aggregated \$1,098,647,960.

The annual statements given out today by Chairman Fitzgerald, of the appropriations committee, and by former Speaker Cannon for the Republicans, agree on that total.

Mr. Cannon adds, however, that in addition to that amount, contracts authorized for public works involve further expenditures of \$76,956,174. Mr. Cannon, analyzing the figures, declared that the appropriations made and obligations created during the entire Sixty-Second Congress aggregated \$2,238,470,990, an excess of almost \$87,000,000 over the previous Republican Congress, and that the probable deficit in the revenues for 1914 will be \$183,821,626.

"All performances of Republican Houses," added the former Speaker, "fall into utter insignificance in contrast with what the Democratic House of the Sixty-Second Congress has accomplished in emptying the treasury and piling obligations."

Mr. Jas. B. Duke Resigns From Imperial Company.

Mr. J. B. Duke has resigned as a director of Imperial Tobacco Company. Mr. Duke is chairman of the board of trustees of the British-American Tobacco Company, recently organized, it is claimed, to war on the American Tobacco Company.

COL. ROOSEVELT SPEAKS

Addresses Conference of Pennsylvania Progressives on the Duties of Party

Urges Need of Thorough Organization for Studying and Securing Ideals on Which Platform is Based—Must Have Cleaner Politics—Speaker Greeted by a Large Audience.

Former President Roosevelt addressed a large audience in Philadelphia a few nights ago and urged the need of a thorough organization for studying and securing the ideals on which the platform of the Progressive party was based. The occasion was the first annual Progressive conference of the State of Pennsylvania.

In introducing Colonel Roosevelt, Dean Lewis said: "We have met here to-night to listen to the man who is the leader in the most wonderful awakening of the individual and group conscience of modern times. There are few who doubt that he has done more than any one man to arouse the conscience of the people. He is a great personal force making for better things."

Colonel Roosevelt said in part: "The Progressive party has been founded primarily to render social and industrial service. This means, of course, that there must be clean politics. Rotten politics in the end means rotten business and rotten conditions generally. The first requisite in any movement for any species of betterment in this country must be honest.

"The Progressive service branch of our party activities is devoted to social research, its organized, efficient shape, and is endeavoring to correlate it with the acts of law-making bodies and the needs of the public.

"Our party is not in power; it is not in office; but it is our duty to formulate public opinion and prepare it so that it shall insist on action along the lines we indicate. We recognize the urgent need of strengthening our party by means of organization; extension of the machinery; but we recognize with equal emphasis that machinery, while imperatively necessary, is of use only if treated as a practical means of securing applied realism. The Progressive service is organized because our party for the first time in the history of any great party in this country, recognizes that the party organization can best be strengthened by continuous, organized party work for definite aims and ideals.

"I wish to congratulate you men in Pennsylvania upon the fight the Progressive party is making in the Legislature to achieve its purpose and thereby justify its existence. All your proposed laws are good; the primary law for instance, and the corrupt practices act. But peculiar importance attaches to the three acts proposed for regulating child labor, for regulating the employment of women, and for creating a minimum wage for both women and children. The underpayment of wage-earners is one of the worst evils of our present industrial system, and it is not only an evil in itself, but it is at the bottom of the sweatshop problem.

"The Progressive party was founded primarily to meet the great awakening of conscience which we have seen in the American people during the last few years. Thoughtful men and women have grown to realize that it is impossible that either our present political or our present industrial conditions shall continue unchanged if the Republic itself is to live and prosper. Self-government is incompatible with dishonest government; and a political democracy and a business oligarchy cannot permanently exist in the same country side by side."

UNIVERSITY HAZERS FOUND GUILTY.

Three Boys Were Sentenced for Four Months With Privilege to Hire Out Fathers Hire the Boys.

Ralph W. Oldham, William L. Merriam, and Aubrey C. Hatch, University of North Carolina students, were tried at Hillsboro Friday and Saturday and were convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of Isaac Rand, of Smithfield, a fellow-student.

Judge Peebles sentenced the three boys to jail for four months, giving the commissioners power to hire the boys out. The fathers paid the commissioners \$75, which it is claimed would have been the amount of four months' work, and the boys were released. The Governor has been asked for a pardon for the three boys so as to remove some of the stigma.

BIG QUESTION OF EXPENSE.

The Matter of Finance Was Biggest Thing Before the Legislature—A Big Deficit—Tax Rate on Poll and Property Increased—A Bond Issue Besides.

"The last Legislature did something, whether it is what the people wanted or not. They increased the tax rate on property and on the poll and raised the taxes on about every industry, and increased some salaries and created some new offices, and after a few other preliminaries, adjourned.

A special correspondent of the Charlotte Observer sent his paper the following resume of the deeds and misdeeds of the recent session of the Legislature:

"The General Assembly just adjourned passed and ratified 1,527 acts and 60 resolutions, compared with 1,460 acts and 55 resolutions two years ago.

"Overshadowing all other questions in importance, this session was the matter of finance, the Legislature having to face the deficit in the treasury of approximately \$800,000. This was met by an increase in the tax levy from \$1.29 to \$1.45 on the poll and from 45 to 47 2-3 cents on the \$100 property by raising the tax on corporations from the old graduated plan to one-twenty-fifth of one per cent on the capital stock, increasing income and inheritance taxes and enacting more stringent machinery for their collection and putting on automobile manufacturers a license tax of \$500.

"The recommendation of the Governor and the Finance Committee for a reassessment of property and a special State Tax Commission was disregarded. A rather stringent measure enacted in this connection was one directing sheriffs to collect unpaid privilege and license taxes for four years back.

"Among the more progressive acts was one providing for a six months' public school term in all counties; a compulsory school attendance law, optional, however, with the various counties; an act allowing women to serve on school committees, boards of trustees of educational institutions and text-book commissions.

"A special commission is conferring with railroad officials as to discriminations in freight rates against North Carolina towns, and is expected to effect concessions solving to a considerable extent this long-venexing problem.

"The question as to amending the Constitution was settled by a resolution calling for an extra session of the Legislature and the appointment by the Governor of a special commission to consider all proposed amendments and report to the extra session.

"The number of Superior Court judges and judicial districts was increased from 16 to 20, and the State redistricted. A new automobile law imposes on owners a graduated annual license tax from \$5 to \$15 in place of the flat tax of \$5, with \$1 renewal fee.

"Among notable bills killed were the measure for legalized State-wide primaries, a bill calling for a series of State bond issues in aid of the counties in road construction, which would have meant the issuance of \$24,600,000 in State bonds in forty-one years, with a provision for county bonds to be taken as security at a higher rate of interest, a bill fixing the salaries of solicitors and a bill providing for a uniform plan of examination and certification of public school teachers.

"A State bond issue of \$1,142,500 was ordered for the purpose of meeting the deficit and permanent improvements at State institutions."

REV. J. W. HAM IN TROUBLE.

Was Arrested in Atlanta for Balance Due on \$325 Diamond Ring.

Saturday's Atlanta Journal states Rev. J. W. Ham, former assistant pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, in Atlanta, was temporarily under arrest last Thursday for his failure to pay balance due on a \$325 diamond ring, which he had purchased on the installment plan from a Macon, Ga., jeweler more than a year ago. Mr. Ham explained to the Journal that he had been receiving only about \$40 a month and found it impossible to finish paying for the ring. It was further stated that friends of Mr. Ham were trying to make up the balance due on the ring. The Journal also states that Mr. Ham has done evangelistic work in North Carolina. If this reporter is not mistaken Mr. Ham created some little excitement down at Newbern sometime ago when he walked in there to reform that town.

Death of Mrs. Daniel L. Russell.

Mrs. Sarah Amanda Russell, widow of former Governor Daniel L. Russell, died Tuesday evening at her home in Brunswick County, after an illness of several months.