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ARE STILL PROTESTING

Mill Men Declare New Tariff Schedule Will Close Mills and Throw Labor out of Work

A CONGRESSMAN ATTACKED

Congressman Sims attacked Washington Banker in a speech—The Banker later attacked Mr. Sims personally on the street—Commission Form of Government in the Flooded Towns—Is Practical and Economical—Mr. Webb of South Carolina—Should Have King's Mountain Monument Moved or a New One Erected in the State.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., April 22, 1913.

A few days ago a dinner was gotten up at the Willard Hotel for the purpose of bringing Secretary of State Bryan and Speaker Champ Clark together, to make friends and bury the hatchet. They met at the dinner and shook hands and each handed to the newspapers a statement which had been prepared for the peace meeting.

The statements, however, were of such a cold and stilted nature as would seem to give a new cause of offense to each side.

A Congressman Attacked.

Congressman Sims, of Tennessee, some months ago, during the last Congress, attacked Mr. Glover, the President of the Riggs National Bank, in a speech on the floor of the House, charging that Mr. Glover had been instrumental in unloading a lot of real estate on the government at a good profit to himself and for a selfish purpose.

Mr. Glover, who, by the way was born in Macon County, N. C., met Mr. Sims on the street a few days ago and made a personal assault upon him for the statement contained in his speech in the House.

The Constitution makes every member of Congress immune from attack for any remarks used in debate in Congress. The House has appointed a committee to investigate this attack with a view to having Mr. Glover arrested and brought before the bar of the House and tried on a charge of contempt.

There are a number of precedents for such action on the part of the House, where a member has been attacked in a similar way.

The Commission Form of Government.

Those who favor or oppose the commission form of government for cities should take note of the fact that every one of the cities in Ohio and other western States, that have been devastated by the recent floods and storms have been forced to ignore their present aldermanic forms of city government and resort to the appointment of a commission of three or five of the leading citizens of each town to take charge of the welfare of persons and property of each city that has suffered so terribly.

Nothing could illustrate more forcibly the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of a commission form of government than what these western towns have been forced to do in their dire need.

In short, the old form of city government, with ten, twenty or thirty aldermen representing so many districts completely broke down in usefulness under the appalling conditions which these towns recently faced. Therefore, they at once turned to the appointment of a commission of their leading citizens to take charge of the entire affairs of each town. If such a method is necessary and so effective in a crisis, how much more necessary to have this effective form of government at all times.

Raleigh has just adopted the commission form of government, and Charlotte, the largest city in the State, has, unfortunately, just voted down the commission form of government. Therefore, these suggestions are now especially commended to the citizens of Charlotte, who have temporarily delayed this great and wholesome reform.

The Cotton Mill Men Still Protest.

The cotton mill men of the South are still protesting by telegram, by letter and by coming here in person against the reduction of the protective duties on cotton by 50 per cent. They declare that such a reduction will close most of the mills and throw their laborers out of employment. They further declare that it will reduce materially the price of cotton to the farmer and are appealing loudly to the Democratic Congress to leave the duties as they are.

There is but little prospect that their appeals will be heeded. There (Continued on page 2.)

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Vance County voted for a \$299,000 bond issue Tuesday for good roads.

Wayne County will build a new court house to cost not over \$100,000.

Robert C. Ogden was re-elected President of the Conference for Education in the South in Richmond Friday.

A report from Whiteville, N. C., states that Roy Carter shot and killed Lowell Carter at Chadbourne Saturday night.

The plant of the Bertie Cotton Oil Company at Aulander was burned early Monday morning. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

Three were killed and twenty-three wounded by the premature explosion of dynamite on the Panama Canal construction a few days ago.

The barns and stock of Badger Bowden, at Dudley, near the Wayne County line, was burned early Monday morning. The loss amounted to \$2,000.

A negro named Simpson was shot by another negro named Harris at Granite Falls Saturday afternoon. Simpson bled to death about an hour after the shooting.

Charlotte defeated the commission form of government last Friday. It seems there were some objectionable features to the plan submitted to the Charlotte voters.

The plant of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company at Georgetown, S. C., was practically destroyed by fire Monday. The damage amounts to about a half-million dollars.

Four Mississippi counties are flooded and half a million dollars damage is the result from a serious break in the main levee near Vicksburg; so far as known, there was no loss of life.

The town of Warsaw was visited by fire Saturday night. Three stores were burned and much damage was done to stock in near-by stores. The total loss was probably fifteen thousand dollars.

The home of the Lynchburg News, also the home of The Advance at Lynchburg, Va., were destroyed by fire Monday. The loss was eighty thousand dollars, with insurance for only seventy thousand.

The income tax feature of the tariff revision bill has been amended so as to provide that "the proceeds of life insurance policies paid upon the death of the person insured shall not be included as incomes."

The Democratic tariff bill was reported to the House Monday and referred to the Ways and Means Committee and then reported back by committee; the Senate will give some hearing on the various schedules.

Three stores at China Grove, Rowan County, were burned Sunday afternoon. The fire originated in the drug-store of D. C. Swearingin and quickly spread to the other buildings. The loss amounts to about \$12,000.

News of the determination of California to pass an anti-alien law directly discriminating against the Japanese was received with much concern at Washington; in Japan the feeling is more quiet than a few days ago.

The dead bodies of Mrs. Sleep and her two young children were found in a cistern at the Sleep home, near Elgin, Ill., a few days ago. Herman Coppers, 16 years old, a boy of unsound mind who lived in the family, has confessed the crime.

Mrs. Story, of New York, head of the conservative faction, was Friday elected President-General of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington. There was a spirited fight over the chairmanship and it required two days' balloting to decide the matter.

Governor Mann, of Virginia, was operated on Monday in a Richmond hospital for appendicitis. He rallied after the operation and is expected to recover. Some think the Governor's condition was brought on from worry over the case of the Allens, who were electrocuted three weeks ago.

Former President Taft has accepted an invitation to read a paper on a subject to be announced later, at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association at Montreal in September. Viscount Haldane, the Lord High Chancellor of England, will make the annual address.

BILKINS IN WASHINGTON

The Grand Rush to Washington Continues and is Growing Worse Daily

DEMOCRATIC FAMINE PROBABLE

New Name for the Old-Time Democratic "Panic"—No Love Feasts Nor Picnic in Sight Yet—Office-Seekers Now Using Airships to Get Into the White House—The Major Hunts For a Variety of Potatoes—Timely Advice—The "Distress Signal" or Sign is Another New Wrinkle in Democratic Politics—Major Hires an Airship.

Correspondence of the Caucasian-Enterprise.

(Continued From Last Week.)

Washington, D. C., April 21, 1913.

Well, I am still here with both eyes open a-lookin' for a job. Every train an' boat that cums in iz loaded down with dynamakrats, most ov 'em bein' offis seekers or "leggers" fer the fellers who think they kin git in the swin. Most ov the trains an' boats what cum in awiso carry pertaters, flour, meat an' other things to eat, fer they iz so many ois-seekers here that a bread famine nez bin expected. Joseefus Daniels an' most ov the other Dymakrat papers hev bin preachin' that the Raypublikins had got awl ov the offis seekers in their camp long ago an' that they wouldn't be nothin' goin' on if we carried the country except love feasts, picknicks an' oyster suppers. But I find that most ov the party, white and black, iz here or on the road here. They air cumin' in awl sorts ov vehicles, by train, boats an' automobiles. This mornin' I noticed several objects sailin' in the air over the city. Can't say whether hit wuz airships or buzzards, but think hit wuz airships or balloons awl loaded with fellers that helped to save the country in November last.

Feller citizens, don't come unless you kin bring grub ernuff to last you through the seige, fer the faithful air awready growin' thin an' pale around the gills, an' even the saloons which we hev fout so long air chargin' fancy prices an' new ones air bein' opened daily. Ov course I do not go inside ov the vile places—unless I make a mistake an' go in thinkin' hit might be a grocery store whar I may find some new kind ov pertaters, fer I am anxious to git a new kind called "Wilson's favorite" or somethin' like that which will grow without much labor, fer we dymakrats jest hain't got no time to be killin' weeds an' grass endurin' ov this critical life, an' death struggle. Will say that I stood up under the terrible strain fer about three days an' didn't git airy whack at the President or Joseefus Daniels fer a little private talk fer I knowed that the President had fallen a victim ov a bad case ov nervous transportation or somethin', so I concluded, after slippin' down to the Union depot an' lookin' at the thousands of offis-seekers who got off each train that I'd make another desperate effort to see the President or perish in the attempt. Some ov the fellers on the same business that I am give me the "distress sign" an' we got to talkin' on our fingers like them deaf an' dumb children at the school fer deaf and dumb which iz located at Morganton, we havin' become too hoarse to talk in the old way. I found that most ov them were havin' jist sich experiences az I wuz havin'. Finally, az I wuz walkin' along "C" street I seed a man who owned an' airship. I got to talkin' with him an' he lowed that he could fix things up fer me. Sed he: "I hev an airship here an' fer ten dollars I'll take you up in the air several hundred feet an' then we will sail along until we git rite over the White House, inside ov the crowd collected around hit an' then I'll land the airship an' let you git out an' you kin make a quick rush fer the front door ov the White House. Fite your way thro' the regiment ov police on duty an' maybe you kin git inside safely." Will you garrantee that I git in?" sez I. "If you hev the proper credentials, I will," sed he. "What air the proper credentials?" sez I. "A willin' mind fer one thing," sed he. "That machine won't bust nor jump the track?" sez I. He sed hit wuz warranted not to rip, ravel nor ravel out, so I concluded to blow in one \$10 bill anyhow without takin' much time to think hit over. I had been through the Civil War, the last two years ov hit when they wuz somethin' doin' in the way ov fitin', an' on short rations; I had awiso bin through more than a dozen political campanies since the war, includin' the "red shirt" campane. I hev bin (Continued on page 2.)

RATE CONFERENCE FAILS

Railroad Officials and Legislative Committee Fail to Agree—Another Conference April 29.

Officials of the various railroads and the members of the special legislative commission held a session in Raleigh Saturday to discuss freight rates for this State.

A proposal on the part of the officials of the railroads to give to North Carolina shippers a schedule of freight rate reductions on account of alleged Virginia city rate discriminations that is estimated to mean about five per cent reduction; the refusal of the Legislative Freight Rate Commission to accept this proposition as not in accord with their former understanding; the submission of a counter proposal by the Legislative Commission stipulating a basis of adjustment making about 25 per cent reduction and the granting of the railroad officials, at their request, until April 29th to make formal answer to this was the sum and substance of the conference.

One of the railroad officials informed the Legislative Committee that if the railroads were required to give an answer at that time they should refuse the proposition.

COMMISSION PERFECTS ORGANIZATION

Committee on Constitutional Amendment Appoints Committees and Adjourns to Meet Again June 4.

The commission on constitutional amendments met in Raleigh Monday and perfected its organization Tuesday by the appointment of fourteen committees and adjourned to Wednesday, June 4, at 12 m., in the Senate chamber.

Mr. A. M. Seales is chairman and Mr. J. B. Cheshire is clerk to the commission.

The following committees were appointed:

On Article 1—Declaration of Rights: Ward, Bailey, Wallace.

Article 2—Legislative Department: Doughton, Cooper, Stubbs, Connor.

Article 4—Judicial Departments: Wooten, Connor, Doughton, Ward, Wooten.

Article 5—Revenue and Taxation: Justice, Page, Ward, Rouse, Williams, Grant.

Article 6—Suffrage and Eligibility to Office: Stubbs, Washington, Rouse.

Article 7—Municipal Corporations: Cooper, Wallace, Ivie.

Article 8—Corporations Other Than Municipal: Rouse, Cooper, Page.

Article 9—Education: Alexander, Haymore, Williams.

Article 10—Homestead and Exemptions: Wooten, Grant, Washington.

Article 11—Punishment, Penal Institutions and Public Charities: Ivie, Wood, Haymore.

Article 12—Militia: Washington, Devin, Stubbs.

Article 13—Amendments: Wallace, Bailey, Wooten.

Article 14—Miscellaneous: Williams, Page, Grant.

Prize Awarded for the Best Prayer.

Lumberton Robesonian. Mr. Fred Brown tells of a recent meeting at a negro church in Lee County, in which two of Ham's sons, ministers, contended for a prize, the prize being offered to the negro who could make the best prayer. This contest was decided by judges and one of course was awarded second place.

Largest Ship Ever Built in Great Britain is Launched.

Glasgow, Scotland, April 21.—The largest steamship ever built in Britain, the Cunarder Aquitania, was successfully launched on the Clyde today. The vessel is double shelled and carries boats sufficient to accommodate 4,250 persons, the entire complement of passengers and crew. The vessel has forty-seven thousand tons gross displacement.

Fourteen Barrels of Whiskey and Several Men Seized at Salisbury.

Sheriff J. H. McKinzie, of Rowan County, and two of his deputies Monday night seized fourteen barrels of liquor near Salisbury alleged to be the property of P. H. Thrash, of Asheville. The latter was held under a bond of \$500, and Jim Luck, Lem Walker and Lee Springs, colored employes of Thrash, were jailed in default of bond.

Upon his return from Raleigh Monday Sheriff McKinzie was informed that a liquor plant was in operation on a large scale near the city and at once made for the scene and captured the men, the whiskey and a full supply of equipments.

It is said the plant was started Saturday, while the sheriff was out of the county, and that the owners were planning big things.

SCORE THE TARIFF BILL

Republicans Declare Ad Valorem Duties "a Delusion and a Snare"

PEOPLE HAVE NOT ASKED IT

Tariff Bill Submitted by Democrats is Inexcusable and Uncalled for, and its Sponsors Will be Held Responsible—Some Articles Placed on the Free List While a Protective Tariff is Laid on the Material Used in Their Manufacture—Bears Heavily on the Honest Importer.

Washington, April 20.—That ad valorem duties such as are proposed in the Democratic tariff bill are "a delusion and a snare," that the radical tariff revision submitted by the Democrats is inexcusable and uncalled for and that an accounting will come for its enactment into law, are contentions of the Republicans of the Ways and Means Committee in a minority report presented to the House Monday.

"There is no excuse for the radical change in our revenue system proposed by this Democratic bill," says the report. "The people have not asked it. The party proposing it is in power, not by the grace of a majority on other questions than that of protection. The administration has the power to enact this legislation. The accounting of abuse of that power will come later."

The report contends that the bill has caused "intense and widespread alarm in business circles" and quotes the message of Democratic Governor Foss to the Massachusetts Legislature describing the proposed act as "a non-protective tariff for revenue only, unreciprocal, destructive, downward revision."

Asserting that the Democratic bill "seems to meet with universal approval on the other side of the Atlantic," the report declares that the protective feature has been entirely eliminated in the framing of the bill. "No one will accuse the Democratic Committee," it adds, "of seeking to make up the difference in cost here and abroad, or even of trying to put the industries here on a competitive basis with the industries abroad."

"It is easily apparent that many of the duties have been placed on articles used by our manufacturers and imported wholly from abroad as a 'tax on manufacturers' that many duties have been lowered so they are much less than the difference in the cost of labor at home and abroad; that many articles now paying very low rates of duty have been put on the free list while the comparative cost of production here and abroad is such that it will be impossible for business to continue without bringing down our scale of wages to the level of the rates paid abroad."

"In many cases articles are put on the free list while a protective duty is laid down upon the material used in their manufacture."

Attacking the ad valorem system the report says it imposes a greater tax when prices are high and competition is not so keen and a lesser tax when prices are low and competition is keener and much more injurious to the American producer and "that it bears more heavily on the honest importer and favors the man who by perjury and fraud undervalues his goods and escapes his fair share of taxation."

Gov. Hooper Vetoes Bills by the Wholesale.

Governor Hooper, of Tennessee, Monday returned forty bills to the Legislature without his approval. In the case of a majority of them the Governor held they were illegally passed as they were not acted upon by a quorum of the Legislature. By this action he refused to recognize the "presence" of a band of legislators who left the State, but who were recorded as "present and not voting" on many ballots. It is reported the Governor will send back 100 more bills vetoed on the same grounds.

Abrogation of Hay-Pauncetote Treaty Proposed.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Abrogation of the Hay-Pauncetote treaty and the Clayton-Bulwer treaty which preceded it, is the object of a joint resolution Senator Chamberlain prepared for consideration of the United States Senate. Upon the Hay-Pauncetote treaty Great Britain bases her protests against free passage of American ships in the Panama Canal. Abrogation involves joint action by both Houses of Congress and the President's approval.

The last treaty abrogated was the Russian treaty of commerce and navigation, because American Jews were not treated on an equality with other American traveling in Russia.

MONTENEGRO TAKES SCUTARI

Last Turkish Stronghold in the Balkans Captured After a Long Siege—Montenegrins Now Claim This Territory—Complications May Follow.

Cettinje, Montenegro, April 21.—Scutari, practically the last Turkish stronghold in the Balkans, fell today. The Montenegrins are in full possession of the forts after a triumphant entry into the city.

The fall followed a long siege culminating with a day and night of desperate hand-to-hand fighting between the Montenegrin troops of King Nicholas and the Turks. Three thousand Montenegrins and five thousand Turks are numbered among the dead. Thousands on each side were wounded.

"We have merely retaken our own," said King Nicholas. "We will hold Scutari against the Powers as courageously as we fought the Turks." The fall of Scutari brings a grave international situation, as Montenegro has flagrantly defied the European powers, who insisted that the siege be raised or troops would be landed from the warships blockading the Montenegrin coast.

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC ROW.

Corporation Commissioner Pell Criticized for Anonymous Letter Which Meant \$50 a Year to the Commissioner.

It turns out that the writer of the anonymous letter sent out to the newspapers from Raleigh during the Legislature, attacking the revenue bill on account of the reassessment and tax commission feature, was George P. Pell, a member of the Corporation Commission. This confirms the suspicion we had at the time. The creation of a Tax Commission would have taken from each Corporation Commissioner the \$500 added to his salary by the previous Legislature on account of adding to the duties of the commissioners that of tax commissioners. They failed previously in performing the new duties imposed on them, but drew the additional pay and took fright at the prospect of having to surrender it.—Newton Enterprise (Democratic).

The case is well stated; and it was small business in Mr. Pell, under the circumstances, to try to alarm the State about the re-assessment proposition, especially in view of the fact that he had just been provided for.—Statesville Landmark (Democratic).

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"A North Carolina manufacturer said that Senator Simmons had told him that he could not help the situation. He said even if Senator Simmons was so disposed, his committee would prevent his aiding the cotton mill men."

That will be startling information to a good many people. While Senator Simmons may not have been responsible for creating the impression, a good many mill men who were very enthusiastic in support of his candidacy last summer were largely moved by the idea that the Senator would be in a position to help them in just such a position as is now facing them. The further statement that Senator Simmons could not control his committee if he wanted to aid the mill men, is also enlightening.

Simmons Now Refuses to Help Those Who Helped Him.

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"A Heart and Head the Size of a Hickory-Nut."

Waynesville Enterprise.]

Secretary Josephus Daniels seems to be taking a rather high hand in the matter of dispensing—a pastime for which he expressed the most extreme contempt when indulged in by those of an opposing party.

Somehow it does not strike us as seemingly for a Secretary of the Navy to be messing in matters of this kind. However, those who know Mr. Daniels are not surprised. When it comes to politics it is simply impossible for him to leave any part of the bossing to others of his party. It would be no surprise to us were he to roll up his sleeves and dive vigorously into Wake County matters. And, too, he would feel more at home there, for the littleness of the man even exceeds his ability. The bitterness and the narrowness which our Naval Secretary has displayed in the past could not by an possibility spring from a head and heart larger than a hickory-nut.

The Durham County Officers Saturday poured out sixty gallons of corn liquor into the gutter in the jail yard. The liquor was some that had been seized in a raid on a blind tiger. The destroying of the whiskey attracted a large crowd, some of whom stood close to get a last whiff.