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### THE TARIFF THE ISSUE

Democrats Will Not Be Sidetracked By Trust Messages of the President

### WILL REVISE TARIFF

Democrats Are Willing to Treat the President Fairly and Will Wait a Reasonable Time on the Tariff Board Before Bringing in Any Bills—But They Will Revise the Tariff Along Democratic Principles, Board or No Board and Put the Bills Up to the President—Will He Veto Them?—May Be If He Dares.

(By Winfield Jones.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The democrats of the house, fighting for a record which will stand them in good stead in 1912, are determined that the tariff shall be the paramount legislative issue of this session, to this extent disregarding the message sent by the president who dealt exclusively with the trust question.

"Revise the tariff first," is the democratic legislative slogan. The majority leaders of the house admit that the trusts may be read; that the Sherman law may need amending, and that a federal incorporation act may some day have to be passed, but they take direct issue with the president in his efforts to subordinate the tariff and force to the front the trust question.

Accordingly, the ways and means committee of the house, headed by Representative Underwood, of Alabama, a presidential probability, has already begun on the work of tariff revision. The report of the tariff board will be received and laid before the committee in all its details, but the report will end there unless the tariff board recommends in line with the democratic tariff principles.

Representative Underwood says that the democrats of the house are willing to treat the president fairly and that they will await any reasonable length of time for his tariff board report. Beyond this, however, the democrats do not commit themselves, for they have ideas of their own regarding the revision of the tariff and these ideas will be carried out regardless of anything the tariff board may say or do.

It is practically certain that before the session ends the democratic house will pass bills revising the following schedules of the Payne tariff laws: Wool, cotton, iron and steel, and chemicals.

If the session drags along until next October, as is predicted by some of the more pessimistic members of the house, the democrats will tackle other schedules and will practically revise, so far as the house is concerned, every schedule in the Payne law before the presidential campaign begins. When the house has done its part it will be up to the republican senate and a republican president to look out for the interests of that party.

"There seems to be a disposition to subordinate the tariff issue," said Mr. Underwood in discussing the (Continued on Page Seven.)

### M'NAMARAS NOT TO GO BEFORE FEDERAL JURY

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—McNamara brother probably never will testify before the federal grand jury. It was rumored that after today's session the jury now inquiring into the alleged nation-wide dynamiting conspiracy would not convene again until next Tuesday.

It is expected by that time McNamara brothers will have begun at San Quentin prison their sentences of life and fifteen years imprisonment respectively, for crimes they confessed a week ago.

Their emphatic declaration that they would not divulge what they knew of the alleged conspiracy, it is said, resulted in a plan to take the brothers to the penitentiary today or tomorrow. Scores of witnesses appeared today in response to summonses, of which there were 128 issued.

It is known that most of San Francisco's labor leaders will be asked to appear before the jury.



Norine Faith McKee, once secretary of the Chicago Young Woman's Christian Association, who has filed suit in the supreme court to recover \$50,000 from Earl A. Walzem, a former stock broker. Miss McKee claims, in the papers filed, that Walzem met her in Chicago two months ago and proposed within a week. She alleges that she came to New York but soon afterwards because of a disagreement they parted.

### TESTS OF THERMAL BELT STATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE MOUNTAINS

Final Arrangements Made Today by Weather Bureau for Establishment of Station to Test Effects of Climate on Fruit Growing.

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative Doughton conferred with Chief of the Weather Bureau Moore today on final arrangements for the establishment of a station in the North Carolina mountains, to make tests of the effects of climate on the fruit growing industry at various altitudes.

Stations will be established on the Charles A. Webb farm at Asheville; W. T. Lindsay farm at Tryon; B. W. Hall farm at Waynesville; Mrs. Aaron Cone's farm at Blowing Rock, and the J. B. Sparger farm at Mt. Airy. Stations will be established at two other points not yet selected. They will afford tests of the thermal belts in the mountains at altitudes varying from 1,000 to 4,200 feet. Thermographs will be installed at the stations to make possible accurate data.

Chief Moore informed Representative Doughton in a recent letter that the stations in North Carolina, which will be the first established by the Weather Bureau, will be a criterion of altitude's effects on fruit growing in all parts of the United States. Their importance is indicated by the permanent absence of frost from some slopes, and the remarkable differences of temperatures in localities seemingly of the same environment except as to position relative to mountains.

The stations will be established at once. Funds to provide the necessary instruments and pay the observers, who will be the owners of the farms on which the stations are established, have already been set aside from the Weather Bureau appropriation.

R. E. Flack, a former resident of Raleigh, now at Johns Hopkins University, has been the guest of H. O. Sink, secretary to Representative Page.

Representative and Mrs. Page are at their home in Biscoe for a short visit, the first since their return from Panama. Mr. Page will return to Washington Sunday; Mrs. Page immediately after the holidays.

Representative Webb has returned to Washington after a brief visit to his home in Shelby.

Manners pay exclusive attention to money.

### BOARD ENDS ANNUAL MEET

Adopts Budget and Adjourns—All Will Work Together For North Carolina

With every issue fought squarely to a conclusion, the board of agriculture adjourned last night after adopting the budget. Members of the board, without regard to where they stood on the different propositions, agreed that the result of the meeting this week would be for the good of the state. All matters heretofore misunderstood have been clarified; the commissioner and board, their differences adjusted, will be in position to continue the good work for the state.

The budget for the next six months was fixed at \$77,283, a reduction over the last half year of \$12,817. The cuts include the dropping of an assistant veterinarian, two assistants in the agronomist division and one assistant in the division of chemistry. The placing of the boys' corn club, experimental with the A. & M. College, will save several thousand dollars, it is thought.

In addition to cooperating with Mr. Bradford Knapp in demonstration work, the department will cooperate with the United States department in the matter of tobacco culture and poultry breeding. All the differences between the board and commissioner were really matters of opinion and were thrashed out squarely if vigorously. Members of the board think that with all differences settled greater progress will be made.

### GOLDSBORO CAR LINE

Will Make Extension of Its Lines, and Improvements—Will Go to Seven Springs.

(Special to The Times.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—Yesterday afternoon there was placed on record at the register of deed's office of Wayne county, by the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company, of Baltimore, the strongest bank in that city, a deed of trust from the Goldsboro Traction Company, said deed securing an issue of \$100,000 of the traction companies first mortgage bonds, this being the final step in the arrangement between the traction company and the Baltimore bank, to dispose of this large amount of its securities for further extension and improvements to the street railway lines of this city.

This deed guarantees that every dollar of this money shall be spent on extensions and improvements, which means progress and improvement for Goldsboro. It is the aim of the above company to extend its present line in the city on to Seven Springs at an early date, a summer resort, 15 miles east of Goldsboro.

### Bid to Boost Cotton Trade.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A bill to boost the American cotton trade abroad has been introduced in the house by Representative Hen, of Alabama. An appropriation of \$100,000 is asked for the purpose of sending eight agents to South American countries, Japan and China, to display samples of cotton goods and urge their sale.

### THE CONTROLLER BAY CHARGES DISMISSED

Washington, Dec. 9.—Formal report to house from the committee on expenditures in the interior department dismisses from congressional consideration the Controller Bay charges, which formed the basis for the widely quoted "Dick to Dick" letter the accusations that Richard S. Ryan was acquired a monopoly of valuable Alaska harbor rights.

### Best Place to Carry Money.

New York, Dec. 9.—The best place for a woman to carry her money is in her stocking, according to Police Commissioner Dougherty.

The commissioner has issued a warning to Christmas shoppers against pickpockets, advising women to hold tightly to their pocketbooks, if they don't like the stocking method.

People looking for trouble might soon find it is also looking for them.

### CONVENTION HAS CLOSED

The Baptist State Convention Came to a Close Last Night

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Interesting Convention Comes to a Close—Many Resolutions Adopted at Yesterday's Sessions—Want More Direct Appropriations for Public Schools—Interest Expressed in the Work of the Colored Baptists—Question of Increased Attendance—Views on Enforcement of Temperance Laws—Committees Appointed—Woman's Work.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 9.—With a mass meeting in the interest of the work of the Baptist Young Peoples Union, in which a number of short but interesting addresses were delivered, the eighty-first session of the Baptist State Convention came to a close last night. It has been a happy session, enlivened with good feeling and fellowship, magnificent reports and eloquent addresses, the fitting culmination to a year of marked success in every department and along all lines. The entertainment has been superb and every desire of the hundreds of delegates and messengers from every section of the state anticipated by the people of the church and community.

### Third Day in Detail.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 9.—The third day's session of the Baptist State Convention began with devotional exercises being conducted by Dr. Jesse B. Weatherpoon, pastor of First Baptist church, Oxford. Prayer was made by Rev. Hight C. Moore, editor of the Biblical Recorder.

### Resolutions.

Under the head of miscellaneous business introduced the following resolution which was adopted: "Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the direct appropriations by the next legislature for the public school fund should be greatly encouraged."

Rev. J. J. Hall offered the following which was adopted: "We express our interest in the religious and educational work now being carried on by the colored Baptists of the state, and assure them of our willingness to give them any moral support within our power and we especially commend the splendid work being done at Shaw University by Prof. Meserve."

### Increase Attendance.

Your committee appointed last year to consider the matter of increasing attendance at our convention begs to report the following:

"We are gratified at the attendance at this session, there being a larger number than usual present, an increase over attendance we have had in years. This improved attendance is not due to any work this committee has done during the year; it is the result of our meeting in one of the more convenient centers of the state's life. But good as we feel at this growth in attendance, we cannot forget that there are perhaps not less than one thousand and seven hundred churches not represented at this session of the convention; therefore, be it resolved:

"1.—That for four years at least, among the places inviting the convention, this body shall select each second year, one of the large and more accessible centers of the state, being careful to choose that one which offers the most adequate auditorium accommodations and entertainment for the largest number of attendants upon the convention.

"2.—That this convention express itself as satisfied with the Harvard plan of entertainment, for those delegates and visitors who may desire it.

"3.—That a committee of ten be appointed to consider for one year and report at our next session its recommendation on the following questions:

1.—Is a change of basis of representation in this convention desirable?

2.—Is there any chance to make it practicable for our women to be at these conventions?

3.—Would a change in time of meeting tend to increase the attendance?

The following were elected as members of Relief Board: (Continued on Page Six.)

### MANY POUNDS IN NOVEMBER

Leaf Tobacco Markets Had Big Sales During Past Month—Some figures

Nearly 26,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco were sold on the various leaf markets in the state during November, according to statistics gathered by the department of agriculture and made public today. The number of pounds sold in November, 1911, amounted to 12,883,978. Just half the number marketed last month. Winston-Salem as usual led the other markets, and Henderson came second, with Wilson, Greenville, Oxford, Roxboro, Reidsville and Rocky Mount, in the order named, selling more than a million pounds. In Wake county Apex led the other towns with 332,130 pounds; Fuquay Springs sold 264,285, and Zebulon and Wendell also figured conspicuously in the tobacco markets.

The number of dealers and the total number of pounds sold at each of the markets is as follows:

| Towns          | Dealers | Total      |
|----------------|---------|------------|
| Winston-Salem  | 471,714 | 4,511,338  |
| Henderson      | 24,320  | 2,711,439  |
| Wilson         | 192,577 | 2,381,349  |
| Greenville     | 5,592   | 1,877,826  |
| Oxford         | 1,450   | 1,572,921  |
| Kinston        | 102,698 | 1,667,366  |
| Roxboro        |         | 1,379,983  |
| Reidsville     |         | 1,112,959  |
| Rocky Mount    | 21,829  | 1,116,652  |
| Durham         | 68,684  | 865,835    |
| Mount Airy     | 27,859  | 777,662    |
| Louisburg      | 6,271   | 611,975    |
| LaGrange       | 1,713   | 587,278    |
| Farmville      |         | 578,556    |
| Warrenton      |         | 427,768    |
| Snow Hill      |         | 357,583    |
| Mebane         | 1,958   | 345,876    |
| Stevensville   | 13,485  | 325,413    |
| Apex           |         | 322,150    |
| Smithfield     |         | 306,642    |
| Madison        | 13,329  | 271,967    |
| Crofton        |         | 266,091    |
| Fuquay Springs | 7,200   | 261,285    |
| Youngsville    |         | 250,007    |
| Zebulon        |         | 201,306    |
| Richlands      |         | 188,555    |
| Wendell        |         | 181,124    |
| Burlington     | 516     | 165,121    |
| Williamston    |         | 131,368    |
| Statesville    |         | 109,975    |
| Pilot Mountain |         | 96,167     |
| Leaksville     | 4,757   | 86,494     |
| Milton         | 3,411   | 86,164     |
| Goldsboro      |         | 79,794     |
| Warsaw         | 5,397   | 61,929     |
| Clinton        |         | 54,842     |
| Wallace        | 489     | 49,218     |
|                | 689,434 | 25,918,979 |

### Skeleton Supreme Court Decisions.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Skeleton opinions have been introduced by Chief Justice White in the supreme court of the United States. He has named them officially "Memorandum opinions," and they are designated to meet the growing demands upon the time and energies of the justice.

### Dances in Public Schools.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Dancing free to all in the city public school buildings is proposed as part of the war against dancing hall evil here.

Eleven schools will be opened as "social centers" next week, and dances probably will be arranged for later.

### PROF. GREEN FOR THE DURHAM SCHOOLS

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 9.—Prof. Ernest J. Green, this morning was elected unanimously to the superintendency of the city schools, made vacant by the resignation of Supt. W. D. Carmichael, who goes, January first, with Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Co. In connection with this move the tobacco business it is announced that the stemmery of Richmond and the wrapper department of the tobacco company in Danville will be moved here bringing a large number of employees.

The duties of Prof. Carmichael, who is retiring president of the state city schools superintendents' association, have not been announced.

Friends of Maj. J. J. Bernard, who has been ill for several days, were glad to see him on the streets today.

### DISASTER IN COAL MINE

Many Men Imprisoned By Explosion In Tennessee Mine, With Hope Abandoned

### FLAMES CHECK RESCUE

Dust Explosion In Mine Near Knoxville, Imprisoned 100 Men and Is Almost Abandoned—Rescue Work Checked Today Early by the Spread of the Flames—Women and Children Rush the Mine, Clamoring to Go Inside, Where Their Husbands Are.



Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—A dust explosion imprisoned two hundred men in the coal mine of the Knoxville Iron Company, at Briceville, thirty-four miles north of here this morning at seven-thirty o'clock. The explosion was two miles from the mine entrance. The federal mine rescue crew has been summoned. It is not yet possible to ascertain the number killed. It is feared the loss of life will be heavy.

Rescue preparations were begun. By ten o'clock several gangs of miners had gone into the main cross-mountain mine by three entrances. None of the rescue parties have yet reported. As the news spread about Briceville district throngs of women and children rushed to the mine entrances clamoring to go inside to aid in the rescue. Many women knew their husbands had entered the mine before the blast. At eleven o'clock it was definitely certain that one hundred men had entered the mine before the explosion.

Rescue work was checked before 11 o'clock. Great billows of flames belched from the openings. Rescue parties were hurled back by the flames. Hope for the imprisoned miners has dwindled almost to despair.

Reports from the explosion telephone up to ten o'clock, were vague. Telephone messages from Briceville declared the explosion occurred far back in the mine, which extends two miles into the mountains.

Rescue squads who were driven from the mine by the flames and smoke declared they advanced a mile into the main shaft before being forced to retire. They discovered no signs of the imprisoned men.

Just before these rescuers were driven out by smoke they encountered a cave, in each of the entries. Of all the men who went into the mine this morning, three escaped, John Lang, Sam Farmer, Bert Haymaker. They were in one of the latter shafts. Warned by the blaze's rumble, they escaped before overtaken by the flames.

These men observed a bad "sign" as they entered the mine. They believed the exact location of the blast is at least two miles in the interior and 800 feet from the mountain crest.

The number of men entombed is now variously estimated at 125 to 268. Because of the cave-in, smoke and flames, it is impossible for volunteer rescuers to pierce into the mine. They must await the coming of the federal rescuing apparatus, due this afternoon.

### WILEY-McCABE CONTROVERSY

Will Be Brought to the Front Again When Committee Reports.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Wiley-McCabe controversy will be brought to the front again in a few days, when the house agricultural department expenditures committee makes a report on its investigation. The committee is expected to recommend the abolition of the Remson Referee Board, which has blocked the activities of Chief Chemist Wiley the pure food champion, along certain lines, notably in the benzoate of soda case.

### APEX VOTES BONDS FOR TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.

Apex has taken another forward stride. The people of that little town have voted \$10,000 for a combination city hall and market house and for street improvements, \$5,000 to be expended for each. Of the registration of 107, only seven votes were cast against the improvement. Sixty-three votes were cast for, the others not voting.

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### CAROLINA APPLES CARRIED TO IOWA

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