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## Wants Congress to Adjourn Before the June Conventions

### President Wilson and Leader Kitchin Confer--Creates Stir Among Members Both Parties--President Advised Against the Proposed Tariff Commission Bill.

(Greensboro News, 26th)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—President Wilson wants Congress to hurry along its work and adjourn the session before the national conventions. He is urging the leaders to speed up legislation and quit for the summer about June 1st.

This fact became known today at the capitol following the conference between the President and Leader Kitchin, of the house Democrats. President Wilson was insistent in his conference with Mr. Kitchin that the session end before the conventions.

When the facts concerning the President's desire to crowd through a legislative program and end the session by June 1 or thereabouts became known at the capitol, a stir was caused among both Democrats and Republicans. It is anticipated that strong efforts will be made to go away with dilatory proceeding. House leaders as well as those on the senate side, indicated they had no disposition to drag out the session. Many are skeptical about the possibility of ending the session early in June. One effect of the President's attitude will undoubtedly be to force preparedness legislation to a head much more quickly than has been anticipated.

President Wilson will have introduced in Congress this week a bill creating a non-partisan tariff commission of from five to seven members, with powers to investigate and report to Congress on all facts concerning trade and production necessary to the proper adjustment of the tariff.

In deciding to get behind such a commission the President has departed from a position taken by him in a letter to Governor Cox, of Ohio, last September in which he expressed the opinion that the Federal trade commission and the bureau of Foreign and domestic commerce already had sufficient powers to perform all the functions of a tariff commission.

The President conferred today with Majority Leader Kitchin, of the house, on the subject. While Mr. Kitchin has no intention of carrying his opposition to the point of a break, and is willing in the last analysis to abide by the judgment of the colleagues on the ways and means committee, he is known to have advised the President strongly against the proposed legislation.

Mr. Kitchin would prefer to pass an act extending, if necessary, the powers of the trade commission. One trouble which would face the proposed commission at the outset would be to devise changes of some kind in the tariff law which would prevent the dumping of goods on the close of the war. Officials of the government have strong reason to believe that at the close of the war the exporting houses of Germany and other countries will, in a desperate effort to regain their lost markets, flood the United States with cheap commodities.

The proposed commission, however, will have no administrative or legislative function. It will merely be an inquisitorial body, which will report the results of its study direct to Congress, leaving Congress to use as much of its advice as it cares to in shaping tariff legislation.

It is understood that the Democratic members of the ways and means committee from the north are practically unanimous in favor of this commission, believing it will go far towards reassuring American business interests. Feeling in the south is stated, is not in favor of the proposed move, the opposition of some southern members being that

it would constitute an admission of weakness on the part of the Democrats, who, by failing to appropriate money for the expenses of the former Taft tariff commission put that body out of business.

As the result of recent conferences between the President and some of the house and senate Democratic leaders, the legislative program for some months to come is pretty clearly shaped up. It includes:

The Philippines independence bill, with the Clarke amendment for freedom for the islands in two or three years.

National defense. Revenue legislation, chief feature of which is to be expansion of the income tax. Big incomes are to be hit with a heavier surtax.

Tariff Commission legislation.

In connection with this program, efforts will be made to head off "pork barrel" bills. This includes the good roads bill now before the house, the river and harbor bill, except as for continuing work on present projects, and the proposed omnibus public building bill.

Despite the fact the advocates of good roads are pressing the bill to passage through the house with great enthusiasm. It is the intention to block this bill, which carries \$25,000,000 in the senate. As it looks now, its passage through house will be nothing but a sop which house members will throw down to their constituents in the hope they will find it acceptable until the November elections.

#### PRESIDENT ASKS KITCHIN TO SPEED UP LEGISLATION

Washington, Jan. 25.—Agitation for greater congressional activity on the administration legislative program received new impetus today when President Wilson asked Majority Leader Kitchin to "speed up" work on the house side of the capitol, and made arrangements for discussing the subject with other leaders of both houses tomorrow. The President is anxious that Congress finish its work and adjourn in June before the political conventions.

The outstanding features of the legislative program for the next few months, as Mr. Kitchin foresees them are:

A tariff commission bill will be reported by the ways and means committee.

No revenue measure is likely to be reported until after the military and naval committees bring in their bills. This may be weeks or months.

No new waterways projects, and no public building bills will be considered.

An anti-dumping clause for the tariff law may be reported later.

In addition the shipping bill and the Philippine bill are expected by other congressional leaders to attract much attention.

Senate committees contributed to the speeding up program today, reporting favorably on the water power leasing and postal saving deposit increase measures. Senator Kern, majority leader, said tonight that conservation measures would be taken up as soon as the Philippine bill was passed.

The President virtually had completed his preparations for leaving Washington tomorrow at midnight for New York, where he will speak Thursday afternoon and night. He said that all of the speeches in the middle west would be extemporaneous, also he has carefully thought out their general tenor.

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## OUTPOST OF THE ALBANIAN REBELS



This is a view of an outpost of the Albanian rebels on a hilltop near Durazzo. These Albanians, it is believed, are ready to join forces with the allies against the Teutonic armies, while Prince William of Wied, who was king of Albania for a short time, is said to be organizing tribesmen to aid the Teutons.

## INTERESTING NOVELTIES ON FASHION COUNTERS

(Weekly Fashion Letter by McCall & Company)

New York, Jan. 25. Even the most skeptical among us must be thrilled and interested by the attractive novelties Fashion is now placing on her spring counters, and in her spring shops. For instance there are the quaint bonnets which are being displayed at the moment in our millinery departments, as a logical sequence of the modish gathered and flaring skirts.

Fluttering about one of these bonnets, a fascinating creation of garnet braid and white gardenias, in one of our smart shops the other afternoon, was a quaintly smart little person, dressed all in gray. She wore one of the new faille suits, made with a rather close fitting coat flaring widely at the lower edge, combined with the most modern of old-fashioned skirts. It was a veritable "pull-back," having all of the fullness drawn to the back and held by a tape fastened at the side seams.

expensive Italian silk. All of these silks and cottons wash excellently and require no ironing. While the silk garterings are at first a trifle expensive for the majority of purses, in the end they are economical; they fit so well, wear so well and are generally so entirely satisfactory.

THE VOUE OF WHITE White will be quite as modish for skirt, suit and frock this season as it has been for the past summer or two. Serge, gabardine and broadcloth are smart for those

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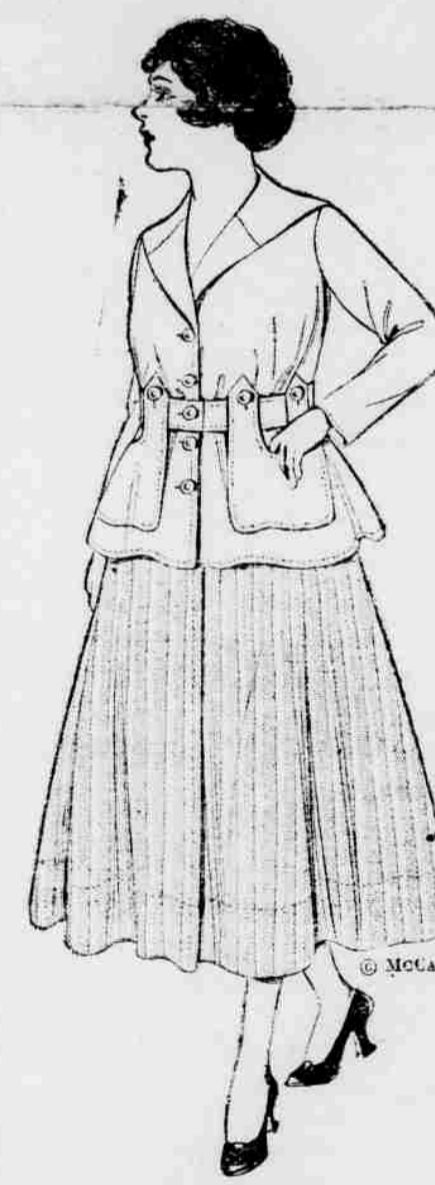
THE SPIRIT OF LEE. (Attorney-General Dickett in Speech at Flora McDonald College, January 19, 1916.)

I have a son, an only son, I talk to him about Lee, read to him about Lee, give him books about Lee and pictures of Lee. I want him to get his mind saturated with the spirit of Lee, for I would rather that boy would rather that boy would take Lee for his model, for his hero, than any being that ever walked this earth. Take him as a boy of eleven, honoring the memory of his father and looking with tenderest solicitude after the comfort of his widowed mother; take him as a student, submitting to the rigid military discipline at West Point, going through the entire course without a single demerit against him, and graduating second in a class of forty-six; take him as a young officer, handsome as an Apollo, the scion of a noble house, his lineage and his uniform throwing wide open the doors of society, and temptations to lead a life of ease, of adventure, of knightly conquests as thick around him as flowers in spring time, and yet he works hard at his chosen profession, uses neither liquor nor tobacco, and brings to his young wife a record of personal purity as stainless as her own. Look at him as a subaltern in Mexico, watching with eagle eye for every opportunity to serve, and performing every service with such splendid efficiency and unselfish courage that General Scott came to love him as his own son, and in later years the old General begged the young Colonel with tears in his eyes to be the Commander-in-Chief of all the armies of the North. Follow his majestic figure through the tangle mazes of the Seven Days Battle around Richmond, in the irresistible sweep of his legions at Chancellorsville, upon the trembling hills of Gettysburg, in the mad, wild work of the wilderness, as with matchless skill he "rides the whirlwind and directs the storm." Go to the quiet shades of Washington College and see him with simple dignity teaching the young men to rebuild a wasted land. "He was a man, take him for all in all. I shall not look upon his like again."

HOUSE COAT OF COTTON CORDUROY who can afford more than one white frock or suit, but for the practical woman cotton corduroy in its various cords will be far more practical; it may be easily and effectively tubbed when soiled. These corduroys come in the pale pinks, blues, yellows, and similar tones for separate skirts, suits, and sport coat or blouses.

Among the season's novelties is the house coat; it closely resembles the sport coat or blouse, and could in fact be used for the same purposes, but it has been designed for house wear, to take the place, as it were, of the kimono, with the woman who does not care for, or who has not the time to indulge in, the luxury of so complete a negligee as a kimono, or similar loose-fitting house robe. These are being developed in the colored cotton corduroys and in like corded cottons. They are finished with wide collars, deep, roomy pockets, and are loosely belted. Combined with skirts of white linen, duck, khaki, or cotton corduroy, they are excellently suited to morning wear and the house.

CONTINUED POPULARITY OF THE JUMPER The jumper dress or blouse is one of the most satisfactory notions introduced for many seasons; instead of losing favor because of its general popularity, it is, on the contrary, becoming daily more in demand. For business, street, and general daytime wear, dark blue serge jumper frock combined with an underblouse of crepe de Chine, Georgette, or black satin, is most satisfactory. The fact that the underblouse may be changed and the frock so varied, makes its appeal to women who like a change now and then, but who cannot afford a great number of frocks.



JUMPER DRESS OF SERGE



HOUSE COAT OF COTTON CORDUROY

## LETTER FROM THE LIME SERVICE DEPT

Carl Lagenback Gives Benefit of His Knowledge Regarding Lime's Value.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FARM STOCK GETTING A RIGHT START IN LIFE. How necessary the building of a strong boney structure is fundamental in animal-husbandry, is a circumstance of which the farmer is too seldom reminded. A great many many animals do not get a right start in life because bone-building material is deficient in their pasturage. It is no less true, that range cattle bought for fattening are often rickety and cannot be brought to a profitable weight, because strengthening of the frame cannot go hand in hand with the putting on of flesh. Bones are built of phosphate of lime as every one knows. But fodder and grass are deficient in this, if the soil of pasture and meadow do not readily supply it. Permanent pastures are very prone to be ill supplied with lime. Evidence of this is everywhere to be seen in the prevalence of sour grasses and in moss patches indicating sour and un-aerated soil. Protected from action of the atmosphere by the sod, the organic matter does not properly decay, the clay in the soil becomes sticky, bacterial life wanes and as the air cannot penetrate, the clovers and sweet grasses die out.

#### VALUE OF PASTURE LIES IN THE NUTRIENT QUALITY OF GRASS.

The value of a pasture lies not only in the nutrient quality of its grass. An abundance of clover is essential because it augments the soil nitrogen and helps the other vegetation. Nitrogen makes flesh. But clover does not flourish without lime. In spite of the high cost of meat, many farmers are but ill paid by their cattle. Much is due to the fact that the animals do not get a chance for vigorous growth. Denmark, Holland, the Frisian and Holstein provinces of Germany, all celebrated for their stock, pay much attention to making "fat meadows."

#### FREE LOTS AT PALACE THEATRE.

Mr. F. H. Sprague, representing the West Point Development Company, is here calling on our citizens in the interest of his Company. For the benefit of those who do not know it may be stated that this is a thoroughly reliable company, and will make good any promise they may make. The company owns considerable land at West Point, and this land has been cut up into lots. Many of these lots have been recently by people from Roanoke Rapids, Weldon and all sections of the state, some of whom have been down and investigated, and found it to be a good thing. Mr. Sprague may be found at the Palace Theatre from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Read ad in this issue of The Commonwealth for free offer.

#### SERVICES SUNDAY AT OPERA HOUSE.

Bible Student Lecture Sunday Jan. 30 at 2:30 P. M. and 7:30 P. M., at Madry's Opera House by J. E. Creery of Richmond, Va. "Is Christianity a Failure" and "Future Probation." The public is cordially invited. No collection.

#### OUR ADVERTISERS.

Allsbrook & Boyette invite your attention to "Shoes" this week. They handle the very best in gents furnishings and are progressive merchants. Read their ad in this paper every week.

#### BRYAN SAYS HE WILL NOT TRAIL PRESIDENT

Miami, Fla., Jan. 24.—William J. Bryan today issued a statement saying he had no intention of following in the wake of President Wilson on his trip through the Middle West making a series of speech in answer to those of the President on preparedness. He said he would remain in Miami until he left for Lincoln, Neb., on February 20 to attend a birthday dinner. Mr. Bryan said he would make a few speeches on his way to Lincoln, but the trip would have no connection with that of the President and his references to preparedness would be along the line of the address he delivered last fall. The dates for his speeches, Mr. Bryan said, were arranged before it was announced that Mr. Wilson would make his speaking tour. Friends of Mr. Bryan in Congress recently announced they were considering asking the former Secretary to follow the President.

## OAK CITY MAN IS SEVERELY INJURED

Mr. J. W. Hines Has Narrow Escape from Dynamite Explosion.—Other News

Oak City, Jan. 25.—Early Saturday morning Mr. J. Hines was badly injured while blowing up stumps on the farm of Mr. J. L. Hines. He had put two sticks of dynamite on each side of a stump. One of these exploded in due time, after which the man went to examine the results when some one discovered that the other stick had not exploded but still fusing. Mr. Hines did not get away in time and he was knocked several feet. When he recovered consciousness he was found to have sustained no fatal injuries, but he is a wiser man where the handling of dynamite is concerned. His eyes were injured somewhat but the doctor says he will not lose his sight.

Mrs. B. F. Casper and Miss Marguerette Everett spent Saturday in Hamilton.

Mr. John A. Bennett and daughter spent Sunday at Mr. Bryant Bennett in Palmyra.

Mr. Jones Hyman of Scotland Neck was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Minnie Ross and two little daughters of Robersonville were the guests of Mrs. H. J. Etheridge during the week end.

Miss Alma House of Stokes is spending some time with her sister Mrs. B. M. Moseley.

Mr. Jim Daniels of Robersonville was in town Sunday.

Mr. John Ross of Robersonville spent Sunday here.

Mr. Hober Jenkins of Robersonville was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hurst of Robersonville spent the week end in town.

Miss Chloe Bennett and little Miss Emily Bennett spent a few days last week with Mrs. M. L. Bellamy of Hamilton.

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