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WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Main Features of the War Revenue Tax Reduction.—Mr. Clay Speaks Against the Ship Subsidy Bill, Mr. Hanna for it.—The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17th.

In the House the past week the only feature of interest has been the discussion of the bill to reduce the war revenue taxes. This measure as reported from the committee on Ways and Means makes a total reduction in the revenue of \$40,000,000. The tax on all proprietary articles except wines, amounting to \$4,000,000, is repealed; as is also the tax on commercial and customs-house brokers, and theatres, circuses and other places of amusement, amounting to \$300,000; also the stamp tax on bank checks, certificates of deposit, drafts, bills of exchange, postal orders, promissory notes, leases, mortgages, conveyances, power of attorney, protests, bonds of indemnity, brokers' contracts, and telegraph and telephone messages—a total of \$32,000,000.

The committee bill also provided for the repeal of the tax on express receipts, but the House ordered this restored and added a provision compelling the express companies to pay the same.

In the tax on legacies an exception was made to those legacies of a religious, literary, educational or charitable nature—a reduction of \$500,000. The tax on cigars is reduced 16 percent., or \$4,000,000, and that on beer 20 percent., or \$10,000,000. The representatives of the brewery interests are making a vigorous fight for a still greater reduction in the tax on beer, but so far their efforts have been unavailing.

The Democrats urge a more radical reduction all along the line to the further amount of \$70,000,000, and that an income tax provision be incorporated in the bill. That such a provision can be framed which will satisfy the decision of the Supreme Court on the subject none of the constitutional lawyers deny. But such a tax would fall especially heavy on the best contributors to the Republican campaign fund, and accordingly their party leaders look with stern disapproval upon such a measure as being very bad politics.

The Senate has divided the week between discussions of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and the Ship Subsidy bill. This latter measure is not standing the search-light of inspection and criticism as well as its friends hoped; and predictions are being freely made that it will never pass.

When Mr. Hanna was told that Senator Clay, of Georgia, had prepared a lengthy speech against his bill, he smilingly remarked that no one would listen to him. But Mr. Hanna was mistaken. Senator Clay's speech of over two hours' length was received with marked attention, and nearly every Senator, including Hanna himself, was in his seat during its delivery. He showed that unjust as is the measure as a whole its iniquity extends to even its details.

It is claimed that the bill will render indirect aid to the farmers and other producers by granting subsidies to American-owned vessels carrying such produce. But in fact the bill grossly discriminates against those vessels exclusively freight carriers in favor of the large ocean liners which carry but a limited amount of freight. A 10-knot freighter would receive only 15¢ per gross ton, whereas a 21-knot passenger vessel would receive 3.8¢ per gross ton. This last in the case of the St. Louis would amount to \$304,290 per annum. A freighter such as the Georgia of the White Star line, while carrying twenty times as much freight in the way of farm produce, etc., as the St. Louis would receive only \$90,000 in subsidy.

Even from the single standpoint of building up our ship in-

dustry, the bill would work an actual injury after the first five years. The bill provides for a ten years' subsidy to vessels already built, and a twenty years' subsidy to those subsequently built, but limits this last to only those vessels built within the next five years; so that were any vessels built after the expiration of this five years (which is hardly likely), they would have to compete with the heavily subsidized vessels previously built—a practical impossibility.

On Thursday Mr. Hanna spoke for nearly three hours in reply to Senator Clay. To those of his audience who were seeking information as to the actual objects and probable effects of the bill his speech was a disappointment.

The only attacks on the measure which he attempted to answer were those which questioned his own motives in his advocacy of the bill. And in this he did too much protesting, it forming the burden of both his opening and closing remarks. At one point of his speech he took issue with Mr. Clay's figures as to the amount of subsidy the American Line steamers would receive. Mr. Hanna said the sum would be less than \$290,000, whereas Mr. Clay's figures were \$304,290, which figures he informed Mr. Hanna were those of Mr. Clyde, President of the American Line. Hanna replied, "I am not hearing Mr. Clyde's figures, I'm hearing my own." Thereupon Senator Vest called his attention to the fact that by an odd coincidence the figures of the Commissioner of Navigation corresponded exactly with Mr. Clyde's. To this Hanna testily replied, "I don't want his figures, I have figured this out myself."

This interest which during the discussion the bill Mr. Hanna manifested in the farmers of the country was touching, but I have been unable to find any provision in the measure for granting subsidies on farm products or even on the manufacture of farming implements. But this is evidently an oversight on Mr. Hanna's part.

The real centre of interest in the Senate the past week has been the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. On Thursday the Senate adopted the Davis amendment.

The London Chronicle in commenting on this action by the Senate says: "The jingoes and anti-English Senators have triumphed. The better feeling which became manifest during the Spanish war has been shaken by the American pro-Boer sympathies, and is now swamped by self-interest."

In view of the policy of this administration towards Great Britain we do not wonder that the British press is greatly surprised to learn that the American Senate is not also its slavish lackey, but that it actually presumes to legislate for American interests even when such interests run counter to those of Great Britain.

Is it possible that to the much abused Senate must fall the honor of re-asserting our declaration of independence from Great Britain, and this too in defiance of an all-powerful administration by recently handsomely "vindicated at the polls?" It seems that this "Millionaires' Club" is of some use after all.

The morning following the adoption of the Davis amendment, Senator Lodge, after a lengthy conference with President McKinley and Secretary Hay, called the Foreign Relations Committee together to consider the various other amendments which have been offered. After some discussion, in which it was shown that the treaty could not possibly pass the Senate in its present shape, the committee adopted two amendments offered by Senator Foraker. One of these formally declares the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to be superseded. The other one strikes out that article which invites the other powers to participate in the treaty and agree thereto. Both of these amendments will undoubtedly be adopted by the Senate before the treaty is ratified, and in this shape it will be pre-

ferred to Great Britain for her approval.

The British press say that their government will promptly reject it, which it is fervently hoped they will do. In this event the United States will be absolutely free to construct and operate an American Isthmian Canal in the way it deems best for its own interests, without consulting any European power.—the only consistently American course.

F. M. C., Jr.

POLENTA NEWS.

Mr. Jos. Parrish and family will move to Benson to live in the early part of the year.

Miss Nelle Johnson will enter Turlington Institute the Spring term for the purpose of completing her education.

Rev. Mr. McLeod preached a most interesting sermon last second Sunday at Shiloh to a large congregation.

Mr. Del. Smith and Miss Lola Johnson were married at the home of the bride's parents in this township on the night of the 5th inst.

Mr. W. H. Coats and Miss Hattie Jones, were united in marriage at the residence of the brides' parents, Wednesday, night, December 12th. Elder J. A. T. Jones officiating. Only a few were invited.

Dr. E. N. Booker, returned home from Richmond, Va., last week, whither he went, accompanied by his wife, to have an operation performed on her for cancer of the mouth. The operation proved successful, and Mrs. Booker is improving every day, not sufficient, however, for her to come home as yet. She is at St. Luke's Hospital, over which Drs. McGuire and Hodges preside, and receives every possible attention. The Doctors think she will be able to come home just before Christmas. Let us all hope she will come home fully restored to health. Dr. Booker is very favorably impressed with Dr. McGuire's treatment.

TYPO.

Christmas Items From Benson.

As Christmas approaches everything seems to put on a more lively appearance. The work on the bank is progressing finely. Several new dwellings are going up. People from all directions come to town and Santa-Claus' toys and other Christmas necessities are being rapidly sold.

The program in literary and social enjoyments for Benson are about as follows: Confectioneries at Baptist church, Methodist church and Sunday schools on Christmas night. On Wednesday following the township Sunday school convention will take place at the Methodist church in the day, and at night that most charming and entertaining play "Cinderella in Flower-Land," will be rendered at the Academy by the music class of Miss Eva Holder. The play is divided into four acts; several tableau scenes and promises to be the most pleasant hour and a half of Christmas.

After the entertainment an oyster supper will be served by the ladies for the benefit of the Methodist church.

MAX.

Union Meeting Here.

A union meeting will be held at Smithfield Baptist church next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Services will be held morning, afternoon and night. Among those who are expected to be present are Rev. John Lewis, of Clayton, Prof. Kestler, of the Baptist Female University and others.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cents. Samples free, at Hood Bros. drug store.

REAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVING.

We are Too Prone to Measure Our Christmas Gifts by the Yardstick of Intrinsic Value.

"Our hearts are usually very much larger at Christmas than our purses," writes Edward Bok of The Christmas that Remains in the December Ladies' Home Journal. The desire is to remember everybody that we know. But our means do not generally allow us to do it. So we often pass entirely by at Christmas people to whom a simple 'Merry Christmas,' and nothing more, would mean a world of cheer and light-heartedness. Because we cannot give what we would like to we think that we should not give at all. The truth is, whether we choose to acknowledge it in so many words or not, that we have grown so commercially and so artificially minded in this country that thousands of us are prone to measure our Christmas presents by the yardstick of intrinsic value, or by what the recipients will think of them. We seem to have entirely lost sight of the fact that we can always give something. And if we gave that something we would really come closer to the real spirit of Christmas giving. A few cheerful words filled with that expression of strong good will, that is like sweet perfume, have a meaning that only a few realize. There is nothing so pleasant in this world as the feeling that one is remembered, and this a few written words will often convey more strongly than a gift. Yet we invariably put the gift first. Our remembrance must take some form, we think, other than a mere verbal or written expression. And that is the artificial within us; not the natural. We seem to refuse to believe that it is the simplest things we do that have the greatest influence. It is the simplest Christmas that remains."

BENSON BUDGET.

J. D. Parrish left Tuesday for St. Louis.

J. E. Johnson has bought out P. B. Johnson's stock of general merchandise.

Several business changes are expected to take place with the new year, and our town goes forward.

There is not a vacant dwelling in town, and the eight new ones now in process of erection are engaged.

The quantity of meat being killed in this section indicates that our smoke houses won't be in the West next year.

An itinerant preacher claiming to hail from Pennsylvania, entertained for awhile those citizens whose time hung heavily on their hands Tuesday.

The stockholders and those desiring to take stock in the Bank of Benson are requested to meet here at 1 o'clock p. m. Thursday, Dec. 27.

How Many Biscuits Will it Make.

A citizen of Smithfield, who has been traveling in different parts of the country, says that much nice pork is being killed these days. He says he visited the home of one of the county's most progressive farmers a few days ago and found 100 gallons of the nicest lard he ever saw. He thinks that family can feast on crackling bread for several days to come. He would like to know how many biscuits can be made from that 100 gallons of lard. Who will tell him?

When the stomach is tired out it must have a rest, but we can't live without food, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure "digests what you eat" so that you can eat all the good food you want while it is restoring the digestive organs to health. It is the only preparation that digests all kinds of food. Hare & Son, Hood Bros., Benson Drug Co., J. R. Ledbetter.

Somebody.

Somebody did a golden deed;
Somebody proved a friend in need;
Somebody sang a beautiful song;
Somebody smiled the whole day long;
Somebody thought, "Tis sweet to live;"
Somebody said, "I'm glad to give."
Somebody fought a gallant fight;
Somebody lived to shield the right.
Was that somebody you?
—Selected.

"Refused."

The word refused is an unsavory one is liked but little. It has grated on the feelings of THE HERALD several times in the last few weeks.

A few weeks ago we began to send out statements to our delinquent subscribers. Many to whom those statements were sent have responded in a very pleasing way. But not all. Occasionally we received a postal card from postmasters, reading thus: "Sir: Pursuant to instructions from the Postmaster General, I beg leave to inform you that your paper addressed to—, is not taken out, but remains dead in this office. You will please discontinue the same. Reason: Refused."

Now why is it that they refuse to take out the paper? We know. They have been reading the HERALD, some one year, some two years, and some even three years, at our expense. And when we send them a statement of what they are justly due us, they tell their postmaster that they don't want the paper any longer, and refuse to take it out of the post-office. It is the duty of the postmaster then to notify us of this fact.

Now, if there are any subscribers to this paper who don't intend to pay for it we would be glad if they would notify us at once, so that we may place their name on our book of remembrance, along with many others whose names have already been placed there. This book we intend to preserve, so that we may in the future sometimes look over its pages and familiarize ourselves with the names of those who were willing to read their county paper one, two and even three years, and then when called on for pay, refuse to take the paper from the postoffice. We already have enough of them to fill a dime museum.

To Cure a Cold in no Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box. 25¢.

Strike at The Stemmery.

Tuesday afternoon a strike took place at the Riverside Stemmery, which is operated by Messrs. W. A. Willingham & Co. Mr. J. T. Hart, M'gr discharged, one of the colored employees for impudence. This caused the entire force, about sixty in number, to quit work and walk out with clock-like precision.

Wednesday morning only two laborers returned to resume work. Yesterday a small force was at work, most of whom were new hands.

From everything we can learn the strike was entirely uncalled for. The manager had a right and was justified in discharging an impudent negro.

The strike has inconvenienced Messrs. Willingham & Co., as they had quite a large quantity of tobacco on hand that needed stemming and packing.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began the use of Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50¢. Guaranteed. For sale by Hood Bros.

Down Into the Water.

A portion of Hannahs Creek county bridge on the Newton Grove road, near Mr. Thomas Snead's, fell through with Louis Raynor and his wagon and two mules one day last week. The bridge gave away about the center. Louis Raynor is a colored man living in Bentonville township. He and his mules were badly hurt. They hung between the timbers and could not get out until help came. As soon as the mules were cut loose they swam ashore.

It seems that the bridge commissioners ought to examine the bridges more closely and see that they were repaired before they get in a dangerous condition.

Buie's Creek Academy Burned.

News has reached here that Buie's Creek Academy was burned Wednesday night of this week. It seems to have been the work of some enemy of the school. Professor Ogburn's dwelling was burned about eleven o'clock and about two o'clock the academy two or three hundred yards away was burned. The loss must be five or six thousand dollars with only one thousand and five hundred dollars insurance. Many will regret to hear this as it was one of the best schools in the State.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. R. A. Ashworth is at home this week.

Mr. M. C. Winston went to Clayton Wednesday.

Miss Eva Hood has been visiting Miss Mabel Horner.

Capt. D. H. Graves is expected here to spend Christmas.

Miss Rosa B. Richardson came home from Louisburg to spend the holidays.

Miss Julia P. Winston, of Oxford, is spending Christmas with Miss Annie Noble.

Robert and Albert Noble came home Thursday from the University to spend Christmas.

Mr. Pettigrew Temple is here this week looking after the construction of his new houses.

Mr. M. T. Nordan has moved here from Fine Level; he occupies one of Mr. Winston's cottages.

Mr. B. A. Creech has bought a farm of Mr. N. E. Edgerton about one mile from here and will move to it soon.

Dr. Salmon, an agent of the Banker's Life Insurance Co., of New York, was here Wednesday looking after the interests of his company.

Mr. R. B. Whitley was here Tuesday to see how the workmen were getting on with his house. We hope it will soon be finished so that he can move into it.

Terrible Massacre.

Vienna, Dec. 20.—Further details of the massacre of Christians in Macedonia by the Musselmen are received from Salonica. Horrible outrages have been committed in the village of Bituch in northern Albania by a horde of Mohammedans, who crucified every Christian male in the place, fixing them to trees with stakes driven through the hands and feet. Many of the women were outraged and all carried off to Mohammedan harems. The children were chopped up before their parents' eyes.

The Servian consul at Mitrovitza estimates the number of Christians killed at 470 men, 110 women and 430 children. He places the number of Christian women outraged at 386. The Turkish authorities are indifferent to the outrages, though they were committed in the Sultan's domain.

Pretoria, Dec. 14.—Clements brought in his force to Commando Neck. The casualties were, I regret to say, heavy—killed, five officers and nine of other ranks; missing, 18 officers and 555 of other ranks.