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TAFT ON THE TARIFF BILL

Believes It To Be A Sincere Effort On The Part Of The Republican Party For A Downward Revision--Corporation Tax Just Measure.

Washington, Special.—President Taft Thursday gave out a statement embodying his views of the new tariff act, which he designates officially as the "Payne bill," in accordance with past custom of giving first recognition to the framer of the measure in the House of Representatives.

The statement in full follows: "I have signed the Payne tariff bill because I believe it to be the result of a sincere effort on the part of the Republican party to make a downward revision, and to comply with the promises of the platform as they have been generally understood, and as I interpreted them in the campaign before election."

"The bill is not a perfect tariff bill, or a complete compliance with the promises made, strictly interpreted, but a fulfillment, free from criticism in respect to a subject matter involving many schedules and thousands of articles, could not be expected. It suffices to say that except with regard to whiskey, liquors and wines, and in regard to silks and as to some high class cottons—all of which may be treated as luxuries and proper subjects of a revenue tariff—there have been very few increases in rates."

"There have been a great number of real decreases in rates and they constitute a sufficient amount to justify the statement that his bill is a substantial downward revision, and a reduction of excessive rates."

"This is not a free-trade bill. It was not intended to be. The Republican party did not promise to make a free-trade bill."

"It promised to make the rates protective, but to reduce them when they exceed the difference between the cost of production abroad and here, making allowance for the greater normal profit on active investments here. I believe that while this excess has not been reduced in a number of cases, in a great majority, the rates are such as are necessary to protect American industries, but are

low enough in case of abnormal increase of demand, and raising of prices, to permit the possibility of the importation of the foreign article and thus to prevent excessive prices.

"The power granted to the Executive under the maximum and minimum clause may be exercised to secure the removal of obstacles which have been interposed by foreign governments in the way of undue and unfair discrimination against American merchandise and products."

"The Philippine tariff section I have struggled to secure for ten years last past, and it gratifies me exceedingly by my signature to give it the effect of law. I am sure it will greatly increase the trade between the two countries, and it will do much to build up the Philippines in a healthful prosperity."

"The administrative clauses of the bill and the customs court are admirably adapted to secure a more uniform and a more speedy final construction."

"The authority to the President to use agents to assist him in the application of the maximum and minimum section of the statute, and to enable officials to administer the law, gives a wide latitude for the acquisition, under circumstances favorable to its truth, of information in respect to the price and cost of production of goods at home and abroad, which will throw much light on the operation of the present tariff and be of primary importance as officially collected data upon which future executive action and executive recommendation may be based."

"The incorporation tax is a just and equitable excise measure, which, it is hoped, will produce a sufficient amount to prevent a deficit and which incidentally will secure valuable statistics and information concerning the many corporations of the country and will constitute an important step toward that degree of publicity and regulation, which the tendency in corporate enterprises in the last twenty years has shown to be necessary."

MANN WINS NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

Richmond, Va., Special.—With returns from the Democratic primary still incomplete, indications Friday were that Judge William Hodges Mann, of Nottoway, has been nominated for Governor over Harry St. George Tucker, of Rockbridge, by a majority of from 3,000 to 5,000.

J. Taylor Ellysin, the present Lieutenant Governor, has been renominated without doubt and Samuel Williams is the party's choice for Attorney General. Indications Friday night pointed strongly to the defeat of G. W. Koiner, the incumbent, for the nomination for Commissioner of Agriculture, by J. T. Brown. The early returns were favorable to Koiner.

There is no significance in the nominations for the House of Delegates on the liquor question as this issue did not enter into the contests in the various districts. It is predicted by Democratic leaders that if a State-wide prohibition measure is offered in either branch of the Assembly it will be defeated although not a dozen of the Democratic nominees are pledged either way.

Judge Mann had the support of the anti-saloon league during his campaign although both he and his opponent went before the voters as favoring local option. Judge Mann indicated, however, that he would sign a State-wide prohibition bill if passed by the Legislature, while Mr. Tucker on the other hand had said that he would veto such a measure. Mr. Tucker made a strong fight by reason of a larger personal following, having scarcely any organization, while Judge Mann's forces were well organized.

SOUTHERN SOFT YARN SPINNERS MEET IN ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Special.—The Southern Soft Yarn Spinners' Association, with representatives from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, met in special session Friday afternoon at the Battery Park Hotel here for the consideration of the conditions in the soft yarn business. The members were in executive session for about four hours. J. P. McRae, of Laurinburg, president, presided, and Robert Chapman, acted as secretary.

At the end of the executive session the members would not give out to the press what was done in the meeting.

\$1,000,000 ESSON GRANITE COMPANY TO REORGANIZE

Salisbury, Special.—The Esson Granite Company, the million dollar concern recently organized with large quarries at Granite Quarry this county, and headquarters in this city, is in the hands of Mr. George R. Collins, an experienced granite man of this city, as receiver, he being named at Asheville Thursday and he gave bond in the sum of \$25,000 with Charles J.

Harris, late Republican candidate for Governor, as surety. The receivership resulted owing to the death of Mr. Herbert C. Hammond, of Canada, who was largely interested and whose estate is said to be worth \$5,000,000. That this step will not hinder the operations at the works is good news here. It is expected that the receivership will be of short duration.

COTTON MILLS TAKE UP FIGHT ON THE HOOK WORM

Columbia, S. C., Special.—President Thomas F. Parker, of the Monaghan Mills, Greenville, is prosecuting an investigation in to the hookworm disease among his several hundred employes through a bright and capable young physician, the results of which will doubtless be of great interest to mill managers and other employers of labor that comes largely from the small farms in this and other Southern States.

While in Greenville a few days ago the writer had a talk with the young physician, who modestly insisted that his name be not used as he had not had enough of experience to warrant his being set up as an expert, and was shown a number of patients being treated for the disease. The most striking an interesting as well as encouraging feature of the work going on at Greenville, as it occurred to the interviewer, was the rapid response of the patients to treatment and the assurances from the medical men that the worst cases could be entirely freed from the disease within a few weeks.

NEWS BOILED DOWN

A constable at Black Mountain Saturday at 1:30 a. m., shot two men, John Bunting and P. C. Collins. Bunting is dead and Collins is severely wounded. The men disturbed the other guests in the Gladstone hotel and the shooting followed the officers appearance on the scene.

One man was killed and four were injured in Philadelphia, Saturday, by the giving away of one wheel of their automobile which caused it to overturn.

President Taft began his vacation at Beverly by engaging in his favorite game of golf.

By an erroneous throw of a switch one train ran into another which was still on the siding near Memphis, Sunday morning, and Joe Lewis, an engineer of thirty years experience, was killed and several others of the crews were badly hurt.

R. E. Dinwiddie, of Augusta, Ga., was released from the insane asylum some months ago but is again insane and is barricaded in his home and shoots when anyone approaches. He once fasted 41 days and it is feared he may repeat the feat while defying all comers.

P. C. Butts, an aged farmer near Douglass, Ga., was attacked by his neighbor's two bloodhounds Sunday and was so badly bitten before help arrived that his life is despaired of.

The Columbia State announces that \$10,000 contributed to the Woman's Monument Fund and calls for just \$1,000 more to complete the necessary amount.

Cablegrams from Morocco say that the Moors have tortured to death 35 officers and 15,000 troops captured in the engagements with Spain.

Sweeden is in no little trouble. Two regiments that were sent to the northern districts to keep down any disturbance among the striking lumbermen, have mutinied and seem to be in sympathy with the strikers.

It is said that King Edward, through a tip by J. P. Morgan, has within three months gathered \$1,000,000 trading on steel stock.

Turkey and Greece are now assuming hostile attitudes, the island of Crete being the bone of contention.

Roger Sommer, a Frenchman, has surpassed the Wrights in an aeroplane endurance trial, staying in the air two hours 27 minutes and 15 seconds.

ALABAMA A DRY STATE.

Governor Comer Signs Carmichael Prohibition Bill, Which Makes the State a Regular Sahara Desert.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Governor Comer on Monday afternoon signed the Carmichael prohibition bill.

Under this act it is unlawful to sell or to store any liquors containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol. The locker clubs are illegal and the possession of a United States internal revenue license shall be considered prima facie evidence of guilt. Truly, Alabama is a dry state.

The Fuller bill, and the Ballard bill are still pending in the House. They are more radical than the Carmichael bill and are designed to aid in the enforcement of the latter. The Fuller bill prohibits any sort of liquor advertising and throws every safeguard around the law. The Ballard bill provides for the impeachment of officers who fail to put the law into effect. Both of these bills will be passed.

The contest over the bill submitting to the people in November an amendment to the constitution excluding liquors from Alabama forever is under consideration. Both sides to the contest claim victory.

Georgia Senate Opposes Income Tax.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Senate on Monday for the third time refused to consider a resolution favoring an income tax amendment to the Federal constitution. As there are but two more days in the present session of the Legislature, it is improbable that the income tax will receive further consideration.

New Aeroplane Record.

Mourmelon-le-Grand, France. By Cable.—The world's record for prolonged flight in an aeroplane was broken Saturday by Roger Sommer, a French aviator, who remained in the air two hours, 27 minutes, and 15 seconds, breaking thereby the record made by Wilbur Wright at Le Mans, France, last December, when he stayed aloft two hours, 20 minutes and 57 seconds. It was announced, however, that Sommer's time was not regarded as official.

OFFICER SHOTS TWO MEN

One Died Sunday Morning—Other May Recover—Officer's Story Justifies Shooting—Negro Employes Implicate Officer.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Mr. John Bunting of Wilmington, a traveling salesman of the Chattanooga Medicine Company, died in the Mission Hospital here Sunday morning, soon after midnight as a result of a shooting scrape at the Gladstone Hotel, Black Mountain, Saturday morning at 1:30 o'clock, while Mr. P. C. Collins, a prominent banker of Hillsboro, is also at the hospital in an adjoining ward with a bad wound in the right side. The two men received their hurts at the hands of F. C. Watkins, town constable of Black Mountain, in a room at the Gladstone Hotel Saturday morning about 1:30 o'clock. The men were brought to Asheville Saturday morning several hours after the shooting occurred and taken to the hospital for treatment. It was found that Mr. Bunting was suffering from internal hemorrhage. Mr. Collins, while dangerously hurt, will probably recover.

The officer tells the following story: "I went up to the room," said the constable, "where the men were and entered. The room was in darkness and as I entered I struck a match to see my way and lighted a lamp. One of the men, I don't know which one, asked who I was and I said a police officer—the town constable. One of the men with an oath said in effect, 'Well, we take care of all police here.' At about that time one of them kicked the door shut and then the light was snuffed out. One of the men jumped at me and grabbed me about the neck, the other at the time also closing in and clinching. The men were both of strong build; one of them had something in his hand but I don't know what it was. When they closed in on me and grabbed me, one reached for my pistol pocket. I drew my revolver, a 32-calibre Smith & Wesson and in the darkness fired two shots and the men staggered back; one of them fell. When I went in there was a third person in the room, but whether he got out before the shooting I don't know. I called for the door to be opened and it was opened. I don't know whether from the inside or outside. A light was secured and the manager came in. I assisted one of the men to a bed; the other one went out into the hall. A physician was summoned and in company with the physician the men were brought to Asheville for medical treatment."

At the inquest over Bunting however, two negro men, employes in the hotel, give a story to the effect that the officer was not justified in the shooting, that the men showed no disposition to resist. The officer gave bond in the sum of \$5,000.

He said that when he reached the hotel women were running around in their night clothing, barefooted and frightened.

Various guests of the hotel, men and women, testified as to the disturbance created by Bunting and Collins in their room about midnight. Several of them stated that the two men were shouting and using profane language, and that on complaint to the proprietor of the hotel the latter sent for the village constable to quiet the disturbers.

Sunday Merrymakers Drown.

Toledo, O., Special.—Two men and one woman were drowned and seven men were rescued with difficulty when a launch containing a gay party of merrymakers capsized in Maumee bay 500 feet off of the Casino, a summer theatre, at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. All were residents of Toledo. Dill, one of the drowned, was the owner of the boat and took out the party of ten men and one woman over the earnest protests of his wife.

Dry as the Hot Sahara. Mobile, Ala., Special.—Mobile, some times called the oasis in the prohibition desert of Alabama, will be as dry as the hot Sahara. Saturday the proprietors of near-beer places began moving their stocks to their homes and warehouses for storage. The Carmichael prohibition bill passed by the Senate Friday was the cause.

Three Negroes Drown When Launch Takes Fire. Alexandria, Special.—Ernest Grady, Robert McKenney and Charles Hardy, negroes, were drowned from a launch in the Potomac below this city Monday night. Two other occupants were rescued. Lucas struck a match to ascertain the cause of the engine stopping, and as he did so there was a solid mass of flame from the gasoline tank. The frightened negroes jumped to the port side, and as they did so the boat careened and in a few moments all were in thirty feet of water.

Williamston Market.

Williamston, Special.—The tobacco market opened Tuesday for another year for the sale of the weed. The excessive rains of the past week caused the sales not to amount to as much as was anticipated, but there were about twenty thousand pounds sold. The prices were not as good at the opening of the season last year.

Ralph Huggins Released.

Asheville, Special.—The habeas corpus hearing for the release of Ralph Huggins, the 12-year-old boy of Henderson county, alleged to be restrained of his liberty, will not be had. The magistrate who had refused the lad bail on appeal, reconsidered and the boy is now out of jail. Huggins was given a 30 days' sentence for a fight with another boy. The Huggins boy declares that he whipped his opponent because the other boy "jumped on his crippled brother."

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of State Interest Gathered from Here and There Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Annual Veterans' Meeting.

Cornelius, Special.—The annual meeting of Confederate Veterans was attended Thursday by a drenching rain in the morning, but the rains ceased and all entered upon the joys that always attend these meetings. There was a richly spread table for feasting the wearers of the gray and all went off in the best of spirits.

The special event of the days from the veterans' point of view was the inspection of the beautiful granite monument recently erected. The work was executed by Webb and Van Pelt, representing the Mooresville Marble and Granite Company. Without the figure or statue that is yet to be added the monument stands 20 1-2 feet; complete it will be 28 feet. As constructed there are four bases or steps, three of granite in addition to the cement foundation and ground elevation, upon these a capital, then a die upon whose square on the east side are figures of crossed swords, on the south side the figures "1861-1865," on the west side, the figure of a mounted cannon; again a capital, then a die of blue pearl marble, with the inscription upon its left side:

"Though men deserve, they may not win success; The brave will honor the brave, vanquished, none the less."

On the opposite sides are the words:

"First at Bethel, Farthest at Gettysburg, Last at Appomattox."

The spire or column, with a capital at base and top present the figure of crossed guns on the east side, and on the opposite side a Confederate flag.

Mr. Chase Brenizer, of Charlotte, was orator of the day and most handsomely did he touch the chords that give new pulsation to the glory and the pride of every Confederate and inspire in the minds of the young new emotions of reverence for those who shared in the trials, privations, triumphs and glories of that terrible war.

Market Glutted With Melons.

Rocky Mount, Special.—That the markets of New York and Jersey City are stocked with watermelons is evidenced by a notice that was Wednesday served on all of the Pennsylvania connecting roads stating that watermelons will not be received for either of these cities unless the freight on them is prepaid. The shipments of melons for the past several weeks have been very large, and it is thought from the notice as served that the company realizes the overstocked condition of the market and they refuse the shipments for fear that freight charges cannot be realized on them. It is not known for how long this ruling will be in force, but it will undoubtedly have the effect of lessening the shipments greatly.

State Farmer's Convention.

Raleigh, Special.—A State farmers' convention will be held in Raleigh, at the A. & M. College, commencing Tuesday, August 24, and continuing to Friday, August 27. The four days will be devoted to "real study in agriculture, horticulture, dairying, stock judging, etc." A woman's convention will be held at the same time for the discussion by competent women of the problems in home making, housekeeping, prevention of diseases, cookery, etc. A number of experts have been engaged to deliver special addresses. President Hill, of the college, has announced that board will be offered at 25 cents a meal with room rent free.

Crazy Man Sells Cocaine.

Goldboro, Special.—A negro, Otto Mitchell, was tried in the mayor's court on the serious charge of selling cocaine. Developments proved that even were the accusation true, the prisoner could not be held responsible for he was found to be an inmate of the nearby colored asylum, recently escaped, for whom a search has been made throughout the past week.

Burglar Makes Escape.

Spencer, Special.—The store of the McDaniel-Buttz Drug Company at Spencer was entered by an unknown burglar at midnight Wednesday night, who escaped without a clue to his identity. R. I. Grantham, manager of the business, left the store at a late hour the previous evening and returned at midnight for some medicine for a customer and upon entering the prescription department found the intruder hiding behind the counter. He fled out a back door, which he had opened, and escaped in the darkness.

Madison Held For

Mooresville, Special.—A preliminary trial of Glenn Madison, killing of Terrell Sherrill, Monday morning was held before C. Tuesday afternoon before a room. Henry Wilson, a negro, swore that he heard Madison Sherrill about a week ago would kill him about a girl going with but thought it at the time as a young boys. A negro woman, Bell, who lives near the house where the homicide heard Glenn tell his little tell his mother "nothing Glenn then went in the and in about ten minutes the shot. Mack Melchor he got there about five minutes the shot and that he found with four cartridges near a bullet that had been fired from a rifle in another room the foregoing testimony Madison committed to jail for by the grand jury. Feehag though it is rather against

Insurance Men At

Wilmington, Special.—The annual report of the North Carolina Association of Fire Underwriters convention at the Seashore Hotel Tuesday afternoon, was in attendance. President Ray, of Greensboro, presided. Secretary J. M. Harrell, at his post. Hon. John delivered the address to the visitors and the report of W. B. Strauch, of Salisbury, annual report of President showing the association's condition and an influence good to the insurance State, was read and committee as was a secretary and treasurer session, Paul Greensboro, extended invitation for the association next year in the City will probably be accepted. It was greeted that Hon. J. H. South of Durham, could not be present discuss the relation of the State secession and this subject was discussed by Col. Walker Taylor.

Three Suspected of Murder

Greensboro, Special.—John alias John Leonard, and James Ernest Wade, of High Point, were in jail here Monday night, in connection with the murder of Miss Newman. The officers refuse to discuss the men's connection with the case, saying they are held on minor charges, pending preliminary hearing. Miss Newman, who was an eccentric old woman, living alone at her home in Sumner Township, near this place, was found dead in the woods a short distance from her house, about ten days ago, her skull having been crushed with a club. Wade has been released since the above was written. There was a lack of evidence to implicate him.

Two Negroes Drowned.

Mt. Gilead, Special.—While attempting to cross the Yadkin river at Blalock's ferry near here Wednesday afternoon, two colored men were drowned. Mr. A. J. Little and his uncle, Mr. Meyers, came near losing their lives, but escaped by swimming to the bank.

Complaint Filed.

The citizens of Watauga county have filed with the Corporation Commission a complaint against the Valle Crucis, Shawneeclaw and Elk Park Turnpike Company for reduction and adjustment of tolls from Elk Park to Valle Crucis.

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