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## Great Britain Stirred Over Possibility Of Tariff War

London, Nov. 21—News from Washington that Britain's new emergency tariff will be answered immediately by the imposition of retaliatory American duties came as a shock to the British public today.

Official comment was not forthcoming because government offices were closed for the week end, but the threat of possible Anglo-American "tariff war" featured the Sunday news papers and is certain to stir parliamentary debate next week.

The British business world did not realize that the "anti-dumping" emergency duties, which parliament rushed into law in three days, would produce a boomerang reaction so quickly for the United States.

American business observers here regard the first new British schedule, which goes into effect Wednesday and levies a 50 per cent duty on certain classes of manufactured goods as the prelude to a general tariff.

It is not generally understood that countervailing American tariff regulations already are effective in one important line of commodities, namely automobiles.

The United States tariff on imported automobiles is 25 per cent. When the British tariff was raised to 33 1-3 per cent the American duty against British cars automatically was increased to the same level.

This American increase has been effective for a long time. It is accepted here as an indication of what will happen in the adjustment of duties on the long list of articles included in the British government's anti-dumping regulations announced last night.

Of the 23 classes of imports upon which Britain will levy fifty per cent duty, few are exported to the United States in any great quantities and so would not be seriously hit by countervailing tariffs.

British woolen exporters will be the most affected, and exporters of certain classes of linen, tissues, cutlery and gloves will also be touched.

But the list of British imports announced yesterday may be only a start. American observers here point out these duties are for six months only, but they may be used as a bargaining medium by the British government in formulating its general tariff act which is expected next spring.

Some of the leading British tariff exponents have urged the adoption of tariff legislation mainly as a weapon to use in bargaining for greater British exports to such high protection countries as the United States.

If a general tariff is imposed it is believed the six months experience will serve the government as a guide and that some duties will be raised above fifty per cent and others lowered.

Washington, Nov. 21—The United States is alertly watching British tariff moves to determine whether duties levied there should be matched by increases in American rates.

A hurried study of the new British schedules today disclosed that that thus far, the London government has imposed no tariffs that can be the basis for retaliatory action.

Commerce Department investigators reported that none of the articles on which countervailing levies are permitted by American law was included in the new British list on which a rate of fifty per cent of value is levied.

Under the law, certain rates may be increased to equal foreign duties. These include levies on automobiles, trucks and bicycles, except tires; coal, coke, paperboard, wallboard and pulpboard, including cardboard and leatherboard, and gunpowder. None of these items appeared in the official lists of the British tariff.

Another retaliatory provision in the American law authorizes similar equalization of rates on commodities receiving export bounties from foreign governments. But neither could this be invoked in the present instance.

Meanwhile, William L. Cooper, commercial attaché at London, notified the Commerce Department of an estimate that

only \$12,000,000 or five per cent of America's exports to Great Britain would be affected.

Chairman Smoot of the Senate finance committee, whose name the present law bears, said "before the fight is over we will find our present tariffs are none too high and in many cases may have to be advanced."

Senator LaFollette (R), Wisconsin, who opposed the present domestic tariff law, said Britain's action was "an example of the retaliatory type of duties some of us predicted if the Smoot-Hawley bill were passed."

Senator Blaine, another Wisconsin Republican, said: "We gave the first dose and they are just returning the compliment."

Representative Hawley (R), Oregon, co-author with Smoot of the present law, could see no retaliation involved. He added the new Congress "certainly will not take part in a tariff war."

Representative Collier (D), Mississippi, in line for the chairmanship of the House ways and means committee, said the British move was "just another evidence of retaliation."

Senator Watson of Indiana, the Republican leader, said: "I have always believed that sooner or later Great Britain would have to come to the protective tariff. That is her business."

Senator Borah (R), Idaho, asked: "How can we object if they adopt our policy?"

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader, said he did not know how much effect the British move would have on American commerce, nor to what extent it was influenced by enactment of the Hawley-Smoot tariff law in this country.

### National Book Week In Madison High Nov. 16-21

National Book Week gave much stimulation to reading in the Madison high school.

During the week preceding National Book Week, Miss Rachel Cordle, librarian, offered a cash prize of one dollar for the best book report or poster for the encouragement of reading.

Miss Cordle's library prize stimulated a great interest. A number of book reports and beautiful posters were submitted.

The Dolly Madison Book club furnished three judges: Mrs. Wade Gentry, Mrs. Tom Knight, Mrs. Pearl vanNoppen.

Travis Barham won the cash prize on his poster. Mary Ruffin Robertson got honorable mention for the best book report submitted.

Eloise Wall deserves honorable mention for the very beautiful poster submitted.

The Dolly Madison Book club appreciated Miss Cordle's fine spirit in regard to books so much that they invited her to give the posters to the next club meeting and show them to the entire club.

Other activities of the school in regard to book week were: A literary society program on books by the senior class, group A, and a chapel program on book week under the auspices of the tenth grade. Grades seven, eight and nine contributed posters and book reports.

### Mrs. Timberlake Passes

Mrs. Emily Timberlake died in a Reidsville hospital Monday morning after a short illness. Friends throughout the section will regret to learn this, for she was an exceptionally popular lady. For many years she had been court stenographer for Rockingham and this duty had carried her to many other counties. No court will seem complete without her presence. The funeral services were conducted from the Central Methodist Church, Reidsville, Tuesday afternoon and the remains were taken to Greensboro for interment.

T. D. Temple of Halifax county has 75 head of cattle on feed at the present time. These are in addition to 35 breeding cows and some 30 young calves.

Read The Messenger ads and buy it at home.

## JOHN J. RASKOB SEEKS ANSWER ON PROHIBITION

Democratic Chairman Goes To Front, Carrying Liquor Issue With Him; Questionnaire Sent Out; Yes Or No Answers Asked To Seven Propositions; Makes Appeal For Repeal

Washington, Nov. 23—After months spent in the background of party affairs, John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic national committee, has come to the front again, bringing the prohibition issue with him.

Reaffirming his conviction that the next national convention of the party should declare frankly for submitting the prohibition issue to the people, Raskob has sent the 88,580 contributors to the 1928 Democratic campaign fund a questionnaire asking what they think about it.

Yes or no answers were asked to seven propositions, while in an accompanying letter Raskob employed his persuasive argument for positive declaration.

"I believe the time has come," he wrote, "for the Democratic party to face this issue squarely, and to present to the people a definite plan under the policy of states' rights, and local self-government."

The move was a follow up to his presentation of the home rule plan for liquor control last March to the national committee. He evoked then a bitter outburst, particularly from southern leaders, many of whom felt deliberate injection of the prohibition issue was a fine way to wreck the party's 1932 prospects.

His seven questions sought to establish whether the contributors favored a definite platform declaration on prohibition; whether they wished the platform to commit the congressional Democrats to a resolution which would get the 18th amendment again before the people; whether they favored the home rule plan or straight out repeal, and whether they desired that all future amendments to the constitution be submitted to popular conventions rather than the state legislatures.

Raskob said his presentation of the issue to the national committee in March was to stir up widespread discussion in the party. The announcement of the questionnaire by party headquarters here described this latest move one "to ascertain just how the rank and file of the Democratic party feels" about a platform declaration.

He cited the Wickersham commission report extensively in urging action. He asserted the country was filled with independent voters ready to flock to the Democratic banner if the party declared itself, and he counted also on the support of millions of first-voters who "will not tolerate evasion."

### Program By A. I. Park's Room; Book Week, the Theme

Chapel program during the National Book Week was observed fittingly in the high school by the tenth grade's presenting the following program: Devotional exercises—Eleanor Martin. Song—The whole school. Talk on Book Week—Miss Cordle, librarian in high school. Announcement of a prize for best reader in high school by Dolly Madison Book club—Mrs. Guy Simpson.

Talk of Value on Reading—Mrs. Robert Labberton. Mrs. Labberton also gave a humorous reading in addition to the other talk.

All found this a very educational as well as entertaining program. To the one who makes the best use of the library, the Dolly Madison Book club will present five dollars, at the end of the school year. The club is likewise sponsoring an Essay Contest. For information see Mrs. Simpson or Miss Taylor.

The subject of the essay is, "How Shall My Family Spend Its Sabbath?" Limit, seven hundred words. Hand in two typewritten copies to the room teacher.

### Civil Court; Two Weeks

A two weeks term of civil court convened in Wentworth Monday morning, with Judge Oglesby presiding. The first day was given over to the hearing of divorce cases, there being twenty-four scheduled for that day, and the greater number was disposed of in short order. The docket is quite heavy and it is barely possible that much more than a dent will be made in it during this term.

### There are 238 farm boys enrolled in the 11 clubs now organized in Edgecombe county.

## \* STONEVILLE \* Raskob Calls Party To Meet January 9, Plan Convention

There will be a meeting of the Young People's Service League of Mayodan in the Stoneville Episcopal Church, the 5th Sunday. The services will begin about 11 A. M.

Rev. R. G. Shannhouse of Pittsboro and E. F. Duncan of Mayodan were in town Sunday. J. D. Carter returned home Sunday, after several days visit to Charleston, W. Va.

Misses Nannie and May Baugh visited Mrs. E. W. King Sunday.

Miss Florence King spent the week end in Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tatum of Nettle Ridge, Va., visited Mrs. R. B. Price Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Stone has returned from a Martinsville hospital. Rev. Mr. Bedford of Lynchburg preached in the Christian Church Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. H. L. Glenn visited her mother near Madison Sunday. Mrs. Carrie Rodenhizer was indisposed Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Helsabeck and Mrs. Shockley of Rural Hall were guests of Mrs. J. A. Scales Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Joyce has returned from a Winston-Salem hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Price visited in town Sunday.

Dr. L. A. Taylor and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cahill of Winston-Salem visited Mrs. J. M. Taylor Sunday.

Judging from the large number of cars in town Monday, it seems that the farmers are rushing their tobacco to market before the holidays, regardless of the low prices.

Miss Lillian Rodenhizer visited Mrs. Billy Roberts for the week end. Little Joe Glenn has been on the sick list.

Mrs. George Price of Spartanburg, S.C., and Rev. and Mrs. James Huggins of Asheville were guests of Mrs. R. T. Stone Monday night.

### S. A. ALLEN PASSES

Samuel A. Allen, died at his home five miles east of Madison, November 20, after a few days illness of pneumonia. He was 83 years of age, and the last heir of the late Valentine and Elizabeth Allen. He is survived by the widow and the following children; Mrs. Maggie Farris, Mrs. A. C. Knight, Valentine, Robert, Oscar and Dewey Allen. His eldest daughter, Mrs. Tom Grogan, died several years ago in Texas. Also ten grand children and four great-grandchildren. He had always been a cripple and shut-in, but his bright, cherry disposition won a place in each heart that knew him. He leaves a host of sorrowing friends. He was buried in Deep Springs cemetery Saturday afternoon. Pallbearers were T. E. Cox, J. S. Doyle, G. C. Lewis, W. B. Rakestraw, Willie Ferrell and Cain Cox.

### DIED IN MAYODAN

Mrs. Mary Emma Pyrtle, of Kernersville, died Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Cook, in Mayodan, after an illness of four months.

Mrs. Pyrtle is survived by her husband, three sons, J. O. and J. E. Pyrtle, of Westfield, Surry county, and E. R. Pyrtle, of Mayodan; two daughters, Mrs. D. R. Cook, of Mayodan, and Mrs. Austin Moore, of Kernersville.

A brief service was held at the daughter's home in Mayodan, Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock, and the funeral proper took place in the afternoon at 1 o'clock at Rock House Church in Stokes county, by Elders J. W. Tuttle and William Atkinson.

### At Mayodan Sunday Evening

Evangelist Long, who recently conducted a most successful series of meetings at Mayodan, will preach in the school auditorium at that place Sunday evening at 7:30. Mr. Long made a profound impression on those who heard him when here before and many will be glad of the opportunity of hearing him again.

Two cars of ground limestone have been ordered by Wilkes county farmers for use with legume crops this fall.

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of West Virginia, and Alfred E. Smith of New York, will speak. The committee in selecting the time and place of the June convention, will find strong sentiment for Chicago. Whether the Republicans meeting in December select Chicago or Cleveland or some other city, may have much to do with the decision. The time is expected to be set for a week or two after the Republican convention.

The committee will review the progress of its current "victory campaign" to raise funds for a campaign that probably will cost millions of dollars, in addition to paying off its 1928 debt of nearly a million.

Robinson said that with the present House and Senate preponderantly dry, "no substantial change respecting prohibition may be expected." He defined the economic issues which should dominate a farm relief, unemployment and taxation.

The Arkansas leader last March led an uproarious debate against Raskob's plan when it was announced at the national committee meeting last March. The prohibition board charged that "wet millionaires are bringing to bear all the pressure possible upon both parties to make their platforms wet."

Through its secretary, E. C. Dinwiddie, it charged that the Democratic National Committee "bound hand and foot by a debt of nearly \$800,000, owed to John J. Raskob, or largely if not wholly guaranteed by him, continues supinely to allow this wet multi-millionaire to make its machinery the spring-board for his fanatical opposition to prohibition."

## TO SAFEGUARD THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS

With auto accidents on the increase in the state and winter's added perils for the motorist not far away, state highway officials are launching a vigorous program against carelessness on the part of the driver and the use of defective equipment. Responsibility for the success of the campaign is being placed upon the shoulders of the owners and drivers of motor vehicles and the state highway patrol.

Reminding the public that 777 persons lost their lives in North Carolina as a result of auto accidents last year and that the death rate is still mounting, E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the highway commission, seeks the cooperation of the public to lessen mishaps.

He said, "each year, as greater service is required of the automobile, certain tests and adjustments become necessary. Accidents, other than those caused by reckless driving, come about chiefly as a result of blinding headlights, faulty brakes, imperfections in the steering mechanism, and worn out tires. These deficiencies must be remedied just as the reckless driver must be ruled from the highway."

Alertness on the part of the highway patrolmen in detecting imperfect and worn out equipment is being called for by Captain Farmer, head of the state highway patrol. Blinding headlights being recognized by highway authorities as one of the main causes of accidents, the attention of the highway patrolmen is being directed toward a check-up on the official headlight testing stations. Many new stations have been designated at strategic points throughout the state for the convenience of the motorists.

### Thanksgiving Service

There will be a union Thanksgiving service at the Baptist Church this evening, Thursday, at 7:30, at which Rev. D. H. Wilcox of Winston-Salem will be the chief speaker. The various churches of the town will unite in this worship and it is to be hoped that the church will be filled.

### Accused of Juggling Tobacco

S. A. McCollum and Roy White were arrested Tuesday on the charge of juggling tobacco on the local warehouse floors. Each gave bond for a preliminary hearing, which is scheduled for Monday night before Mayor Moore.

## \* MAYODAN \*

Mrs. Nannie Smith of Roanoke spent the week end with Mrs. T. W. Lehman.

Miss Kathryn Brown and Miss Frances Armfield of Greensboro spent the week end with Mrs. Perry Ashe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Austin and Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Webb spent Sunday at Covington, Va. Miss Garnette Reynolds spent Tuesday afternoon in Greensboro.

Mrs. Robert Vernon, Mrs. V. E. Smith and Miss Virginia Smith spent Saturday afternoon in Greensboro. Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Hedgecock, Misses Willie Mae Holton, Garnette Reynolds, Ruth and Elizabeth Hamerick spent Friday and Saturday at Covington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Smith of Martinsville spent Sunday with relatives. Mrs. Kirby Reid and Kirby, Jr., spent Saturday in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Reid, Curtis and Mrs. Nannie Reid of Winston-Salem spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Reid.

### Prize Fights Scheduled

The local post American Legion has scheduled a series of fights for Friday night, December 4th, at Price's warehouse. There will be six bouts and some heavy hitters have been booked. The main bout will be between two outside heavy weights. The following are the bouts scheduled: 1st, James White vs. Miller Joyce; 2d, Claude Adkins vs. Melvin Steele; 3d, Norman Shreve vs. Charlie Moss; 4th, Pompey Cardwell vs. Red Howard; 5th, Ray Hodges vs. Miller Newman. The battle royal will be the elimination contest between the following colored boys: Charlie Joyner, Moot Foy, Bud Lowe, Will Lowe, John Lemmons, George Womack and Tom Foy. Then the main bout.

### Big Breaks This Week

The local warehouses have been crowded this week to their capacity. The growers are rushing their tobacco to market, regardless of the low prices prevailing throughout the belt. It seems that they have lost hope of getting anything like a fair price for the present crop. However, Madison's averages have been a little above a majority of the other nearby markets, which accounts for the big breaks that have prevailed here this week.