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## TARIFF INVITES LOBBYISTS.

Herde of Smooth Individuals Expected to Infest Washington.

According to the Dearborn Independent, a lobbyist, who has piled his trade in Washington since the early days of the tariff that recently became a law of the land, lately had this to say: "Two months ago my mind was made up to leave Washington immediately upon the tariff bill becoming a law, but the special provision in the act giving the president authority to raise or lower any rate in the bill not to exceed 50 per cent the rate carried in the bill, and to apply the American valuation plan, opens up such a rich field that I have decided to remain indefinitely."

This man advised a friend to get busy and make a few connections with interested concerns in the United States and go into the lobbying business, assuring him that during the years during which the tariff act will be in effect will be the richest and most fruitful in the history of tariff lobbying at the national capital.

But it probably will not be so easy as that, for tariff "lobbying" has changed from the coarse methods of a decade ago, when whiskey and wine, dinners and dollars, and women and witchery brought home the bacon for the lobbyists. Those old, raw and disreputable days are past. Tariff lobbying is now one of the fine arts, except that none of the other fine arts is quite so lucrative.

The "flexible" tariff arrangement places decisions as to increases or decreases in rates in the hands of the Federal Tariff Commission and the president of the United States, and they will be subjected to the wiles, smiles, importunities and arguments of the lobbyists, and this situation will require a smoother and more expert individual to deal with them than with senators and representatives "on the hill."

It will not be a wholesome spectacle—this thing of a flock of lobbyists soliciting the president and the Federal Tariff Commission, for it may be expected that additional swarms of specialists and experts in various chemical, industrial and other lines will be found permanently camped in Washington, after the Fordney-McCumber tariff act shall have gotten into full operation, as the "flexible" provision in that act opens up possibilities hitherto undreamed of.

It may be of interest to attempt to learn just what a lobbyist is, and in the pursuit of this information let us go back to 1913, when the Underwood tariff bill was being considered and when exhaustive hearings were held before the senate judiciary committee on the "maintenance of a lobby to influence legislation."

Every member of the United States senate at that time appeared before the committee and each was subjected to a set of questions in the form of a printed questionnaire. One of the questions was as follows: "What do you mean by the word 'lobby' and 'lobbying'?"

Senator Ashurst, Democrat, of Arizona said that "the lobbyist who makes it his business to live in or stay about Washington for the purpose of influencing legislation, making his living in whole or in part, is the most odious." He divided them into three distinct groups, the "occasional," the "professional" and the "legitimate."

Senator Borah, progressive Republican, of Idaho said: "I suppose in popular parlance, we mean by 'lobbyist' a man who is employed, paid professionally, to influence legislation concerning a matter, not because he is interested in the matter, not necessarily because he thinks it is right, but because he desires to earn his salary, and is paid like a lawyer sometimes to argue a bad case, to do the best he can in the situation. That is my idea of a lobbyist."

During the coming days, in administering of the Fordney-McCumber tariff law, we well may expect such a steady growth of the art of "lobbying" by paid "lobbyists" that it will assume such proportions as to firmly entrench itself in official circles that it will become an accepted part of the machinery of government at Washington.

But if only a small part of the dire results prophesied take place then there will be an open field for those who, as Senator Borah puts it, are "employed, paid professionally to influence legislation," and it is certainly now believed by those who are familiar with the methods of the "infinites" in Washington that a veritable horde of professional, unprofessional, special and other uncatalogued lobbyists are horning themselves in battle array in a country-wide "on to Washington" movement, where the results of their sordid activities will be kept under such a cover of secrecy that the public will never know how or when it is being trimmed by

## NOT ENOUGH FOOTBALL.

"Newspaper opinion sometimes isn't worth much," a day or two ago said a Fort Mill citizen. "Just now I have in mind," he continued, "an editorial I read in The Times a few days ago saying that there is too much football for the good of the public schools. From this opinion I must dissent, as the lawyers express it. We are not having enough football. I am in favor of a football game nearly every day. Aside from the pleasure football affords nearly everyone, nothing adds so much to the public interest, especially in the small towns, as to hear the football boys discuss the whys and wherefores of a recent game or dope out the prospects of a game soon to be played. It makes me feel good and I enjoy it."

"But there is one thing about the football season I think ought to be changed, and that is the games should be played during the summer months or else, if the season is to remain as it is, the schools should operate during the summer months and be closed while the football season is on during the fall. I do not think the public schools should be allowed to interfere with the football games, and I am glad that some of the schools close their doors for a few hours at least on the days they have games."

"It may be that not all the children attend the games, but that is their fault or the fault of their parents, who ought to have to put up the money to pay the children's way into the grounds. The law forces parents to send their children to school and I cannot understand why the same law should not also force the parents to send their children to the football games. The Times' opinion of football is calculated to stir up strife, and if it is to continue to express such opinions I think the paper ought to be suppressed."

To the which The Times replied that if it is one of the newspapers whose opinion "isn't worth much," why pay any attention to what it says?

## First National Bank Banquet.

The annual stockholders' banquet of the First National Bank of Fort Mill will be served in American Legion hall this evening at 7 o'clock. The banquet will be a more elaborate affair than any of its predecessors and it is expected that most of the several score stockholders and a numerous company of specially invited guests will be present to enjoy the unusually attractive menu prepared under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Spratt and to listen to the talks of a number of Charlotte business men, including Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick and Clarence O. Keuster, secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Col. T. B. Spratt, president of the bank, will be the toastmaster at the banquet. During the evening he will also make a short statement relative to the bank's business during the year, which is said to have been remarkably good in the face of the general financial depression and the presence in this section of the boll weevil.

## Reception for Mrs. Springs.

Complimenting Mrs. Elliott W. Springs, attractive bride of Capt. Elliott W. Springs, Mrs. George Fish Wednesday afternoon entertained more than a hundred guests at a reception. The home was attractively decorated throughout with potted plants, roses and chrysanthemums. Eleanor Spratt received the cards in the front hall and the guests were welcomed by Misses Dorothy Bergstrom and Miss Agnes Link, who presented them to the receiving line, composed of the hostess, the guest of honor, Mrs. Springs, Mrs. Leroy Springs of Lancaster, Mrs. J. M. Ocell of Concord, N. C., and Mrs. R. H. Viser of Fort Mill.

Receiving in the library were Miss Edna Tindal and Miss Lana Parks. From the library the guests were ushered into the dining room, where Miss Lucy Fish, Miss Margerie Mills, Miss Ruth Meacham and Miss Julia Boyd served a salad course with salted nuts and punch. The dining room table was covered with a Madeira luncheon cloth and adorned with a large silver basket filled with white chrysanthemums.

## Given Long Sentence.

In the Mecklenburg county superior court in Charlotte, N. C., last Thursday, Charles B. Kimbrell pleaded guilty of second degree murder on the charge of killing John W. Skidmore at Kimbrell's farm in the lower Steel Creek neighborhood, a few weeks ago, and was given 18 years in the State prison at Raleigh by Judge Webb. Friday morning Judge Webb reduced the sentence to 15 years.

These men, the most of whom are cunningly plotting constantly and everlastingly against the welfare of the people in behalf of their own personal gains.

## NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Treasurer Neil Monday received a wire from the comptroller general instructing him not to open the tax books until December 1. Several people applied at the office of the treasurer Monday to pay their taxes, but on account of the instructions from Columbia the taxes could not be received.

Robert C. ("Fox Hunting Bob") Whitesides, in jail in Yorkville, charged with the killing of Jim Whitehead, near Clover, on November 12, will not be tried at the November term of general sessions. Whitesides, it is expected, will be released on bond this week, following application of his attorney, T. F. McDow, Esq.

According to estimates of Mr. T. C. Marshall, civil engineer of Yorkville, who is well informed in such matters, it would require about \$300,000 to build a concrete road between Rock Hill and Yorkville. Mr. Marshall has had wide experience in road building and understands the subject as thoroughly perhaps as any man in the State.

Within a very short time after the new home of Mr. R. M. Mitchell of Sharon No. 1 began to burn last Thursday afternoon there were nearly 100 automobiles parked in the vicinity, the cars coming from every direction, some of them from as far away as Hickory Grove; but because no fire-fighting facilities were at hand, the crowd could do nothing but look on. As yet there is no definite idea as to how the fire originated.

George M. Bennett, 30, formerly of Yorkville, was run down and killed by a street car in a suburb of Charlotte on November 12. Mr. Bennett was dragged for a distance of 32 feet after being run down by the car. He survived the accident only a short time. He is survived by his widow and one child. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bennett of Yorkville survive, as do a number of brothers and sisters.

The work of the chalingang in grading the West road in Yorkville is being hampered somewhat because of the delay in building abutments at the two bridges that are to be constructed. There being nothing to hold the dirt that would otherwise be banked against the abutments, work has to be concentrated for the present on less advantageous points.

Clover Leaf council No. 23, Junior Order United American Mechanics, at Clover, has taken on new growth during the past month and there is no indication of any let up in the enthusiasm in the order. In the past 30 days 40 new members have been admitted and there are a dozen candidates awaiting initiation. Council officers are planning for a big Junior banquet to be held on December 9.

There was a total of 483 votes cast in the general election in York county November 8, according to the report of the commissioners of federal and State elections, who met in the court house last Tuesday to tabulate the vote. Each of the constitutional amendments voted on carried by a big majority in York county. Representative Bradford's resolution seeking to amend section 5 of article 8 of the constitution, empowering the General Assembly to regulate the printing for the State, carried 120 to 12.

Fant Robbins, negro about 18 years old, died on the farm of Mr. Kuy Bankhead in Bullock's Creek township Saturday night following an attack of hydrophobia. The boy was bitten by a dog, supposed to be mad, in August. Dr. Saye gave the hydrophobia treatment at once, but because of the irregularity of the mails at that time, due to the railroad strike, the serum failed to arrive promptly and the treatment was irregular. The boy began to act strangely Friday and following convulsions Saturday he died Sunday night.

Reports reaching the office of the county superintendent from various school districts are to the effect that parents are cooperating with teachers to a most satisfactory degree in enforcing the provisions of the compulsory school attendance law. Superintendent Carroll said Monday that there are not more than 20 children of compulsory attendance age who are not now in the schools and he was satisfied they had good reason for failure to attend. The compulsory school law for York county became effective on November 6. All children between the ages of 8 and 14 are required to attend for 80 consecutive school days.

A soft answer may turn away the bill collector, but he will come again. Another thing to be thankful for is that 1923 is another off year in politics.

The Turks are magnanimous. They did not ask the Greeks to pay an indemnity—they took it.

## SCOPE OF DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Republicans Lose Heavily in Both Congress and State Elections.

The size of the recent Democratic victory is better understood when given in detail. The Republican majority of 168 in the house of representatives has been cut down to approximately 16 and the Republican majority in the senate of 24 has been cut to 11.

In addition to these victories Democratic candidates for governor were elected in 13 States which had Republican governors—New York, Ohio, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Tennessee. Twenty-six States of the union now have Democratic governors, a majority of two in all of the States.

The claim of the Republicans that they control both the house and senate in the 68th Congress is not meant to be taken seriously. As a matter of fact they do not have actual control in either body. The balance of power between Republicans and Democrats is held by progressives, independents and radicals.

It may be assumed that the element holding the balance of power will not cooperate with the Republican reactionaries in matters of legislation, says a Washington dispatch, and it may also be assumed that the reactionaries will not accept the progressive or radical program of their nominal Republican colleagues.

The 68th Congress promises therefore to be one of the most interesting and important of recent years. Its record will undoubtedly determine the domestic issues of the 1924 campaign.

## Douglas Nims Declared Eligible.

Fort Mill friends of Douglas Nims, star football player of the Rock Hill high school eleven, were pleased last night to learn that the effort which has been under way for the last ten days to have him declared an ineligible player on the charge that he had accepted money for playing baseball with the Fort Mill baseball team during the 1921-22 season had failed. The charge was preferred by persons interested in the Chester high school team and was considered first at a meeting of the football committee of the South Carolina High School league in Abbeville last Friday. The committee failed to reach a decision in the matter that day, however, and adjourned until yesterday afternoon, when the decision favorable to Douglas Nims was reached. Another Rock Hill player, Shultz, against whom charges of ineligibility had also been filed with the committee, was declared eligible. The committee is composed of Major James D. Fulp, superintendent of the Abbeville schools; T. L. Hanna, principal of the Anderson high school, and L. L. Wright, superintendent of the Honea Path schools.

## Methodist Pastor Arrives.

The Rev. R. L. Keaton, with Mrs. Keaton and their four children, arrived in Fort Mill Tuesday afternoon from Columbia and Mr. Keaton has taken up the work as pastor of the Fort Mill church, to which he was assigned by Bishop Collins Denny, presiding at the annual session of the Upper Methodist conference of South Carolina, in session in Gaffney a few days ago. The congregations of the three churches in the Fort Mill charge, St. John's, Philadelphia and Pleasant Hill, joined a few days ago in giving Mr. Keaton and his family and old fashioned pounding when they were presented with a large quantity of table supplies. Mr. Keaton will preach next Sunday his first sermon as pastor of St. John's.

## Evangelistic Club Organized.

Twenty citizens of Fort Mill enrolled Tuesday evening as members of the Fort Mill Business Men's Evangelistic club, which was organized at the Fort Mill Baptist church with George Fish as president; S. L. Meacham and C. S. Link, vice presidents; N. L. Carothers, corresponding secretary, and S. A. Lee, secretary and treasurer. A number of Rock Hill citizens came to Fort Mill and assisted in organizing the club, all of whose members are expected to attend a rally of the Rock Hill club at the Palmetto theater in that city next Sunday afternoon.

## Football Games Throws Out.

In addition to declaring Douglas Nims and Shultz of the Rock Hill high school eleven eligible players, the football committee of the South Carolina High School league, meeting yesterday in Abbeville, threw out the games Rock Hill played with Fort Mill and Kershaw and the games Chester played with Fort Mill, York and Clinton. All of these games were won by Rock Hill and Chester, leaving the Fort Mill team the leader in the Catawba association.

## CHINA'S GREAT CANAL SYSTEM.

The Chinese lead the world in the matter of canal building. China has more artificial waterways than all other countries combined. They are of all lengths, and widths, and depths, from the short and narrow ditch-like ones to the Grand canal, 800 miles in length, and a fine bold river in width. China is rated as having 6,000 miles of man-made waterways. Even at a remote period in the history of the empire, the people of China understood much about deepening river channels, draining their lands, and constructing artificial waterways.

China's man-made waterways are a great help to her commercially. Most of what we term draying and freighting in the United States is done by the canal boats of China. The Grand canal is the highway of commerce. Millions of boats, large and small, laden with freight of every description pass along it from year to year. Thousands of these boats, too, are family homes.

Hundreds of thousands of the people of China live in boats on the canal and rivers. They have no other homes and never have had. They are born, they live and die in these boat homes.

Canton is the greatest place of all the water folks. It is estimated that in this Chinese city alone 400,000 persons live on the water. The boat homes are known as sampans. Some of them are built like scows, with a regular little house in the center, while others have only bamboo matting supported by poles for a shelter. In this space the whole family congregates to eat and sleep. Often they are packed in like sardines in a can. Others still of the house-boats are more pretentious, having two to three decks, one above the other.

The occupants of modern apartment houses could learn something from the house-boat dwellers of China in the way of utilizing every inch of space. There are gardens on the decks, poultry yards and duck pools, and often a pig or two snugly quartered. An odd sight to foreign eyes is to see a boat moving along with all the family washing hung out to dry.

## Oregon School Bill Causes Friction.

A bill to abolish private and parochial schools in the State of Oregon, carried by a majority of more than 20,000 votes in the recent election, promises to furnish a fight between lawyers of various religious denominations and influential members of the Ku Klux Klan and other fraternal societies.

The supreme court of the State is expected to be the battleground of 200 or more lawyers who have signed an opinion that the bill is unconstitutional and the sponsors of the law. The Catholic church is up in arms against what it calls an attempt to take away American rights.

The bill requires that "any parent or guardian or other person having control, custody or charge of a child more than 8 and less than 16 years old, from and after September 1, 1923, to send such child to a public school during the entire year. Exemptions shall be: Children physically unable; children who have completed the eighth grade; children from 8 to 10 years old who live more than three miles from a public school, except where transportation is furnished, and children taught by parents or private teachers."

## Leave for Columbia.

The Rev. W. R. Bouknight and his family moved Tuesday from Fort Mill to Columbia, where Mr. Bouknight has become pastor of Green Street Methodist church. He had been pastor of the Fort Mill church for the last four years and during that time made many friends in this section who regretted to see him leave. Each of the churches of the Fort Mill charge, St. John's, Philadelphia and Pleasant Hill, made gratifying progress under Mr. Bouknight's pastorate, both in increased membership and amounts contributed for church work. Last Thursday evening a farewell banquet was tendered Mr. Bouknight by the congregation of St. John's.

## Baptist Sunday School Program.

The Fort Mill Baptist Sunday school program for Sunday, November 26, is as follows:

1. Opening song, No. 200.
  2. Introduction by the superintendent.
  3. Sentence sermon by Miss Beatrice Parks.
  4. Special music by choir.
  5. "The All Conquering Christ," by Rosalie Robinson.
  6. Duet, Mabel and Myrtle Reeves.
  7. Prayer.
  8. Class period; instrumental music.
  9. Reports and announcements.
  10. Closing song, No. 139.
- Praying at 11 o'clock.

## PLAY THANKSGIVING.

Fort Mill and Abbeville Elevens to Meet in Fort Mill.

Major James D. Fulp, superintendent of the Abbeville schools, was in Fort Mill Monday and while here arranged to bring the Abbeville high school football team to Fort Mill Thanksgiving day for a game with the local high school eleven. The Abbeville team is considered one of the best high school teams in the State. It has lost only one game this season, and that to the Anderson high school team. Fort Mill also has a strong team which has won all of its games this year except those with the Rock Hill and Chester high school teams and will be the champion team of the Catawba association if the Rock Hill and Chester games are thrown out, which is said to be not unlikely, on the charge that each has played ineligible.

The game between Fort Mill and Abbeville will be played at midday in order that the boys may enjoy their Thanksgiving dinners immediately after the game. Considerable interest is being manifested, both in Fort Mill and Abbeville, in the outcome of the game, as it may have a bearing on the State high school championship.

## Special to The Times.

Abbeville, Nov. 22.—The football boys of the Abbeville high school are looking forward to their trip to Fort Mill on Thanksgiving with a great deal of pleasure and interest. They daily ask numerous questions about the historic town and especially about the wonderful little football team which Fort Mill high school has. The Abbeville team will leave here at noon Wednesday, arriving in Fort Mill over the Southern road at 6 o'clock the same afternoon. Returning they will leave Fort Mill at 5:30 o'clock Thanksgiving afternoon, arriving in Abbeville at 3:30 Friday morning.

The record of the Abbeville team for the season is an enviable one, notwithstanding the fact that they are not runners-up for the State championship. They have played the following games:

- Ninety Six 0, Abbeville 30.
- Due West 6, Abbeville 19.
- Greenwood 6, Abbeville 7.
- Clinton 0, Abbeville 25.
- Anderson 6, Abbeville 10.
- Edgefield 6, Abbeville 26.
- Saluda 0, Abbeville 6.

The last team played, Saluda, has been defeated in two seasons until Thornwell orphanage and Abbeville took them in tow the last two Fridays.

The Abbeville team is not a heavy one, but works like a machine and according to the statements of the principals of some of the schools they have played, resemble Presbyterian college's lightning eleven.

The Abbeville players are: Nickles, tackle; Gambrell, halfback; Crawford, end; Bowie, halfback; Godfrey, tackle; May, tackle, center; Bradley, H., end; Galloway, halfback; Tate, guard; Hawthorne, guard.

The coaches of the team are: N. S. Swetenburg and Prof. A. R. Hafner.

## Legion Post Elects Officers.

At the annual meeting Monday night of Eli Bailes post, American Legion, the following officers were elected: Brice D. Culp, commander; Edward B. White, vice commander; F. M. Mack, chaplain. Following the election, the commander reappointed W. B. Ardrey, Jr., adjutant and treasurer. T. Heath Eelk was elected post promotion officer and was authorized to appoint an assistant. The duties of the promotion officer, recently created by the post, are to provide entertainment for the members at post meetings and to promote and direct all enterprises of the post.

During the last few months interest in the work of Eli Bailes post has been growing and a membership campaign is now on, with a handsome prize offered the legionnaire bringing in the greatest number of members.

The officers of the post will be installed on the regular meeting night of the post in January and for this meeting the "eats committee" has been instructed to serve the best banquet the post has yet had.

## Faires Goes to Trial.

William C. Faires was to go to trial tomorrow morning in the court of general sessions in York charged with the murder of four members of the Taylor family in Clover on September 6. It is stated that Faires' defense will be insanity. He has employed Thos. F. McDow and former Governor Cole L. Blease to defend him, while the State will be represented by Solicitor Spears and State Senator John R. Hart. Trial of the case is expected to consume two or three days.

And it is to be hoped that the next war will make the world safe for the victors.