

The Empire Is Splitting

(From the Chapel Hill Weekly)
The old way was to dump some tea overboard in Boston harbor, burn George the Third in effigy, issue a Declaration of Independence, raise an army, and drive the British out of your country.

The new way is much easier and more polite. Your emissaries go to London, attend receptions at the royal palace, sit down to glittering banquets, confer with cabinet ministers, and, albeit with many protestations of undying friendship, inform the British government that hereafter you will attend to your own affairs in your own sweet way.

All the honeyed words of diplomats cannot conceal the fact that the decision reached at the Imperial Conference last week weakens the bonds between the mother country and the overseas dominions. The "equal status" of England and its dominions is recommended in the Conference report—and when "equal status" arrives imperial rule departs.

"Empire Exists No More, View of Dominions' Status"—this is the headline over the New York Herald-Tribune's despatch announcing the result of the meeting, and the London Times says: "The old conception of Great Britain as a parent nation has been swept away." There is much talk of loyalty to the crown. "The monarchy," says the London Morning Post, "is now recognized as the one indispensable institution of the Empire," and the Daily Mail says that Great Britain is held together "not by logic or force, but by common allegiance to the crown." How much this allegiance amounts to is problematical. It is likely that the spirit of allegiance to the crown is far less vigorous in Canada and Australia and South Africa than it is in England.

A rope may have the appearance of great strength as long as it is not put to a test—and then may give way at the first heavy strain. While peace endures, and while there are no important conflicts in interest between England and its colonies, there is no reason to fear that the bond will not hold. But if there be a war, what then? The Princess Pats and the Anzacs went to France to fight in the World War. But that struggle brought new ideas. One idea that came out of it was "the rights of small nations." Plainly the British colonies consider themselves nations (though not small) and are determined to function as such. It is doubtful, to say the least, that they would join another war simply upon a cabled call from Downing street. They would want to have their part in the decision.

The principal labor journal in London, the Daily Herald, calls the Imperial Conference's report a "masterpiece of evasion," and goes on to say: "The real problems of inter-dominion relations have either been ignored or referred to future discussion. That the committee should flinch from considering the tremendous implications contained in the right of separate treaty-making, first affirmed in 1923, was perhaps natural. But that it should equally have feared to tackle such questions as appeals to the Privy Council, or even the relation of British consuls to dominion citizens in foreign countries, is almost ridiculous."

"The English," says the Greensboro News, are taking a step which may become of extreme importance to the history of the nations but which, beyond doubt, is an immediate recognition of a situation which has been forced upon them." Which is correct. They have seen the Empire splitting, and, since they can't prevent the split,

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they are accepting it with the best grace possible.

The Association to Promote Proper Housing for Girls is reported as investigating the cost of silk stockings. If the question is whether silk stockings are proper housing for girls, the eyes have it.—*Greensboro News.*

(From the Chapel Hill Weekly)
It seems that the most frequent of all typographical errors is the confusion of the words *mortality* and *mortality*. It is always cropping up. A serious letter from one of America's most eminent lawyers, James M. Beck, to a New York paper, about the return of German property to the original owners, is made rather ridiculous by this passage: "The ideals of our government and the higher mortality of civilization required the return of such property."

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Having qualified this day as administrator of the estate of
W. F. JOHNSON
late of Chatham county, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present their claims to the undersigned duly verified on or before the
20TH OF NOVEMBER, 1927
or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement.
This November 20, 1926.

J. M. JOHNSON,
F. C. JOHNSON
Administrators.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF LAND AND TIMBER BY COMMISSIONER

Under and by virtue of the power vested in the undersigned commissioner, by an order of re-sale made in the special proceedings, entitled *W. H. Daffron and Dora Daffron, against Mrs. J. M. Woody and husband, and others*, in the superior court of Chatham county, now pending, the undersigned will again expose the land and timber for sale hereinafter described on Wednesday the 8th day of December, 1926 at two o'clock P. M. at the residence occupied by the late W. A. Daffron, at the time of his death, in Hadley township, one mile north-west of Emmaus Church, an advanced bid of one hundred and fifty-five dollars having been filed on the former bid made on the 15th, 1926 and the 27.6 acre tracts as advertised before former sale—the same being bounded as follows (one boundary for the two lots):

Beginning at Stake, corner of lot No. 1 in Ellington line running north 85 degs. East 2701 feet to a stake, corner in Webster line; thence South 5 deg. East 573 to a stake, F. Webster's line; thence South 5 degs. West 630 feet to F. Webster's corner; thence South 86 degs. East 3012 feet to stake, corner of lot No. 3 in G. M. Clark's line; thence South 5 degs. 20 degs. West 1089 feet to a stake;

thence North 5 degs. West, 3271 feet to the beginning, containing 186.5 acres, more or less. Said land is being re-sold to the highest bidder for cash, beginning with the bid of \$3255.00 now filed thereon.
This November 9th, 1926.
R. H. DIXON, Com.
Dixon & Dixon, Attys.
Time of Sale: DEC. 8, 1926, 2 P. M. Place—
Late residence of W. A. Daffron.
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TAX COLLECTING APPOINTMENTS

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- Bennett, Bank, All Day Friday, Dec. 10.
- Goldston, Bank, All Day Saturday, Dec. 11.
- Ore Hill, Edward's Store, Tuesday Morning, Dec. 14.
- Carbonton, Tally's Store, 2 to 4 O'clock P. M., Tuesday, Dec. 14.
- Jim Knight's Store, Wednesday Morning, Dec. 15.
- Jack Johnson's Store, from 12:30 to 2 O'clock P. M. Wed., Dec. 15.
- Farmville Mine Store, from 3 to 5 O'clock P. M., Wednesday, Dec. 15.
- Brick Haven, Lawrence's Store, Thursday Morning, Dec. 16.
- Corinth, Mim's Store, Thursday Afternoon, Dec. 16.
- Bynum, Moore's Store, Friday Morning, Dec. 17.
- T. W. Hobby's Store from 12:30 to 2:30 P. M. Fri., Dec. 17.
- T. E. William's Store from 3 to 5 O'clock P. M. Fri., Dec., 17.
- Moncure, Bank, Saturday Afternoon, Dec. 18.
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