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 Britian 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 Britian 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

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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 is the confusion of the words equally have feared to tackle such questions as appeals to the lation of British consuls to dominion citizens in foreign countries, is almost ridiculous."

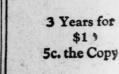
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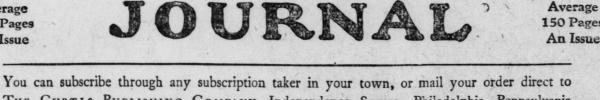
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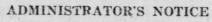
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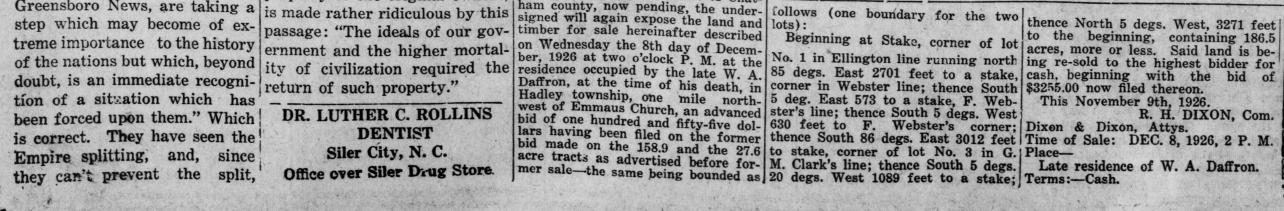
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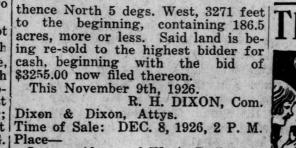
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