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The Great Battle in Poland May Decide Fate of Germany

Only Incessant Artillery Duel Rages in Belgium and France, While Teutons Grapple With the Armed Millions From the Land of Snow on Battle Ground Russia Has Chosen—Russian and Turkish Squadrons Fight Off Sebastopol.

Amendments Defeated.

Although not complete, returns at this writing show unmistakably that the Constitutional Amendments were defeated. Probably the most significant thing about the returns is that the most progressive counties as well as those sections where the people had a proper knowledge of the changes proposed, the majorities were large against the Amendments.

Undoubtedly the Tax Amendment carried all others with it to defeat. The people are and should be mighty slow about voting extra taxes, and in asking the people of North Carolina to adopt the Constitutional Amendments. Our popular leaders in North Carolina went too far, they went a step or two farther than the voters were willing to follow.

We believe that the Constitutional Amendments deserved defeat, our political parties, our leading politicians, and our legislature must get better records before the people of the State are going to surrender or give up the powers they now have by virtue of the Constitution.

Arthur Capper, the Topeka publisher, and governor elect of Kansas writes as follows regarding the high cost of politics, and we believe that this applies particularly to North Carolina. "We shall have to pay more taxes this year. If the tax rate isn't advanced the valuation is boosted, which amounts to the same thing, and so always and forever taxation grows though benefits stand still.

"In ten years we have seen our taxes far outstrip the rising cost of living. In the next ten years they will more than double again if we continue to submit to the waste, the inefficiency, the incompetence and the dishonesty of the spoils system. It is the worst and the most expensive kind of public service.

"The only real tax reform is to reduce taxes. The only way to reduce taxes is to shut off the waste of tax money. It is going to take years of constant effort to do that. First and last the people will have to get behind the man or men who attempt it and give them their unquestioned support at every turn of the road. The first step is to put the spoils system out of business, then to keep it out.

"There are more political jobs today than ever before—many more than there were two years ago—and the cost of local and State government is higher than ever before, as we shall see at tax paying time this year.

"The whole business of the spoils system is farming out the offices to political favorites and perpetuating itself in office. Its brains and energy are spent in creating new jobs and in entrenching itself so the people cannot reach it. Its mortal enemy is the merit system and the active enforcement of a good civil service law.

"The people of Illinois have found they have 100 departments of their State government working independently to one another in disorganization, demoralization and confusion, for it is a peculiarity of the spoils system that aside from its boss rule, there is no head to anything, it is a formless, hulking, loose-jointed, meandering, club-footed monstrosity.

"Many States are discovering that they have so many commissions that another commission is needed to look after them. Anything to make a political job for somebody."

In writing the above the Kansas Governor did not have North Carolina in mind, other than in a general way, but his argument should apply directly to all thinking people of this State who are interested in tax reforms. The Legislature which provided for the Constitutional Amendments, made many extravagant appropriations as well as a number of new political jobs. How can the people of the State and Nation be expected to put their approval to tax increases when reckless and extravagant appropriations continue to grow bigger each year?—Carolina Farmer.

COTTON BALL PROVES SUCCESS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 13.—A cotton ball given under the auspices of the Southern Society last night for the benefit of a fund to aid Southerners in need and to increase the use and popularity of cotton fabrics attracted a large assemblage.

While cotton costumes were not obligatory, the majority of women appeared in them and the effect was brilliant, many novel dresses being worn with originality shown in the fashioning of subdued and varied colored cotton fabrics.

FULL TIME THIS WEEK.

The Aurora Mills are running full time this week, which will be good news to its many employes. This mill always runs when others do, and we are glad to know that the prospects are bright for full time now.

MISS HAZEL ALBRIGHT WEDS R. B. HARDISON.

Yesterday at high noon there occurred a wedding of much interest to many friends throughout the State when Miss Hazel Albright became the bride of R. B. Hardison, of Morven. The marriage occurred at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. W. H. Matthews, 618 Broad avenue, before Rev. J. D. Miller, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church.

The marriage was a quiet one, owing to the death recently of the bride's father. Miss Lillian Pritchett presided at the piano and for the march played the bridal chorus from Lohengrin. The attendants were Mrs. W. J. Fix, of Burlington, sister of the bride, who was dame of honor, and George W. Crawford, of Greensboro, best man. The ring ceremony, of the Episcopal church was used.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the bridal party and immediate relatives of the bride and groom. The dining room was beautiful in white and gold, this color scheme being carried out in the menu served for the breakfast.

Mrs. Hardison is a young woman of charming personality and has made many friends during her short stay in Greensboro. She has lived with her aunt, Mrs. Matthews, since the death of her father. Mr. Hardison is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and is engaged in soil survey work for the United States Department of Agriculture. Their home will be made after December 1 in Whiteville, where he is now located.

Mr. Hardison was the guest Tuesday evening at a supper given for the bridal party at the Guilford cafe. (Greensboro News of Thursday.)

Mr. and Mrs. Hardison have the best wishes of a host of friends here and The Dispatch wishes them a long and happy life.—Ed.

CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR OCTOBER, 1914.

First Grade:—Viola Durant, May McPherson, Herman Hill King, Finley Coble, Fern Lasley, Bonnie May Sykes, Joy Bell Hart, Beulah Marton. High First Grade: Ruth James, Hilda Keck, Nevada Montgomery, Garland Cates.

Second Grade: Glenn Hargrove, Aaron Goldstein, G. W. Stafford, Rath Welch.

High Second Grade: Edna Garrison, Pauline Whittemore, Betsy Dale Shelton, Katharine Martin.

Third Grade (Union Church): Elizabeth Isley, Sadie Bell Andrews.

Fourth Grade: Van McIntosh, Marvion Smith, Ruth Ellis, Walter Sutton.

Fifth Grade No. 1: Paul Bowman, Dan Hugh Murray.

Fifth Grade No. 2: Pauleste Rogers.

Seventh Grade: Knox Lively, Percy Holt, Cornelia Hall, Ollie Perkins.

Eighth Grade: Agnes Stout.

Ninth Grade No. 1: Thelma Stafford, Chloe Wood.

Ninth Grade No. 2: Susie Copeland, Wilbur Stout, Grace Cheek.

HER HUSBAND DIED.

At a dinner party given to announce my engagement we discovered there were thirteen seated at the table. One of my friends spoke of it laughingly, but mother said it foretold death. In one month she was in the grave and two weeks after my wedding my husband was stricken with heart disease and died instantly.—Chicago Tribune.

The fury of a woman who gets into trouble and sees her name in the paper is at nothing with the scorn of the woman who gives a party and finds that her name is not printed.

CONFERENCE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR.

Dr. W. P. Lawrence is President of Christian Conference in Session at Altamahaw.

Altamahaw, Nov. 18.—A large concourse of people attended the North Carolina and Virginia conference of the Christian Church here today. Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. W. P. Lawrence; vice president, Rev. P. T. Klapp; Secretary, W. A. Harper; assistant secretary, H. V. Simpson; treasurer, D. S. Farmer.

The report on Sunday School and Christian Endeavor was presented by Rev. H. E. Rountree. It strongly urged the front line standard as recently adopted by the American Christian Convention, and thorough co-operation with the International Association work. The seaside chautauqua to be held at Virginia Beach in July, at heretofore, was heartily commended as a worthy institute for religious workers and a competent training school in one.

The home mission report was the subject of earnest and anxious debate. So many inviting points challenged the conference, and a larger policy was the cry. The report urged the cooperation of the committee into a board of five members and the employment of a field mission secretary for all his time. Rev. L. I. Cox was selected for the secretaryship. Splendid reports were submitted of the Reidsville and Danville missions.

The Christian Missionary association held a very interesting session during the afternoon during which several hundred dollars were raised from the regular membership fees of the association members. Rev. S. B. Klapp presided. The report of the women's mission board was very encouraging.

President W. A. Harper, of Elon College, delivered his second address on missions, entitled "Why We Should Undertake the Task." The speaker referred to the place of motive in every great movement. He examined into the motives that induced men to undertake world evangelization and assigned each its place. Many great scholars, he declared, believe in foreign missions because they do so much to advance secular knowledge—a worthy motive, but not sufficient. Those who urge the advancement of commerce and the extension of civilization as motives for this work were declared to be true altruists, but not in possession of the real principle that must inspire to ultimate victory.

Even the moral and spiritual condition of the non-Christian world, the motive so often appealed to by public speakers and missionary leaders, was shown to be inadequate. "Their condition may elicit our pity, but it would never nerve us to carry out the tortuous program needful for their salvation; we must go deeper yet. The real motive for foreign missions must be placed exactly where the Master placed it in His parable of the last judgment—on love for Him. When we get thoroughly filled with love for Jesus Christ we will buckle on our armor and go forth to full and complete world conquest for Him."

The evening session heard a splendid report by the educational board through its chairman, Dr. J. O. Atkinson. The conference then listened to an address on "Christian Education," by D. R. Fonville, of Burlington, one of the trustees of Elon College.

Elon College was strongly indorsed for its sterling contribution in the realm of Christian character, and an increased appropriation was voted it for current expenses.

The committee on education recommended the licensure as a probation-

er of F. C. Lester and the admittance to the biblical class of four additional candidates, making 10 young men in all looking to the gospel ministry under its charge, a considerable increase over last year. The conference rejoiced to learn that more than 40 young men in Elon College are preparing to enter the ministry and that 11 of them are volunteers for the foreign field.

Tomorrow the conference will consider publications and foreign missions, closing with a pageant by the Willing Workers' Society of the Elon College church.

HOLD TRAIN, BUY TROUSERS.

La Crosse, Wis., Nov. 11.—When A. L. Bliss and R. W. Willis, of Chicago, awoke in a sleeper at La Crosse they discovered their trousers were missing, together with watches, money and railroad tickets.

Mrs. Bliss missed a traveling suit and petticoat. The train was held until a clothing merchant could be found to open his store before breakfast and supply the two male travelers with garments to take the place of their pajamas. Over \$300 worth of valuables were taken from their berth.

The Primary Teachers' Association meets in Charlotte, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27, in conjunction with the Teachers' Assembly. Many live and interesting subjects will come up at this meeting and all Primary Teachers are urged to attend as it is of high importance to keep in touch with the work being done.

The Headquarters for the Primary Teachers' Association will be in the Sunday school rooms of the Tryon Street Baptist Church. Be sure to register with them if you are at all interested in that Association.

How It Will Help.

Lots of people are saying that they do not see how the war in Europe can possibly be of benefit to the United States.

In the three months since the war started in Europe has placed contracts in the United States to an amount exceeding \$300,000,000. Some of the chief ones follows:

The Bethlehem Steel company and the Fore River Shipbuilding company have received contracts for field guns, munitions and army supplies and submarines to a value of \$111,000,000.

In September alone exports of food-stuffs increased \$29,704,265. Harvest has been ordered from South Bend, Ind., to a value of \$6,700,000.

The Studebaker Wagon company, South Bend, Ind., built wagons for England worth \$6,500,000.

New York refiners have sold in ten days 400,000 barrels of sugar valued at \$6,000,000.

St. Louis is to furnish 20,000 horses, costing \$5,400,000.

The Ford, Packard and Federal Automobile companies have sold to the warring powers 3,500 motor trucks with a value of \$4,500,000.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works yesterday began building locomotives for Russia to cost \$1,500,000.

The Straus Saddlery, of St. Louis, will make 25,000 saddles, valued at \$750,000.

Pittsburgh will make for France shoes valued at \$650,000.

Reading, Pa., will furnish 600,000 hospital shirts, worth \$350,000.

The cotton states haven't shared much yet in the prosperity, but it is coming to us.—Spartanburg Journal.

You've got to say this for the Democratic administration at Washington: for team work in pointing with pride and looking on the bright side, it has never been surpassed.

ROUTE EIGHT NEWS.

Wm. A. Lewis continues very sick. Hope he will soon improve.

Our patrons are nearly all done sowing wheat. Some of them are always behind, though. They have had fine weather for it, and should be done by now.

Thanks to Uncle Henry Ross for a nice lot of honey—Uncle Henry always remembers the Mail Carrier.

Thanks to all our friends who have so kindly given us fruit and vegetables.

W. L. Saul has moved from No. 6 back to No. 8. He has rented the Paschal place. He shows good judgment in coming back. Glad to have him and his pleasant family.

Now, Patrons, Cold weather is here. Won't you please buy stamps and stamped envelopes and have your mail ready stamped? It's lots of trouble and cold fingers to have to change nickles and dimes. Please do this much for us, and we will appreciate it.

Pearl Turner has purchased the Wash Simpson place and will move to it. Uncle Wash has moved to Thad Isley's.

Thomas Wakefield, our nephew who was seriously wounded last week, is improving. There is a chance for him to get well. The ball is still in his brain Miss Annie L. Daniely, of Greensboro, is visiting her brother, G. A. Daniely.

How's this for Snow today? Bad on our old "Hosses."

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS AT ELON.

As a direct outgrowth of the State College Y. M. C. A. Convention here in October, fourteen voluntary Bible Study Groups have been organized. These groups are led by the students themselves, six of them being for the young ladies and eight for young men. All study the same text, "The Manliness of the Master," by Harry Emerson Fosdick. Dr. J. O. Atkinson has charge of the normal training class, which consists of the 14 group leaders. Splendid results are anticipated.

A voluntary group of Christian Endeavor Workers has been organized to study Expert Christian Endeavor, at the completion of which the United Society of Christian Endeavor is to confer on the successful candidates the degree C. E. E.

The College has been fortunate this week to receive visits from its three former presidents: Drs. W. S. Long, W. W. Staley, and E. L. Moffitt. Each of them made a delightful address at chapel service.

The N. C. and Va. Christian Conference meets at Bereat Church, six miles north of the College, next Tuesday. Many of the members of the College, both faculty and students, will attend. Dean W. P. Lawrence is president of the conference.

JACK JOHNSON AND NAPOLEON.

Seeing the amount of hero worship lavished upon them, it is not surprising to find that present day boxing champions hold an exalted opinion of themselves. On the occasion of Jack Johnson's first visit to Paris he was stalked by a number of reporters, one of whom records: "When the emperor of the ring visited the Invalides he remained silent for the space of a whole minute. Then, striking the ground with his gold-mounted malacca cane, he exclaimed in tones of deep conviction, "Ah! He also was a great man."

Travis has certainly been practicing on, for and by corporate interests long enough to know how to treat the body politic.

Mexico seems to be actually threatened with peace.