

POSSIBILITIES OF A WAR

INEVITABLE, SAYS MR. HOBSON

Speaking on the Naval Appropriation Bill, Mr. Greg declared that many members had gone "navy mad" when consideration of the naval appropriation bill was resumed in the House to-day.

HOBSON PLEADS FOR FOUR

In a vigorous speech Mr. Hobson, of Alabama, again pleaded for four battleships instead of the three authorized by the House.

WAR CLOUDS GATHERING

Mr. Hobson said "war clouds are gathering" but America is carrying out a legitimate national policy, preventing it. It is not a vision; it is a fact.

MR. KITCHEN SPEAKS

As regards Japan, Mr. Kitchen said no nation which had made such leaps and bounds in so short a time had been with more moderation than that country.

DEFECTS IN NAVAL BUREAU

The defects in the bureau system of naval administration were pointed out by Mr. Dawson, of Iowa, who is the author of a bill to re-organize the Navy Department.

IMPORTANT POINT RAISED

AS TO SHIPMENT OF WHISKEY

Supreme Court Having Held That a Shipment of Freight Which, in Passing From One Point in the State Into Another, Goes Through Another State, is Inter-State Commerce, Question is Raised as to Such a Shipment of Whiskey.

OBSEVER BUREAU

The State Supreme Court recently in the case of the Shelby Ice and Coal Company vs. the Southern Railway (a penalty suit) that a shipment of freight from one point in North Carolina to another point in the State, being carried by the shipper to pass over the line into another State en route, is inter-State commerce.

ADJUTANT GENERAL T. R. ROBERTSON

of the North Carolina National Guard, will spend next week at Haymarket, Va. where Mr. Robertson is visiting his parents. He will also be in Washington a day or two on business for the guard.

TORRE DOWN THE JAIL

At Wendell, this county, two men were locked up in the town jail last night, Herbert Ferrel for fighting and Ned Pierce for drunkenness. They were taken down the jail and went to their homes, presenting themselves to Mayor E. Austin, who made an apology that they were "just obliged to have a drink of water." Pierce was fined \$5 and the case of Ferrel was set for Monday.

FOREIGN REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES HELD

Special to The Observer. April 11.—Republican primaries were held in practically every precinct in the county last night and to-day for the purpose of naming delegates to the county convention which will be held in the court house here next Saturday.

BUNCOMBE RAHS FOR CRAIG

AN ENTHUSIASTIC CLUB FORMED

The Leading County of the Mountain Sections Holds Its Convention With a Record Attendance of Delegates Participating in the Selection of Representatives to State Conventions.

MR. COOKE'S ADDRESS

We are gathered here to-day not as a political body, or to further a political ambition, but as a community, and we meet, my fellow citizens, to pay tribute to a friend and Democrat, to lay the imperishable garlands of friendship and gratitude at the feet of a man whose life has been a noble and heroic one.

THE FUTURE'S BRIGHTNESS

In the last two years we have witnessed unrest in our State. All great reforms are preface by apparent darkness, and a gloomy future hangs in the air.

STANLEY CONVENT HELD

Delegates Named to State Convention of the Democratic Party and Hackett Are Endorsed. Special to The Observer. Albemarle, April 11.—To-day at 2 o'clock the convention of the Democratic party of Stanley county was called to order by Mr. R. E. Crowell.

CRAIG CARRIES ALEXANDER

Primaries Indicate that the Entire County Vote is Secured, Though Two Precincts Are to Be Held From. Special to The Observer. Statesville, April 11.—A telephone message from Chairman A. H. Burke, of the county Democratic executive committee, tonight at 9 o'clock states that the Alexander primaries to-day indicate that the county vote has been secured from five of the seven townships, all of which were solid for Craig and while Mr. Burke cannot get the official information from the other two townships he is sure these two are solid, they having been considered so from the beginning.

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A HOBSON-BURTON DEBATE

BOTH SPEECHES INTERESTING

A Lively Week in Congress Closed With the Hero of the Merrimack Addressing Four Battleships and Burton, of Ohio, Answering His Arguments—Hobson Shows Himself a Good Orator—A South Carolina Negro, Who is Waging a Contest For a Seat in the House, a Controversial Figure in That Body.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, April 11.—This has been a lively week in Congress. John Sharp Williams and his allies have set the Republicans on edge. The debate in the House to-day, over the number of battleships, was most interesting.

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NEW YORK FAVORS HUGHES

DEBATE OVER RESOLUTION

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