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'America Must Come First'

President Declares He Has No Harshness in His Heart For Foreign-born Americans, But They Must Place America First if They Desire to Remain in the Confidence of the People of the United States.

Washington Dispatch, May 30th.

President Wilson delivered a Memorial day address here today in which he defined the spirit of America, warned citizens of foreign birth not to set themselves against the purposes of the nation, called upon young men to perform voluntary military service and defended his recent suggestion for an alliance of nations to preserve peace. He spoke at Arlington National cemetery before an audience made up largely of civil war veterans, who applauded him vigorously.

While he declared he had no harshness in his heart for Americans of foreign birth and expected them still to love the sources of their origin, the president said "America must come first in every purpose we entertain and every man must count upon being cast out of our confidence, cast out even of our tolerance, who does not submit to that great ruling principle."

Ready to Fight.

Speaking of America, made up of all the peoples of the world, as the champion of the rights of mankind he said: "We are not only ready to co-operate but we are ready to fight against any aggression, whether from within or without. But we must guard ourselves against any sort of aggression which would be unworthy of America. We are ready to fight for our rights when those rights are coincident with the rights of man and humanity."

The president reiterated his suggestion before the league to enforce peace last week that the United States was ready to come a partner in any alliance of the nations "which would guarantee public right against selfish aggression." Of published criticisms reminding him that George Washington warned the nation against "entangling alliances," he said:

"I shall never myself consent to an entangling alliance, but would gladly assent to a disentangling alliance, an alliance which would disentangle the peoples of the world from those combinations in which they seek their own separate and private interests, and unite the people of the world to preserve the peace of the world upon a basis of common right and justice."

Universal training and preparedness were possible, Mr. Wilson declared only if the men of suitable strength and age will volunteer. He said the "acid test" was about to be applied to business men to see whether they would allow their employees to volunteer. He said the army re-organization bill now before him bristled with that interrogation point, which he warned all the business men of the country were staring him in the face.

The president said he was for "universal voluntary training," but that "America does not wish anything but the compulsion of the spirit of America." He added that the people of the nation were watching each other and that a great many men, even when they did not want to, were going to stand up and say "here."

Only One Ground For Divorce Recognized.

The General Conference of the Northern Methodist church has decided that a minister of that faith who officiates at the marriage of a divorced person in violation of the rules of the church is guilty of an act of mal-administration, and may be compelled to answer charges before his conference. The church has always recognized only one ground for divorce and has permitted remarriage only of the innocent party, but no penalty has attached to ministers who officiated at the marriage of persons divorced on grounds other than those recognized by the church. Hereafter ministers may be called to account for that.

Misses Sadie Giles, of Glen Alpine, and Evelyn Estes, of Rutherford College, who were the guests during the week of Miss Augusta Bristol, have returned to their homes.

RAILROAD MEN HOLDING CONFERENCE.

Representatives of 325 Systems and Employes to Discuss Men's Demands.

New York Dispatch, May 31.

Representatives of the 325 railroad systems of the United States and of their conductors, trainmen, and engineers will begin here tomorrow a series of conferences to settle, if possible, questions relating to working hours and wages. Eighteen general managers compose the committee acting for the railroads, and they will meet four representatives from each of the employes' organizations—the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, the Brotherhood of Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors.

More than a thousand delegates have been sent here by the employes and between conferences with the railroad managers the representatives of the four brotherhoods will consult their fellow delegates. It is estimated that the conferences will cost the brotherhoods \$50,000 a week.

It was said today that a majority of the employes' representatives favor a strike only as a last resort.

MANAGER FOR BICKETT CLAIMS BIG MAJORITY.

R. B. White Says That Bickett Will Carry Every Congressional District—Will Have 30,000 Majority.

Franklinton Dispatch, May 30th.

R. B. White, State manager for T. W. Bickett in the race between Mr. Bickett and Mr. Daughtridge for the Democratic nomination for governor, tonight gave out the following statement:

"After a careful consideration of reports received from every county, my forecast of the result of the race for the governorship in the primary is as follows: I predict that Bickett will carry every congressional district in the State, and that with good weather and a reasonably full vote his majority will be over 30,000."

"In the first district Gates and Perquimans will be close. The others will go to Bickett and his majority will be 2,000."

"In the second Bickett will carry Bertie, Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Northampton and Warren. Daughtridge will carry Edgecombe and Wilson. Bickett's majority in the district will be about 500."

"Bickett will sweep the third carrying every county with a total majority of 3,500."

"In the fourth Nash will be close and the others will go for Bickett, giving him a majority of 3,500."

"The fifth will be all for Bickett by a majority of 4,000."

"In the sixth Daughtridge will probably carry Cumberland, the others will give Bickett a net majority of 1,500 in the district."

"In the seventh Hoke will probably go for Daughtridge, the others will go heavily for Bickett and his net majority in the district will be 5,000."

"Bickett will carry every county in the eighth except Rowan which is close and his majority in the district will be 4,000."

"In the ninth Burke is close; the others go to Bickett and his majority will be 3,500."

"The tenth goes to Bickett by majority of 3,900. Total majority for Bickett by districts, 30,900."

Independents to Work For Wilson's Re-election.

Twenty-six of the nation's foremost men, including capitalists, philanthropists, publicists and leaders in independent thought, announce that they will launch an independent movement for the re-election of President Wilson.

The initiative has been taken by a group of men who exercise a great deal of influence in public affairs, who are leaders of independent sentiment rather than thick-and-thin adherents of any party.

William Jennings Bryan says he will attend both the Republican convention in Chicago and the St. Louis convention, Democratic, in the capacity of a newspaper correspondent.

The boot and shoe association give warning that shoes will cost \$2.00 a pair more this winter than last.

Gov. Craig Here

Makes Splendid Address at Closing Exercises of North Carolina School for Deaf—Presents Certificates.

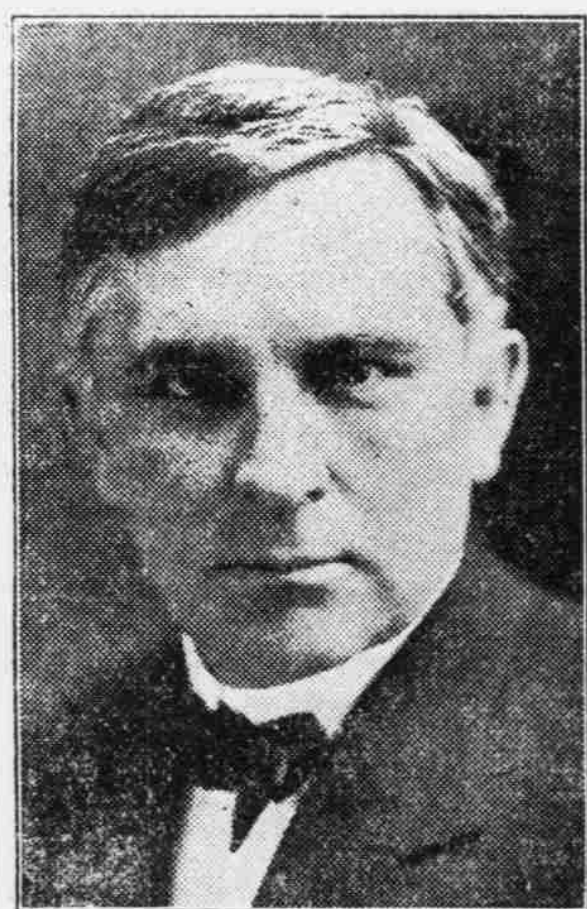
Hon. Locke Craig, Governor of North Carolina, was at his best in an address which he delivered at the Deaf School yesterday morning. The large auditorium was filled with the teachers and older pupils of the school and numbers of admiring friends from the town.

The governor was introduced in a most pleasing and eloquent manner by Rev. J. O. Atkinson, of Elon College, president of the board of trustees of the school.

This occasion, Gov. Craig stated, was his first visit to the school since he became governor. He has been very much impressed with the wonderful results that are being accomplished in the work of educating the deaf. He said that Morganton, already renowned for the high type of her citizenship had been placed on the map by the location of two of the State's splendid institutions here.

With warm words of praise for the fine bearing and military precision of the Deaf cadets from Morganton in the parade in Charlotte on May 20th, Mr. Craig said that he had been proud on that day to tell the wife of the President who the boys were.

The governor grew eloquent as he spoke on the objects of humor endeavor. He said that the making of money is all right, but should not be the aim of our efforts. It is not so much the attainment of power that counts (and money represents power) as what we are going to do with that power. Even liberty and justice, which are idealized, are only means to



HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR LOCKE CRAIG.

an end and that end is to lift up every human being, and to give all equal opportunities. That government is the finest government, that State the best State which comes nearest to accomplishing this end; that flag means the most which waves over the land where the fortunate and unfortunate are alike given the opportunity to develop the highest and noblest instincts with which the Creator has endowed them. It is North Carolina's privilege and opportunity to enable all her sons and daughters to have an equal chance.

The governor stated that environment and training play a much greater part in the individual life than inheritance. The difference between us physically is not so great. The State reaches its highest attainment when it gives to all alike the opportunity to attain to their highest possibilities.

He said that when in one of the class rooms in the school he saw just before his address a girl reproduce from memory on the black board a long narrative her teacher had just finished telling, he thought that she had gained more in intellect than she had lost in hearing. The loss of hearing or of any of the senses has been demonstrated not to be an impassable barrier of all knowledge.

There is the same difference in nature between neglect and cultivation as there is between the untrained and trained human being. The State and society are responsible for ugliness of character which grows out of environment. Such a school as the Deaf School is absolutely necessary, considering the obligation of the State.

The governor took occasion to say that the tax rate in North Carolina is

PROF. RIDDICK CHOSEN NEW HEAD OF A. & M.

Succeeds Dr. D. H. Hill, Who Will Write History of N. C. Veterans.

Raleigh Dispatch, May 30.

W. C. Riddick is the new president of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanics Arts, succeeding Dr. D. H. Hill, who retires after eight years of the presidency to write the history of North Carolina's part in the war between the States, for the North Carolina division Confederate veterans under a special commission from the State historic commission. Prof. Riddick was elected after morning and afternoon sessions of the board of trustees that sandwiched the commencement exercises. At the same time Dr. W. A. Withers was made vice president in the stead of Prof. Riddick. Dr. Hill's term as president closes July 1, and the terms of the new officers begin at that time. Prof. Riddick, who has been at the head of the department of civil engineering at the college for twenty-four years is fifty-two years old, and is a native of Wake county. He was educated at Washington and Lee and the University of North Carolina. Dr. Withers, the new vice president, has been with the college as professor of chemistry for the past twenty-four years.

Death of Miss Melissa Laxton.

On Wednesday night of last week Miss Melissa Laxton, whose critical illness was mentioned in last week's News-Herald, passed away about midnight at the home of Mr. A. J. Walker. For about 40 years Miss Melissa was one of the best known school teachers of the county, relinquishing the work only a few years ago on account of her health. She was a member of a prominent Burke family, a sister of the late Dr. J. L. Laxton, of Morganton. Messrs. Ralph and Fred Laxton, and Miss Kitty Laxton, of Charlotte, were here for the funeral of their aunt. The services were held in the Methodist church, of which she was long a consistent member, and interment made in the town cemetery.

the lowest except one, and yet we have one of the finest school systems in the country.

He advocated vocational training, but said he did not agree with what Roosevelt said in a speech Tuesday—that every man should have military training. We should be adequately prepared to protect the rights of humanity but the governor said he hoped he'd never see our country turned into a military camp. He was warmly applauded when he praised Woodrow Wilson as the great man who sits at the head of the government and has kept us from war while the world is being consumed in horrible warfare. New ideals have been formulated—those of justice and consideration of rights, as established by Wilson. The governor stated that the "Wilson Doctrine" would long outlive the "Monroe Doctrine."

"The wealth of the world is ours; to transform it into moral and intellectual womanhood and manhood is our opportunity. North Carolina's highest obligation is to protect her helpless ones in the period of their helplessness. By thus doing we shall be living up to our destiny of high and noble life."

The address was interpreted to the deaf pupils present by Supt. Goodwin.

After the address certificates for work finished in certain lines were presented to Julian West, James Wilson, Herman Aycock and Lucile Vick, the presentation made by the governor.

In the normal training department Misses Belle Corpening, Mary Bowman, Lillian Wakefield and Penlope Brothers received certificates.

The school board of Hoboken, New Jersey, have decided not to buy any school geographies this year. They say the books will have to be thrown in the scrap heap next year, as the German Kaiser will stamp about all Europe as belonging to Germany when the war closes.

The New York World is raising \$30,000 by popular subscriptions to purchase a plant for lighting the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. The United States will provide for the running expense in the river and harbor appropriations.

Mr. Leith Shuping returned Saturday night from Raleigh, where he has been in school at A. & M.

WILSON DISCUSSES CAMPAIGN PLANS.

President Considers Details With Doremus, Taggart and Haggood.

Washington Dispatch, May 31.

Plans for the Democratic convention at St. Louis and the ensuing campaign were discussed by President Wilson today with Representative Doremus, of Michigan, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, Norman Haggood, an organizer of the Wilson non-Partisan league, and Senator Taggart of Indiana.

Between now and convention time the president is expected to devote much attention to politics.

Selection of a permanent convention chairman was discussed. Speaker Champ Clark was the first choice of the president, but it now seems that Mr. Clark may not go to St. Louis. Senator James of Kentucky and Senator Kern of Indiana are among those suggested for place in case the speaker finally declines.

GRADED SCHOOL CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Splendid Address Made By Hon. W. A. Erwin, of Durham—Diplomas Received By 14—Pleasing Entertainment By Primary Grades.

The commencement exercises of the graded school came to a close on Friday night with a most delightful entertainment, consisting of folk dances, games and songs, by the primary grades.

On Friday morning after an inspiring address by Hon. W. A. Erwin of Durham diplomas to 14 graduates of the school and honor certificates for scholarship and attendance were presented by Mr. J. E. Erwin, chairman of the board of trustees.

In the oration and essay contests Thursday morning Miss Hetty McGalliard, with the subject "Home and Its Queen," and Earl Spencer with "Pan Americanism," won the medals both of which were given this year by Mr. Ernest Erwin. All the essays and orations were exceptionally good.

The class exercises on Thursday night were very much enjoyed by a crowd which taxed the capacity of the auditorium.

Mr. W. A. Erwin, who delivered the commencement address on Friday morning is an "old" Burke county boy, and his friends and neighbors were delighted to welcome him back home. He handled his subject, "Ideals," in a masterly way, giving his hearers much food for uplifting thought. The success which the speaker himself has attained in the business world, with his life as an example of what can be accomplished by the man who tries, the words which he uttered carried with them to his youthful hearers as well as to the older ones of his audience all the more weight and inspiration.

Over \$87 was realized from the sale of tickets for the primary entertainment Friday. The proceeds from this amount will be used in the purchase of scenery for the stage.

The school year just closing has been a very successful one. Friends of the school regretted that Superintendent A. C. Kerley was unable to attend commencement, as had been hoped, but it is gratifying to the entire town that he has so far recovered from his recent operation as to be able to be at home now.

The Misses Taylor to Entertain House Party.

Miss Theodosia Haynes, of Springfield, Mass., is the attractive guest of Miss Sarah Taylor. Miss Haynes was a schoolmate of Miss Tasyolor's at Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia. On Friday the following young ladies will arrive to attend a house party for ten days or more given by Misses Sarah and Elizabeth Taylor at their lovely home, "The Heights." Miss Minor Banks, of Hernando, Miss., Miss Gertrude Davie, of Chicago, Ill., Miss Elizabeth Huttig, of Kansas City, Mo., Miss Catharine Bickley, of Newark, N. J., Miss Elizabeth Fuller, of New York City, and Miss Isabella Currie, of Montreal.

Dr. Waite, the young dentist who poisoned his father-in-law and mother-in-law, was convicted in New York Saturday of murder in the first degree. His own testimony on the stand proved that he is the most depraved criminal in the history of the courts.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

In Concord last Friday, Dr. Bulla gave typhoid anti-toxin to 1,412 persons.

Fire in Durham Sunday night destroyed the Brian building, causing a loss of \$10,000.

George A. Murray, a prominent banker and lumberman of Asheville, died at a Biltmore hospital last Friday.

Prof. Chas. M. Stanley, for nine years superintendent of the Hickory public schools, has been elected superintendent of the Mt. Airy schools.

Robert L. Black, of Cameron, in attempting to board a freight train on the Seaboard Saturday fell under the train and had both feet ground off.

G. D. Simmons, a prominent farmer and saw mill man of Cliffside, was instantly killed Friday in a wreck between an automobile and a train.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo made the commencement speech at the University yesterday. At night, he spoke in Raleigh. Mr. McAdoo is a native of Georgia.

Ed Shell shot and instantly killed his brother-in-law, Jim Helton, Sunday morning at Granite Falls. The killing occurred at the home of Shell and according to all evidence the killing was in self defense.

Ralph F. Younger, of Burlington, was run over and instantly killed by a passenger train at Mount Zion, S. C., Friday morning. He was telegraph operator for the Southern, and was going to work when killed.

The Atlanta Baptists want Rev. Len G. Broughton, the North Carolinian who left them a few years ago to fill a pulpit in London. They have given him a call and hope to get him away from the Knoxville, Tenn., church.

The State convention of the Christian Endeavor Society will hold its annual meeting in Charlotte beginning Friday night. The sessions will be held in the First Presbyterian church. Several hundred delegates will be in attendance.

Gen. Jule Carr reached his Durham home Saturday from a six-months' trip to the Western States and Hawaii. He went to San Francisco last October on the special train with the Daughters of the Confederacy and is just now getting home.

Smith Bracey, said to be connected with a gold mine near Monroe in Union county, was arrested in New York Sunday to answer to a charge of using the mails to defraud by selling worthless mining stock.

J. H. Ball, a Confederate veteran, has been appointed postmaster at Elkin.

While bathing in Pungo river, Beaufort county, Rev. C. C. Kelsey, an Episcopal minister, got beyond his depth and was about to drown when Miss Elsie Swindell went to his aid. She, too, was overcome and Miss Blanche Wescott went in and saved both. The minister was sinking the third time when rescued.

President Martin of Davidson College announces that the \$75,000 which the college had to raise to obtain the proffered \$25,000 from the General Education Board, has been secured, making a total addition to the college of \$100,000. Of this amount \$75,000 will go to the endowment fund and \$25,000 will be used to build and equip a new gymnasium.

Earl Cotton, convicted murderer serving a thirty-year sentence, was shot and instantly killed and Charley Helton, eighteen, convicted of larceny, was shot through and through with buckshot Monday night near the State convict camp at Round Knob, near Old Fort, when they attempted to escape as the gang was being returned to camp at the close of the day's work. Both men it is stated, refused orders to halt, and as a final resort, Guards Riggs and Gann, in charge of the gang, opened fire, the convicts falling at the first shot. Cotton was dead when picked up, and Helton has eleven buckshot through his liver and lungs, although the physicians say he has a chance for recovery.