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BRILLIANTS

In an easy cause any man may be eloquent.—Cicero
Enjoy the present, trusting very little to the morrow.—Horace.

ACCOMPLISHING ITS PURPOSE

Thriving business and a prosperous people are not the only evidences of the fact that the reform in the banking and currency laws of the country is accomplishing its purpose. Even better evidence than that comes from Wall Street.

Prof. E. C. Brooks of Trinity College, in his excellent new book, "Woodrow Wilson as President," tells this incident:

A certain committee from New York called at the White House to convince President Wilson that the banking and currency laws which had then been in force about a year should be amended.

"Sir, that law is breaking down the power and control of Wall Street as the money center of the country."

"That reminds me of a story," said the President, as the unflinching twinkle came to his eye. "A stranger was visiting a great Cathedral in London. He gazed in wonder upon its magnificence, and said to the keeper who was an Irishman, 'Doesn't that beat the devil?'"

"The Irishman promptly replied, 'That's what we built it for, Sir.'"

No wonder Wall Street is turning heaven and earth to arouse interest in Mr. Hughes's campaign. No wonder it has opened its vaults to the Republican National Committee and has made the welkin ring with the cry, "Anything to beat Wilson."

WINSTON-SALEM'S CHALLENGE

The Winston-Salem Board of Trade is giving this city the very best publicity possible by spreading broadcast over the country the facts and figures concerning the industrial progress of Winston-Salem. These figures show that during the ten-year period, from 1906-1916, the increase in annual value of factory products was 243.2 per cent. And since that time there has been a further increase of 130 per cent over the 1915 figures.

This data was obtained from the figures given out by the Federal Census Bureau. Readers of The Journal will remember that this paper published these figures when they first came out several months ago and that we also published the figures for the other North Carolina cities of over fifteen thousand population. At that time it was seen that Winston-Salem led all others as an industrial center.

Now the local Board of Trade, after investigation, is led to believe that Winston-Salem's record in this respect is better than that of any other city in the entire country. Therefore, it has issued the following challenge: "A prize of \$100 is offered by the Board of Trade to the first authentic claim for a better record for any city in the United States. The comparisons are to be based on the data compiled by the Federal Census and now being published for the several cities of the country."

The condition of many tenant-houses in Winston-Salem are deplorable. No doubt about that. But quite recently the Board of Aldermen took the first step, but at the same time a very long step, toward remedying that condition. A whole time Health Officer was employed and an efficient Health Department was established. This is now being gotten in good running order. We venture to say that as a result of this Health Department's work tenant houses will be greatly improved. In fact, the time is not far distant when landlords will have to comply with the strictest regulations in building houses for rent. In other words, men who propose to erect buildings for human beings to live in will have to pay considerable attention to making provision for the health and lives of those human beings, whether they be black or white.

We saw by the newspaper dispatches Sunday morning that Hon. T. W. Bickett and Editor E. E. Britton of the News and Observer passed through High Point Saturday en route to Asheboro, where Mr. Bickett made a political speech Saturday afternoon. We were not surprised, therefore, to see an editorial in yesterday's News and Observer headed, "Speaking Not on the Wane." No man can hear Bickett in this campaign and think that speaking is on the wane.

MR. HOLTON'S DANGEROUS DOCTRINE

Mr. Holton has spoken. As the Republican candidate for the State Senate in this county, he made the opening speech of his campaign at Kernersville last Saturday night. In order to be entirely fair to him and the party which he represents, a staff representative of The Journal went to Kernersville and on Sunday morning gave the people of the county a full and fair report of what Mr. Holton had to say.

His speech was a disappointment to The Journal. We believe it was disappointing to a great majority of the intelligent voters of the county. It was not the sort of speech that was expected of a man of Holton's caliber. Certainly it was not a speech in keeping with the reputation he has made as one of the State's political leaders. And least of all did The Journal think that one who had served for sixteen years in the high office of United States District Attorney could ever make such a speech.

If some of his utterances had come from the leader of the Socialist party we would not have been surprised. If other statements he made had been shouted from the platform by some champion of the Industrial Workers of the World waving the red flag in one hand and the bloody shirt in the other, while the mob cried, "Down with the Government!" there would be no occasion for comment here. But when a man who has devoted many of the best years of his life to the performance of the sacred duty of enforcing the laws of a great Nation boldly proclaims that the time has come when the masses must array themselves against the classes, it is time for men who love righteousness, justice, liberty and, above all, a government that deals fairly with rich and poor alike to exert themselves.

When a man undertakes to win high office by arraying class against class in a Republic whose laws should be written in the interest of no class, but for the general welfare of all, when a candidate for office deliberately seeks to array the employee against his employer in a country, where, if the government would long endure, the manufacturer and the wage earner, the landlord and the tenant, must each be given equal justice and equal opportunity under the law, then it is time for thoughtful citizens to act and get decisively.

Aside from his statement that in this campaign "I represent the masses against the classes, and I represent the masses," Mr. Holton gave the people no convincing reason why he, and not his opponent, should be elected to the State Senate. The fact is, it was very plain that his speech had been prepared for a Winston-Salem audience and was intended to appeal to the local prejudices of the people of this city, rather than to the intellects of intelligent voters of the county. He devoted much of his time to a discussion of certain ordinances passed by our Board of Aldermen, such as the ordinance fixing the water rate and another protecting the lives of our babies from unclean milk. A considerable portion of his speech was made up of an attack on the municipal government of Winston-Salem because of the rate the people pay for electricity and because of the insanitary conditions that exist in those sections of the city occupied by tenants. Not once did it seem to strike him as significant that a member of the State Senate of North Carolina can do nothing to remedy the conditions against which he was complaining. Indeed, a stranger dropping in at the meeting would have thought the speaker was a candidate for Mayor of Winston-Salem instead of for the Senate of North Carolina. If Mr. Holton has charges to bring against the county administration under Democratic rule, he was woefully silent on them in his opening speech.

True, Mr. Holton denounced our present iniquitous system of taxation, and in this The Journal gladly joins him. It is rather Mr. Holton's joined-in in this when he took up the campaign for the tax amendment, which was started by the Democratic leaders and newspapers two years ago, and which was voted down by the people, who, we are convinced, feared something was wrong with it, because Republican leaders like Mr. Holton were supporting it. In making the tax system an issue, Mr. Holton apparently has forgotten one important thing, and that is that the Democracy of North Carolina is the only party that has ever given the people of the State an opportunity to amend their Constitution so that the system might be reformed, and that every Democratic candidate for office in Forsyth county two years ago went on record as favoring that amendment. He also failed to remind his hearers that the present Democratic candidate for Governor was the most earnest champion of that tax amendment, and made more speeches in favor of it than any other man, not even excepting Mr. Holton.

Mr. Holton didn't dare discuss the record of his own party when it was in power in this State. And he brought only one serious charge against the State Democracy. This he utterly failed to substantiate and, together with other misleading statements he made, will be discussed in these columns later.

THE SONG OF THE TRAMP

Give me no city mansion fine, No table spread with meat and wine, No sicken-purplined canopy To deck the bed whereon I lie, No worldly wealth or cares of State To keep me anxious, early, late.
But be my roof the skies' blue deep, Above me while I wake or sleep; My bed of down, the field of corn, To slumber sweet from night till morn; My board, the dewy blades of grass, Where mountain breezes whispering pass.
Dear is the spongy, fragrant sod That carpets all the fields of God; Dearest than wealth or merchandise The wide, illimitable skies, The breath of freedom and of space That wraps me as my way I trace, Along the road that knows no care, The road that leads to anywhere.
—By Nora Tynan O'Mahony.

MORE GUARDSMEN SENT TO BORDER

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The Department now has decided that the strike situation may continue unchanged for some time. The officials are anxious to complete the divisional organization on the border in order that full advantage may be taken of the opportunity to train a large number of men. It has also been concluded, it is said, that the supply difficulty can be met even in case of a strike.

NO MORE FUNDS TO GO DIRECT TO THE FLOOD SUFFERERS

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The committee recognize that in dealing with cases that are coming up now the committees of the flood districts can spend the money to better advantage. In some instances applications have been received for aid from men who did not need help, who lost only a few acres of corn and own land valued at several thousand dollars. It is to avoid reaching aid to the wrong people that the Winston-Salem committee has decided to turn over funds to the committees of Wilkes and Elkin.

Bad News from Ashe

The local committee is receiving distressing news from Ashe county and it is not unlikely that some representative of the Winston-Salem committee will go to that county the last of this week.

Wilkes is now trying to spend her funds repairing roads and bridges destroyed and thus give the people employment. On September 16 a bond election for roads will be held in Wilkes and if this is carried the county will have a neat sum to spend in this way. The people of Wilkes recognize that this is work that must be done before the winter sets in.

A representative of the United States War Department will speak in Greensboro on the flood relief work, September 7 and at that time representatives of the various counties damaged by the flood in this section will see the government representative and present their claims with the hope of obtaining more funds from the government.

BANNER CLASS OF APPLICANTS FOR PRACTICE OF LAW

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The arguments will consume the entire week of the court's daily sessions from 10 to 2 o'clock. The list of those receiving licenses will probably be published about Thursday.

In connection with the commencement of the examinations this morning, Chief Justice Walter Clark said that while this was decidedly the largest class in the history of the court, he believed it would also in all probability be the last, for the reason that the State Bar Association has asked that there be created a State Board of examiners for this office, just as there now exist boards to license physicians, pharmacists and other professional men. He said the Supreme Court is ready to accept whatever decree the General Assembly makes in regard to the matter.

The Chief Justice said that the duties devolving on the five Supreme Court justices are now about 20 times as great as they were when the practice of having the court examine and license the lawyers was inaugurated a century ago. He said that nearly all the States of the Union now have boards to grant the licenses for lawyers.

There was the usual award of special prizes offered by Chief Justice Clark to the winner of the best scholarship in the different law schools, Trinity and the University of North Carolina classes had competitions for this year, William Pell Whitaker, Jr. of Wilson won the prize in the Trinity class and W. S. Alderman of Greensboro in the Trinity class. The prizes were special autograph volumes of "Modern American Law."

TROOPS SEEKING ENTRY TO PLAINS OF TRANSYLVANIA

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In a diplomatic circle the impression prevails that Germany, Bulgaria and Turkey will declare war on Rumania, when the latter's declaration against their ally. A dispatch from Berlin said the Rumanian minister would be handed his passports today.

The meeting of the Rumanian crown council at which the decision was reached was held at the Congressional Palace. King Ferdinand presided and the session was prolonged over several days.

Berlin Official Statement—London, Aug. 28.—An official statement issued in Berlin and forwarded by Reuters correspondent at Amsterdam says:

After Rumania, as already reported, indignantly refused to declare war against Austria-Hungary, Italy and Germany, she declared war yesterday against our ally.

The Imperial German minister to Rumania has received instructions to request his passports and to declare to the Rumanian government that Germany will consider itself at war with Rumania.

Expected by Germans—Berlin, Aug. 28.—Via London—German government circles have expected some action by Rumania for nearly two weeks. No illusions were induced in it, but it was thought the Rumanian government might reconsider and possibly shrink from the step taken yesterday.

It was known here that the Entente proposed using Rumania territory for a Russian advance against Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria. Rumania it was argued here, would in that event, considering the Rumanian antipathy toward Austria-Hungary, join the forces fighting the Central powers.

Little is known here of the intentions of the Central powers toward Rumania, but it is felt that Rumania cannot avoid war with them, at least should Russian troops advance through her territory.

News of the Rumanian action was received here calmly, although it came close on Italy's declaration of war against Germany.

PRESIDENT WILL LAY THE MATTER BEFORE CONGRESS

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As soon as after the President had left the Capitol. They hurried from their hotel on foot to the executive mansion and arrived shortly after 7 o'clock while the President was at dinner. Their conference with the President was brief. He handed one copy of the railroad's counter proposal to A. R. Garretson, spokesman for the employees, and said that he would not discuss it at all.

Every effort was made to keep the call at the White House secret. The Union heads returned to their hotel singly and by separate routes. After passing out the word that they would meet the committee of 24 tomorrow morning to discuss the proposal, they went to their rooms, declining absolutely to discuss their conference.

Traitors Among Employees—News that the strike order sent out yesterday was in the hands of the railroad presidents occasioned no surprise among the brotherhoods.

After it became known yesterday that they suspected three of their number of acting as spies for the railroad heads they announced frankly they had given the order to employees. More than 500 copies of the order, it was learned today, were mailed out of Washington late last night, and each of the committee of 24 also received a copy. Copies in the hands of the executives are supposed to have been mailed back here from nearby points.

There was one traitor among the 12 disciples, one of the brotherhood heads said, "and our average appears to be higher than that."

Labor Day Date for Strike—Labor Day was agreed upon as the time for the tentative strike order to become operative. It developed today, after careful consideration of several dates, it finally was chosen because of the belief that a demonstration by the 2,000,000 or more union who will march in Labor Day Parades in behalf of the brotherhoods, would have the effect of winning much public support for the strike. By Labor Day, also, the strike order will have been scattered to all points on all divisions in the country. The list of the delegates who left here yesterday will have reached their homes by next Friday night.

Although the strike order is for 5 o'clock next Monday morning, all lines affected probably would not be tied up before some time that night, if the order were obeyed. Every member of the brotherhood, whether an employee on a passenger, freight or mail train is subject to the strike order. Brotherhood heads estimated last week that supply trains running to the Mexico border, some passenger trains and possibly some milk trains would be exempted. Tonight they declared that all trains would be tied up.

"We hope to tie up all freight and passenger lines," one of the leaders said.

ROAD AND BRIDGE ENGINEER WILL BE SENT TO THIS STATE

(By Geo. H. Manning)

Washington, Aug. 28.—Congressman Doughton was advised by the Bureau of Roads today that a road and bridge engineer will be sent to North Carolina at once to advise with the local officials regarding the construction of a bridge between Catawba and Irwell counties, near the Long Island Cotton Mill, and a bridge between Stanly and Anson counties.

EIGHTEEN VILLA BANDITS COURT-MARTIALED AND SHOT

(By The Associated Press.)

Chihuahua, Aug. 28.—In a fight with a band of Villa followers at Colanitas, close to the Durango line, the forces of General Domingo Arieta took 18 prisoners, who were immediately tried by a drum-head court-martial and shot, according to official reports received today from General Trevino. The body of the notorious bandit, Fernandez, found among the rebels slain was taken into the town of Matamoros, near Torreon, and hung in the plaza as an object-lesson to Villa sympathizers.

None of the prisoners taken in this fight or those taken in the action at Satevo a few days ago, was able to say whether or not Villa was alive.

Aerial capture of the Arrieta flighted was dangerously wounded. Heavy fighting against General Trevino's forces was killed by Villa's men a short time ago.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS NOW GATHERING IN KANSAS CITY

(By The Associated Press.)

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 28.—Civil War Veterans arrived in Kansas City in great numbers today to attend the fiftieth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The auxiliary organizations of the Grand Army, totaling eight, opened their headquarters in various parts of the city today to attend the encampment that for the first time since the disease became alarming more cases were discharged from hospitals today than were brought to the institutions.

HEALTH AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK GREATLY ENCOURAGED

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 28.—Health authorities here, who believe their fight against the epidemic of infantile paralysis is almost won, were encouraged further tonight by the announcement that for the first time since the disease became alarming more cases were discharged from hospitals today than were brought to the institutions.

MR. REECE RETURNS FROM CHAPEL HILL

Mr. H. R. Reece was in the city last night returning to his home in Yadkinville, from Chapel Hill, where he has been attending the Summer School. Mr. Reece will have charge of the Yadkinville Normal School, which this year as principal. The school will open for the fall term on September 14. He is expecting a large enrollment.



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