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The Big Things That Have Made the Year 1913 Notable in the History of the American Government.

The Associated Press sent out the following important epitome of political, economic and financial events of the first of the year.

Nineteen thirteen wrought changes in the American government—political, economic and financial—probably more far reaching than any other year of the last quarter-century. This was apparent today in a backward glance over memorable events of the past twelve months in all branches of governmental activity.

A Democratic administration in national affairs came into power, a Democratic Congress at the back of a Democratic President for the first time since Grover Cleveland occupied the White House.

The first constitutional amendments since 1870 were amended, providing two radical changes in the fundamentals of government—an income tax and the direct election of U. S. Senators.

National Bank and Currency System Reorganized

The national bank and currency system, which was devised to float the debt of the Civil War and has operated ever since, was reorganized into a Federal Reserve System in which the central bank plan, the dominant system of Europe, was reformed and a vast scheme of reorganization perfected.

Democratic Tariff Law

A Democratic tariff law became effective, the first since 1893 and one of the most comprehensive tariff measures ever enacted.

A parcel post system was brought into successful operation.

The Interstate Commerce Commission began a physical valuation of railroads—a project which will cost millions and take years to complete but which is expected to ultimately provide a basis of rate-making. Meanwhile, the fifty-two great eastern railway systems received application for a five per cent. general increase in freight rates and the commission directed reductions in express rates which are expected to save the public approximately \$30,000,000 a year.

Last steps in building the Panama Canal were taken with the probability that the greatest engineering feat of the age will be in operation in the New Year.

Control of Philippines to Native

Practical control of the Philippine government was delivered to the natives of the islands by President Wilson's appointment of a native majority on the Philippine Commission.

What promised a new era in the relations of the government with great corporations in the enforcement of the Sherman Anti-trust law, was brought about by the "bloodless" dissolution of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.'s relations with the Western Union. President Wilson's open declaration that the administration desired to co-operate with "big business" in a peaceful administration of the law, was received in business and financial circles with evidences of optimism.

Validity Sherman Act as Criminal Law

The Supreme Court laid down valuable decisions of deep seated importance. It sustained the validity of the Sherman law as a criminal measure for the first time in the "terpentine trust" case. In the cotton corner case it laid down the principle that a "corner" in any commodity is a violation of the anti-trust laws. In the State rate case it decided that States through their railroad commissions have control over the rates of lines within their borders, irrespective of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Bryan's International Peace Plan

In foreign relations, affairs of the year hardly were less eventful. Secretary Bryan's plan for international peace was accepted in principle by more than thirty nations and treaties with the United States actually were signed by the Netherlands and Nicaragua.

"Only Government Founded on Law" The most important pronouncements of the administration's for-

eign policy were made by President Wilson when he withdrew the support of the United States from the bankers in the so-called six power Chinese loan; in his Latin-American statement in which he proclaimed the intention of the United States to recognize on the western hemisphere only those governments "founded on law" and order; and in his noted Mobile speech, in which he pointed out the menace of foreign concessions to the peace and security of Central and South America.

The Mexican Affair

Relations with Mexico, the American government's refusal to recognize Huerta and a spirited exchange of notes on the subject were the diplomatic event of the year. Great Britain's protest against the exemption of American shipping from tolls in the Panama Canal and Japan's protest against the anti-alien land legislation in California were the two other principal features. Both are still in the course of diplomatic discussion.

Extension of American Trade Abroad

Plans for an extension of American trade abroad by the creation of commercial agents of Department of Commerce were launched; important steps in the government's participation in relations between capital and labor were the creation of a new portfolio in the Cabinet for a Secretary of Labor, to which Wm. B. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, a prominent labor leader, was appointed; and the creation by Congress of a Federal Commission on Industrial Relations which has begun a study of the entire subject.

Internal Affairs of Nation

Commanding features in the internal affairs of the nation were the announcement of a liberal policy for the development of Alaska with the proposed building of a government rail road; a policy of conservation for the properties of the Indian tribes; and reposed Federal control of all deposits of radium lately become so valuable in medicine.

Agriculturally, the year was one of unprecedented prosperity. While the volume of crops was below the average, their value totalled nearly ten billion dollars.

Egg Shortage

The recent high price of eggs has caused the Farmers' union to conduct an investigation into the poultry conditions of the nation and Peter Radford lecturer of the National Farmers' Union gave out the following statement concerning conditions in this state.

"We market 65 per cent. of our egg crop in April, May and June although the consumption of eggs runs very nearly even throughout the entire year. The American farmer is paying the middleman the princely sum of \$238,600,000.00 per annum for storing and selling his eggs. This sum of money would build and equip sufficient storage to care for the agricultural production of the nation. The value of the nation's egg production during a decade is equivalent in value to all the far property in Texas; would build a city the size of St. Louis and would pay the national debts of Spain, Japan and the United States combined.

Faulty Distribution

"The poultry yard census of continental United States taken by the federal government, shows that the farmers of this country gather approximately 1,691,811,000 dozen eggs per annum, which sell at a farm price of \$206,688,960, and a retail price of \$545,389,600. These eggs, according to the market reports, are marketed about as follows:

February, 63,652,000
March, 65,000,000
April, 302,349,000
May, 318,262,000
June, 270,422,000
July, 79,565,000
August, 143,218,000
September, 111,311,000
October, 79,565,000
November, 47,789,000

December, 64,152,000.

The average farm price of eggs per dozen is known to be 20 cents per dozen, and the average retail price was 335 cents per dozen. The highest retail quotation at any one time and place during the year was 75 cents and the lowest price was 20 cents per dozen.

The North Carolina Hen.

The latest census reports show that there are 5,053,870 fowls in this State and about three-fourths price was 35 cents per dozen. The annual production is 23,565,124 doz. eggs with a farm value of \$4,256,769. The yearly poultry production is 15,227,685 fowls, valued at \$4,496,767.

GRADED SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First grade, Ida Clark, Lola Clark, Cora Bean, Margaret Moffitt, Bon Phillips, Daisy Williams, Rufine Ward Myrtle Bean, May Cooper, Ora Hayes, Francis Kivett, Ruth Porter Grace White, James Kivett, Earl Loflin, Joe Parrish, Glen Phillips, Luke Richardson, Hal Rich, Amos Way Franz Strickland, Carl Brown, John Beck, Jack Hamlet, Fred Newby.

Advanced first grade, Pearl Foster, Jennie Thomas, Caroline Kime, David Beaver, Troy Gaddis Eugene Lewallen, Charlie Pressnell, Clay Rich Fletcher Stead Glenn Way.

Advanced second grade, Beulah Clark, Lillian Turner, Ertle Beck, Elmer Hammer, Roy Hayes, James Yow.

Lower third grade, Mattie Birkhead.

Second grade, William Armfield, Samuel Brittain, Gilmer Crisco, Willard Ferrer, John Hadley, Wallace Moore, Deward Rogers, Lester Rich George Smith, Lattie Tysinger, Effie Kinley, Grace Cooper, Nannie Lowdermilk, Virginia Redding, Parlee Wilson.

Third grade, Shelton Birkhead, Ray Boling, Wintar Cox, Billy Fox, Clarence Foust William Hammond, John Miller, Holt Moffitt, James Underwood William Underwood, Fred Cranford, Dock Kivett, Leonard Ward, Edith Best, Ethel Cox, Beulah Fout Letta Hendrix, May Pressnell, Ethel Williams.

Fourth grade, Gladys Allred, Gertrude Brown, Mary Bulla, Jennette Hendrix Floyd Beaver, Richard Lasister, Harold Moore, Nita McCain Annie Richardson.

Fifth grade, Mary Crater Auman Adelaide Armfield, Ruth Hadley, Neely Hunter, Baird Moffitt, Charles McCarty, Wilmer Pressnell, Ethel Allred, John Birkhead, Julia Ross.

Sixth grade, Blanche King Stella Auman, Lucy Lovett, Carrie Brittain, Lottie Newby Florentia Phillip, Harriett Morris, Lennie Bean, Clara Bell Berris, Ruth Cox, Hazel Spoon Mary Fox, Alta Rush, Iris Turner, Genevieve Wilson John Hunter, Frank Redding, Stanley Clark.

Seventh grade, Ruth Cox, Dora Lee Loflin Jewel Lowdermilk, Mary McCain, Elsie Pressnell, Margaret Rush, John Wright.

Eighth grade, Mary Moffitt, Lucile Morris, Hattie Ross Banks Richardson, Dwight Richardson.

Ninth grade, Lena Williams.

Tenth grade, Mabel Parrish, Rilla Spoon, Lucile Scarborough.

Pipe News.

Mr. I. M. Lassiter of Greensboro has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lassiter.

Miss Sallie Hicks of High Point visited her parents during the holidays.

Messrs Boling and Cranford are expecting to begin work at their mill in a few days.

Mr. Elsie Luther made a flying trip to Denton one day last week.

Messrs. Holt and Smith of Thomasville spent a few days last week at Mr. Elsie Luther's, bird hunting.

To Get Convicts for Randolph Roads.

Within the next week it is expected that there will be sent to Randolph county fifty convicts to build roads. The cost is to pay for these convicts \$1.50 a day. They are to be housed and camped and to be provided by the State and no pay and no expense for the time they do not work. Upon an average the convict will do about twice as much as an average day laborer. It is claimed.

The Grand Lodge of Masons is in session at Raleigh this week.

Brings Suit For Alleged Libel

Yesterday A. L. Brooks, through his attorneys took preliminary steps toward bringing suit for \$25,000 against D. F. King and T. J. Betts of Rockingham county for alleged libel. It is reported that similar suits have been instituted also in Rockingham county against these parties by Senator A. D. Ivie and C. O. McMichael, and that they are asking damages in the sum of \$10,000 each.

Attorneys Brooks, Ivie and McMichael recently represented B. F. Mohane in a case in Rockingham county with the Leaksville-Spray Institute, with which it is said Mr. King was or had been in some way connected. Mr. Betts is publisher of The Weekly Courier. An article published in the paper signed by Mr. King and headed "Dedicated to Would-be Character Robbers," is the cause of the libel suit.

It is alleged by Mr. Brooks that the defendant to the libel suits contrived and maliciously intended to injure his good name and credit and to bring him into public ridicule, and publishing in The Courier "a false, scandalous, malicious and defamatory libel concerning him." The article appeared December 17, 1913. The article was printed as a paid advertisement and charged the attorneys with "falsehood, slander, vilification, misrepresentation, robbery, and insendo" and that they "attempted one of the blackest crimes in the history of Rockingham county" when it is charged they "seemingly colluded together deliberately, premeditatedly, and with malicious intent for the purpose of robbing Mr. King of his good name and character."

Mr. T. J. Betts, the editor of the paper, has under the statute, written an apology or retract it and this will let him out of the suit except for any actual damages which might have been done to Mr. Brooks.

Tom Betts is an Asheboro boy and if he made a mistake or did a wrong to Mr. Brooks or any one else, we feel sure that he did it without intent because he is a man who does not harbor malice against any one.

Williams Named Comptroller.

The President has named John Skelton Williams of Virginia comptroller of the currency and ex-officio member of the Federal Reserve Board. It will administer the affairs of the new currency system.

The nomination was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency instead of to the financial committee. The nomination will be taken up in the near future but there will be intense opposition to Mr. Williams as he will not suit the Wall Street crowd. For years he has not been on good terms with Thomas R. Ryan and others who dominated the money market in Wall Street. The estrangement occurred many years ago when Mr. Williams was president of the Seaboard. After Skelton Williams had whipped out Ryan and his crowd prior to that time, Ryan is said to have gone to Williams and said to him: "You have demonstrated that you are a master of railroad building as you have taken a little road twenty-five miles long in Virginia and developed it into a great system connecting the North and South." Ryan said to Williams, "I will let you have money to Birmingham," whereupon Williams began building in good faith but before he got half way to Birmingham Ryan shut off and refused to furnish any more money and threw the road into bankruptcy. The story is a long one and was published at the time greatly to the discredit of Ryan in his manipulation in which it was claimed that by improper tactics he destroyed Williams.

Williams has been engaged all his life in banking in Richmond and Baltimore and is one of the brightest, bravest and most courageous men in the country. He is considered honest, fearless, safe and conservative and his friends will be disappointed if he does not steer the financial end of the government into a safe haven.

The Sign in His Window

(Baltimore Sun.)

Even Republican protectionists and standpatners like Mr. Wanzmaker are obliged to abandon the old campaign prophecies of evil and admit that the country can be happy and prosperous under a Democratic administration. The little New Year comes in labeled Confidence and Courage and the clouds roll away before him as he puts on the golden sign, Prosperity, in his shop window.

Social Service Conference

At a meeting of the Executive committee of the State Conference for Social Service in Raleigh on Friday last it was decided to hold the second annual meeting on February 13, 14 and 15. The central idea of the conference this year will be to develop the church and social service work. To this end the strongest possible program was planned for a three days' meeting.

Dr. Graham Taylor of Chicago, the president of the national social service organization, will deliver the principal address on Sunday afternoon, the last day. Dr. Alexander Johnson, of Vineland, N. J., former president of that organization, is also expected to address the conference on Saturday.

Gov. Craig, the honorary president, will formally open the convention the first day. Following the formal opening of conference will come the reports of various committees. In the evening the president's address will be followed by an informal meeting of the members. Three meetings will be held on Saturday, the final meeting being a symposium on the church and social service.

On Sunday it is planned to have visiting pastors fill the Raleigh pulpits. Full details of the program will be published at a later date.

Franklinville News.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society a delightful entertainment will be given at the M. E. church Saturday night by Miss Beula E. McNamee who will present her popular recital Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, a happy combination of wit, humor and philosophy in ten characters which move before you in the space of an hour. Everybody is cordially invited and a good time is in store for every one who attends.

S. E. Koresy lumber mill has added a poultry yard to their plant.

Mr. Clarence C. Reeves and Miss Nannie Smith were married at the home of the bride's father, Jib Smith, Sunday night, Rev. R. W. Harrell officiating. Their many friends wish for them long and happy lives.

Rev. R. C. Craven of Durham spent a few days here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Craven, Sr. and preached an interesting sermon at Fair Mount M. P. church Thursday night.

Mr. Benj. Moffitt of Asheboro attended stockholders' meeting of Randolph and Franklinville Manufacturing Co. in this place last Friday.

Bishop Smith of Liberty township was in town one day last week. J. T. and H. B. Bule spent Sunday at Asheboro.

James Ward and family of Sandy Creek spent Sunday with the family of G. C. Cox.

W. L. Jones who has been working at Fayetteville for some time is at home for a few days.

J. W. Craven, Sr., left Monday for Greensboro to attend the reception at the Masonic and Eastern Star home. He will also attend the Grand Lodge at Raleigh before returning home.

W. H. Tippett has resumed work on the M. P. E. church at Coleridge which he hopes to complete in a few days.

Raymond Hobson of Clayton, Ind. spent a few days in town with his brother, W. J. Hobson.

Mrs. D. M. Weatherly attended the reception at the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Greensboro Monday night.

The New Haven and Hartford R. R. Company in order to prevent a suit for dissolution under the Sherman law by the Federal Department of Justice has announced that in order to avoid suit it will comply with the law. This is looked upon as a complete victory for the department of justice. It is said that everything demanded by the Attorney General was agreed to by the railroad.

Complying with the department's demands, the New Haven will dispose of its holdings in Boston and Maine railroad and cancel the joint agreement certifying the Port and Albany, and also give up its trolley lines and several steamship lines.

Cabarrus county is to have a new jail and an addition to the court house.

Outbreath-Coffin

A marriage of unusual interest to the people of Asheboro was that of Miss Blanche Coffin, formerly of Statesville, to Mr. Frank Culbreth of Asheboro, S. C., at the home of her sister, Mrs. Rufus Denton on last Thursday at 5 p. m.

Mrs. Culbreth is a charming young woman possessing many admirable qualities. Mr. Culbreth is a good business man of Statesville. The Courier extends congratulations and best wishes.

Snow Drifted to a Twenty-Foot Depth

Miss Ruth Gentry a student of Greensboro College for Women, who lives in Allegheny county, was delayed over a week because of the heavy snow in her home county. She arrived last night and told an interesting story of the heavy snowfall.

She left her home at 2 o'clock Friday morning after a long delay, and traveled in a wagon drawn by four horses. It was 2 o'clock that afternoon before she arrived at the railway station which was but 16 miles away. Four men accompanied the wagon to shovel the snow away.

The snow on a level was 19 inches deep and in places it had drifted to from 15 to 20 feet. This is one of the biggest snows ever had in the mountains.—Greensboro Daily News.

Pierce's Chapel News.

Mrs. J. C. and Mrs. Clarence Hodge of Caraway Rt. 2 visited at Mr. E. E. Snider's last Sunday.

Mr. Alton Hughes, who has been very ill for the last week is improving.

Miss Alma Hunt and brother, lives near High Point this week.

Miss Maggie Albertson of Trinity has accepted the school at Gipsyson Academy which began last Monday.

Mr. Omslow Parrish is all smiles; he has a new hoarder—his a baby girl.

News of Randleman

Randleman is progressive. The electric arch across the main street at the depot is near completion and when finished will have 100 electric lights flashing the words "Welcome—Randleman."

New buildings are going up around the Deep River Mills. The mills are in good condition and improvements are being made.

Several new houses are in course of erection and Randleman will soon have a city water system, so the people are beginning to think.

Trichinosis Near Thomasville.

Six or eight cases of trichinosis have recently been discovered near Thomasville in Davidson county and one has died. This is a disease caused from eating pork infected with trichinae. It only occurs when the pork is not properly cooked.

It is believed that all these cases came from the eating of one hog and it is believed the hog was infected with some Western meat thrown in the soap to the hog. The symptoms of the disease are a cross between grippe and typhoid fever.

Dr. Gordon to Speak This Week

Dr. J. R. Gordon, special agent of the State Board of Health, will be in Asheboro next Saturday, January 17 to address a special meeting of the County Medical Society and the citizens who may attend. Dr. Gordon comes to discuss the importance of the vital statistics law. Everybody invited.

On December 4th Mr. W. C. Gausey of High Point and Miss Anise Hill of Caraway Route 1 were married. The marriage ceremony was performed by John F. Jarrel, J. P. On December 21st Mr. Arthur L. Rich and Miss Ethel Hoover both of Caraway were married. J. F. Jarrel, J. P., officiating. A two weeks term of court begins at Troy Monday with Hon. W. F. Harding presiding. There will be five murder cases.

The Guilford court house site has been sold to the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company for \$150,000.00. A fine new courthouse is to be built at this place.

Deputy Sheriff George T. Lynn was held up two miles from Greensboro Monday afternoon by an unknown man with a gun and compelled to deliver all the money he had \$10.00.

It is understood that the Central Falls Manufacturing Company has been sold to Dr. R. L. Caviness, John M. Caviness and J. E. Stroud.