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Standing Still, Not Knowing Which Way to Turn

President Still Dealing in Meaningless Phrases and Platitudes

Washington, Dec. 19.—The militant der Wilson's administration, writes Democracy under the leadership of Southern men chiefly who are achieving eminence in leadership of the Democratic party was born with the Republic. The Democratic party has held the reins of government fully half the time since the foundation of this government. It was never more hopeful of winning than in the coming election.

The Republican party which poured out millions in an effort to carry Oklahoma, Tennessee and North Carolina in the past election undertook the same game in Virginia this fall, but failed to regain foothold in the Old Dominion which remembered the rule of carpet baggers in reconstruction days. Hal Flood whose recent demise is so deeply regretted, was the leader in the Virginia contest and the victory was unprecedented as was the case in so many other elections this fall.

Lobbyists Swarm at the Capitol

The wheedling and scheming agents of special privilege are in evidence more and more as swarm in great numbers round the committee rooms at the Capitol. Special privilege never had so many representatives as at Washington under this the most capitalistic of any administration in any republic on earth.

It is true that the President has signed the four-power treaty with the nations of Japan, France and Great Britain joining in with the United States "to arrive at an understanding as to the most efficient measures to be taken jointly and separately" which means clearly that the United States is to fight if necessary to protect the interest of Japan on any part of the earth. The new treaty provides for the protection of all of Japan's insular possessions and insular dominions was set forth in Article 1, of this new four-power treaty. This applies to all Japanese possessions of any kind except that part of Japan's possessions on the mainland of the Asiatic continent. It is true that Japan at the same time guarantees the integrity of the Philippines, and thus throughout the ten-year period of disarmament the United States can be at ease about our island dominions in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Senator Borah may be wrong in his statement that this new treaty will break at the first rattle of artillery, but this much is true we can get rid of the submarine, poison gas, and other forms of warlike frightfulness, if not indeed war itself if all the nations in the league of nations, more than 40 in number will unite under plan proposed in the Versailles Treaty. It is no surprise to a layman like the writer, that Senator Borah has little faith in the new arrangement when no effort is made to get rid of the submarine, for so long as submarines exist, almost any nation can place upon the seas a sufficient flotilla of these comparatively inexpensive agencies of war to destroy the greatest of navies.

Only a few days ago the cotton goods manufacturers were here in a swarm asking more than 22 per cent tariff on importations of cotton goods, and showing how the pious makers of poker chips have 40 per cent protection. The answer is that the poker chip magnates probably contributed more liberally to the campaign fund. Therein lies the real secret of getting what one wants in special legislation. In such a situation the finest defense the people can have consists in men in Congress who are too big for such dealing.

President's Message Fell Flat

Like Presidents Jefferson and Wilson the President again appeared before Congress and read his message. The President took only one bold stand and that was in notifying Congress he would not obey its order in the Jones bill and abrogate the thirty odd commercial treaties of the United States with foreign nations, but not a word has been heard about impeaching President Harding for thus standing on the same ground on which President Wilson definitely planted his feet and for which the Republicans were talking a year ago about impeaching the former Democratic President.

The balance of the message was uninteresting, stale and dry, and to use Senator La Follette's expression, "sounded like he wrote it himself." La Follette had in mind what is rumored round Washington that former Senator Sullivan, of Utah, who was at the home of the President so much of the last campaign and is now on the advisory board of the arms conference, and is a highly paid official on the Shipping Board, and on the board to restore the property of the pacifists, dismembered by law and

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LITTLE MACK FRAZIER DIES IN FRANKLINVILLE

Little Mack Frazier, Jr., the six-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Frazier, of Franklinville, died last week. The parents had left the baby on a pallet near the center of the room while they were at the barn doing their afternoon's work. On hearing the baby cry they rushed back to find that he had crawled, for the first time, to the fire, and his feet were burning. The burns were so severe that the little fellow died. The funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church in Franklinville after which burial followed.

MR. T. B. DOVE, OF FRANKLINVILLE, DEAD

Mr. T. B. Dove, who has been in ill health for the past several months, died at the home of his father in Franklinville last Friday. The deceased was 32 years of age. He was a young man of sterling qualities and has held responsible positions. He was at one time manager of the Randolph Store Company at Franklinville, later accepting a position with the United States government at Washington, D. C., and still later he was connected with a mercantile establishment in Greenwood, Miss. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Dove, and the following brothers and sisters: Mr. Charles Dove, Richmond, Va., and Harris Dove, who is in Panama, Mrs. Sula Parks, Franklinville, and Mrs. Ross Grimes, of Greenwood, Miss.

MISS JEWEL GLASGOW, OF GREENSBORO, MARRIED

Miss Jewel Glasgow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Glasgow, of Greensboro, was married on November 30 to Mr. Critz M. Cox, of Birmingham, Alabama. They were married in Nashville, Tennessee. Miss Glasgow formerly lived in Asheboro, but her parents moved to Greensboro, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Cox will reside in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Seven Men in Mask Fight

Seven men are being held at Ardmore, Oklahoma, in connection with a triple slaying which resulted from a visit of a band of masked men to the home of Joseph Carroll. In the fight which followed three men were killed, including one policeman. It seems to have been the purpose of the band to flog Carroll for bootlegging.

Farmers Losing Faith

Out in the West is an intelligent and watchful constituency which has been disillusioned on the tariff; which has lost or is losing faith in Republican promises of lower taxes and economical government; which is beginning to realize that party in power does not understand the problems with which it has to deal and is incompetent therefore to solve them. Above all, it understands now as never before that it has no identical interests with the privileged and predatory classes who finance and control the reactionary element of the Republican party.

Mrs. A. C. McAlister Dead

Mrs. Addie C. McAlister died at the home of her son, Mr. A. W. McAlister, in Greensboro Monday afternoon. Although Mrs. McAlister had been ill for several months the end came very suddenly following a collapse Sunday afternoon. Her relatives and many friends in Asheboro and elsewhere were greatly shocked upon receiving the announcement of her death. Mrs. McAlister was married to Col. A. C. McAlister in 1861 at the age of 22 years. She was a daughter of the late Dr. J. M. Worth former State Treasurer. She received her early educational training under two of Randolph county's noted educators—Dr. and Mrs. Colton. Later she graduated from the old Edgeworth Seminary in Greensboro, in 1880. Mrs. McAlister was one of the foremost Christian women who ever lived in Randolph county. There was never a good movement in the town and community in which she was not one of the supporters. She took a most active interest in church, educational and civic improvement. She had a keen sense of right and the courage to stand by it. Her influence and example has been, and will continue to be felt by her many friends and acquaintances, both white and colored, in this community. She was in her 62nd year and up until a few months ago had been remarkably active.

MRS. JOE A. BRITTAIN DIES IN SPENCER

Mrs. Joe A. Brittain, of Spencer, died in a local hospital Monday following an operation on Saturday. Mrs. Brittain was apparently getting along nicely when there was a sudden change for the worse. She had been in poor health for several months and it was thought that an operation would relieve her trouble. She was married to Mr. Joe Brittain, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brittain, of Asheboro, eleven years ago. To this union were four children, all of whom with their father survive. Mrs. Brittain is also survived by her parents, a brother, Rev. R. E. Stack, of Erwin, Tenn., and four sisters, Mrs. Tucker, of Friendship; Mrs. Lena Meadows, of Kernersville; Mrs. Jessie Stratton, of Summerfield, and Mrs. Daisy Benham, of Central, S. C. Mrs. Brittain was highly esteemed and was a member of the local lodge of the Daughters of Liberty and of the auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. A brief funeral service was held at the residence in Spencer by Rev. T. P. Jimison and Dr. John Wood, after which the remains were carried to Colfax, where interment followed.

MR. EMERY HILL DEAD

Mr. Emory Hill died at his home last week following a long illness. He is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: W. E. Hill and M. C. Hill, of Asheboro; J. M., Herbert and James Hill, of Asheboro Route 3, and Misses Mary Jane and Minnie Hill, of Asheboro Route 3. The funeral was held at Hopewell church after which burial followed last Tuesday. Mr. Hill was 61 years of age.

MR. JAMES FERREE DEAD

Mr. James Ferree, son of the late Henry Ferree, died at his home in Ramseur last week, following a very severe attack of tonsillitis. Mr. Ferree is survived by his wife and one child, also his mother and several brothers and sisters.

MR. WILLIAM FERREE DEAD

Mr. William Ferree died suddenly at his home near Cedar Falls Tuesday, from heart trouble. He was one of eleven children. He is survived by the following brothers: Mr. C. M. Ferree, of Asheboro; J. R. Ferree, Cedar Falls; J. M. Ferree, Pinehurst. Also one daughter, Miss Lottie Ferree, of Ramseur. The funeral services were conducted at Cedar Falls yesterday.

MRS. SABINA HAMMOND DIES IN HIGH POINT

Mrs. Sabina Hammond, widow of the late Henry Hammond, of Cedar Grove township, died at the home of her daughter in High Point at the age of 80 years. Her body was brought to Hopewell Sunday for burial. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Louzeta Cranford, Sea Grove No. 2, and Mrs. Francena Smith, of High Point.

Union Christmas Exercises

There will be a union Christmas exercise of the Union Grove school and church on Friday night before Christmas. Everybody is invited.

WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

St. Cecilia Club Met

On Wednesday December 7th the Senior St. Cecilia music club held its regular meeting with Miss Henrietta Underwood. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Nan Lewis. As we were to study Hayden at this meeting each member responded to the roll call with an appreciation of Hayden's work. The minutes of the last meeting were then read. A very interesting program was rendered after which an appropriate musical contest was held in which Miss Henrietta Underwood won the prize a Mavis Vanity.

Several selections on the Victrola were enjoyed after which Mrs. Underwood assisted by little Miss Katherine Underwood served delicious refreshments consisting of fruit, ambrosia, fruit cake and salted nuts. On each plate was also small Christmas cards follows:

"Our next meeting will be held in January with Golda Hayworth." REPORTER.

Christain Endeavor Society Met

Several members of the Methodist Protestant C. E. Society met with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ridge for the Christmas business meeting and social. The society decided to meet at the church at about six o'clock Christmas morning and go in cars through the town singing Christmas Carols, stopping before the jail and hospital to sing several songs. It was also decided to take baskets containing Christmas lunches to the county poor house.

Two interesting contests were held in which Joseph Ross and Hal Rich excelled. The hostess served hot cocoa and marguerites, after which the society adjourned to meet again in January.

Miss Parrish Hostess

Miss Mabel Parrish was hostess to the Two Table Bridge Club and several invited guests Tuesday evening at her home on South Fayetteville Street. Bridge was played at three tables for an hour. The hostess then served a congealed salad, wafers, sandwiches, coffee and salted nuts.

Birthday Party

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. W. A. Underwood was hostess to about twenty-five friends of little Miss Katherine Underwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Underwood, honoring her on her fifth birthday. The young guests were called for in cars, and immediately after their arrival games were begun. Later in the afternoon the dining room doors were opened and everybody was invited in. The table was attractively decorated with a suggestion of the Christmas greens, but the color scheme of pink and white was carried out. In the center of the table was a large pink and white cake with five pink candles. Pink and white brick cream was served with sweet wafers. A Christmas tree in one corner of the room with lighted candles was a source of much pleasure, and each child "got a present from the tree," fancy silk handkerchiefs and unsewn baskets filled with candy. The small hostess received many lovely gifts from each little friend present.

Two Table Bridge Club Meets

Miss Kate Brittain was hostess to the Two Table Bridge Club at her home on South Fayetteville Street Wednesday afternoon. After several interesting games, the high score prize went to Miss Ruth Cox. The hostess carried out the Christmas colors in her refreshments which were green and red gelatine, fruit cake, coffee, stuffed dates and mints. The following were present, Misses Ruth Cox, Lucile Morris, Mary Moffitt, Hallie Ross, Bera Scarborough, Mabel Parrish and Mrs. Ollie Presnell.

Birthday Party

Little Thaddeus Tuttle Mooser son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Moser celebrated his first birthday Sunday, December 18th, with a few of his little friends who were near the same age. A "fishing pond" was arranged with "lines" attached. The fish were toys dear to the hearts of the young folks of this age. The refreshments were Zwieback and candy which made its initial appearance in the menus of the young guests.

Miss Scarborough Hostess

Miss Bera Scarborough was hostess to the Monday evening Bridge Club on the same day. The games, as usual proved most interesting. Later in the evening the hostess served apple and almond salad, wafers, and cocoa-nut macaroons.

J. W. CANNON DIES AT HIS HOME IN CONCORD

Pioneer and Leader in Textile Manufacturing in Southern States James W. Cannon, one of the leading textile manufacturers of the entire South, died at his home in Concord Monday night, following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Cannon was a pioneer in the textile industry of the South and at the time of his death was president of the Cannon Manufacturing Company, at Kannapolis, one of the largest textile factories in the world. In addition he controlled several cotton mills at Concord and others at Salisbury, China Grove, Albemarle, Mount Pleasant and Rockwell, N. C., and had large textile interests in Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama.

WEEKLY RALEIGH LETTER

EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED—SENATE BILL AMENDED—ELECTRIC CHAIR NOT ABOLISHED

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—The Legislature has adjourned after a special session of two weeks.

Senate bill by Burgaw of Northampton reducing the tax exemption from \$300 to \$50 (amended to make it \$100); and Senate bill of Long of Halifax changing the present eviction law, so a landlord might dispossess a tenant from factory or other residence of farm land by giving bond during appeal from magistrate's court. The present law permits the tenant to remain in possession pending appeal by giving bond; and Senate bill by Dunlap of Anson to repeal the law providing for a penalty for the non-payment of taxes. No Constitutional Convention Yet.

The effort to revive the Stubbs bill to submit to the people at the next election (November, 1922) the question of holding a state constitutional convention and electing the delegates there to all over the state, died of inaction. Senator Stubbs, one of the oldest legislators here in point of experience, saw that his measure could not get the necessary vote, even in the Senate, did not press its consideration, although it "took its place on the Senate calendar" a week before adjournment.

Sentiment in and outside of the Legislature was overwhelmingly opposed to injecting the constitutional convention, including the election of delegates thereto, into an off-year campaign.

First Work Last Object Done The municipal finance measure which was the chief cause for calling the "Extra" here, and the school legislation equally urgent, got through as the last work done.

Both the municipal finance act and the bill validating all levies of taxes made by the counties this year for school purposes, requiring the same levies next year as a prerequisite for participation in the state equalization fund and making a tax of 39 cents the flat requirement for such participation, were both received from the House Saturday and were each given their two additional readings.

So the cities and towns may now find Wall Street and other investors willing to buy their municipal bonds. And the schools and teachers will be properly provided for till the next legislature meets, at least.

Electric Chair Stays

The attempt to again start legal methods to abolish the death penalty in North Carolina met with such strong opposition that it never got very far with the legislators this session.

The much-mooted state pardon board froze to death in the same attempt, the governor and most of the influential legislators opposing the creation of such a board.

The attempt to abolish the primary, "except for county offices," also died of malnutrition.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

Messrs. Worth Alfred and Fletcher Alfred left Wednesday morning for Pee Dee River in Montgomery county, where they expect to spend a few days trapping and fishing.

Mr. N. B. Cheek has gone to Boone to take charge of the depot there. W. H. Parks has charge of the depot here.

Jeff Prevost has moved to Monroe Craven's farm south of town. Dr. and Mrs. T. I. Fox went to Greensboro last Friday.

C. C. Brower and family attended the burial of James Free at Cedar Falls last Friday evening.

O. P. Brower has moved his family to Moore county where he will take charge of Reynolds Grist Mill.

Mr. J. H. Shaw has moved his family from his farm near Pleasant Cross to the house vacated by Mr. O. F. Brower.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cox and Mr. J. R. Lutterloh went to Greensboro last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennon Hughes, of Charlotte, are visiting Mr. Hughes' sister, Mrs. H. L. Curtis.

Mrs. W. C. Jones, who has been ill, is improving.

J. R. Parks, who has been in school at Woodbury Forest, came home Saturday evening to spend the holidays.

Prof. R. T. Little and Misses Lawrence Hughes, Lillian Britt and Emma Banks have gone to their respective homes for Christmas.

The Franklinville Baptist church has built several new class rooms in the old part of the church which is a big help in taking care of Sunday School.

Mr. W. J. Jones has added more to his repair shop, connecting his blacksmith department to the paint room, which adds several more square feet.

Mr. C. R. Hurley had the misfortune of losing his dwelling house and also his smoke house by fire last Wednesday evening. Little property was saved. Insurance, \$500. The fire originated from a fuse.

R. D. Garrison and crew are building a calaboose for the town.

Mr. B. L. Farham and children have gone to Sanford for the Christmas holidays.

He is survived by his widow and 9 children, one of whom is Mrs. David H. Black of Washington, D. C.