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## IS THE ARMS PARLEY A SUCCESS? Will the Republican Congress Function?

(By David F. St. Clair).  
Washington, Jan. 10.—The new year has brought with it two vital questions to the American people: What has the arms limitation conference really achieved and will the Republican congress redeem itself at its regular session?

There are three opinions about the arms conference. Those who had no faith in it to begin with are still contending that the nations of the world are just as far away from a settled, stabilized peace as they have ever been since the signing of the armistice. To the doubters the four power treaty dealing with the islands of the Pacific and the five power treaty on the limitation of capital ships are mere scraps of paper if they are not binding on their signers. If they are binding they contain the seeds of new wars involving the United States. If the four power and the five power treaties mean anything, to the doubters they are a clear gain for Great Britain and Japan and an equal loss for the United States. Great Britain and Japan swap the Anglo Japanese alliance for an alliance with the United States. If the treaty is binding, it binds the United States to protect both Great Britain and Japan in the Pacific. If time determines that it is not binding, the Anglo-Japanese alliance may be automatically renewed. In fact there may now exist a secret understanding to that effect, declare the doubters.

They point to the fact that the conference has revealed two secret understandings between Japan and France, one relating to Siberia and the other to China and the Pacific. The Siberian understanding has been officially denied by France and the denial has of course been accepted by the American government but not by the doubters who profess to have no faith that there is such a thing in this world as honest diplomacy.

Over in the Senate there is a determined disposition among some to compel Senators Lodge and Underwood to make a clean breast of all that took place behind the closed doors of the conference before the four, the five power and the nine power treaties can be ratified. The American delegates have persistently refused to talk during the conference, while the delegates especially of Great Britain have talked freely about many things and hinted many others. Senators have treasured up some strange stories that have leaked out through these sources and from a conference that the Harding administration had promised the American people would be open.

Those who believe that the conference has achieved a great success and that opinion is heralded from the White House, point out that it is not so much in what the conference has actually accomplished in reaching agreements among the nations engaged as in the spirit of good will which it has inspired especially in Japan. Japan came to Washington in an ugly, suspicious, obstinate state of mind. She goes away in a joyous mood—that is, she feels that she not only understands America but that America also has come to appreciate the position of Japan. The optimists are arguing that this getting Japan to have faith in the sincerity of the people of the United States is worth more than all the sacrifice that the United States have made or proposed at the conference table and it is admitted that these sacrifices are considerable.

The conference has brought out the better side of Japan. It has revealed to the American people that the Japanese possess a humane and moral sentiment for which they have not heretofore been given full credit. With them a clearer understanding, an honest agreement can be attended. The white races can work safely with them, if this conference furnishes a true criterion of their character, according to the optimists.

But a still greater achievement of the conference is believed to be the new rapprochement between America and Britain. Fortunately during the conference this rapprochement has been made easier and stronger by Britain's manifest desire honestly and sincerely to settle the Irish question which has so long interfered with the complete cooperation of the two countries. The proceedings of the conference are notable for the fact that practically every move made by America has been promptly seconded by Britain. The British delegates have seemed at times almost too eager to know what the American people wanted. British agents have actually made a survey of public sentiment in this country for that purpose and they have been quick in their efforts to reassure the Senate that no treaties offered by the conference can involve America.

But it is pointed out by those who hold the balance wheel of wisdom that even if the Senate finally endorses the work of the conference, this work to be called a success must stand the test of time with its inevitable temptations. In the meantime the work of the conference must meet the test of the Senate and the judgment of the American people.

## PLANT OF SOUTHERN BROKERAGE COMPANY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock, the fire whistle again aroused the people of the town and this time it was a real fire, the Southern Brokerage Company being burned to the ground. This was the property of Mr. Edward Cranford, and closely adjoined the Piedmont Chair Company, damaging it also. Although the firemen and nearly every citizen of the town worked valiantly to save the building, their efforts were vain. The building in which Mr. Cranford had his business belonged to the Piedmont Chair Company and was valued at \$2,500; the merchandise it contained was valued at \$6,500. At first it was thought that the insurance policy had expired, but upon investigation this was found not to be the case. It was only by most strenuous efforts that the surrounding buildings were saved. Some shingles belonging to Messrs. Herman Cranford and Arthur Ross were also burned.

About two years ago the Bentwood Chair Company, owned by the Cranford Brothers, burned in this section of the town endangering all the surrounding buildings and proving a great loss to the owners of the business. It is an old saying that "you will hear of three fires," but we have had three recently—let us hope there will be no more.

## MR. LINDSAY FIELDS DEAD

Mr. Peter Lindsay Fields was born October 31, 1843, and died January 2, 1922, aged 78 years. Pneumonia was the cause of his death.

Mr. Fields' first wife was Miss Margaret Fentress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Fentress, a well known family of southern Guilford. To this union were born eight children, seven of whom are now living. They are Mrs. J. R. Jones, Mrs. N. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds, of Pleasant Garden, and Mrs. J. G. Berry, of Climax; C. W. and F. B. Fields, of Pleasant Garden, and Hoyle Fields, of Climax. The widow was before her marriage Miss Maggie Fox, of Randolph county.

Funeral services were conducted on January 4, from Bethlehem M. E. church, of which Mr. Fields had been a member for many years, and interment followed in the church cemetery.

Grandsons acted as pall bearers, while granddaughters carried the flowers. Pallbearers were Messrs. Wade Berry, Frank Jones, Worth Fields, Ralph Jones, Hal Fields, and Ray Jones. Flower girls were Misses May Fields and Alma Jones.

Thrift week will be observed the week of January 17.

The President in his recent message to Congress "exhibited a state of mind" as regards the so-called farmers' bloc in the Senate and its prospective duplication in the House. Since then the executive branch of the government has been trying to put the screws on these Congressional farmer politicians at the other end of the avenue. Every Republican in the House who voted against the President's compromise 40 per cent income surtax proposal has been warned by Postmaster General Will Hays that no recommendations made by him for postmasters in his district will be honored unless endorsed by the Republican Senator in his state in good standing with the administration. This rule applies especially to the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota, which furnish a large number of Republican insurgents in the House. In Wisconsin the rule is to be applied not only to scare the insurgents in the House from that state back into the folds of the party but to keep Senator Lenroot out of the farmers' bloc in the Senate. The same tactics have been resorted to keep Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, straight. But in the first days of the new year the President took a further step. He summoned a number of noted farm Senators to the White House and informed them over the pot licker that he was the leader of his party, that he intended to assert his leadership and that they must govern themselves accordingly. He was frankly told, according to one of those present, that the farmers' bloc in the Senate would continue to act without dictation from the White House. The President had called this conference because the farmers' bloc is backing a resolution to have him appoint a practical farmer on the federal reserve board.

The so-called farmers' conference, called by the President to meet some time this month in Washington (is a political maneuver, farm Senators say, to disarm the opposition of the agricultural west against the industrial east. An effort will be made to propitiate the big farm leaders who are using certain middle-country Senators and Representatives in Congress to play hari-kari with the legislative program of the Harding administration. Something has got to be done. The strongholds in the East, where the Republicans must look for their saviors of war close if the farmers' bloc in the Senate wounds the tariff bill as it did the tax bill. The President has challenged the opposition and a show-down can not be far off.

## WEEKLY RALEIGH LETTER

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

### Sale of State Bonds

The sale of five million dollars worth of North Carolina bonds is announced by Governor Cameron Morrison after three days of negotiations by the Governor, State Treasurer and the other members of the Council of State. The entire transaction, Governor Morrison says, gives North Carolina five million dollars at an interest rate of 4.85.

Half a million of the five million dollars of bonds sold are of the school building loan bonds authorized by the 1921 session of the General Assembly to promote school building in the state. This half million was sold to the Fidelity Bank of Durham at 4 1/2 per cent. These bonds are of the 30 year variety.

Four and a half million dollars of five per cent bonds, funding bonds, to take up short term notes issued a year ago, were sold to a syndicate of New York bankers represented here by B. J. Van Ingen, of New York. The bonds run from 15 to 30 years and the state receives a premium on them of \$72,000.

In addition, arrangements were perfected for the borrowing of \$700,000 on two year notes at 5.90 from the New York syndicate to fund the deficit in the public school fund as provided for by the special session of the General Assembly.

The half million dollars for the school building loan fund is all the state will need for some time and no more bonds, it was announced, will be sold for this purpose in the near future.

### Must Comply With New Law

The North Carolina Board of Registration for engineers and land surveyors has just held a meeting here. There was considerable routine work done by the board and over one hundred applications for registration considered. The board certified a large number of engineers and land surveyors. Fifty-one engineers and land surveyors had been previously certified at a meeting held on October 19, 1921. Under the law as passed by the General Assembly at its 1921 session, all engineers, in order to continue to practice their professions, must be registered by February 25, 1922. The board expects to hold another meeting the latter part of January.

### Big Preacher Coming

Dr. George W. Truett, for twenty years pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, Texas, and declared to be the greatest Baptist preacher in America, if not in the world, will conduct a series of meetings in the city auditorium running for fifteen days, beginning March 1, under the auspices of the Baptists of Raleigh. The announcement is made after final arrangements for Dr. Truett's coming to North Carolina have been made.

### G. H. KING ATTENDED INSURANCE MEETING

Mr. G. H. King, who last week attended a meeting of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, at Miami, Florida, very kindly remembered The Courier with some papers which carried an account of the meeting. The delegates numbered between 225 and 250 agents, each of whom has sold more than \$100,000.00 worth of insurance during the past year. Mr. Julian Price, of Greensboro, is president of the association. The meeting was held in the Royal Palm Hotel. The delegates received many courtesies and had a splendid time.

Mr. King returned Monday and brought a cocoon from one of the trees in Wm. Jennings Bryan's yard, as a souvenir to delight his little daughter.

### N. C. PRESS ASSOCIATION IN WINSTON-SALEM

The mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press Association was held in Winston-Salem at the Robert E. Lee Hotel last week. Mr. J. B. Sherrill, of Concord, president of the organization, was present as was Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, secretary. There was a large number of the members of the association present and the meeting was one of the best ever held. Hon. Joseph Daniels, Ex-Secretary of the Navy, was present and was one of the principal speakers at a banquet given by a number of the organizations of the Twin City. Topics of interest to the newspaper people were discussed. The visitors were taken in automobiles around the city to places of interest including some of the leading industrial plants, Salem College and other places of interest. The city left no stone unturned in entertaining the members of the North Carolina Press Association.

### Thomas Pugh, Randleman Rt. 1, Dead

Mr. Thomas Pugh, aged 60 years, died from pneumonia at his home near Randleman Tuesday. Mr. Pugh was a successful farmer in his community. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. J. M. VanWerry, of Franklinville, and two sons, Ross and Wesley Pugh, of Randleman.

## TO THE MINISTERS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY

Again we are called upon to help with the Near East relief work in the state. Randolph county has always taken a part willingly, cheerfully and promptly, which is the way the good people always respond to charitable work. I want to thank you for your kind support in the past, and request your co-operation for the coming campaign which begins February 12 to 18. Won't you ministers and the Sunday school superintendents as well as each of your churches, stress the work of Near East relief? And won't you ask for contributions from your people, the grown-ups and the children? And send the money you collect to Mr. I. C. Moser, Asheboro, treasurer of the work in the county. In this way we receive credit in the county's assessment. I am hoping we can raise our money for this fund during the month of January instead of waiting for the campaign week in February. We shall appreciate your assistance in this work which is supported by a large number of the prominent men of the state and nation.

MRS. HAL W. WALKER.

Chairman Randolph County Near East Relief.

## SPECIAL TERM OF COURT IN PROGRESS

Judge McElroy Presiding  
The special term of court for the trial of civil cases only was opened Monday with Judge P. A. McElroy of Madison presiding.

Only two cases have been disposed of, they being the case of Mary L. York vs. Ollie York and others. The case was concerning some land in Rameur. The jury returned judgment for the plaintiff.

The next case, that of H. C. Anderson vs. Moleta Anderson with result of judgment for plaintiff.

According to the calendar court will continue throughout this week and probably all of next week. The special term was called after a decision to postpone the civil docket at the December term of court and try the criminal cases which had become congested.

## THIRD LYCEUM ATTRACTION LAST TUESDAY

The third Lyceum attraction of the season was given at the court house last Thursday evening. In spite of the rain, there was a good audience present. This number was a quartet of entertainers, The Geneva Players. The program consisted of two short plays with music and readings between. The first play was "Potato Soup," portraying the mother love in a light but impressive manner. The second illustrated how a "hobby" taken to excess could spoil the lives of a multitude of people. Between the plays Mr. I. K. Conover entertained the audience with several songs. Too much cannot be said of Mr. Conover. He is the possessor of a baritone voice so full of richness and mellowness that we expect to hear more of him as he develops his art further. Mr. Conover is the business manager of the company.

## FARMERS' MUTUAL HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association met in the court house Monday, January 2, with S. S. Cox presiding. A large number of the members were present from various parts of the county and a most interesting meeting held. According to the secretary and treasurer's report the association had January 1st, 1922, 1879 members in good standing, a gain of 110 in the year 1921. The amount of insurance in force is \$2,263,325 with a cash balance in banks to the amount of \$4199.46, and with unpaid claims under investigation of nearly \$3000. The association sustained the heaviest losses this year in its history. Resolutions were passed excluding the insurance of automobiles, motor trucks, tractors, gasoline engines.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, S. S. Cox; vice president, C. G. Frazier; secretary, C. E. Allen; executive committee, G. H. Cornelius, W. M. Coble, W. R. Hamlin, T. S. Bouldin; agents J. F. Routh, J. M. Allen; appraisers, A. J. Luck, R. E. Macon, E. W. Brown, J. H. Kearns, J. T. Thornburg, Elihu Vuncannon, W. G. Kinney, Troy Redding, J. A. English, W. A. Wood, W. C. Hinshaw, Vance Spinks, J. M. Williams, C. C. Cheek, C. M. Tysor, Marcus Wood, H. D. Smith, K. G. Coltrane, W. T. Foushee, W. F. Redding.

## Aunt Brewer Black Dies Aged 110

Aunt Brewer Black, a highly respected colored woman, died at her home in Liberty township, January 2, at the age of 110 years. She was reared by the late Sheriff Lane and sold to the Black family many years ago. She had such a sturdy physique

## WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the holidays was an old-fashioned dance last Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pres. Spoon East Asheboro. Misses Mabel Parrish, Ethel Lovett, Mary Moffitt, Annie Wiles and Messrs. Tom Wiles, Frank Foster, Hal Phillips and Garland Pritchard were among those present.

## Two Table Bridge Club Meets

Miss Bera Scarborough was hostess to the Monday evening bridge club and a few invited guests at her home on Fayetteville Street. Games were played at two tables until the cards were collected. The hostess, assisted by Miss Lucille Scarborough, served candle salad, with nuts and marshmallows, wafers, coffee with whipped cream. Those playing were Mesdames W. B. Ferguson, W. J. Scarborough, H. W. Walker, Misses Margaret Spargier, Annie Fox, Lucille Scarborough, Kate Hammer.

## Mrs. Hall Hostess

Some girls of the Baptist church met with Mrs. Mae Hall last Friday for a first meeting of the Girls' Auxiliary, which Mrs. Gibson had organized. Owing to inclemency of weather only a few were present, so the regular program was not carried out. However, a good social hour was enjoyed. Two letters were read from missionaries in China and Mrs. Gibson recited The Wild White Rose, after which the hostess served ambrosia, cakes and coffee.

## U. D. C. Meets

Mrs. W. C. Hammond was hostess to the members of the Randolph Chapter of the U. D. C. Wednesday afternoon at her home in East Asheboro. In the absence of the president, Mrs. J. V. Hunter, the vice president, Mrs. E. L. Moffitt, presided. After the business was transacted, Mrs. Ferree Ross read a chapter from "Women of the South in War Times" which was most interesting, and Mrs. H. W. Walker read an article on the Robert Lee Chapel and Mausoleum at Lexington. The hostess assisted by Mrs. W. D. Stedman, who served with her as joint hostess, served fruit cake, cookies and coffee with whipped cream.

## Mrs. J. D. Ross Hostess

Friday evening the Christian Endeavor Society was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Joe D. Ross at her home on Worth Street. A novel and interesting contest was enjoyed, the answers being names of the members of the society. Games were enjoyed as well as a short business meeting held. Later in the evening the hostess served brick cream and cake.

## Woman's Club Meets

The woman's club met in the court house last Wednesday. In the absence of the president, Mrs. I. E. Lassiter presided. Several matters of importance were discussed, among them the apron party which is to be held soon. All members who have not made their full number of aprons are requested to send them to Mrs. Spence's by next Monday, Jan. 16.

## The Woman's Missionary and Aid Society of the Baptist Church met with Mrs. A. Lee Gibson last Thursday afternoon to round up the year's work for 1921 and plan for 1922. Miss Lalia Rose and Mrs. Calvin Frazier were the program committee.

Miss Grace Frazier gave a summary of the work on the Foreign fields and told something of the progress since the early beginning.

After a prayer, Mrs. Gibson told an inspiring story about "The girl who says she failed." It was a thrilling story again showing first that saying of the poet "God Moves in Mysterious Ways His Wonders to Perform." Mrs. Edwards then gave us a beautiful poem, "Life's Little Things."

Each member answered the roll call giving name and station of a Foreign Mission.

We wish to extend our thanks to the leaders for the well planned and interesting program.

Financial reports showed that the Aid Society has raised in the past year by means of a card and apron plan \$104.00.

Mrs. G. H. King deserves special mention, as she carries the banner, having raised \$23. Mrs. Gibson and Miss Rose are second and third.

By means of a special fund and monthly dues our Aid Society has paid \$40.00 for repairs on parsonage; and has let the contract for the side walk in front of the church which will soon be completed.

The quarterly reports of the missionary society shows a decided increase over last year and attendance has been good at all meetings. The ladies are now enjoying a reading circle studying the lives of pioneer missionary people of other lands, field problems etc. Mrs. Gibson furnished the books for this course and we feel much good will be derived from these studies.

## ART EXHIBIT UNDER AUSPICES OF ASHEBORO SCHOOL

Beautiful masterpieces in carbon photographs will be shown in Asheboro February 1, 2, 3 and 4. An educational opportunity with a two-fold purpose.

Recognizing the educational advantages to be derived from opportunities to see good art, the Asheboro school has arranged with the Elson Art Publication Company, Inc., of Belmont, Mass., for an art exhibition of two hundred pictures to be held here February 1-4.

This collection consisting in large part of carbon photographs, photo-gravers, and prints in full color, made directly from original masterpieces, is selected by art experts and should attract large crowds. A small admission will be charged, the entire proceeds of which, after deducting the expenses of the exhibit for wall decorations. The purpose of the exhibition is thus clearly two-fold.

First to give people an opportunity to see collections of the world's famous masterpieces of painting, sculpture, and architecture.

Second to make it possible for our school to own some of these pictures.

Why should this exhibit interest you? Because, throughout the country, people are awakening to the importance and value of good art as creative of a refining influence and inspiring atmosphere—and just so surely as people become familiar with the best in art, just so quickly will the crude in art be displaced through the appreciation of something better.

It is, of course, idle to suppose that one shall become a competent judge of art simply through studying for a time photographs of prints. These pictures are better than mere prints.

The object which can and should be obtained is a large measure of appreciation. A work of art which is really great will bear reproduction, and even though this may not possess the pleasure-giving power of the original in a gallery three thousand miles away that measure of power which it does possess is well worth taking.

One of our leading art critics of our own, John C. Van Dyke says:

"You must look at pictures studiously, earnestly, and honestly. It will take years before you can come to a full appreciation of them, but when at last you have, you will be possessed of one of the purest, loftiest, and most ennobling pleasures that the world can offer you."

One great object of the picture study is that of opening one's eyes to the beauty all around which an artist's trained eye perceives, while it is missed by others. This is the essential service of all great men—to draw us up in some measure to their own level of insight, enjoyment, and inspiration.

These pictures are of interest to both young and old, and they are expected to attract and instruct large numbers of people. Every one should come. Let all avail themselves of this opportunity to see and study the masterpieces and at the same time give our children a chance to see them daily in their school rooms. Come; help us make the exhibit a real success.

Very truly,  
D. W. MADDOX.

## MR. W. H. RICH DEAD

Mr. William Henry Rich died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. J. Hill, Asheboro, January 6. He was the son of Joseph and Delilah Rich, was born May 31, 1855, in Randolph county, and was 66 years old at the time of his death. He was married to Mary Ann Farlow in 1886. To this union were born six children, four girls and two boys, as follows: Mrs. L. J. Hill, Asheboro; Mrs. Amos Yates, West Bend; Mrs. Homer Cox, Seagrave; Mrs. Pearl Thompson, Caraway; Mr. Walter Rich, High Point; and Mr. Arthur Rich, Caraway. Surviving are also one brother, Mr. Alfred Rich, Back Creek; and one sister, Mrs. Rebecca Lamb, Greensboro. The remains were interred at Back Creek, Rev. Mr. Jones, of High Point, conducting the services.

## N. L. Cranford in Raleigh Hospital

Mr. N. L. Cranford, of Winston-Salem, while in Raleigh on business last week was stricken with appendicitis. Mr. Cranford underwent an operation and is getting along well. Mr. Cranford has until recently been postmaster at Winston-Salem. He was last week appointed by Commissioner A. D. Watts as tax deputy of division No. 13. The counties in Mr. Cranford's division are Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin.

## J. A. RUSSELL, OF RANDLEMAN, DIES SUDDENLY

Mr. J. A. Russell, a prominent citizen of Randleman, died suddenly as he was returning from a church meeting at the parsonage in Randleman, January 1. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He had been married twice, the first time to Miss Mary Lutterloh, to this union are two sons, LaFayette, of Randleman, and Floyd Russell, of Asheboro. Mr. Russell was married the second time to Miss Lou D. Trogdon, who with a son, Ralph Russell, and a daughter, Mrs. William Kirkman, survive. Mr. Russell was a member of the Randleman Baptist church.