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FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION OF THE BANKS OF THE RIVERS

Germans and Russians Waging Important Battle in Poland While Austrians Have Been Driven Out of Greater Part of Galicia.—Lull in Flanders and France.—London Celebrates New Year's Eve With The Usual Dinners and Dances but With Less Gaiety and on a Smaller Scale.

GOV. COLQUITT DECLARES PRESIDENT A FAILURE

Executive of Lone Star State Denounces Men Who Are at Head of the Government—Mexican Policy Assailed.

By O. B. Colquitt, Governor of Texas.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 2.—The Wilson Administration has been the greatest failure in the history of the Presidency. The South is a land literally flowing with milk and honey; it has made one of the biggest and best crops in its history, and yet, because of the utter incompetence of the men in charge of the Government, its business is prostrated, its credit is impaired, and thousands of its people are starving.

The Administration's tariff law was pledged to lower the cost of living, and it has had the contrary effect. By putting raw materials on the free list and keeping the protective tariff on manufactured goods, it has condemned American farmers by hundreds of thousands to peonage and has enabled the manufacturers, getting their raw materials cheaper, to charge higher prices for their goods, which they have done. Hides were free-listed, and shoes have gone higher. This is true of virtually every single item similarly treated in the Administration tariff law. The American workman pays more for the finished product, and both are robbed to further enrich the protected manufacturing trusts and combines.

The Administration's foreign policy has been imbecile. It has allowed England to dictate conditions as to cotton shipments to European countries that enabled the English spinners to rob the American cotton growers of half the value of their crop.

England stopped American shipments until the English spinners had bought their supply at 6 1-2 cents a pound and stored it in Texas and other Southern warehouses. Then England consented to declare cotton not contraband, and France followed suit a day or two later. Our government weakly submitted to England's dictation, playing into the hands of the English spinners and betraying the American cotton growers as completely as if this country were an English vassal State.

If I had been President I would have served notice on England's Premier that our foreign trade in cotton and other non-contraband commodities was going forward with or without England's consent, and if necessary I would have sent American ironclads to England's door to enforce that notice.

The Administration's repeal of the Panama Canal tolls exemption in violation of the party's national platform was another weak surrender to England. If free tolls for American ships had not been repealed hundreds of American-owned ships flying a foreign flag would have come under the American flag to get the benefit of exemption and we would today have an American merchant marine competent to carry our goods to foreign markets. We have no such merchant marine, and to supply it the Wilson administration is proposing to spend the taxpayers' money buying a subsidized national shipping service.

"EGREGIOUS FAILURE" IN MEXICO.

The Wilson-Bryan management of the Mexican affair has been an egregious failure. They landed an American army in Vera Cruz to force Huerta to salute the flag, and have brought it back without getting the salute. They now ask Congress to appropriate more than \$500,000 to pay the expenses of that ridiculous expedition. For what? What did it accomplish? It set all Mexico aflame against the Americans, not only in Mexico, but in Texas, where all along the north bank of the Rio Grande there are ten Mexicans for one American.

It brought on a reign of terror all along the Texas border, so that when the Federal Government refused to afford protection for our people in their own State, I was forced to send 1,200 Texas troops down there to give it. Mexican bandit gangs were crossing the border into Texas, raiding and terrorizing our scattered people. Women and children were huddled together in brick houses, menaced with murder and worse. My desk was flooded with telegrams from Chambers of Commerce, bankers, (Continued on Page Four).

MR. THURSTON WRITES. ALAMANCE COUNTY LEADS OTHER 99 COUNTIES

Dec. 28, 1914.

Mr. Editor:— Please allow me a few words of commendation on the following subjects, which I noticed in The Charlotte Daily Observer of the 27th, inst.:

First: I do hope that our General Assembly, when it next meets at Raleigh for the purpose of legislation, will unanimously pass a bill prohibiting the shipping of whiskey into North Carolina from any other State, or in any way its coming into this State.

The law will not permit my maintaining a nuisance on my lot that is offensive to my neighbors. Then why should another State be permitted to ship whiskey (the broth of Hell) into our State to impoverish, damn, and blight its citizenship? To make widows and orphans. To surround them with rags and poverty. To cause their hearts to bleed with sorrow by a fluid brewed in Hell, and brought to fruition in their lives through the workings of the powers of Hell; working through its agent the whiskey agent the whiskey producer and seller, who derive their power to operate from State and National Governments.

It is a pitiable moral standard of any so-called civilized nation, that has not reached any higher conception or more intelligent knowledge of the Eternal Truths, taught in the Holy Bible and by the Savior of the world of Mankind, (Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Incarnate Son of God), than that a large per cent. of its citizenship demands its national government to license to sell whiskey (the broth of Hell) to ruin men, morally, physically, mentally and every wise and to damn their immortal souls in Hell.

I Cor. 6:10: "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor DRUNKARDS, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." Then there is no place left for the poor drunkard but Hell. There is no place for the poor fellow in this life. Who wants to hire a drinking man to work for him? Who wants him handling their money? Toating keys to their valuables? Does the Church member or the up-to-date business man that votes the whiskey ticket (and that works against absolute State-wide prohibition) want the drunkard for a companion? For a son-in-law? Why not? He is largely the product of their influence or efforts. What does whiskey do? It is directly or indirectly responsible for 95 per cent. of the crime committed. Has it done any good? No, none. It is a burning shame, the way men of great influence and power, and law-makers (many of both classes have disgraced the Church records with their names) dodge this issue and lay down on the job and sneak away from duty. Why? Which, do many of these men of responsibility love the better? Duty, truth and righteousness on the one hand, or the bottle of red liquor on the other?

My countryman, let's put the welfare of humanity about our selfish appetites above the dollar and above everything else that is sordid, base and low, and respectfully say to other States, "You cannot make North Carolina a dumping ground for your broth of Hell, thereby increasing pauperism and crime and putting a heavy burden upon our tax payers."

Second:—I have read very carefully the report of the state tax commission. This is certainly a very able, lucid and credible report. It gives large information and splendidly outlines legislation that is very important.

The present tax system is a FARCE from the standpoint of truth and honesty, fairness and justice. Many a

GOOD BYE TO THE TROUBLES OF 1914.

The bells of New Year's eve ring out a peck of troubles.

But, after all, 1914 was not as bad a year as some of us feared.

It has taught us many valuable lessons. It has made us more self-reliant.

We are in better shape to welcome 1915.

What will the New Year be?

It will be just as good as we make it and no better.

Begin planning TO-DAY. Look to the future with courage.

Be aggressive.

ADVERTISE--

Let the world know you intend to make 1915 your biggest business year.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUBS A GREAT HELP

Circulation of Money Among Burlington People Kept Business Up—The Clubs Are Now Open.

The Burlington merchants are enthusiastic over the good results of the Christmas trading season which, to general appearances, was as good in Burlington this year as it has ever been. It was difficult to detect any material falling off in the purchasing, even though there was war in Europe and rain in Burlington.

The one thing which, above all others, is given credit for the good trading is that movement that has been encouraged here by the banks to save money for Christmas. As a result of the saving of pennies, nickels and dimes through all the past year the general run of the public had snug little sums awaiting to be used in the purchase of Christmas gifts. The banks here had sent out checks a few days before Christmas aggregating \$30,000.

This amount, when distributed among the merchants, alone made trading good. Too, there was a good condition, or as good as could be expected over, in the pocket books of others who reside here; the tobacco growers, truck growers, and raisers of provisions generally received their share of the money in circulation, and all were in fair shape to enter into the Christmas spirit of gift giving with the usual ability to purchase.

The clubs offer a splendid opportunity for individuals to save for themselves, or for church societies to start a fund or for individuals to start funds for some worthy cause.

BUSINESS IMPROVING SAYS THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson told callers today that all the information reaching him indicates that business in the United States is steadily improving.

Tomato Club Girls of Alamance Lead The Counties of the State in Quantity and Quality of Canned Products.

The following report will show something of the work done: Last January the County Board of Education and the County Commissioners each appropriated \$100 for carrying on the Tomato Club Work in the County. The State gave \$200, thus making \$400 available for the work. Nine Tomato Clubs were organized in the County with the following agents in charge:

Miss Flora Patton in charge of the Clubs at Spring and Swepsonville, salary \$150.

Miss Eunice Homewood in charge of Clubs at Friendship and Oakdale, salary \$50.

Miss Mabel Moore in charge of Club at Saxapahaw, salary \$25.

Miss Mary McVey in charge of Club at Sylvan, salary \$25.

Mrs. M. J. McFarland in charge of Club at Mebane, salary \$25.

Miss Mary White in charge of Club at Hawfields, salary \$25.

Miss Edna Reinhardt, supervisor of all Clubs, salary \$75.

In the nine Clubs 100 members were enrolled. Ninety per cent. of the members enrolled have reported. These reports show cans and jars filled for market and home use to be as follows:

Number containers filled 55,165

Vegetables sold fresh \$226.25

Money Value \$7,039.65

Cost of Cans and Labor \$1,778.25

Profits \$5,268.45

The champion Club of the entire State is the Maywood Club, supervised by Mrs. J. D. Ross. This Club put up 10,682 No. 3 Tin Cans, 1,640 glass jars, 100 gallons vinegar, and sold fresh \$25 worth of vegetables. These things represent \$1,563.00 in cash values.

Twenty-five Counties had exhibits in glass at the State Fair in Raleigh in October. Alamance products won First Honor on that exhibit. Twelve jars were taken by a representative of the Washington Department of Agriculture to Washington to be photographed for Bulletins. Of the 12 jars, 7 went from Alamance.

The Round-Up Meeting of the Tomato Club Girls was held in the Court House in Graham, Saturday, December 12th. At this meeting the county prizes were delivered as follows:

For Largest Yield, first, gold bracelet, won by Miss Bettie Vau Tapscott; second, trio geese, won by Miss Mary McCulloch; third, club pennant, won by Miss Lola Smith; fourth, club pennant, won by Miss Julia McCulloch; fifth, box club stationery, Miss Georgia Isley; sixth, box of club stationery, won by Miss Novella Isley; seventh, box of club stationery, won by Miss Lalah Williams; eighth, box club stationery, won by Miss Louise Cook.

For the most Profitable Yield, first, gold brooch, won by Mrs. Parks Moore, nee, Miss Beulah Morgan; second, club pennant, won by Miss Vear McBane; third, box club stationery, won by Miss Rosa Johnson.

For the Best History and Booklet, first, gold locket, won by Miss Litsy Isley; second, club pennant, won by Miss Elizabeth Scott; third, box club stationery, won by Miss Maud Ross.

For Greatest Amount Canned Products other than Tomatoes, first, gold neck chain, won by Miss Margaret Homewood; second, club pennant, won by Miss Ina Evans; third, box club stationery, won by Miss Hattie Evans.

For Best Daily Record Book, first, \$1.00, won by Miss Vevia Lewis; second, club pennant, won by Miss Swannie Craton; third, box club stationery won by Miss Laura Marlette.

Every year Alamance County sends out of her borders \$1,200,000 for food products alone. We can surpass other COUNTIES IN QUANTITY AND QUALITY, why do we not all join the canning clubs? This \$1,200,000 belongs to the farmers of Alamance if they know how to claim it.

CITY UNION MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Baraca-Philathea City Union will be held at the Webb Avenue M. F. Church on next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. All the classes that are members of the Union are requested to attend, as matters of importance will be considered. The public is also invited to attend.

It is understood that a program of interest will be prepared and will be rendered at the meeting. These meetings are always very helpful to Baracas and Philatheas and all Sunday School workers.

DIED.

Near Long's Chapel, in Alamance County, N. C., Dec. 27th, 1914, Betsy Jane Hill, wife of Walter I. Hill, departed this life at the age of 63 years, 5 months, 27 days. Mrs. Hill had been a devout Christian for many years and died trusting in Jesus. The funeral and interment at Longs Chapel conducted by Rev. J. W. Holt.

The sad, sad waves around Europe are afraid to say anything on account of the mines.

Very Truly,
W. C. THURSTON.