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Much Speculation as the Real Relation Existing Between Him and the President

The Nebraskan May Not Stay in the Cabinet—Long—Claimed That Neither Wilson Nor Chairman McCombs Really Wanted Him in Cabinet—Troubles and Rumors of Difficulties in the Democratic Camp—President Wilson Commended for His Stand on the Chinese Loan—Democrats and the Tariff Bill.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., March 25, 1913.

President Wilson's action in announcing that he would not stand for this Government being a party to the scheme of a combination of the most influential bankers in this country and England and the other leading countries in Europe, in coercing China into accepting a large loan of money, on very hard terms has met the approval of not only the Chinese people but the people generally of this country.

It seems that the scheme of the international banking syndicate was to force China to make a big loan under hard terms but also to have this Government and the leading European Governments to become a party to the transaction, not only to guarantee to the bankers that China should pay the interest and principal on the loan, but also it seems that there was some kind of an understanding that the Governments should co-operate to exercise the supervising control over China that might lead later to the partition of that country between the respective governments. This is what has been called dollar diplomacy. President Wilson squarely repudiates and reverses that policy. President Wilson has in this matter unquestionably scored quite a triumph before the people of his own country and the people of the world.

Domestic Troubles Brewing.

While President Wilson has started off so successfully in his foreign policies yet there are many indications of trouble brewing at home in his own political camp. The two rocks upon which this administration is liable to wreck its political ship of State are tariff and finance.

President Wilson has openly taken a hand in the Senatorial contest in Maryland, against Senator Smith and in favor of some Progressive, and is supposed to be taking a hand in other States in order to make sure of a Progressive majority in the Senate. Let this be as it may, yet it is known that he lost a big point when he did not exercise his Presidential influence to prevent Senator Simmons from becoming Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The tariff will be the first question on which the party must stand and make good or split. While Senator Simmons has been shorn of over half of his power by the creation of a Committee on Banking and Currency, which will have charge of all financial legislation, and also by having a majority of the committee made up of strong Progressives, and by having the power of appointing conferees taken from him, yet as Chairman he will still have enough power to give the administration trouble.

If Senator Simmons has any convictions of any kind on the tariff, they are not in harmony with the present administration. It may be, however, that Senator Simmons is willing to stand for any kind of a tariff bill that the present administration wants under present conditions, and it seems certain that he must have made such promises and overtures or he would not have been permitted to have retained this place. However, it is known that there is great division of sentiment among the Democratic Congressmen of both Houses, on the tariff question, and it is certain that there will be much difficulty in harmonizing many radical divergent views and interests.

Another Rumor of Trouble.

It is also rumored that differences have already grown up between the President and his Democratic National Chairman. It is reported that the National Chairman refused to accept an Ambassadorship to France because he did not want to be sent out of the country, but wanted to stay here and see if the promises which were made in the last campaign were fulfilled.

It is thought that the President might like to get rid of making good some of these promises. No doubt the President thinks that he should not be required to make good any foolish or unwise promises inasmuch

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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Chief of Police J. Caudle Tucker, of Lousburg, shot and killed Freddie Green, a negro, Sunday night. The coroner's jury exonerated the chief.

After April 7, all women in Massachusetts who do not cap their hats with a device that will protect others from injury will be liable to a fine of \$100.

The plant of the Wilmington, N. C. Handle Works was destroyed Friday night by fire originating in the dry kiln. The loss is estimated at \$25,000 to \$40,000.

At Elm City Sunday afternoon Grover Cobb, a demented young man of about eighteen, drank a large quantity of box lye from the effects of which he died a most horrible death a few hours later.

Feny Murray, a young man of Burlington, was arrested Friday and bound over to court on the charge of assault upon Miss May Walton of that town. His guilt was not fully established.

The jury Saturday acquitted Murden Stokley, for killing J. Felton Towe at Elizabeth City a few weeks ago. Stokley claims that Towe ruined his sister and then refused to make amends.

Bulgarian besiegers Tuesday captured the Turkish advanced positions to the east of the fortress of Adrianople, after a heavy bombardment; a large number of prisoners and siege guns were captured.

Rev. R. G. Pearson died Saturday in Columbia, where he occupied a professorship in the Presbyterian Seminary. For several years Dr. Pearson did evangelistic work in this State, and was one of the most effective evangelists of his day.

Because Elliott Moore stepped on the toe of Fannie Bitting at a negro dance near the Spencer, N. C., cattle pens Friday morning, William Clark cut a hole in Moore's side with a knife, Moore lived only a short time after being stabbed, Clark escaped.

The whipping post for white slave traffickers and seducers of women was among measures advocated for the solution of the social problem at a conference held in Washington Saturday through efforts of the Illinois vice commission.

After killing his wife and inflicting a serious wound on his son, I. W. Williams, an aged farmer, of Rome, Ga., attempted suicide by drinking laudanum. He probably will recover. Williams and his wife quarreled over the possession of their three children.

Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau at Washington, resigned his position Saturday. Mr. Moore was a candidate for Secretary of Agriculture, and was disappointed when he did not receive the appointment. His resignation becomes effective July 1.

The Porto Rican Legislature held its final session Friday. The bills passed include measures regulating child and woman labor, establishing an employers' liability law, providing for the construction of roads and bridges and increasing the revenue by the imposition of taxes on liquors, cigars and cigarettes.

Mrs. Jennie May Eaton was locked up in the county jail at Plymouth, Mass., Friday, pending a hearing on the charge that she murdered her husband, Rear Admiral Joseph Gher Eaton, by poisoning him. Admiral Eaton, who was one of the heroes of the Spanish-American War, died suddenly a few days ago under peculiar circumstances. The home life of the Eatons had not been pleasant.

A revised tariff will be submitted by the New Zealand Government at the next session of Parliament, under which, apparently, the preference to British goods will be extended. The New Zealand Government also proposes to insist on all imports being accompanied by certificates of origin, in order to prevent the admission at the preferential rates of goods of foreign manufacture re-exported from the United Kingdom.

Allen Will Be Electrocuted Tomorrow.

Claud Swanson Allen and his father, Floyd Allen, will be electrocuted in the penitentiary at Richmond, Va., tomorrow, for the part they played in shooting up the court at Hillsville some months ago. The attorneys have made a desperate effort to save the younger Allen but the members of the Supreme Court refused to interfere.

REAL ANCIENT HISTORY

The Greeks were Fighters From Start to Finish

THEIR PROBABLE ORIGIN

Once Lived in Caves and Other Holes in the Ground—Many Races Combined in One—One Greek War Lasted for Ten Years—At First Writing and Reading Poetry Was the Chief Amusement of the Greeks—The Persians Tried to Whip the Greeks But Got Left—A Word About Thermopylae.

(Correspondence of The Caucasian-Enterprise.)

Bilksville, N. C., March 24, 1913.

The history of Greece, like that of most countries, is a bit uncertain. Yet Greece is, or ought to be, well-known on account of the part it has always played in history. Its original inhabitants are believed to have been the descendants of Java, who wuz a son of Japhath, who made some reputation when the world wuz young. These people were hardly more than savages, makin' their homes in caves and feedin' upon acorns an' such. They clothed themselves, when any clothes were worn, with the skins of animals and congregated in large or small camps in order to be safe from wild beasts. The early settlers were a mixture of many different races or tribes. Savages at first, they slowly developed an' grew until they became noted for great mental and physical qualities, and at this time they are not far behind the world's best people in some respects.

At some time, no one can tell just when, the Greeks tried to establish slave-holding, natives being the slaves. Like most countries, Greece had her heroes, such as Bacchus and Hercules.

The first noted politician is said to have been Ogyges, who got to the front somehow, probably being elected by a minority of the voters, still popular in some countries. A fellow by the name of Cecrops led a colony of people from Egypt and settled in Greece. He an' his band started the city of Athens and introduced the worship of the goddess Athena, or Minerva. He established the court of Areopagus. The district which he settled wuz hard to get at, consequently the early pirates who roved the seas never found his settlement. Az outsiders could not pronounce the names of the early Greek rulers they were afraid of them anyway. But Cecrops wuz a man who did things and he lost his popularity and finally died in exile. In many cases the politician who is worth his salt stands but little show on this earth. Nearly everybody gave George Washington a great name both as a soldier and as a citizen. But he had a terrible time to keep out of the hands of mere politicians who wanted to pull him down an' kick him out. Menestheus succeeded. Ogyges az ruler of his district, though the various districts of the country continued separate for a long time. They were continually at war amongst themselves.

On account of an outrage which only affected a few people, an army of about 100,000 wuz made up from the different Greek provinces. One city wuz besieged for ten years. They finally captured the city. But when the rulers returned to their homes they found that new rulers had taken their places and had things so well in hand that they could not get them out. In some cases the valiant soldiers were compelled to leave their country, provided they were not killed, which happened in some cases.

According to Homer and Herodotus, two famous historians, the early Greeks worshipped invisible, imaginary gods instead of idols. The earliest Greeks were natural poets, or thought they were. Everything wuz reduced to poetry and much of it wuz publicly read to great crowds at stated times. Cattle instead of coin were used as a measure of the medium of exchange. Merchants were looked upon with suspicion and scorn. Pirates stood much higher in the social scale than storekeepers. The early Greek doctors were surgeons and wounds were dressed by them. But internal diseases were supposed to be caused by the gods and that no remedies could give any aid. War wuz considered about the only respectable employment. They had more system about fighting than most savage nations, and learned the art of drilling away back yonder. If an enemy wuz captured or wounded quarter wuz rarely given, death by the quickest route wuz his portion.

In politics the rulers were expected to consult the wishes of the

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TRACK AND FIELD MEET.

High Schools Invited to Send Teams to Chapel Hill April 11.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Chapel Hill, March 25.—Engaging the attention of the high school pupils of the State and of particular interest to budding young athletes in all the schools for the next three weeks is the first annual State Championship Interscholastic Track and Field Meet at Chapel Hill on April 11. Definite plans have been outlined by the Greater Council of the University, the Athletic Association and the alumni of the institution for the gathering together of the young athletes from all sections of the State on the above mentioned date. Entry blanks and letters of information bearing on the meet have been mailed the principals of the high schools of the State inviting their enrollment in this the first athletic contest of State-wide significance and scope to high school lads. The purport of the meet is to add stimulus to the training of young athletes in North Carolina and give additional stress to the importance of the development of the physique of the future citizens of the State.

Bride's Brother Shoots Husband at Wedding Supper.

A shooting affair which may prove fatal occurred at a bridal supper near Ayden, Pitt County, Sunday night, when Chas. McLawhorn shot Will D. Smith.

Mr. Smith and the daughter of Mr. McLawhorn were married Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the marriage, though displeasing to the father of the bride, was performed at his home at his own request, many friends and relatives witnessing the ceremony.

It was at the home of the groom, while all were enjoying the supper given in honor of the marriage, that the shooting occurred. McLawhorn made his escape.

Josephus and the "Nigger" Pie Hunters.

The Lincoln Times.] Who would have thought it? Last week Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, was closeted in his office with a North Carolina "nigger" pie hunter, while a number of prominent white men were patiently waiting on the outside for an interview with the secretary on matters of State. The negro slobbered all over Josephus with congratulations. He said he was not "an office seeker" but if it happened to be an unclaimed job in the Secretary's department it would come handy. And Josephus promised to try to find one. Jerusalemke and poke-berry juice!

Democrats in Congress Have Made a Deficit.

Lincoln Times.] It turns out that obligations contracted by the last Congress (Democratic) exceed two billion dollars, which, with the present revenue, will mean a deficit next year of \$130,000,000. That's going some. And yet they say they are going to lower the tariff and reduce our revenue. Just as well manufacture the plates now for a new bond issue or call a halt to extravagant appropriations.

Floods Follow in Wake of Tornado in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 24.—The worst rainstorm in years last night and today followed in the wake of the tornado that carried death and destruction into southern Indiana. Four persons were drowned today in swollen streams and tonight practically every creek and river in Indiana is out of its banks.

200 Population and 18 Preachers.

There is a little town on the Atlantic Coast Line a few miles north of Fayetteville, Falcon by name, that is owned by the Holiness peole. The charter of the town prohibits the sale of tobacco, coca-cola and other beverages. They have a church, a high school, a newspaper, a population of 200 and eighteen preachers.—Charity and Children.

Suicide By Throwing Himself on a Saw.

Mr. B. F. Wicker, of Albright township, committed suicide some days ago by throwing himself in front of a circular saw at a sawmill, being instantly killed. Some time ago he had been discharged from the State Hospital where he had been under treatment for insanity.—Chatham Record.

But What Are Protection Democrats Doing in Congress or Anywhere Else?

Durham Herald.] Do you not want to think that there are no protection Democrats in Congress just because they pretend to be pleased at the attitude of the President.

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS

More Than Three Hundred Persons Killed by the Tornadoes

NEB'R. AND ALA. HIT HARDEST

Thomasville and Lower Peachtree, Alabama, Practically Swept Off the Map in Friday's Storm—Nebraska and Indiana Struck by Tornado Sunday Night When More Than Two Hundred Persons Were Killed—Many Injured and Hundreds Are Homeless—Property Loss Will Run Into the Millions.

Another fearful tornado struck the Central West Sunday night and Monday which cost hundreds of lives and millions of dollars damage to property. At least two hundred people were killed in Nebraska, four hundred injured, and hundreds more made homeless. In Indiana eighteen were killed and two hundred and fifty injured and many made homeless.

It appears that Omaha, Nebraska, and the nearby towns caught the brunt of the tornado. A press dispatch sent out from Omaha Monday night says:

"More than two hundred persons were killed and four hundred were injured in a wind-storm that demolished four hundred and fifty homes, damaged hundreds of other buildings and caused a monetary loss of \$5,000,000.00, according to reports available up to a late hour to-night from the main path of the tornado in and near Omaha.

"Most of the casualties were in Omaha. Nearby towns in Nebraska and across the Missouri River in Iowa also suffered severely. Wires were snapped off in all directions and it took many hours to gather and circulate news of the disaster.

"Fire broke out in the debris of many wrecked buildings in the Nebraska metropolis and these were a menace for some time as the fire companies were hindered by falling walls and blocked streets. A heavy rain followed the wind, however, and drenched the hundreds of homeless persons but also put out the flames.

"Of the two hundred and two known dead within the area covered by the storm, one hundred and fifty-two were residents of Omaha. The remaining dead are scattered over a considerable range of territory, with Council Bluffs reporting twelve; Yutan, Neb., sixteen; Berlin, Neb., seven; Glenwood, Iowa, five; Neola, Iowa, two, and Bartlett, Iowa, three. The same cities and towns report an aggregate of four hundred and fifty homes demolished.

"Perhaps 1,500 persons are homeless. Aside from this, 3,000 buildings were more or less damaged, some of these being churches and school buildings. Eight of Omaha's public schools were wrecked. All forms of communication were almost annihilated by the wind and only two or three wires were in working condition when daylight relieved a night of high tension, which at times almost became a panic. Soldiers, State and National troops, poured into the city during the day to aid in bringing order of what for twenty hours had been chaos."

Friday's Storm Played Havoc in Central and Southern States.

More than sixty persons are reported killed and hundreds were injured, some mortally, in a storm of tornado intensity which raged over Central Western, Southern and parts of Eastern States Friday. Property damage will run well into the millions.

Reports from Alabama show the loss of life was heaviest in that State, the number of dead there being already definitely placed at twenty-eight, with additional fatalities reported, but not confirmed. Two towns, Thomasville and Lower Peachtree, were practically wiped out. Two are dead in Indiana, two in Tennessee, two in Ohio, two in New York, one in Michigan, and one in Louisiana.

Accompanying the death list are estimates of the injured totaling more than two hundred.

Coming up out of the southwest early Friday morning, just as spring was ushered in, the storm swept with startling suddenness diagonally across the country, Northern Texas to Western Pennsylvania and New York, bisecting the Mississippi Valley and moving northeastward across the Ohio into the Great Lake region.

Shifting winds of great violence, accompanied in various sections by snow, sleet and hail, characterized the storm. Buildings toppled before the blow in nearly a dozen States, and death lay along in its wake.

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SHOT WIFE THROUGH HEAD.

Sad Tragedy at Reidsville, N. C., Monday.

A dispatch from Reidsville Monday night says: Walter Shelton, a well-known young man of this place, shot and killed his wife here tonight at 7 o'clock. Shelton went to the home of Mr. Black in the southern part of the city, where his wife had gone to call on the Blacks. Entering the room, Shelton drew his revolver and fired twice, one bullet penetrating the woman's heart. Death was almost instant.

Just what was the motive is not known at this time. Shelton and his wife had been separated for a number of months. Mrs. Shelton before her marriage was Miss Lucy Trent. Shelton made his escape.

Trouble in the Democratic Ranks.

Speaker Champ Clark made his first visit to President Wilson a few days ago and it is reported that he was not at all pleased with his interview and there may be a serious break between the Speaker and the President. A Washington dispatch says:

"Trained observers of doing in national politics solemnly declare that there is trouble brewing among the beaux of Miss Democracy and that the worst rupture is likely to occur between President Wilson and Speaker Champ Clark. Wild rumors are being circulated to the effect that the Speaker is not at all satisfied with his recent conference with the President regarding the distribution of patronage among members of the House and that the Mis-sourian is not at all likely to work in perfect accord with the man who beat him to the presidential chair.

Senator Tillman Compares the Democratic Office-Seekers to Wild Beasts.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, is disgusted with the wild scramble for office that is now going on in Washington. A Washington dispatch giving an account of Tillman's displeasure at the persistence of the hundreds of office-seekers that have been flocking to Washington, says:

He said the situation reminded him of a Bible text: "I have forgotten just where in holy writ I read it," he said, "but it fits the case exactly and runs something as follows: 'The wild asses of the desert are athirst and hungry. They have broken into the green corn.'"

The Senator recalled that the text contained a reference to the "wild asses" trampling down the corn but said he would leave that out. He added that he had full faith in President Wilson as a "herdsman, who would keep the wild beasts from doing any damage."

A Milking Machine in Catawba.

A Newton, N. C., dispatch says: The only thing of its kind in western North Carolina, a milking-machine driven by a three-horsepower gasoline engine has been installed on the farm of R. L. Shuford. It has proved a wonderful success. This same engine runs an electric battery which furnishes lights for dwelling, house and cattle barn and dairy house, runs a compressed air pump that furnishes water from a well 500 feet away from the barn for water to the dwelling on first and second floors.

The pump will throw water 200 feet high, affording protection in case of fire for all the buildings on the place.

Makes Up Beds at Age of 100.

Mrs. John Strickland, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. James Bobbitt, at Forestville, was able at the age of 100 years and one month to make up two beds and clean up the room before breakfast. This is what she did last Monday when she helped her son-in-law, Mr. J. H. Watkins, of New Light Township, to celebrate his 78th anniversary. Mr. W. A. Watkins of Raleigh, a son of Mr. Watkins, was there and vouches for the fact.

Mrs. Strickland was born in February, 1813, and has been vigorous all her life. She is able to climb steps with ease and gets about better than most women of 65. Mrs. Strickland does not wear glasses. She is the mother of ten living children, the oldest being 70 years and the youngest 50 years old.

Everybody at White House to be Vaccinated.

A Washington dispatch Tuesday says: "Everybody at the White House, including President Wilson, members of his family, aides, clerks, servants and domestics, about 150 in all, are to be vaccinated as a precaution against small-pox."

There are several cases in Washington.