

The Messenger.

TWO ARTICLES ON THE WILMINGTON REVOLUTION

Collier's (N. Y.) Weekly had lately two noticeable communications. Colonel A. M. Waddell, in two columns, gave a calm, correct, lucid account of the revolution, recently successfully consummated in this city, and so much to the benefit and safety of all good citizens of all conditions and races, for we have the yellow, the black and the white here. In giving an account of what followed the fighting and the hapily and easily accomplished revolution, he tells how he guarded the jail to prevent seven negro leaders from hanging. We copy one short part as it is instructive and may possibly correct some misapprehension on the part of people here or abroad. Colonel Waddell, now the efficient and benignant mayor of this city, says:

"And a light here I want to say this about the part I never dreamed the time would come when I would lead a mob. But I want to say, too, a United States army officer, a prominent man, was here, and saw the whole performance. He said: 'I never witnessed anything like this before. It is the most orderly performance I ever witnessed.'"

"Then they got seven of the negro leaders, brought them down town, and put them in jail. All I had been elected mayor by that time. It was certainly the strangest performance in American history, though we literally followed the law, as the fusionists made it. The illegal act committed by a United States army officer, a prominent man, was here, and saw the whole performance. He said: 'I never witnessed anything like this before. It is the most orderly performance I ever witnessed.'"

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True, every word of it, and this has been told to the ears of the north un-

til it was a dry story, and yet the enemies would neither heed nor believe, but pronounced malediction after the most approved religious (?) style "up there." The blindest, deafest, most truth-repelling sheets in the north are the so-called religious organs. They are ready to roast the whites here with "fire and faggot," and damn incontinently without "bill, book or candle." Mr. Bourke tells much that the north needs for its education, but it is well known here. After telling of the retiring of the negro government officials, he writes that "the revolutionary government immediately swore in two hundred and fifty special policemen. As for the members of the old police force, they simply forgot to report for duty."

"Immediately the revolutionists in power proceeded to make it warm for negro rule leaders and sympathizers." He tells of how Russell is hated, and how he called the negroes "savages," who "despises them as a race." He tells of how the negroes share with the whites equally in taxes paid for school purposes while "they pay less than 5 per cent. of the taxes of the state." He gives an account of negro rule in eastern Carolina, embracing all the well known facts. He gives the "dry" time here. We quote:

"Wilmington went temporarily 'dry' as soon as the revolutionary government took office, but not obnoxiously so. I conferred with an official on the matter of medicine for a cold. 'Why Bud,' said he, sympathetically, 'Bless yo' hant! yo' shorly shall have it. A lecture liquor? Yes—of co'se!'"

"A tall naval reserve, recklessly flourishing a shining revolver, met me on the street. 'A friend o' mine has some right good cawn whiskey an' we're goin' to make him a co'chus call,' he announced with a broad smile. And, to punctuate the joke, he tapped me on the shoulder with the muzzle of the murderous-looking, self-cocking pistol."

He recognizes the urbanity, gentleness and sympathy of the present mayor. Of the negroes, themselves, the correspondent writes:

"It must be remembered that a great mass of southern negroes are not only absolutely illiterate, but are as utterly ignorant as Hottentots. It is the politician who rouses the slumbering devil in these poor creatures and throws them back into the murderous moods of barbaric Africa. Then, when their leaders desert them, fear of the white man grasps their souls and their world totters. They are flung upon the dregs and the sawdust."

We hope henceforth the better classes of negroes will drop the white leaders who have beguiled and befooled them for purely selfish ends. We hope they will learn to trust the real whites more than they have done, believing them to be friendly. No good citizen need fear ever the hostility of the true white race in the south, be his color or condition what it may. The negroes have been sadly and badly treated by the men who deceived and used them. Let them learn from the past. May the future be bright for both the black man and the white man, and may both races enjoy the blessings of honest, upright, economical, just, good government.

HOME FOLKS
Let the state guard be enlarged, well supplied and thoroughly drilled and disciplined. It is absolutely needful. Thirty-six companies are not too much, if enough. It will be a wise expenditure to maintain them in full equipment and for life.

The late Rev. Dr. Charles F. Deems, of blessed memory, who made himself so thoroughly North Carolinian by long service, died several years ago and is buried near the great city of New York. A tablet to his memory has been placed in the New Church of the Strangers, who founded it. It is of brass and oak, and is on the right hand side of the pulpit. Mrs. Anna St. John presented it. Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, about the ablest minister in the Northern Methodist Church, and the great editor of the forty-page New York Christian Advocate, preached the sermon on the reception of the tablet to honor his personal friend. Sixty new members have joined the church since the death of its most lamented pastor, and the membership is now 360.

Governor Jones, of Alabama, is the son of two North Carolinians, both born and reared in Granville county. His father was Dr. Isaac N. Jones and his mother Miss Littlejohn. He has several kinsfolk in this city.

Rev. T. H. Sutton, pastor of Market Street M. E. Church last year, but on a circuit near Kinston this year, added 160 members this year.

has been in session at Liberty and has adjourned. Memorial exercises were held in honor of the late Rev. J. L. Michaux, a most amiable, excellent and intelligent Christian gentleman.

President Alderman is billed for several addresses—one at Durham before the Public Library Association on the 8th instant, and one before Greensboro Library Association on the 9th, and next May will deliver the commencement address before Tulane University, Louisiana. The accomplished and gifted editor of The Atlantic Monthly, born in Wake county, N. C., will lecture before the University in March next. Fine addresses may be expected from these gifted North Carolinians.

BREVITIES.
The leading republican politicians in the north are becoming more and more opposed to imperialism and annexation. Ex-Senator Edmonds, Senator Hoar and others of the New England leaders are out in protest. General Shafter is much of a military humbug, and Admiral Sampson is no great thing either. He will never be a Nelson or a Dewey, or a Schley.

Quay is now being tried for rascality. He is a noble specimen of a northern United States senator. Cardinal Gibbons talks mildly and wisely and kindly about the race question. He errs in one point as to negro character. But he is so much wiser than the north is for it errs all the way.

Paris talk is that there will be general European resentment over the demands and course of the United States as to the Philippines, etc. Mr. Chamberlain has a low standard of political honesty. In the Life of Parnell there is a judgment of the Irish leader by him. We quote and it needs no comment: "It is idle to talk of Parnell treating me badly or of my treating Parnell badly. We acted as politicians." Then Mr. Chamberlain adds: "Mr. Parnell was a great man. Unscrupulous, if I may say so. I do not wish to be misunderstood. I mean that he was unscrupulous like every great man."

The United States government has ordered negro troops to do garrison duty at Little Rock, Ark. There is intense opposition on account of the character of negro soldiers and their recent bad conduct all around. Governor Jones, in speaking of the matter yesterday, said that he considered the sending of negro troops here a exceedingly unwise thing, and declared that he would certainly remonstrate with the federal authorities, protesting against it to the war department.

Mrs. Felton is one of the ablest of southern women. She is the wife of ex-Representative Felton, of Georgia. She is said to have written his addresses and speeches for him. Mr. G. J. Dolly tells The Washington Post that "in justice to the lady, it should be said that she advocates lynching for the one crime only—the detestable crime that in the south never fails to evoke swift and fearful punishment upon the perpetrator."

The Nashville American thinks the race problem in the south most serious. So it is. The south alone is capable of dealing with it.

THE GREAT STORM
The New England coast has been visited with one of the most terrific storms that have occurred in a long time. As already reported the steamer Portland was lost with all on board. The damage off the coast of Massachusetts was very great. It is known as we write, that seventy lives have been lost and 100 other lives are in great peril. Thirty-five vessels are known to have been sunk or are ashore in Boston harbor alone. The wrecks on Cape Ann are very numerous. Twenty-nine vessels are reported ashore there, and more than that number of smaller vessels have been wrecked there. Many wrecks elsewhere. It is said that 100 boats of all descriptions have either gone to the bottom or been shivered on the shore. The loss of property is great, but at the time of writing no estimate has been made. The losses by storms, by fire and by flood are enough to bankrupt a poor nation.

Hester's Cotton Report
New Orleans, La., December 1.—Secretary Hester's New Orleans cotton exchange statement issued today covers the monthly movement to November 30. Compared with last year, the month is ahead 2,000 and ahead of year before last 700 bales. The amount brought into sight for the months of September, October and November shows an increase of 291,000 bales over last year and an increase of 800,000 over year before last.

The movement from September 1st to November 30th, shows receipts at all United States delivery ports of 4,266,019 bales, against 3,744,424 last year; southern mill takings exclusive of quantity consumed at southern outputs 358,750 bales against 351,964 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the commencement of the season 573,757 bales against 515,424 last year. The total amount brought into sight during the three months ending November 30th is 5,691,590 bales against 5,311,087 last year.

Foreign exports for the first three months have been 2,819,881 bales, showing an increase over last season of 271,107. Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading southern interior markets at the close of November, were 2,002,427 bales against 1,590,768 the same date last year. We believe North Carolina owes more to the hard worked and ill-paid country editor than to any other class of her citizens.—Charity and Children.

STATE PRESS
The negroes in the south are much more capable of working out their destiny than the pretended friends in the north, who neither know or understand the conditions surrounding them and they should take their ill-timed advice for what it is worth.—Durham Herald.

The people of North Carolina are expecting some wise legislation from the next session of the legislature. If we were a member we should try to have enacted into laws the Australian ballot system with a poll tax prerequisite to registration and voting, to abolish second-class cars on railroads, separate cars for white and black and three cents a mile for all fares.—Aberdeen Telegram.

Less than five years there will be a United States conscript law to secure volunteers to go over the waters and ram freedom down the throats of the Philippines with the bayonet. And this is guaranteeing a republican form of government and distributing the blessings of Christian civilization and peaceful contentment throughout the world—with a vengeance. And our people at home will have to pay for it with 4 cent cotton and 40 cent corn.—Raleigh Post.

The white man shall rule. This is a proposition confirmed by God and by man. It is the law that is supported by the evidence of the records of centuries. The annals of the nations that are gone, the Biblical history of the days of faintest tradition go to show that the white skin shall rule while the sons of Ham shall bow in submission to the superior intelligence of the Caucasian. When this law is abused and forgotten, when, for a time, the intention of nature is reversed, when a condition exists where the negroes become the ruler and not the ruled—a revolution is an inevitable occurrence.—Smithfield Herald.

It will be remembered that in the last campaign Lee Person, of Edgecombe, and other negro orators said they would lead a party to lynch any negro who voted the democratic ticket; and two negro newspapers advised negro women to leave their husbands and lovers if they did not vote the republican ticket. The greatest intimidation practiced in the south is practiced by negroes toward the members of their own race who dare to have their own opinions and refuse to vote the ticket the white bosses put up for them. When our northern friends speak of the intimidation of the voter, let them look upon the black side of the picture.—Charlotte News.

We have never had any faith in the goodness or the good intentions of Marion Butler, but we have always thought him a more acute politician than he has shown himself to be during this last campaign. Butler is first, last and all the time for himself, and on the side that he thinks is going to win. * * If he had come out for the democrats and white men, he would not have been at once a leader, but with his political shrewdness, he would have been heard from before a great while, but his political foresight was faulty and he went wrong and two years from now, when his term as United States senator expires, the papers will only notice him under the heading "the passing of Butler."—Burlington News.

There has been too much pardoning of criminals in this state. When one is convicted it is too common for officers of law, including judge and jury, to sign petitions for his pardon. If he is not guilty do not convict him. If he is guilty fail not to punish him. Fear of punishment is the only terror to evil doers. Good men though will obey the law because they love order, peace and justice. Abolish all unnecessary offices. Cut down officials, salaries and fees so that our taxes may be reduced. The people think it very grievous to pay high taxes when their labor is so poorly paid, in order to pay large salaries of the state's money. Prove your capacity for legislation by enacting such laws only as will commend themselves to all patriots.—P. D. Gold in Wilson Times.

It may not have occurred to many people, but one of the most expensive citizens in this country is a democratic negro. Ordinarily you will not find more than one of these in each community. Should there be two they will not be in accord, although of the same party. They will question each other, motives and call the attention of the leaders to the fact that "that other nigger is after money." No white man who is known to feel any interest whatever in politics can speak to a democratic negro within six weeks of election day without incurring an expense for the privilege, ranging from a nickle up to his financial limit. And when political meetings are held the democratic negro is always on hand, but the remainder of his family is invariably sick or "have had powerful little to eat" for days. With the approach of election day the democratic negro's necessities increase with marvelous insistence and unflinching regularity.—Asheville Telegram.

It was stated in our Raleigh correspondence yesterday that Attorney General Waiser in his report to the legislature will recommend that the carrying of concealed weapons be made a felony instead of a misdemeanor. If anything at all is done with that law it should, instead of being made more stringent, be repealed. Its practical results are exactly the contrary of those intended. It deters the law-abiding citizens and leaves him at the mercy of the lawless. There is no person who is criminal at heart who pays the slightest heed to it; it restrains none of this class. But above and beyond that, it violates the spirit of our institutions. It is no more the business of the law to say that a man shall not carry a pistol in his pocket than it is to say that he shall not carry an Irish potato. It has the right to hold him responsible for its improper use, but it is not right to punish him for the mere having of it. His right to have it is a natural right and the law forbidding his carrying it is an unwarrantable invasion of his personal liberty.—Charlotte Observer.

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