

SITUATION IN THIS STATE

Views of the Editors of Leading Dailies.

A SWEEPING VICTORY

For the Democratic Ticket Predicted by all the Judicial Ticket Safe by a Good Majority—A Decided Gain in Congressmen—The Legislature to be Democratic, with Close Majority in the Senate and Good Plurality in the House.

Washington, November 4.—The Associated Press has received the following signed statements on the political situation in North Carolina from the editors of several of the leading morning papers in the state:

Wilmington, N. C., November 4.—The white supremacy party in the state is now only waiting for the 8th of November to achieve the greatest victory ever recorded, restoring law and order and public confidence by the election of the judicial ticket, at least five of the nine congressmen and a majority in each branch of the legislature. The state senate will be very close, but there will be a good working majority in the house.

As to the situation in Wilmington, it is still grave, but the probability of a very serious race conflict is growing less daily. The decision of the republican managers to place no county ticket in the field, making a democratic county out of the county having a republican majority of 750, was the last move they could make to prevent extreme measures.

JACKSON & BELL,
Editors Wilmington Messenger.

Wilmington, N. C., November 4.—All indications now point to a peaceful election in Wilmington, and it is highly probable that the republican majority of about 1,000 in this county will be overcome by the democratic ticket. There has been an increase of about 500 in the white registration; the negro registration has fallen off about 200, and it is estimated that the failure of the republicans to nominate candidates for the county offices so disgraced the negroes that several hundred of them will not go to the polls. There will be no intimidation here; every negro can vote without molestation, but a great many of them are deterred from voting by the white leaders by taking no part in the election.

The general situation in the state is unparalleled in its political history. There is a genuine uprising of the whites, brooding about the horrible conditions existing in eastern North Carolina.

The women are as deeply interested as the men, and their activity and energy are potent factors in the campaign. Several thousand white republicans have come over to the democrats, and there is little doubt that three-fifths of the populists will vote for what they call the white man's ticket next Tuesday.

In this (the Sixth) congressional district, Bellamy, democrat, will be elected, overcoming an adverse majority of 5,000. The democrats are sure of three congressmen, with strong probability that they will elect five.

Everything seems to be going the democratic way, and indications all favor a political revolution. The Star forecast is that the democrats will elect their judicial ticket by not less than \$300 majority, will have a decided majority in the lower house of the legislature and at least twenty-eight of the fifty members of the senate.

A strong point of the democratic position is that there will be a decrease in the republican and fusion vote and a considerable increase in the straight democratic vote. This, augmented by a majority of the populist vote, will undoubtedly give the democrats the state.

WM. H. BERNARD,
Editor Morning Star.

Charlotte, N. C., November 4.—While the situation in this state is very tense and particularly at Wilmington, I do not believe that there will be between now and election day, or then, any breach of the peace. This opinion is based on the fact that both sides are so well prepared for trouble. It is such a case as that of the nations which are best prepared for war being the least likely to have war. Information received here from the Wilmington negroes are far less aggressive than they have been, and the withdrawal of the republican ticket there undoubtedly makes for peace.

There is absolutely no danger of any disturbance in any of the central or western counties, though interest in the approaching election is very keen. The danger point is in those counties of the east where the negroes either predominate or are very numerous, and of these New Hanover, in which Wilmington is situated, is the storm centre.

Present indications are that the democrats will wrest the legislature from the fusionists, elect their judicial tickets and gain the upper hand of four representatives in congress. This belief is based upon unquestionable facts that many populists and white republicans are flocking to the democratic standard. Some of these, as for instance Major W. A. Guthrie, a populist candidate for governor two years ago, in taking this step, announce that they have not changed their political faith, but say the exigencies of the situation are such as to suggest the union of the white forces for this election, if no longer.

J. P. CALDWELL,
Editor Charlotte Observer.

Raleigh, N. C., November 4.—The political tension such as has not been known in North Carolina since 1876, in eastern North Carolina where the political division is along race lines, the white people are aroused to

a point where they will use every lawful means to restore white supremacy. There has been no disturbance except at three places and there is no apprehension felt except in two or three counties where the contest is hottest and even there the conservatism of the people probably will avert trouble.

In Wilmington, the democrats pay 95 per cent. of the taxes and have no voice in public affairs. The condition is so intolerable that the business men of all parties have advised that the white man's ticket be elected without opposition. The republicans of New Hanover agreed to this and there will be only one ticket in that county. Thousands of people have returned to the democratic party and hundreds of republicans will vote with the democrats on local tickets. I spoke tonight at Southern Pines. It is practically populated by northern settlers. With one possible exception, the northern settlers of that resort will vote the democratic state and local tickets, though a majority of them are republicans upon national issues.

This is true also of the northern settlers in other parts of North Carolina. Many of them are among the most active workers for the success of the democratic ticket. The campaign has resolved itself more into a fight for white rule and protection to property than one of political divisions, and the democratic victory, it seems, will be won by the aid of the best element in the republican and populist parties. Nearly all the men of these parties with large property interests will vote with the democrats. In the recent parade of 1,000 men wearing red shirts in Richmond county there was quite a number of white populists and white republicans. This shows their deep interest in the campaign and the tremendous issues involved.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS,
Editor Raleigh News and Observer.

Battery I Not Ordered to Wilmington
(Special to The Messenger.)

Washington, D. C., November 4.—The dispatches sent out from Wilmington last night to the effect that Battery I, of the Second Artillery, now at Fort Caswell, would arrive in that city Monday night and spend the next day, Tuesday, so as to be there in case of riot, and then leave Wednesday morning for the point of embarkation for Porto Rico, were emphatically denied by the adjutant general and the secretary of war to me today.

Under no conditions can the troops move to Wilmington without orders from the department here. The entire regiment to which that battery is attached is under orders to hold itself in readiness to go to Cuba, but no orders to move have been issued and none will be for probably two or three weeks to come.

An official at the war department said today that there is no need for stating again that troops will be sent to any point in North Carolina on election day, as he has it on the authority of Secretary Alger that the president has declared himself opposed to any such action. The president said to a friend that sending troops to North Carolina at the time would be a fatal mistake and would be disastrous to republicanism in North Carolina.

A number of democrats who are here in office will leave tomorrow and Monday to vote at their homes. Some were unable to obtain leave at this time.

Carolina Wins a Foot Ball Game
(Special to The Messenger.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., November 4.—The university football eleven defeated Virginia Polytechnic today in Winston by the handsome score of 28 to 6. Touchdowns were made by Bennett, Gregory, Copeland, Shull and Howell. Two goals were missed. The report says it was a good game, and Carolina played fine ball.

The boys here are happy over the victory, as this is the first big game. The students wired congratulations to Carolina in fine form.

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To Hasten Troops to Cuba

Washington, November 4.—Advices from the Cuban military commission today are to the effect that the Spanish evacuation of Puerto Principe will take place earlier than November 22nd, and that it will be desirable to send the troops designated in the order issued yesterday as early as the 15th. The transport Chester, which will carry a regiment, probably will sail from Savannah on the 8th, with the Fifteenth infantry, which is to go to the town of Puerto Principe. The Eighth cavalry and Third Georgia will follow soon afterward.

Dry Goods Market

New York, November 4.—Business in the dry goods market was not above the recent average proportions and in other respects without any new feature of material consequence. Special spring lines of cotton goods were in request, but prices did not suit buyers. Fine printed fabrics are getting well under orders without the larger buyers operating upon extended scale. There was no business in regular print cloths reported today.

Grand Reception for the Maria Teresa

Norfolk, Va., November 4.—The board of trade and business men's association have taken up the proposition to give the Maria Teresa a magnificent ovation on her arrival in Hampton Roads. The day will be made a general holiday in mercantile and shipping circles, and gaily decorated craft of every description will constitute the reception fleet.

ROBESON ALL RIGHT

Another Big Democratic Rally Held in This Good Old County.

WHITE SUPREMACY THE CRY

Of the Sterling Men of Robeson County—An Old-Fashioned Democratic Rally—Five Thousand People Gathered to Hear True Democratic Doctrine—Charles B. Aycock Strikes the Keynote of the Campaign—Robeson Democrats at Work for the Redemption of the State—Many Populists Return to Democracy.

Lumberton, N. C., November 4.—The great campaign waged in Robeson county for the past three months for the cause of white supremacy was rounded up here today with a big democratic rally and barbecue. It was the occasion for the general meeting of the white government unions of the county. All day yesterday, last night and this morning the white people from every section of the county swarmed into Lumberton, until the town was literally a mass of people. When the train arrived bearing the powerful champion of white supremacy, Charles B. Aycock, who was to be the speaker of the occasion, a grand spectacle was presented. There were lined up on Main street, leading from the depot, 1,000 mounted men in red shirts, a large number of carriages and other vehicles, together with about 4,000 on foot, making a grand total of at least 5,000 white men and Croats, who greeted the speaker with loud hurrahs.

The feature of the procession was the white floats bearing a number of Robeson's fairest daughters, singing the national hymns and the "Old North State," and it was especially fitting, as for the women this campaign is being waged, more than for any other class.

Leaving the depot, the procession moved to the inspiring music of "Dixie" as it came from the band just behind the carriage in which the speakers and the chief marshal rode, through the principal streets.

The procession at 12 o'clock rounded up in the court house square and the adjoining lots and streets and there heard what is admitted to be the greatest speech delivered in Robeson county in years. It has been said that Aycock is the best speaker in North Carolina, and at no place was this more fully demonstrated than here today. It is not possible for many men to hold the attention of 5,000 people standing on foot for an hour and three quarters on political issues or any other subject, but Aycock did it successfully in Lumberton today as he pictured the condition of North Carolina under fusion rule.

The effect was powerful. White men took the view that this state of affairs should not continue. Men who had been populists before openly stated that they would not be the means of bringing further injury upon their race and especially upon the women, the poor white women of the state and swore allegiance to white supremacy. People of all classes said that the speech could not be answered, and that it had infused increased ardor in those who heard it.

A speaker never received greater applause and more complimentary commendation than did this worthy son of North Carolina at the hands of the white men and white women of Robeson county today.

After the speeches a great dinner and barbecue was given to the assembled multitude and at this time (about 5 o'clock) the town is still full of people, many of whom live too far away in the country to go home tonight. Every section and every precinct in the county was represented.

The ladies showed great interest in the rally and it was to their efforts that the feeding of the crowd should be given.

As an indication of the good behavior of the crowd, not a single arrest was necessary to be made for disorderly conduct.

The success of this big gala-day for white supremacy and good government is due mainly to Berry Godwin, the chief marshal, and to Geo. B. McLeod, chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Godwin, though now over 70 years of age, was attired in a red shirt and headed the procession with the speakers and carried out the programme with vigor and success. No citizen of the county has the welfare of Robeson county and the success of the democratic party more at heart than he, and this has been shown by his work throughout the campaign. Chairman McLeod has done more work than any man in North Carolina so far as actual personal work is concerned.

Not since 1876 has there been so much work done in Robeson county as has been done in this campaign. The good people of the county have drunk of the bitter cup of fusion rule; they have felt the blight of negro domination and insolence and they are determined to throw off the yoke that oppresses them.

Robeson will be heard from when the call of democratic counties is made next Tuesday.

The North Atlantic Squadron

Washington, November 4.—It is said at the navy department that the New York, the flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, will proceed from New York to Newport News as soon as she is provisioned and supplied. At Newport News the vessel will coal and then lie at anchor in Hampton Roads awaiting orders.

Commodore Philip, commanding the North Atlantic squadron during Admiral Sampson's absence, will be aboard the New York. Probably other vessels of the squadron will be gathered in the "Roads" in view of the fact that is a strategic point for a flying squadron in any direction at short notice. It is said at the navy department that this move is also in conformity with the usual winter policy of the department making the sailors more comfortable aboardship than they would be in the north. It was also stated that there is at present no intention of dispatching warships to Cuba in addition to those already there.

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Dewey's Formidable Fleet

Washington, November 4.—Admiral Bunce telegraphed the navy department today that the cruiser Buffalo, Commander Hemphill, had sailed at noon for the Philippines via Suez. The gunboat Helena sailed yesterday for the same destination. With these accessions coming immediately upon the heels of Captain Barker's squadron of battleships and colliers, Admiral Dewey will have a formidable fleet, probably second only in power to only one European nation, namely England, in eastern waters. It is not believed, however, that he will have need of all his force, and he doubtless will be able to spare some of the vessels which may be in need of repair to return to Mare Island.

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Disension Among the Philippines

Manila, P. I., November 4.—It is reported here that the priests are instigating a faction to support Araticho, a bitter opponent of Aguinaldo. The increasing dissensions among the insurgents are diminishing the probabilities of opposing Americans.

TILLMAN AND DANIEL

The Orators of the Day at a Big Democratic Rally in Charlotte

Charlotte, N. C., November 4.—One of the largest democratic rallies of the present campaign was held in Charlotte today. There were about 1,000 mounted men in the parade. Senator Ben. Tillman, of South Carolina, and Senator John Daniel, of Virginia, were the speakers. They were enthusiastically received.

Senator Tillman began by an arraignment of Grover Cleveland, and, after reviewing the conditions in North Carolina, urged the democrats and populists to shake hands and get together, as no man need stay out of the democratic party now on account of Clevelandism. Fusion in North Carolina now is nothing but republicanism. The way to kill fusion is to invite populists back as brothers and as white men who love North Carolina, but if they do not come—as surely as the sun shines, the 150,000 democrats will no longer submit to the present state of things.

"I say this," said he, "because you people are of the same race as South Carolinians. In South Carolina no negro editor could slander a white woman of the state as that Wilmington negro did. That negro ought now to be food for catfish in the bottom of Cape Fear river, instead of going around above ground. The negroes ruled us down in South Carolina once, but they never slandered our women nor were they allowed to insult them. There were white men in South Carolina who told the poor white not to follow Tillman, that he would disfranchise them; but they have never been disfranchised. You need not disfranchise any white people so here, neither need you disfranchise any people must stick together. It is a question whether you can stay together and keep out the thieves. The source of government is the individual citizen. The stream cannot rise higher than its source. But when a state with 100,000 white majority gives itself had government and puts ignorant negroes in the saddle, it hardly deserves so much sympathy.

Senator Daniel made a very conservative speech, eulogizing the democratic party and arraigning the republican party. He said he feared that "the canvass here is not being conducted on the refinements of political issues, but in favor of good government and the rule of intellect. If there is a race question here, it is no novelty for the Anglo-Saxon to deal with."

Senator Daniel spoke of the feeling toward the negro in the north, and said that the best friend of the negro was the southern man, and that the greatest enemy of the black man was the white man who tried to put the negro in rule over his white neighbors. "The negro has no better friend," said he, "than the southern man reared at his side, to whom he gives his civilization, but Virginia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, South Carolina, Texas, Arkansas and Governor Tanner, of Illinois, have come to the conclusion that the negro is a vile man in his place, but put in charge of the government he is not a success. And the signs are that North Carolina will come to this same conclusion on the 8th day of November. I have heard much protest that an effort had been made not long ago to bring soldiers here to intimidate the white people of North Carolina. I do not wish McKinley to send his soldiers, because I do not think he has the right to do so, but I want any man's opinion if he has no right to do so, but if the republicans desire to make a turnkey job of the election in this state in favor of the democrats, they will send the soldiers here to hold your election. I think that when a great free people determine they are going to establish honest, free government with officers in charge of it whom they can trust to preserve their honor and the honor of their wives and children, no power on earth can prevent it."

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a little early to rise, will make life longer and better and wiser. R. R. Bellamy.

NEW FRENCH CABINET

Its Policy Outlined by the New Premier on Assembling of the Chamber of Deputies

Paris, November 4.—The chamber of deputies reopened today with a crowded assembly, after its adjournment on October 25th, the day of the fall of the cabinet presided over by M. Brisson.

Amid great animation the new premier, M. Dupuy, read the ministerial declaration. He began by declaring the cabinet fully recognized the difficulties and responsibilities of the task undertaken and affirmed the supremacy of civil power as the fundamental principle of a republican state and expressed confidence in the army, which, he added, would faithfully respect the laws of the republic. M. Dupuy then emphasized the imperative necessity of fulfilling the obligations of the exposition of 1900 and continued: "The government's foreign policy will be inspired by the clear interests of the country, and care will be taken that our efforts are only proportionate to the value of the object at stake."

The ministerial declaration was applauded in both the chamber of deputies and in the senate.

M. Dupuy said that the government did not intend to introduce new laws, as those already existing sufficed to guarantee order and protect the army. As to the Dreyfus case, the premier added that light will be thrown upon it when the court renders its decision, which will be enforced by the government.

The chamber approved the ministerial declaration by a vote of 423 to 64.

When you ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this than all others combined. R. R. Bellamy.

NO ONE WAS RESPONSIBLE

For shortcomings of the Cuban Campaign.

GENERAL LAWTON TESTIFIES

Before the War Investigation Commission He Admits the Existence of Inconveniences and Some Privations of the Troops Before Santiago—Says that there were Due to the Exigencies of the Situation—The Sickness He Attributes Entirely to the Climate.

Washington, November 4.—Acting for the war investigating commission, Colonel Denby is taking the testimony of General Lawton, who was in command of the Second division of the Fifth Corps in the Santiago campaign and who has but recently been relieved of the command of the department at Santiago.

His narration began with the embarkation of the troops at Tampa. Special reports were furnished as well as all expected, as they were not troops. The medical and commissary supplies were sufficient to prevent absolute discomfort. True, there was some confusion owing to misunderstanding of orders, but the general did not believe that any real hardship had been occasioned thereby.

Referring to the result of the battle at El Caney, he said:

"I had received very imperative orders to move to my left, to the right of General Wheeler's command, but my intention was such that it was impracticable for me to leave Caney until I had captured it."

General Lawton said his division lost 410 men killed and wounded and that all the wounded had been accounted for. There were no ambulances, but some litters, how many he did not know.

"Knowing there was to be a fight, how does it happen that you did not have enough litters, enough surgeons and the proper hospital corps?" Colonel Denby asked.

"Well, I cannot say there were not enough," General Lawton replied. "How do you account for the fact that the medical men did not provide themselves with everything necessary for taking care of the wounded? I think they did provide themselves with everything they thought necessary, considering the material they had to choose from. There was no time to do more or get more surgeons than we had. They were distributed to their various commands."

The general said that while it was difficult to get supplies to the men while they lay in the trenches from the 2nd to the 17th of July, he thought the quantity was sufficient. There had been no sickness worth mentioning until after the campaign. There had been no tents except the shelter tents which some had until just previous to the embarkation for the United States. Asked where he fixed the responsibility for not having the tents there, General Lawton replied: "I don't fix it at all, because I don't think there was any responsibility about it. The men were there without tents because of the fact that it was impossible to furnish from the ships for lack of time and facilities. There was very little complaint on account of the tents. Complaints did not come to me and I was with my men constantly. That they should have to lie out as they did was one of the contingencies absolutely necessary in the conduct of the war."

"It was true as reported," he said, "that men had to wear their shirts for possibly three days without a change. This was because they had thrown away their extra clothing." He held the climate responsible for the sickness, that followed the campaign. "I thought it was possible that with more appropriate food, better cooking and shelter some of the sickness might have been prevented. It is my opinion," he said, "that any one going from this climate to Cuba will have to suffer that acclimating fever there. I doubt if one per cent. have escaped absolutely."

Summing up, General Lawton said: "Taking into consideration the conditions that we were obliged to face, the character of the country, its climate and other things being considered, I can say there were no serious or gross mistakes made. I can say there was no lack of care on the part of any of those in authority, whose duty it was to look after the interests of the corps."

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