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DEMOCRACY IS PROGRESSIVE SAYS PRESIDENT WILSON

Respects The "Past" But Says Republicans Have Not Had a New Idea in Thirty Years, in Jackson Day Speech—Four Thousand Spring To Feet and Cheer Wildly at What They Consider Forecast of His Being Candidate Next Year: He Tells The Independent Voter the Democratic Party is Only Congenial Company he can find—Remarkable Record of Achievement of Two Years recounted; When Government Loses Its Ardor For Mankind, People Always Turn To The Democrats—Warns Democrats To Play On The Team, Of Which He Is Captain—First January In History When Money Centers Were Not Contracted

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 8.—President Wilson, in a Jackson Day speech here today, voiced what his hearers interpreted as a hint that he might be a candidate for the Presidency again in 1916. The audience of more than 4,000 people rose to their feet and cheered until the President called for quiet.

The President had been discussing the Mexican question. Referring to his belief that he knew the temperament and principles of the American people, he added that he would not be fit to stay where he was if he did not understand them.

"There may come a time," he declared, "when the American people will have to judge whether I know what I am talking about or not."

There was a slight pause and then the crowd began cheering. Realizing the construction which had been put on his words, the President held up his hands for silence and said:

"I did not mean to stir up anything. That was merely preparatory to saying that for at least two more years I am free to think I know the American people."

A Democratic Victory. Previously the President had attacked the Republican party, defended the record of his administration on the Mexican policy, the tariff and currency, and declared that a careful examination of the returns from the elections last November showed that if it had been a presidential year a Democrat would have had a majority of about eighty in the electoral college.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY; TEN THOUSAND DEAD

Rome, Jan. 13.—A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt in Rome occurred early today. It lasted several seconds and caused a serious panic, people everywhere rushing from their houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged by the shock.

The town of Avezzano was virtually destroyed by the earthquake. The dead are estimated at 10,000. One thousand persons escaped from the ruins but most of them were injured.

Rome, Jan. 13.—The last estimate of the number killed in the earthquake places the total at 12,000. It is further estimated that 20,000 were injured.

REPUBLICAN SENATORS ATTACK PRESIDENT WILSON.

Washington, Jan. 13.—One of the liveliest debates of the present Congress stirred the Senate today when Republican leaders, launched a vigorous attack on President Wilson's Indianapolis speech, the Administration's Mexican policy and Democratic legislation. Democrats met the attack with praise for the President and a prediction of his re-election.

The debate was precipitated over Senator Cummins' resolution asking the President to indicate what the Government proposes to do with Mexican customs collected during the occupation of Vera Cruz. Action on the resolution was postponed until tomorrow.

Senator John Sharp Williams, one of those who replied to Republican criticism of the Administration, declared with emphasis that President Wilson would be "renominated and re-elected for the Presidency" because the American people have found him not only able to take the place of men about whom they were quarrelling, but good enough to stand in his own stead.

INTERMARRIAGES OF RACES STOPPED

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—A bill to prohibit intermarriage of whites and negroes in the District of Columbia was passed by the House today 230 to 60.

Vigorous debate preceded the vote. Representative Clark of Florida, author of the bill, declared intermarriage work harmed to both races. Republican Leader Mann and Representative Madden of Illinois opposed the measure.

Mr. Clark said that if the negro has a part in the universe he should have it as a member of a distinctive race "and not as a mongrel."

RUSSIANS PRESSING FIGHT IN PRUSSIA

London, Jan. 13.—Battles large and small, all having an important bearing on the situation are raging at widely separated points in Europe and Asia.

The Turks have occupied the Persian town of Tabriz which is Russian sphere of influence, and are battling with the Russians in the Caucasus and are reported to be making preparations to invade Egypt.

The Russians have resumed the offensive in East Prussia, while the Germans continue to attack them in Poland, and they again are trying to cross the Nida River in Southern Poland held by the Austrians.

The battle creating the greatest interest is that in the Aisne Valley northeast of Soissons, where the French have been attacking the German entrenchments for a week. They took important positions Friday and again Sunday but the Germans, bringing up reinforcements, recovered some of the lost ground. Otherwise the unfavorable weather has compelled the Germans and Allies to confine themselves to artillery engagements.

ARMIES AWAIT SPRING.

London, Jan. 12.—Great armies battling in the east and west by artillery exchanges, sapping operations and trench attacks, continue to be aligned today as much as they were January 1. Everywhere the disposition seems to be to await spring when fresh armies thrown into the field, events promise to move more quickly.

Great Britain is sending thousands of men to France every week and according to today's reports from Berlin, Germany, aware of that, is making great military preparations for a counter movement. All the reserves are being called to the colors, it is declared here, and the further statement is made that German generals are preparing to assume active direction of all the campaigns—the Austro-Hungarian fight against Serbia and Russia and the Turkish campaign against Russia and Great Britain.

That briefly is the plan London military observers believe will be followed, subject, however, to any change which the entrance into the war of Rumania or Italy might necessitate.

ONLY 60,000 SOLDIERS REMAIN OF BELGIUM'S ARMY OF 230,000.

Furnes, West Flanders, Jan. 1.—Sixty thousand worn soldiers strung along the Yser, where they checked the rush of the German invaders toward Pas de Calais, are all that are left of the Belgian army of two hundred and thirty thousand men under arms when Germany invaded Belgium, but one of King Albert's staff officers who has been with the army since the siege of Liege asserts that the small Belgian force today is a far more efficient machine than that which met the first German attack.

London, Jan. 12.—The German cruiser Bremen has arrived at Wilhelmshaven badly damaged by a mine, according to a dispatch received by the Evening Star from Petrograd.

WHO IS BOOSTING PRICE OF WHEAT? MILLERS OF CHICAGO HINT THAT BOARD OF TRADE MAY BE TO BLAME.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 11.—The government's investigation into a possibility of a bread famine threatened to turn toward the board of trade today after millers and bakers had visited the United States district attorney and complained that the present price of wheat most eventually cause an increase in the price of bread.

THE INFLUENCE OF WAR PRISONERS ON WOMEN.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Prisoners of war exercise upon many women the same attraction noted so often in the case of renowned criminals, according to some German observers.

With the advent of the first trainload of captives in Germany last fall came stories, describing indignantly how flowers and dainties had been showered upon the prisoners, and how many girls and women exhibited great pleasure at securing a button from a military coat or some other keepsake.

A rugged old soldier commanding the prisoners' camp at Friedrichfelde, near Wesel, has, according to a report in a Wesel paper, hit upon a novel scheme for punishing the curious women who flock in great numbers to see the prisoners under his charge. Visitors are denied admittance to the camp, but many get near as possible and try to talk to the captives. A number of these women were taken in charge by the sentries and led before commandant. His decree was this:

"The women arrested are to be conducted to the camp kitchen, where they will peel potatoes for three hours."

The following manifesto, signed by Colonel von Wieters, commandant of the prisoners' detention camp at Goerlitz, is published:

"The three young women who felt themselves moved to send their photographs to the Russian prisoner, George Hirschberg, are requested to come to the office of the commandant and take them away. If they do not, their names will be made public."

Three others who fell in love with wounded French prisoners of war and became engaged to them, have been dismissed in disgrace from their posts as volunteer hospital nurses. The commanding general at Straasburg, in communicating their delict to the public through the newspapers, identified them by Christian names, initials and addresses to the entire community from which they came.

WHILE BELLIGERENTS ARGUE FAMINE COMES.

London, Jan. 11.—"The civil army we have to feed is greater than the British and French armies combined. Yet we can scrape through on about \$6,250,000 worth of food a month."

This statement was made today by Emil Franqui, a Belgian banker, in London in connection with relief work in Belgium.

It is not generally realized M. Franqui said, that there still are 7,000,000 persons in Belgium dependent for food on the American Relief Commission.

WITH THE LEGISLATURE

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—The project of Governor Craig to make of Mount Mitchell's summit a governmental park, received a start today when Buncombe's representatives in the Senate and Yancey's in the house presented the bills condemning the property for that purpose.

Governor Craig saved the mountain spruce and balsam last year when he persuaded lumbermen to halt operations as they approached the top and wait for action of the general assembly. He pledged to the owners of the timbers rights to do what he could to interest the State in compensating them. The bill was introduced by Senator Weaver and sent over to the house.

The growth on the mountain where lumbering has been done several years has vanished under the fierce forest fires that always attend the cutting of this timber. Governor Craig's hope is to preserve the beauty of Mount Mitchell and is being joined by all sections of the west.

New bills were introduced as follows: Weaver—appoint a commission to secure a portion of Mount Mitchell as a public park, an appropriation of \$20,000 being provided.

Muse—Prohibit the working of boys under 15 years on the county roads or in other "chaingangs."

Snow—Prohibit persons charged with crime from being dressed in uniforms or having their heads shaved.

Hoover—Amend the laws of 1915 relative to property held by pensioners.

Pegram—Establish a reformatory for fallen women. The bill is from the King's Daughters of D. am and provides an appropriation of \$15,000 for building and \$5,000 annually for maintenance, other features being similar to the bill offered by Senator McRae, in the senate, for the King's Daughters of Charlotte.

Joint Session Tuesday. Members of the senate entered representative hall at 12:15 and Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge presided with Spaker Wooten.

The roll call showed 31 senators and 109 representatives present. The privileges of the floor were extended to Gen. J. S. Carr as a member of a former assembly.

REEPSVILLE ITEMS

Jan. 12.—Hon. Moses Stroup of Bessemer City spent last Friday night with his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Kiser.

Mr. Ernest Wood of Scotland county has returned after spending two weeks with his parents on Reepsville Route 2.

There was an old time spelling bee at the Reepsville school house last Friday night which was attended by the school and patrons.

The Reepsville school a few days since had the pleasure of an address by Rev. J. E. B. Houser a student of Trinity College, Subject of Science.

The first Quarterly conference of South Fork Circuit will be held at Russell's Chapel Saturday 16th at eleven a. m., at which time the steward of the circuit will be installed.

Rev. Robinson filled his appointment at Russell's Chapel Sunday afternoon. His first service at this place. He left a well pleased audience.

Rev. L. A. Bangle of Cherryville preached at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. H. A. Jonas of Lincolnton Bar was in Reepsville today on legal business.

Miss Beulah Wood of Reepsville R-2 expects to visit relatives in Birmingham, Alabama, next week.

Little Joe Hill, son of M. Lee Hill, of Pee Dee is very sick in Reepsville at this writing with pneumonia.

SUFFRAGE LOST.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—The House tonight by a vote of 204 to 174 refused to submit to the States an amendment to the Federal constitution to enfranchise women.

A two-thirds majority would have been necessary for adoption of the resolution submitting the amendment.

Webb Opposed to Votes for Women. Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Declaring his belief that 90 per cent of the mothers of this country are not only not in favor of woman suffrage, but are positively against it, Representative Webb spoke in the House today in opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote. He said also that he believes the State should determine the qualifications of its citizens for suffrage.

Mr. Webb expressed the conviction that woman cannot purify politics with the ballot, but that if politics is corrupt women would be corrupted by it. He took the position that to grant woman suffrage would be to force responsibilities upon American women which they have no desire to bear. "When you set the lure of active, political strife before women," he said, "and she is drawn into it, to that extent the home must suffer."

BLEASE'S FAREWELL ADDRESS. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 12.—Governor Blease delivered his farewell message to the South Carolina legislature today. He will be succeeded January 19 by Richard I. Manning when he will retire to private life.

In closing his message he declared: "I have bowed my knee to no man or set of men; if I create a favorable impression, all well and good; if I create an unfavorable impression, I and I alone am responsible. My life's work so far as my personal interest is concerned has been completed."

BLEASE DISBANDS SOUTH CAROLINA MILITIA. Governor Blease has disbanded the South Carolina organized militia. Thirty-one companies, comprising approximately 2,000 officers and men, are affected. Disagreement between the Governor and militia and War Department officials on the organization and equipment of the troops was given as the reason for the action.

WHEAT CAME DOWN MONDAY. Chicago, Jan. 11.—Wheat came down today with a crash. Prices broke 5 1-2 cents a bushel under general selling on rumors that one of the forts guarding the Dardanelles had been demolished by allied warships.

Speculators drew the inference that a way would speedily be opened for Russian wheat that has been piled up in immense quantities. May wheat here sold as low as \$1.33 5-8 after having been up to \$1.39 1-8 earlier in session.

Gen. Villa has given Brigadier General Scott his word that he will prevent further border fighting, which since the Madero revolution in 1911 has been a menace to residents of American border towns.