

THE WAY TO PEACE—A HISTORICAL PRETEXT.

It seems that the only things in the way of cessation of hostilities between Russia and Japan are some money and some land. Japan wants a big indemnity and some land; Russia wishes to have neither. And that is the rock upon which they were about to split on when President Roosevelt, acting for this country, England, France and Germany, took a hand in the negotiation. Since then there has been talk that "the powers" would be able to find some sort of agreement between Russia and Japan, or, at least, to let their differences be arbitrated. Considerations of humanity and commerce demand that the war should end.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Our city is to be congratulated on the reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce. The large attendance at the meeting, the fine spirit that prevailed, the unusually large enrollment of members, the constitution and by-laws adopted, the officers elected, and the business transacted, all speak in unmistakable terms of a purpose and a power to create for Raleigh a live, active and potential Chamber of Commerce.

The time had come for reorganization, and it was effected with a wisdom, an enthusiasm and a unanimity that left nothing undone which should have been done and did nothing that should have been omitted. One of the most admirable features of the reorganization was the cordiality in its behalf manifested by the few faithful who for so many years have kept the old Chamber from dying and by persistent and faithful work have inaugurated for Raleigh so many enterprises and improvements. All honor to them.

With Joseph C. Brown as president, and Jos. H. Cutler and Thomas S. Fuller as vice presidents, and E. S. Jerman as treasurer and the splendid body of directors, who will soon select a competent secretary, the future of the Chamber and, through it, the future of the city is assured. We have no doubt that the list of members will grow until it includes every progressive business man in Raleigh. There are now over 200 members. There should be 300 by the next meeting and 500 by the close of the year.

RALEIGH THE DUMPING GROUND.

Do we wish Raleigh to be made the dumping ground for all the saloon-keepers who have been voted out of four-fifths of the towns and cities of the State? The only hope the "For Saloons" folks have of winning if an election is called is by the wholesale use of money, most of which will be contributed by men who do not live in Raleigh. They will send it here to be used to secure an "open door" for their trade and make a larger market for their wares. The big whiskey makers wish customers who will pay big profits and they will chip in and help.

It was bad enough in Raleigh before the saloons were voted out. It will be ten-fold worse if they are permitted to be re-opened. There is but one course that wisdom dictates: Keep out the saloons! There are quite a number of people in Raleigh who signed the petition to vote "for saloons" under a misapprehension, and others still who signed it without reflection. The temperance forces appeal to all such to take their names off of the petition and not precipitate Raleigh into an election that can benefit nobody but men who wish to sell whiskey.

Wall street says that "bluffing is a part of the Peace Conference programme" and should occasion no surprise. Japan wants all it can get; Russia wishes to give as little as possible; the balance of the world demands peace upon any proper terms that will put an end to bloodshed and its injury to commerce.

A Charlotte paper thinks it "funny that Charlotte merchants have to order steamed bread from Raleigh." "Sensible" is the word to apply to Charlotte merchants instead of "funny." The Charlotte merchants want the best and, therefore, they send to Raleigh for it.

If the Peace Commissioners keep in session much longer, Frank Mebane will get the capitalists from both counties to invest all the money Portsmouth don't get in factories at Spray. It will be a good thing for the Japs and Russians, as well as for North Carolina.

Booker Washington says that when "in the South, I conform, like all colored people, to the customs of the South." Of course. No Southern white man invites him to dine and he therefore eats with members of his own race.

Today Virginia, will name its next United States Senator in a Democratic primary. The Martin and Montague men both seem confident of success. May the best man win.

Castro's talk about fight with the United States suggests that he has some islands he wishes to sell as the price of peace.

The collapse of the Virginia-Carolina ball league but repeats ancient history, as it seems we remember something of the kind in past years.

South Carolina boasts a statesman of the name-to-be-remembered variety. He's the Hon. Kimsey Huskey of Cherokee county.

There appears to be no mark down of prices of colored goods in the Johnwanmaker department stores.

WILL RUSSIA YIELD?

The peace conference at the Portsmouth navy yard between the plenipotentiaries of Japan and Russia is now at that acute stage which has been expected, and the press reports are that there is pessimism on both sides as to the outcome.

Russia has virtually accepted with but little change ten of the twelve articles submitted by Japan, but the main question is that of an indemnity of perhaps a billion dollars to Japan, and the cession of the Island of Sakhalin to that power, which has already occupied it.

The Japanese are showing great reserve in their parleys with the Russians and the latter are much mystified as to the ultimate decision of the men from the Far East. The brown men of the Island Empire are proving themselves as skilled in diplomacy as they are alert and successful in war.

Studying the conditions of the two countries from the American point of view it is not seen how the Japanese could ask less than they have done. In every important engagement on land and sea they have defeated the Russians, and if the Czar wishes to end the war his representatives must realize that the Japanese are the conquerors. They have writ this in blood in the fall of Port Arthur, in the battle of Mukden and in the rout in the Sea of Japan. They have marched from success to success and their banners have waved in victory during the entire war.

There may be minor modification in the terms, but the taciturn Jap has given no intimation of this, and his prowess and determination are such that but a slight change can reasonably be expected. The purpose of the Japanese plenipotentiaries is to make a lasting peace between Russia and their country, and their demands as contained in the articles submitted to the Russians have been drawn for this purpose. Full well do they realize that the influence of Russia in the East is to their hurt and they will be insistent in demanding that every possible avenue to this be stopped.

If the peace conference fails it will be because Russia fears to accept the terms offered, and if these are not accepted it will be because the powers that rule in Russia dare not face their people with the report of their acceptance of these terms. For years it has been the policy of Russia to take that from which Japan has driven them. The country seeks a port on the open seas, and when it recedes from its desires of years it will be solely because the logic of war has driven it to this point. It is realized that there is trouble for the ruling dynasty in Russia if the peace terms do not set well on the stomachs of the war party and the forces ever in opposition to the government.

And if peace fails, what then? It is certain that Oyama has long been prepared to strike a quick and terrible blow to the army facing him, and the expectation is that this will come close upon a failure to agree. His army has had a breathing spell, and is now ready and eager to go forward on a march of victory and conquest. There have been battles in the past, but that war that Sherman has luridly told of will go on in the East with the failure of the negotiations.

The Japanese at home have not been optimistic as to peace and they are prepared to see the negotiations fail, for they do not trust to Russian blandishments or soft phrases. They are taking not one thing for granted, but as the negotiations proceed Oyama increases the efficiency of his magnificent fighting machine facing the forces of Linevitch, and behind him are the thousands who have never known defeat and who are eager to do battle, even though they know that their lives are but pawns in the game of death.

It will be the death blow that Japan will endeavor to give if the war starts afresh, and if the record of the past is a prophecy of the future then Linevitch will be swept aside as a straw in a whirlwind, and Manchuria will be the possession of the Japanese. On they will go and Vladivostok, now Russia's, will fall as did Port Arthur. Lake Balkal, the valley of the Amur, Kamchatka will all be objective points with Linevitch's army defeated, and the littoral shores of the Pacific, for which Russia longs, will be Japanese.

Such is the humiliation which Japanese prowess in the past marks out for Russia should peace fail. The terms now proposed may be hard, but with further Japanese victories they will be made harder. Russia is in straits now to borrow money to continue the war, there is discord at home. Money that country can secure with which to make peace. Is it not the part of her statesmen to accept now and face difficulties at home, rather than put off that evil day that the future seems to hold suspended by but a slender thread?

THE PURPOSE OF THE TRUSTS

The problem which the United States has to deal with today is the trusts, not those in detail, but with them in their combined efforts, and in all their ramifications. The prosecution of some phase of operation of a single trust is no more than the attempt to fill a sieve with rain drops. The drops don't come fast enough and there is not enough of the sieve to hold them when they come. Control one trust in one detail of its business and it breaks out in a fresh spot, and all the other trusts keep regularly at work.

The domination of the trusts in the political life of this country has been felt and felt keenly. These huge combinations put up their money to buy elections and own candidates. They aim at control of the very seat of government and it is told as an open secret that in the great law making bodies of this country they have their men, who propose and push and have passed laws whose purpose and influence is for the trusts.

Monopoly and its evils come from these trusts, and it is the purpose of the leaders to control in every sphere of human activity. There is but one recourse, and that is in the hands of the people themselves, those who are free from trust domination. The career and trend of mind of every man who offers for law making and judicial powers must be studied, and if he is a creature of the trusts, if he is one who can be handled by them, his proper place is in the sphere of private activity. Put none but true and tried men on guard.

The purpose of the trusts is sarcastically set forth by Mr. George W. Moore, of Detroit Michigan, who writes that the revised constitution of the United States should read as follows: "We the Captains of Industry of the United States, in order to form a more perfect merger, establish trusts, insure combines, provide for our ample profits, promote our stock expansions and secure the blessings of monopoly to ourselves and our corporations, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America."

ARTICLE I. All legislative power herein granted shall be vested in a congress of the United States to be composed of our employees.

ARTICLE II. The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States, to be selected by our boards of directors.

ARTICLE IV. All tariffs shall be sufficiently high to fully protect our monopolies.

ARTICLE V. Railroad rebates shall be paid, but only to trust magnates.

ARTICLE VI. All taxes shall be levied upon the common people, and the amount shall be sufficient to pay ample dividends on our watered stocks.

ARTICLE VII. All officers within each state shall be appointed by our agent therein.

TAKE YOUR NAME OFF.

The settlement of the question as to whether or not Raleigh is to be put to the useless trouble and large expense of an election to decide whether the city desires the corrupting influences of many saloons to return is now in the hands and on the heart of the individual citizen.

The report of the Committee of the Board of Aldermen gives the petitioners for saloons, after reducing the number of names on the registration books by 252, a majority of 18 names over the required one-third of the registered vote. If this report is received and accepted by the Board of Aldermen without any further changes then an election will be held, the result of which is certain to be the defeat of the effort to restore the saloons to power in Raleigh.

The matter of the success or failure of the petition is not yet settled, however, for the committee has postponed for action by the full Board of Aldermen the matter of allowing names to be withdrawn from the petition or added to it. Without entering into any other question concerning the matter this is the crux in the present conditions, and this puts the issue squarely before the men who put their names on the petition thinking they would be given a right to vote for prohibition, but who get no such right, those who put their names on "just to be obliging," and those who put their names on without full consideration.

To these men the question now comes directly, and it is, "Do you wish to allow your names to remain on the petition, or do you wish them to come off?" If you will consider the best interests of Raleigh your answer is not to be doubted, and you will unhesitatingly answer, "Take my name off." There is opportunity for you to do so, and to end this matter being thrust needlessly upon the city and its voters, and each man whose name is on the petition, if he is anxious to rise to the full performance of his duty, will accept the opportunity.

This can be done by appearing in person before the Board of Aldermen at the regular meeting on the first Friday night in September, which is the first day of the month, and at that time asking to have your name taken from the petition. As the matter now stands nineteen men have the power in their hands to stop an election that will entail useless expense, the loss of much time, and the debauching influence of money, which will be poured into Raleigh by whiskey interests, which has visions that this is an opportunity to re-entrench itself in the Capital of the State, and with this as its Port Arthur to reach out and again come into control in other places.

It is a vision that will fade if there comes an election, but let us end it now. TAKE YOUR NAME OFF THE PETITION, is the way to do it, and your action will be the proof that you see that it is for the best interests of Raleigh.

Raleigh is being watched over the State and out of the State by the whiskey interests to see if it is going to return to many saloons. It is not going to do so and the movement for saloons here will be defeated by an overwhelming vote. But there is no need for the election and the meeting of attempts to debauch the electorate. If your name is on the petition take it off and aid to defeat the attempt to involve the city in a heated and useless campaign. Take your name off the whiskey petition.

The conditions as to peace being made between Russia and Japan are of the pessimistic kind, and the telegrams from Portsmouth have no hopeful tone. It appears that Russia will not agree to pay an indemnity to Japan, no matter what word is used to cover the fact that it is an indemnity, and will also not agree to cede Sakhalin. Unless a sudden change is made by Japan in its demands it seems that the curtain will soon rise again upon a bloody drama of war in the East.

A correspondent suggests that when President Roosevelt is in Raleigh at the State Fair he appear in the procession on horseback. This is no intimation from him that he considers Roosevelt a straddler.

Peculiar Disappearance. J. D. Runyan, of Buttsville, O., laid the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms, of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy, for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at all drug stores, price 25c.

Strange but true. Atlanta has balked once at being put in the limelight. The folks over there indignantly deny as a "fake" story the report sent out that there were twelve cases of yellow fever in that city. Nobody blames Atlanta for it either, as such a canard is likely to have serious results on the life and prosperity of any city.

If the terms of the Japanese are not accepted in Portsmouth, then Oyama and Togo will dictate them in the Far East, and the dove of peace will have its perch near the cannons' mouth.

The best advice to give today for morality, for the best interest of the individual, and for common sense in Raleigh is "Take your name off the 'For Saloons' petition."

Apex is to be congratulated that today it begins a new career with its first bank. Success to its projectors, and may Apex move up from success to success.

SHELBY'S GREAT WEEK.

Cleveland county has had a week of splendid reunion of its sons at home and its sons abroad in the "Home Comers Week," which has just ended, and which proved a grand success from start to finish.

Cleveland hospitality and a Shelby welcome mean more than the mere words, and that the great crowd in attendance was handsomely entertained is known before mention of this is made. There were eloquent speeches from sons at home, from sons abroad and from prominent North Carolinians who would feel proud to be sons of Cleveland county.

The closing day was made memorable, not alone by the eloquent address by Governor Glenn, whose topic was of the Confederate soldier, but also by the enthusiastic response in contributions of about \$1,800 for the erection of a monument to Cleveland county Confederate soldiers, the donors subscribing hundreds of dollars, while the audience cheered in approval.

A noble deed nobly done, fittingly ended the week with honors to the Confederate dead. The patriotic women of Cleveland had already raised some \$450 for the Confederate monument, this with the contributions of Friday, amounts to nearly \$2,300, a total which it is expected to easily increase to \$3,000. That the Confederate monument in Cleveland county, when erected, will come as the result of the "Home Comers Week," is a tribute to that event which will last for years upon years, and the monument will stand in Shelby as typical of the love felt for the county and for its Confederate heroes by the dispersed, and by those who stayed at home.

Spirit of the Press.

"Lex Scripta." Winston Sentinel.

We have been shown a "quasi-book," to use the term of its author, entitled "Lex Scripta." It is a brief historical outline of the Statute law upon many important subjects, reviewing the several stages and changes of that law since the English Parliament first legislated upon it. Its author is "Samuel F. Mordecai, Esq.," to put it in the very modest manner of the man, who is not an Esquire but Professor of Law at Trinity College, and one of the most eminent legal scholars in the South.

This little book, "Lex Scripta," is wonderfully well wrought out and as he has kept it right much of a secret, we thought we would tell the public of it. We need to show more of the work of such men.

Such Sentiment Desirable.

Winston Sentinel.

The idea of placing a statue of Zebulon B. Vance in Statuary Hall of the national capitol is a good one. It is an encouraging sign that the people of the State are showing a willingness to honor the memory of its former distinguished men. Some people may say that there is too much sentiment in this, but sentiment of such a nature is a very desirable thing. There is something radically wrong with a people who have not sentiment enough to honor the memory of men who have wrought well for their native State. We hope that the idea of commercialism will not advance so far as to cause us to be unmindful of our great men of the past.

Splendid Stroke of Journalism.

Sanford Express.

The News and Observer appeared last Sunday as an educational edition. It was a history of the work and advancement of the schools and colleges of the State. One could not read it without feeling proud of North Carolina and the progress she is making along educational lines. This edition contained articles of merit from many of the leading educators of the State. It also contained a large number of cuts of school buildings and colleges and pictures of county superintendents, teachers and professors, among them Superintendent M. A. McLeod and Prof. R. W. Allen, superintendent of the Sanford graded school. It was a splendid stroke of journalism.

Credit to Southern Journalism.

Southern Pines Free Press.

Last Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer was a credit to Southern Journalism and enterprise. It was an educational edition, showing the progress of education in North Carolina, and contained numerous illustrations of men and women who are engaged in education work—a picture of Governor R. B. Glenn. Every person interested in the work of educational progress should see a copy of The News and Observer of above date.

The Man or the Dollar.

Madison County Record.

Here is the difference between the man who puts the dollar first and the man who puts character first: The head of the house of Rothschild once said: "Make friends only of such persons as can be of real help to you." Emerson, the philosopher, once wrote: "There is but one rule to follow in choosing friends; make sure that they are better than yourself in some one particular."

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