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## TOPICS OF THE WEEK

### The Mystery of Hoover—And the Greater Mystery of His Democratic Following.

There is not a little obscurity in the political technique of Herbert Hoover. That he is a candidate for the presidency admits of no doubt, although he still sidesteps a straightforward avowal of the fact. At the same time, he has done what the doughty warrior, Generalissimo Wood, apparently is afraid to do; he has enunciated a tolerably definite declaration of the principles upon which he would condescend to accept the highest honor within the gift of mankind.

While persisting in the attitude that the honor is one that cannot with propriety be actively sought, he is not above enticing popular favor with the bait of a seductive political program; and his best friend would hardly contend that the widespread propaganda in his favor is carried on in opposition to his wishes.

He is a candidate—that much is settled—and it is right there that the aforementioned mystery has its genesis. Is he a Democratic candidate? or a Republican candidate? or both?—or is he an independent?

He is on record as favoring the American two-party system of popular government, in preference to the smaller group system prevailing in Europe, and with which he is more familiar, by reason of the fact that most of his adult life has been spent abroad. He makes the very obvious objection to the European system that it lends itself more easily to minority control of government than does the American system.

Thus committed to the two-party system on grounds of soundest principle, one naturally would expect, now that he has repatriated himself, that he would take up his cross in one or the other of the great parties. But no! he will do no such thing—not, at least, until both have laid their cards face up on the table for his inspection. He permits it to be inferred that, upon such a showing, he would sit in with the party holding the best cards.

By way of encouraging the competition for his allegiance, he gives account of himself as a progressive Republican before the war, as a non-partisan during the war, and as an independent progressive now. Replying to a criticism of his candidacy by that he-standpatter, Senator Penrose, Mr. Hoover takes occasion to say that he is pleased to regard himself as equally objectionable to the reactionary group in the Republican party and the radical group in the Democratic party.

As bearing upon the political mystery of Hoover, two other circumstances are to be noted. First, his candidacy is being wished on the Democrats by those powerful elements whose chief business in politics always has been to relieve the common people of all duty in the direction of party policy—by the same crowd that put the brand of Big Business on the party in 1904 and then turned it loose in the Wilderness of Defeat. This reference is to master minds, of course, and not to the innocents at home, whose inveterate habit it is to be hoodwinked by the bunco-steerers of politics.

Second, the best informed observers confidently assert that the Hoover game is to secure the Republican nomination, and that the noisy Democratic campaign is simply the politicians' method of hiving the Republican bees.

But dark as are the mysteries of the Hoover strategy, they are light itself by comparison with the workings of the Democratic mind that "falls" for the Hoover candidacy.

A Republican and a non-partisan he has been; an independent he is—a Democrat never!

Is this the stuff of Democratic leadership? Has the historic Democracy reached such condition of impotency that it is to be perpetuated only through a corruption of its blood?

Let the Republicans take Hoover and welcome, if they see in him a fit representative of the genius of their party. Whatever his abilities as a mining engineer or food controller, he has yet to show forth qualities meet for the supreme leadership of the party of Jefferson and Jackson, of Tilden and Wilson.

### Who Is the Taxpayer—the Creator of Wealth or the Exploiter of Other Men's Labors?

The University News Letter presents the following interesting analysis of Federal income tax payments in North Carolina last year:

North Carolina in 1917 amounted to \$23,667,705. Which is nearly four million dollars more than all local taxes of all sorts—town, county, and state—paid by all the tax payers of the state the same year.

This huge total of federal income taxes in North Carolina was paid as follows:

Corporations, 3986 in number \$20,353,098.

Persons, 10,970 with net taxable incomes of \$2000 and over, \$2,651,504.

Partnerships, 168 in number, \$663,103.

Dealing with personal, as distinguished from corporate, income tax payments, results are summarized, as follows:

1. A little more than nine-tenths of all our federal taxes on personal incomes in 1917 were paid by 6975 people, or less than a third of all those reporting net incomes beyond the exemptions allowed.

2. More than half our federal personal income taxes were paid by 97 taxpayers—the very rich people with net incomes of \$40,000 a year and more.

3. Our three richest men paid \$442,795, which is more than all the taxes paid by the 9741 people with net incomes between \$2000 and \$10,000 a year.

4. Our richest man with a net income approaching a million dollars a year, paid nearly as much as the 8000 people with net incomes below \$6000 a year. His federal income tax amounted to some \$500 a day including Sundays.

Upon the showing made, the News Letter writer offers the following significant commentary:

"The simple fact is that the rich pay taxes—the bulk of the taxes, both local and federal. And the most hopeful thing in North Carolina is the cheerfulness with which they pay it. So far as we know, only one rich man in the entire state whimpered about taxes during the hard days of the war.

"We have lived long enough to observe that most of the fuss about taxes is made by people whose taxes are a bagatelle or nothing at all. And these are the multitudes who are most excited by tax discussions of any sort whatsoever. They have least at stake and most to gain in tax reforms; but usually they offer the greatest obstacle to the solution of tax puzzles in democratic communities."

In the opinion of Carter's Weekly, "the simple fact" above stated, that the rich pay the bulk of the taxes, both local and Federal, is only superficially true; and the inference that the multitudes who do not figure on the rolls have the least at stake in taxation can only be predicated on fundamental economic error.

It is these selfsame multitudes whose labor creates about 99 per cent of all man-made wealth on which taxes are levied and out of which taxes were paid. Their industry earns both the dividends and the taxes of the millionaires. If they are not the real paymasters of the \$500 a day credited to the multi-millionaire, we would like our friend of the News Letter to explain just how that favored individual manages to earn so much money.

### SPECIAL TERM OF COURT FOR CALDWELL COUNTY

Lenoir, March 14.—Special term of court has been called for Caldwell county for the week beginning April 5 for the trial of both criminal and civil cases with Judge W. J. Adams, presiding. This term is called for the trial of all cases that were docketed for trial at the February term, which was called off on account of the number of influenza cases in the county. Criminal cases are calendared for the first four days of the week. These are to be followed by civil cases, of which divorce cases make up a great majority.

### MARRIAGE PERFORMED ON COURTHOUSE LAWN MONDAY

The courthouse lawn in Wilkesboro was the scene of an impressive wedding ceremony Monday afternoon about 6 o'clock, when Miss May Phillips, daughter of Mr. George Phillips, of Idlewild, Ashe County, was married to Mr. Lee Cardwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cardwell, of Walsh post-office, this county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Michael, of Patton Ridge. We wish the young couple many years of happiness and much prosperity.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST WILL BE ORGANIZED HERE SOON

Interest in the establishment of a post of the American Legion for Wilkes County, is growing day by day, and it is hoped that a local post will be organized soon. Any soldier, sailor or marine who served honorably between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and any woman who was regularly enlisted or commissioned in the army, navy or marine corps, is eligible for membership in the local post.

The Constitution of the American Legion stands for the following:

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent. Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligations to the community, state and nation; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

All ex-service men of Wilkes county should be interested in the establishment of the post, and they are requested to talk the matter over with other former soldiers in the community in which they live. The date of a meeting, which will be held soon for the purpose of perfecting an organization of a local post, will be announced later through the local papers.

### RALEIGH CHILD KILLED BY BEING RUN OVER BY CAR

Raleigh, March 15.—Cleppus Gray and William Valentine, who were in charge of a truck which this afternoon ran over and killed three-year-old Rachel Mann, daughter of James Mann, a well known clothing store clerk, are in jail charged with manslaughter. The accident occurred on Salisbury street.

The child's brains were scattered along the pavement, and it is said that the truck ran for 20 or 30 feet before the driver, Valentine, who was learning to drive, stopped.

Traffic conditions in Raleigh have become current comment.

It is said that Raleigh is, short about 15 policemen of what a city this size should have and that at times entire sections of the residential portion are without protection.

Two months ago a negro truck driver ran over and killed a prominent woman, Mrs. Mac Keene. He was released on \$1,000 bond, the night before she died at the hospital as the result of the accident and has not yet been tried. His case may come up this week.

### MESS HALL OFFICERS AT OTEEN RELIEVED OF DUTIES

Asheville, March 15.—It was learned on the very best authority at United States army general hospital No. 19 at Oteen, today that Lieut. John R. Williams, commander of the guard, and who had charge of the guard the day the alleged riot took place in the mess hall, during which one of the guards struck a patient, has been released from his duties. It is understood that Williams has not been discharged from the army but has been transferred to other work.

At the same time there is a rumor here that Colonel Lyster, commander of the hospital has been demoted to major, but this cannot be confirmed at the hospital, as the commander is said to have gone to Washington and probably will not be back for several days.

Lieutenant Williams, according to the affidavits of several of the patients who were in the mess hall at the time of the riot, several weeks ago, jumped on one of the tables and pulling a pistol from his pocket yelled that he would shoot and order his men to do the same if the riot did not stop. It stopped, for mad as the men were, they still had sense enough to know that the lieutenant had the authority to do as he pleased and would probably carry out his orders.

### DRAFT SOLDIER RELIEF BILL AT AN EARLY DATE

Washington, March 13.—Drafting of a bill to provide some sort of relief for discharged service men will be started Monday by the house ways and means committee. Chairman Fordney announced to day that hearings, which have been in progress for two weeks, would be closed temporarily.

### EFFORT TO OVERTHROW THE GERMAN REPUBLIC A FAILURE

Germany Was in Throes of Revolution, Counter-Movement Headed by Wolfgang Kapp.

London, March 17.—Chancellor Kapp, head of the government at Berlin, has resigned in favor of President Ebert, says the Berlin correspondent of the London Times under date of Tuesday evening. Efforts to form a Kapp ministry have been abandoned.

Berlin, March 13.—Germany today is in the throes of a counter-revolutionary movement which was successful this forenoon in turning the Ebert government out of Berlin and setting up a new administration in the capital.

President Ebert and his cabinet, offering no armed resistance to the revolutionary troops which invaded Berlin from the suburbs, have gone to Dresden and established the seat of their government in that city.

The new government which has been provisionally proclaimed here with Dr. Wolfgang Kapp as chancellor, has declared the national assembly dissolved and announced that a new election will be held.

The old government through its majority socialist members, including President Ebert, has issued a proclamation calling for a general strike as the only means of saving Germany from the return of William II.

Reports from outside Berlin declare the counter-revolutionary movement has affected the troops in large numbers throughout the country, the new security guards as well as the old army forces.

The Kapp government, in a statement to the press, declared itself neither reactionary nor monarchistic. The events that led up to these developments were dramatic and rapid in sequence.

When the news came that revolutionary forces from the big camp at Danneberg were on the march, units of rank belonging to the government troops were sent to meet them, as emissaries of the president, to order them to desist and return to their quarters. The mutineers, who belonged mainly to naval brigades with some additions from Baltic troops who have always been disaffected and undisciplined, met the government's representatives, of whom the chief was General von Oldershausen and proposed some terms of an extreme character which were referred to the cabinet in Berlin.

Berlin, March 13.—In his proclamation, Chancellor Kapp says:

"One of the new government's tasks is to carry out the peace treaty while preserving the honor of the German people, as nearly as the execution of the treaty is possible, and does not mean self-destruction."

### PART OF PENITENTIARY IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Raleigh, March 15.—Fire which burned three hours against the impotent streams squirted on it by terribly handicapped firemen, this afternoon destroyed the roof and a portion of the third story of administration building in the state prison, causing a loss of perhaps \$50,000 without insurance.

The fire, originating in the top of the building which fronts the Southern and Seaboard tracks, seems to have started from defective wires, though this theory isn't infallible. The Raleigh firemen making a fine dash to the trouble were forced to lay lines of hose 5500 feet long and to place these under the railroad tracks. Thus the fire raged while they prepared and when the water was turned on it was a feeble stream that fought back the blaze from the main buildings. No prisoners were endangered and most of the furnishings in this apartment were carried out and saved.

The prison authorities are not able to make definite estimates of the damage, but it will probably require \$50,000 to fit the quarters up again. Luckily the prison camp is in shape for any jam out there.

### RAISE EXPRESS RATES TO YIELD 25 MILLION DOLLARS

Washington, March 13.—Increased express charges, ranging from 10 to 75 per cent, and estimated to yield \$25,000,000 additional revenue annually, were asked by the American Railway Express company in a petition filed today with the Interstate Commerce commission.

The President is himself again—only more so.—Boston Transcript.

### MARCH TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Wilkes County Superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened in Wilkesboro Monday with Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, presiding, and Solicitor J. J. Hayes, prosecuting the docket in behalf of the State.

Practically all of Monday was consumed in hearing reports on those who are held under good behavior bonds. An unusual heavy docket is furnishing an abundance of work for the court, and at this writing preparations are being made by officials to extend the term into next week. Should this be done and it is almost a certainty that it will, then the trial of Will Inscore, who is charged with the murder of his step-father, John Souther, and Shine Morrison, colored, will be conducted, as well as the trial of John Peden, colored, who is held in jail charged with criminal assault.

The following citizens compose the grand jury: J. D. Moore, foreman, W. J. Brown, G. H. Proffit, J. F. Myers, L. B. Dula, L. M. Woods, Ambrose Roberts, F. D. Forester, R. Shepherd, R. T. Wood, W. T. Woods, C. J. Walker, J. Y. Brooks, A. F. Foster, A. T. Shumate. W. W. Myers is officer of the grand jury.

Following are the cases disposed of by the court:

Hamp Parsons, sci. fa., discharged. Judgment against county for cost.

Tom Cheek, disturbing religious services. Nol pros with leave.

Charley Combs, assault. Judgment of the court that he pay his wife \$50 and also pay cost in the action.

Otto Dancy and Gordon Wyatt, assault with deadly weapon. Nol pros with leave.

B. F. Olive, embezzlement. Nol pros with leave.

J. F. Alexander, injury to personal property. Defendant ordered to pay in sum of \$240 to be paid to his wife at \$20 per month.

George Phillips, pointing gun. Not guilty.

Bur Williams, larceny. Pleads guilty. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Thurmond Horton, larceny. Six months in county jail, to be assigned to roads of Rockingham county. Horton also received a sentence of six months in another case.

Jonas Adams, larceny. Defendant ordered to enlist in U. S. army.

John Durham, burning building. Defendant discharged upon giving bond in sum of \$100 to keep the peace.

Wiley and Frank Vickers. Nol pros with leave.

Sam Williams, assault and breaking into house. Sentenced to six months on roads of Rockingham county.

Sam Williams, assault with intent to commit rape. Sentenced to eight months at hard labor on Rockingham county roads.

Bud Lippard, retailing. Required to pay into hands of clerk of Wilkes court a fine of \$50, and cost in action. Permitted to serve former sentence of Catawba county recorder court of six months on roads of Gaston county. Required to give bond of \$2,000 to show appearance here at August term of court.

John Holbrook and Old Combs. Upon payment of cost judgment suspended. Defendants must appear before clerk of court every first Monday for 12 consecutive months to show good behavior.

Mamie Spencer, perjury. Nol pros. Ransom Staley, manufacturing, etc. Bond of \$200 paid into school fund.

### TAFT BLAMES REVOLT ON PEACE TREATY'S FAILURE

Nashville, March 15.—"I believe the revolution in Germany was hastened by the failure of Congress to pass on the peace treaty," declared former President William Howard Taft here tonight, commenting on the latest developments in that country.

"The moderates under Ebert and Noske were republicans at heart, who needed the moral support of this country, which should have been supplied by the passage of the treaty," he said.

### NOTICE

All schools in the county will have to make an average attendance of not less than 15 pupils before they can continue. This is a ruling of the State Board of Education.

C. C. WRIGHT, County Supt. of Schools.

### BELLES! BELLES! BELLES!

Come and see Kentucky Belle—a play to be given at Mt. View auditorium, Saturday, March 27th, 9:00-10:00 P. M. Admission 35 and 25 cents.

### HON. CAMERON MORRISON FAVORS GREAT ROAD SYSTEM

In Speech in Wilkesboro Candidate for Governor States That He Will Be Friend of Western Counties

Honorable Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, one of the candidates for Governor of North Carolina, went on record as favoring a "robust road system" for this State in a speech delivered Wednesday afternoon in the courthouse in Wilkesboro. The speaker was received enthusiastically by a large audience, and his hearers were impressed by his frankness of speech.

During his discourse Mr. Morrison touched upon local self government, advocating that each county should be left to work out its own system of taxation, etc.

The keynote of his address, however, was good roads, particularly in the counties of the western part of the State.

In the course of his speech, he said: "I am in favor of a system of state highways in North Carolina responsive to the progressive demands of the state, said Mr. Morrison. "The policy of the state with reference to public roads must be declared. We cannot go forward with confusion about the matter. I believe the people of this state want a few great highways of the most practical, permanent and up-to-date construction, and then a system which will let the counties know where the state and federal governments are to establish roads, so that they may know how to proceed with the construction of the local roads. The way to get this system is found in the sentiment of Mrs. Randolph's celebrated recipe for cooking rabbit pie: 'First, catch your rabbit.'"

"The way to have a system of good roads in this state of such character as the progressive spirit of its citizenship demands, is to elect a general assembly favorable, and not afraid to swing off and do what the people of North Carolina demand about this all important matter. You will also need a governor who will help frame, and get behind, with all the influence and power of his great office, the movement for good roads, who will help enact the laws, and then appoint a commission which will execute the will of the people of North Carolina.

"I favor a robust good roads policy, and I declare to the Democrats and the people of North Carolina, that if I am elected governor of the state, I will use every faculty I possess to help put a policy through the general assembly which will result in the speedy construction of a great system of highways, worthy of North Carolina, the most progressive state in this republic."

"We have done well in the past, under all the circumstances, in the matter of road construction, but the state which made more money last year farming per acre planted, than any other state in this republic, must not travel in the mud any longer. We must act boldly and without fear.

"The great counties of Wilkes, Surry, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, Alexander, and Yadkin, comprising one of the richest and greatest domains in the United States has largely been cut off from North Carolina on account of our deficient railroad transportation. The business of these counties has largely been diverted to Virginia, on account of lack of transportation to the centers of commerce in North Carolina.

"As far back as 1868, railroads were projected through this section of country by the proposed Northwestern North Carolina road from Greensboro to Patterson, later, by the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road from Wilmington to Wilkesboro. In 1883 and 1885, after the sale of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road, and the diverting of this line from Wilkesboro to Mount Airy, the general assembly provided that the state should pledge its credit to aid in building a road from Statesville, via Taylorsville and Wilkesboro to Jefferson in Ashe county, and that it would furnish sufficient convicts to do the grading. None of these projects was carried out, and for years the entire northwestern part of North Carolina has suffered, because of failure on the part of those in power to cause the construction of such railroad facilities as were developed under state leadership for other sections of the state, although the great northwestern section paid its proportional share in taxes to make up the great cost to the state of building the N. C. W. N. C. Cape  
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