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CONGRESS AND THE COUNTRY

Since the fourth day of July, 1861, when Congress assembled in extra session in Washington to face the war which had broken over the nation, it is doubtful if the United States has faced as momentous a prospect as arises with the forthcoming meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives in Washington. It is apparent to every man who has been even a casual student of history that this country has reached a crisis in its political, economic and industrial unfolding. Senator Bailey at the Kiwanis Club recently said far more than a great many people have suspected when he confessed that he did not know whether or not a government by the people can survive, and qualified his statement with the assertion that it depends wholly on the people.

There is no possible doubt that we are passing through a pronounced revolution. It may, and probably will be a peaceful and wholesome revolution for revolution is merely a faster type of evolution which is the method of advance that has constantly propelled the world forward. Revolution is by no means a thing to be feared if it is wisely planned and fairly carried on. Much of the emotionalism that characterizes human action has spent itself as far as it applies to our present situation. Much of the froth has bubbled over, and serious minded men are analyzing and thinking today about the situation. Some of the impossible suggestions have been tried out and forgotten. The brass band and the blue fire are passed by. A lot of new men come to Congress. Some of them are untried, some of them no doubt of broad gauge. Some valuable men have been dropped out; others who remain include men of breadth, of vision and experience, old war horses who are dependable and do not scare at the toy balloons.

We will have less of politics in this session of Congress and more of political economy and thoroughly studied attitudes for the general good. The country is coming to its senses in the realization that the business men, the bankers, the manufacturers, the sound intellectual forces of the nation are valuable leaders and guides. And this type of men will be heard more cordially in Congress than for a long time because we have cooled down enough to know that men like these are the capable pilots in such a storm period as has overtaken us. Where the American republic is going nobody knows. But that need not awaken apprehension. The farther it threatens to veer from its safe course the greater the number of thinking men who come to its rescue. Patriotism is a rather forceful motive when the time comes to develop it. We have brains enough and loyalty and aggressive energy in this country to hold things on the right line, and a population sufficiently intelligent, after the confusion of emotionalism quiets down, to line up behind leaders who have a comprehensive plan for what they propose to do.

On the morning of creation certain fundamental economic laws were established. They have never been repealed and can not be. Congress, legislature, king or dictator may make an endless abundance of new laws but those new laws can work only as long as they are in harmony with existing fundamental laws, which is the assurance that we are coming out of this thing all right. The basic laws. The people are sound in thinking men of the nation are capable in their conclusions and in their application of natural laws. The people are sound in

their loyalty to the right. We will have a superabundance of political sideshow work, all manner of visions and dreams, but the common sense of the nation as manifested in the attitude of the leaders who really have judgement and weight will bring us through. Where to, as Senator Bailey says, nobody knows. But as he says it depends on the people. And it is safe to hazard a guess that he believes in the people.

Beyond peradventure some changes are to be made in our social and political relations. They need not be violent to accomplish much that is to be desired. It is hardly to be thought that the changes may be as radical as some suppose. Thomas Moore's pleasing story of Utopia is an old one. But it has not yet been adopted. Socialism, communism, the rule of kings, our own fairly exemplary experiment in democracy, have been tried, and all with their short comings. But probably we have met with more success with our governmental experiment than have any others, and in better position to go forward with new plans. We have the foundation on which to build, and the material. The outlook is good.

The coming Congress is bound to be interesting.

YOUR OLD FRIEND TOM-AND-JERRY

The old timer who about this time of the year in the days gone by used to like to drop in into the Little Lamb Saloon back on Virgin alley on Mat Weiss's around the corner an lean against the bar while the white-aproned chemits mixed a dose of Tom-and-Jerry or an egg nog, views life a little differently than the younger ones as the end of the year approaches. Prohibition in spite of all the arguments one way or the other, has revolutionized that curious thing called the drug habit. Through this section in the early day a somewhat mild but rather raw new corn whiskey was the tippie. A little persimmon beer and scuppernong wine and variants of that sort helped along, but the folks had little time for the bulkier beverages like beer, which lacked action for the man who wanted quick kick.

Anyway prohibition came and limped as it came about the same as everywhere else. Nevertheless it had its effect and folks took to drinking all kinds of carbonated doses under the general name of dope. When the bars were left down over much of the country it was found that the mild beverages while not crowding John Barleycorn clear off the platform had shoved him over to one side. Today whiskey, genuine or imitation in the varying grades from pure to penurious are to be had in most places along with some other bottled goods labeled gin and other familiar marks, and North Carolina is trying to cultivate a beer appetite. Nevertheless those compounds that in the past were set down under the name of belly washes seemed to hold their own pretty well. You even go about among your neighbors on an occasional afternoon visit and they come totting in a tray with little cups of tea and lumps of sugar to put out before. And wouldn't that startle some of the early settlers here if they could see grown men who in the older day would be working on a piece of plug tobacco stirring a cube of sugar in a little tall tea cup?

To be sure, brethren we drink these days a fair ration of hard liquor, some of it harder than thunder, possibly made of aquafortis and horse shoe nails. But the U. S. A. has acquired the habit of the lighter beverages just as plug tobacco has given way to the cigarettes, and maybe our tendency to effeminate ways is to be the salvation of this country from the depraved habits that were feared when it was realized that prohibition had run its course. Coca Cola and its crowd still poke John Barleycorn's nose in the mud.

MRS. BEVERLY MOSS, FORMER EMMA CARTER, ABERDEEN, DIES

Mrs. Beverly Moss, the former Miss Emma Carter of Aberdeen, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home in Washington, N. C., according to word received here as The Pilot was going to press. No details of her illness were received.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Barber and family are visiting relatives at Seneca, S. C., this week.

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The Week in Southern Pines

Miss Bernice Reynolds, who is a student at Allentown, Pa., Bible Institute, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Reynolds.

Jackie Boyd arrived last week from Woodberry Forest School in Virginia to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson H. Boyd.

Miss Margaret Gifford has returned to her home here after several months spent in Syracuse, N. Y.

George C. Moore, Jr., of Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va., is visiting his parents over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Grey had as their guests over Christmas the latter's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ross of Bath, N. H., and Miss Mary Ross of Long Island. They are on their way to Florida and are planning to stop here on their return north in the spring.

Miss Geneva Hall of Salisbury was a guest of her parents during the holidays.

Hilliard Bobbitt of Winston-Salem was the guest of Miss Leone Currie Sunday at her home on South Ashe street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nevins have returned from a visit in Wilmington where they spent Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thrower visited in Henderson Christmas.

Albert Bretch visited his family in Holly Springs on Christmas Day.

Elmer Davis arrived Saturday from Charlotte to spend a few days with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ruggles and Wallace Case have returned to their home in Kingsport, Tenn., after a few days' visit with their parents.

Miss Elizabeth Macauley of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. H. W. Carpenter for the holidays.

Miss Eileen Loomis has gone back to Washington after visiting her parents since last Friday.

Miss George Shaw is a guest at the Woodworth for a few days. Miss Shaw has been in Medford, Mass., during the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Perry of Kannapolis were guests over Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hassell.

Thomas Hassell left Wednesday for his home in Waynesboro, Va., after visiting his parents for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Blue of Wilson are visiting the Walter Blues for a few days.

William C. Mudgett, Jr. arrived from Choate School in Boston last week to spend the holidays with his parents.

Dante Montesanti and Barrett Harris were hosts at a Christmas party at the Civic Club Tuesday evening. Music was furnished by five local young men known as the Sandhills Rhythm Boys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNeill have as their guests the former's brother and nephew, J. W. McNeill and his son of Maysville, Kentucky.

Miss Lida Duke Blue entertained a number of her friends at a Christmas party Wednesday evening at her home in Aberdeen.

Miss Martha Carlisle left Thursday for High Point after spending several days as the guest of Miss Anna Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Harris had as their guest for a few days this week Miss Marguerite Blue of Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNeill have returned to their home here after a trip to Abbeville, S. C., to visit the latter's parents.

Miss Nilda Frances Wheeler arrived Sunday for the holidays. Miss Wheeler is a student at the Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer B. Thomas and son, Elmer, III, were guests for a day or two at the Hollywood en route to Key West. The Thomases are from Newton, Mass., and young

Mr. Thomas is a junior in Dartmouth at Hanover, N. H.

Miss Irene Maples of Syracuse is spending the holiday season in Southern Pines with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maples.

Hunt Fisher is at home from State College for the holidays. Bill Fisher has also arrived from Randolph Field, Texas for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Fisher.

Miss Mary Averett is spending a few days in Sumter, S. C.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Bush and children and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery and children enjoyed a Christmas dinner party at the Hollywood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Graff of Newton Centre, Mass., entertained a party of five at Christmas dinner at the Hollywood honoring their daughter, Miss Dorothy Graff of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Poate and Miss Edith Poate spent Christmas Day with friends in Asheboro.

On Friday, December 28th, Miss Edith B. Poate is entertaining a few friends.

Miss Hildreth Wheeler is visiting her sister, Mrs. John K. Rude in Freeport, L. I.

Pope Inman and Jimmie Shelton were in Hamlet for the Christmas holidays.

Lennox Windham of Boston is visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. Windham for several days.

Andy Eadie has arrived from Brattleboro, Vt., for a two weeks' visit with his mother and sister.

Mrs. J. S. Williams of Wyncote, Pa., a guest at the Hollywood for the season, is entertaining her daughter, Miss Katherine Williams, who is a member of the faculty at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., during Christmas week.

Among other guests at the Hollywood are Miss Grace E. Robertson, Misses May and Clara O'Connor of Brooklyn, N. Y., who will be here during the holidays; and William Crawford, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Davis. Mr. Crawford is proprietor of the Pliny Range House at Jefferson, N. H.

Miss Millie Montesanti was hostess to a large number of friends at her home on Monday night.

Frederick Cole arrived the early part of this week from Washington to visit his parents for a few days.

Carlisle Hall returned to Washington Wednesday after a visit with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Craff of Country Club Drive have as their house guests during the holidays their daughter, Miss Dorothy Graff, who is assistant principal of the Louisville Collegiate School in Louisville, Ky., and also Mrs. Amos R. Wells and Miss Elizabeth Wells of Auburndale, Mass.

Dante Montesanti and Barrett Harris will sponsor a dance at the Southern Pines Civic Club on Friday, December 28 from 9:00 to 1:00 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Rhythm Boys, a newly formed local orchestra that has won the approval of the local dancing set by their playing on Christmas night at the Civic Club. All are invited to attend.

ABERDEEN

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chandler of Greensboro spent the week-end with Mrs. Chandler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wimberly, while enroute to Charleston, S. C.

Miss Cornelia Shaw of Davidson visited her sisters, Mrs. Robert N. Page, Sr., and Miss Sarah Shaw during the holidays.

John Leland is recovering from cuts and bruises received in an automobile accident last week while coming to Aberdeen from Charleston, S. C., and is now the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. T. McKeithen.

From the State Press

FRANK PAGE

(An Editorial from the Raleigh News and Observer).

In the history of every commonwealth the names of a few men mark the chief achievements of its people. In North Carolina the name of Aycock will always be associated with the awakening of the people of the State to the need of an educated citizenship. In the same way as long as men ride the roads of the State the advance from mud to concrete, the change of pace in the whole life of the people will be associated with the name of Frank Page.

Utterly different from the inspiring Aycock, Mr. Page was not one to stir the people to achievement. He was rather the worker, the engineer, the strong man who assumed the task of making reality out of the people's full grown desire. From 1919 when he came back from France to become State Highway Commissioner until 1929, when he retired, the State built the great system of roads which put North Carolina in advance of its sister States in the creation of a highway foundation for the new automobile age.

In his own lifetime Mr. Page had as few men have possessed the honor, appreciation and confidence of his State. North Carolinians, proud of

their highways, were proud of Mr. Page. He had not only built a road system sound in engineering. He also directed the spending of the vastest sum the State ever spent in such a way that every citizen knew that the roads of the State were built upon a base of integrity as sound as concrete.

Raleigh, the State Capital from which Mr. Page so ably served all the people of the State, was fortunate when Mr. Page retired to private life to have his private citizenship. As banker in difficult times and as a leader in a recovering city, Mr. Page was at the height of his civic and business leadership when the news of his death came with shocking suddenness to his fellow citizens.

The death of such a man as Frank Page is always a tremendous loss. In his case, however, the greatest work of his life was done and well done long before he died. And certainly if it may be said of many men in the modern world it may be said as it was of Sir Christopher Wren: If you would see his monument, look about you.

D. A. R. TO MEET

The Alfred Moore Chapter of the D. A. R., will meet in Carthage January 8 at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Herbert F. Seawell, with Mrs. William Brown and Mrs. Graves assisting her as hostess. All visiting daughters are invited to attend.

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