

**U. S. ONE OF OLDEST NATIONS.**

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New York Times.

The United States of America is one of the oldest nations on earth. With the exception of England and Russia it is, as a present nation, older than any country in Europe. And alone in the Western world, it has stood for the past 125 years with an unchanged Government. Its boundaries have expanded and its constitution has been amended and it has gone through civil war; but the United States is "ruled" to-day as it was ruled in 1789; and it is the only Western nation that is.

The constitution of the United States of America was adopted in 1789. In that year the French Revolution began. Since 1789 Europe has been remade. Among the nations four stand out as "ancient"—England, Russia, Denmark and Spain. Yet in the past century and a quarter those countries have lived through governmental changes that show beside the stability of the United States rule as exceedingly large and significant "shifts."

The changes that have taken place in the English regime are the most interesting, because they are the least known to the world at large. It is inevitable with us all that the mention of an "ancient nation," a "stable Government," the "oldest country on earth" should bring the thought of England to our minds. That means England, just as the "dominion on which the sun never sets" means England, and just as "the war lord" means the Empire of Germany, and "the tricolor" means the flag of France.

To be sure, there was a governmental upset in England in the middle of the seventeenth century, and a "revolution" in 1688. But any Englishman will point proudly back to Magna Charta and murmur magic words of 1215, in the firm assurance that here is the "ancient nation" beside which all the rest of the world is young. And even with the thought of the revolution of 1688 in our minds it is unanswerably plain that the line of the Kings of England has ruled, uninterruptedly, a "limited monarchy" since the end of the seventeenth century.

But the Government of England, as we know it to-day, dates its beginning from the year 1832. That is the date of the passage of the first reform bill. These bills—the first in 1832, the second in 1867, the last in 1884—shifted the Government of England from Lords to Commons, from nobles and men of great property to the people themselves, changed the "limitation" of England's monarchy from a feudal to a popular right. Without revolution, the Government of the country was effectively revolutionized; with no notorious or even markedly noticeable departure from the ancient "order of things," the "oldest nation" was remade.

The striking evolution of domestic government in England, which began in 1832 with the granting of the ballot to the merchants and men of small property in the realm, moved on to its final step in the "Parliament bill" of 1912, which took away all but "suspensive veto power" from the House of Lords, and left the "Commons" rulers of England. But the Government of Great Britain has known another change. It has reconstructed its empire.

France began its revolution, as all the world knows, in 1789. Since then it has had two empires, three kinds of kingdoms and three republics; it has executed one King and deposed two others, and it has forced each of its two Emperors to abdicate. Since the final formation of the third French Republic, its Cabinet has been changed very nearly on an average of once a year. France has universal manhood suffrage. It will probably adopt proportional representation in voting in the near future. It has known Socialist Ministries, and it has included many prominent Socialists and Radicals in various positions in its Cabinet.

Out of the Franco-Prussian war grew, as every one knows, the present German Empire. But the years that lay between the adoption of the Constitution of the United States and the formation of the present Empire of Germany were eventful years in the establishment of the German nation.

In 1789 there still existed in central Europe that "Holy Roman Empire," which was, as Mr. Bryce has pointed out, "neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire." It consisted at that time of between 350 and 400 separate and practically independent states, quarreling among themselves most of the time, and presenting no sort of a "united front" to the rest of Europe. Austria was the strongest of these States, and when in 1848 revolution broke out in both Germany and Italy, the power of Austria put it down. Prussia was jealous of Austria's power in those days, but, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, too weak

herself to offer much real rivalry to the southern power.

At the time of the Congress of Vienna, in 1815, Prussia, however, was beginning to make her influence felt among the Northern States. And the Congress of Vienna, considering the possibility of creating a German confederation to replace that "Holy Roman Empire" that everyone knew was now dead, had suggestions from Prussia to reckon with.

To the 15 years between 1860 and 1875 date the final establishments of four great European nations—France, Germany, Austro-Hungary and Italy. Republican France and militarist Germany are practically the same age. The Hapsburgs have been rulers since 1274, but their present monarchy is very young. "United Italy" proclaimed its kingdom in 1861, and with the wresting of Venetia from Austria in 1866 established its present European boundaries.

Spain is one of the ancient kingdoms of the world, not greatly changed as a nation since the days when Ferdinand and Isabella formed the kingdom by the union of their lands of Aragon and Castile. Yet Spain has become a constitutional monarchy since the beginning of the nineteenth century, and she has done something more spectacular, and yet less generally known, than that. For two years Spain was a republic. The present kingdom dates back to 1875.

The kingdom of the Netherlands dates back to 1815, when the Congress of Vienna granted its national independence under the rule of the House of Orange. At that time the provinces known as the Austrian Netherlands were united to Holland, but there was little sympathy of nationality, religion or racial inheritance between the two sections of the newly formed kingdom.

Compared with France and Germany, Switzerland is old. Under Napoleon's patronage the sturdy little Alpine States were united into an independent, but rather loose, federation in 1803. In 1848 a new confederation was formed, modeled on that of the United States, and holding the cantons together in a more strongly centralized federal power. In 1874 a revision of the constitution gave still greater power to the central Government. It is interesting to note that at the Congress of Vienna the Powers of Europe agreed never to violate the neutrality of Switzerland, or to attempt to move troops through the passes of the Swiss Alps.

Greece has been an independent kingdom since 1832, Roumania since 1862, Bulgaria since 1885. Montenegro became independent in 1878 and was made a constitutional monarchy in 1905. The Portuguese republic was established in 1910. Turkey's new regime is five years.

Russia stands, alongside of England, as our rival in point of age. The empire of Romanoffs has changed but little since the time when Ivan the Terrible, in 1554, threw off the Tartar yoke.

**SANDERS CHAPEL.**

Master Elmer and Theodore Matthews, of Sampson, have been pasturing in these parts a few days. Elmer went to Chapel Hill Monday to resume his course there. These boys, like many others, are handy to have around. They can see things to do and then do them.

Master Charles Matthews has been spending a month with his Granny, Mrs. C. S. Powell, operating her gasoline soldering still in the canning of fruit, etc. He, along with Mrs. A. G. Powell and four children, departed these coasts for the land of huckleberries for a few days grazing. Charles enters the 8th grade in the Clinton Graded School.

Isaac Powell has returned from a look at Hopewell or the Dupont Powder plant at City Point, Va. He says the morality there is sorter shady. All kinds of profanity, fighting weapons, skinned and scarred humanity along with booze and cigarettes.

Mr. D. Hooper Sanders entertained a few of his friends Saturday evening around a roasted Granda Porka, that Old Jim Graham basted at a tobacco barn furnace. It was in honor of Mrs. Henry Watson and lady friend from Greensboro. Prince Albert was there and I imagine he serenaded the lonely stock law gate posts, with "good bye my lover" and in the "sweet bye and bye."

X. X. X.  
September 8, 1915.

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**A HAPPY HOME COMING.**

**Second Annual Reunion of the Family of Mrs. C. E. Parker.**

This reunion was held at the home of Mrs. C. E. Parker, six miles West of Smithfield, on Saturday, September 4th. We were all glad to see this day come when we could gather together again at the old home place and talk over the past, present and prospective future. The day was beautiful and a large crowd of Mrs. Parker's children, grandchildren, sisters, relatives and friends were present to commemorate her seventieth birthday.

At 12 o'clock, a bounteous dinner was spread on a table prepared out in the yard under a large cedar tree. So great was the amount of meats, sweetmeats, goodies, etc., that it was estimated that another crowd could have easily been fed with what was left.

After dinner was over and the table taken away, Elder Wyatt, of Selma, N.C., preached an able and appreciative sermon, mingling with it some excellent advice to the young ladies and gentlemen who were present. All enjoyed his sermon, and hope for the opportunity of hearing him again.

Those present were: Messrs. W. M. Johnson and family, J. A. Langdon and family, R. A. Johnson and family, O. P. Barbour and family, J. O. Stephenson and family, Joel A. Johnson and family, Israel Stephenson and family, and D. A. Thompson and family, of Smithfield; Messrs. J. A. Langdon and family, E. E. Parker and family, Mesdames Alonzo and Joseph Parker and children, of Four Oaks; Mr. J. W. Parkef and family, of Wendell; Mr. Chester Smith and Oaks; Mr. J. W. Parker and family, daughters, of Benson; Mrs. Melissa Thompson and son, of Smithfield; Mrs. Nancy Thompson, of Fremont; Mrs. Sophia Henderson and daughter, of Fayetteville; and Elder Wyatt, of Selma.

May the mother, grandmother, sister and friend live to see many more such events. X. X.

**Precious Metals in Alaska.**

The annual statement on gold, silver, and copper in Alaska for 1914 has just been issued by the United States Geographical Survey. The value of the total output of these three precious metals for the year aggregated \$18,835,520.

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**NOTICE.**

North Carolina, Johnston County, Is the Superior Court Before the Clerk. Fannie Holland, Administratrix of Thomas Holland vs. Shade Holland, Matthew Holland and Sarah Baker.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of the County of Johnston before the Clerk to sell the lands of the late Thomas Holland for assets to pay debts, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Johnston at his Office in Smithfield, N. C., on the 11th day of October, 1915, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This September 9th, 1915.

Z. L. LEMAY, Deputy Clerk Superior Court. WELLONS & WELLONS, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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**SALE OF LOTS FOR TAXES.**

I, Geo. T. Whitley, Town Tax Collector for Princeton, N. C., will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the Court House in Smithfield, N. C., on October 6, 1915, for the non-payment of taxes for 1914: Malcolm McKinne, 3 lots, \$1.70. Wesley Whitley house and lot, \$1.70. This September 6, 1915.

GEO. T. WHITLEY, Town Tax Collector.

**NOTICE.**

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to C. C. Hudson by W. T. Surlis and wife, Emma Surlis, on the 30th day of November, 1903 and duly recorded in Book "O" No. 8, page 590, of the office of the Register of Deeds of Johnston County, N. C., default having been made in the same, the undersigned will sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, Johnston County, on Monday, October 11th, 1915, at noon, the following described real estate, viz: Three certain pieces or tracts of land lying and being in Johnston County, N. C., in Bentonsville township, and described and defined as follows:

FIRST TRACT, known as the old home place of William Stafford, commencing at the corner of the fence at the road, running with the fence nearly West twenty yards to a stake; thence twenty-five yards nearly East; thence twenty yards nearly South to the road; thence twenty-five yards up the road to the beginning, containing a fractional part of an acre.

Also another adjoining tract beginning at a stake on the road, running South 47, West 37 poles to a stump; thence N. 30, W. 8 poles to a stake; thence West 7 poles and 12 links to a stake; thence S. 5, W. 29 poles to a stake; thence West 60 poles to a stake on the road in the village of Bentonsville; thence with said road to the beginning, containing eleven and one-half acres more or less, adjoining the lot of Gaston Grantham (formerly N. B. Toler) and also the old home place of William Stafford, J. M. Beasley and others.

Also another lot known as the "Dismal Lot" containing two acres, more or less, and adjoining the lands of J. M. Beasley, J. L. Taylor, (deceased), and the Negro school house lot. This September 9, 1915.

C. C. HUDSON, Mortgagee, and F. B. JORDAN, Owner of debt. SMITH & PARKER, Attys.

**NOTICE.**

The undersigned having qualified as administrators on the estate of W. L. Woodall, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to us, duly verified, on or before the 15th day of August, 1916, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 12th day of August, 1915. MRS. CORNELIA A. WOODALL, H. C. WOODALL, Administrators.

**NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE.**

North Carolina, Johnston County, In the Superior Court. L. G. Stevens & Company vs. J. L. Jernigan.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Johnston County, I will, on Monday, the 4th day of October, 1915, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Court House door in Smithfield, sell to the highest bidder for cash, all right, title and interest of J. L. Jernigan in a certain tract of land lying and being in Ingram township and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a pine in J. A. Lee's line and runs N. 79, E. 47 poles to a sweetgum in J. A. Lee's line; thence N. 3, E. 50 poles to a stake on the run of White Oak swamp; thence up the meanders of said swamp to a stake on the road; thence up the meanders of said road to the beginning, containing 13¼ acres, more or less. This September 4, 1915.

W. F. GRIMES, Sheriff.

**SEE US FOR FRUIT JARS—** Cotter Hardware Company.

**NOTICE OF SALE.**

That under and by virtue of the powers contained in a Mortgage Deed, executed to the undersigned, by Will Sanders and wife, Hattie Sanders, on the 3rd day of October, 1910, as security to their bond of even date; and, whereas, said conditions stipulated in said mortgage have been broken, I will on Monday, the 13th day of September, 1915, between the hours of 12 o'clock m. and 2 p. m., in front of the Courthouse door in Smithfield, North Carolina, sell for cash, the following described property, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of the colored Baptist church lot in Selma on Pollock street, and running westwardly 150 feet to J. H. Parker's line; thence southwardly 75 feet to a stake in Parker's line; thence eastwardly 150 feet to Pollock street; thence northwardly with said street 75 feet to the beginning, containing one-fourth (¼) of an acre, and being that same lot formerly sold by J. H. Parker and wife to L. H. Allred. Said mortgage being recorded in Book N, No. 11, page 16, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Johnston County. This the 9th day of August, 1915.

W. B. ROBERTS, Mortgagee. R. L. RAY, Attorney.

**NOTICE.**

By virtue of a certain mortgage deed executed to I. H. Johnson by William Wood, dated: February 1st 1915 and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Johnston county, N. C. in book No. 2 page 95, which mortgage was made to secure a debt of Six Hundred Dollars, as evidenced by a Bond under seal, payable on or before, February 1st 1918, with interest from date of execution, and the mortgagor asking for and consenting to sale, in writing, the undersigned, as mortgagee, will on the 14th day of Sept. 1915, at 12 o'clock M. and at the Court house door in the town of Smithfield N. C. at public auction for cash to the last and highest bidder, sell the following described lands:

A certain tract of land in Cleveland township, Johnston County, N. C. and bounded as follows: On the South by the lands of Nancy Wood; On the East by the lands of I. H. Johnson; On the north by the lands of Hunter D. Ellington; on the West by the lands of P. L. Wood, and containing 36 acres.

This August 9th 1915. I. H. JOHNSON, Mortgagee. JOHN A. NARRON, Attorney.

**NOTICE OF SALE.**

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed by A. B. Adams to the undersigned, which mortgage deed is duly registered in Book A, No. 13, page 163, of the Records of Johnston County, the undersigned mortgagee, will on Saturday the 25th day of September, 1915, at 12 o'clock M., offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door in Smithfield, North Carolina, the following described real estate in Johnston County, Ingram township, to-wit:

Being in the Town of Four Oaks, North Carolina: Beginning at a stake in W. B. Morgan's line, and running about North 111 feet to a stake, corner of said W. B. Morgan's lot; thence about West 150 feet to a stake; thence about South 112 feet to a stake in said Morgan's line; thence about East 150 feet to a stake, the beginning point. This the 19th day of August, 1915.

AMERICAN FERTILIZING CO., Mortgagee. CLIFFORD & TOWNSEND, Attorneys.

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