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PRESIDENT PLEADS FOR THE LEAGUE

Sad Scene at White House When Wilson Makes Earnest Appeal.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 27.—The most touching and solemn scene of the campaign was enacted at the White House today. A deputation of pro-League Republicans headed by Hamilton Holt, of New York, went there and drew from the President his great "conscience appeal" to the nation to save its honor and secure the welfare of the world in the solemn referendum of next Tuesday.

Those men and women came out of the White House with sadness written on their faces. They had witnessed the spectacle wrought by a great tragedy. They saw the President sitting in a wheel chair, his face lined with terrible suffering, his body broken on the wheel of war, and by his well nigh superhuman efforts to bring peace and justice to the world. They heard his voice choke with unutterable emotion as he read his moving appeal. Inwardly all of them wept and some of them openly.

One of them said: "We saw the great President, the greatest of the Presidents, literally being crucified on his cross for his country. It was a scene that we shall never forget. I wish the whole American people might see what we saw. I wish they could hear that voice when it broke telling of the losses in the war and what it meant to the wives, mothers and sisters of the men who made the supreme sacrifice. If the profound emotion of the President which we witnessed could be conveyed in a picture or a phonograph it would move the stoniest hearted Republican in the country."

Boys Have Fine Trip

Thirty-three Johnston county boys attended an "Older Boys' Conference" at Wilmington, October 22-24. They reached Wilmington Friday morning about 10 o'clock and immediately went to the Y. M. C. A. building and registered. After enjoying the swimming pool the group went to Wrightsville Beach for a short stay. The conference opened Friday afternoon and the opening session was held in the Grace Street Methodist Church. After this they were assigned rooms with the various people of Wilmington, who were so kind as to take them in for their stay; and we have yet to hear any but the very best reports concerning the hospitality of the Wilmington people. Friday night a banquet was given at the "Y" at which several prominent city and state grown "boys" spoke. All were enjoyed together with the banquet itself and the different songs and cheers from the delegations present.

Saturday the boys enjoyed the talk of a returned missionary from China and the real boys talk by Mr. O. B. Hinnant, of Wilmington. That afternoon the boys were given an automobile ride out to the Sound and then saw Wilmington vanquish Wilson in foot ball—61 to 0.

Sunday everyone was expected to attend church with his host in the morning. Sunday afternoon Mr. A. C. Roberts, of Asheville gave perhaps the most enjoyed lecture of the conference. That night Rev. Mr. Stanbury, of the Grace Street Methodist Church (this was where the sessions of the Conference were held) preached especially to the members of the conference.

Monday morning the delegations left for home. Everyone will long remember the way in which the people of Wilmington and the Y. M. C. A. Secretaries did their best to make his stay a pleasant one. And it is impossible that any one should for a moment regret having attended this Conference.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

Mr. W. Albert Mitchell Dead

Mr. J. W. Barnes, of Archer Lodge, was here Wednesday and told us of the death of Mr. W. Albert Mitchell which occurred on Tuesday, October 26th, at his home near the Dr. Ennis place. He was buried yesterday at Corinth Church and the funeral was preached by Rev. A. A. Pippin, of Wakefield. He leaves his wife and a grown daughter who lived with them.

SMITHFIELD LAD WINS THIRD PRIZE

Benton Wharton Winner in Magazine Contest—What President Should Be.

Smithfield and Turlington Graded School have cause again to be proud of one of its boys. "The American Boy", one of the best magazines for boys published, recently had a contest in which its readers were asked to express themselves on what we need in the greatest public office in the United States—the presidency. D. Benton Wharton, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Wharton, and a member of the senior class of T. G. S., won third prize. His paper was printed in the November issue of the magazine and we are also proud to publish it as follows: "Must 'Talk With Crowds' and 'Walk With Kings'"

Our President should be strong in mind and body. His trained intellect should enable him to meet the serious questions which will come before him; his vigorous body would be a great incentive to more and better work.

Our President should be a man of vision. His purpose in life should be clear and he should have the courage, strength and initiative to fulfill it. He should be a man ready to accept advice; to acknowledge his mistakes; but ever firm in his purposes and unshaken by hostility and defeat.

Then I think our President should be a man of the people. He should remember that he too was once an American boy. He should be a man of plain thinking, plain talking and plain living. His state papers and his very life should be written simply and forcibly in the language of the people. And, knowing from whom he has received his post of honor and trust, he should ever strive in his service to them, to measure up to their expectations of him.

It is most important that our President be a man of character—one whom we can trust. It is needful that he be a man who can "talk with crowds and keep his virtue, Or walk with kings nor lose the common touch."

May he be a man of religion, pure and not merely formal. For without a religion and a God one is, as someone has said, "at best a poor reprobate, the football of destiny, with no tie linking him to infinity, and the wondrous life that is begun with him."

Community Service Meetings

Saturday, October 30, Massey (Bentonville).
Monday, Nov. 1, Four Oaks.
Tuesday, Nov. 2, Brogden.
Wednesday, Nov. 3, Archer Lodge.
Thursday, Nov. 4, Training School.
Friday, Nov. 5, Meadow.
Saturday, (to be announced later.)
"The Tell-Tale Arm."
"Come Clean."
"The Magic Wand."
Mutt and Jeff in "Indestructible Hats."

Beginning with this coming week, November 1st, all programs will begin promptly at 7:00 o'clock p. m. Be sure and see this program when it reaches your community.

LUCY H. LAWLEY, Director.

Episcopal Church

Services will be held at the Episcopal church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at night at 7:30.

The theme for the morning service is "John the Baptist's Message." At night the subject is, "Features of Our Age."

Sunday school will be at 10 a. m. Bible class subject, "Heresies That Arose in the Church in Apostolic Times."

The mid-week prayer services have been changed from Wednesday night to Tuesday night at 7:30. Each book and chapter in the Bible will be discussed at these services beginning with the book of Genesis. The public is invited to attend these discussions.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vinson wish to thank their friends for the kindness and consideration extended to them during the recent illness and death of their uncle, Mr. A. B. Vinson, at Wilson's Mills, N. C.

GENERAL AND STATE NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Items of Interest in State and Nation Culled From Daily Newspapers.

The business section of Castolia in Nash county was destroyed by fire Tuesday the loss running over \$100,000.

A cotton warehouse in Arkansas, in which 850 bales of cotton were stored was burned Tuesday. The estimated loss is \$75,000.

A fourteen year old boy in Transylvania county was shot and killed accidentally by his younger brother Tuesday while out squirrel hunting.

A woman near Anderson, S. C., was rescued Tuesday from a 45-foot well into which she had jumped with suicidal intent. She was none the worse from her experience.

With eight precincts to hear from, about 26,000 people have registered in Buncombe county. It is believed that of this number 14,000 are men and 12,000 are women.

The 107th session of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina met in Wilmington this week. Dr. J. R. Bridges, of Charlotte was chosen as moderator for the coming year.

A census of Methodist made public Tuesday show 36,622,190 Methodists in the world. There are 9,832,107 members of the church, the rest being adherents and probationers.

The stores of Lenoir according to the Lenoir News—Topic, will close Election day, November 2, with the exception of one owned by the Republican nominee for the house of the general assembly.

November 11 is Armistice Day. It has been officially declared a holiday in this state and it is desired that every business house and industry in North Carolina be closed between 11 and 2 o'clock on that day.

The Methodist Conference for the eastern part of the state will meet this year in Rocky Mount, November 17 to 22. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington will preside. Bishop Hendrix, of Kansas City, is also expected to be present.

Ben Edwards, a well known white man of Goldsboro met instant death yesterday morning when he came in contact with a live wire while doing some repair work on an electric elevator for the store of the Company where he was employed.

According to Frank B. McClain, fair price commissioner, shoe prices are due for a big fall. The bottom has fallen out of the market for calf skins and hides, and prices of four years ago may be expected soon.

Charles L. Bevell, worth half a million and a highly esteemed cattle dealer of Fayetteville, died in a St. Louis hospital Tuesday. He was the first dealer who brought a train load of mules from the west to the south.

Recently four airplanes made an expedition to Alaska, completing a 9,000 mile flight. This expedition was sent out by the War department, and seems to have demonstrated the practicability of communication with Alaska by air. The flight consumed 15 days each way and was without any accident.

Amateur operators of wireless telephones in Charlotte will be able to receive returns from the election, November 2. Messages will be flashed from Pittsburgh on election night. These messages can be received in a radius of 300 miles of Pittsburgh, and operators of the better sets can pick up messages at a distance of 500 miles. Tests will be made beforehand.

Book Social

Monday evening, November 8th, 1920, under auspices of Epworth League, in the church basement. Watch following issue for more interesting news.

THRONE BE OFFERED TO PRINCE PAUL

Greek Throne Made Vacant By Death of Alexander—Cabinet Rules Now

Athens, Oct. 26.—The throne of Greece, made vacant by the death of King Alexander, will be offered to Prince Paul, third son of former King Constantine, it is officially announced.

The funeral of the late King will take place Friday afternoon. The Chamber of Deputies will be convened Thursday.

The Cabinet assembled immediately after the death of the King last evening and drew up a message to the people, expressing the grief felt at the monarch's death, and adding:

"In conformity with the constitutional order of succession, the youngest brother of King Alexander, Prince Paul, is called to succeed him. However, in view of his absence and the relations existing between the nation and the house of ex-King Constantine the Government has decided, in conformity with Article 50 of the Constitution, to convoke the Chamber just adjourned to proceed to the election of a regent until the arrival of the new King."

"Meanwhile, and until the oath is administered to the Regent in compliance with the same article of the Constitution, the royal and constitutional powers will be exercised by the Council of Ministers."

One condition necessary to the acceptance of the throne by Prince Paul is that former King Constantine must formally abdicate and Prince George, older brother of Prince Paul, must renounce his rights.

It is probable that King Constantine will at first refuse to meet these conditions, but it is understood Premier Venizelos will produce arguments of some importance. Constantine's financial status is well known, and it is the understanding that the Premier will agree to restore the former Kings suppressed pension if the above terms are accepted.

Only in the event of Constantine's persistent refusal would there be a question of the establishment of a republic, but it is known Premier Venizelos is of the opinion that Greece is not yet ripe for that form of government.

BROGDEN NEWS

Miss Nellie Owens, of Fountain is visiting her uncle, Mr. J. B. Gardner and family.

Miss Valleria Justice, of Goldsboro spent the week-end with Miss Irene Creech.

Messrs Luby Royall, of Four Oaks, Jim Kirby and Preston Bunting, of Selma, spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. J. R. Creech.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mazingo, of Kenly, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mazingo.

Miss Irene Creech returned to Goldsboro Sunday to resume her work as a registered nurse, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Creech for a couple of weeks.

Miss Beatrice Gardner and Mrs. W. C. Gardner, of Smithfield, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gardner.

Messrs Milliard Hill, Irving and Dessie Talton, of Sanders Chapel spent Sunday afternoon with their cousins, Misses Irene and Lela Creech.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Oneal and children of Kinston, were in our community a short while Sunday afternoon.

Junius Oliver drove a truck load of tobacco to Wilson Monday.

Mr. Joe Royall and son, Paul, of Clayton, attended the address by Judge Brooks at Brogden Thursday evening.

Messrs Perry Benton of Evergreen, Joe Benton and Henry Wise, of Dillon, S. C. spent a few days the first of the week with their sisters, Mrs. R. M. Creech and Mrs. Mamie Paul. They brought home two of Mrs. Paul's sons, Benton and Edward, who have been visiting their uncle for some time.

Messrs. William Woodard and Preston Tyner spent Monday in Wilson on business.

Governor Cox, during the course of an address at Camden, N. J., Friday, said, "I would not coin the blood of a single American soldier into gold for investors in Mexico."

PROF. A. VERMONT WILL TOUR EUROPE

Former Superintendent Of City Schools to Conduct Party Abroad in June

Prof. A. Vermont will pay a visit to his old home in Belgium, near Antwerp, the early part of next June and will chaperone a party of fifteen or twenty people. Mr. Vermont has already perfected arrangements for the tour through the Temple Tour Company, which has been one of the most successful touring companies in recent travel to Europe.

The trip will include a stay of several days in England, a tour of France, a visit to the battlefields in Belgium and northern France, a short stay in Rome, Venice and in other important cities in Italy.

A number of Converse students will accompany Prof. Vermont, the names of whom will be published later. The party will be select, and only people known to the conductor will be invited. Arrangements have been made at this early date for the reason that later on the rush will be so great that it would be impossible to get a good tour mapped. Prof. Vermont has a friend in France who is perfecting the arrangements on that end of the line.

Prof. Vermont is eminently qualified to head a party of tourists thru the war-torn sections of Europe, and the young ladies of Converse who are to be members of the party are particularly fortunate.

Prof. Vermont was in France on the eve of the war collecting data for his book, "LaBelle France," which is today used in schools and colleges all over the United States.—Spartanburg (S. C.) Journal.

Mr. Vermont was superintendent of the city schools here for a number of years, and his friends will be interested to learn of his proposed trip abroad. (Ed.)

Promising Signs from Russia

The news which finds it way out of the chaos of conflicting elements which was formerly the Empire of Russia, foreshadows the speedy downfall of the Bolshevik rule. No doubt seems to be entertained in European capitals, that the Soviet government faces certain ruin.

Conjecture is already at work, as we know, many favor an imperial government with constitutional limitations, with a younger brother of the late Czar, on the throne.

People of pronounced Republican tastes however, prefer a union of states after the plan of our own country, as a system of autonomous governments under one central head like the British Empire. It will be a gigantic task, for any or all of the leaders of Russia to perfect any organization. It is an undertaking that staggers the imagination, and will doubtless require years for its accomplishments. But, there is much good in the Russian national character, which if permitted to develop under a liberal government would be a tremendous factor in the upward march of humanity. Ignorance is the main cause of all of Russia's trouble. Four grown persons in five are unable to read or write. For this reason they have been easy victims of the demagoguery of such false leaders as Lenin and Trotsky.

St. Claire Four Sisters

The first number of the Lyceum course which was given at the Opera House Monday night, proved to be one of the best attractions ever given here. The company known as the St. Claire Four Sisters gave the program which was varied and well rendered. The Woman's Club who has charge of these entertainments is well pleased with this number and promise three other attractions of the same high order during the winter. Already the course is a success financially, having in hand at the present time the guarantee with the exception of a very small sum. The women are to be congratulated upon bringing such clean amusements to our town and the patrons are to be commended for making it a paying proposition.

INCOME TAX DISCUSSED IN AN OPEN LETTER

Mr. J. W. Bailey Gives His Views on The Proposed Amendment

In a recent issue of the News and Observer, Mr. J. W. Bailey discusses the Income Tax. We print below his letter in full.

On November 2 an amendment to the constitution of North Carolina will be submitted to the people for rejection or ratification.

This amendment radically affects the fundamental subject of taxation. Every voter—no matter what party he supports—should give serious attention to this matter. Political officers come and go; but the constitution and taxes go on forever.

It proposes to put a tax on incomes derived from property already taxed on its value. The exemption is \$1,000 for unmarried people; \$2,000 for heads of families.

That is, it empowers the Legislature to impose a tax of 6 per cent on: Rents, profits of merchants, profits in trade, profits in farming, profits on sales, profits of corporations, dividends, income from money loaned, in fact, on all income.

Who will pay this tax? Put a tax on rents, for example. The landlord may appear to pay it, but he will load it on the tenant. He will increase the rent.

The ultimate consumer will bear the burden.

Having valued real estate and personal property for taxation at the top-notch this amendment will authorize the Legislature to further tax it by taxing rents and profits thereof.

It does not limit the rate of taxation, except for strictly State and county purposes. It does not limit taxation for roads or schools. Read the amendment, and you will see that the way is provided to break over the limit at will for these purposes. It does tremendously extend the power of the Legislature to take taxes on incomes. This is its purpose. If this amendment is adopted, the outside business—merchants, mail order houses, big corporations—doing business in North Carolina will escape this tax, while North Carolina merchants will have it to pay. These are the facts. Your vote is your own. Vote with these facts before you.

J. W. BAILEY.

Raleigh, N. C.

Death of Elder J. B. Parker

Elder Joseph Bright Parker who lived a few miles south of Four Oaks died early Monday morning after being in failing health for several months. He was 83 years old last February. He was buried Tuesday at Juniper church which is near his home. For many years he was a preacher in the Primitive Baptist church. When the split took place in that church he became pastor of Juniper church and that branch of Hannah's Creek church which holds their membership at a church just east of Benson. Elder Parker was a man of strong convictions and held firmly to what he thought was right. He was a good neighbor, a good citizen and a good man. Dr. Parker, of Benson is one of his sons. Mr. Phillip Lee, who is well known in the southern part of the county married one of his daughters.

Pleasant Grove's Next Fair

People of Pleasant Grove, remember we want to organize for our 1921 fair on the afternoon of November 2nd, 2:30 o'clock at the voting place. We can do that without disturbing the regular voting, and by so doing save going out to another meeting. Also action now will give us an early start so nobody can complain. We want the men and the women to participate. I shall be on hand at the court house on the 2nd, from and after 12 o'clock to pay premiums to the prize winners in our recent fair.

R. F. COATS.

The Bargain Counter

Browne: Say what you will of Brooks, he surely is generous and liberal with his friends.

Towne: Yes, he even has a habit of giving his friends away.—Cartoons Magazine.