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Boys Back Home

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WEATHER
Fair tonight and Wednesday, except probably showers in extreme west portion, cooler Wednesday in west portion, gentle west and north-west winds.

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GET YOU A JOB AND FREEZE TO IT BICKETT'S MESSAGE TO THE NEGRO

Says Self Control, Sobriety And Thrift Are Great Lessons Which Race Needs to Learn If It Is to Achieve Real Freedom

"Put your heel down hard on every appetite and passion. He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city."

"Get a job and freeze to it like a mud turtle. Don't turn it loose till it thunders, and don't turn it loose then."

Respect and honor virtue wherever you see it, especially in your own woman-kind. The standard of the civilization of any race is determined by the way it treats its women folks. You want to build up a sentiment such that the negro who degrades the woman he has sworn to honor and protect can not enter the door of the home of a decent negro in your town.

"Live in a spirit of neighborliness with your white friends and keep on good terms with them. Your worst enemy in this world, though he himself may not know it, is the man who would cause you to have hard feelings against the white people among whom you live. Such a man is your worst enemy and mine. You believe in me and I'll believe in you. Let's not live in an atmosphere of suspicion and distrust."

"He liveth best who loveth best
"All things both great and small
"For the dear God who loveth us
"He made and loveth all."

Such, in substance, was the conclusion and the summary of Governor Thomas Walter Bickett's message to the colored people of this section Monday night in the auditorium of Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Zion church here.

The house was packed to the aisles and in the audience were representative negroes from every part of this section. The Governor knew his crowd. Ten minutes after he had begun to speak he had won them completely and had he chosen could have swept them into an ecstasy of feeling or into a tumult of applause. But Governor Bickett did not choose. He had a practical message and when he was sure of his audience he drove it home—and with telling effect.

"I have studied the Governor's physiognomy and his phraseology while he has been speaking," said Rev. J. L. White, pastor of the church in his "remarks" after the address. "He speaks out of his heart. He shows a close knowledge of the scripture which he quotes and quotes accurately showing utmost familiarity even with the revised version. And I have come to the conclusion that the Governor missed his calling. He ought to have been a preacher instead of a lawyer."

AND HOW THEY SANG

The exercises opened with the singing of America on the Governor's entrance, the audience standing and waving their flags all over the house as they sang. Then after the invocation came The Battle Hymn of the Republic, and there was certainly the cadence and rhythm of the tramp of the marching feet of a great army in the melody the way the negroes sang it.

The pastor then presented Mr. E. F. Aydtlett, who introduced the Governor. "There is one thing I want to say for Governor Bickett," said Mr. Aydtlett. "There have been other Governors who have seemed to forget, after their election, that this section is part of North Carolina. Not so with Governor Bickett. He has a better memory or a better knowledge of geography than some of his predecessors, and this is not the first time that he has been among us since his election." Mr. Aydtlett also referred to the occasion at Raleigh when the Governor in the dead of night "went down before the guns to see that the colored man had his rights before the law." He introduced the speaker as one of the great orators not only of the state but of the nation.

"It is a real joy to me to be with you," said the Governor. "I am tremendously interested in the progress of your people in this section and in all the State. Your parade this afternoon was one of the most interesting and the most unique I have ever beheld. I wish that the Pathe people might have had a representative here who could have put it on a moving picture film. It reflected every phase of your life and every step in the development of your race and as a moving picture of the life of your people will linger in my mind for many a day. I note that your parade set forth the interests in which you are engaged, and I judge that the children industry is one of the largest and most active of these."

SAYS "WE ARE HERE"

"I shall not indulge in a review of the movement that brought your people to this country. The scientists may puzzle about where we came from and the theologians may vex us about where we are going, but neither of them can deprive us of the satisfaction of being here. Two things are evident: (1) you are here; (2) you are going to stay; and I have no patience with the learned high-brows who talk of transporting the negro to Africa or some distant clime. It is a matter of gratification to me to remember my relations with your people. I have never said an unkind word to a colored person and no colored person has ever said an unkind word to me. Your people were kind to me as a young lawyer. The first fee I ever got was from a venerable negro, and at my home at Louisburg a negro client of mine said that I was the best nigger lawyer in the town. I don't know what the young lawyer would do were it not for the negro. A white man will seldom employ a young lawyer. I have frequently observed that though he may be willing to trust his wife to a young doctor, he won't trust his child of cotton to a young lawyer."

JUSTICE TO THE NEGRO

"Since I have become Governor of the State I have used the prerogatives of my office to see that the same even handed justice was meted out to white man and to black man alike under our laws and in our courts. We white people owe it to our white blood to treat a negro white, and I have the most withering contempt for the white man who would take advantage of a negro's ignorance."

"In the early days of the war it was pointed abroad that the Kaiser and his gang were working to stir up trouble between the white folks and the negroes, and it was true. At that time I issued a proclamation trying to my undying faith in the colored man's loyalty in North Carolina. Time has justified that faith. Not a single colored man in all the State could be corrupted by the Kaiser's gold."

HOW THEY FOUGHT

Your boys came when called into the military service of their country and were proud to go. One of your countrymen, when asked why the negro was so little disposed to draft evasion, said: "Well, you know the nigger loves to march when the band plays; he loves to wear that uniform and he jest natchelly loves to fight when it don't cost nothing." Some negroes were sent into a front line trench armed only with knives and told to keep quiet so the enemy would think they had retreated and would attempt to occupy that trench. The rest was left to the negroes' imagination. When a relief detachment arrived they found their black comrades knee deep in blood and the bodies of Germans variously carved up were scattered all about. Not a negro was fatally wounded. One of the captured Germans said, when taken to the rear, that it was no use to try to beat the Americans; gas didn't hurt 'em; they just turned black in the face and fought on."

"You are no gladder than I am that Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation. There are two things that I believe. One is that God Almighty is running this world. The other is that he knows how to do it. He suffered slavery to be instituted in this country as his own good time and for his own good purpose. And in his own good time he will abolish it."

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PARADE MONDAY UP TO THE MARK

Headed by Oxcart Bearing "Mammy" And Old Fashioned Spinning Wheel

The whole town waited expectantly on Monday to see the big parade which was an important part in the celebration of the transplanting of the negro from Africa to America three hundred years ago.

And for once, the parade came up to specifications and expectations. Block after block it stretched and the it was made up of pedestrians and every variety of vehicle, it held together in a way that was well nigh marvelous.

Marshals on horseback cleared the streets for the long procession, which was headed by an oxcart driven by an old time darkey that called to mind "Uncle Remus." He wore Massa's silk top hat and he walked beside the cart and drive while the women folks rode in state and worked industriously at the old fashioned spinning wheel. "Mammy" smoked her pipe the while, and the šecie was one well known in song and story of the old plantation days.

Then came vehicles of all kinds, many decorated in bright colors and with flags. The band played and a big banner proclaimed the occasion. Negroes in business here displayed their signs, and then came the schools, making a splendid showing of pupils, teachers, banners and handiwork. A long line of automobiles followed, and finally the Boy Scouts and the Soldiers just back from service completed the historical pageant, typical of the development of the race and the many changes that have marked the century of its life in America, the land of the free, and the land of opportunity.

SOVIET REPUBLIC RECEIVED CALMLY

Proclamation Announced in Special Editions of Munich Newspapers on Monday

(By Associated Press)
Nuremberg, April 8.—The proclamation of a soviet republic at Munich was announced in special editions of the newspapers Monday. The people received the news calmly.

GREAT REJOICING AMONG CANADIANS

(By Associated Press)
Vladivostok, April 1. (By Canadian Press.)—There is great rejoicing among Canadian troops here over the official announcement that Canadian troops will be withdrawn from here, embarkation to commence the middle of April.

MASONIC MEETING TONIGHT

Freemasons Lodge 317 will meet tonight at 8 p. m. at their Hall in the Robinson Building for the purpose of conferring the 3rd degree upon 2 candidates. All Master Masons and Visiting Brethren are requested to be present.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Missionary Society of Blackwell Memorial Church is observing this week as a Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Services are held at the church every afternoon at half past three o'clock and all the ladies of the church are cordially invited.

Monday's meeting was led by Mrs. J. H. Aydtlett and the subject of the evening was Cuba.

Tuesday's meeting was led by Mrs. A. F. Foxey and the subject was "Mountain Schools."

Wednesday's meeting will be held by Mrs. R. T. Venters and an interesting report of Wednesday's proceedings of the W. M. U. at Edenton will be made.

Miss Holland Wescott of Mantop is the guest of Mrs. C. E. Overman on North Road street.

SAYS THE GERMANS HAVE NOT CHANGED

Cannot Understand Why They Should Suffer or Pay Price of Great World War

London, March 12. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—No speech is complete without at least a reference to Poland and Czechoslovakia, and the longer the reference, the more bravos. Yet not one of the speakers but knows that these questions will be settled, for good or ill, by the Peace Conference.

The failure of the German to change materially is in no way better to be observed than in his attitude to the question of the conduct of the war. It is only rarely that a criticism of it is heard in the house, and the general feeling seems to be that, if anything was wrong with it, that is all in the past and should be overlooked by Germany's enemies.

The prisoner of war question is as puzzling to the student of German psychology just now as anything else, virtually every speaker, touches upon the prisoner question before he leaves the tribune. Tell a German, first, that the armistice made no provision for the return of German prisoners, and, secondly, that while Germany beg daily for food, she attempts at the same time to saddle herself with 800,000 more mouths to feed, and it has no effect on him. It cannot be sheer pity for the welfare of the prisoners, because plenty of Germans know only too well how slim the food is.

The Assembly has had its fill of speech-making that consists chiefly of party programs that everyone knows, or more frequently in attacks upon personal, that show how bad the feeling is beneath the surface. Now it proposes to do some real work in committee. The press may not attend but gets what the committees care to give out, unless some member tells tales out of school.

Listening to delegates to the Assembly, and talking to Germans outside of it, the correspondent finds that the old German viewpoint has learned to know so well during the war until the breach with America, is still abroad in the land, though in less truculent form.

The German thinks differently from any other human being in the world, and therefore does not understand why he now should suffer, why everything cannot be placed on a basis of status quo ante, why anyone should hold against him a conduct of the war with which he claims he had nothing to do.

He complains bitterly that some of the troops of the armies of occupation force the Germans to bare their heads when an officer passes, or walk in the street. If the answers are made that the Germans did just that in Belgium and northern France he replies that one indignity does not warrant another—and overlooks the part that human nature plays in the way of reprisal.

It crops out every day and generally several times a day in the Assembly and leads nearly every "enemy correspondent" to the conviction that the "new" German is not at all unlike the old one, only grown a bit more humble when that is useful, but typically himself when he gets to talking before his own kind, and utterly incapable ever of understanding anyone else or any other standpoint than his own.

NOTICE TO ALKRAMA PATRO'S

Repairs have been made to the theatre building and everything is in excellent shape for tonight's show. Evelyn Nesbitt and her son Russell Thaw will be the feature attraction. The picture showing the 27th division of our boys will also be shown as well as Mutt and Jeff for the children. Come along and make up for lost time.

LECTURES TONIGHT AT PEARL STREET CHURCH

Dr. Edgar C. Tullair of New York will lecture tonight at Pearl street Church. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides on the Centenary Movement, beginning at eight o'clock.

Dr. A. G. Kinetie of Philadelphia spoke to a large audience Monday night and was heard with great pleasure.

MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS

Cherokee Chapter, R. A. M. No. 14, held its regular meeting Monday evening and the following officers were installed by Past High Priest Chas. M. Griggs in a very impressive manner:

Thos. A. Commander as High Priest; Geo. A. Cox, as King; Geo. F. Wright, as Scribe; A. G. James, as Secretary and Treasurer; E. V. Griffin, as Captain of Hosts; Frank K. Kramer, as Principal Sojourner; J. W. Burfoot as Royal Arch Captain; C. F. Garrett, as Master of Third Vail; L. Sellig, as Master of Second Vail; C. V. Ballard, as Master of First Vail; J. C. Bembury, as Tiler.

After the installation ceremonies, there was work in the Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master degrees.

There will be another convocation on Thursday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of conferring the Royal Arch degree.

F. W. WOOLWORTH DIES SUDDENLY

Millionaire Proprietor of Great Chain of Ten Cent Stores Started With Fifty Dollars

(By Associated Press)
New York, April 8.—Frank W. Woolworth, who started the Five and Ten Cent Store in Utica, New York, forty years ago on a capital of Fifty Dollars and eventually became the millionaire proprietor of a great chain of these stores in the United States, Canada and England, died suddenly today at his home at Glen Cove, Long Island.

In addition to establishing a business with profit of nearly eight million yearly, Woolworth built the celebrated fifty one story Woolworth Building in New York, said to be the tallest in the world.

LEAGUE COVENANT NOW COMPLETED

As Revised Contains Twenty Seven Articles. Will Be Considered Today

(By Associated Press)

Paris, April 8.—The drafting committee of the League of Nations has now completed its work.

The covenant as revised contains twenty-seven articles.

A full meeting of the League of Nations Committee will be held tomorrow to consider and redraft the covenant.

DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST SOVIET

(By Associated Press)

(Copenhagen, April 8.—Demonstrations have occurred in Munich against the new revolutionary government of Bavaria, according to Berlin reports.

The demonstrators were dispersed by troops.

GERMAN ARRESTED AT MAGDEBURG

Herr Landsburg, Minister of Justice in the National German government, was arrested yesterday at Magdeburg by troops stationed there a dispatch reports.

General Vonklotz, commanding the fourth army, and his staff were also arrested. Former deputies Brandes and Fihel were arrested. Other arrests of social democrats and members of the bourgeois were planned. The majority of the Magdeburg garrison sympathizes with the independent socialists, the message adds.

TROUBLE IN HAMBURG REGION

A political movement of great importance is imminent in the Hamburg region, Berlin reports say.

Doctors Herz and Hauffenberg, Spartacist leaders have almost succeeded in making themselves masters of the station and a neighborhood in Hamburg and the region between Hamburg and Bremen into a soviet republic.

PARIS TENSION NOT DISPELLED

But Hoped That Meeting This Afternoon Which Wilson Hopes to Attend Will Clear Atmosphere

(By Associated Press)
Paris, April 8.—The Council of Four met this morning at the residence of Premier Lloyd George.

President Wilson was not able to attend the forenoon session but hoped to be present at the meeting this afternoon at the Paris White House.

The overnight tension in Peace Conference circles had not been dispelled when the Council met this morning.

In Conference circles, however, it was felt that the session this afternoon would serve to clear the atmosphere.

UKRANIANS ARE MENACING KIEV

(By Associated Press)
Budapest, April 8.—Forces commanded by Pettura, the Ukrainian peasant leader, are said to be menacing Kiev.

Reports received here indicate that they are within a few miles of that city.

GEO. WASHINGTON LEAVES FRIDAY

In Response to President Wilson's Request. Believed To Be Merely a Precaution

(By Associated Press)

Washington, April 8.—Announcing today that the presidential transport George Washington, would sail from New York Friday for Brest instead of next Monday, the date originally set, secretary Roosevelt disclosed the change made as a result of a cablegram yesterday from Admiral Benson at Paris inquiring when the ship could sail.

So far as could be learned, today no information has reached the White House or other official quarters about the situation which dispatches from France indicate has arisen there.

Officials confidently declare their belief that President Wilson has no idea of leaving Paris prematurely and the inquiry about the transport was merely a precaution to insure the presence of the ship when the President is ready to return home.

FORECASTS LARGE CROP OF WHEAT

(By Associated Press)

Washington, April 8.—The largest crop of winter wheat ever grown is forecast for this year by the Department of Agriculture, basing the estimate on conditions existing April 1st. The enormous yield of 873,000,000 bushels is announced.

SURPRISE TONIGHT

A surprise awaits all who attend the Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting at the Court House tonight, (Tuesday). The meeting will open at 8 o'clock sharp.

The committee that recently visited Washington, in interest of better mail and passenger service, learned of an opportunity in connection with the Government's Military activities that will interest our citizens. Elizabeth City is offered a chance by the Federal Government that will add to the community income and give it far-reaching publicity. The project will be fully explained in the report of the Washington committee.

Other matters of importance will come up for consideration, and the meeting is certain to be a most interesting one.