

The Story of the Constitution

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THIRTEEN FREE AND INDEPENDENT NATIONS

When we start to study anything, we must begin at the beginning. The Constitution of the United States begins with a Preamble. A Preamble is intended to explain the purpose of what follows. The Preamble to our Constitution does that in 52 words.

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION for the United States of America."

That explains what the Constitution was expected to do. It does not, however, explain why it was necessary to draw up a Constitution, eleven years after the English Colonies of America had declared their independence of Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. The Constitution was adopted in 1787. Before we can understand the why of the Constitution, we must understand what kind of a government we had in America before there was any Constitution.

The very first phrase of the Constitution raises questions. "We, the people of the United States." How were the States united before there was any Constitution? What had kept them together throughout the War of the Revolution? What had held them together after the Revolution and before they adopted the Constitution? For, as they expressly stated in the Declaration of Independence, they were not only free states, but independent states.

For that matter, what did they mean by the word "states," in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution itself? When the Founding Fathers of the Republic said "state" they meant exactly what we mean today when we say "nation." In the 18th century the word "nation" was seldom used; the word "state" was always understood as meaning a nation. The Declaration of Independence, after declaring that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States," continues: "and that all political connection between them and the

Ennice

Ennice, July 22.—A large crowd attended communion services at Pleasant Home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMillan and family, of Coalwood, W. Va., spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Greene.

Mrs. Y. L. Cooper spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Larrie Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hincer and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crouse spent Saturday afternoon at Reid Hudson's home.

Miss Emma Lee Wagoner spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Caudill, at Whitehead.

Mrs. Arzie Caudill and sons, Keith and Clay, spent Thursday night with Mrs. Caudill's sister, Mrs. A. M. Greene.

Miss Gwyndolen Green spent the past week with her aunt, Mrs. Arzie Caudill, at Baywood.

Those enjoying a watermelon feast at the home of W. C. Higgins Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Dickens, G. N. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Larrie Cooper and daughter, Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Artemis Higgins and son, Page, Mrs. Y. L. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Greene and daughter, Clara, Mrs. Caroline Carico, Misses Marie and Mabel Evans and Alva and Linnie Davis.

Neal Hendrix, who has been ill, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Parley Parsons spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Everette Handy.

Those visiting Mrs. Alice Combs Sunday were Mrs. Virginia Burroughs and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and sons, Wayne Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Combs, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Combs and daughter, Mrs. Edd Carico and daughter and Mrs. Irma Roberts and son.

Miss Thelma Carico spent Sunday with Miss Annie Combs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Combs spent Sunday night at the home of W. C. Higgins.

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STATE of Great Britain is, and ought to be, dissolved." "United States," then, meant "United Nations."

Thirteen independent nations, seeking to free themselves from the domination of another nation, fought the War of the Revolution. They called their union a "Confederation of States." Exactly the same meaning would have been conveyed if they had called it a "League of Nations."

In the beginning, this union of independent states was nothing more than a mutual alliance to carry on the war. It was almost exactly the same sort of a "union" as that between the allied but independent nations of Europe, for the conduct of the World War from 1914 to 1919. The American States had the common background of having all been subject to the same domination by another nation. But the utmost their leaders had in mind in the way of a union, at the beginning of the Revolution, was an alliance of independent nations in what they explicitly termed a "League of Friendship."

The only central government that existed in America for the first five years of the war with Great Britain was the Continental Congress, composed of delegates from the thirteen states. It had so little power or authority that it could hardly be called a government at all. The Continental Congress could borrow money, if anyone would lend it, but could not levy taxes to repay such loans. It would issue requisitions to the separate states for supplies and troops, but it could not make its acts effective.

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LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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be badly split in the election next year.

PRESIDENT'S POPULARITY

That the popularity of the President is not as great, apparently, as it was seems reasonable. Certainly, he has not the same favorable press that greeted his moves with applause in the first year of office. However, there are those who question this conclusion, pointing out that most of the metropolitan newspapers are voices of business interests and that they naturally reflect the sentiment of their constituency. Frankly, there is something in this observation. Moreover, much of his opposition is concealed as business, banking, industrial, and commercial interests, realizing their own unpopularity, cloak their moves in order to escape condemnation from the public.

FOOLISH PROPHECY

One well-known political commentator went so far a week or so ago as to declare that Mr. Roosevelt, at one time, was near losing his chance of renomination by the Democratic party. This is the height of inane partisanship. If there is one clear fact in the field of political affairs today it is that Mr. Roosevelt is going to be renominated, whether he gets the full support of his party or not. In fact, it is hard to understand how anyone, with any knowledge of political history, can believe today that it is possible for Mr. Roosevelt to lose renomination next year.

BATTLE LINES FORMING

This writer is not interested particularly in what happens, or how it may affect persons or parties. The only idea in view is to give readers a true picture of political developments and to advise them as clearly as possible of the future outlook. Here it is: The so-called big business element will fight, and is fighting the President, tooth and toenail; it will be joined by conservatives of both parties and nominal Republicans will undoubtedly vote against him. At the same time, there is the other side. Labor, as far as the issue is framed today, will go to the polls behind him. He will also gain great strength in farming areas through the present AAA program, regardless of its constitutionality. Nominal Democrats will be with him, even if prominent conservative leaders of the party bolt.

THE FIGHT IN 1936

With this line-up, where do the radicals place? That is the question. The President will lead a liberal army next fall, but whether he will be so far to the left as to attract the radical fringe is

Disastrous Fire Sweeps Green Swamp Recently

Southport CCC Men Save Bear Cubs From Fire. Earlier Fire Recalled By Recent One

(The following account of the Green Swamp forest fire in Brunswick county is reprinted by request from a recent issue of The Port Progress, a newspaper published in Brunswick county.—Editor.)

Southport, July 20.—The present pride of the CCC men at Southport is two small black bear cubs, each weighing about 30 pounds, rescued by the men from the forest fire that recently swept Green Swamp.

With others of his comrades, Arthur Fields was fighting the flames and through the smoke and crackling of falling trees and limbs he heard the pitiful crying of the little creatures that had been abandoned by the parents. Fields located them and carried them out, one had been somewhat burned on its leg.

The little creatures were brought to camp and immediately adapted themselves to their new surroundings, already being quite friendly despite the fact that they were taken only recently. The boys have constructed a nice cage 20x20 feet and, according to Lieutenant Leitzy, those cubs are the pride of his boys and at the same time he is wondering what would have happened to Fields if the old bears had returned and found him carrying off their cubs.

The biggest snake reported in this section so far this year, in fact about the biggest ever reported killed in Brunswick county, fell a victim to CCC forest fire fighters in Green Swamp recently.

The reptile weighed 36 pounds and that is a pretty good size for a rattle snake or any sort of a snake in North Carolina.

With 350 men fighting the fires at times, hundreds of snakes of all sorts have been killed in recent days. In addition to those that were dispatched by the men, it is probable that thousands of them were burned to death along with hundreds of game animals and game birds.

The forest fire held to Green Swamp recently by the Forestry Service and CCC workers, recalled the fact that in 1850 Governor Russell had 200 white men and 2250 slaves fighting such a fire for three weeks in the same swamp. The efforts were futile, the fire got out of the swamp and spread devastation over a large area.

Periodically since then fires have broken out in the same swamp and were never controlled and kept in the swamp until the latest one.

George R. Foulke, who now owns the old Governor Russell plantation, says that the recent fire came during the driest season in the history of the weather bureau, yet the county fire organization and CCC men held the fire to the swamp.

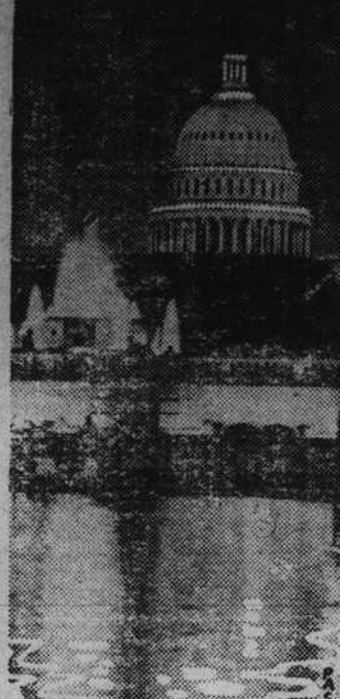
In holding the fire to the swamp in the present instance the workers plowed 25 miles of fire lanes on both sides of the swamp. These lanes will be good for the next 25 years or more and will assist in protecting many thousands of acres of good well seeded and growing timber.

in doubt. The opposition will be conservative, apparently, although the bare possibility exists that liberals may rule the Republican convention. If the G. O. P. is plainly conservative, as expected, it will have some Democratic deserters, however, there will be some liberal drifting. The really radical fringe may not elect to tinker with either party and a third ticket may be in the field to woo the voters. It may be powerful enough to affect the result, but we doubt it. Just now, the outlook is for a straight-out fight between the liberals and conservatives, for and against the Roosevelt policies, with something of a realignment of party allegiances.

CONDITIONS MAY CHANGE

Much depends undoubtedly upon what happens between today and next fall. If the Roosevelt policies succeed in restoring something like prosperity, neither radical foes or conservative critics can stop him. If conditions in the nation are worse, then the conservative argument will be greatly strengthened and the ears of the voters attuned. However, the radical fringe will fatten on poorer business conditions and, in the event of anything like a collapse of improvement, you may expect a threatening growth of radicalism and its organizations.

Washington Cools Off



WASHINGTON . . . A summer-night's view of the terrace fountain on the Capitol Plaza where Washingtonians try to find relief from the sweltering heat during the summer months.

Stranger

A woman came out of her flat one morning and rang for the lift. It came up for her, she got in, the doors closed, and the lift, instead of going down, started to go up.

"Hey!" said the woman. "I'm very sorry, madam," the lift boy said, reversing the controls. "I just came on the job this morning and I don't know my way around very well yet."—Tit-Bits.

Awful!

A lady asked a pupil at a public examination, "What was the sin of the Pharisees?" "Eating camels, marm," quickly replied the child. (She had read that Pharisees "strained at gnats and swallowed camels.")

Distinctive Dishes for Summer parties

Have you ever attended a luncheon, an afternoon tea or dinner party where such delicious and unusual dishes were served that they helped make the occasion memorable? Here are such concoctions as would rival the choicest of your memories of fine foods. Try them, next time you entertain—or better still, give the family the thrill of a new dish, delectably prepared.

Chicken Aspic Salad

Dress a thick slice of tomato for each portion to be served with salt, pepper and a few drops of vinegar. Chill. Soak 2 tablespoons of gelatin in a little cold water, add to 1-2 cups highly seasoned chicken broth. Cool, and when jelly starts to thicken, add 3 tablespoons mayonnaise and 1-2 cup chopped pecans, and a little chopped green pepper. Add 2 tablespoons chopped celery, 1-2 tablespoon onion juice and 1-2 cups chopped cold cooked chicken. Mold, chill. Unmold on the tomato slices placed on lettuce and serve with mayonnaise.

Beef and Ham Gumbo

Cook 3-4 pound cured ham, diced with 1 pound diced beef until brown in a large iron skillet. Add 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, 1 onion sliced, 1 green pepper, chopped fine and 1-2 cup chopped celery and cook for a few minutes. Add 1 pint water and 1 quart fresh tomatoes, cover and simmer until the meat is almost tender. Then add 1 quart okra cut crosswise. Season to taste and simmer uncovered until the okra is tender and the stew has thickened. Serve in a rice ring made as follows.

Rice Ring

Wash 1 cup rice and sprinkle into 4 cups rapidly boiling water. Cook for about 20 minutes or till rice is tender and the water absorbed. Add 1 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons butter and 2 dashes tabasco sauce. Put the rice in

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Chill and serve with whipped cream.
 Creamed Mushrooms and Ham
 1 can condensed Mushroom Soup.
 3-4 cup milk.
 1-2 teaspoons Worcestershire or similar sauce.
 1 1-4 cup diced ham—Spk. pepper.
 Heat the soup with the milk, add ham, pepper. Worcestershire sauce and heat. Serves 4. To vary, substitute equal parts of diced cooked chicken and ham, or chicken and cooked asparagus in 1 1-2 inch lengths for the ham.

Clever
 Customer: "I should like that parrot. But can it talk?"
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 She: "He could do the same now."

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JOE GISH

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