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SCATHING PRAISEMENT OF WILSON ADMINISTRATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS.

The Wilson administration has been the greatest failure in the history of the presidency, said Governor O. B. Colquitt, in an interview at Houston. The south is a land literally flowing with milk and honey; it has made one of the biggest and best crops in its history, and yet because of the utter incompetency of the men in charge of the government its business is prostrated, its credit is impaired, and thousands of its people are starving.

The administration's tariff law was pledged to lower the cost of living and it has had the contrary effect. By putting raw material on the free list and keeping the protective tariff on manufactured goods it has condemned American farmers by hundreds of thousands to peonage and has enabled the manufacturers, after getting their raw materials cheaper, to charge higher prices for their goods, which they have done. Hides were free listed and shoes have gone higher. This is true of virtually every single item similarly treated in the administration tariff law. The American farmer gets less for his raw materials; the American workman pays more for the finished products, and both are robbed to further enrich the protected manufacturing trusts and combines.

The administration's foreign policy has been imbecile. It has allowed England to dictate conditions as to cotton shipments to European countries that enabled English spinners to rob the American cotton growers of half the value of their crop. England stopped American shipments until the English spinners had bought their supply at 61-2 cents a pound and stored it in Texas and other southern warehouses.

Then England consented to declare cotton not contraband and France followed suit a day or two later. Our government weakly submitted to England's dictation, playing into the hands of the English spinners and betraying the American cotton growers as completely as if this country were an English vassal state.

If I had been President I would have served notice on England's premier that our foreign trade in cotton and other non-contraband commodities was going forward with or without England's consent, and if necessary, I would have sent American iron clads to England's door to enforce that notice.

The administration's repeal of the Panama Tolls Exemption law in violation of the party's national platform was another weak surrender to England. If free tolls for American ships had not been repealed, hundreds of American-owned ships flying a foreign flag would have come under the American flag to get the benefit of the exemption and we would today have an American merchant marine competent to carry our goods to foreign markets. We have no such merchant marine and to supply it the Wilson administration is to spend the taxpayers' money buying second-hand ships.

A NOTABLE WINTER.

The winter of 1914-1915 will doubtless stand out in history as the time of the greatest of wars, but it will also be remembered as the winter of the most bounteous charity.—Washington Star.

WOULD BE POOR YEAR.

A year that did not have the worst storm in many years would be a pretty poor year for storms.—New York World.

True patriotism is the faithful care of our home industries.

TOO MUCH DEMOCRACY STARTS RIOT AMONG FILIPINOS.

It seems to us that it is a great joke on the administration, which poses as such a particular friend of the poor, oppressed Filipino, that these people should riot over the Wilson war tax.

The American people generally feel just the same about this senseless, unnecessary and irritating tax, but they have had more self control than these wards of the nation, whom Bryan tells us are fully ready for self government.

Come to think about it, we can hardly be surprised that the Filipinos think they could do a better job of governing than Wilson, Bryan et al. Perhaps they are right about it. It is a pretty poor article the Democrats have been serving out to us.

The Filipinos have still another excuse. We can sit back and grin and bear it with a little patience for we know the time is coming when we can whack the Democrats with our votes, and the most of us are getting ready to do it, but the Islander has no vote; all he can do is to riot. Perhaps if that was all we could do to express our utter disgust with Democratic management, we should feel like rioting also.

The Democratic papers have been given the cue to minimize the rioting in the Philippines on account of the war tax, but it is a fact, and will be a mighty ugly fact to explain when the Democrats come to carry through their program promising the Filipinos their early independence.—Portsmouth Star.

"WILD THEORIES AND ERRONEOUS VIEWS."

The Enquirer wishes that every people were qualified for self government, but the evidence that the Filipinos are is far from complete, and the folly of stating that they should be accorded that soon is but prompting insurrection and revolution there, and is sure to bring on conditions that exist today in Santo Domingo and Mexico through promulgation of these same wild theories and erroneous views.

Their qualifications at present for self government will not permit them to exercise its functions "consistently with the order and security of society," and we stand with Mr. Jefferson in insisting upon this limitation until it is no longer necessary in their case.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

If Russia should go back on England, what would Uncle Sam do? Wouldn't we have to throw everything to aid Great Britain or face ultimate subjugation by Slav-Teutons?

If you are out of work and borrow \$50 from a kind friend, a two-cent war tax stamp on the note will cost you just the price of half a loaf of bread.



THE DAILY NOVELETTE.

Her Map.

The great detective put down the feed tea hypodermic needle and looked closely at his visitor.

With one lightning glance he noticed that she was crossed-eyed on both sides, especially the right; pug-nosed, hare-lipped, freckled, and that her chin was so receding as to look almost ashamed of its presence there at all.

"You say," he remarked thoughtfully, "that your eight-day clock stops unaccountably, in spite of its guarantee?"

"Absolutely in spite of it," she replied. "When I take it to the jeweler's it goes all right, but as soon as I bring it home again it stops. It's not because I don't wind it, for it's right after I wind it that it generally stops. Baffling, isn't it? I should say so! It's my favorite clock, and I can't rest until I find out the cause."

"Well—ah—" began the great detective, crossing his arms and at the same time uncrossing his legs so as not to give himself the double cross. "Well, do you—ah—look straight at the clock when you wind it?"

"Why, yes. I stare right at it, of course!"

Again the great detective took a lightning survey of the homeliest woman that had ever crossed his threshold.

"Madame," he said at length, "I advise you to try winding it with your back to it. No special reason, of course; I merely deduce that it's that kind of a clock. No fee."—Louisville Times.

GOTHAM TO LAUNCH NEW YEAR WITH WINE.

New York, December 30.—The average New Yorker is a superstitious person. Psychologists have written bales of books in an attempt to explain the why and wherefore, but that doesn't matter here. Accept the statement of fact, and then imagine the mingled feelings of the intelligence that the New Year would begin on a Friday and end on a Friday.

Whether figured backwards or forwards or both ways from the middle, the year that will make its advent at midnight tomorrow night will include more Fridays than the average twelve months.

The year now drawing to a close has not been distinguished for an over-abundance of peace or prosperity. Will the New Year, with an unlucky Friday at each end, be better or worse? The answer lies altogether in the future and it is a manifest waste of time to indulge in predictions.

From preparations now being made it is evident that a considerable part of little old New York, regardless of present conditions or future prospects, intends to give the year 1915 a rousing welcome, possibly with a view to propitiating the evil spirits that may ride in with Friday's dawn. If all the wine that is now being put on ice along Broadway is consumed tomorrow night it is safe to say that more than one New Yorker will feel himself in the hands of the little forked-tail chaps on the first day of the New Year.

Managers of hotels and restaurants where New Year's Eve is to be celebrated have been surprised at the number of reservations of tables. Nearly all of the places have been booked to their capacity. It looks as though the people have decided to make an overwhelming effort to forget the horrible nightmare of the first four months of the war in the biggest celebration of their lives, and to greet the New Year in confidence and enthusiasm.

It was estimated that nearly \$2,000,000 was spent last New Year's Eve in good cheer by persons who gathered at the hotels and restaurants of the metropolis to watch the Old Year out and the New Year in. The indications are this year that in spite of the depression caused by the war, the sum will be even larger.

TEACHERS OF JOURNALISM MEET.

New York, December 29.—What promises to be the most important annual conference in the history of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism met in this city today for a two day session. The conference is being held under the auspices of the Columbia and New York Schools of Journalism. A number of newspaper men of national reputation are scheduled as speakers.

NEGRO EDUCATORS HOLD CONFERENCE.

Richmond, Va., December 30.—A good attendance marked the opening here today of the ninth annual conference of negro high school principals of Virginia. The gathering will continue in session two days and will be addressed by several prominent educators.

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ALL LICENSES EXPIRE DECEMBER 31st and become due on January 1st of each year, as follows, with penalty of 10 per cent. after February 1st, 1915, attached for non-compliance.

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