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## MRS. WILL ROGERS VISITS MRS. STROUD OF ROGERS

(Special News Service)  
Rogers, Ark., May 4.—Mrs. J. E. Stroud went to Joplin Tuesday afternoon to meet her sister, Mrs. Will Rogers, who is returning from New York city to her home at Beverly Hills, Calif. Mrs. Rogers has been with Will Rogers, the comedian, who started last Saturday for Europe for the Saturday Evening Post, where he expects to gather material for a series of articles for that magazine. His young son, Billie Jr., accompanied him on the trip. Mrs. Stroud and Mrs. Rogers are sisters of Mrs. Bruce Quisenberry of Joplin, formerly a citizen of Rogers.

## CHEROKEE BILL IS PASSED

### Measure Establishing Claims Court Up to President.

The Cherokee Jurisdictional bill, known as the Hastings bill, was passed by the United States senate Monday and is now ready for the president's signature, according to information wired W. H. Clark, secretary of the Cherokee executive committee Monday by F. G. Boudinot, who is representing the Cherokee executive committee at Washington.

Local members of the Cherokee executive committee and others interested waxed jubilant Monday over the victory. The bill provides that Cherokees may enter suits against the government for any claims which they have covering the period from their departure from Georgia for Indian Territory.

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The truth is that as things are to-day, there are only two classes pleased with the country politically. One of these is composed of those who, directly or indirectly, profit one way or another from politics. The other embraces those who either do not know the facts or can not understand them.

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In concluding his article, Mr. Kent asks the following questions:

- Is the country too big to govern itself well?
- Is there a point in the development of a democracy where it becomes too unwieldy to work as such?
- Is the United States approaching that point and are we entering a transition period?
- Has not the theory of a government by the people bogged down?

Julian Ames, in a magazine article, entitled "Is Civilization Breaking Down?" says:

For the first time in the history of this country, perhaps, men and women with more than ordinary claims to scientific knowledge are asking themselves, seriously, whether civilization is not actually breaking down.

"Scientific inquiry," says Mr. Ames, "has made it reasonably clear that a number of cultures which may be dignified with the name of civilizations have arisen, come to full flower, and declined. Within the range of history as we know it there have been several such—the ancient Greek civilization, held by some to be fully the equal of our own; Roman civilization, in some degree the spiritual heir and successor of the Greek; the Saracenic civilization, which burned itself out in a brief flare of a few centuries; and finally our civilization of to-day, the future of which, to some historians and sociologists, is so dubious."

On January 24, 1926, the Metropolitan papers carried a syndicated signed article by Willis J. Ballinger, under a headline flowing full across the page, as follows:

- Rickety Federal machine is badly in need of repairs.
- The story carried less pretentious titles, as follows:
  - Bureaus usurp many powers of Government.
  - Tendency now is to belittle legislatures and executive powers.

In the body of the story, under a black-face subhead, "Dictators meet favor," we find the following paragraph:

All over the world there is a disposition to belittle the legislatures and exalt the executives. Even dictators are spoken of with favor. The soviets have nullified their legislatures and assembled all power in the hands of seven men. In Greece the premier has announced that he will rule without the legislature and by the aid of the army and "public conscience"; Mussolini is the Government in Italy; Spain and Bulgaria are under executive domination; Venezuela, Bolivia, and Peru to the south of us have adopted the fashion of one-man executive government. In our own country there is a decided movement on foot to burlesque our Congress as incompetent and to eulogize the efficiency of the executive branch of the Government.

At another point Mr. Ballinger, quoting C. E. McGuire, an author of international reputation, says:

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