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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 PASS

Measure Establishing Claims Co  
Up to President.

The Cherokee jurisdictional bill, known as the Hastings bill, passed by the United States Senate Monday and is now ready for president's signature, according to information wired W. H. Clark, secretary of the Cherokee executive committee Monday by F. G. Bounot, 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 suit against the government for an claims which they have covering the period from their departure from Georgia for Indian Territory.

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unlimited dictatorship, and absolute despotism again appear with pitiless regularity in the history of many nations.

If this rule of the cycles were absolute and unvarying, it would be possible to diagnose the ills of American Government and determine with mathematical exactness just where our Government is to-day. For certainly we have had the despotism of King George, from which revolution freed us, the parliamentary freedom of more than a century, and we now unquestionably have in Congress multiplied blocs and factions that deny all party control. If the factionalism now prevailing is sufficiently strong to paralyze responsible government, and if our Government follows the road that so many other free governments have followed, then we are almost ready to receive the man on horseback and see an absolute dictator set up shop in Washington.

On January 16 last the Associated Press reported that Senator WADSWORTH, in an address delivered at the fifth annual luncheon of the Women's National Republican Club, New York, predicted that we would soon have a "great imperial Government at Washington."

Again, in a current magazine article the Senator says:

The greatest danger is the tendency toward the breaking down of the principle of local self-government and the creation of an all-powerful Federal bureaucracy. This creation of commission, boards, and bureaus has resulted in establishing at Washington, with branches all over the country, a vast governmental machinery so powerful and so complicated that the average citizen is utterly unable to comprehend it. Further centralization of power and assumption of governmental functions will certainly hamper the ability of the people to govern themselves in the States and in their home communities.

A few days ago Ed Overholser, president of a large western chamber of commerce, in an address said:

In the last three weeks I have attended three civic club luncheons where three separate speakers have all chosen the same topic for their address. The whole burden of their thought has been that our Government can not endure more than a few years unless there is a drastic change of sentiment and respect toward law and law enforcement.

When this subject is a common topic of conversation wherever men gather together, and when men of the standing and intelligence I have mentioned are all concerned and agreed regarding the instability of our Government, not because of our form of government but because of the attitude of our citizens, there is a demand for some quick, sound thinking.

On January 17 Senator WHEELER, in an address at Baltimore, is reported to have said:

Our greatest danger is the tendency to drift away from our anchorage of representative order in defiance of the will of the people as expressed by their representative bodies.

If this country had a man in the White House with the courage of Mussolini, he might set himself as a dictator and abolish Congress, and he would have the enthusiastic support of some of our great financiers, profiteers, and industrial overlords.

Recently Senator DUNCAN U. FLETCHER, in addressing the Florida State Legislature on the subject of "The centralization of government," said:

The truth is, one of the most dangerous tendencies of the time is this disposition to deny or ignore the right of local self-government.