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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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manifested themselves for many years. Of all countries, perhaps the United States is in the best position to reexamine its constitutional system with a view to finding out what can be done by quiet, normal means to obtain better results. It would be well if some body of public-spirited citizens should undertake this task, for there is no indication of its being assumed by those to whom it is naturally intrusted—the legislators and public men of the day.

The editorial just read was written by one of the best thinkers in America. Mr. Henry Parker Willis reflects that we are not hopelessly lost and suggests that a—
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During the past few months and at this time, it appears to be open season for criticizing the Government, which means criticism of the American people themselves.

Within the last few weeks the distinguished parliamentary authority, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Luce], in an interview, reported by Will P. Kennedy, gave expression to the following sentiments, opinions, and conclusions:

This country must begin seriously to commence making changes in its system of representative government.

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Again:

There probably has never been a time when the legislative branch of Government, both national and State, has been held in such low esteem as it is to-day.

And again:

The trend abroad toward absolutism and dictatorship is highly significant and even more so is the cry for single leadership.

Our distinguished colleague, after cataloguing the parliamentary failures in Europe, after admitting the depths of low esteem in which Congress has fallen, gives his explanation of the causes of parliamentary decadence as follows:

It may be then that the basic cause for the present disfavor in which representative assemblies are held is really to be found in their inability to cope with present-day conditions.

Can it be true that even some of the trusted representatives of the people are coming to doubt their own ability to plat the chart, to man the ship, and to guide it safely around the rocks and through the breakers to safety?

Mr. Chairman, are the people being asked to consider the problems and decide the issues, or are they already being prepared for what is to come?

Perhaps the station which I occupy in this Chamber does not warrant me in making these observations. As time goes—I have been here for but a moment. I come from the plains and prairies of the West. I do not have the honor of representing soil carved from the original Colonies and populated by descendants of the heroes of the Revolution—yet I do represent here a district of American soil populated by original Americans and hardy pioneers as patriotic as any in the land.