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THE COLONEL'S EXPLANATION.

He Asks Why the President, With All Information at Hand, Has Not Proceeded Against the Corporation.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 25.—Justification for his failure to prosecute the harvester trust during his presidency is claimed by Colonel Roosevelt in a dictated statement of more than 2,000 words given out by him late today at Sagamore Hill.

The ex-president, making his statement as a reply to the attack of the harvester document made public at Washington yesterday, says he was advised by his cabinet to follow the suggestion of Commissioner of Corporations Smith, who asked that no prosecution be ordered until he had completed an investigation desired by the senate. Roosevelt points out that sitting on his cabinet when the decision to suspend the proceedings was reached was Mr. Taft then secretary of war.

The colonel in giving out the statement especially drew attention to his observations as to the alleged influence of the Morgan interests in his handling of the harvester trust. In this connection he asserts that when the Northern Securities suit, involving Morgan, was filed under his instructions he was about to run for the presidency. This was in 1904. He makes the point that he had no fear of Morgan did not knock to him. The colonel also particularly points out that Mr. Taft did nothing with the harvester trust, although knowing all that had gone on during Roosevelt's regime until five days ago. Roosevelt wanted special emphasis made upon that.

Roosevelt heard this evening of the attack made upon him in Springfield this afternoon by President Taft. A correspondent of the International News Service showed him a telegraphic report of the president's denunciation and Roosevelt read it slowly. The colonel's countenance betrayed no evidence of anger as he read Mr. Taft's characterization of him as "too dangerous to be trusted with the presidency. With equanimity he read the telegraphic report that "Mr. Taft, his voice shaking with emotion, warned the people that they were in danger of a dictator who, once he received the third term, would cling like a leech to the white house and never leave it until death intervened."

The ex-president handed the dispatch back to the correspondent and smiled. "That is the first time I ever heard of a dictator being compared to a leech," he remarked cynically.

Asked if he would reply to Mr. Taft's exhortation of him, Roosevelt quickly answered: "I will reply to it, but not tonight. I will answer it on my trip to Massachusetts. You might say, the rough rider went on, snapping his words, "that the fight is on, I have only just begun."

Confederate Veterans and Crosses of Honor.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy have decided that no more crosses shall be presented to veterans after November 1, 1912. Any veteran entitled to a cross is requested to make application as soon as he possibly can. All orders for crosses must be filed with the custodian at least three weeks before the day of bestowal. The 10th of May is the next day for cross bestowals. Hon. John S. Henderson, if called on at his office will cheerfully make out the blanks.

Mrs. JOHN S. HENDERSON, Pres. Robert F. Hoke Chapter

What Texans Admire

is hearty, vigorous life, according to Hugh Tallman, of San Antonio. "We find," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Life Pills surely put new life and energy into a person. Wife and I believe they are the best made." Excellent for stomach, liver or kidney troubles. 25 cts at all druggists.

OLD AGE.

There are two kinds. Sweet and Sour. The Former More Popular.

Old age is that period of man's existence when his enthusiasm and teeth begin to slip away from him. It is becoming quite an easy matter to pick up bargains in teeth, but at three score and ten a man's enthusiasm for joy rides and the light fantastic fades out faster than the colors in a 6-cent gingham. Old age is largely a state of mind. Its outward symbols are wrinkles, and a mind preference for corn meal mush, together with a tendency to arise early in the morning and shake down the furnace just when the rest of the family are trying to collect in a little lost sleep. There are two kinds of old age, sweet and sour. The former is the more popular of the two, and is generally surrounded by love and a collection of bed slippers. A sour old age gives a great deal of pain to all concerned, especially at the time of probating the will. Some people are naturally contrary and arrive at old age several years ahead of their schedule, saddening the home with sarcastic comments relative to the quality of the pie crust, while others trip into the 80's like an animated sunbeam, scattering unselfish service and silver threads among the gold along life's pathway. The old age which retains its interest in youth and flowers and books and politics is the most beautiful thing in this world, bar none, unless it is the brightness of youth as yet unspoiled. The man of fifty who turns into Old Age alley, accompanied by crows and the sound of a slipping clutch, had better start repairs on his bank account. Worry hurries more men into old age than length of years. There are a whole lot of people who are laying in supplies for a rainy day for relatives who proceed to blow in what is left on bright green limousines with cigar holders and reading lamp. H. L. RANK.

Confederate Veterans' Special Train to Macon, Ga., Monday May 6th, 1912.

For the accommodation of Veterans and all others going to the Confederate Veteran's Reunion at Macon, Ga., the Southern Railway has arranged to operate a special train leaving Charlotte, N. C., at 7:00 p. m., Monday, May 6th, via Atlanta, arriving at Macon Tuesday morning, May 7th at 7:00 a. m. Will also operate a special train from Raleigh, N. C., and intermediate points on same date.

These special trains will consist of first class coaches, standard Pullman sleeping cars and Pullman tourist sleeping cars. The berth rate Charlotte to Macon in standard Pullman cars is \$2.00 for lower berth and \$1.60 for upper berth. Berth rate in tourist cars is \$1.00. Each berth will accommodate two people. By using this special train you leave Charlotte after supper and arrive at Macon in time for breakfast. Passengers from all branch line points can use the reduced rate tickets on all regular trains to Charlotte, Blacksburg and other junction points in connection with the special trains. A great opportunity for persons going to Atlanta and other points to make trip at small cost. Reduced rate round trip tickets will be sold from Macon to many points of interest within a radius of five hundred miles during the Reunion.

Following round trip rates will apply from stations named. Rates on same basis from all other points on Southern Railway.

Charlotte \$6.00
Concord \$7.00
China Grove \$7.45
Blacksburg \$6.00
Rock Hill \$6.10
Statesville \$7.80
Mocksville \$7.00
Shelby \$6.80

The reduced rate tickets will be sold to Macon, Ga., May 5-6-7 and 8th, with final limit May 15th, by depositing ticket with joint agent at Macon and payment of fifty cents. Stopovers allowed at Atlanta and many other points on either going or return trip or both within limit of ticket.

Pullman reservations should be made in advance.
E. H. DeBurr,
division passenger agent,
Charlotte, N. C.

Guion Declares America Must Intervene in Mexico.

New Orleans, April 26.—Declaring that recent President Taft issued his seditious proclamation to Americans in Mexico life for republic had become unbearable, Clement Guion, owner of the Julia Carlisle mines in Chihuahua, arrived here today and asserted that conditions below the Rio Grande are so serious that nothing can prevent the intervention of the American government within sixty days.

Mr. Guion declared that the manner in which American citizens have been left to the mercy of bandits in Mexico is "little short of a crime." In Chihuahua, he said, "70 per cent of the Americans had left and the other 30 per cent remain there simply because they cannot leave."

Mr. Guion is a mining engineer of New York and formerly was a lieutenant in the United States navy. His father, he said, was president of the United States Mail Steamship Company of New York.

Helps A Judge in Bad Fix.

Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25 cents at all druggists.

Bonnet, French Bandit Leader, Killed.

Paris, April 28.—Bonnet, the leader of an organized gang of automobile bandits, who have been terrorizing Paris and the surrounding district for months past, and Dubois, a notorious anarchist were shot to death today in the most thrilling encounter in the annals of French crime.

A garage at Choisy-Le-Roi, 6 miles south of Paris, in which the bandits had taken refuge, was blown up by dynamite after these two men had kept at bay for hours a large part of the police force of Paris, a contingent of gendarmes, two companies of republican guards and a company of engineers. Ten thousand spectators viewed the battle from points of vantage.

Bonnet was captured alive. He was riddled with bullets and died on the way to a hospital. The great crowd that had gathered with cries of "death to Bonnet," almost tore the bandit from the soldiers several of whom were injured.

Mt. Pleasant Defeats Concord in Ball Game.

April 27.—Concord lost the game with Mt. Pleasant today by the score of 4 to 8. Both sides played well throughout the entire game. It seemed as if Concord was going to win, until the ninth inning when Monroe got a two-base hit, scoring two men, which made the score a tie. The tenth inning Mt. Pleasant scored one more, which untied the score. The line-up for Mt. Pleasant was: Foil, P. rf; Moore, cf; Lyster R. lf; Welsh, ss; Beaver, 1b; Foil T., 2b; Lyster G., 8b; Anton, c; Monroe, p.

The game was interesting to all who were present. Another game is expected to be played between the same teams, May 4, at Concord.

Escapes An Awful Fate.

A thousand tongues could not express the gratitude of Mrs. J. E. Cox, of Joliet, Ill., for her wonderful deliverance from an awful fate. "Typhoid pneumonia had left me with a dreadful cough, she writes. "Sometimes I had such awful coughing spells I thought I would die. I could get no help from doctor's treatment or other medicines till I used Dr. King's New Discovery. But I owe my life to this wonderful remedy for I scarcely cough at all now." Quick and safe, it's the most reliable of all throat and lung medicines. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

THE AYCOCK MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Rowen to be Organized and Canvassed for Funds Soon.

To the People of North Carolina: The movement to build a monument to the late Hon. Charles Brantley Aycock, "Educational Governor" of North Carolina, inaugurated under the auspices of "Aycock Memorial Association," is one of the purposes of which should appeal with responsive effect to every citizen of the Old North State, of every age, condition and avocation, for his great work in promoting public education was not limited to any class or caste, but made for the uplift of the masses, that, with eyes to see and ears attuned to hear and minds schooled to comprehend, they might, as painted in his own last words to the people of his State, whom he loved, "enter upon a new day, the day of equality, of opportunity, the hour when every man shall be free to work mightily for himself until his soul, filled to satisfaction shall overflow with a common benefit to mankind, owing no tribute to any one, and bound only to his fellowmen and serve his God as to him may seem best."

The man who held and advocated such an ideal for the people of his State as a whole deserves that his name, his memory and his life work be perpetuated in such a manner as would be best calculated to vitalize the principles for which he stood in the hearts of the passing generation, through all the tomorrows, "till the last syllable of recorded time."

"Equal! That is the word; on that word I plant myself and my party, the equal right of every child born on earth to have the opportunity to burgeon out all that there is within him." These, his last words to the people of North Carolina, should be inscribed in perpetual character, not only upon the base of a bronze statue erected to him in the State Capitol, but also upon some permanent educational memorial whose benefits should go down the ages for the help of needy childhood struggling upward to the light.

It is the desire and purpose of the "Aycock Memorial Association" to give every man, woman and child in North Carolina the opportunity and privilege of contributing to this memorial fund.

The following constitute the State Association:

Geo R Royal, president, Goldsboro; Matt H Allen, secretary, Goldsboro; B R Lacy, treasurer, Raleigh.
Vice-Presidents: First District, E F Aydtell, Elizabeth City, Second District, F A Woodard, Wilson, Third District, Ernest M Green, New Bern; Fourth District, A O Zollicoffer, Henderson; Fifth District, B S Royster, Oxford; Sixth District, A W McLean, Lumberton; Seventh District, R F Beasley, Monroe; Eighth District, Hayden Clement, Salisbury; Ninth District, O Max Gardner, Shelby; Tenth District, Jete O Prichard, Buncombe.

Executive committee: George O Royal, Goldsboro; Matt H Allen, Goldsboro; Judge R W Winston, Raleigh; C W Tillet, Charlotte; Hugh Chatham, Elkin; W A Erwin, Durham; O A Webb, Asheville; O J Cooper, Fayetteville; E C Duncan, Raleigh; Francis D Winston, Windsor; George Rountree, Wilmington.

The vice presidents, with the aid of the executive committee, will organize each county in their respective districts, and the officers of county associations will appoint canvassing committees in every town and rural districts of every township, whose duty it shall be to make a speedy canvass, extending to every person in their respective districts, the opportunity to contribute.

It is earnestly desired to raise a fund not less than \$50,000, and if the county associations are prompt to organize and the canvass pushed vigorously and every person is solicited we see no rea-

Mexico Floats Treasury Notes to Strengthen Army.

Mexico City, April 28.—A bill authorizing the flotation of treasury notes to the amount of 20,000,000 pesos, to be used to raise the fighting strength of the army to 60,000 men and to arm and pay them during the present campaign, has passed the chamber of deputies.

The treasury notes are to be for five years at not over 4 1-2 per cent, and are to be floated at ninety-two.

Braulio Hernandez, who until a few days ago was the representative of Orozco in the United States and who now is in prison at El Paso, sent a telegram to President Madero today, stating that he had abandoned the rebel cause and was sending to Francisco de La Barra a manifesto to the Mexican people, calling upon them to rally to the support of the government.

A band of rebels operating in Tamaulipas, near Garcia, has disbanded and is supposed to have crossed into American territory, according to information received at the Interior Department.

Acquiring A Good-Will.

Speaking of the high cost of getting a start in business a friend in a near by town tells us that the sum of \$5,000 is asked for the "good will" of a certain small concern, exclusive of stock and fixtures. The business is supposed to pay \$2,000 a year inclusive of owner's salary.

It costs so much to buy out an established business, unless the same is forced on the market, that starting a new concern commonly seems more hopeful. But if in the old time way, a man simply hangs out his shingle and waits for trade to come, the prime of life may be gone before he gets it.

The same result can be had in a fifth the time by efficient advertising.

Enterprising and truth telling are the qualities that draw trade. To prove that he has enterprise, and is wide awake enough to protect the customer's interest, a merchant must take the initiative and make a vigorous push for business.

A newspaper advertisement can be placed in every home for 1 per cent of the cost of personal solicitation. It is read when people are at their leisure in a mood to listen to what the merchant has to say.

Good advertising gives an impression that the merchant is alert and energetic in meeting public needs, and a public impression of that kind is a "good will," having a large cash value. It is like money on interest in the bank.

Returning to our starting point if instead of paying \$5,000 a year for that business, a man should spend \$500 a year for two years in advertising, he would have \$4,000 to his pocket, and a better business standing.

Why the fund should not be \$100,000, which would enable us to found such a memorial to Governor Aycock as would be both creditable to the State and an honor to his memory and a benediction to the masses for all time.

Very sincerely,
Geo. C. ROYALL,
president Aycock memorial Ass'n.

How's This.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. O'BENNEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out all obligations made by his firm. WALTER, KIRKMAN & MARVIN.

Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Alcohol and Insanity.

While in almost every part of the civilized world alarm is felt at the increasing ratio of insanity in the population, there are some localities which seem, on the other hand, to be becoming less infested, so to speak, with the virus of mental disease. One of these appears to be the state of Kansas, which had in 1904, 56.2 commitments to its asylums per hundred thousand of population. In 1910 the number for each hundred thousand had fallen to 42.8, and in 1911 to 68.8, and the members of the State Board of Control and the asylum officials are said to credit this to the stricter enforcement of the prohibition laws of the state and the consequent diminished consumption of alcohol. Of course there must be some leakage over the border, but it seems to be a fact that Kansas is practically a "dry" state. The Journal of the American Medical Association says that it is not surprising that insanity should decrease with the diminished consumption of an article which is credited by alienists with the direct causation of at least 10, and probably a considerably higher, per cent, of existing insanity, and which indirectly is a more or less important factor in a very much larger percentage of cases. The Kansas figures come reasonably close to those of the expert statisticians.

Annual Confederate Dinner.

The annual dinner to the Confederate Veterans of Rowan County will be served at the Salisbury Graded School building on Friday, May 10th, immediately after the Memorial Day exercises. There will be an address with music by the Salisbury band and singing by the school children.

A large attendance of veterans is desired. Veterans entitled to crosses and not having received any must make written application therefore, and, those for whom crosses have been obtained should attend without fail.

Mrs. JOHN S. HENDERSON, president Robert F. Hoke Chapter U. D. C.

Saved by Prayers.

Washington, April 29.—Col. Archibald Gracie, U. S. A., one of the survivors of the Titanic, told of his experience to 1,500 persons in St. Thomas' Episcopal church, on Du Pont Circle tonight. Every seat was taken and every aisle in the hall was crowded. Several women, who became faint from standing and the heat, had to be removed from the church.

Most of the 1,600 persons who perished, Colonel Gracie said, died from the shock of the cold water.

"I am here to testify that I am a living illustration of the efficacy of prayer," said Colonel Gracie. "If there ever was a direct answer to prayer it was on this occasion. I recall, while in the water swimming for life, that I thought my last hour had come and that I asked the Lord to put me in communication with my loved ones at home. Sure enough, He did."

Questions Of Life

Are fully and properly answered in The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser by E. V. Pierce, M. D. As a result of knowing the laws of health and nature, happy marriages are sure to follow. Ignorance leads to misery and ill-health. All the knowledge a young man or woman, wife or daughter should have, is contained in this big Home Doctor Book containing 1008 pages with engravings and colored plates, and bound in cloth, (nearly 700,000 copies formerly sold for \$1.50 each) is sent free to any one sending 81 one-cent stamps to prepay cost of wrapping and postage. There are no conditions to this offer and the reader must not associate this book with the advertising pamphlets prepared by quacks throughout the country. Address, 625 Washington St., Buffalo, New York.

SPRING SANITATION.

Reasonable Hints for a Healthy Spring and Summer.

Spring time is undoubtedly the "cleaning up season." Every home has accumulations of rubbish and filth at the close of winter. Clean it up. Then keep it clean. These accumulations of trash and filth serve no useful purpose. On the other hand, they may serve directly or indirectly to promote disease. Remember, you will have no flies this summer unless your immediate surroundings furnish them breeding places. Remember also that the number of flies in and about your house is a tolltale on you. We now know that homes with few or no flies are invariably clean homes, while an abundance of flies is a sure sign of nearby filth. We also know that these dirty homes are dangerous homes. They are dangerous because of the easy transition from filth, through flies, to disease. Note that flies are the connecting link, and to avoid the first is to avoid all three.

Put up your fly and mosquito screens early. See that they are all fly-tight and mosquito proof. Inside the house use sticky fly paper and arm the small boy or girl with ten-cent wire fly swatters. Competition is a great thing where there are two or more children.

In cleaning up don't forget the mosquito. He is a tiny pest to say the least, but his little bite may give you malarial chills and fevers that will last you weeks and months. It is easy to prevent mosquitoes. They breed along the edge of stagnant water, in pools, ponds, tin cans, broken crockery, barrels, tin spouting, etc. Destroy or remove the tin cans and other vessels, repair the spouting, and drain the swamps and pools. If for any reason a stagnant water can not be drained, pour coal oil on the surface at the rate of one-half pint per hundred square feet. Reapply the coal oil every ten days. If this is not practical, thoroughly stock the pond with fish and minnows. They will consume a large quantity of the mosquito eggs. If this is impractical, screen the water in question. As a final safeguard, carefully screen every door and window with fine screen. A wire screen having twelve meshes to the inch will keep flies out, but to successfully exclude mosquitoes use a screen having eighteen meshes to the inch. Good health and comfort for the summer are the reward for such timely vigilance and diligence in cleaning up, while disease and possibly death may be the punishment for the slothful.

The Demons Of The Swamp.

are mosquitoes. As they sting they may deposit malaria germs in the blood. Then follow the icy chills and the fever. The appetite flies and the strength falls; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malaria germs from the blood; give you a fine appetite and renew your strength. "After long suffering," wrote Wm. Fretwell, of Luoma, N. C., "three bottles drove all the malaria from my system, and I've had good health ever since." Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50 cts at all druggists.

Died a Poor Man After Giving Away Millions.

Chicago, Ill., April 27.—Dr. Danl. Kimball Pearson, aged ninety-two, who during recent years gave five million dollars to colleges in the middle west, died in Hinsdale Sanatorium, a poor man. Shortly before the civil war Pearson made a fortune out of Illinois farm lands. It was his ambition in old age to die poor.

Wash out old sores, festering wounds and ulcers with DABBY'S PROPHELYACTIC FLUID. It is a wonderful disinfectant and healing remedy. It heals a running sore of long standing that will not yield to an ordinary treatment, because it destroys poisonous germs, cleanses the sore of foul matter and helps nature to repair the damaged flesh. Price 50 cts. per bottle. Sold by all druggists.