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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY NORTH CAROLINA DAILY.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Friday.—The United States Weather Bureau issues the following forecast for the next twenty-four hours:

For North Carolina—Generally fair in the interior; local showers, followed by fair on the coast; easterly to southerly winds; warmer in the interior.

Yesterday—Maximum temperature, 81; minimum temperature, 59.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Rev. Geo. Knapp, the American missionary who was expelled from Bitlis has left Alexandretta for Constantinople.

Capt. Lothaire, the Belgian officer who has been on trial for the alleged illegal hanging in the Congo Free State of Stokes, the wealthy English trader who is said to have sold arms and ammunition to the natives, has been acquitted.

Buluwayo has been practically relieved, and an attack is no longer expected from the Matabele.

Petitions are being circulated in the Transvaal for the pardon of John Hays Hammond, the American engineer, and others convicted of high treason.

United States Consul Williams has called upon Captain General Weyer in reference to the capture of the American schooner Competitor, and imprisonment of alleged filibusterers found on board.

A mine explosion, in which one hundred people are believed to have perished by the collision of two steamers at Woo Sung, China.

Five foreigners and 250 Chinese perished by the collision of two steamers.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The prohibition convention of Maine yesterday nominated Rev. A. S. Ladd, of Calais, as candidate for Governor. Hamilton Dason, the great saw manufacturer, found dead in bed at his home in Philadelphia.

Annual Congress of National Society of Sons of the Revolution in session at Richmond.

Thousands of people at Cripple Creek, Col. are homeless and after Wednesday night's fire the snow began to fall; many arrests have been made.

The twenty-second quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convenes to-day at Cleveland, Ohio, to enact important legislation for the denomination.

Third Vice-President Finley, of the Southern Railway, has resigned, and been succeeded by Traffic Manager Culp.

Rev. C. O. Brown, who was tried for unimpeachable conduct with Miss Overman, has resigned his pastorate in San Francisco.

The street car strike ordered to go into effect in Philadelphia yesterday morning fell flat and the cars are still running.

Second annual meeting of the Association of Naval Militia of the United States convened on the trading ship *Albatross* for a two days' session in Baltimore yesterday.

Monte Cochran, ex-member of Congress from New York, fell from his bicycle and sustained a fracture of the leg.

The Illinois Republican convention passed unanimously the resolutions of instruction for McKinley.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker, consul of the Salvation Army in America, is in San Francisco very ill.

Senator Cameron denies that he is a candidate for President.

Trial of Pokey Barnes, for complicity in the Pollard murder, commenced yesterday at Farmville, Va.

William A. Little, of Georgia, yesterday took the oath of office as Assistant Attorney General of the Interior department succeeding John I. Hill, resigned.

The fireman killed and the engineer and baggage master seriously injured in a wreck on the B. and O. Railroad, near Washington, Pa.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The debate on the Bankruptcy bill concluded in the House to-morrow it will be open to amendment and Saturday afternoon the final vote will be taken.

The Senate has not yet completed consideration of the Naval Appropriation bill.

FINANCIAL.

A notice will appear as an advertisement in several of the New York papers to-day announcing the payment of a 20 per cent. scrip dividend of the American Tobacco Company, by the Farmers Loan and Trust Company.

Charles E. Smith and Company, real estate and insurance agents, Richmond, have failed liabilities \$17,000; assets not stated.

The cotton market closed steady at a net advance of 3 to 6 points, with sales of 91,600 bales.

Wheat closed strong and 1/2 cent higher on account of rumors of removal of Spanish grain duties.

Want of activity and low prices characterized the stock market. Grangers and Industrials being the most active.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Of the 240 delegates elected to the State Republican convention up to this time, the Winston Republican says Dockery has 82 and Russell 60.

Warren county Republicans split, hold two conventions and appoint two sets of delegates—one for Reed, Cheatham and Dockery; the other for McKinley, White and Russell.

Chatham Republicans instructed for Dockery, endorsed Holton and recommended county fusion.

M'KINLEY MEN WON

Illinois Republicans Indorse the Ohio Candidate.

FIGHT WAS A SHORT ONE

But It Was One of the Hardest Struggles Ever Made.

THE INSTRUCTIONS UNANIMOUS

Cullom's Friends Accepted Their Defeat With Good Grace and Will Abide by the Convention's Action.

Springfield, Ill., April 30.—William McKinley, Jr., of Ohio is the choice of the Republicans of Illinois for President of the United States. He was so declared in the State convention here to-day.

The contest at the convention was between the Republicans of the State, who believed that Senator Cullom should have been honored as the standard bearer in the Presidential contest by the people of this State, on the one hand, and the Republicans who favored McKinley on the other.

Arrayed on the side of Senator Cullom, was the organization known as the Cook county "machine" and a large number of the leading politicians and statesmen of Illinois. With him were veteran politicians who have in years gone by had many a hard fought political contest. They had to aid them one of the most perfect political organizations that has ever been formed in this State, but all their plans went wrong to-day and while Senator Cullom and his backers met with defeat, they met it gracefully and announced their determination to lend their heartiest co-operation for the election of Maj. McKinley.

The battle to-day was not a long one. It lasted scarcely an hour, but in that time the struggle was one of the hardest ever made in a State convention. The candidates for State offices were all nominated with the exception of the trustees for the State University, before resolutions instructing the delegates at large to the National convention was brought up. This was in accordance with an agreement reached between the advocates of Cullom and McKinley.

The first shot was fired by Cullom's men in the shape of resolution, instructing the National delegates-at-large from this State to support him. As soon as Cullom's name was mentioned, there was enthusiastic cheering from his friends and followers, but when the amendment substituting Maj. McKinley's name for that of Senator Cullom was offered the outburst of applause was simply tremendous.

From this time, Senator Cullom's friends gave up hope. They saw nothing could stop the determination of the delegates to name McKinley as their choice for President.

When the motion was made to substitute the name of McKinley for that of Cullom in resolutions of instructions, a counter motion to lay this motion on the table was made. On this the test came, the roll call resulting 832 against 503 in favor of.

Upon the announcement of the vote, Mr. Fuller, the leader of the Cullom force, moved that the instructions of the Illinois delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention, be for William McKinley, of Ohio, for President.

The motion was seconded by delegates Madden, of Cook, and the motion was unanimously carried amid great enthusiasm. The delegates-at-large elected are: R. W. Patterson, editor Chicago Tribune; William Penn Nixon, editor Inter-Ocean; ex-Governor E. J. Oglesby, of Elkhart, and ex-Governor Jos. W. Fifer. The State ticket was completed by the nomination of Jas. A. Rose for Secretary of State; William McCullough for Auditor; Henry L. Hertz for Treasurer, and E. C. Aiken for Attorney-General.

BILL TAYLOR HANGED.

Carrollton, Mo., April 30.—Bill Taylor was hanged at 11 o'clock this morning. Taylor, with his brother George, murdered the Meeks family. One minute after Sheriff Stanley began reading the death warrant, the march to the gallows began. Taylor walked between Stanley and Under-Sheriff Allen. Father Kennedy followed chanting. Taylor walked firmly, carrying a crucifix. His eyes were set straight to the front, and he remained stolid to the last. As he appeared before the three hundred spectators who had been admitted to the stockade a few minutes before, an audible expression of gratification arose from the avenged Carrolltonites. After the execution, old Mrs. Meeks, who stood near the scaffold, almost fainted.

BULUWAYO HAS BEEN RELIEVED.

Buluwayo, Matabeleland, April 30.—Earl Grey, co-administration with Mr. Cecil Rhodes, of the territory of the British Chartered South Africa Company, has arrived here with a strong escort. The actions with the insurgent Matabele have resulted in inflicting such severe loss upon them that Buluwayo is looked upon as being practically relieved, and it is no longer likely that the natives will attack the town in force, although they still number 15,000 armed men in this vicinity.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Senate Has Not Yet Completed Consideration of It.

Washington, April 30.—The Senate spent another day on the Naval Appropriation bill without completing it. Mr. Gorman further opposed the item of four battleships and expressed the opinion that the appropriations already made would consume the balance in the Treasury. A determination of the number of battleships has not yet been reached.

Mr. Chandler has proposed substituting three large and fast torpedo gun boats for two of the battleships. Mr. White, California, spoke of the need of coast defenses before further Naval vessels were built, and Mr. Allen, Nebraska, made a speech of over three hours arraignment of the two old parties.

BANKRUPTCY BILL DEBATE.

The Final Vote Will be Taken Saturday Afternoon.

Washington, April 30.—The general debate on the Bankruptcy bill was continued and concluded in the House to-day. To-morrow the bill will be open to amendment under the five minute rule, and the final vote will be taken at 4 o'clock on Saturday.

The friends of the measure are very sanguine that it will pass by a safe majority. Mr. Bailey, of Texas gave notice to-day that he would offer to a substitute his voluntary bankruptcy bill.

The surprise of the day was the announcement of Mr. Culberson, of Texas, ex-chairman of the Judiciary committee, who has always heretofore fought every bankruptcy bill containing an involuntary system, that he would vote for the pending measure.

The speakers to-day were: Messrs. Daniel, (Rep., N. Y.), Ray, (Rep., N. Y.), and Culberson, (Dem., Tex.), in support of the bill; Messrs. Stroke, (Rep., Neb.), Terry, (Dem., Ark.), and Bailey, (Dem., Tex.), in favor of a voluntary system, and Messrs. Graff, (Rep., Ill.), De Armond, (Dem., Mo.), Bell, (Pop., Colo.), and Tracy, (Rep., Mo.), against any bankruptcy laws.

CRIPPLE CREEK NOW HOMELESS.

After the First Wednesday Night Snow Began to Fall.

Cripple Creek, Col., April 30.—Thousands of homeless people shivered about camp fires or wandered among the ruins of this once prosperous city through the night. The cold was severe and toward morning snow began to fall.

During the night for a distance of a mile to the right and left, the burning embers, presented a sight most incomparable. Standing on the hill beyond the burned district and to the West, the picture was one of a huge bowl, with the steam arising above.

Everywhere along the thoroughfares can be seen the work of the dynamite, a great mass of kindling wood. A company of Colorado National Guards is on duty in the unburned district.

Numerous arrests have been made in the outside district, a resort of the vagrant element which lately has infested Cripple Creek. All night fires were starting up occasionally on the place. Where possible the residents pulled the houses down, and if that failed, blew them up. They had no water in that portion of the city.

The total loss is estimated at \$1,500,000. The insurance will probably foot up between \$400,000, and \$500,000.

THE WRIT NOT GRANTED.

New York, April 30.—Chancellor McKillen informed lawyers Charles D. Thompson, for the plaintiff, and Richard V. Lindabury, for the American Tobacco Company, who called upon him to-night, that he had decided to refuse to grant the writ restraining the paying of a dividend to-morrow by the American Tobacco Company. He was uncertain, he said, that the writ should issue. The rule was that when the Judge was not certain, the writ should not issue. He will file a written opinion with the Secretary of State at Trenton to-morrow.

SHAMEFUL AND OPEN BRIBERY.

Washington, April 30.—(Special)—The result of the Democratic convention in Michigan is all the talk here. Until a month ago, the silver men only counted on carrying three districts. Lately it has looked as if they would carry it all except Detroit. The gold men are elated, and say they will now win. A Democratic silver Senator said to-day: "I have not the detailed account from the convention. The people elected a majority of delegates who claimed to be silver. I have information that there was shameful and open bribery."

THE RESULT IN MICHIGAN.

Washington, April 30.—Secretary Carlisle has received a telegram from Don M. Dickinson, at Detroit, saying that ex-Speaker Crisp's claim that Mr. Woodcock, one of the delegates to Chicago elected yesterday, is a free silver advocate, is without foundation, and that Mr. Woodcock is as sound on the financial question as Secretary Carlisle himself, to whom Michigan sends greeting. Mr. Dickinson wires: "We elected twenty honest money men out of twenty-eight in the delegation and put on the unit rule."

Pittsboro, N. C., April 30.—(Special)—Republican convention in Chatham instructed unanimously for Dockery, not a Russell man in the convention. Holton was endorsed for chairman. County fusion recommended.

SCOTT JACKSON ON THE STAND.

He Admits Having Illicit Relations With Pearl Bryan.

Newport, Ky., April 30.—According to Kentucky laws which require that if a defendant is to be put on the stand at all he should be called first. Scott Jackson was put upon the stand this morning. He gave a brief sketch of his life in Jersey City and New York, and of his acquaintance in Green Castle Inn, where his mother lives, and told briefly of his acquaintance with Pearl Bryan.

He was in Green Castle from the spring of 1895 until the middle of October of that year and saw Pearl Bryan often. He admitted illicit relations with her during the last Christmas holidays. He was about to tell of statements made to him by Will Wood, concerning Wood's relations with Pearl Bryan, when the court decided that such testimony was not admissible. Jackson said he had received letters from Wood, but they were so vile, he destroyed all but two, these are now in the possession of the prosecution.

With reference to Pearl Bryan's visit to Cincinnati, Jackson said he had no notice of her coming. He called upon her after hearing that she was in the city and went with her Tuesday night to Walnut Hill and met her and Walling on Wednesday and never saw her afterwards.

The rest of his testimony was devoted to proving an alibi, by showing where he spent the time from Wednesday until Saturday. He denied being in Kentucky during any of those days. The prosecution at the close of Jackson's testimony announced that "the commonwealth would not cross-examine this witness."

Court then adjourned. The main purpose of the defence to prove an alibi by Jackson will be supported, if possible, by the testimony of other witnesses. Jackson stated that he did not know Pearl Bryan was in Cincinnati until Tuesday, January 28th, when he received a note from her at the dental college, inviting him to visit her.

All the testimony of the witnesses, Mrs. Weeks, the spiritualist medium, Mr. Pinkard, who saw him and Walling with Pearl Bryan on College street the day before the murder, and at Fort Meyer, who saw him in Kentucky with the girl shortly before the murder, he emphatically branded as being true.

He admits to taking Pearl Bryan to Wallingford's saloon, but says it was on Tuesday night, January 28th, instead of Friday, January 31st, the night before the murder, as testified by Wallingford. He said that Walling agreed to relieve the girl secretly and when all was over and she was fit to be returned home, would turn her over to the witness. He says he took her valise, the one afterward found stained inside with blood, carried it to his room on Tuesday afternoon, tried to return it Wednesday, but could not find Walling to whom he intended to give it. He said that on Saturday night of the day the body was found he and Walling dropped some clothing into the river, which Walling, without further explanation, told him it was unsafe to keep in their room. When he made inquiry about the matter Walling told him to ask no questions. His explanation of his shifting that valise around was very awkward. When called upon to explain why he participated in hiding Pearl Bryan's clothing, he said that he feared that the part he had taken to bring her to save Will Wood, might implicate him.

THE MARYLAND HURDLE RACE

Two Miles and a Quarter Over Ten Hurdles For \$1,000.

Washington, April 30.—To-day's programme at Benning was not a particularly attractive one, though the \$1,000 Maryland hurdle race at two miles and a quarter over ten hurdles resulted in a good contest. Weather cloudy, track fast, attendance light. Summaries:

First race—Half mile: Marsh Harrier won; Lizzie B. II, second; Bicycle Girl third. Time 0:51 2-5.

Second race—Six furlongs: Kinglet won; Mrs. Stuart second; Salvia third. Time 1:17 1-5.

Third race—One mile: Prig won; Sue Kittle second; Restraint third. Time 1:44.

Fourth race—Six furlongs: Harvard won; Factotum second; The Sage third. Time 1:16 4-5.

Fifth race—Two miles and a quarter: Woodford won; Carcass second; Golden Gate third. Time 4:42.

CUMBERLAND PARK RACES.

Nashville Tenn., April 30.—Cumberland Park summaries:

First race—Six and a half furlongs: Tar Tarian won; Old Dominion second; Lizetta third. Time 1:25 1/2.

Second race—One mile, selling: Binger won; Galley West second; Fresco third. Time 1:50 1/2.

Third race—Half of a mile: Belle Meade stakes \$1,000; Truxillo won; Bonnergs second; Storm King third. Time 0:51.

Fourth race—One mile, selling: Leonard B. won; Maima second; Raffie Boy third. Time 1:56 1/2.

Fifth race—One half of a mile: Eaton Jacket won; Izevl second; Marie C. third. Time 0:52.

Sixth race—Seven furlongs: Joe Thayer won; Spokena second; Lizzie Mac third. Time 1:36.

IAS LEFT THE SOUTHERN.

Washington, April 30.—Third Vice-President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway Company has resigned to accept a position as Vice-President of the Great Northern Railway of which road he was formally General Manager. He will be in charge of the operation department. Traffic Manager Culp will fill Mr. Finley's place.

MAY BE PARDONED

Hammond and His Confessors Are Not to Die.

OLNEY'S PROMPT ACTION

Assurances Direct From the Boer Government.

REFORMERS PLEADED GUILTY

No Details of the Nature of the Commutation of Sentence in Hammond's Case Has Yet Been Received Here.

Washington, April 30.—Secretary Olney having, on the 28th instant, telegraphed the Secretary of State of the South African Republic to the effect that it was assumed that the death sentence of Hammond and other American citizens would be commuted, and that he would like to have assurance on that point, was answered this morning by the Transvaal Secretary of State as follows:

"There was no talk of an understanding between judge and government before the sentence of death was pronounced, but before the reception of your telegram, the Executive Council had resolved to let mercy take the place of justice, and not to enforce the death penalty."

No details of the nature of the commutation of sentence in Hammond's case has yet reached the State department, and it is supposed that the Council has not gone further up to this time than to announce the fact.

The information made public is of special interest as showing that the State department not only intervened in Hammond's behalf through the government of Great Britain, but with the Boer government direct.

London, April 30.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that he has received the following dispatch from Sir Jacobus A. De Wet, the agent of the British government at Pretoria:

"The Boers themselves condemn severity and are petitioning for a mitigation or a free pardon."

A despatch to the Times from Pretoria says that the reformers pleaded guilty, owing to the fact that their counsel advised them to do so in the face of the mass of incriminating evidence, in the shape of letters, telegrams and codes, found in the despatch box of the Jameson party, which fell into the hands of the government. Under the circumstances, it is added, this was the safest course to follow.

A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph gives the substance of an interview held with President Kruger, in which he said that he had scotched the death sentence at once to show that after the law had been vindicated there was no vindictive personal feeling on the part of himself or the government. He believed, he said, that the government's decision would be announced before the Volksraad meets on Monday. The Executive Council would find difficulty, he thought, in classifying the offenders, with whom they intend to deal, on a sliding scale.

It is rumored that President Kruger has received a personal cable dispatch from President Cleveland with reference to John Hays Hammond.

Much information to-night is that the outlook is hopeful for a majority of the offenders.

NATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE.

Summaries of Yesterday's Games in Various League Cities.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Philadelphia, 11; New York, 10.
Pittsburg, 9; Louisville, 5.
Brooklyn, 7; Washington, 2.
Boston, 5; Baltimore, 4.
Chicago, 8; St. Louis, 3.

BROOKLYN, 7; WASHINGTON, 2.

Brooklyn, April 30.—The Washington's would have been shut out to-day had Anderson and McCarthy played with more care in the second inning. Their errors enabled the Senators to score their only runs. In the seventh inning, it was nip and tuck. In the eighth inning, with three men on bases, Daly hit to far left field. The hit was for a home run, but Daly stopped running when he reached third. Payne pitched a fine game. The same can also be said of McJames. Attendance, 4,000. Score:

Brooklyn, 0 1 0 0 2 0 4 x—7 11 2
Washington, 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2 5 1
Batteries: Payne and Burrell; McJames and McGuire. Umpire, Lynch.

PITTSBURG, 9; LOUISVILLE, 5.

Louisville, Ky., April 30.—Hill's wildness and the errors of the home team gave the Pirates the game to-day. Hawley and Merritt were substituted for Foreman and Mak in the fifth inning. Attendance, 2,500. Score:

Louisville, 1 0 0 3 0 1 0 0 0—5 7 3
Pittsburg, 0 0 0 5 1 0 0 0 3—9 7 1
Batteries: Hill and Warner; Foreman, Hawley, Mak and Merritt. Umpire, Elmslie.

BOSTON, 5; BALTIMORE, 4.

Boston, April 30.—Boston defeated Baltimore today in an exciting game from beginning to end. It was nobody's game until Hamilton crossed the plate and made the winning run in the ninth inning, on a base hit by Long. Both Nichols and McMahon were batted freely, neither striking out a man. Hurts was somewhat off in his umpiring, but not partial. The weather was cold, but over 2,500 people saw the game. Score:

Boston, 0 1 2 1 0 0 0 0 1—5 9 0
Baltimore, 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1—4 11 2
Batteries: Nichols and Ganzell; McMahon and Clark. Umpire, Hurst.

PHILADELPHIA, 11; NEW YORK, 10.

Philadelphia, April 30.—The Phillies fell upon Flynn in the sixth to-day and hammered out five singles and a double, netting a run for every hit. Up to that time it looked as if the Giants might accidentally win the game. Both teams put up a poor article of ball. Attendance, 4,850. Score:

Philadelphia, 0 2 2 0 1 6 0 0 x—11 10 5
New York, 0 3 0 3 2 0 0 1—10 11 5
Batteries: Taylor and Grady; Flynn and Farrell. Umpires, Keefe and Henderson.

HOW THE CLUBS STAND.

Club	Won	Lost	P. C.
Pittsburg	8	2	.800
Philadelphia	8	3	.727
Boston	7	4	.636
Cincinnati	6	4	.600
Washington	6	5	.546
St. Louis	6	5	.546
Brooklyn	6	5	.546
Chicago	6	5	.546
Baltimore	5	5	.500
Cleveland	4	5	.444
New York	1	10	.099
Louisville	1	10	.099

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.

Pittsburg at Louisville.
Cincinnati at Cleveland.

THE VIRGINIA LEAGUE.

Richmond, Va., April 30.—Hits at the proper time won the game for Richmond. Kagey and Pfannmiller both pitched great ball. Score:

Richmond, 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 x—3 6 5
Norfolk, 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1 3 3
Batteries: Kagey and Boland; Pfannmiller and Armstrong.

PORTSMOUTH, 10; ROANOKE, 8.

Portsmouth, Va., April 30.—The locals took the first game of the present series from the Roanokes after a hard struggle of twelve innings. Both pitchers were found frequently and neither had the best of it. The playing of Hellman and Wrigley, both short-stops of the opposing teams, was very brilliant, both making some star plays and circus hitting. Score:

Ports, 1 0 0 2 0 4 1 0 0 0 2—10 12 4
Roan, 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 3 2 0 0—8 11 4
Batteries: Glenn, Jones and Rollins; Chesbro and Williams. Umpire, Wood.

PETERSBURG, 19; LYNCHBURG, 12.

Petersburg, Va., April 30.—A large crowd witnessed an exciting slugging match between the home team and Lynchburg. Quarles started in to pitch for the locals, but was too generous with balls, besides being hit freely in the second inning and was relieved by Kitson. McFarlan, of Lynchburg, was knocked out of the box and retired in the middle of the fifth, being relieved by Wilson, who was pounded even harder than his predecessor. Breen, of the locals, made a very opportune hit in the third when the bases were full, which brought in three runs. It was good and steady ball on both sides. Score:

Petersburg, 4 1 4 0 2 5 1 0 2—19 20 4
Lynchburg, 0 6 2 4 0 0 0 0—12 13 3
Batteries: Quarles, Kitson and Stanhope; McFarland, Wilson and Schabel. Umpire, Cline.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING CONVENED IN BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Md., April 30.—The second annual meeting of the Association of National Militia of the United States convened this morning on the trading ship Dale in this city for a two days session, during which matters of interest to the Naval Militia will be discussed. About fifty delegates from New York, Massachusetts, Georgia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Michigan, Illinois, Maryland, Connecticut and Louisiana were present.

After a brief address of welcome by commander Isaac E. Emerson, of the Maryland battalion, President J. W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, introduced Assistant Secretary of Navy McAdoo, who delivered an address. Upon his conclusion, and upon motion of Commander Miller, of the New York battalion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Assistant Secretary.

The balance of the day's session was devoted to hearing and considering reports of officers and committees.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 30.—The Baltimore and Ohio cannon ball express, east bound was derailed near Washington, Pa., at 6:15 o'clock this morning by a broken axle on the engine. Patrick Flaherty, fireman, was killed and Henry McBurney