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Famous English Diplemat On South's Progress,

THE HON. JAMES BRYCE SPEAKS

British Ambassador Called Upon For an Impremptn Speech Before the Southern Commercial Congress Predicts an Era of Great Prosperity For This Section.

Washington, Special. - Expressing the conviction that a great future is about to dawn upon the South, James Bryce, the British ambassador received a notable reception from the delegates in attendance upon the Southern commercial congress, following a speech in which he declared that he is a well-wisher of the South.

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The ambassador was the centre of attraction, although his visit was unexpected. Mr. Bryce came into the audience simply as a spectator, but the audience soon noted his presence, and immediately shouted "speech, speech," filled the air and he was compelled to yield to the desire of the congress.

"Since I came here eighteen months ago," said Mr. Bryce, "I have twice visited the South. I can hardly express to you the contrast between what I personally witnessed twentyseven years ago and the present conditions. Wherever I have been in the South I have been struck by the signs of activity, progress and development. I see land being brought more and more into cultivation; more and more being done for agricultural methods. I saw the resources of your soil, of coal and iron, being brought to light and I saw a new spirit in the South which desires to make educational evelopment."

The ambassador pointed out the enormouse difficulties with which the South has had to contend since the civil war. "Now, however," he continued, "there is a great door open before you and as one of the wellwishers of the South, who believes in its greatness as a flourishing and important part of the country, I venture to congratulate you on what is being done and to say that still greater prospects are before you."

The afternoon session was presided over by Judge George Hillyer, a member of the Georgia State Railroad Commission, who in a brief address, reviewed the work of that body in dealing with transportation companies. The principal speakers were William J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Clarence H. Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C., and Dr. J. A. Bonsteel, of the United States bureau of soils.

Care of Our Resources.

Washington, Special. -- President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft publicly put themselves on record in advocacy of the issuance of government bonds for the construction of permanent improvements to conserve the natural resources of the nation. President-elect Taft presided at the joint conservation meeting at the Belasco Theatre in this city at which President Roesevelt made the principal address. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft gave their unqualified approval for the carrying out of expert plans for conservation of the nation's resources. An audience which filled the theatre and which included Andrew Carnegie, John Mitchell, Senators Congressmen and the Governors of several States, applauded every sentiment expressed.

Cruiser North Carolina Docked.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The United States armored erniser North Carolina was successfully docked in the new dry dock at the Norfolk navy yard, this being the first vessel to be received since the completion of the dock. The North Carolina's bottom will be scraped and cleaned.

Fanatics Fire on Police.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.-In the shadow of the city hall a riot in which religious fanatics and policemen were participants, and during which a hundred shots were fired resulted in the death of Policeman A. O. Dalbow, probable fatal injuries to four, and slight injuries to two other persons. Those probably fatally injured are John Sharp, known as 'Adam God," a street preacher; Michael Mullane, a patrolman; Lola Prast, 13 years old, and Patrick Clark, a police sergeant.

Congressional Summary. The business of both houses of Congress was confined largely to listening to the reading of the President's annual message but in addi-

tion a few bills were introduced both in the Senate and the House and in the House a number of bills was sent | Premature Explosion of an Enormous to conference, among them being one providing for a new immigration station in Boston.

In addition, the Speaker announced the apointment of Mr. Higgins, of Connecticut, to a place on the committee on the judiciary, in place of Mr. Littlefield and of Mr. Martin to a place on the committee on Indian affairs in place of Mr. Parker, de-

For the first time during the present Congress there was a call of the committees of the House but no measure was reported by any of them.

The miscellaneous work of the Senate consisted in the main of the reference in executive session of about 1,500 recess nominations, which were sent to the Senate by the President. and the adoption of resolutions of regret on account of the death of members of the House who have passed away since the adjournment last May. The Senate adjourned for the day as 2 o'clock and the House at 2:35.

Census Bill Passed.

For nearly five hours the House of Representatives considered the bill providing for the taking of the thirteenth and subsequent decennial censuses, and passed it without material change. From the very outset of the debate it became evident that the progress of the measure toward passage would be impeded.

Pensions in Senate.

The session of the Senate was chiefly devoted to the formal presenports have been made public from time to time and the bills numbering 352 were chiefly for the granting of

Saturday's Session.

The House of Representatives Saturday was in its old-time form. No particular programme had been map ped out, but under a call of committees several measures in which the members were especially interested, and in some cases vitally concerned, were considered. With few exceptions they engendered the liveliest sort of debate, and it was disclosed that the forces for or against them were fully lined up for the fray. Parliamentary tactics were freely resorted to, with the result that five times the roll was called.

The first rangle occurred on a resolution fixing the boundary line behome and New Mexico, which was agreed to by a majority but not with-out two roll calls. The House then by a decisive vote refused to further consider the bill providing for arbitrary settlement of disputes between employers and employes.

Next turning attention to the bill providing for the protection of aliens in the United States the subject was threshed out at length. The measure had rough sailing and it was passed ly a slim majority after the roll had been called twice.

Mr. and Mrs.. Taft Given Reception.

Washington, Special. - Presidentelect and Mrs. William H. Taft were tendered a reception by Miss Mabel Beardman, a Washington society leader, at her home on Dupont circle. The function was one of the most notable of the season, and among the guest were a large number of the rep- fixing the responsibility has been orresentative persons of the Capital's dered and already officials are takofficial, diplomatic and social circles.

The Evacuation of Cuba.

Washington, Special.-At the War Department the first details regarding the withdrawal from Cuba of the American army of pacification, which has been on duty there since the fall of 1906, were made known. The movements of the troops will begin on January 1st and will be completed by April 1st.

Killed by Electric Shock.

Downs, a native of Fort Mill, and Wood, a well known letter carrier, for the past three or four years head was thrown from his buggy early machinist at the Tavora Cotton Mill Sunday morning and seriously injurat this place, was instantly killed by ed. The horse Mr. Wood was driving an electrical current. The electrical took fright on east Main street, just current which is furnished by the and Superintendent Ramseur and Mr. scious. When taken to his home it day's draft with the heavy rein-Downs were searching for the trouble. was discovered that three of his ribs, forcements that started for India last The switch had been opened and had been broken and one of his Wednesday, has reduced many of the Downs placed his hand on a wire he shoulders terribly injured. He is home battalions to mere skeletons supposed dead but it proved not to threatened with pneumonia, which and an additional call for recruits be and he fell back lifeless.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS PANAMA EXPLOSION DUTCH SEIZE VESSEI

Losing Their Lives

SCENES OF GREAT EXCITEMENT PRILE CARRIED DUTCH FLAG

Blast of Powder Near Colon Claims Ten Dead and Fifty Injured.

Colon, By Cable.-A giant blast of lynamite, already prepared for firing, was prematurely exploded in the workings at Bas Obispo Saturday. Fen men were killed and fifty injured. It may be that others have been killed, for debris is piled up in all direc-

Bas Obispo cut is about. 30 miles from Colon, and the shock of the explosion was distinctly felt here, as in that time the Alix was lying close in addition to that in the blast, 22 tons of dynamite was exploded.

Numerous reports are current as to gives an estimate of ten killed and ifty wounded, states that during the toading of the last hole of the blast the dynamite in this cutting was dissharged, and the remaining 22 tons were exploded by concussion.

The holes had not been connected electrically as the discharge of the blast was set for 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The last hole was being oaded under the supervision of one of the most efficient powder men in the employ of the commission. A passenger train had just passed

when the explosion occurred, but it was not in any way damaged.

The majority of the victims are Spaniards. Relief trains were sent to the scene

of the disaster and one which rethe introduction of bills. The rethe injured had been sent to Ancon Hospital.

The officials on the train stated that eleven dead had been found while many others in the gang of 120 who were employed in the cut were

It was also reported by the trainmen that the explosion was due to a passing steam shovel, which hooked the wire leading to the immense charge of dynamite. Whether or not this was the cause of the accident, a steam shovel and crew, which happened to be on the scene were pracically buried under the mass of rocks and earth thrown up.

Gangs were soon searching for the lead and assisting the wounded. Electric lights were set up and at night steam shovels were at work re- story of his official association with moving the tons upon tons of debris. the late President, and declared with tween the States of Colorado, Okla- Many of the men have been seriously injured, some of them probably fa-

> Tradition has it that the Panama Railfold cost one human life for evry tie, what with accidents, insurrections and disease, and the construction of the canal has not gone along without exacting its toll.

> There have been a number of accidents in the last two years, chief among which was the premature explosion of dynamite at Pedro Miguel n June. 1907, which resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of a number of others.

The Dead Total Fourteen.

Celon, By Cable.—The explosionSunlynamite blast was the most serious accident in connection with the building of the Panama canal since the United States took control. A thorough investigation with a view to ing evidence.

Crooked Wisconsin Banker Sentenced Milwaukee, Wis., Special.-John F.

Schulte, aged 38, former paying teller of the First National Bank of Racine, was sentenced to five years at Fort Leavenworth by Judge Quarles. Schuite embezzled \$15,000, pleaded guilty and asked for leniency. Five years is the minimum penalty. Schuite was arrested at Cleveland on July 7.

Mail Carrier Badly Hurt.

Yorkville, Special.-Mr. W. F. Spartanburg, Special. - Jesse L. makes his condtiion trebly worse.

Results in a Number of People Venezuelan Ship Towed Into

Port

The Gelderland Steams Into the Harber of Williamstad Towing the Venezulean Coastguard Ship Alex Flying the Dutch Flag and Sporting a Dutch Crew.

Willeamstad, Island of Curacao, Special.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderand came into this port Sunday norning towing the Venezeula coastguard ship Alix with the Dutch flag lying and a Dutch crew on board. The Gelderland captured the Alix ff Puerto Cabello on Saturday. At shore and notwithstanding the threat which the Venezulean government had made to fire upon any of the the cause of the accident but the of- Dutch warships committing a hostile icial version from Culebra, which act, the Gelderland steamed at full speed towards the guard ship and sent an officer and guard in a launch to seize her. No shots came from the corts on land.

The crew of the Alix was put ashore and the Dutch officer and marnes remained on board, the Gelderland finally taking the Alix in tow and steaming away with her prize.

The seizure of the Alix was in accordance with the plans of the Holland government when instructions were issued to the three Dutch warships now in these waters to make a demonstration off the coast of Venezula and to capture any Venezulean ships of war of guard vessels that they might find.

The people of Curacao are greatly rejoiced. The Governor of Curacao

"The capture of our garships of coast guards and war v to be considered an unfriendly act against the Venezuleans. It is merely a reprisal against Castro's government which refuses to give satisfaction for his unfriendly acts toward Holland."

It is learned from the officers of the Gelderland that the battleship Jacob Van Hemskerk and the cruiser Friesland are now off La Guyra and that further captures may be expected at any time.

Taft's View of McKinley.

New York, Special. - President elect William H. Taft, speaking Sunday night at the dedication of a Mc-Kinley memorial organ in Metropolitan Temple, told to the audience the that the policy laid down by Mr. Mc-Kipley in 1900 had been the policy of the present as it will be the policy of his own administration in the White House. Mr. Taft will remain here until Thursday, when he leaves for Augusta, Ga., to spend the five weeks preceding his proposed departare to the Panama canal.

American Railway Company Asks For a Charter.

Hawkinsville, Ga., Special.-Char ter was applied for by a local attorney on behalf of interested parties for a charter for "The American Railway Company," which proposes day at Bas Obispo of 21 tons of building a line from Abbeville, Ga., to Winchester, in Macon county, Ga., via Hawkinsville and Grovania. The proposed road will traverse one of the richest farming sections of the State. It will tap the Seaboard at Abbeville and the Gulf line at Hawkinsville. Work will begin at once, t is stated.

1903 Cotton Crop.

Washington, Special.-The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the Departent of Agriculture has estimated from reports of correspondence agents of the bureau that the total production of cotton n the United States for the year 1908-9 would amount to 6,182,970,000

England Rushes More Troops to

London, By Cable.—Another heavy draft on English home regiments for service in India was ordered by the war office. The troops will be ready in front of the First Presbyterian to embark for India as soon as poschurch. He was thrown violently to sible as the threatened Indian up-Southern Power Company, had failed the sidewalk and knocked uncon- rising is believed to be imminent. Friwill soon be made.

ope Pius Blesses Mr. Taft and His Family.

Rome, By Cable.-Pope Pius bless d President-clect Taft and his fam ly. The blessing was declared in he presence of Archbishop Glennin of St. Louis, who told the Pope tha e had received a letter from Taf n which the President-elect express d cordial friendship for the Cathe ies. The Pope received the new with unfeigned delight and pronounce d the blessing upon Taft and family

Wife of Millionaire is Arrestd For Shoplifting.

New York, Special.-Mrs. Louis J Schloss, wife of the well known New York and Baltimore clothier, was ar rested here last week for shoplifting Different articles she had picked up amounted to about \$16. She pleads nervousness and ill health. The case will be heard soon.

Thomas F. Ryan Gives \$1,000 to Uncle Remus Fund.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.-J. G. Lester, secretary of the "Uncle Remus" memorial association, announced the receipt of a contribution of \$1,000 from Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, to the fund of perpetuating the memory of Joel Chandler Harris. Mr. Ryan was tendered and has accepted the vice presidency of the asso-

Ohio Congressman Critically Ill.

Wooster, O., Special.-The man found unconscious in the chair car of a Pennsylvania westbound train here Sunday and taken to a local hospital was later identified as Congressman Grant E. Mouser, of the Marion, O., district. Physicians declare he is suffering from uraemic poisoning and acute congestion of the

Will Affect all Catholics.

Manitowic, Wis., Special.-Judge Calloupeck, in the county court declared the will of Thomas Calloghan, void because he bequeathed money for masses for the dead. The court says no court could recognize such a provision. The will was contested on this ground alone. The case will be appealed. The decision affects every Roman Catholic in the country.

Mr. Kitchen's Resignation Effective Day Befere He Becomes Governor.

Washington, Special.—Representa tive W. W. Kitchen, of North Caro lina. Governor-elect of his State, has forwarded to Governor Glenn his re signation as the Representative fron the fifth North Carolina district, to take effect January 11th. Mr. Kitch in will be inaugurated Governor Jan uary 12th.

Hale Succeeds Allison.

Washington, Special-A largely at tended caucus of Republican Senators unanimously elected Senator Hale, of Maine, as chairman of the Republican caucus to succeed the late Senator Allison, of Iowa. The positicarries with it the chairmanship o the Republican steering committee of the Senate. Senator Hale's nomination was the only one before the

Will Welcome Battleships.

Washington, Special. - President Roosevelt will welcome the return of the battleship flee to Hampton Roads from its cruise around the world about noon February 22d. Details for the ocasion are now being worked cut. Admiral Arnold, of the third squadron of the Atlantic fleet will meet home-coming ships well out in the Atlantic and escort them to Hampton Roads. After the review the men will go to New York and be given a shere leave.

Death of Moses H. Cone.

Greensboro, N. C., Special.-Moses H. Cone, known throughout the commercial world as a leader in the industrial development of the South, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Paltimore, where he had gone for treatment five weeks ago. He had been in ill health since his return from a trip around the world over a year age, but few of his most intimate friends suspected that his con-Hon was serious.

WHEN CHARM MEETS CHARM. Mr. Black-I done hab my rabbit's foot erlong, but she gimme de mah-

ble heaht jes' same. Mr. Jones-Mebbe she done hab her rabbit's foot erlong, too .- Milwaukee Wisconsin.

One of the Most Urgent Needs of the Nation

THE DEMAND FULLY GONE OVER

Governors and Prominent Men From Every Section of the Country Appear Before the House Committee and Urge the Establishment of Forest Reserves.

Washington, Special.-A distinguished assembly of witnesses testified before the House committee on agriculture to the need of the Federal government establishing forest reserves in the White mountains and in the Southern Appalachians. It marked the opening of the fight in this session of Congress for the creation of these reserves to protect the navigability of navigable streams, a purpose which the committee conced-

ed is constitutional. Besides Governor Guild, of Massachusetts, who was the spokesman until he was compelled to leave the city and turn his duties over to Col. William S. Harvey, of Philadelphia, Governors Chamberlain, of Oregon; Ansel, of South Carolina; Hoke Smith of Georgia, and Johnson, of Minnesota, former Governors George E. Pardee, of California, and Blanchard, of Louisiana, and Dr. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate, were among thsoe who appeared. Chairman Scott, of the committee, said the committee appreciated the public sentiment in favor of the project but that the problem of obtaining the

desired end was difficult. Representative Scott explained that the House committee on the judiciary had questioned the constitutionality of action on the part of Congress looking toward the purchase of land for the conservation of forests whatever it might do toward protecting the navigability of the streams of the

Governor Guild, in responding, laid emphasis upon the ability of the general government to undertake projects for the general welfare of the country, saying the appeal come from all quarters of the nation.

It is probably the first time in history that the Governor of South Carolina and the Governor of Massachusetts have joined hand in hand to appeal to Congress for the enactment of law for the general welfare of the United States," said Governor Guild, as he bowed to Governor Ansel, of the Southern State.

President Van Hise took the position that the peculiar rapidity of erosion in the Southern Appalachian mountains necessitated the establishment of a reserve there, for the preservation of the navigability of the streams and the protection of the harbors. He gave it as his opinion that the crucial area to be purchased was the lower slopes of the mountains where the inclines are so steep and erosion so rapid that their use for agriculture is less important than the preservation of the streams.

Nine Injured by Bomb.

New York, Special.—Creeping over the roof to an airshaft in the fivestory tenement at 330 Sixty-third street, a Black Hand agent dropped a bomb to the ground. The explosion that resulted was terrific. The walls of the building reeled and tottered, almost falling, and every window within a block or more was shattered. Nine people in the building and in the street were injured by the explosion of the bomb, some of them seriously, although it is not thought that any of them will die. It was a miracle that no one was killed outright. The police are investigating the case and they have come to the conclusion that the bomb dropping was the work of the same Black Hand agent who three years ago kidnapped the small son of an Italian banker, who owns and occupies a part of the building, and that the motive was revenge, the banker having refused to ransom his son. The bombthrower made good his escape, but the police believe that they have clues which may lead to his capture, or possibly to the breaking up of a Black Hand gang.

Every Citizen to Become a Soldier.

Washington, Special.-Every male citizen in the United States between the ages of 16 and 45 is to become a part of the military force of the country and to be liable for military duty under the terms of a bill, the passage of which has been recommended by the President in a special message to Congress. The bill provides an elastic organization and, as the President says, under its provisions it will be just as easy to raise an army of 2,500,000 as of 50,900.