

COUNTY FARMERS DISCUSSED SOME VITAL MEASURES

Mr. C. C. Moore Heartily Recommended for Position of National Secretary by the Mecklenburg Division, Reports on Various Topics.

This County will Furnish Money to State Treasury to Defray Expenses of Mr. Moore to the Meeting of Executive Committee at Hot Springs.

An important meeting of the Mecklenburg division of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association was called this morning at the county court house at 11:00 o'clock by President H. K. Reid.

Probably the most important action taken was the recommendation of the name of Mr. C. C. Moore for the office of National secretary.

The first resolution to this effect was offered and read by Mr. W. S. Pharr and was as follows:

"Resolved, that the executive committee of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association which meets next week at Hot Springs, Ark., should elect a secretary in the place of Richard Cheatham.

"We, therefore, recommend the name of Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina division of the association for that office.

"It seems to me that this is a great reflection upon Mr. Cheatham. He has held this official position for a number of years and has been one of the strongest advocates of this association."

"Dealing in futures has been a legitimate business in some circles ever since the war, and very many prominent men of the city and throughout the State, to actually engage in it to this day.

"The amendment was offered to the original resolution and it was made to read thus in the opening paragraph:

"In case the executive committee deems it advisable to elect a new secretary we recommend the name of Mr. Moore, etc. This was carried unanimously.

"The question of sending Mr. Moore as a delegate to the executive committee meeting was discussed at considerable length. There was a prevailing opinion that Mr. Moore ought to be sent, but the consideration of finances was the stumbling-block.

"The State treasury is not in a condition to justify the sending of a North Carolina representative, and some of the Mecklenburg farmers strongly advocated the idea of sending him as a representative from this county.

"The thieves carried off all stamps in stock and \$18 in cash. The postmaster has no clue to the guilty parties.

"No General Elected. By Associated Press. Rome, Sept. 1.—The congregation of the Company of Jesus which has assembled here to elect a general of the society, in succession to the late Father Louis Martin, met and adjourned without action.

"Annual Parade of Troops. By Associated Press. Berlin, Sept. 1.—The annual parade of the troops in the celebration of the seven day, took place before Emperor William and Templehof who were on the field. Many Americans attended.

"Death of Rev. P. M. Manning. By Associated Press. Baltimore, Sept. 1.—Rev. Peter M. Manning, State Chaplain of the ancient order of Hibernians in which organization he was very prominent, died. He was 63 years of age.

cent.; Charlotte, 68 per cent.; Sharon, 62 2-3; Sardis, 55; Providence No. 1, 55; No. 2, 56; Clear Creek, 67 1/4; Pineville, 55; Crab Orchard, No. 1, 70; Crab Orchard, No. 2, 60; Long Creek, 65; Malheur Creek, 57 1/2; Paw Creek, No. 1, 60; Paw Creek, No. 2, 60; Huntersville, 65. These reports give an average condition of the crop at the present time at a fraction over 61 per cent.

There was a divergent opinion as to what the prevailing price should be. This matter was discussed throughout the county last night at the meetings of the sub-divisions with a view to making an official report to-day. Eight counties demanded a minimum price of 12 cents, three asked for 12, and four, 11 1/2 and one 12 1/2.

The following figures showing the work of the association in this county since its organization nearly two years ago will be interesting, showing especially the financial standing at present will be interesting:

The membership now numbers about 90, there being 23 sub-divisions with an average membership of 40. Six hundred and twenty-nine of these have paid the tax of 25 cents. The bale levy has been paid on 6,334 bales. No bales ginned in the county within that time by the 75 spinners operating within its bounds, 31,974.

The sub-divisions have paid into the county treasury since the organization \$581.22, with a premium of \$25 on the boat during the 20th of May, making a total of \$606.22. Berryhill has paid \$44.20, Steel Creek, \$46.65; Sharon and Sardis, \$73.25; Providence \$82.15; Clear Creek, \$22.75; Crab Orchard, \$82.45; Malheur Creek, \$11.55; Dewese, \$15.90; Lenleys, \$24.97; Long Creek, \$50.80; Paw Creek, \$20.30; Pineville, \$12.50; Huntersville, \$22.35; Charlotte, \$47.50.

President Reid pled in his opening remarks for a more thorough co-operation and united support on the part of all the farmers, saying that he was tempted to resign his position because it seemed that little interest was being manifested in the great movement, and that he would resign, were it not for the fear that the public might think he was running from the collapse.

Several spoke during the course of the convention upon this theme, all urging a more decided sympathy in the work and a better conviction of what remains for the association to accomplish in the future.

The meeting was successful from all considerations and will likely be productive of much good. The declining price of cotton has aroused the farmers to the realization that the work has yet to be done in the time to come, and it was vented by some ardent advocates of the association at the meeting to-day that whenever the price got as low as 6 and 7 cents, the farmers will all take more interest in the work, and become alive to the real situation.

EIGHT KILLED, 50 WOUNDED. Hot Fight Between Attacking Party and Troops. By Associated Press.

Libau, Sept. 1.—An organized attack was made last night upon a detachment of troops engaged in transporting a number of prisoners away from this district and desperate fighting followed. When reinforcements arrived the troops fired indiscriminately into the crowd killing eight and wounding 50.

There being no contest every Republican was by the vote seated as a member of the county convention. Mr. Robert McDonald was then called to the chair and was at once made permanent chairman of the county convention.

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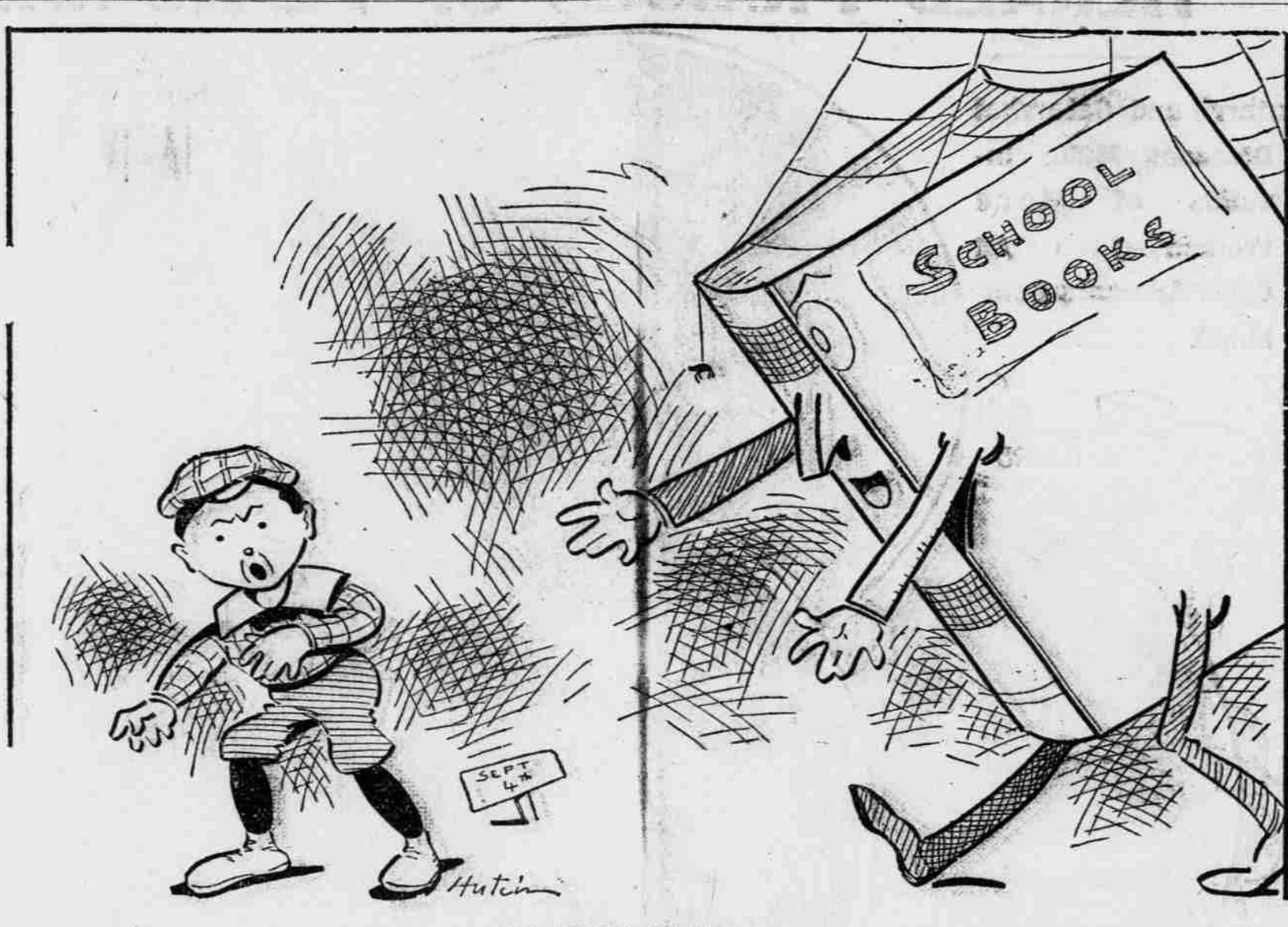
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Little Willie's Nightmare.

THE REPUBLICANS NOMINATE TO-DAY

Legislative and County Officers Named by Convention. Mr. Edw. McDonald is Chairman of County Convention. Mr. Jas. McDonald for Senate.

The Republican convention for Mecklenburg county was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to name candidates for county and legislative officers, Mr. J. F. Newell presiding. A credentials committee was then named by the chair, with Dr. Hous-

ington chairman, and the committee after collecting the credentials, retired for a few minutes, and returning declared that there was no contest and that all credentials were acceptable. The report was adopted.

While the committee was out Squire Hinson was called upon for a short speech. He expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present who were ready to hold up the banner of the party.

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MR. BRYAN TALKS OF THE ISSUES

On his Way from Fridgeport Mr. Bryan Talked of the Probability of Mr. Roosevelt's Candidacy. Talks of Federal Control of Railways.

By Associated Press. Bridgeport, Sept. 1.—Mr. Bryan left for New York on the morning train. He expressed himself as being in excellent condition for another busy day before his departure for the West.

On his way from Fridgeport, Mr. Bryan was asked what he thought about the arrangement of certain Republican that Mr. Roosevelt will be the next logical Republican candidate for President. Mr. Bryan said if it were true, as many Republicans had declared, that he had completely destroyed the Democratic party, there ought to be dozens of able Republicans who would be available as candidates as it would appear that almost any Republican could win with the Democratic party wiped out.

There would then be no necessity of giving Mr. Roosevelt what would be regarded by many as practically a third term. With such an easy victory for the Republicans ahead, which he asked should not somebody else be given a chance?

When asked what he thought of the criticism by Democrats of his idea of federal ownership of railroads, Mr. Bryan said he had never advocated anything that was not opposed in some quarters. He was told that some of the Southern Democrats seem alarmed lest Jim Crow cars should be eliminated by the adoption of his ideas of federal ownership.

Mr. Bryan in reply to this, said if the various states owned the line within their borders local laws would continue to be enforced.

He was asked if he meant that negroes and whites would be separated if the states had a Jim Crow law, to which he replied that the state laws would naturally hold good on local lines.

He did not care at this time to discuss the details of how the plan would affect the carriage of whites and negroes on the through lines under Federal control. He had noticed that one citizen who did not give his name was very much worked up about the possible abolition of the Jim Crow cars but he never attempted to answer arguments of men who did not give their names and that he hoped to talk in various parts of the country and deal with subject more completely than he could in a conversation.

Mr. Bryan expected to attend an informal reception at the National Democratic Club this afternoon. He spoke at Newark at four o'clock. Later he will return to Jersey City, to deliver three speeches. Then he will return to New York in time to attend a dinner given to him by the Newspaper men.

New York, Sept. 1.—Mr. Bryan arrived from Bridgeport and went to the Victoria hotel. After remaining a short time he left to attend to some personal business.

300 Butchers Strike. By Associated Press. Baltimore, Sept. 1.—Three hundred butchers struck for nine hours today without a reduction in their pay of 11 dollars week. They have been working ten hours.

The Hartje Divorce. By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Sept. 1.—Rumors that attempts are being made to settle the Hartje divorce case were at a decision are denied by Hartje's attorneys.

MR. J. C. ABERNATHY DIED THIS MORNING

The End Came at St. Joseph's Sanitarium, Asheville. Remains will be Brought to Charlotte To-night. Funeral Arrangements not yet Announced.

Mr. James C. Abernathy, managing editor of the Observer, died this morning at 10:30 o'clock at St. Joseph's Sanitarium, Asheville. The announcement of Mr. Abernathy's death was received in Charlotte shortly after this time and it caused genuine sorrow throughout the city for he was much before the people of this city both in prominence and popularity. His life in Charlotte has been spent entirely in the employ of The Observer Publishing Company and during his newspaper career here he had risen from a printer to the enviable position of managing editor.

Mr. Abernathy first came to Charlotte about the year 1890 and remained here for a short while when he went away, returning a year later. He was a native of Newton and learned the printer's trade there. When he returned to Charlotte in 1892 he was one of the first printers in the city to learn to operate the linotype machine which was introduced in the Charlotte printing establishments about that time. He soon became an expert and filled this position until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war when he was elevated to the desk and shortly afterwards became managing editor of the Observer. For some time past he has been an editorial writer on this paper, contributing a considerable part of this work for the past three years.

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Mr. Abernathy was married to Miss Margaret Kelly, daughter of the late Captain S. A. Kelly of this city, on the evening of the 24th of December, 1904. Mr. Abernathy was 32 years old and survived by his wife, mother and father, a sister and several brothers. The remains will be brought to Charlotte, leaving Asheville tonight. The funeral arrangements have not been announced.

LONGSHOREMEN STOP WORK. Trouble Was Because of Failure of Agents to Sign Contract. By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Sept. 1.—Because of the failure of the Stevedores and the ship agents to sign the new contract, the longshoremen on the river front the white and black, suspended work. The remains will be brought to Charlotte, leaving Asheville tonight. The funeral arrangements have not been announced.

11,000 MINERS STRIKE. Trouble Over Employment of Non-Union Men—Notice Given by 10,000 More of Their Intentions to Leave for the Same Reason. By Associated Press.

Cardiff, Wales, Sept. 1.—Eleven thousand coal miners at Rhymney Valley struck against the employment of non-union men and 10,000 more gave notice of their intention to leave for the same reason.

Union Services Tomorrow. The Tryon Street and Trinity Methodist churches will unite in service at the former church tomorrow and at the latter church in the evening. Both services will be preached by Rev. J. C. Kilgo. All are invited to hear Dr. Kilgo.

Miss Ella Hart of Steele Creek leaves this evening for Polkton and Laurens to visit friends and relatives.

MR. BABER LUCKY MAN. Gets Shelby Postmastership—Mr. Newton Withdraws from Race—Other News.

Special to The News. Shelby, Sept. 1.—Mr. P. L. Newton Democratic nominee for the legislature has withdrawn from the race giving as his reason that although he knew he would be elected by a large majority he felt that the cause of democracy in Cleveland might be better served by his withdrawal. He said in part: "I feel that my election by a good majority would be a certainty, but I recognize that the party is not altogether united upon me, and I am so interested in the party and am so loyal to the interests of this great party, that I much prefer to see our majority increased this year, and Republicanism buried still deeper in good old Cleveland, than to represent the county in the Legislature, and I therefore desire to withdraw from the race, and to ask that some other good Democrat, upon whom all may unite, be named in my place."

The Masonic picnic held here yesterday was a great success made possible by old "Sol" who shone brightly all day. Judge Wharton delivered a most excellent address, speaking of the benevolence of the Masons and of their work. A large crowd was in attendance and there was lots of good dinner.

The fight for the postmastership at Shelby which has been on since February is over and Mr. B. A. Baber is the lucky man. In the beginning there were three contestants; Mr. J. H. Quinn, chm. Rep. Co. Ex. Com, also editor Shelby Aurora, Mr. B. A. Baber, and G. W. DePriest, represent incumbent. At the first contest lay between DePriest and Quinn, and the latter had the endorsement of county and State organizations, also Rollins and later, Adams and many prominent Republican and Democrats, and apparently Mr. Baber hadn't a ghost of a chance. However, that gentleman seemed to take the matter very quietly and said nothing.

PULLMAN WRECKED. Southern Pullman No. 38 Wrecked This Morning—No One Injured. Special to The News.

Danville, Va., Sept. 1.—Southern train No. 38, solid Pullman, northbound wrecked at 2:30 this morning at Sycamore about 30 miles north of here. The wreck was caused by a truck under the front end of the sleeper breaking down.

The car was badly damaged and the track torn up for considerable distance. The passengers were transferred to other cars and the track was cleared at about 8 o'clock. The wreck was the most serious damage is the delay to traffic.

THE COURT MARTIAL. First Lieutenant Brockman Tried By Court Martial. By Associated Press.

Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 1.—The court martial will sit here today to try First Lieutenant Brockman, Seventeenth Infantry, a member of the infantry and cavalry school, and a native of Georgia. The War Department recently experienced difficulty in obtaining from army officers answers to official communications and those who have been dilatory have, it is stated, been threatened with court martial. The case of Brockman is the first case of the kind to be tried here.

CUSTOMS AT NEW-CHWANG. Matter of Collection of Customs referred to Ministers of Powers of Pekin. By Associated Press.

New Chwang, Sept. 1.—Application of the Chamber of Commerce here for the support of the proposal to suspend the collection of customs duties at New Chwang, while Dally remains a free port, and the goods enter Manchuria from the Russian frontier free, will take over to the Ministers of the various powers at Pekin.

The American import business at New Chwang is greater than that of all other foreign countries combined, and the interests of importers are menaced.

MR BRIGGS TAKES CHARGE. Will Take Over Raleigh Post Office at Once—His Assistant. Special The News.

Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Mr. Willis G. Briggs will take over the Raleigh post office from the retiring postmaster, T. C. Bailey, at the close of the business this evening. He announces the appointment of Lester Butler, brother of ex-United States Senator Butler, as assistant postmaster to succeed C. B. Leonard. The salary of the postmaster is \$3,200 and assistant \$1,900.

The Dryden Match. Sea Grit, Sept. 1.—The 200 yard stage of the Dryden match was won by the District of Columbia, Minnesota was second, Ohio third, Massachusetts fourth, New Jersey fifth, U. S. Infantry sixth, Navy seventh, Marine corps eighth.

Killed by Lightning. By Associated Press. Troy, Ala., Sept. 1.—Newton Graves, a carpenter, and two sons, John and Bassom Graves, were killed by lightning yesterday.

BRIEFS. —Mr. F. M. Rogers, Sr. of South Carolina is in the city the guest of his son Mr. Gilmore Sims Rogers, No. 407 North Brevard street. Mr. Rogers spent two weeks at Montreat at Miss Greens and was one of the most popular guests there. He will leave Charlotte Tuesday for his home.

—Rev. Dr. R. G. Miller will fill the pulpit at the 1st A. B. P. church tonight, assisting the pastor in protracted services.

—Miss Cora Long of Mint Hill left this morning for King's Mountain where she will teach in the graded schools.

PROGRESS MADE BY INSURRECTION IN CUBAN PROVINCES

Insurrection Spread to Province of Puerto Principe. Volunteers Being Enrolled. City in Great State of Excitement. About 70 Men have Taken Arms.

Boldly Armed Themselves and Leave Town. Rural Guards in Pursuit. Band of 200 Insurgents Raid Ranchuela. Steal Horses and Rob Treasury.

By Associated Press. Havana, Sept. 1.—It became known today that the insurrection has spread to the province of Puerto Principe. Seventy men have taken arms at Moron in that province, led by Garcia Canzales speaker of the house of representatives, during the liberal ascendancy in that body.

Members of the band openly equipped themselves, and left the town in an orderly manner. The mayor of Moron soon summoned the rural guards in the vicinity and followed the insurgents with the purpose of engaging them.

Make Big Raid. A bank of 200 insurgents raided Ranchuela near Cienfuegos, a province of Santa Clara yesterday, taking all the horses and contents of the treasury, amounting to \$1,700. Thirty rural guards started from Cienfuegos for Santa Clara, on an armored train. The city hall at Cienfuegos has been fortified.

200 Take Up Arms. Later the Governor of the province of Puerto Principe notified the authorities here that a mounted party of 200 men had taken up arms at Arroyo. This force is commanded by Delion Sanchez, an ex-revolutionary general. Governor Silva, of Puerto Principe, beta Clara, on an armored train. The city of Puerto Principe is in a state of excitement.

DEATH OF MRS. CULP. At Early Morning Hour Death Came to Young Woman. Mrs. Janie Patterson Culp, wife of Mr. S. D. Culp of 906 East Fourth street died this morning at 3 o'clock at the Mercy General Hospital. Mrs. Culp was taken ill about three weeks ago with appendicitis and was removed last Wednesday to the hospital where she underwent an operation. Her condition assumed a serious nature immediately and she steadily grew worse.

The deceased is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson of Providence township and had been married about four years. Shortly after her marriage to Mr. Culp she removed to this city and was engaged in stenographic work, holding a position when she was taken ill with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the Providence church where she was a member for a number of years before her removal to the city.

The deceased was a modest, unassuming young woman who was beloved for her virtues by a large number of friends who sympathize with the husband and stricken parents in their bereavement.

SECT. ROOT AT LOTTA. Was Received By Chilean Minister and Foreign Minister. By Associated Press.

Santiago, Sept. 1.—Secretary Root, on his arrival at Lotta yesterday was received by the Chilean minister, and American Minister Hicks, aboard the cruiser Charleston which hoisted Chilean flag, and played the national anthem of Chile, to which the Chilean cruiser Ministro Zenteno replied by hoisting the American flag and played the Star Spangled Banner.

Secretary Root landed and visited Lotta Park and after a banquet started for Santiago by rail. It is expected he will arrive this afternoon.