

# IN MEMORY OF THE FATHERS

## Battle of Kings Mountain Commemorated With Grand Monument—Day of Speech-Making and Patriotic Pride.

King's Mountain Battle Ground, Special.—Thousands of people journeyed Thursday on a patriotic pilgrimage. The battleground of King's Mountain was the shrine of their seeking. Here in the presence of the official heads of North and South Carolina two United States Senators and two Representatives in Congress—besides others prominent in the officialdom of two States, official dedication was accorded the King's Mountain monument—a signal recognition by the Congress of the United States of the valorous part played in the war of independence by the soldiers of the south.

It was a day of many features. Presided over by Gov. Marin F. Ansel of South Carolina, the exercises of the morning which were prolonged into the afternoon were entirely interesting. Undoubtedly they were to the audience gathered from a vast expanse of many counties in two or more Commonwealths. For never before did such an audience, of whom the majority stood the entire time, listen for three hours and a half to constant making of speeches without the slightest exhibition of restlessness.

Never had lonesome Kings Mountain been host to such a concourse. For a day or two in advance stragglers had been coming in wagons, harbingers of the hosts to follow. From Gaston, from Cleveland, from York, from Chester, from Spartanburg, from Mecklenburg, from McDowell, from Cabarrus, from Lancaster, from Union, even from Buncombe they had come, the earliest arrivals pitching camp by the roadside and in the woods in true pioneer fashion.

Before dawn an endless stream of carriages and buggies and wagons were rattling and rumbling along the winding ways. Three roads, that from Kings Mountain, that from Grover and that from Yorkville had been put in excellent condition by public appropriations and private subscriptions inspired by civic pride.

Contributing most brightly to the animation of the occasion was the delegation of Daughters of the American Revolution from Charlotte, from Yorkville and other places. The Charlotte delegation, of course, included the delegates who were there attending the North Carolina Congress of that organization. It is doubtful if ever before so many representatives of feminine culture, refinement and loyal patriotism climbed breathlessly the cliff which the plateau overtops.

Seven companies of the national guard of North and South Carolina were present. Friday they reproduced the battle of Kings Mountain with the deathless cartridges. One of these companies is from North Carolina, the Dallas company, under the command of Capt. A. L. Bullwinkle. The others are respectively from Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Columbia, Cornwall, Yorkville and Spartanburg. In command of these provisional troops

### DRIFTED BY THE STORM

Port Arthur, Tex., Special.—Waterlogged, dismantled and with the decks barely above the water, as she was being towed by the Guffey Company steamer Winifred, the Kate Flore, Capt. Whitney, from Mobile to Cuban ports, limped into port Friday with what was left of the crew in the throes of starvation. Of the crew of seven which sailed from Mobile, Friday night five are in the hospital

### THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY IS STILL DUBIOUS

Washington, Special.—The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the board of managers of the National Geographical Society held at Hubbard Memorial Hall as an introduction to the reports of Dr. F. A. Cook and Commander R. E. Peary, to be printed in the magazine of the society:

"We print herewith the reports of Dr. F. A. Cook and Commander R. E. Peary announcing the discovery of the North Pole April 21, 1908, and April 6, 1909. Before the society can,

however, accept the conclusions of either Commander Peary or Dr. Cook that the North Pole has been attained it will be necessary that the scientific records and data of each explorer be carefully examined by its committee on research or by somebody or commission acceptable to the board.

"The society takes this position, not from any distrust of the personal integrity of either explorer, but because of the many calculations that enter into the determination of the pole."

### WESTERN TRAINS COLLIDE AND KILL SEVENTEEN

Topeka, Kan., Special.—Seventeen persons were killed and ten severely injured in a collision between a freight train and a construction train on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad near here Friday. The dead are eleven Mexicans, four section foremen and two brakemen. It is believed some of the injured are fatally injured. The work train was backing into Topeka with fifty Mexicans riding on the flat cars. As the train was

rounding a curve the northbound freight crashed into it.

Engineer Edward Ash and Fireman Joseph Correy on the freight train jumped as soon as the air brakes could be set. The engine on the freight ran over the four flat cars comprising the wreck train and almost a score of men were pinned down and it was several hours before they were extricated. It is said the wreck was caused by crew disregarding orders.

### COTTON CROP NOT SO GOOD

Most Unfavorable Report Issued by the Department of Agriculture at This Season of the Year in Many Years.

Washington, Special.—The most unfavorable report on the condition of the cotton crop issued by the Department of Agriculture at this season of the year for many years has just been made public. Financial and weather conditions combined to make the report unfavorable.

The official report indicates that on September 25 the condition of the cotton crop was only 58.5 per cent. of normal, as compared with 63.7 per cent. on August 25, 1909; 60.7 on September 25, 1908, 67.7 on September 25, 1907, and 67 per cent. on that average for ten years on August 25, 1909.

After the announcement by the Department of Agriculture of the figures recording the average for this month, Dr. S. A. Knapp, chief of the co-operative demonstration work for the Department of Agriculture in the south, after the conference with Secretary Wilson, said that the serious falling off in the figures, especially for Louisiana and Mississippi, were due to two conditions. One was the excessive rainfall in the early part of the cotton crop season, followed by a serious drought and the second was the failure of cotton planters to obtain advances on their crops from bankers. The latter reason forced the planters to dismiss a considerable part of their labor at a time when the boll weevil was a most serious pest.

#### Dr. Knapp Gives Reasons.

Dr. Knapp stated that another reason which induced a falling off in the general average of Louisiana, was that there was practically 30 per cent. less of acreage in cotton than in previous years.

The boll weevil did serious damage during the past year in the southwestern quarter of Mississippi.

"In my judgment," said Knapp, "the really serious trouble, which applies to all of the cotton States, was brought about by the excessive rainfall in the early part of the season and the excessive drought in the latter part. In some of the States planters scarcely could obtain water enough for their live stock. This was particularly true of Texas and Oklahoma. What is known as the New Orleans storm, which passed through portions of Louisiana and western Mississippi, blew out immense quantities of cotton and served seriously to detract from the excellence of the crop."

Secretary Wilson declined to make any statement regarding the figures given out by his department. He said that he could talk about the wheat crop, about the condition of cattle in the west and about almost anything else but cotton. He said that Dr. Knapp knew more about the cotton crop from practical observance of conditions in the south than any other man in the department, and he had nothing to add to the statement made by him.

Comparisons of conditions by States on September 25 and the 10-year average follow:

	10-yr. average	1909
Virginia	78	75
North Carolina	69	70
South Carolina	68	69
Georgia	68	69
Florida	67	71
Alabama	67	67
Mississippi	63	68
Louisiana	55	67
Texas	52	63
Arkansas	54	67
Tennessee	68	72
Missouri	72	74
Oklahoma	55	69
United States	58.5	69.7

### Curtiss Makes a Flight

St. Louis, Mo., Special.—Under adverse conditions, Glenn H. Curtiss, by a flight in his bi-plane late Friday afternoon in Forest park, received the applause and cheers of the many thousands of persons who had waited for hours for the wind to slacken. George Francis Ozment and Hugh Robinson of St. Louis attempted to make their machine fly but failed. Ozment, after Curtiss had made his successful flight, tried a second time and his machine was damaged by striking the ground, but he was uninjured.

### Four Persons Burn to Death

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Fire broke out here Friday morning while occupants of the house were asleep over a store. Four of the fire companies arrived on the scene, but in spite of heroic efforts to enter their apartment in the face of flames bursting from the windows, every member of the Fishman family but one perished. Miss Rachel Markeson, the other victim, lived in same apartment.

### Fatal Pistol Duel

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—In a pistol duel at Lake Butler late Friday afternoon C. A. Rich and John Parker were both killed, Parker dying on the train en route to this city for medical attention. Both left the store where they had quarreled, but met at the railroad station later and commenced to fire at each other. Rich was instantly killed and Parker received a bullet wound in the breast which caused his death half an hour later.

### GULF COAST STORM

Key West is Caught and Suffers Severely.

#### FATALITY NOT GREAT HOWEVER

Estimated Damage \$2,000,000—Wood and Brick Buildings Tumble Alike—Storm Takes to the Ocean and Relief is Felt.

Key West, Fla., Special.—As a result of the hurricane which struck the Southern coast of Florida Monday morning, Key West Monday night is a mass wreckage and the damage to property is estimated at \$2,000,000. Martial law was proclaimed by the mayor at 6 o'clock and the Key West guards are patrolling the city.

The United States government was asked to dispatch troops here without delay, to assist in patrolling the storm-swept area.

Chaos reigned on every hand and few people remained in their homes, hundreds of which were either totally wrecked or damaged.

It is known that many persons have received more or less serious injury and reports are current that several lives were lost.

The storm reached its height at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when the wind reached an estimated velocity of 100 miles an hour. There was a hard, steady blow from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m., when the wind began to die down and by 4 o'clock the center of the hurricane had passed this point.

The hurricane is the worst that Key West has ever experienced. Of one hundred local vessels in the harbor Monday but five remained at anchor, the others having either gone to sea or been washed upon the beaches. The streets along the water front were a mass of wreckage.

Brick as well as frame dwellings throughout the city suffered alike from the fury of the heavy wind and many miraculous escapes from death or serious injury have been reported.

Besides the several score of residences either totally wrecked or blown from their pillars, nine factories were partially destroyed, including the Havana-American, Martinez, Nichols, Ray Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Flotas Torres, Cortez and Wolf cigar manufactories.

No. 1 and No. 2 engine houses of the city fire department were destroyed, the firemen narrowly escaping, but several of the horses being killed. The top of the First National Bank was blown off, the postoffice damaged and two running gears of the government coaling station were wrecked.

Every telephone and electric light pole on Duval street, the principal thoroughfare of the city, were blown down.

Great fears were suffered for other points along the coast, but at 9:30 Tuesday night the weather bureau relieved further fears with the following dispatch:

"Down hurricane warning 10 p. m., Mobile, Pensacola, Panama City, Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Cedar Keys, Rockwell, Tampa, Punta Gorda, Punta Passa, Key West: Storm centers southeast Florida moving northeast. Apparently no further danger on the Gulf coast.

#### Cuba in Storm.

Havana, by Cable.—The most serious cyclone since the big blow of October 17, 1906, struck Cuba early Monday morning, causing extensive devastation through the whole western portion of the island. In the city of Havana many minor buildings were blown down or unroofed, almost all the trees were uprooted and five persons were killed one by an electric wire and the others by falling buildings. About twenty-five persons were injured.

#### S. A. L. Makes Progressive Step.

Richmond, Va., Special.—John Skelton Williams is back from the meeting of the reorganization committee and the board of directors of the Seaboard Air Line system in New York. He speaks encouragingly of the system and the harmony and co-operation hoped for among interested parties. The system has recently absorbed five smaller systems in the far South aggregating nearly 400 miles.

#### Seems a Horrible Murder.

Tiverton, R. I., Special.—The finding of the severed legs of a woman in a dress suit case among some bushes in an outlying section of this town Monday brought to light what the authorities are convinced is a case of murder. The discovery of a New Bedford newspaper of Sunday's date with the portions of the limbs is regarded as the most important clue thus far obtained, indicating possibly the place of the murder, if murder there was. The authorities were of the opinion that the woman was murdered in New Bedford.

#### Tell Friend of Killing Man and is Arrested.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—Wanted in Clinch county, Georgia, for the murder of Chris Vining, W. W. Delks was arrested here Monday night. Delks was telling a friend of the killing while riding into Tampa on a train. The conversation was overheard and the police notified. Delks admits that he is the man wanted and the Georgia authorities have been communicated with.

### DISMISSES LIBEL CHARGE

Indianapolis Editors Cannot Be Taken to District of Columbia For Trial Says Judge Anderson.

Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—Judge A. B. Anderson, of the United States court of this district Tuesday dismissed the proceedings against Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, proprietors of The Indianapolis News, who were resisting removal to the District of Columbia for trial under a grand jury indictment charging them with having committed criminal libel against ex-President Roosevelt, President Taft, Charles P. Taft, William Nelson Cromwell, J. Pierpont Morgan and others in publishing articles alleging that there was a corrupt profit of \$28,000,000 in the sale of the Panama canal to the United States.

"That man has read the history of our institutions to little purpose," said Judge Anderson in concluding his decision, "who does not view with apprehension the success of such a proceeding as this to the end that citizens could be dragged from their homes to the District of Columbia, the seat of government, for trial under the circumstances of this case. The defendants are discharged."

#### CRANE DOES NOT GO TO CHINA.

Resignation Invited and is Formally Tended With Bitter Complaint—Was Ready to Embark at San Francisco.

Washington, Special.—Charles R. Crane of Chicago, minister designate to China Tuesday was practically deposed by a demand from Secretary Knox for his resignation.

Thus a new chapter in American diplomacy was written. A citizen chosen with special regard for his qualifications for the post, was recalled before he had embarked from San Francisco and discharged from his high office because of alleged incorrect disclosures through the press.

Over this minister, breaking through all the old traditions, insisted on defending himself from the aspersions cast upon him by the Secretary of State by the issuance of a statement, which most people here comment upon as certain to be highly embarrassing to the administration.

The history of this extraordinary affair, which began about a week ago with the announcement that Minister Crane had been stopped at San Francisco at the moment of embarkation for his post by a demand from Secretary Knox for his return to Washington, reached at least its first crisis soon after noon Tuesday, when the Secretary in a formal statement announced that Mr. Crane's resignation had been invited, and the minister designate replied in an equally formal statement that, while his resignation already had been tendered to the President, he felt himself very unjustly treated.

#### Two Boston Schooners Probably Lost.

Boston, Special.—The probable loss of two Boston schooners, the Frontenac and Medford in the hurricane at Key West was reported to the owners Tuesday. The Frontenac, which was a four master, had a cargo of coal from Baltimore. The Medford also a four master, had a cargo of gravel. All hands were saved on both vessels. The Frontenac was built five years ago at a cost of \$30,000, while the Medford cost \$60,000 to build nine years ago. Both were partially insured.

#### Effects of Storm.

Key West, Fla., Special.—A dispatch from Sand Key says: "Station swept to sea. Observers safe but their personal effects lost. Entire force now here. The Sand Key station is on an island twelve feet high. The observers were ordered away Monday on account of the danger. Citrus crops suffered, severely; Orange crops are damaged somewhat."

#### Discovery Day Celebrated.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus October 12, 1492, was on Tuesday fittingly celebrated by the Italian colonies of Norfolk and Portsmouth, who at noon united in a big street parade in this city. The weather was propitious and the parade was witnessed by many. The American and Italian flags appeared everywhere. The festivities closed with a torchlight parade and grand ball. The local Italian organizations have petitioned the Virginia Legislature to make "Columbus Day" a legal holiday.

#### Demolished New Hotel.

Miami, Fla., Special.—The greatest individual loss in Miami by the storm Monday was the demolition of the March Villa, a winter hotel in course of construction and nearly completed. It was to be opened December 1. The structure was razed to the ground. It occupied an eminence on the bay front, where the wind had a clear sweep and hardly one timber remained upon another.

### SNAPPY AND BRIEF

Items Gathered and Told While You Hold Your Breath.

#### SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

Casper Whitney in a magazine article recently accused the midshipmen club at Annapolis, of deceit and lack of sportsmanship in the national rifle matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. They are stung and announce that they will sue in the courts, not for the sake of money, but as the only means of public vindication.

Key West, Fla., suffered the worst storm Monday within her history, the wind blowing 100 miles an hour.

The Lenoir, N. C., News says it is reliably informed that John S. Green of Caldwell county, has received a check for \$1,000 as first premium on apples awarded by the International Apple Show at Spokane, Washington, last winter.

The mansion of Former Governor William Sprague at Narragansett, R. I., was destroyed by fire Monday morning. Many art treasures were lost. The total loss will be \$600,000.

The Chicago police have furnished in advance to police of cities in the route of President Taft the pictures of noted pickpockets and it is hoped that most of the band following the President will be earning a living when he gets back to Washington.

Ion Hammer, director of the Swedish Export Association, was a victim of a Socialist bomb last Sunday. It was sent by mail and as he was taking off wrappers it exploded, tearing off his thumb and forefinger and gashing his face somewhat. His injuries are not fatal.

An auto going at a good speed struck a baby carriage in New York Sunday, knocking baby and carriage 20 feet but the baby escaped unhurt.

According to statistics from Washington, the Indians in the United States are not being exterminated but on the contrary are increasing at a normal rate.

The Law and Order League of Pensacola, Fla., caused the Sunday law of fifty years standing to be enforced last Sunday when not a cigar could be bought. Those who neglected to lay in their meat and bread for Sunday had to take meals at the restaurants.

Prof. D. G. Caldwell of the chair of Latin and French at Erskine College, Due West, S. C., died Sunday afternoon after suffering two weeks from a stroke of apoplexy. Prof. Caldwell had won the appellation of "The Friend of the Boys." South Carolina greatly mourns him.

It seems that the state of Georgia will face a deficiency in the treasury of \$728,566.50 on January 1, 1909.

At New Haven, Conn., last week, George Mosby, indicted for bigamy, deliberately threw himself on a buzz saw which cut his head off, making an effectual cure against further temptation.

Dispatches say that President Taft in his ramble last week among the big trees got his clothes so wet from perspiration that he went to bed while they dried them in the sunshine.

An unknown schooner sank in 9 fathoms of water off Diamond Shoals, N. C., on Saturday night, the masts being seen Sunday morning.

A farmer named Vostburg, near Lake Champlain, N. Y., recently plowed up some gold coins. He went to digging out till he had more of the coins than he could carry, probably \$50,000. It is believed that the money was put there by some thief in the Burgoyne campaign, who never lived to make use of it.

James E. Martin, Jr., is a baby living on Long Island, N. Y., and is heir to \$500,000. His widowed mother asked the court for an annual allowance for his rearing and here are the items as allowed: For a home, \$4,000; for maintaining same, \$7,500; for an automobile and its keep, \$3,000; for entertaining, recreations, and exercise, \$1,300; for medical attention and medicines, \$200; for clothing, \$750; total, \$15,750.

Captain C. E. Borchgrevink, the antarctic explorer, opposes the proposed submission of Dr. Cook's records to the university at Copenhagen and to the committee of the American Geographical Society. He declares that this would not prove satisfactory, both bodies being, he thinks, prejudiced in favor of Dr. Cook. Captain Borchgrevink suggests that the Geographical Society of Genoa, as an unprejudiced body, should be asked to settle the matter.

The little son of Congressman E. Y. Webb, being critically ill, Mr. Webb could not attend the King's Mountain celebration on Thursday and Friday.

The Rhode Island monument was unveiled at New Bern, N. C., on Wednesday in the National Cemetery.

President Taft discarded his car Thursday and took a 30 mile automobile ride, viewing Yosemite Valley and other scenes, making it the best day of the trip.

Sellers of near beer are liable to a tax of \$1,500 annually divided equally among the State, the county and the municipality in the State of Tennessee.