

SYDNEY IS HOST TO FLEET

CREW ROYALLY ENTERTAINED. Australia Publicly Welcomes the Officers and Men of the Atlantic Fleet and Thousands of Natives Fill the Streets to Take Part in the Big Reception—Three Thousand Tars Parade the Streets and Are Greeted With Enthusiastic Cheers—Golden Eagle Perches Upon the Grand Pavilion and the Names of the States Are Inscribed in the Balustrades—Lord Northcote Delivers the Address of Welcome.

Sydney, New South Wales, Aug. 21.—Sydney was aglow with life and color to-day, and urging thousands filled the streets as never before, for this was the day set for the official landing and for Australia to publicly welcome the bone and sinew of the visiting fleet, officers and men.

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME. To-day Australians had an opportunity to see the men who brought the ships in safely thus far on their voyage around the world.

From Farm Cove, where the landing occurred, throughout the lengthy line of march, the crowds gave enthusiastic welcome. Large bodies of men from all the ships were brought ashore in the morning in launches. They numbered close to three thousand.

A BRILLIANT SCENE. The scene was a brilliant and picturesque one. The grand pavilion was surrounded by a great golden eagle, glittering in the sunlight, and the curved balustrades were inscribed with flags, bunting and emblems.

Lord Northcote, on behalf of Australia, extended the hearty welcome to Admiral Sperry, his officers and men and congratulated them warmly on the success of the voyage.

There arose yesterday a circumstance in connection with the parade of American bluejackets and marines in Sydney to-day which at one time threatened to make impossible the carrying out of the programme as originally planned, but the matter was adjusted.

CONDITIONS OF BANKS.

Summary Just Issued by the Corporation Commission, the Figures Showing a Gain Over Last Quarter's Report.

Observer Bureau. Raleigh, Aug. 20. A summary of reports of the condition of North Carolina State, private and savings banks, just issued by the Corporation Commission, shows an aggregate of resources for the three classes of banks of \$45,366,556.28 and money on deposit \$25,921,194.23, these figures being some gain over the previous quarterly report of the banks.

Notable items among the resources of the State and savings banks scheduled in the statement are: Loans and discounts, \$22,252,708; real estate, houses and furniture, \$1,346,070; demand loans, \$1,400,643; due from banks and bankers, \$4,961,865; trust and deposit, \$1,266,631.

GROOM 67; BRIDE 10.

Aged Virginia Misses Secure License to Wed. Her His Heirloom—Wedding Here Next Week—Coming to the Illness of the Prospective Groom.

Elliott City, Md., Aug. 20.—A license was issued to-day for the marriage of Rev. George S. Pittsburgh, aged 67 years, to Lulu V. Frazier, a girl of 10 years.

The proposed marriage has not taken place, however, Mr. Pittsburgh having suffered a severe attack of heart disease after obtaining the license, and he is now said to be critically ill in South Baltimore, Anne Arundel county. Mr. Pittsburgh is understood to be an Episcopal clergyman of Virginia, of which State the bride is also a native.

RESOLUTIONS BY WILKES BAR.

These Passed on Learning of the Death of Judge Fred Moore—Appreciative Remarks Made by Congressman Hackett, Solicitor Linney and Judge Allen.

Wilkesboro, Aug. 20.—The following resolutions were adopted by the bar of Wilkes county Saturday, August 15th, relative to the death of Judge Fred Moore, who has for his last illness and death would have presided over the present term of Wilkes court.

Whereas, the court, now in session, and the bar of Wilkes county have just learned through this morning's papers of the sad and untimely death of Judge Fred Moore, who was riding the courts of the thirteenth judicial district, only last week, holding court in Mitchell county, and but for his recent fatal illness would now be presiding over this court; and

CONGO TREATY ADOPTED.

Annexation Treaty Passes Chamber of Deputies by a Vote of 82 to 55—Action of the Chamber Comes as a Surprise and Nearly Causes the Collapse of the Cabinet—Will Solve the Great Congo Problem.

Brussels, Aug. 20.—After several months of bitter struggle, the Chamber of Deputies to-day adopted the Congo annexation treaty by 83 votes to 55, and although to-day's action will insure the solution of the great Congo problem, there still remains open the important question of Belgium's financial responsibility.

This action on the part of the chamber had not been expected, and at the last moment nearly caused the collapse of the cabinet. During the first reading recently of the colonial bill, which provides for the administration of the Congo Independent State, and which with the treaty was adopted to-day, Herr Woelster, leader of the right, proposed the adoption of an amendment relieving Belgium of the responsibility of guaranteeing the payment of the interest on the Congo debt, but yesterday the government made a determined effort to secure the original terms of the bill.

At the conclusion of a long meeting of King Leopold and the members of his cabinet, it was announced that the cabinet would not resign, the government temporarily accepting the cabinet's action on the financial question. It was pointed out, however, that a direct contradiction exists between the treaty and the colonial bill as voted, the treaty shouldering the financial responsibility while the bill rejects it.

A BUSY DAY FOR MR. BRYAN.

Des Moines Has Prepared a Long List of Events to be Pulled Off To-Day—Fully Fifteen Thousand People Expected to greet the Nebraskan.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 20.—A busy day has been planned for William J. Bryan in Des Moines to-morrow, and it is fully expected that he will greet 15,000 persons before the day ends. He will arrive early in the morning and will breakfast with prominent Democrats as the guest of Mayor A. J. Mathis of Des Moines.

Two mass meetings will be held. The main meeting will be in the ball park, where Mr. Bryan will speak in the open air; an overflow meeting will be held in the auditorium, addressed by Claude R. Porter, candidate for United States Senator, and Fred E. White, candidate for Governor, National Committeeman M. J. Wade and others.

Mr. Bryan is expected to speak briefly in the auditorium also, but his main address, which is to be a discussion of the tariff, will be at the ball park at 8 o'clock. Thousands of visitors are expected, cut rates being in force on account of the State fair, which opened to-day.

Bowers Defeats Barber in the Sixth Mississippi District.

New Orleans, Aug. 20.—Returns received here from the Democratic primary election to-day in Mississippi show that Representative Eaton J. Bowers defeated E. M. Barber in the race for the nomination for Congress from the sixth, Mississippi district. The Democratic nomination is equivalent to election. Bowers served in both the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congresses.

Investigation of Georgia Convict Lease System Ends.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 20.—Inquiry into the convict lease system of Georgia ended to-day. The legislative committee, which has been operating the probe, is now engaged in making up its report, which will be submitted to a special session of the Legislature, called by Governor Smith to assemble on August 25th.

FOR SORE FEET.

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Good Progress on Road From Mooresville to the River.

Special to The Observer. Mooresville, Aug. 20.—Mr. James W. Brown, who has the contract for the grading of the new road being built by the county from Mooresville to the Catawba river, is making good progress on the work. The road has been graded for two miles and practically the whole part is over. It is understood that the man that has the contract to do the macadam work will be here in two weeks and that it will not be long before parts of the road will be ready for use.

Two Earthquake Shocks Recorded.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Two earthquakes were recorded at the government observatory at Cheltenham, Md., within the past twenty-four hours. The first was a slight shock that occurred yesterday evening at 6:49 o'clock and lasted for nine minutes. The origin of this shock probably was within 200 miles of Cheltenham.

Bids For Construction of Winthrop Dormitory

Sealed bids will be received at the office of D. B. Johnson, Pres., Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., for the construction of a dormitory building to be erected on the grounds of Winthrop College and for the heating of said building, until noon of September 15th, 1908. Each bid for construction of the building must be accompanied by certified check for \$5,000 and each heating bid by a certified check for \$200, made payable to D. B. Johnson, Pres., as a guarantee that if awarded the contract the successful bidder will execute the contract and furnish bond as required by the specifications. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Plans and specifications may be seen at Winthrop College and at the office of Edwards & Walter, No. 621 Candler Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., on and after August 25th, 1908.

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