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NATIONAL PARK CONVENTION

Movement for a Great Forest Preserve in
Western North Carolina Auspi-
ciously Launched.

THE APPALACHIAN NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIA- TION FORMED.

Convention Addressed by Locke Craig, Senator Butler, W.
T. Crawford, Richmond Pearson, P. A.
Stovall and Others.

The convention called by the board of trade for the organization of a national southern park association permanently organized at last evening's session as the "Appalachian National Park association," and will be incorporated under the laws of North Carolina. George S. Powell, of Asheville, was elected president and Dr. C. P. Ambler, of Asheville, secretary and treasurer. Twenty-five vice presidents from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia were selected, and a board of directors appointed, a majority of whom are near Asheville, which will be the headquarters of the movement to secure the park. The convention put itself on record as favoring Western North Carolina for the park as being the most suitable in every way. The convention was attended by representative men from the different states and from Asheville. Not a dissenting voice was heard during the sessions and everyone seemed bent on achieving the object for which they were called together.

The naming of the association caused some discussion, some of the members preferring Southern National park and others wanting Forest Preserve added. The name adopted was selected as being the least indicative of sectionalism.

The extreme unanimity of the convention and the results accomplished are due to the energetic work of the Asheville board of trade, its park and forestry committee and the sub-committees appointed by them.

THE FIRST SESSION.
N. G. Gonzales, of the Columbia State, was elected temporary chairman. On taking the chair he said, "My heart is in this work. We all know the purpose of the meeting and I hope we are all united in this cause."
Dr. C. P. Ambler was elected temporary secretary.

Hon. Locke Craig delivered the address of welcome, and said in part: **OBJECT OF CONVENTION.**
"This meeting has for its ultimate object the establishment of a national park; to be located somewhere in the southern Appalachian Mountains. Its immediate purpose is to effect an organization that will enlist the active co-operation of the people of the south that the claims and advantages of this section may be properly presented to the approaching congress, that we may procure from that body the enactment of such laws as will secure the establishment of no state and no locality, but for the common good and for the attainment of a purpose that will be of inestimable benefit to the whole country. This meeting will become historic. It will mark an epoch in the growth and development of the South and especially the mountain section of the South. The strength of our cause and the beneficence of our purpose must assure success."
"It has been the policy of the government to establish parks from time to time, and it is remarkable that this mountain region of the South has heretofore been overlooked. For above all other sections it is an ideal country for a park."

NATURE IN ITS PURITY.
"As yet there are many large areas of this mountain country in a state of nature. The primitive and magnificent forests are yet untouched by the ruthless hand of advancing civilization and the boundless wilderness is yet unbroken as when the Tuscaroras made treaties with the Cherokees and Powhatan gave savage laws to the tribes that roamed over the territory of Virginia and the Carolinas. In the region of the Black Mountains (I speak of those because of my familiarity with that locality) there is a great domain of primeval forest. From Tyson's Hotel, the last house on the head of the Swannanoa to the top of Mitchell's Peak, you travel for ten miles through virgin forests of poplar, oak, chestnut, cherry, and balsam without seeing the sign of human habitation. Down on the Yancey side to the settlements on the Toe and Cane rivers is about the same dis-

tance through a country equally wild and grandly picturesque. * * The rolling thunders, the voice of the waters and the voice of the winds, the huntsman's horn and the crack of his rifle are the only sounds that resound in this vast solitude. In the wide range of vision there is not a break in the forests of hemlock, chestnut, balsam and giant oak.


KINGDOM OF THE BEARS.
"Within the memory of men in the prime of life these mountains abounded with the finest game. Here, as Fayette Burnette, the hunter, expressed it is the kingdom of the bears, with deer, coons, possums and squirrels in regiments, and pheasants, wild turkey and eagles in squadrons. A few years of protection would restore this plenty of the days of the pioneers. Nowhere is there a more congenial home for the gamest of all fish, the speckled trout."

"It would be reckless stupidity, negligence of the grossest kind, if some portion of this grand and picturesque region be not preserved in its original natural condition. There is only one feasible way to accomplish this, and that is by government ownership. These large areas can now be purchased at nominal sums. The timber alone, even at present prices is worth more than the price asked for the fee simple title. The lumber supply of the United States is rapidly diminishing, the value of timber is rapidly advancing. Within few years every timber tree to the tops of our remotest mountains will be valuable for lumber and will be cut down. The forests will be destroyed unless something be done for their protection. The owners of these lands may appreciate their natural beauty and the irreparable loss from a sentimental standpoint, but we cannot expect the individual in this age of money making to sacrifice to sentimental considerations his material welfare and opportunity to better his condition."

GOVERNMENT ONLY CAN SAVE IT
"The government must preserve this valuable gift of nature for the benefit of the people, and now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. Only a few years ago hundreds of acres could be bought in Western North Carolina for a gun and dog, and the finest farm lands of Buncombe went for a horse and saddle. The value of land will more than keep pace with the increase of population and the development of the country. The tide of migration to the southern states has just fairly begun to flow. The prejudice and bad feeling, inevitable consequences of civil war, have passed away."

THE APPEAL OF THE SOUTH.
"What shall hinder our getting this park? To the men who have thus far labored so earnestly and diligently for it, is due all praise and thanks. If the work continue in the same spirit, with the same zeal and energy, the realization of our hopes is assured. Other sections have their parks, why not the South? She has the best place for a park. She pays more than her pro rata part of the revenues of this government. In many of its advantages she does not participate. To the millions of pension money for the soldiers that

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CUBANS PETITION FOR GOVERNMENT AID

Suggestions Made to President McKinley and Secretary Gage.
Washington, Nov. 22.—Editor Figueras, of the Havana Epoca, a newspaper favorable to annexation, and Senor Mantalva, a wealthy Cuban planter, accompanied by President McDowell, of the Cuban American league, had an interview with President McKinley today. They said the only hope for a revival of prosperity in Cuba was a revival of sugar and tobacco interests. They urged the removal of the duty on sugar, so as to place Cuba on an equality with the British colonies, which enjoy special advantages in trade with the United States, on account of reciprocal treaties, and also the establishment of a banking institution having a capital of \$10,000,000, empowered to make loans on crops. McDowell said many Cuban business men favored annexation. McKinley manifested much interest in the plans.

GOVERNMENT OF CUBA.

Havana, Nov. 22.—Civil Governor Nunez issued a proclamation to the mayors of the province of Havana, instructing them to see that every one, whether Cubans or Spaniards, has equal rights.
A decree reorganizing the courts will be presented to Governor General Brooke shortly by the secretary of justice.
Governor Nunez today refused permits to workmen to hold a meeting at which anarchistic speeches were to be delivered. He warned the men not to attempt to hold the meeting.

SECRETARY LONG ADOPTS NAVAL INCREASE PROGRAM

The Enormous New Cruisers to be Swiftest in the World.
Washington, Nov. 22.—Secretary of the Navy Long has adopted, with some slight changes in tonnage, the program of naval increase recommended by the board of construction, and in his annual report he will advocate the construction of three armored cruisers of thirteen thousand tons each, three protected cruisers of eight thousand tons and twelve gunboats of about nine hundred tons. The gunboats are designed for the Philippines and will be of light draught similar to the Marietta and Wheeling, with more speed. The armored cruisers are to be the fastest in the world and have all the strength of battleships.

ROOT SENDS OFFICER TO FORT RINGGOLD

No Further Outbreaks Among the Disorderly Troops.
Austin, Nov. 22.—There has been no further outbreak at Fort Ringgold. The commanding officer of the department of Texas has ordered an investigation of the trouble. Secretary Root wired Governor Sayers today that Colonel Roberts, a competent and judicious officer had been despatched to take command of the post and the present force there would be displaced. He says the officer now in command there has been ordered not to fire a shot except in self-defense.

The trouble, it is learned, grew out of a raid by negro soldiers from the fort on a gambling house in Rio Grande City a few weeks ago, during which they shot out the lights and attempted to seize the money on the tables.

WHEELER'S COMPLIMENTS TO ANTI-IMPERIALISTS

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 22.—General Wheeler, in a letter dated Santa Rita, Luzon, September 23 says that the time has passed for discussing the question of what will be done with the Philippines. To withdraw would leave a condition of anarchy and foreigners would interfere to restore order. He declares that the action of some people in the United States in asserting that the people of the Philippines ought to have independence does a great deal of harm.

CROKER SENDS MONEY TO CLEAR PARNELL MORTGAGES

New York, Nov. 22.—Richard Croker tonight sent a letter to Lord Mayor Tallon, of Dublin, and John E. Redmond, member of parliament, who are at the Hoffman house, enclosing a draft for \$15,000 raised by Tammany Hall with which to clear all existing mortgages on the Parnell homestead, Avondale, County of Wicklow, Ireland. Both Tallon and Redmond requested the bearer of the letter to express their profound thanks to Croker.

WARSHIP ORDERED TO VENEZUELA

Washington, Nov. 22.—On advice that American interests in Colombia are in danger, owing to the revolutionary outbreak there, instructions have been sent to the commander of the Detroit, now in Venezuelan waters, to proceed to Cartagena, Colombia. The Detroit arrived at Caenaro, Venezuela, yesterday.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOBART'S FUNERAL

It Will be One of the Largest That Has Ever Occurred in This Country.
Paterson, Nov. 22.—An official statement of the arrangements for Vice President Hobart's funeral, issued this evening, says the funeral will be held tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at the Church of the Redeemer. Previous to the public exercises a brief service will be held at the residence. Friday between the hours of 2 and 6 the public will be admitted to the residence to view the remains.
Attorney General Griggs said today that all arrangements were completed for attendance of the president. The clergyman in charge of the services will be Chaplain Milburn, of the United States senate, Pastor Magie and Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Paterson. Prayer will be offered by both Shaw and Milburn, while the pastor will conduct the regular service.
Messages of condolence continue to pour in from all parts of the country and Europe.
The funeral will be the largest that has ever taken place in New Jersey, and one of the largest that ever occurred in the country.
Four companies of regulars from Governor's Island will act as an escort to the presidential party on its arrival.
The value of Hobart's estate is variously estimated at between two and five millions.

DEWEY RECEIVES MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION

As a Silver Lining to the Cloud Over His Honeymoon.
Washington, Nov. 22.—Admiral Dewey today received a batch of telegrams from all parts of the country, containing sympathetic messages, evoked by his characteristically frank interview last night, and congratulating him on his good sense in thus taking the public into his confidence and explaining the motives that dictated the transfer of his home to his wife and later to his son. Dewey says he is pleased at the reception of his interview by the public and hopes the incident is now closed. The deed transferring the house to his son was filed today.

PROHIBITION BILL PASSED BY GEORGIA HOUSE

Opponents of the Measure Hope to Defeat it in the Senate.
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 22.—The Willingham prohibition bill was passed by the house this afternoon by a vote of 93 to 65. The friends of the measure are rejoiced at their success. The people in the galleries went wild with joy. On the floor of the house the advocates of the measure were hardly more restrained than the spectators.

ALMIRANTE OQUENDO WRECK YIELDS FORTUNE IN GOLD

Cuban Wreckers Said to Have Secured \$190,000.
Santiago, Nov. 22.—It is reported that Cuban wreckers have succeeded in securing \$190,000 in gold from the safe of the wrecked Spanish cruiser Almirante Oquendo. All of the vessels of Cervera's squadron have yielded rich finds in money and over \$120,000 worth of brass and copper have been taken from the Viscaya, Oquendo and Colon.
The general opinion of the wreckers is that the Americans showed poor judgment in abandoning the wrecks. They declare that none of the vessels are in a condition which would make salvage impossible.

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BOERS' MOVE TO MEET CLERY

Transvaal Forces Now Within
Forty Miles of Pietermaritzburg.

Railway Seized Between Estcourt and Mooi River.

AN ADVANCE IN FORCE

Another Report That General Joubert Has Been Killed.

A REPORT FROM BOER HEADQUARTERS NEAR LADY SMITH STATES THAT THE BRITISH MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO GO TO THE AID OF ESTCOURT.

London, Nov. 23.—The Boers are now within forty miles of Pietermaritzburg. They have seized the railway between Estcourt and Mooi river, thus interposing between the British garrison of about 2,000 at the former place and a similar number at the latter. The enemy has shelled the troops at Mooi river but apparently with little damage.

The Boers have wrecked the railroad at several points, and have secured valuable supplies by looting farms. Their strength is variously estimated at from three to seven thousand. The fact that they are mounting guns seems to dispose of the idea that they are merely raiding and wrecking. It is assumed that it is an advance in force for the purpose of checking General Clery before his concentration is completed. On the operations impending in the Mooi river district the immediate future of the war depends.

FROM BOER HEADQUARTERS.
Boer Headquarters, Lady Smith, Nov. 21.—British gun carriages and several horsemen were heard moving last night in Lady Smith. The outposts observed that the British were endeavoring to make a sortie in the direction of Lombardskop and Bulwana hill. Maxim guns there were fired but the range was too great and a shell fire was begun, with the result that the British were driven back.
The town batteries fired on the Boers at daybreak. Two Boers were wounded.

ESTCOURT APPEALS FOR AID.
It is believed that the unsuccessful attempt at sortie was for the purpose of assisting the Estcourt garrison, who have sent a message for aid to Lady Smith. The messenger was intercepted but afterward released.

Joubert reports that he has cut off the retreat of the Estcourt troops to Pietermaritzburg.
London, Nov. 23.—The Morning Post's correspondent at Mooi river station, under date of the 22d, says that a Boer force estimated at three to four thousand, with a number of guns, occupied a strong position at Mitchellson's Cutting. The Boers shelled Mooi river village at a range of four miles. Most of the shells dropped in the British camp. The British opened fire on a party of 200 Boers advancing under cover and the latter immediately retired. A thunder storm interrupted the firing. Three British were wounded.

IS JOUBERT DEAD.
Cape Town Nov. 22.—The Port Elizabeth Herald publishes an interview with an Englishman, just arrived from the Transvaal who asserts positively that Joubert has been killed.
Cape Town, Nov. 22.—General French, with three thousand troops from the Hanover road, and General Cacaere, with a force from Naauvoort, are hemming in the Boers at Coleberg. This will put an end to commanding of loyal British subjects by Boers in the northern part of Cape Colony.

THE STATE OF TRADE

Has warranted us in adding to our usual Holiday line an additional lot of gold and silver articles in more expensive goods than we have carried before in several years. We hope his change will meet with the approval of the public and desire the pleasure of showing you our holiday stock which will be ready about the first of December.
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