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THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO ASHEVILLE

THOUSANDS THROGGED STREETS TO VIEW NATION'S CHIEF

The Crowding Events of the President's Few Hours Stay in
the City—Camera Fiend Much in Evidence—Dense Throng
Packed Court Square to Hear the Speech—The Drive to
Biltmore Estate, Visit to Dairy, Etc.

The fates yesterday were kind to Asheville and to her many visitors who came to see and hear President Roosevelt. Nearly all day Monday it rained in a most melancholy and discouraging fashion and the plans to decorate the business places along the route of the proposed procession that would escort the president, were defeated or deferred. At night it continued to rain and between 2:30 and 5 a. m. the heavens just opened and emptied whole rivers onto the city. That disposed of the supply. When the sun came forth, rising in majesty and glorious promise in Beaucatcher gap it looked down upon a city of clean streets and smiling people. It was all a scheme of Providence to enable us to present a spotless countenance to our distinguished visitor. The morning was beautiful, as clear and as far as spring, when, with the gay throng displayed about the square, ten thousand people gathered to greet the president. The light fleet- ing clouds that veiled the sun at intervals were a welcome relief from its joys, and the weather continued divine from sunrise until noon. Then having been good for the benefit of the city and its guest it returned to autumn. Had the ceremony been in the afternoon overcoats would have been needed.

The journey of the president and his party from Knoxville to this city was a pleasant, but uneventful one. The greater part of Monday night was spent at Hot Springs where, at an early hour yesterday morning a large number of people gathered to get a glimpse of the president. They were disappointed, for the president having grown weary from the experiences of the two previous days, slept until late. At Marshall, the home of Senator Pritchard, the special made a short stop at the request of the president. The party enjoyed their ride from Hot Springs. "The way we turned those sharp curves was beautiful to behold," said Ernest Walker of the Washington Post. "I said behold, because we did not know there were any curves until they were called to our attention after we had passed. That engineer was an artist, not an artisan." J. B. Parrott was the object of these complimentary allusions, while the special train of five splendid Pullman coaches was in charge of Capt. F. S. Cantwell.

It was very near 9 o'clock when the pilot engine drew into the station at Asheville, which was in the nature of an official notice that the special train bearing the president was only a few

minutes behind. By this time a large crowd had assembled at the station, and it was well that the Asheville Light Infantry, the Blue Ridge Rifles, the mounted police under chief Pullam and the marshals were there, for every few minutes a group of people, growing restless, would press to the front. Only members of the committee were allowed on the front or railroad side of the station. It was at this time that the first incident of an exciting nature occurred. A couple of live-trolley wires got crossed over the street, which was filled with people. There was a sputtering sound and sparks streaked the air for a few moments; horses plunged and people fell back, but no harm was done.

As the special train drew slowly into the station, Col. L. S. Brown and Division Superintendent Ewing of Knoxville were the first to alight. The president was in the rear coach and members of the committee, led by Senator Pritchard, moved forward to the rear platform. Senator Pritchard took his stand by the side of the president, just inside the rear door of the car, where he introduced members of the committee individually. Major Moody and Mr. McNamee were first to grasp the president's hand, and then the others moved by slowly, just giving the president time to say a pleasant word to each. The president smiled jovially, just as one would expect a descendant of a good old New York Dutch family, with a goodly strain of Irish, Scotch-Irish and Huguenot blood in his veins, to smile. But the act apparently cost some effort. It will be remembered that the president had to stop a Massachusetts street car a few days ago with his face, and to smile just right calls for no little facial exercise. The introductions over, the president, with Senator Pritchard still by his side, walked to his carriage, an equipage of dignity and comfort, but not in the least suggesting pomp and circumstance of power. Charlton Millard was the whip. Two handsome grays drew the carriage. Just before the carriage started an omniscient camera fiend leveled his instrument at the chief executive, but a secret service agent stepped within range and upset the photographer's arrangements. Some pictures were taken of the president at this point, however, for there are two official photographers in the immediate party. As another camera man, from a different angle, got in readiness to take a snapshot, the chief magistrate of the nation waved his hand and smiled his resignation, saying to Mayor Miller, who rode by his side, "Well, you know I have long since grown case hardened." Senator Pritchard and Secretary Cortelyou, who is a favorite with the newspaper men, rode on the front seat of the president's carriage. A half dozen mounted police led the procession up to the central portion of the city, while just behind them came Chief Marshal F. Strikeleather and his aides. They were F. M. Weaver, P. H. Branch, Lonnie Pulliam, N. K. Smith, S. T. James, T. E. Clayton, N. B. Atkinson, Dr. C. P. Ambler, Dr. J. A. Gorman, W. F. Randolph, Fred Rutledge, Caney Brown, James A. Wag- ner, Phifer Bostic, Dr. Paquin and James Nichols. Most of these were young men, all good riders, and they presented a fine appearance on their splendid mounts. Following the marshal and his aides came a number of confederate veterans under Gen. J. M. Ray, consisting of Lieut. Reynolds, G. L. McDonald, A. J. Farrin, J. G. Darby, Buchanan, J. R. Rich, J. J. Mackey, S. S. Lynch, C. M. White, B. J. Alexander, A. G. Hallyburton, T. B. Duckett, Capt. Price, F. Studer, F. N. Waddell, J. W. Albright, eGa, J. M. Ray, H. L. King, H. E. Barnard, C. S. Cooper, Rives, John Hall, F. M. Johnston, W. H. Nelson, J. L. L. Slagle, N. A. Penidap, R. A. Hunter, W. N. Gibson, J. P. Morgan, J. E. Ray, Merritt Stevens, J. R. Eynum, W. J. Alexander, T. C. Westall, J. M. Jones,

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In the meantime the First Regiment band was playing a patriotic air, cheers were ascending, and all the circumstances conspired to make a scene that will long be remembered. As the line of procession moved down the hill the national anthem was sung by a thousand children of the city schools. "There are at least a thousand children here lined up on either side of the road," explained one of the teachers, "but we feared to let the first grades of any of the schools come out. We were afraid the little tots might get lost or injured in the crowd." And then there were anxious moments at this juncture for the various committees. The rays of the sun, that had for several minutes been struggling in a vain effort to penetrate the clouds that hung low and darkly just above the hill, were

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JOSEPH H. M'REE'S DEATH AT LUMBERTON

Was State Engineer—Has Relatives in Asheville.

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—The Masonic temple committee, in session this afternoon and tonight, perfected an organization for the erection of a grand lodge Masonic temple in this city, and adopted articles of agreement. They procured a charter for the Masonic Temple Construction company, from the secretary of state; capital, \$100,000. Authority is granted for the issuance of \$50,000 each first and second mortgage bonds. The incorporators are the same as the personnel of the grand lodge committee. Several architects are before the committee tonight discussing plans for the temple.

Capt. Joseph H. McRee, state engineer, was found dead in bed at Lumberton this morning. He was 60 years old. He married Miss Kate Buxton of Asheville, daughter of the late Dr. Buxton. His mother is Mrs. Sallie Cowan McRee, who now lives in Asheville with her son-in-law, Mr. Hatch. The state board of education met this afternoon and adopted resolutions of regret at Capt. McRee's death as the loss of an efficient and painstaking officer to the state and tendering sympathy to the bereaved family. The board sent Chief Clerk John Duckett of the department of public education to Wilmington to attend the funeral as state representative.

STARTLING DISCOVERIES OF INCENDIARISM IN DALLAS

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 9.—Detectives for eastern insurance companies have made startling discoveries of incendiarism that have taken place in Dallas during the last six months, in which more than 60 buildings have been destroyed and \$1,000,000 worth of contents burned up. Posters offer a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the incendiaries.

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This Was the Keynote of President Roosevelt's Great Speech in Asheville Yesterday—A Plea for the Practice of "The Old, Old, Commonplace Virtues"—What Highest Citizenship Demands.

Following is the text of President Roosevelt's Asheville speech:
THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.
Mr. Chairman, and you my fellow Americans: It is indeed a pleasure to have the chance to say a word of greeting to you this morning, to speak here in the midst of this beautiful country of western North Carolina, in this beautiful city, in front of the monument raised to Senator Vance, and to be addressing people whose forefathers have borne a distinguished part in every great civic or military trouble through which this country has gone. It is not far from here, as we measure distances in America, that the Mecklenburg declaration of independence was formulated.

The gentleman who introduced me spoke of the great deeds of the men who, in the Revolutionary war followed Marion and MacDowell; my forefathers fought under Marion; my forefathers fought in the Georgia and South Carolina troops who battled throughout the dark days when Cornwallis and the Red Dragons of Tarleton overran the southern states; they were present at King's Mountain, at the Cowpens and they saw the final triumph, when the men in blue and buff, who followed Greene out of defeat wrested victory, and when at last the flag of the thirteen United States, which had been the thirteen original colonies waved without a rival along the sea coast, and along the foothills and the mountains.

It has been a great and a peculiar pleasure to be greeted today by the men who served in the confederate army. Yesterday and today I have traveled through a region which sent its sons, some to wear the blue and some to wear the gray, all who served with courage, and saw the light as it was given to each to see the light.

The day before yesterday I went over the battlefields of Chicamauga and Chattanooga, over that space of territory which saw for two months one of

the gigantic death struggles of the civil war; that territory, part of which is in Tennessee, and part in my mother's state, Georgia, and I feel that the man would be a poor American who did not come back filled with valor from the scenes that witnessed those days of honor upon Americans. And while there a delegation of young men from the state of Georgia came to present me a cane cut from the battlefield upon which were the names of three union and three confederate generals. One of the union generals, General Boykin, was showing me around the field, one of the confederate generals, General Joe Wheeler, had been my chief in the Spanish war.

Yesterday we stopped at a little station in Tennessee, among those who gathered to greet me was an old fellow who had fought in the army, and he said: "I was one of Wheeler's boys," and I said, "So was I."

It is a good thing for an American president to have a chance to travel through different sections of the country in order that he may realize how trivial are the points of unlikeness, and how essential are the points of likeness. A good American is a good American and I do not care a snap of my finger whether he comes from the north or the south or the east or the west, if he is a straight and decent man I am for him, if he isn't I am not. But my friends, the lesson of brotherhood, the lesson that is taught by such a greeting as I am receiving at this moment, the lesson that is taught wherever you see valiant and true men who wore the blue, or valiant and true men who wore the gray and struggled with them. That lesson applies through all our national life, and it applies just as much in forming a judgment between class and class and section and section. We never can succeed in making this country what it can and shall be made until we work together, not primarily as northerners or southerners easterners or westerners, nor primarily as employers or employees, townsman or countryman, capitalists or wage earners, but primarily as American citizens to whom the right of brotherly friendship and comradeship with all other decent American citizens comes

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