

THE SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT

Various Views Concerning Remarks of Taft on Occasion of Lincoln Day Banquet in New York.

ORGANIZATION REPUBLICANS ARE VERY MUCH PLEASED

Insurgents, However, Say the President Cannot Wake Good His Praise of the Payne-Aldrich Bill

Washington, Feb. 16.—Administration republicans in congress found a good deal of comfort in President Taft's New York speech. As an opener for the congress campaign they declared it to be timely and effective.

Senator Bristow of Kansas, who insinuated probably harder than any other member of the senate, openly expressed his dissatisfaction with the speech.

As to the tariff, said Senator Bristow when asked for his opinion of the speech, "I am still standing upon the republican national platform. I state without hesitation that the new tariff law is not in fulfillment of the pledges made by the republican platform of 1908, nor does it carry out promises made publicly on the stump by the republican candidate for president in that year."

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The theater management has employed three lawyers headed by former Governor Aycock, who gave the opinion that the play cannot be stopped until after it begins. The mayor sticks to his position that he will not let the play be put on at all. He says all the best element of the public is standing by him.

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New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

NEW YORK STATE POLITICS: CONFUSION IN THE RANKS

FIRE LAST NIGHT AT SWANNANOA

Dwellings Occupied by Rev. R. P. Winn and J. E. Clifford Destroyed, and Others Were in Danger.

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MARCH 30 IS DATE SUGGESTED

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt Approves Plans Looking to Construction of Proposed Highway.

BUNCOMBE COMMITTEE TO DO ALL WORK NECESSARY

It is Hoped to Have the Asheville-Greenville Road Completed by October, and Then Celebrated.

Relative to the proposed good roads meeting to be held in Hendersonville some time soon, a movement inaugurated at the last meeting of the Asheville and Buncombe County Good Roads association, to host the Charlotte-Asheville and Asheville-Greenville proposed highways, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt has written President E. C. Chambers endorsing the plan. Dr. Pratt suggests that the meeting be held about March 30, or the first week in April, preferably the former date.

It is the purpose of those interested in the movement to push the construction as rapidly as possible so as to get the road completed by October. Buncombe is already committed to do all the work necessary in this county to make possible the construction of these two highways. The advantages of a fine road from Charlotte and from Greenville to Asheville, via Hendersonville cannot be over-estimated. With the establishment of the New York to Atlanta automobile highway the connection with this highway at Charlotte and Greenville is very desirable, as it will greatly increase the number of automobilists who will visit this section during the summer season.

The suggestion has been made that if the road is completed by October a large coaching and automobile tour from Columbia to Asheville to celebrate the opening of the highway, and to show the people that such a trip could be made quickly in automobiles. The people of Asheville stand ready to co-operate all possible in the movement both to complete the road and to aid in the automobile tour. What is accomplished, depends upon the steps taken by the other counties.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BILL TO GET DOUBLE X

Unless Root Amendment Is Withdrawn—Notes of the Day's Doings in Congress.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Unless Senator Root can be induced to withdraw his amendment to postal savings bank bill requiring investment of postal deposits in United States bonds the measure probably will be defeated in the senate.

Trying to Do Something for Peary. Promotion of Civil Engineer Robert E. Peary to the grade of rear admiral in the corps of civil engineers of the navy and presentation of a vote of thanks to him by congress are provided for in a joint resolution introduced in the house today by Representative J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania.

Inquiry Is Halted. There was no morning session of the Ballinger-Pinchot committee of inquiry today, adjournment having been taken yesterday until this afternoon.

The house committee on military affairs today acted favorably on the Sulzer bill, making Major General E. Sickles, retired, a lieutenant-general.

KILLED WIFE AND SELF. Another One of Those Man-Woman Double Tragedies in New York City.

New York, Feb. 16.—After breaking in the door of the house where his wife was living apart from him, George W. Taylor followed her as she ran screaming and shot and fatally wounded her, then shot himself and fell dead.

DANISH STEAMER WRECKED; SIXTEEN MEN POSSIBLY LOST. Thirteen of Crew, in One Boat, Saved, but Nothing Has Been Heard of Other Boat.

Christiansand, Feb. 16.—The Danish steamer Cambodia was wrecked near Grimstad. Thirteen of the crew were saved.

It is feared a small boat containing 16 others was lost.

Mr. Patricks in Berlin. Berlin, Feb. 16.—Former Vice-President Patricks was the guest of American Ambassador Hill today.

Senator O'Enbohm in Paris Dead. Paris, Feb. 16.—Senator O'Enbohm, a member of the American embassy, died today of acute peritonitis.

BURLESON QUESTIONS GEORGE W. NEVILLE

Member of New York Cotton Exchange a Witness Before the House Committee Today.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The anti-option hearing was resumed today before the house committee of agriculture. George W. Neville, of the New York cotton exchange, who is opposing the pending bills for the abolishment of the future transactions, was the first witness. He was closely questioned, by Representative Burleson of Texas, who is conducting the examinations in the interest of the cotton producers.

Neville testified that the Liverpool cotton market was controlled by English spinners; that sometimes members of the New York exchange operated largely on the Liverpool exchange and sometimes not. Neville said he was not in accord entirely with the present method of fixing the differences in prices on the New York exchange, his idea being that a fixed difference system should be based on the spinning value of goods above and below middling as compared with middling.

MR. TILLMAN TAKEN ILL ON STEPS OF CAPITOL

Recurrence, It is Said, of His Old Trouble—Attack Not Serious, Doctor Thinks.

CHAMBERLAIN IN THE HOUSE

Appears for First Time Since He Was Stricken with Paralysis, Several Years Ago.

REFORM TICKET IS DEFEATED; THE REPUBLICANS WIN

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—The entire reform ticket went down to defeat yesterday, the republican organization sweeping the city, taking all the municipal offices contested for.

MORE GRAFT EVIDENCE FOUND IN OHIO

Columbus, O., Feb. 16.—Chairman Ritter and Expert Examiner Frank Brown announce that they have found more evidences of probable graft in the state printing department.

THE WEATHER

Forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Rain tonight; Thursday rain or snow and cold.

SAYS SHE WAS FORGED TO LIFE OF STREETS

Story Told by Girl Said to Be of Prominent Venezuela Family Is Investigated.

New York, Feb. 16.—Careful investigation is under way today of the charges made by a young girl known as Elsie Wright, who it is said, is the daughter of a Venezuelan diplomat, that in coming to this country she was forced into the white slave trade.

The girl says she came here to become an opera singer, and a man she met compelled her to go into the streets, at the point of a revolver.

SENATOR ELKINS' NIECE TRIES TO KILL HERSELF

Shot Through, but May Live—Says She is Homeless, Friendless (and Tired).

Kansas City, Feb. 16.—Miss Agnes Elkina, a niece of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkina of West Virginia, shot herself today in her room at a local hotel. The bullet passed through the body below the heart.

Miss Elkina has a chance for life. A note was found on her dressing table, and read: "I am tired of life and have no home or friends."

NO TIDINGS OF LIMA'S SHIPWRECKED

Valparaiso, Feb. 16.—No news has been received of the eight persons left clinging to the wreck of the British steamer Lima in the strait of Magellan last Saturday.

GOVERNOR FORT'S FOOT "SOME" BETTER

New York, Feb. 16.—Governor J. Franklin Fort of New Jersey, who is threatened with blood poisoning, the result of a scratch on the foot, shows improvement today.

PARSONS MAY TESTIFY

Cincinnati, Feb. 16.—A petition is being circulated for the pardon of Henry Parsons, now serving a life sentence in the Kentucky penitentiary, on account of the murder of William H. H. H. H.

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