

NO POLICE DETAIL GUARDS PRESIDENT

New York Authorities Fail to Provide Escort for Him.

NEGRO PORTERS USED AS BUFFER TO CROWD

Executive Party Makes It Way to Waiting Car and Goes to H. W. Taft's Residence.

New York, Dec. 20.—The president of the United States traveled through New York's streets last night without a police escort such as has been customarily assigned for his protection during his visits here. Just what caused the omission of the usual provisions to safeguard the nation's head had not been officially developed up to a late hour. The fact remained, however, that when President Taft arrived at 6:35 o'clock at the Pennsylvania terminal on a two days' visit to this city, not a blue-coated employe of the city was in sight. The presidential party was forced to make its way to a waiting automobile separated from the crowd only by 10 colored porters whom the station master had hastily pressed into service.

Unescorted, the president went to the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, on West Forty-eighth street. There the first sight of police officers detailed for duty with the party was had. The detachment was made up of three bicycle policemen. On his former visit 10 policemen on wheels had been assigned to travel with him and 19 patrolmen to handle the crowd at the railway station. The three bicycle policemen accompanied the president on his drive to the Economic club dinner at the Hotel Astor, where he was to deliver an address, and later escorted him to Brooklyn to attend the New England society dinner at the Academy of Music and the Brooklyn Young Republican club dinner.

I. C. Wheeler, a member of the secret service force, made the usual request this morning for an escort for the president and it had been understood that the customary guard would be furnished. It was stated tonight, however, that Police Commissioner Waldo, when asked for the escort, replied that in his opinion no greater guard was needed for the protection of the president here than for the mayor of the city, and that no greater one would be furnished on this occasion. He considered the president no better than the mayor, he was reported as having declared.

Police Commissioner Waldo late last night said: "President Taft got the usual protection. There were two motor cycle policemen assigned to be with him, and a number of plain clothes men and detectives were assigned to be in the station to meet him. The plain clothes men probably were not readily recognized and that may account for the impression that the president had not been given ample police protection."

MR. UNDERWOOD UPHOLDS OUR GOVERNMENT SYSTEM

Points to Direct Democracies' Failure in Speech in New York.

New York, Dec. 20.—Representative Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, was guest of honor at a dinner of members of the Catholic club here last night and, as principle speaker, he delivered an address declaring his opposition to movements toward a more direct form of government.

"If there are evils in our government as it exists today," he said, "it is not in its organic form. It is due to the failure of those in office honestly, fairly and justly to perform the duties imposed upon them. The remedy is plain and the way is clear. The people should drive from the places of power and responsibility the unfaithful servant and elect those who will be faithful and true to the trust imposed upon them."

He pointed to the failures of direct democracies and drew the contrast between them and the successes of a representative democracy responsive to the will of a majority, but checked by the constitution from exercising a brutal force which might destroy the liberty and property rights of the individual.

The proposal to abandon in part this scheme of the revolutionary fathers, with a tendency to place the power of law-making in the hands of all the people, would place constitutional guarantees of individual liberty subservient to the will of the majority through political compulsion, he said.

The Representative at Fault. Those who urge a change, he argued, do not reflect that at times they may misjudge real public sentiment, that the representative who acts as the instrument of the government is at fault and not the basic principle of the government itself.

"My experience as a legislator," he continued, "leads me to believe that the congress of the United States will ultimately respond to the enlightened and matured sentiment of the people." He pointed to instances where in it had done so in railroad rate legislation, pure food laws, campaign fund publicity, national quarantine, irrigation of the arid west and the building of the Isthmian canal.

"The response may not be rapid," he said, "but it is probably more permanent and therefore certainly not as much danger of enacting hasty, ill-considered or bad legislation."

"I cannot a committee of the congress, composed of representative men, initiate legislation, within the limitations of the constitution, guard against excesses and abuses, protect the rights of the minority, secure the wishes of the majority, and to believe that the partisan friends of a

measure who in order that they may accomplish one result are tempted to reach so far that they leave a wake of destruction as to collateral matters the measure touches?"

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"You tell me the people cannot elect honest and faithful servants. I tell you that the masses of the people are far better judges of men than they are of measures, and are far more likely to select an honest man than an honest measure."

"When you say that the voter cannot select a public official who will reflect the will of the people in his office, and be faithful to the constitution of his country, I say you reflect on the very first principle of free government and misjudge the honesty and the intelligence of the American people."

"Let us elect honest men to public office, men who have the courage to stand for the true interest of the constitution, they represent regardless of what effect it may have on their personal fortunes. There then will be no demand for a change of the fundamental principles of our government."

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE COMPLETELY ARRANGED

Games Secured with Some of the Best Teams in the South.

Secretary Ed. B. Brown of the Y. M. C. A., this morning completed the association basketball schedule for all the games that are now prospective. This schedule includes games with some of the best teams that could be secured to come here. There are a number of college teams among others.

The schedule, as it is now arranged, is as follows: Washington and Lee—December 27 and 28. Charlotte Y. M. C. A.—January 8 and 9. Wofford college—January 10. Spartanburg Y. M. C. A.—January 10. Atlanta Athletic club—January 11. Asheville school—January 19. Davidson college—January 25. Knoxville Tigers—February 1 and 2. Maryville college—February 22. University of Tennessee—March 1.

The games with the Washington and Lee aggregation will be played in Asheville and the next four games will be played away from home on a trip that the local boys will take. The Asheville school game will be played at the school and then the balance of the schedule will be played here. It is a big one, and if the locals come out victorious even a majority of them they will do well.

DECLARES LEGISLATOR FRANK IN GRAFT TALK

L. J. Taylor Relates Alleged Conversation with D. D. Brownback—Committee Recuses.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate committee which is investigating the election of Senator Lorimer yesterday adjourned to meet again on January 8, when Mr. Lorimer will take the witness chair and testify in his own defense for the first time under oath. It is probable that no other witness will be called.

Leslie J. Taylor of Taylorville, Ill., told the committee yesterday of an alleged conversation he had in 1910 with D. D. Brownback, a republican member of the Illinois legislature, who voted for Lorimer. Brownback has told the committee that he did not know Taylor and had never spoken to him. Taylor told the committee that Brownback told him he was ashamed to say how much money he had spent to be elected to the legislature "and that he intended to get it back."

"He told me that I would see that when a senator was elected (Brownback) had voted for the right man and that he would get his."

Taylor said Brownback had talked about changing the judicial district in Macon county, Illinois, and said it "could be done for \$500."

OPEN DIVORCE HEARING ASKED BY MRS. MELLON

Her Husband, Who Sues, Alleges Evidence Involving Her Prejudicial to Public Morals.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 20.—A remarkable and sensational court hearing occurred here yesterday in connection with the domestic troubles of Andrew W. Mellon, a multi-millionaire banker of this city, and his wife, Nora Melullen Mellon, member of a prominent family in Dublin, Ireland. The question debated was whether Mrs. Mellon is entitled to a jury trial, open to the public, which her husband objects to. Alfred George Curphy of London, an officer in the British army, is named as co-repondent.

A law passed this year by the Pennsylvania legislature having a tendency to become an issue in the case, was mentioned in arguments as to Mrs. Mellon's right for jury trial.

Some months ago the case was brought before the British parliament because of the apparent inability of Mrs. Mellon to secure a public trial.

According to counsel for Mellon a public trial would be prejudicial to public morals because of the testimony to be heard.

DOINGS OF A DAY IN THE PIEDMONT

Gazette-News Bureau, Daily News Building, Greensboro, Dec. 20.

The annual Greensboro poultry show opened today with the finest lot of fancy fowls ever before exhibited here. There are birds on exhibition from many cities and towns in North Carolina while South Carolina is represented as far south as Charleston. Judge Corman was in the hall yesterday judging the birds and when the doors were opened this morning many Greensboro people and visitors to the city passed through the show room for an inspection of the fancy bred fowls. There are some birds here that are scoring high and no little interest is manifest by the people of Guilford county and nearby towns in the high class of fowls shown.

Rev. Melton Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Greensboro, wound up a pastorate of five years at this church Sunday. In calling attention to the fact that he was starting on the six year Mr. Clark read some interesting church statistics. One of the most interesting was the one that during the five years Mr. Clark had made more than 5000 pastoral calls or an average of more than three daily during those years. In the same length of time the membership of the church increased 22 per cent. During the five years the pastor has delivered 680 sermons at regular times, this not including prayer meeting services and sermons in other churches and in aiding in revivals.

Ashwell Ford, a well known citizen of Guilford county, died Saturday night at his home south of Greensboro, his death being due to the infirmities of old age. Mr. Ford was a native of Wake county but had lived practically his entire long life of 82 years in Randolph and Guilford counties. Seven children survive.

In United States District court yesterday Judge Boyd signed two orders in bankruptcy. One of the orders was signed adjudging Robert S. Lewis of Dallas, Gaston county, a bankrupt on his own petition. The matter was referred to W. S. G. H. Robinson, Jr., as referee. A voluntary petition was also filed by Abram Nemer and Call Nemer, trading as Nemer Brothers, merchants, of Winston-Salem. The matter was referred to J. E. Alexander.

Accidentally Shot and Killed His Cousin.

While out hunting hogs last Saturday Vernon Owen of Balsam Grove was accidentally shot and killed by his cousin, Conley Owen. It seems that Vernon Owen and his cousin with another young man were together, and in some unknown manner Conley Owen's gun was accidentally discharged, the load entering the body of Vernon Owen. He lived only about an hour and a half, says the Broadard News.

The young man was about seventeen years old and the son of Mr. Rufus Owen. The unfortunate affair cast a gloom over the entire community. Mr. Rufus Owen, the father, is a highly respected citizen of the county. The sympathy of his many friends goes out to him in his distress.

The Eleventh Winter Term of the Asheville Business College Soon to Begin. Scholarships Are Being Sold in Advance of the Opening

The present term of the Asheville Business College will close this week. The new term will open Monday, January first, nineteen twelve. As announced in another place in this paper, all persons who will purchase scholarships now, or before the opening will be presented with a full set of books for the course, FREE.

SITUATIONS SECURED: Miss Sue Simmons, Low-Moore Iron company, Low-Moore, Va.; Miss Dell Roper, City; Mr. Herman Hollowell, City; Mr. John Hannah, Tex. Supply Co., Fort Worth, Tex.

NEW STUDENTS: The following out-of-town new students purchased scholarships this week: Miss Maggie Dunlap, Hendersonville; Miss Ophie F. Gish, Hendersonville; Miss Emma Orpening, Hendersonville; Mr. James Justus, Blittmore; Mr. Robert Ramsey, Marshall.

OFFICE SITUATIONS: The following office situations are open for the first of the year: City, Steno, one; twenty miles out, steno, and some bkpg, one; fifty miles south, steno, and bkpg, one.

WINTER TERM begins January first. If you purchase a scholarship now you get a full set of Books FREE when you come to enter at the first of the year.

ASHEVILLE BUSINESS COLLEGE, Henry S. Shockley, Prin.

Dreamland Where Everybody Goes

Grape Fruit and Oranges

Shipped direct from home to consumer. Especially selected and packed for family use. Quality and flavor not to be compared with those bought in stores. Satisfaction guaranteed. Fruit picked, packed and shipped day order is received. Grape fruit, oranges or mixed, 12—why not try a mixed box? FERRIN A. THOMPSON, Winter Haven, Florida.

Another Christmas Is Upon Us!

We will do all we can to make hearts glad. I am going to suggest for you something that will be of real value to the recipient.

HEADQUARTERS

Our store has always been headquarters for GIFT GOODS. We have a way of buying at Rock Bottom Prices and we have learned one good lesson, if no more, and that is to mark Christmas Goods low and let them go; no fancy prices on anything. No use sending your money away from home for USEFUL PRESENTS. We sell you as low as any New York or Chicago Retail Store and you can see and examine what you buy. See the goods and the prices.

You, No Doubt, Are Wondering

what you will give your friend or loved one this Christmas, and when you come right down to the real thing it is a question that you must give thought to. You don't want to give an ice saw to a music teacher, or an automobile to a farmer. We have the right goods for the right people.



Does your husband travel? Does your wife travel? If so, you need a good Hand Grip. And this Christmas is the time to get it.

Joy In Giving

What shall I give away this Christmas? My force are the best in Asheville, and they are anxious that you be well pleased with what you receive from their hands as well as what you pay for goods bought to give away. So come and let us get together on the thing that suits best.



Christmas Tree Handkerchiefs are those you get so many of for so little money. See ours if you want your money strung out to cover a number of presents. Some folks who are in the habit of paying 10 cents for a gentleman's handkerchief don't know that they can get splendid goods for 5 cents. An assortment of ladies' handkerchiefs 5 to 25 cents.

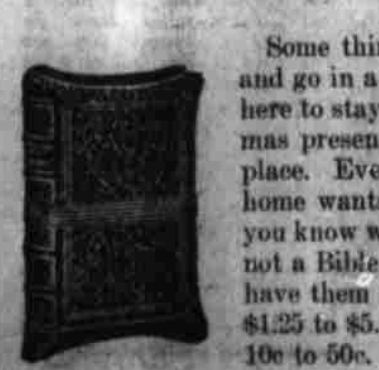


Old people must be pleased and it is very much of a mistake to say anything will suit them. But as we think so we act and here I have gotten together Blankets, Shawls, soft fleeced Underwear, Hats, Caps, Umbrellas, Wool and Leather Gloves, a protection from cold and joy to those who receive such a gift.

Any boy or man either will appreciate half a dozen nice Ties. If you buy from us you will be out but little and can present your brother, your father or your best fellow with a whole year's supply of neckwear and not be out more than \$1.00. It is the wonder of the public when we price our neckwear, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c cover our prices.



What about the little girl? Just say "dollie" to her and her cup runneth over. I believe it has been a conceded fact by the public that we give the best dolls for the money of any others; it may be we buy from the right house and then know how to keep the price down. Come to us for dolls. You can buy at prices from 8 cents up.



Some things come in a rush and go in a rush. The Bible is here to stay, and it as a Christmas present is never out of place. Every child in your home wants its own Bible and you know who has and who has not a Bible in your home. We have them at 25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$5.00. And Testaments 10c to 50c.



Ask yourself the question, "Which had I rather have for a Christmas gift, a dollar's worth of fancy candy or a good dollar umbrella, such as we sell for \$1.00?" Then act as good taste and judgment directs. We have umbrellas 50c to \$2.00.

J. M. Stoner's Cash Store

16 South Main St. Asheville, N. C.