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GOV'R WILSON 55 YEARS OLD TODAY

Noted Presidential Candidate Receives Many Congratulations

Trenton, Dec. 28.—Woodrow Wilson, Governor of New Jersey and active candidate of the democratic nomination for president of the United States reached his 55th birthday anniversary today and was the recipient of congratulatory messages from many friends and admirers throughout the country.

Though ten years younger than Judson Harnor, who is regarded as his chief rival for the presidential nomination, and seven years the junior of Champ Clark, who also is looked upon as a possible democratic standard-bearer next year, Governor Wilson's experience and activities have extended over a wide field.

Governor Wilson was born in Staunton, Va., and passed nearly the whole of his youth in the south. His father was a Presbyterian minister and during the boyhood of the future governor occupied pulpits in Augusta, Columbia, Wilmington and other cities in the south. The son began his academic studies at Davidson College. In 1875 he went to Princeton and was graduated with high honors from that institution. While he was an undergraduate at Princeton he began his career as a political writer with an essay on "Cabinet Government in the United States" that attracted attention.

From Princeton Governor Wilson went to the University of Virginia where he studied law for several years. Afterwards he practiced for a time in Atlanta and then went to Johns Hopkins University, where he gained a fellowship by writing a book on "Congressional Government." In 1890 he joined the faculty of Princeton and twelve years later he became president of the university, which position he held until his nomination for governor of New Jersey.

Thaw's Creditors Get 22 Per Cent
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—The financial affairs of Harry Kendall Thaw, an inmate of Mattewan asylum, and the player of Stanford White, were wound up yesterday when Referee in Bankruptcy Wm. B. Blair directed that checks for 22 per cent of the amount of the claims against Thaw's estate, be mailed to his creditors. Thaw's liabilities were about \$200,000. The principal claim was that of his mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, for \$209,674.

TO POSTMASTER GILES

DINNER GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCAL POST-OFFICE.

Postmaster J. A. Giles was guest of honor at a dinner given by the clerks, rural carriers and employes of the Durham postoffice in the basement of the postoffice building Wednesday evening.

An elaborate menu was served with the good cheer of the season predominating. After the dinner, at which Assistant Postmaster Pope presided as toastmaster, a number of impromptu speeches were made by the employes of the different departments. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Postmaster Giles. He complimented his corps of assistants for their efficiency and declared that it was due to their efforts and not to his own that the service was a success.

The dinner was much enjoyed by all present and the new year will be begun with hearty good cheer as a result of the pleasant association of the men behind the guns.

BRITAIN TO SEND ARMY TO PERSIA

As a Result of the Attack Upon Consul Smart USE STRINGENT MEASURES

Russia's Iron Hand Will Be Felt by "Foolhardy" Persians—Charges of Ill Treatment Are Made Against Russian Troops by Persians—Shuster's Successor.

Tehran, Dec. 28.—England is preparing to throw an army into southern Persia as a result of the attack upon British Consul Smart.

Fighting is still going on between the Persian constitutionalists and Russian soldiers at Tabriz.

Adopts Stringent Measures.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—A semi-official statement issued yesterday evening says that the Russian government, in view of "acts of foolhardy aggression committed against the Russian forces and institutions in Tabriz, Reht and Ensel, sometimes followed by brutal torture of the wounded and base outrages against the dead," has decided that the severest punishment of the guilty is merited, and Russian commanders in conjunction with Russian consuls are instructed to adopt the most stringent measures.

These measures, as set forth in the statement, include the arrest and trial by court martial of all participants in the attacks, the disarmament of the Fidsals and other troublesome elements, destruction of places where resistance might be offered or whatever is deemed necessary to re-establish order and secure the chastisement of the offenders.

Charges of Barbarism.
London, Dec. 28.—The Press committee, composed of prominent Englishmen interested in Persian affairs has received the following telegram from the provincial assembly at Tebriz, sent through the Persian society of Constantinople.

"On December 21, Russian troops attacked and seized the administration buildings. They trampled school children under foot and killed and despoiled innocent men and women. They looted the shops. The inhabitants, after extraordinary forbearance, began to defend themselves and forced the Russians to evacuate the government offices."

"On December 22 the Russians bombarded the city until sunset, continuation increasing hourly. On December 23, in consequence of orders from the central government to cease fighting, the inhabitants took no steps to defend themselves, but the Russians renewed the bombardment, firing from the environs of their consulate at women and other innocent persons. They wounded or made captive the wives and children of many respectable citizens and set fire to numerous buildings and mosques. The inhabitants still remained quiet on December 25, but the ferocity of the Russians greatly increased. They killed many women and children, and a large number of buildings were burned by them."

Shuster's Successor.
Tehran, Dec. 28.—It is understood that the regent and cabinet desire the appointment of the American, F. E. Cairns, the principal assistant of Mr. Shuster, as the new treasurer-general of Persia. It is more likely, however, that M. Morand, the Belgian ex-director of consular affairs in Persia who some months ago made himself prominent by his hostility to Mr. Shuster, will receive the position.

The British consul at Shiraz, V. A. Smart, who was wounded in a fight near Kazeroun is lying in a convalescent hospital. Medical assistance has been sent him. The consul was being escorted to his post by one hundred Indian Sowars when an attack was made by 800 Kachgal tribesmen. The Indians were forced to retreat to Kazeroun, leaving the consul behind, and for a time much anxiety was felt concerning his fate. Reinforcements of 150 Sowars have been dispatched from Shiraz to relieve the force at Kazeroun.

1907 Panic Stopped Great Beef Merger

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Further details of the proposed \$500,000,000 beef merger, which was prevented by fear of the panic of 1907 by New York bankers, was told in the trial of meat packers here today by A. H. Veeder, who was attorney for the packers, now appearing as a government witness.

Steel Company Suffers Fire Loss
Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Four store houses for patterns of the Maryland Steel Company at Sparrows Point, were destroyed by fire this morning. The damage is heavy.

OPENS HIS FIGHT FOR PRESIDENCY

Senator LaFollette Makes First Speech in His Campaign

ATTACKS SUPREME COURT

For Decisions in Standard Oil and Tobacco Cases, Makes Assault on Republican National Committee And an Arraignment of Trusts And Combinations.

Cleveland, Dec. 27.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, opened his speaking campaign for the presidency tonight by an assault on the supreme court, an attack on the republican national committee, an arraignment of the trusts and an enunciation of his ideas for the cure of evils resulting from the present system of government.

The criticism of the supreme court was the most bitter ever heard from the Wisconsin senator. It was predicated on the recent ruling of the court in the standard oil and tobacco cases. The rule of reason he denounced as a "profound revolution in the position of the courts."

"Surely the court does not expect the people to take it seriously," he said, concluding his criticism.

From this Mr. LaFollette launched into a discussion of Elbert H. Gary's plan for federal regulation of prices as a relief from monopoly. Mr. LaFollette said he had no patience with this method. In his analysis he went farther and said that ultimately the government would have to fix prices of labor, hours of employment and compensation of original producers, in order to fix accurately the prices to be offered the consumers.

Instead of the Gary plan or the Taft plan of a federal license for incorporation Senator LaFollette proposed his own plan for a commission on restraints of trade to relieve the country of the condition in which he finds it. The senator saw a great evil in the growth of the trusts and monopolies, which he attributed to patent rights, the tariff laws and the money trust.

Although Senator LaFollette made no direct reference to the president nor suggested his own candidacy, he included in his speech a denunciation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law immediately following his praise of labor organization and his opinion that the Sherman anti-trust law did not contemplate their regulation.

The progressive movement, Mr. LaFollette declared, has as its aim the restoration of the government to the people. "The real cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy," was one of his epigrams.

The senator's speech dealt with the recent action of the republican national committee in leaving to the governing committees of the party to direct the manner of selecting delegates. "The national republican committee is almost wholly composed of men opposed to the primary principle," he asserted. "At its recent meeting in Washington, this committee went on record, not only as opposing voluntary primary election in states where there is no law providing for them, but by failing to directly recognize the law in those states that have provided for the election of delegates to the national convention in primary election."

"This this reactionary committee flagrantly sets at naught the will of the people of these states that have repudiated the caucus and convention system. Such a policy will not tend to strengthen the party with the people. We are fighting this thing and will continue to fight it until in every state primaries will be provided by law which will give to every voter the means of directly expressing his choice of candidates to go upon the party ticket, from president to coroner."

Shot and Killed Man Who Wrecked Home

Rome, Ga., Dec. 28.—Douglas H. Harris, aged 25, formerly of LaGrange, Ga., was shot and instantly killed here last night by Uriah L. Starnes, a traveling salesman. Starnes immediately surrendered to the police. He made a statement charging that Harris had wrecked his home.

Starnes went to the hotel where Harris was employed and shot him in the back. After Harris had fallen Starnes emptied the contents of his pistol into the body.

Blizzard Raging in Great Lakes Region

New York, Dec. 28.—A blizzard is raging today in western New York, northwestern Pennsylvania and northern Ohio. Lake shipping has been warned to seek port. The mercury stands near to the zero mark.

BUST OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, A LAFAYETTE RELIC, IS TO BE SOLD IN THIS COUNTRY



Relics, including the important documents once belonging to the Marquis de Lafayette and having a significant bearing on the history of the war for American independence have been brought to this country from Paris and are to be sold in New York. One of the most interesting objects is a bust of General Washington, which gives an impression of the Father of His Country not shown in the traditional portraits. It is of life size and was sculptured in statuary marble by F. L. J. Pilon, who made his model from life. General Washington is represented in a military tunic, draped with a cloak.

FIVE ARE KILLED IN FOUR RECKS

Two of the Dead Are Engineers. Many Injured

Thurmond, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Engineer Dunn is dead and Fireman Lacy Terrell is dying as a result of a wreck on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad near here this morning. Several passengers were injured.

Three Killed on Electric Line.
Rochester, Dec. 28.—Three persons were killed and several hurt in a wreck on the Lockport and Rochester electric line near here this morning, when two cars met in a blinding snow storm.

Big Four Train Derailed.
Cleveland, O., Dec. 28.—The Twentieth Century Limited on the Big Four was derailed at Lagrange, about thirty-five miles west of here last night and fifteen passengers were injured, none seriously. The smoking car, which rolled over in the ditch was the only car to leave the rails. The passengers in this car, were the only ones injured.

Engineer Killed in Collision.
Knockville, Dec. 28.—Engineer E. R. Heing, of Elowah, Tenn., met instant death and his fireman, Thomas W. Vaughan, of Williamsburg, Ky., was seriously injured when two passenger trains of the Louisville & Nashville road collided head-on at Savoy, Ky.

THRONE ACCEPTS REPUBLIC PLANS

Nucleus of Standing Army of Republic Goes to Nanking

Peking, Dec. 28.—The throne today formally accepted the plan of Yuan Shi Kai for a republic.

Troops go to Nanking.
Shanghai, Dec. 28.—Eight thousand rebel soldiers left here today for Nanking. This is the nucleus of a standing army to uphold the republican government. Nanking is likely to be the capital of the republic.

Pirates Loot British Ship.
Hong Kong, Dec. 28.—Chinese pirates today looted the British steamer Sayap, playing between Hong Kong and Canton. The lootors secured 20,000 atoms and supplies. No one was hurt.

Yeggmen Make Rich Haul.
New York, Dec. 28.—Yeggmen early this morning cracked a safe in the residence of Philip Janowitz, a wealthy banker at Williamsburg, and secured a large amount of jewelry and \$3,500 in cash.

OPEN LETTER TO FRUIT GROWERS

Horticultural Nut Tells of Prizes Won by North Carolina

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—State Horticulturist W. N. Hutt has just issued a significant open letter to fruit growers and others in this state relative to the superb showing that North Carolina made in prize-winning at the National Horticultural Congress held this year at St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 23 to December 3, when North Carolina, for the third time, took first place in the production of fruits, nuts and vegetables. Mr. Hutt says: "It is gratifying to know that this has been made possible only by the earnest and enthusiastic co-operation of our growers. The quality of the fruit this year at both the state fair and the national show bore every evidence of improvement in cultural methods. Not only was this true of individual specimens, but the fact of our taking first place in the commercial five-box class at St. Joseph shows that North Carolina can hold her own in the production of apples for market purposes as well as for exhibitions. People from other sections of the country who have hitherto thought of our state as a vast producer of corn, cotton, tobacco and other staple farm crops have looked with wonder and surprise at our horticultural products. The interest displayed by these people lends new encouragement toward the still greater development of these resources."

Mr. Hutt includes in the open letter the detail list of the North Carolina winnings at the National Congress from the grand sweepstakes trophy for the largest and best horticultural display by any state to the best exhibition of home made byproducts, there being forty-five winnings in fifteen different classes of exhibits.

THAT WILL FOLLOW LaFollette in Ohio

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Taft has arranged to speak in Ohio in an effort to offset Senator Robert M. LaFollette's campaign for the republican presidential nomination. The president will deliver addresses in Cleveland January 28th, Columbus on January 30th and at Akron on January 31st.

Board Army Surgeons Examine C. W. Morse

Atlanta, Dec. 28.—The special board of leading army surgeons named by President Taft to examine Charles W. Morse, the New York banker who is ill at the army hospital here, today concluded its examination and the surgeons went into consultation on the report, which will be wired to the president-late this afternoon.

WORLD PEACE IS TO BE CHIEF AIM

Arbitration Treaties Not to Be Brought to Front at Dinner

ROOSEVELT STILL DECLINES

Change in Proposed Subject of Meeting Does Not Change the Colonel's Determination to Remain Away—Mayor Gayor Refuses to Act on Reception Committee.

New York, Dec. 28.—Although President Taft is to be guest of honor and Andrew Carnegie is down on the program as honorary president, the pending arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France, for which Mr. Taft has labored and which Mr. Carnegie has endorsed, and not to be brought officially before the citizen's peace banquet to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Saturday night. At least this is the plan of a majority of the executive committee, as voiced yesterday by Millard J. Bloomer, the executive officer.

Mr. Bloomer laid the matter before the committee and it was decided, he said, that the sense of the body was that the specific purpose of the dinner was not to endorse the agreements.

With this revised understanding Mr. Bloomer called on Colonel Roosevelt again yesterday and again the Colonel declined flatly to attend. But, as Mr. Bloomer said, this would not change the attitude of the promoters toward the scope of the gathering. In other words it was for the purpose of promoting "world peace in general without reference to any treaty in particular." Whether President Taft and Mr. Carnegie undertook this when they accepted invitations to the banquet Mr. Bloomer could not say. That issue, he explained, had not been raised at the time the invitations were sent out.

Mayor Gaynor has declined to serve on the reception committee at the dinner.

N. C. N. G. Officers Make Good Showing

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—There are coming into the state headquarters of the North Carolina National Guard here from the captains and other officers of the guard the solutions of the military problems that were sent out as the first feature of the correspondence school some weeks ago. Adjutant General Lester and Captain Dougherty, who are conducting this school, pronounce many of the papers that are being sent in especially creditable. The best thus far, it is said, came from Captain R. R. Morrison, Moreville. Among the other especially good being Major T. S. Pace, Wilson and E. C. Black, Charlotte.

Sandlin Will Die for Murder of His Wife

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—There will be no executive clemency for L. M. Sandlin, the convicted wife murderer, of Wilmington, who is under sentence to die in the electric chair here Friday. The state hospital physicians who made the expert examination of Sandlin as to his sanity this week reported yesterday that he is in a perfectly normal mental state. It is on the strength of this finding by the physicians that the governor last night made the definite statement that he will not interfere with the electrocution.

Spaniards Kill 430 in Fight in Morocco

Melina, Morocco, Dec. 28.—Four hundred natives and thirty soldiers were killed in a battle here. The Rif tribesmen were finally driven off. Ten Spaniards were wounded in the fight. The fighting was at long range and the Spanish artillery swept the tribesmen.

Two Killed in Street Tunnel

New York, Dec. 28.—Two men were killed and a third badly hurt when the wall of a tunnel under a Brooklyn street caved in this morning.

Lillian Russell to Wed

New York, Dec. 28.—Lillian Russell today admitted that she is to wed Alexander P. Moore, publisher of the Pittsburgh Leader. Mr. Moore also admitted it.

Actress Commits Suicide

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Roma Snyder, a well-known actress committed suicide in her room here today.

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A BRIGHT CAREER ENDED BY DEATH

Mr. Samuel E. Lindsey Passed Wednesday Evening

Mr. Samuel E. Lindsey, one of the best known young business men of Durham, whose serious illness was mentioned Wednesday afternoon, died at his home on Jackson street Wednesday evening at 9:29 o'clock.

Mr. Lindsey was 24 years of age. He was reared in Durham and his death brings grief to a large circle of friends who had been closely attached to him from boyhood. He was formerly employed as book-keeper for the Ellis Stone Company. Afterwards he attended college at Foughtleap and on his return to Durham was made assistant teller of the First National Bank. Several years ago he was seized with the terrible malady which the Red Cross is doing so much to eradicate.

He resigned his position with the bank and went to the mountains in quest of health. He returned several months ago and has been confined to his room for about four weeks. Several days ago he contracted pneumonia and that was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Lindsey was married in the summer of 1908 to Miss Estelle Carden, and two children, a son and a daughter, survive. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Estelle W. C. Robert L. T. H. and Isaac Lindsey, and two sisters, Misses Annie and Katie Lindsey. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and of the Elk, Mason and Pythian fraternal orders.

The funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist church this afternoon by Rev. C. J. Thompson, assisted by several other ministers who were friends of the deceased.

The pall bearers were: N. Underwood, S. A. Johnson, Chas. B. King, J. A. Warren, R. A. Knight, J. H. Mason. The floral bearers were, J. D. Prigden, A. L. Weatherspoon, O. T. Carver, Jno. Beavers, E. M. Matthews, Van Patterson.

A Four-Masted Coal Schooner Goes Ashore

New London, Conn., Dec. 28.—The four-masted schooner Mary Adelaide Randall, of Grotton, Conn., went ashore at North Jetty, on the north side of Block Island this morning. The crew escaped at Block Island. The vessel was bound from Norfolk to this port under command of Captain Schroucher, who was making his maiden voyage. The vessel is pounding heavily.

PRETTY CHRISTMAS TREE

INTERESTING EXERCISES HELD AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The beautiful Christmas exercises at the First Baptist church Wednesday evening were thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. The decorations were strikingly beautiful. Four Christmas trees were placed one at each corner of the rostrum each resplendent with decorations and presents. In the center of the rostrum was placed a cross over which hovered a dove and under which was placed a manger representing the birth of the Christ child.

An interesting program was rendered by the children of the Sunday school. The solo of Miss Hattie Ellis, who impersonated "Mrs. Santa Claus," was especially well rendered. Mr. J. W. Chandler representing Santa Claus and distributing the presents after the exercises. A collection was taken at the service for the old minister's relief fund.