

THE REUNION AT FREDERICKSBURG

Monument to the Army of the Potomac.

THE CORNER STONE LAID

The President and Noted Federal and Confederate Leaders Present.

MONUMENT GIFT OF GEN BUTTERFIELD

Ora'tions by General Sickles and Mr. Fitzhugh, Committee of Monument to Secretary of War by Colonel Hill. W. I. ler Speaks at the Reunion.

(By the Associated Press.)

Fredericksburg, Va., May 25.—On the very ground over which the Old Fifth Corps charged at Fredericksburg, President McKinley, his Cabinet and General Miles today witnessed the laying of the corner stone in a shaft which will perpetuate in bronze and granite the heroism of the army of the Potomac. It was an impressive ceremony and rendered the more so by the fact that among the hundreds who witnessed the event were noted leaders of both the Federal and Confederate forces. The monument was the personal gift of General Daniel Butterfield, to the National Memorial Association.

The committal of the monument to the Secretary of War was made by Col. Onel Hill, one of the veterans of the Fifth Corps. The ceremony was with due Masonic rites and at its completion the Secretary of War accepted the gift in the name of the American people. The visit of the President to Fredericksburg was primarily in honor of the thirty-first annual re-union of the Army of the Potomac. The town was in gala dress and turned out en masse to receive its distinguished visitors. The President and his Cabinet were welcomed at the court house, which was decorated with the national colors and the various corps flags of the Army of the Potomac. Welcoming speeches were made by prominent veterans from both sides of the Civil War and afterward the President held an informal reception at the home of St. George R. Fitzhugh, where he was welcomed by hundreds of the town folk, both white and colored.

The special train, which carried all the members of the Cabinet except Secretary Wilson, arrived at 11:10. There also were in the party General Nelson A. Miles, his chief aid, Colonel Milcher; Generals Joseph Wheeler, former Adjutant General Ruggles, who was Colonel of the President's old regiment during the war and the Marine Band.

The train was met at Quantico by a reception committee from Fredericksburg, consisting of Hon. Horace F. Crisman, Major T. P. Morris and Postmaster John M. Griffin, who accompanied the Presidential party to Fredericksburg, where they were turned over to the hospitalities of the local committee. The procession formed at the depot and headed by the Marine band moved at once to the court house, where the public exercises were held and an official welcome, delivered by St. George R. Fitzhugh, and the response was made by General Martin T. E. McMahon. The oration of the day was then delivered by General Daniel E. Sickles.

Mr. Fitzhugh's oration was a striking piece of oratorical work. He paid the highest tribute to the army of the Potomac and to their Confederate opponents, saying that to erase the names of the Spotsylvania battlefields of the history of the American army would be to rob it of half its glory. The same blood shed on the Fredericksburg fields, he said, still flowed in the veins of the American soldiers. Wherever the American arms might be in the future, whether those who bore them were ex-Federals or ex-Confederates or descendants of the two, they would stand shoulder to shoulder and their record would be one that would take no lustre from the glory won by the

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STARS AND STRIPES ON THE BLOODY BATTLEFIELDS OF VIRGINIA.

President McKinley and his Cabinet officers applauded this sentiment heartily, and the speaker was lustily cheered by the audience which packed the house.

The exercises at the court house were followed by a luncheon served in the opera house to the members of the society, the ladies and invited guests.

After the reception at the Fitzhugh residence the Presidential party drove to the National cemetery where the foundation of the Fifth Corps monument had been laid. On a grassy slope overlooking the valley of the Rappahannock, the Stars and Stripes flew from a rustic flagpole. Opposite the President and General Butterfield were the members of the Masonic lodge under whose auspices the stone was to be laid, Fredericksburg lodge, No. 4, of which George Washington was a member. The ceremonies were opened by the full Marine band with "Nearer my God to Thee," in which all the audience joined. The corner-stone was anointed in due Masonic order and lowered into place, after which Colonel Hill in a brief speech committed the monument to the care of the National Government.

Secretary Root in accepting made a touching reference to the heroism and sacrifice of both the Federals and Confederates who contested the field of Fredericksburg.

At the close of the ceremonies the Presidential party returned to Washington, but the reunion exercises of the Society of the Potomac were continued at night in the opera house where addresses were made by a number of the veterans, including General Joe Wheeler.

FOURTH DAY OF CHARLOTTE'S CARNIVAL

Athletic Contests, Races, Baseball, an Automobile Race the Features.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlotte, N. C., May 25.—The fourth day of the May Celebration was given over entirely to athletic contests, baseball and races, the midway, of course, remaining one of the chief centers of attraction.

Two games of baseball were pulled off today, one at 10 this morning and a second at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Charlotte and Birmingham were the contestants in both games.

Another feature of the day was the automobile races. This attracted a large crowd, being something never seen here before.

One remarkable feature of the entire week has been the good behavior of the crowds, which on some days have been immense. An officer says that he has never before known such a gathering to give so little trouble. At the Southern depot where hundreds are daily passing only one arrest has been made this week.

On next Monday the Seaboard will run a special train to Wadesboro for the benefit of those who desire to see the eclipse in its totality. The special leaves here at 5 o'clock Monday morning, returning about noon.

Mr. C. A. Dobson, a graduate of Wofford College, but now in business in Charlotte, has received notice of his appointment to a position in the Census Bureau in Washington, at a salary to begin with \$75 per month.

The S. A. L. band from Portsmouth, Va., who are furnishing the music for the week, assisted by the Greensboro band, are causing much favorable comment by their excellent work.

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Charlotte, N. C., May 25.—J. L. O'Dell, boss of the weave room of the Southern Cotton Mills at Bessemer City, N. C., was this afternoon stabbed and almost instantly killed by Hope Davis, a discharged operative. Davis persisted in returning to the mill and was ordered out by O'Dell, whereupon he drew a knife and stabbed O'Dell in the throat severing the jugular vein. O'Dell staggered a few steps in the direction of a drug store and fell dead. He is a nephew of J. M. O'Dell, the mill man of Concord.

Davis escaped, but was captured and jailed at 9:30 tonight. Feeling against him runs high.

DECLINES NORFOLK'S INVITATION.

McKinley Coming to View the Eclipse. Will Probably Remain on His Boat.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., May 25.—Upon learning that President McKinley was coming down next Monday to witness the eclipse of the sun, the Board of Trade of this city extended His Excellency an invitation to visit Norfolk. In reply the following letter was received today:

"Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., May 24th, 1900.

"My Dear Sir: Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 23rd instant, I beg leave to say that on the trip to which you refer the President will probably not leave the boat; or, if he does so, it will be for a very short time only.

"The President desires me, however, to express his sincere thanks for the courtesy extended to him by your association in its cordial invitation and tender of hospitality, which I assure you he very much appreciates.

"Very truly yours,

(Signed),

"GEORGE B. CORTELYOU,
Secretary to the President.

"MR. E. E. DAWES,
Secretary, Norfolk, Va."

MASKED MEN BOARDED THE TRAIN.

Sought to Lynch Jack Moran But Failed to Find Him.

(By the Associated Press.)

Rome, Ga., May 25.—The negro Jack Moran, who was to have been tried today for attempted assault, and who has been in the Fulton county jail, Atlanta, for safe keeping, was started for Rome today under guard. Judge Henry hearing that an attempt at lynching would be made, had him turned back at Cartersville and carried to Atlanta. When the train reached Freeman's, nine miles from Rome, it was boarded by an armed body of masked men who searched it. Not finding the negro the train was allowed to proceed. There is considerable excitement over the affair.

Telegraphic Briefs.

An unknown priest committed suicide at Niagara Falls last night.

The American Medico-Psychological Association adjourned at Richmond yesterday to meet next year in Milwaukee.

A car at St. Louis was attacked yesterday by strike sympathizers and a patrolman riding on the platform received an ugly wound in the side.

The differences between the management of the St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company and the union men in their employ were safely adjusted yesterday.

A dispatch to the Daily Express from George town, British Guiana, says that a steamer with three convicts, has been carried over a cataract in the Portar River, British Guiana forty lives being lost.

At Washington yesterday J. Parmley Paret, of the Lenox Club, New York, beat M. A. Agelasto, winner of last year's Virginia State championship in the semi-final singles of the Southern lawn tennis championship contest.

The Conference at Chicago yesterday took up for final disposal the report of the Committee on the State of the Church in regard to the attitude of the Methodist church on card playing, theatre-going and other at present prohibited amusements, and the prospects appear favorable for an exceedingly lively debate on this subject today.

At St. Louis, Mo., yesterday, Moderator Dickey to the Presbyterian General Assembly named the following ministers and elders appointed on the creed revision committee: Drs. Herrick Johnson, Illinois; S. J. Nicolls, Missouri; D. W. Fisher, Indiana; George T. Stewart, New York; William McKibben, Pennsylvania; Samuel P. Sprecher, Ohio; Benjamin B. Warfield, New Jersey; S. W. Dana and Elders D. R. Noyes, Minnesota; E. W. Humphrey, Kentucky; W. R. Craft, Pennsylvania; John Parsons, New York; ex-President Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; Ellisha Frazer, Michigan, and Justice John M. Horlan, Washington. Dr. Charles A. Dickey, of Pennsylvania, was appointed chairman of the committee by the Assembly.

Getting in Good Work.

Oxford Public Ledger.

Jennett, the great cartoonist, is again in Raleigh with the News and Observer, and will be sure to get in some good work on the Rep-Pops.

A penny in the hand is better than a nickel in the slot.

MAKES THE PRESIDENT A DESPOT.

Why Morgan is Opposed to Spooner's Philippine Measure.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 25.—The discussion of the Spooner Philippine Bill was continued in the Senate today by Mr. Morgan, of Alabama. On the general question of the ownership and government by the United States of the Philippine Islands he was in accord with Senators Spooner and Lodge, but he regarded the pending bill as unwise and dangerous legislation because of the great power it placed in the hands of the President. He was satisfied, however, that the measure would not be passed by this Congress and declared that it was being used as a foil to thrust aside the Nicaragua Canal Bill. Much of his speech was devoted to the Canal Bill, and to what he denounced as the political efforts that were being used to prevent its enactment at this session. A conference on the Porto Rico Appropriation Bill was agreed to. The session closed with eulogies upon the late Representative Ernestout, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Morgan introduced a bill to punish crimes against the United States not committed within a State, with a view to the present emergency.

The Philippine Bill was then taken up and Mr. Morgan addressed himself to it.

Mr. Morgan declared that no promises had ever been made by our military and naval commanders to recognize the flag to government, which he further said, did not exist when Dewey took Manila. He denounced Aguinaldo as a political adventurer and traitor.

Mr. Morgan eulogized the Paris treaty. He attacked the Spooner Bill, because, he maintained, it concentrated all the power over the Philippines in the President of the United States, and gave too much power to any President, and to a dishonest President this power would be very dangerous. It was legalizing absolute rule and took away from the Senate the power to confirm the appointments of the President.

"I do not know," said Mr. Morgan, "Whether the President is demanding from Congress this imperial power, his conduct thus far of our island possessions does not justify the suspicion that he desires the vast powers conferred upon him by this bill merely for his own aggrandizement or for any imperial purposes. This is an unhallored power and ought not to be conferred upon the President. Fraud has already touched his administration in Cuba, but no one is more sorrowful nor indignant over it than he. In view of our occupation of the Philippines, Mr. Morgan adverted to the Nicaragua Canal, arguing for that project. He referred to what he hotly called the "assumption, arrogance and brazen faced audacity" of various Panama Canal companies, which were making representations to this Government.

"It is an outrage on all public decency," he urged, "an open violation of the criminal laws of the United States."

With earnestness and vigor Mr. Morgan arraigned the new Panama Canal company for having been instrumental in preventing the passage of the Nicaragua Canal Bill at the present session.

"Never," he declared, "has the United States Government and the United States Congress been badgered and cuffed about as we have been by this new Panama Canal Company; and the quiet submission and ease with which we take it is only accountable to the nearness of a Presidential election and we are afraid to tackle any corporation that has or professes to have, some great power."

He could not believe the President was in league with the politicians who were antagonizing the Canal Bill.

"For," he inquired, vehemently, "is it to be said here that the President is a party to this ambidextrous and crossed-eyed political rascality?"

He did not believe, either, that the President was so afraid of British influences that he had an idea in his mind of abandoning the canal project.

"The President, who is a candidate for re-election," said he, "is in the hands of his friends and his friends are the enemies of the Nicaragua Canal."

Mr. Allison then called up the Sandy Civil Appropriation Bill.

The bill carried as reported to the Senate \$65,812,930.

Sixty-five of the 157 pages of the bill were disposed of. Some discussing was precipitated over a committee amendment providing that the Secretary of the Treasury should prescribe rules and regulations for the enforcement of the contract labor law and the Chinese exclusion act.

Mr. Lodge (Mass.) offered an amendment providing that the Commissioner General of Immigration should prepare the rules and regulations and they should be enforced after the Secretary of the Treasury had approved them.

Mr. Allen (Neb.) opposed the amendment of the committee, maintaining that it was a practical nullification of the Chinese exclusion act and the contract labor law.

Without action upon the amendment the bill was laid aside until tomorrow. At 5 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

ALASKAN BILL STILL BEFORE HOUSE.

The Session From Noon to Adjournment Devoted to Private Pension Bills.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 25.—The House devoted two hours this morning which belonged to the legislative day of Thursday to the continuing of the consideration of the Alaskan Civil Government Bill without completing it. The session from noon until adjournment was devoted under the rule to private pension bills.

Cars Carry Three Down to Death.

(By the Associated Press.)

Akron, Ohio, May 25.—Three men, James MacMahon, Michael Penders and K. Welker, were killed and a number of others seriously injured as a result of an accident to a work train early today on the Akron and Cuyahoga Falls Rapid Transit (electric) suburban line.

The brakes on two cars loaded with gravel, and carrying about a dozen workmen became disabled at the top of a steep grade. The cars rushed down the incline at a terrific speed. Nine of the workmen jumped from the cars as they sped along, and were seriously injured.

Confession by Negro Ravisher.

(By the Associated Press.)

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KITCHIN FOR CONGRESS

(Continued from First Page.)

We, the people who made North Carolina and are building up, beg the county to let us settle it in peace.

"That is the wise course. We desire no harm to the colored man. He'll have his rights in the field and in the courts of justice—everywhere. But, my countrymen, the right to rule the white man is not one of his rights, and by the eternal he shall not exercise it."

Mr. Kitchin concluded his speech with splendid effect by a quotation from a declaration of Senator Vance, that "the white man of the South will never again submit to negro domination, and what is worse still the domination of his white allies."

For the position of elector two names were put before the convention: T. C. Wooten, of Lenoir, and John H. Kerr, of Warren. Mr. Wooten was elected by a vote of 175 to 116.

The following members of the executive committee for the district were then chosen: Bertie, A. S. Roscoe; Edgecombe, H. A. Gilliam; Greene, Geo. W. Sugg; Halifax, E. L. Travis; Lenoir, J. W. Grainger; Northampton, W. H. Joyner; Warren, L. J. Pict; Wayne, Jos. E. Robinson; Wilson, Geo. W. Connor.

This completed the business of the convention and at 3:30 o'clock it adjourned.

Claude Kitchin, the nominee of the convention for Congress, is a young man, a lawyer by profession. He is a native of Halifax county, having been born there on March 24th, 1869. He is a son of Capt. W. H. Kitchin, and a brother of Hon. W. W. Kitchin, the present Congressman from the Fifth district.

Mr. Kitchin was educated at Wake Forest College, from which he graduated in 1888. Soon after his graduation he married Miss Katie Mills, daughter of Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest, and began the practice of law with his father at Scotland Neck. He has never held a public office, though he has always taken great interest in politics and has made some notable campaign speeches.

Asked this morning as to his plans for the campaign, he said:

"I shall not begin my campaign for election to Congress until after the August election. Until then I shall have but one thought in my canvass I shall make—the Amendment. Of course I shall continue my canvass for that, going wherever the State committee may see fit to send me."

"After the amendment is adopted I shall begin my canvass of my own district."

The opinion is freely expressed on all sides that the convention made no mistake when it nominated Mr. Kitchin. He is very popular, brilliant and magnetic, and his campaign of the district will arouse such enthusiasm as will tell greatly for Democracy in the November election.

FRED L. MERRITT.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Its Petition to Congress Relative to Expulsion From Prussia Favorably Acted On.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, May 25.—The Congressional Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce unanimously voted to report in favor of the Government taking action on the petition of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, asking for redress from the Prussian Government for its expulsion without good cause from the empire. The committee was much impressed at the hearing by the remarks of Mr. Richard A. McCurdy, president of the company, and by the clear statements of its counsel, Mr. Benj. F. Tracy.

The committee recommended the following resolutions: "Resolved by the Senate and the House, That the Secretary of State be, and is hereby, requested to take all steps which may be necessary and proper to obtain from the Government of the Kingdom of Prussia a revocation of the order of August 14th, 1895, by which the privilege of transacting business in that kingdom was withdrawn from the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York."

It is considered certain that the resolution will pass the House, the feeling of the members against the recent action of the Prussian authorities in the treatment of American merchants being particularly strong.

VIRGINIA WILL CALL A CONVENTION.

It Failed in 1st, 5th and Ninth Districts, But Carried the State.

(By the Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., May 25.—The latest summary of the returns from the election of Thursday is that the convention failed in the First, Fifth and Ninth districts, but carried in the others, and carried in the State by a safe majority. There are no satisfactory figures obtainable yet.

Released on Conditional Pardon.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., May 25.—W. J. Judkins, aged thirty-five years, who was sent to the penitentiary for two years, in April of last year, for forging bills of lading for cotton, upon which he secured cash advances from several large Norfolk cotton dealers, has been granted a conditional pardon by Governor Tyler and discharged from the penitentiary. Judkins' home is in Northampton county, N. C.

A Suggestion.

To the Editor: Permit me to suggest the following as a strong ticket for the Legislature in this county: For the Senate, Wm. B. Snow; for the House of Representatives, F. A. Whitaker, N. B. Broughton, E. C. Beddingfield. This ticket, in my opinion, will sweep the county and give a large majority for the Constitutional amendment.

Very truly,

C. L. HINTON.

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