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THE PRESIDENT IS OFF FOR THE SOUTH

Wildly Cheering Crowds Witness His Departure.

HE GOES TO CHATTANOOGA

Stays But an Hour and a Half in Washington.

THERE WILL BE BUT FOUR STOPS MADE

These Will be Wheeling, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Asheville. The President Goes to Attend the Firemen's Convention at Chattanooga.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 5.—Smilingly bowing in acknowledgement of the enthusiastic and prolonged cheering of an assemblage that fairly crowded the Baltimore and Ohio station here, President Roosevelt tonight began his Southern tour with Chattanooga, Tenn., as the objective point.

The President was in the city exactly one hour and a half. He arrived over the Pennsylvania Railroad at 6:12 o'clock this evening on a special train of two cars made up at Philadelphia this afternoon during the brief stop here en route from Oyster Bay. Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, Chief Wikie, of the Secret Service, Assistant Secretary to the President Barnes, and a number of other officials and White House attaches met him at the station.

The President appeared a little disfigured as a result of the Pittsfield accident, but apparently had quite recovered from the shock. He stopped to shake hands with those who pressed about him to congratulate him on his escape. "Poor Craig," he repeated in expressing his thanks to his well-wishers.

Through a cordon of police the President was escorted to carriages in waiting, and was quickly driven to the Baltimore and Ohio station. Secretary Hitchcock, Commander Cowles, the President's brother-in-law, and Secretary Cortelyou rode in the carriage with him.

The special train of seven handsome equipage coaches was in readiness and the President immediately entered his car, merely lifting his hat in response to the greeting from the crowd. He spent most of the time before his departure in conversation with Civil Service Commissioner Garfield, and with others who entered the car to meet him. To a number he described the accident at Pittsfield. He said it was not the first time he had so providential an escape and referred to an incident in the battle of San Juan when gunshots struck down two men close beside him.

The President told the Pittsfield story to the group in the car with feeling and emphasized it with gestures. He said he felt in normal condition again. The train was just two minutes late when it pulled out of the Baltimore and Ohio station at 7:32. It was in charge of Pullman Conductor W. M. Johnson, who has been assigned to the Presidential specials for a long time past.

The Southern trip will be a somewhat hurried one and no stops will be made at points other than those included in the itinerary already published, namely, Wheeling, W. Va., Chattanooga, Tenn., Knoxville, Tenn., and Asheville, N. C. The immediate object of the President is to attend the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, in whose work he always has shown a deep interest. The train will reach Wheeling tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock and will arrive at Chattanooga the same hour Sunday morning. Sunday will be spent at Chattanooga quietly and without public programme. The party will visit the battle grounds during the day and the President will attend church in the evening. He will attend the firemen's convention Monday morning.

the President said he was feeling quite well. Secretary Cortelyou said he was feeling fairly well and had about recovered from the effects of Wednesday's accident.

Dispatch From King Edward.

(By the Associated Press.) Oyster Bay, L. I., Sept. 5.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Kermit left Oyster Bay for Jersey City this morning on the Sylph. Mrs. Roosevelt and Kermit were bound for New York. President Roosevelt has received from King Edward of England the following message: "London, September 5th. 'To the President of the United States: 'The news of the accident caused me the deepest concern. I earnestly trust to receive further assurance that it has not resulted in serious consequences to yourself. (Signed.) 'EDWARD, R. and I.'"

NOT BY THE LAST ERUPTION

Report of 2,000 People Killed Referred to Deaths Since August 30th.

(By the Associated Press.) Castries, Island of St. Lucia, B. W. I., Sept. 5.—The report brought by the Royal Mail steamer Yare, which arrived here yesterday evening from Martinique, of the loss of 2,000 lives through the recent outbreak of Mont Pelee referred to the death since August 30th and not to the loss of life resulting from the reported outbreak of Wednesday, September 3rd. The eruption of Mont Pelee on September 3rd was not remarkable, but there was a terrific explosion from the Soufriere, on the island of St. Vincent, September 3rd. The captain of the steamer Savana, now here, confirming the report called the Associated Press last night that she ran into dense clouds of dust when twenty miles southwest of St. Vincent at 2 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, adds that absolute darkness prevailed soon afterwards, and that he changed his course to due west in order to escape the ashes which were falling thick. The first officer could not see the Captain two feet away and only knew him by his voice. They did not see the sun until about 10 a. m. the same day.

The steamer Yare further reports that several more valuable plantations were destroyed at the time of the recent outbreak in addition to the townships referred to in previous dispatches, and adds that the anxiety and dejection of the surviving population is general.

IN LEXINGTON TODAY.

Junior Order Flag Raising Will Make This Day a Memorable One.

(Special to News and Observer.) Lexington, N. C., Sept. 5.—Tomorrow is to be a gala day when the exercises for the flag raising over the Lexington Graded School take place. These begin at three o'clock. The order of exercises is as follows: Procession will form at Hedrick's Hall at 2 o'clock. Chaplain and orators in carriages. Many beautiful floats. Members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. When formed will march down Main to Sixth street to Seminary building. Opening exercises by chaplain. Presentation of Bible by Rev. J. C. Leonard. Presentation of flag by Hon. Zeb V. Walser. Educational addresses by J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent, and Governor C. B. Aycock. Raising flag by Juniors.

Conference With Boer Generals.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Sept. 5.—The conference between the Boer generals, Botha, De Wet and De La Roy, and Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, was held today at Downing Street. The generals were escorted to the Colonial office by an official of that department of the government and drove there in an open carriage. They received a hearty welcome from the considerable crowds assembled at either end of the route.

Just prior to the generals' departure from their hotel, Abraham Fischer, the Boer delegate, had a conference with Lord Kitchener and Lord Onslow, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, participated in the conference, which lasted two hours.

The faces of the generals as they drove back to their hotel gave no hint as to whether they had derived satisfaction or otherwise from the conference.

Mr. Chamberlain has authorized the announcement that the proceedings will be published later in a blue book.

Investigating the Merger.

(By the Associated Press.) Louisville, Ky., Sept. 5.—The investigation of the alleged merger of the Southern and the Louisville and Nashville Railways, which was begun the first of this week by the Kentucky Railroad Commission, was continued today and President Milton H. Smith, of the Louisville and Nashville, was called upon to give his testimony. He occupied the entire morning session and a greater portion of the afternoon but the members of the commission refused to give out any statement regarding the evidence.

Atilla Cox, president of the Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis Railroad and a director of the Louisville and Nashville, also was summoned before the commission this afternoon. State Attorney General Pratt was present at the sessions and assisted in questioning the witnesses.

FLEET RUNS THE FORTS SIXTY MILLS READY

The Last Feature in the Mimic War Now at An End.

(By the Associated Press.) Newport, R. I., Sept. 5.—Admiral Higginson's fleet of battleships ran the forts defending Newport harbor at 10 o'clock and now lies at anchor off the Torpedo Station, and the mimic war is practically at an end. The secondary fleet of smaller vessels followed about half an hour later, after the fight was over.

BY MCCREA'S STRONG HAND.

Commerce is Protected During the Struggle in the Haytian Republic.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 5.—The Navy Department has received from Commander McCrea, of the Machias, a mail report under date of Cape Haytien, August 16th., setting out in detail the steps taken by that officer to prevent interference with the world's commerce as a result of the bitter insurrectionary struggle now in progress in Haytian waters. Commander McCrea, from the nature of the case, obliged to act without opportunity to consult the Navy or the State Department, but it is stated that his vigorous and effective measures are thoroughly approved. It appears from the commander's report that he took under his charge the commerce of nearly all the European countries in addition to that of his own. His attitude toward Admiral Killick, the insurgent commander, as revealed in the report, is significant as indicating the adoption of a stronger policy than has been heretofore in the treatment of South and Central American revolutions, which injuriously affect the commerce of the world.

PLAN TO BLACKMAIL

Steel Trusts' Counsel So Declares the Suit.

And Says David Lamon is the Chief Conspirator. Hearing Given by Vice Chancellor Emery.

(By the Associated Press.) Newark, N. J., Sept. 5.—Vice Chancellor Emery gave a hearing today in the suit brought by J. Aspinwall Hodge and others for an injunction to restrain the United States Steel Corporation from carrying out its plan to retire \$200,000,000 of preferred stock and to issue \$250,000,000 of 5 per cent bonds.

R. V. Lindabury, of counsel for the defendant, moved for an order directing the complainants to come into court to them to bring the suit, as to who was back of it, and as to the motive of the suit, and to be cross examined on questions touching their stockholdings.

Mr. Lindabury also moved for an order to have the case stricken from the records of the court as an imposition. He declared that he and his associate counsel, William D. Guthrie and Charles H. Corbin, were prepared to show by their own affidavits that the suit was a blackmailing scheme and a conspiracy, with David H. Lamar as chief conspirator.

Mr. Lindabury then presented an affidavit of Joseph E. Corrigan, a clerk in the office of Guthrie, Cravath and Henderson, reporting a conversation he had with James H. Lancaster, who had made an affidavit when the suit was brought in regard to the valuation of the steel plants. Lancaster, Corrigan averred, told him that he had received \$100 for the affidavit, not knowing it was to be used in the suit against the steel corporation. According to Corrigan, Lancaster claimed that Lamar told him that he would pay him \$250 per week to keep quiet, and \$10,000 when the suit should be settled, not later than November 1st, 1902.

R. H. MacCarter, in reply to Mr. Lindabury, characterized the strictures regarding the good faith of the complainants as unwarranted and unfilled for. He then read an affidavit by James H. Lancaster, filed August 29th, in which denial was made of the allegation in the Corrigan affidavit.

Vice Chancellor Emery withheld decision until next Tuesday.

Strikers Going Back to Work.

(By the Associated Press.) Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 5.—The news that the strike in the Pocahontas region has been declared off, is having big effect in the Kanawha and New River fields. Information that there will be no "black list" will go a long way toward weakening the strike here.

Adjutant General Baker reported to Governor White this morning from Elk-govern that the strike is over there and all collieries are employing all the old men who apply for work.

Negro Murderer Hanged.

(By the Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 5.—Taylor Charleston, colored, was hanged here today at noon for the murder of another negro. Charleston made a fervent prayer against any living man. His neck was broken. Twenty-five negro residents of Birmingham were permitted to witness the execution.

A Report That This Number Are Pledged to Enter a Merger.

(By the Associated Press.) Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 5.—A report is current here that sixty Southern cotton mills have been pledged by their controlling interests to enter a merger. The prime movers in the organization are said to be Eastern capitalists who have been in Huntsville for several days proposing to underwrite the amalgamation. Sixty mills, according to report, have accepted the plans of the merger and two have refused to enter into the agreement.

The plan of the reported merger, it is understood, provides only for the selling of the mill products through a common agency, each mill in the organization to be operated independently.

Hester's Cotton Statement.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Sept. 5.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 1,399,497 bales against 1,293,354 bales last week and 1,467,495 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 800,497 bales against 797,354 bales last week and 887,494 bales last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 599,000 bales against 496,000 bales last week and 580,000 bales last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 700,000 bales, against 714,000 bales last year; in Egypt 14,000 bales against 560,000 bales last year; in India 138,000 bales against 335,000 bales last year and in the United States 277,000 bales against 352,000 bales last year.

Secretary Hester's statement issued today shows the amount brought into sight for the first five days of September to be 136,534 bales against 65,458 bales last year and 64,821 bales year before last. Receipts at all United States ports since September 1st. have been 90,148 bales against 38,796 bales last year; overlaid on the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac Rivers, Northern mills and Canada, 668 bales against 1,425 bales last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 12,538 bales against a decrease of 3,483 bales last year and Southern mill takings 30,000 bales, against 28,700 bales last year.

Foreign exports for the five days have been 22,270 bales against 25,778 bales. The total takings of American mills, North and South, and Canada, thus far for the season have been 50,739 bales, against 29,219 bales last year.

Since the close of the commercial year stocks at American ports and the twenty-nine leading interior centers increased 53,245 bales against an increase for the same period last season of 49 bales, and are now 91,809 bales less than at this date last year.

The Results at Sea Girt.

(By the Associated Press.) Rifle Range, Sea Girt, N. J., Sept. 5.—The last day, but one of the big Interstate shooting tournament, was devoted to firing in the skirmish team match and the Leech Cup match. The former was won by the Second regiment, District of Columbia team, with a total of 290 out of a possible 300.

William F. Leushner, of New York, proved the victor in the Leech Cup match. His total was 59 out of a possible 75. Prior to today this match has not been shot since the year 1882.

The skirmish team match was the most spectacular event of the meet and was watched with interest by a large number of spectators. Each team captain directed the firing of his team, under the supervision of a range officer. The targets used were silhouette arranged by placing a kneeling figure on the right flank of the line of figures, followed by a standing and then a lying figure, repeating this arrangement until there was as many groups as there were competitors on the team.

The Mines Are Still Blazing.

(By the Associated Press.) Bramwell, W. Va., Sept. 5.—The fire of West Pocahontas mines continues but the three connecting mines on the West Virginia side are not seriously damaged and will be operated when the strikers resume work next Monday. The entrance from the Virginia side, however, is still the scene of active work in the endeavor to subdue the conflagration.

Tazewell Postoffice Robbed.

(By the Associated Press.) Tazewell, Tenn., Sept. 5.—The safe in the Tazewell postoffice was blown open last night and four hundred dollars worth of stamps taken. About \$100 in money was also stolen. There is no clue.

On the Diamond.

National League.

Table with columns for Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Chicago, Brooklyn, Boston, Cincinnati, New York.

American League.

Table with columns for Detroit, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Cleveland, Philadelphia.

Southern League.

Table with columns for Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Nashville.

Eastern League.

Table with columns for Buffalo, Jersey City, Providence, Rochester, Montreal.

THE AGE OF THE POPULATION.

Its Increase From Decade to Decade Shown by a Census Report.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 4.—The Census Bureau today issued a statement showing the increasing age of the population from decade to decade. The statement gives the results of computing the median instead of the average age. The median is such an age that half the population is under it and half is over it.

The median age of the total population in 1900 was 22.8 as compared with 21.9 in 1890. The median age of the white population in the last census year was 23.4 and the colored, including negroes, Indians and Mongolians were 19.7, while in 1890 the white population was 22.4 and the colored 18.3.

The report shows there was an increase in the median age of the white population during each decade of 1810 to 1890 amounting in the 90 years to 7.4 years or an average amount of about five-sixths of a year in a decade. The median age of the colored population increased after 1830, but with less regularity. The median age of the colored population increases in the three years in seventy year period from 1830 to 1900, or only about half as fast as that of the white.

But during the last twenty years of the century the increases for the two groups has been substantially the same, 4.9 years for the colored and 2.1 years for the white. The statement concludes as follows: "Many complex influences have co-operated in producing as a resultant this steady change in the age composition of the population. There may be mentioned, the rapid progress of medical and sanitary science which has tended to increase the average length of life, the decrease in the relative number of children born, which as made in the earlier age periods less preponderant numerically in the total population, and the influx especially since 1840 of great numbers of adult immigrants, increasing the number in the older age periods. The difference between the white and colored populations is doubtless due to the fact that these influences have wrought more powerful upon the white race than upon the colored."

AN IMPORTANT SUIT

Trustees Confederate Memorial Association Meet

To Outline a Defense in the Suit of General Underwood for Seventeen Thousand Dollars.

(Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 5.—The board of trustees of the Confederate Memorial Association held a very important meeting in this city today. Those present were Gen. Clement A. Evans, of Georgia; Robert White, of West Virginia; George D. Johnson, of Alabama; B. H. Teague, of South Carolina; Thos. S. Kenan, of North Carolina; J. E. Briggs, of Kentucky; G. Taylor Elyson, of Virginia, and J. M. Hickey, of Washington.

The meeting of the board was for the purpose of outlining a defense that will be made against the suit of General Jno. C. Underwood, Superintendent and Secretary of the Association, who has brought an action to recover the sum of \$17,000 alleged by him to be due for commission and salary. In this claim he includes commission on the hundred thousand dollar donation of the late Charles Broadway Rouss toward the construction of the battle abbey upon the condition that a similar sum should be raised by the association.

In connection with the Rouss offer the board asserts that it was made before General Underwood became secretary, and that the association is in no sense indebted to General Underwood for the subscription made by Mr. Rouss. The board has employed Col. Robt. White, of Wheeling, as general counsel for the association, and will contest the claim in order to protect the interest of the association. As the matter is a question of law the board declines to give out for publication what will be its line of defense.

In an interview with your correspondent this evening, J. Taylor Elyson, a member of the board, said it would be doubtless gratifying to the friends of the association to know that not a dollar of the money given for the permanent fund has been used, and that all the funds for the construction of the battle abbey and its endowment have been sacredly preserved, and that there is to the credit of Hon. George L. Christian at Richmond, treasurer of the association, more than one hundred thousand dollars.

Professor Virchow Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Sept. 5.—Professor Rudolf Virchow, the pathologist, died here at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The evening papers here print glowing eulogies of the deceased professor, classing him as the world's greatest medical and scientific reformer, and saying that no other man had so deeply influenced modern medicine, and that no other had such a world-wide reputation, and so many followers in all lands. The papers also praise his humanitarian activity in improving the Berlin hospitals and sanitary institutions, and Liberal organs extol his political activity and unswerving liberalism.

Crescus Fails to Beat Himself.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 4.—The champion trotter Crescus failed in an attempt to lower his record of 2:02 1/4 today, trotting the mile in 2:04 flat. The weather was chilly and a strong wind from the northwest seriously interfered with his speed in the second and third quarters. The horse reached the half in 1:00 1/4, but the effort against the breeze was too much for him and he lost at least two seconds in the third quarter. He was paced by two runners and a rider on a motor cycle followed his sulky. The time by quarters, 29 1/2, 1:05 1/2, 1:32 1/2, 2:04. Six thousand people watched the performance.

To Address the Grand Army.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 4.—President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to review the parade of veterans to occur during the forthcoming encampment of the G. A. R. on Wednesday, October 8.

Agram, Hungary, Sept. 4.—The proclamation of martial law here yesterday afternoon has resulted in the restoration of order. The police have replaced the military in patrolling the streets.