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TEN THOUSAND HEAR ROOSEVELT AT ASHEVILLE

The Zeb Vance Veterans and Military Form His Escort.

CHILDREN SING AMERICA

The President Aroused to Enthusiasm by His Trip Trough Western Carolina.

WARM GREETINGS ARE ACCORDED HIM

He Refers to Vance, the Mecklenburg Declaration, the Deeds of Carolinians in Peace and War, Industrial Awakening of the South

(By the Associated Press.)

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 9.—Asheville extended a warm greeting to President Roosevelt today. Fully ten thousand people occupied the court house square, where the President addressed them from an improvised stand. The special train arrived here at 9:30 o'clock. The night was passed at Hot Springs and the run from there to Asheville this morning was uneventful. A short stop was made at Marshall, the home of Senator Pritchard, where a large number of people had assembled. The President thanked them for their greeting.

At Asheville he was met by a reception committee, of which Charles McNamee was chairman. Mayor Miller, Senator Pritchard and Congressman Moody were among those who greeted the President, the members of the committee being introduced to the President in his car by Senator Pritchard. Carriages were in waiting and under the escort of Zeb Vance Company Confederate Veterans, carrying battle flags and two companies of State militia and the First Regiment Band, the party started for the court house square. At a battery Park the school children were assembled on the lawn and sang "America" as the party passed. President Roosevelt stood in his carriage bareheaded. The city was elaborately decorated and hundreds of people had come in from the country to greet the President. When the President was introduced by Chairman McNamee he was enthusiastically greeted.

The President said: "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Gudger, and you, my fellow Americans: "It is indeed a pleasure to have the chance of saying a word of greeting to you this morning, to speak here in the midst of your beautiful country of Western North Carolina, in this beautiful city in front of the monument raised to Senator Vance (Applause), and to be addressing people whose forefathers have borne a distinguished part in every great military or civic struggle through which this country has come. (Applause). It was not far from here, as we measure distance in America, that the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was formulated. (Applause). The gentleman who introduced me spoke of the great deeds of the men who in the Revolutionary War followed Marion and McDowell. My forefathers fought under Marion (Applause), my forefathers fought with the Georgia and South Carolina troops, who battled throughout dark days when Cornwallis and the Red Dragons overran the Southern States. They were present at King's Mountain, at the Cowpens, and they saw the final triumph when the men in blue and buff, who followed Greene, wrested victory out of defeat, and when at last the flag of the thirteen United States, waved without a rival along the coast and along the foothills of the mountains. (Applause). It has been a great and peculiar pleasure to be greeted as I was today by the men who served in the Confederate Army. Yesterday and today I travelled through a region which sent its sons, some to wear the blue, some to wear the gray, all to serve with courage and self-devotion the right as it was given to each to see the right. The day before yesterday I went over the battlefields of Chickamauga and of Chattanooga. Over that space of territory which saw for two youths one of the gigantic death wrestles of the Civil War, the territory partly in Tennessee, partly in my mother's State of Georgia (Applause); and I feel that the man would be but a poor American who did not come from the scenes commemorating the valiant deeds of those armies a better American than when he started. When I was there a delegation of young men from the State of Georgia came to present me a cane cut from the battlefield with the names of three Union and three Confederate Generals on it. One of the Confederate Generals, General Joe Wheeler, had been my chief in the Spanish War. (Applause.) Yesterday we stopped at a little station in Tennessee, and among those who gathered to greet me was an old fellow who had worn the Gray. He said: 'I was one of Wheel-

er's boys.' I said: 'So as I.' (Laughter and applause.)

"It is a good thing for an American President to have the chance to travel through the different sections of the country, because it is a mighty good thing for any American to meet his fellow Americans at different parts of the country in order that he may realize how trivial are the points of likeness and how essential are the points of likeness. (Applause.) A good American is a good American, and I don't care a snap of my finger whether he comes from the North or the South or the East or the West. If he is a straight and decent man I am for him, and if he isn't, I am not. (Applause.)

"Oh, my friends the lesson of brotherhood, the lesson that is taught by such a greeting as I am receiving at this moment, the lesson that is taught whenever you see valiant and true men who wore the blue meet valiant and true men who wore the gray and shake hands with them, that lesson applies through all our national life, and it applies just as much in forming a judgment between class and class as between section and section. We never can succeed in making this country what it can and shall be made until we work together, not primarily as Northerners or Southerners, Easterners or Westerners, not primarily as employes or employed, townsmen or countrymen, capitalists or wage-workers, but primarily as American citizens. (Applause.) To whom the right of brotherly friendship and comradeship will all other decent American citizens comes as the first and greatest of privileges. We need good laws, we need honest and upright administration of the laws, but we need as the fundamental prerequisite for good government a high average standard of citizenship. (Continued on Page Two.)

CAPT. M'REE DEAD

State Engineer Found Dead in Lumberton.

Apoplexy Caused His Death. Resolutions Adopted Yesterday by the Board of Education.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lumberton, N. C., Sept. 9, 1902.

"Capt. J. H. McRee, the State Surveyor, was found dead in his room at the Hotel Columbia this morning. He was here as a witness in an important lawsuit. He retired about twelve o'clock last night, seemingly in good health, but failing to answer the knocks on his door this morning, an entrance was gained by forcing open the door, and his corpse was found on the floor near a window. Apoplexy was the cause of his death. The remains were carried to Wilmington, his home, for interment."

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called immediately after the information of Capt. McRee's death reached the city yesterday morning. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, The State Board of Education has learned with sincere grief and deep regret of the death of the State Engineer, Capt. J. H. McRee, therefore he is resolved:

"First. That in his death this board and the State of North Carolina have lost the services of a faithful, conscientious and efficient officer.

"Second. That we tender to the members of the bereaved family our warmest sympathy and ask for them, in this dark hour, the comfort that cometh only from on High.

"Third. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the State Board of Education and that copies be sent to the bereaved family and to the State papers.

Yesterday afternoon Capt. John Duckett, chief clerk in the Department of Public Instruction, went to Wilmington to take charge of the maps, charts and other documents of importance which were in the possession of Captain McRee.

Capt. J. H. McRee was State Engineer and also agent in charge of the public lands in the possession of the Board of Education. He had been surveying these lands and making maps and charts for the use of the board.

Captain McRee's home was in Wilmington. He was fifty years of age and leaves a wife and two daughters.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 9.—Capt. Joseph Hill McRee, State Surveyor of Public Lands, was found dead in his room this morning about 8 o'clock at the Columbia Hotel, Lumberton, N. C., whether he went Sunday to appear as a witness in an important lawsuit set for a hearing at this week's term of Robeson Superior Court. Proprietor W. O. Thompson of the hotel first discovered the death. A porter who went to wake the guests for breakfast as usual, came down stairs and informed Mr. Thompson that no response could be received from Capt. McRee's room. The proprietor at once went to the room and again falling a response, he forced the door and found the deceased lying face downward about half way between his bed and a window, which he had evidently gotten out of bed to moist. A physician pronounced death as the result of apoplexy. The remains were brought to the home of the deceased here today and will be buried after funeral services from St. James Episcopal church tomorrow.

Accompanying the remains of Capt. McRee to Wilmington today was the following deputation of prominent Robeson citizens: Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, Stephen McIntyre, Gilbert B. Patterson and E. A. White, Esq.

Children are happy because they have not learned the art of being miserable.

ASSAULT ON EDITOR MERRITT

Ex-Congressman Blackburn Attacks Him in Lobby of Battery Park Hotel.

(Special to Charlotte Observer.)

Ashville, N. C., Sept. 8.—A sensational fist fight occurred here tonight at the Battery Park Hotel, where a large number of men of prominence are assembled to await the arrival of the President tomorrow. Editor Fred Merritt, of the Citizen, this afternoon published the following:

"The Roxboro Courier says that a Northern paper prints a sensational story to the effect that the finances of Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn declares that their wedding is conditional upon his re-election to Congress. If that is true, then there'll be no wedding—unless the 'Drummer Boy' chooses another bride."

Tonight when Editor Merritt entered the lobby of the hotel Congressman Blackburn, who had for hours been on the lookout for the object of his anger, made a lunge at him. The assault on Merritt was probably unexpected by bystanders, as they were talking to Blackburn and he was talking to Merritt. Blackburn struck him several blows in the face before he began to retaliate in kind.

A scene of wild confusion followed. Many ladies ran from the lobby, while men rushed forward to stop Blackburn. One of the first to take hold of him was an Alabama gentleman in evening clothes. He had scarcely touched the infuriated Congressman before he was knocked down by H. C. Cowles, of Statesville. Senator Pritchard also stepped forward and made it known that no one must interfere with Blackburn while he was resenting an insult not only to Blackburn himself but to the Congressman's intended bride. Senator Pritchard said afterwards that every lady in the hotel approved of Mr. Blackburn's course. S. D. Gibbs, of Hyde county, who at last succeeded in separating the combatants, said that Mr. Merritt's face was covered with blood as he was being led to his room.

FOUGHT LIKE A MAD BULL

A Number of Men Have a Terrific Struggle With a Gigantic Negro

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 9.—A negro giant named Wm. Evans, who keeps a cook shop in an alley here, came near vanquishing an entire company of the fire department, a corps of six or eight policemen and a number of citizens yesterday. He was finally landed in the police barracks and later sent to the hospital, but not until after his head had been laid open with a big wagon spoke in the hands of a special officer.

He was using loud and profane language in the presence of white ladies on a street car when a young man named Lonnie Smith asked the conductor of the car to put him off. The negro had been drinking and invited Mr. Smith to put him off, applying a vile epithet to him. Mr. Smith dealt the negro a terrific blow which landed both of them on the ground in front of Engine House Company No. 1, where half a dozen firemen with special police power are regularly on duty.

The firemen interfered with the fight and the negro giant, who weighs about 250 pounds, "waded into them" and kept them off as fast as they came. One of them brought the wagon spoke into action and felled him to the ground, but in the meantime the police patrol wagon got on the scene with half a dozen policemen, and the negro having revived, a second struggle ensued. He was at length overpowered and taken to the station house, where several officers were required to hold him while his wounds were dressed by Dr. Harper, the city surgeon. He hadn't given up last night at the hospital and had to be strapped and hand-cuffed to the bed.

Small Pox in Kernersville.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 9.—Dr. Bynum, county physician, accompanied by Dr. Herrill, smallpox expert, went to Kernersville today to investigate the smallpox scare. There are a number of cases in that town and for several weeks the disease has been spreading rapidly. The local authorities failing to take the matter in hand, the State Board of Health decided to send Dr. Harrell there and establish laws that would stamp out the disease.

Salem Female College opened its one hundred and first annual session today with over three hundred pupils enrolled. Principal Clewell is confident that four hundred will soon be reached. A pleasing feature of opening exercises was charming scientific address by Prof. A. H. Patterson, of the University of Georgia, on "Is Mars Inhabited?"

Superior Court in Bertie.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Windsor, N. C., Sept. 9.—The Superior court of Bertie county convened here today, His Honor Geo. A. Jones, presiding. His charge to the jury was not only comprehensive, but an eloquent effort. Judge Jones has measured up to the full expectations of the people in the discharge of his duties as a judicial officer. The docket, both civil and criminal, at this term is small and it is expected that court will adjourn by the middle of the week.

THEY DRINK OF A CUP THAT KILLS

Two Young Men Disappointed in Love End Their Lives By Poison.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Dover, N. C., Sept. 9.—Jealousy, the green-eyed monster on the one hand, and disappointment in love on the other, prompted Josephus Thigpen and J. O. Griffin, two prominent young business men here to commit suicide. Thigpen did at 9 o'clock last night, Griffin at 2 o'clock this morning. The drug taken that sent the young men across the river is not known, but Dr. Pridden, of Kinston, who was called in, says the symptoms were similar to those produced by chloral. The young men themselves said they had, on Sunday, drunk schiedam schnapps.

Dr. Ray Pollock, the resident physician, called to see Thigpen yesterday morning and found him suffering from nausea. Later he was called to attend Griffin and found him vomiting. He treated both and left them to attend to other patients, and on returning he talked with Thigpen, who complained only of a desire to sleep, soon passing away.

Dr. Pridden was then sent for, but the best efforts of the two with Griffin were of no avail.

Recently a young woman to whom Griffin was engaged, married another. A young woman having an engagement with Thigpen took a trip to Morehead with a rival of his. The two young men on the principle that misery loves company, got together and dwelt upon their burdens and formed a plan for the double suicide. On Sunday they were boon companions.

Sunday night they took the schnapps and spent the night together. Yesterday they were taken with like symptoms. Last night, apparently without pain, within a few hours of each other they died. Yesterday they were heard to say they had failed in the first effort and hoped to succeed in the next. Griffin was heard to say that his life was not worth two cents, and when advised that his love had wedded another, he remarked that that signed his death warrant.

This evening a large escort accompanied the remains of both Thigpen and Griffin to the burying ground just beyond the limits of Dover, where they were buried, one beside the other. No autopsy was held to determine the cause of death.

Goldsboro, N. C., Sept. 9.—A double suicide is reported from Dover, a town on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, about forty miles east of Goldsboro. Two young men who were disappointed in love affairs have suddenly ended their lives by taking poison. Joe Thigpen and Odie Griffin were buried in the same grave this afternoon, the former having passed away at 11 o'clock last night and the latter dying at 2 o'clock this morning.

The affair has cast a gloom over the entire town. Both young men were well known and much esteemed. Joe Thigpen had been a clerk in the store of Matthew Tydel for some years. The story of his love affair is known well to the people of the town. He was rejected and decided to leave the scene of his erstwhile happiness by a sad but sure route.

Odie Griffin, a young man of twenty-two, was a clerk in the store of Frank Hawkins and had wooed without success the hand of one of the most fascinating maidens of the community. Life held out no inducements since the marriage of his ideal about two weeks ago. He had been brooding over his misfortune ever since.

On Sunday both of the young men, who had been inseparable friends for years past, got together and recounted their disappointments. They began drinking and both decided to end their existence by poison. The dose was too small to do the work which they desired and yesterday morning they tried again the deadly drug and expired last night.

MR. F. W. HYMAN WOULD NOT ACCEPT THEIR NOMINATION.

The "Halfax Independents" Put Him Upon Their Ticket for County Treasurer, But He Refused to Run.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Scotland Neck, N. C., Sept. 9.—The "independents" in the county are getting into straits already. Mr. F. W. Hyman, a good and true Democrat, who was nominated on the "independent" ticket for county treasurer, yesterday notified the "independents" that he would not accept. He will remain with the straight-out Democrats. About fifteen or twenty of the "independents" met at Halifax yesterday and took Mr. W. C. Whitaker off the ticket for the Legislature, and put him in Mr. Hyman's place for treasurer. In Mr. Whitaker's place for the Legislature they put T. H. Haylor.

The general observation is that the independent movement in this county will inure to the interest of the Republicans, and of course the Republicans are giving it encouragement.

TO OPPOSE KITCHIN.

Probability of the "Independents" Nominating Lindsey Patterson for Congress.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 9.—A meeting of so-called independent or anti-Clark Democrats of the district is billed here for Thursday night, at which meeting it is said Lindsey Patterson, of Winston, will be launched as a candidate for Con-

gress against Kitchin to be endorsed by the Republican Executive Committee.

A prominent Winston man just seen, says he has no doubt Patterson would accept, and that his disappointment over Hill instead of himself being nominated by the State Republican Convention for Chief Justice, was assuaged by a promise to run him for Congress. His law partner, Jones, is the Democratic candidate for judge, and it had never been supposed he was anxious for political honors. Leading Republicans seen tonight all favor him, but are waiting for Senator Pritchard's counsel.

YOUTHFUL EDITOR GOES TO JAIL FOR SMOKING CIGARETTES.

Violates an Ordinance of Elizabeth City and Now Refuses Offers of Friends to Go on His Bond.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Elizabeth City, N. C., Sept. 9.—Editor Saunders, of the Elizabeth City Tarheel, this morning was arrested and thrown into prison for smoking a cigarette within the corporation limits of Elizabeth City. Recently the Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance making it an offense subject to a fine for any minor to smoke cigarettes upon the streets of Elizabeth City. This morning Mr. W. O. Saunders violated that law and was arrested. He pleaded guilty. Mayor Wilson imposed the stipulated fine. Young Sanders refused to pay the fine or give bond. He said: "The law is unconstitutional, arbitrary for a free born American people." Saunders is locked up. He refuses all offers of many friends to go on his bond.

A ROW AT THE PARK

A Pistol Flashes and John Tinings Falls.

George Lindsay Files. Tinings Has a Ball in His Thigh, Hardin and Mrs. Stafford in Baltimore.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 9.—There was a lively shooting scrap at Lindley Park last night, and as a result John Tinings is at home in bed, laid up with a pistol ball in his thigh, all efforts by Dr. Richardson to find or extract it so far being futile.

It seems that there was a large number of Proximity people out enjoying themselves. Tinings jumped out of a swing and stumbled against a man, George Lindsay, causing the latter to get mad.

After considerable time had elapsed five reports of a pistol rang out on the edge of the park, and Tinings was found lying on the ground, with blood issuing from a wound in the leg. He was brought to Dr. Richardson and his wound attended to, and it is not thought the result will be fatal. Lindsay took leg bail, a warrant was issued for him this morning and put in the hands of officers.

Mark Hanna, policeman, has resigned his job and another man is on duty at the Park now.

J. E. Hardin and Mrs. Stafford are in Baltimore, according to a telegram in the Richmond Dispatch. What they are doing to make a living is not stated, but the notice reads as if they were or had been permanently residents of the place.

Senator Pritchard's son, Arthur, spent the day here yesterday on his way to Chapel Hill. In driving out yesterday to give a lady friend an outing, his horse became refractory too near a street car with the result that his buggy was completely overturned. Grave fears were had for the young man, as he was thought to be crushed under the buggy. When the debris was removed he bobbed up serenely, having sustained no serious injury. In an hour he had secured another rig and was listening to congratulations from the prettiest girl in Greensboro, as he pulled the strings on a high stepper, but along streets unadorned by the festive trolley.

The military company arr. arranging the presentation soon of a grand spectacular tragedy or comedy, the "Battle of San Juan."

REPUBLICANS IN THE FIFTH.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 9.—Delegates to the Republican Congressional Convention, which meets here tomorrow, are coming in. There will hardly be any nomination of a candidate tomorrow. The plan tonight is to leave that in the hands of the executive committee as was done in the State Convention, regarding Walker and Connor, and to await developments.

Tobacco At Rocky Mount.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 9.—The amount of bright leaf offered on the Rocky Mount tobacco market this year is unusually large. The sales for the month of August show an increase of twelve per cent in weight and twenty-eight per cent in the average price over the August sales of last year. Double sales are necessary in order to accommodate the planters. Curing is over and high prices encourage early marketing. Indications are that the crop, which is a little under the average, will be sold much earlier than usual.

The less a man knows about women the more he suspects they know about him.

DEAD BY HIS GUILTY WIFE'S HAND

The Desperate Woman Then Sends a Bullet Through Her Own Breast.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 9.—Charles O'Neil, a janitor, died in a hospital early this morning, and his wife, Ida, was found dead in their apartments with two bullet wounds in her body. The tragedy followed a quarrel in which O'Neil accused his wife of having been unfaithful.

According to the story told by O'Neil, shortly before he died, he learned last month that while he thought his wife was out of the city on a vacation, in reality she had been stopping at a hotel in New York with another man. Last night he accused her of this and had told her that she would have to sign a confession.

Taking an unloaded revolver from his desk he put it to her head. She begged him not to kill her, saying she would confess.

He removed the revolver, but as he did so she ran from the room. She came back in a few moments, according to O'Neil, with a revolver and shot him twice. Immediately afterward she turned the revolver on herself and fired twice. She fell, and, it seemed died instantly.

A coroner who went to O'Neil's apartments, found O'Neil's empty pistol, but he also found a slip of paper which seems to indicate that O'Neil meant to load and use the pistol. The paper was written in a man's handwriting: "Three letters on the gas meter will explain all."

The letters were addressed to relatives of O'Neil and asked for forgiveness for what he was about to do. One of the letters disposed of his property and life insurance to his sister.

FIND COUNTERFEIT OUTFIT.

While Looking For a Thief Lexington Officers Make a haul.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lexington, N. C., Sept. 9.—Some time ago the hardware store of Peacock Z Adderton was broken into and several guns, pistols, and other things stolen. Suspicion pointed to Jake Everhart, and a warrant was issued Saturday evening for his arrest. The goods were said to be concealed in the house of Lee Everhart, with whom Jake lived. A search warrant was issued, and the premises of Lee Everhart were searched. Two guns were recovered. The officers also ran across a counterfeit outfit at Lee Everhart's, which, together with some of the spurious coin, was taken in charge by the officers. No arrest has been made yet.

Jake is said to be an old offender, and if caught will be given twenty years in the penitentiary. Chief Heitman and the United States will probably send a detective here.

THE ROBESON CAMPAIGN.

Opened by Dan Hugh McLean in a Vigorous Speech at Lumberton.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lumberton, N. C., Sept. 9.—Hon. Dan Hugh McLean opened the campaign in Robeson today. He is easily one of the first speakers and strongest campaigners in the State and our people heard his vigorous enunciation of the principles of Democracy with pleasure. His plea for party harmony as indispensable to party success was an able one and his denunciation of independentism was scathing and fearless. With such able exponents to lead the fight the success of Democracy is assured.

Wakefield Educational Notes.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wakefield, N. C., Sept. 9.—Wakefield Classical and Mathematical School opened September 1st, with the largest number of students ever enrolled at the opening of any of the previous twenty sessions of the school's history.

As a result of the earnest and faithful work of Principals Sentelle and Pipkin, an unusually large number of boarding pupils have already entered school, and a great many more will enter soon. The work on the new school building is progressing rapidly, and by the middle of October Wakefield can boast of having one of the best academies in Wake county.

Republicans of Montgomery.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Troy, N. C., Sept. 9.—The Republican county convention was held here Saturday, and a full ticket put out. The convention was almost featureless, the ticket having been previously slated in caucus. While the ticket was being prepared, the audience, composed largely of Democrats, was favored with an address by John R. McCrary, Republican nominee for solicitor in this district. For a while he proceeded to hammer at the constitutional amendment, centering on the poll-tax clause, but soon found that he could raise no enthusiasm and finally wound up by exhorting Democrats to join the "independent" movement. He said the negro was out of it. There were not more than a dozen present and they took no part in the convention. The ticket named is considered very weak, and no uneasiness is felt among the Democratic ranks.