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### PRaises BOTH BLUE AND GRAY

#### Taft's Speech at Petersburg Yesterday

### A SPIGE OF POLITICS CAME

#### When He Became the Guest of Virginia—President Pleaded for a Reunited and Common Country—The Event a Magnificent One in Petersburg's History.

(By the Associated Press.) Petersburg, Va., May 19.—Driving over historic roads and battlefields through clouds of choking white dust which at times resembled the wind-blown smoke of battle, attending the unveiling of shafts erected at a heroic figure in bronze placed on the bloody battleground of Fort Mahone to commemorate the valor and heroism of General John F. Eastman, the President of the Pennsylvania soldiers who made up the Third Division of the Ninth corps of the Union army, addressing there a noticeable gathering of weather-beaten and grizzled old veterans in the blue of the North and the gray of the South, acclaimed through the thronged streets of Petersburg in the most splendid greeting he has had since his inauguration, the honor guest at an Al Fresco luncheon served on the magnificent oak-shaded lawn of one of the most beautiful homes in all the Southland, and finally standing on a knoll of Center Hill mansion facing a multitude which apparently represented all of Petersburg and a goodly many of the surrounding cities, and making an earnest plea in the long Summer twilight following the setting of the sun for self-sacrificing and nonpartisan support for the reunited and common country, President Taft had today, in the most unique experience that befell a chief executive of the nation, "It has been a great day," he declared, "not alone for Petersburg, but in the history of the whole country, a day which will conduce to a greater union—a day to make stronger our common love for our common country—day for all of us as when necessary—ready to die."

The President's speech at the Pennsylvania memorial, about the hour which were gathered many of the veterans of the Keystone state and of Virginia, who fought the battles that made the enduring shaft significant, was a studied tribute to the North and the South. Mr. Taft was unattained in his recital of the heroic deeds of both sides. For every eulogy of the Northern men, he had an equal glowing tribute to the Southern men under the stars and bars. The "common heritage of heroism" was his theme.

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The Governor's speech at the park in the afternoon was not a set speech, but rather a series of remarks concerning the Mecklenburg Declaration, which the Governor declared "nobody could come to Charlotte for the purpose of defending, for such a man would be driven from the city." Rather would he recognize the document and say something about it and the men whose signatures are attached thereto. The speaker continued for half an hour, after which Lieutenant-Governor McLeod, of South Carolina, made a brief address, referring humorously to the evident jealousy of the Palmetto State against North Carolina and wishing celebrated declaration, and wishing (Continued on Page Six.)

### GOV. KITCHIN THE LION OF THE HOUR

#### His Speech the Event at Charlotte Yesterday

### GOV. AND STAFF ENTERTAIN'D AT FORSYTH COUNTY COURT

#### His Honor Held That There Had Been No Legislative Act Empowering Deputy Register of Deeds to Issue Marriage Licenses.

(Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., May 19.—The speech of Governor W. W. Kitchin, of North Carolina, at the fair grounds was the most important event of the second day's celebration of the 14th anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The remaining features to the program in addition to the attractions of yesterday include the opening of the May musical festival tonight and the reception in honor of the Governor. Merry makers, confetti and carnivals without number afford means of entertainment for the multitudes who line the streets. Music dispensed by several bands throughout the city also adds to the ceaseless noise, and din that has lasted since yesterday. The crowd has the appearance of the jolliest gathering of people that has ever assembled in the Queen City. There was a slight shower this afternoon, which succeeded in cooling the heated atmosphere and the spirits of the crowds have risen accordingly. The rain unfortunately, however, spoiled an interesting game of league ball between Charlotte and Anderson in the third inning, where at least one thousand spectators had assembled.

The regular cavalry and infantry drills, lasting two hours were again held this afternoon for the entertainment of the multitudes. These were held as usual at the park. One special new feature today was the monkey drill by the cavalry, including races, running, jumping, hurdling, etc., a veritable circus of trained horses and men which was hugely enjoyed.

At the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Tilley tonight the Governor and Mrs. Kitchin and members of the Governor's personal and general staff are being entertained in elaborate style, and it is said that about one thousand invitations were issued for the event. Lieutenant-Governor McLeod and Mrs. McLeod of South Carolina, are in the receiving party, together with many prominent people from all sections of the State.

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### 500 MARRIAGE LICENSES ARE N.G.

#### According to Ruling of Judge Webb

### AT FORSYTH COUNTY COURT

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The road has become so interested in the matter that it is learned that \$2,500 had been spent in making the survey and the matter is now being considered. At a meeting of the merchants last night the matter was talked over and committees appointed to see what could be done. In this connection it is significant that Messrs. Danforth, S. Davis, Warfield, receivers for the Seaboard, have been tendered an invitation to attend the merchants' banquet, to be given here within two weeks, complimentary to the directors of the Erwin cotton mill, a show of support for the location of the new and greatest of the Erwin mills in Durham.

This banquet will be the biggest and sweetest thing of the kind ever attempted by the merchants of Durham. There will be covers for about one hundred guests, these including the merchant members, city officials, directors of the Erwin mill, receivers of the Seaboard road and a few other guests and speakers.

It is hoped that the railroad officials can be made to see the situation in regard to the new road as Durham sees it. If the route is accepted through Durham it will make Durham a great railroad center, and will give the Seaboard an additional advantage of twenty miles going each way, which is quite a consideration in the fight for time in moving north and south. In extending the invitation to the railroad officials nothing was said about the railroad proposition, but one who knows the story and the situation can read between the lines.

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### DURHAM WANTS S. A. T. WARE LINE

#### Her Business Men Making a Hard Fight For it

### TILLEY WILL GO TO THE PEN

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### KINSTON HAS A SENSATION

#### Former Citizen of Wilmington Charged With Bigamy

### BANK THIEF IS CONVICTED

#### Gaither Bodenhamer Given Five Years Sentence

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On May 16th it was announced in the Kinston local paper that Mr. Longfellow and Miss Grace Sedgwick Kinston had been married in Norfolk, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Wimate, of the Baptist church. It develops that Mr. Longfellow has a wife and child in Wilmington and hence the arrest.

Longfellow spent last night and today in jail pending a preliminary trial, which will be held tomorrow. Miss Swift, of Mrs. Longfellow No. 2, was at Seven Springs yesterday but came to the city this morning. She says that they were married in the presence of two witnesses, Latham and Cooper.

Longfellow when arrested said that he and Miss Swift are not, and have never been married. A telegram today to the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch brings the following reply: "Records here show no such marriage. No Norfolk identification of Rev. Wimate, who was elected and the president will name the other three."

It has been decided by W. H. Tilley and by his friends and advisers that he will take the eight year sentence in the penitentiary for murdering his wife. This decision was reached today and Tilley will be ready to go to the State prison on Friday or Saturday of this week. He has some time in which to decide as to perfecting his appeal, and he is taking a few days on this privilege for the purpose of arranging some business matters.

When the jury returned a verdict for manslaughter on Saturday night, he was given a eight year sentence for a new trial. This was overruled. Open notice of appeal was given and his appearance pending the final decision was fixed at \$3,000 by Judge Long. His relatives and those who have stood by him in the life and death fight are thoroughly competent to give this bond or one several times its size. There have been several conferences, and it was finally decided and agreed to by the prisoner that he should be a bail bond, but that it would be better to take the sentence as was given.

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### WAS EULOGY OF TENNYSON

#### Address Was a Masterly Effort and Was a Rare Treat to His Hearers—Diplomas Presented to Graduates—The Class Roll.

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The rostrum was tastefully decorated with cut flowers, palms and ferns. Occupying seats upon the rostrum were the members of the graduating class and Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, president of the college, Rev. G. B. Winton, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Melton Clark, and the gentlemen who formed the trio furnishing the music for the exercises.

The breakfast of commencement were: Miss Annie Edwards, chief; Ethel Hinkley, Mary Broome, Estelle Brown, Etta Cutchin, Bryde Dalley, Nell Pender, Frank Robbins, Ollie Sherrill, Will Stockton, Clara Suit and Edith Ward.

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The above named trio then rendered, "Signum's Love Story," after which Mrs. Robertson made a few remarks of welcome and presented the diplomas to the full graduates and certificates to those who have fulfilled the course in music, expression and for proficiency in stenography and typewriting as follows:

Class Roll—Misses Bessie Irene Clapp, Greensboro; Mildred Williams Connelly, Leasford; Bessie Mary Davis, Warrenton; Estelle Ham, Greensboro; Eunice Caldwell Helms, Unionville; Araminto Rachel Hester, Greensboro.

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