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NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Trinity Commencement.

Invitations have been sent out to the commencement of Trinity College. Following is the program:

Sunday, June 2, 8:30 p. m., Baccalaureate Address, President John C. Kilgo.

Tuesday, June 4, 11 a. m., Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Donald Sage Markay, D. D., New York City.

Tuesday, June 4, 1 p. m., Alumni Address, Jerome Dowd, Charlotte, N. C.

Tuesday, June 4, 8:30 p. m., Graduating Orations.

Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 a. m., Commencement Address, Associate Justice David J. Brewer, Washington, D. C.

Crushed by a Tree.

Waynesville, Special.—At Quantlontown, seven miles south of Waynesville, Field Matthews, a twelve-year-old lad, was sent by his mother to a neighbor to borrow a smoothing iron. He had to go by where some men were cutting timber. As he got near to them they called to him to get back as a tree was falling. This seemed to frighten the lad, and he ran directly in the path of the tree, which fell on him, crushing his life out instantly.

A Serious Cutting Affray at Concord.

Concord, Special.—A serious cutting affray took place at a late hour Friday afternoon in the McDonald pasture just beyond the Odell Mills. One John Troutman and one Will Hudson, two white men, became engaged in a quarrel, and when the two men came together Hudson whipped out a knife and used it pretty freely on Troutman's anatomy. The man was stabbed in the side and his face was lacerated in several places, disfiguring the young man. For this Hudson is held at the police station under a bond of \$200.

Battle Flag for Museum.

Winston Salem, Special.—Mrs. Alfred H. Belo, Dallas, Tex., who is visiting here, has the old Confederate flag that was presented the Forsyth Riflemen, of which her husband the late Col. A. H. Belo, was captain. The flag was presented to the company by Miss Bettie Lemly, of Salem, and was borne throughout the four years' struggle. While Mrs. Belo has ever prized the flag very highly, she has decided to present it to the museum at Richmond, Va., to which place it will be forwarded in a few days.

Board of Agricultural.

The State Board of Agriculture will meet in its regular semi-annual session on Monday, June 4th. This will be the third new members of the board—Senator C. W. Mitchell, of Bertie, Representative J. J. Laughlin, of Pitt, and Hon. Ashley Horne of Johnson. At this meeting the board has the work of auditing and accepting the reports of the heads of all the divisions of the agricultural department and of making the appropriations for the next six months, etc.

Twenty Years' Sentence.

Salisbury, Special.—George Fox, colored, was arranged in Rowan Superior Court here for killing Fred Muse at Spencer ten days ago, and through his attorneys submitted to a verdict of murder in the second degree. This was accepted by the State Judge Fred Moore promptly sentencing Fox to twenty years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

State News Items.

Superintendent J. Y. Joyner has received a letter from Superintendent J. R. Poole, of Roberson county stating that an election for local taxation at Fairmont (Ashepole) on May 11th, was carried by a vote of 63 to 7. To those acquainted with the old Ashepole community this is not surprising. Mr. Poole is one of the most progressive superintendents and gives his entire time to this work.

A charter has been granted the Hardwood Novelty Company, Durham, capital stock \$100,000, William A. Erwin and other stockholders.

Gov. Glenn has announced the re-appointment of Mr. W. M. Webb, of Morehead City as the State Oyster Commissioner, the appointment being for two years, this being the length of the term of that office.

Comrade Phillips, of Beaufort, is dying at the Soldiers Home.

The insured commissioner approves the charter of the Registry Life Insurance Company, of Greensboro, this being a mutual assessment company.

PLANNED DEATH OF CZAR

Confesses to Having Accepted Large Money Bribe to Assist in Murder of Russian Emperor—Suspicion Directed to Soldier by Fact That He Was Seen With Large Sums of Money.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A Terrorist conspiracy directed against the life of Emperor Nicholas, the existence of which has been suspected for some time past, has been revealed by the arrest at Tsarskie-Selo of a soldier of the Guard Regiment, who confessed to the acceptance of a large money bribe to assist in the murder of His Majesty.

According to the details of this plot, the existence of which has been confirmed by one of the highest officials of the court, suspicion was directed to the soldier by the fact that he was seen to have in his possession considerable sums of money. The man was placed under observation. When he noticed that he was being shadowed he became panic-stricken and voluntarily made his confession, after which he begged for protection.

All the threads of this conspiracy, which is radically different from former attempts of this nature, are not yet in the hands of the secret service men. A few underlings have not yet been apprehended, but the real instigators of the crime and the men who furnished the blood money have not yet been identified.

Georgia Farmers' Union Opposes Present Immigration Movement.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Farmers' Union of Georgia, went on record here as opposing the present immigration movement. The resolution opposed the movement on the ground that it would bring into the State undesirable citizens; that it would crowd native Georgians from the factories by establishing lower wage rates, and that it would increase the production of cotton and thereby lower the price of the staple. The resolution further urged upon the General Assembly at its coming session that no further appropriations in furtherance of the movement should be made.

No Special Delivery Stamps Will be Required After July 1st.

Washington, Special.—No special delivery postage stamps will be needed after the first of next July to insure immediate delivery of a letter. Pursuant to an act of the last session of Congress Postmaster General Meyer issued an order that, on and after July 1st next, if there is attached to any letter or package of mail matter 10 cents' worth of stamps, of any denomination, with the words "Special delivery" written or printed on the envelope or covering, in addition to the postage required for ordinary delivery, the article will be handled as if it bore a regulation special delivery stamp.

Nurses Meet at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Special.—The first business session of the 10th annual convention of the Nurses' Association of the United States, was called to order by president, Miss Annie Damer, of New York. The report of the board of directors, the treasurer, Miss Annie Davis, of Brooklyn, and the inter-State secretaries were read.

To Fight 2-Cent Passenger Rate.

Richmond, Va., Special.—The Atlantic Coast Line, Norfolk & Western and Chesapeake & Ohio Railroads filed papers with Judge Pritchard of the United States Circuit Court, indicating their purpose to appeal from the decision of the corporation commission in the 2-cent passenger rate matter. They follow the same procedure as the Southern.

Asheville Gets Next General Conference of M. E. Church South.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will be held at Asheville, N. C., in 1910, according to the decision reached here by the special committee to decide the matter appointed at the last General Conference. Delegations from Richmond, Va., Kansas City, Mo., Atlanta, Ga., and New Orleans, La., urged claims of their respective cities.

To Prosecute Tobacco Trust.

Washington, Special.—The Department of Justice is preparing to begin a drastic movement against a large number of tobacco companies for violation of the anti-trust laws. John Wesley Gaines, Representative from Tennessee, states that he has information to this effect. If the prosecutions are carried out according to the programme the tobacco companies operated in North Carolina will be affected.

THE PRESBYTERIANS

Southern Representatives of Great Denomination

IN SESSION AT BIRMINGHAM

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in United States Opens at Birmingham for 10-Days Session.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—With the election of John R. Howerton, of Montreal, N. C., as moderator the fifty-seventh annual session of the General Assembly of Southern Presbyterians got down to work in earnest. At the afternoon session reports were made by all standing committees. The night's session was devoted to welcoming addresses by various prominent local laymen and clergymen and reports of the various committees and responses by the visitors.

The Assembly Opened.

Amid strains of the time honored doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Every seat in the church was occupied by commissioners and visitors. After Dr. Allen G. Hall, of Nashville, the moderator had called the Assembly to order, prayer was offered by Dr. James P. Smith, of Richmond, Va., Dr. J. R. Howerton, of Montreal, N. C., read a lesson from the fourth chapter of Matthew, it being the story of Christ being tempted in the wilderness after 40 days of fasting. Another prayer was offered by Dr. W. C. Alexander, of Memphis, and after a song, Dr. Howerton delivered the opening sermon. His text was from the fourth chapter of Matthew, the eighth, ninth and tenth verses, relating to the temptation of Christ.

The report which the executive commission of the alliance of the reformed churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system, will make to the Assembly has been made public. The report says that each year it becomes more apparent that the Christian Church at home cannot furnish so efficient missionaries for the evangelization of heathen peoples nor can so efficient physicians be sent from the home lands to supply the needs of foreign mission fields.

Three hundred thousand physicians are needed alone in China, says the report. The United Presbyterian Church has recently been appealed to send over 400 missionaries for their field in Egypt and India. Equally great need is felt in all mission fields. The report says the only possible way of meeting the need is the establishment of well equipped schools, seminaries, colleges and hospitals for the upbringing of a native physicians. As to home missions, the report says that all the churches are awakening to a deeper sense of responsibility for the United States. The report gives details of what the churches are doing in continental Europe, saying that the Bohemian work needs systematic aid. The report gives a resolution adopted which appreciates "the effort in many places in our country by the Roman Catholic Church to produce sympathy for the Catholics of France by charging persecution of the Church against the French government. We believe that this charge is based upon false assumptions and that these efforts are revealing and developing a spirit contrary to free institutions and the true liberty of our land."

Fire at Paeolet, S. C.

Spartanburg, Special.—The store building and stock of goods of G. E. Kirby at Paeolet were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated to be between \$4,000 and \$4,500 and is covered by insurance.

Gov. Little in Bad Health.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—Paul Little, secretary to and son of Gov. John S. Little, issued the statement saying the condition of his father's health is not satisfactory. Governor Little went to Corpus Christi, Texas, several months ago and the president pro tempore of the Senate has acted as Governor of Arkansas. Paul Little says his father will be taken to Colorado or brought to his home at Greenwood, Ark., and he will not attempt to assume his official duties until he has fully recovered his health.

Sentenced to Hang June 21.

Waycross, Ga., Special.—The jury in the case of H. E. Lyle, charged with the murder of his wife and baby, returned a verdict of guilty without recommendation. This was Lyle's second trial, the first a few weeks ago, resulting in a mistrial. Lyle claimed that the shooting was an accident. Judge Parker passed the sentence of death, fixing the hanging for June 21st.

News in Brief.

Forsaker men in Ohio accuse Senator Dick of betraying the senior Senator and climbing on the Taft band wagon. More progress was made with the task of selecting the Heywood jury. A Chicago suicide gave six reasons why he desired to end his life. Snow is reported from various points in Nebraska and South Dakota.

A PREMATURE BLAST

Results in Considerable Loss of Life

SEVERAL DANGEROUSLY HURT

Premature Explosion of Blast at Foot of Lookout Mountain Causes Instant Death of Three Men and Injury of Five Others, Two of Whom Will Die.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—Three men were killed outright, two so severely injured that they will die and three others badly injured in addition to the crashing of a freight engine and 11 cars through a bridge into Chattanooga creek; the destruction of three residences and a pile driver nearby, as the result of a premature explosion of a blast at the foot of Lookout mountain on the Stevenson extension.

The Dead are:

Will Hyder, fireman of pile driver for Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad.

Clint Shaefer, engineer of pile J. Fitzgerald, negro fireman, Southern Railway.

The injured are: Samuel Mahon, engineer Southern Railway, bruised about the head; Chris George, Greek laborer, skull fractured, other injuries; Chris Costa, Greek laborer, skull badly fractured; Peter John, injured about head and body; Styles John, Greek laborer, injured about head.

The bridge was crushed in by several tons of rock hurled by the blast just as the freight train was going on the bridge. Other pieces of rock hurled for 400 yards crashed through the pilot of the pile driver of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, which was at work driving piles in Chattanooga creek for a new viaduct. Killing Engineer Shaefer and Fireman Hyder instantly. Other pieces of rock hurled 500 and 600 yards struck residences on the side of Lookout mountain crashing through the roof's and floors of the buildings.

Three Greeks who were working on the new line some distance from the blast were struck by the flying pieces of rock. Two of them are at the hospital in a serious condition.

The blast was set off, it is said, by J. Ford, a powder man, employed by the contractors. He had only been employed for a short time by the company.

At a late hour he could not be located.

"God Save the Czar."

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A telegram of congratulation on the frustration of the recent regicide plot has been sent to the Emperor by the Occidentals, whose second national convention opened here Sunday. The announcement that the telegram had been sent caused a scene of intense enthusiasm, the delegates rising and singing "God Save the Czar," which of late has rarely been heard. The convention devoted the remainder of the day to spirited debates concerning Terrorists, and adopted a resolution expressing the utmost horror of the delegates at the increasing reign of terror and their sincere disappointment at the failure of the Donma to firmly condemn it, although the Donma was the supreme council in which the nation's hopes for constitutional liberty and order were centered. The truth of the report concerning the plot is now officially admitted, and a communication concerning it has already been prepared and only awaits the Emperor's approval before being published.

Bonilla Expects to Go Into Business

New Orleans, Special.—Former President Manuel Bonilla, of Honduras, said in an interview here that he intends to go into business in Belize, British Honduras. He expects to become a general broker for tropical forest products and also will run a plantation of his own. Mr. Bonilla was slightly indisposed upon his arrival here today.

Killed at Negro Ball Game.

New Orleans, La., Special.—G. G. Richardson, a plantation overseer, was shot and killed while watching a negro baseball game in Jefferson parish. A negro named Lewis was killed while trying to support the dying overseer. Jesse Clark, the negro who did the shooting, made his escape to this city, where he has not yet been captured. Richardson was a few white men, it is said, forcibly upbraided a negro woman for her actions at the game, when Clark began shooting.

Big Day for Salvationists.

Columbia, S. C. Special.—A special to The State from Greenville says: The Salvation Army citadel, the first in the South, was dedicated here. Colonel Holz, head of the department conducted services, assisted by Major Berryman of Atlanta, with other officers from Augusta, Spartanburg and elsewhere. Two thousand people were present. The citadel is complete and cost \$8,500. Many pulpits in the city were occupied by Army officers.

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Caruso, the tenor, says he will get \$500,000 from Herr Conried for the next four years work.

Drouth is said to cause many suicides in Mexico.

The French Governor-General proposes the disarmament of all the colonies.

Irismen want the home-rule question settled by The Hague Peace Congress.

Criticism of recent purchases made by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad brought out a strong defense from Chairman L. F. Loree.

William Ellis Corey, the steel magnate became enraged on seeing photographers about to snapshot him on the way to board the steamer with his bride, and threatened to smash cameras, but was calmed by her.

Forty-two firemen were overcome by smoke or injured at a blaze in New York that caused small damage.

Postmaster Hughes of Columbia, Tenn., says he was deposed because he failed to favor a third term for President Roosevelt.

Mr. Roosevelt's recent actions have injured the chances of both Taft and Hughes for the nomination for President.

Mr. Jerome H. Joyce, of Baltimore, was unanimously elected president of the national organization of hotel men.

The Baptist Home Mission and Publication Societies and Missionary Union are in session in Washington.

The Imperial Conference just concluded in London is generally regarded as a failure.

Guatemala has offered to compromise with Mexico on the demand for the extradition of General Luna, but Mexico has returned a cold reply.

Nine men were killed and four seriously injured by the premature discharge of a dynamite blast in the South and Western railway near Alta Pass, N. C.

Mrs. Howard Gould is expected to sue this week for a limited divorce, asking also large alimony.

The \$1,250,000 sidewheeler City of Cleveland, built for the lake service, which was nearing completion was burned at Detroit.

Senator Dick issued a statement calling off the Ohio Republican harmony conference proposed for the next Wednesday.

An automobile started by a shock on a New York ferryboat backed a man into the water and two other persons are said to have been drowned.

Fruits and other crops are reported to be much damaged by frost in Delaware.

The Duchess of Marlborough is to conduct work among the poor women of the East Side in New York.

Constant Pennett, an Alexandria florist was injured in a runaway accident on St. Asaph street, Alexandria, Monday. Pennett was thrown from his wagon and the horse stepped on his head.

Brownsville policemen testify that the men who shot at them in the affray were certainly negro soldiers.

Baptists are urged by the American Missionary Union to give one-tenth of their income to the church.

Governors of 13 States invite President Roosevelt to make a trip by steamer down the Mississippi river.

Ellen Terry arrived in London and accepted congratulations on her marriage.

The Virginia Diocesan Council of the Protestant Episcopal church is in session in Warrenton.

Several more vessels of the big fleet in Hampton Roads have sailed.

Confederate Memorial Day was observed in Norfolk.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church met at Columbus, Ohio, and elected Rev. Dr. William Henry Roberts, of Philadelphia, as moderator.

William Newcomb was whipped by white caps on a lonely road near Winchester.

The submarine boats Octopus and Lake stood the test of being submerged 24 hours well and the crews suffered no inconvenience.

The trial of Mayor Eugene Schmitz, of San Francisco, on the charge of grafting is to be taken up next Monday.

The American Tobacco Company has bought out the Butler-Butler Company, of Lynchburg, one of the largest competitors.

A number of steam-shovel men at Panama struck for an increase from \$210 to \$300 a month.

Emma Blackburn a white woman about 35 years old was found dead in a chair in her room at 1393 Ross street, Richmond, Monday morning.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., are to float in the United States a \$40,000,000 loan of the Southern Manchurian Railway.

Textile Council Votes for 10 Per Cent Increase.

Lowell, Mass., Special.—The Lowell Textile council voted at a special meeting Sunday to request an increase in wages of 10 per cent in all of the seven great cotton mills of the city, including the Lawrence, Tremont and Suffolk, Merrimac, Boots, Appleton, Massachusetts and Hamilton mills. It is understood that the action was unanimous. Nearly 20,000 operatives are concerned in the demand.

Consideration of Brownsville Affair.

Washington, Special.—The Senate committee on military affairs resumed its consideration of the Brownsville affair but after half an hour's discussion of procedure an adjournment was taken. This was for the purpose of giving Senator Warner an opportunity to consult with the government's witnesses which are to be examined next. Eleven of the 13 members of the committee were present indicating that great importance is being attached to the hearing.

Tragedy at Jonesville S. C.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Sims Gillmore, a farmer, was shot and probably fatally wounded and his neighbor, James W. Gallman had his skull fractured by Gillmore, who struck him with a hammer, following a quarrel between them in a store at Jonesville, S. C., eighteen miles from here. Gallman has only a slight chance of recovery. The tragedy grew out of the burning of two barns on Gillmore's farm, of which crime Gillmore suspected Gallman.

Cannot Accept Third Term.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—It is announced that Dr. Thomas M. Owen, who is serving his second term as commander in chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans will not permit his name to be presented for another election at the coming reunion in Richmond. While thoroughly in love with the work, Dr. Owen finds himself overwhelmed with official and personal obligations and can no longer give the time necessary to the office.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The English fear another Indian mutiny.

King Edward's return has made London society very gay.

Justice Davis ruled that intoxication was no ground for legal separation.

King Leopold's attempt to induce France to support him in the Congo failed.

Inquiry into the Fertilizer Trust was begun at Montgomery by an Alabama legislative committee.

Central America's coming revolution aims at a confederation of States under Zelaya, now President of Nicaragua.

The City of Cleveland, a steamboat nearly ready for delivery, was destroyed by a mysterious fire at Detroit, Mich.

The American Bison Society has asked the New York Legislature for \$20,000 to establish a herd of buffalo in the Adirondacks.

The 30th anniversary of the landing of the first English settlers at Jamestown was celebrated at the Jamestown Exposition.

Senator Foraker kicked the harmony fat into the fire by issuing a statement refusing to be bound by the action of the Ohio conference.

Charles S. Falchid, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, was arraigned on the charge of forgery, pleaded "not guilty" and was released on \$10,000 bail.

The woe of Southern Morocco, according to news received at Tangier, is in revolt, and the brother of the Sultan has been proclaimed ruler.

George Quimby, of Belfast, Me., has promised, if legally subpoenaed, to testify in the Eddy equity suit and disclose the whole story of Mrs. Eddy's instruction in mental healing by his father, Dr. Phineas Quimby.

The indifference of prosperous America to the lure of foreign trade is revealed, notes the New York American, in the latest totals of his commerce of the southern half of his hemisphere. The republics piled up a foreign trade valued at no less than \$1,278,833,000. Of that the United States has but \$209,674,000. And more than 60 per cent of our trade with South America is made up of the commodities we buy from that continent. The foreign trade of Argentina conspicuously reveals the opportunity America is missing. The imports into that republic in 1906 amounted in value to over \$269,000,000, which was about four times the value of the exports from the United States to all the republics of South America.

"LIME" MORE APPROPRIATE. A Carbon County paper said on Tuesday that Charley Tree, a ranchman, had broken a leg. Wouldn't it have been better to say a limb?—Detroit Post.

SMOKE SMOTHERED

Trying Experience of Firemen in Sub Basement

HEROISM SAVES MANY LIVES

One of the Hardest Fights Even Put by the New York Fire Department Occasioned by Stubborn Flames in Basement of the Remington Typewriter Company's Building.

New York, Special.—Sixty firemen practically every man in seven fire companies was overcome by smoke in fighting a fire in the Remington Typewriter building at 325 Broadway. More than a score of the men were taken to hospitals, where 10 of them remained all night.

It was one of the hardest fights the New York firemen have had, and never was there more bravery shown. The fire was in the sub-basement of the building and for more than two hours the men fought desperately. But for the heroism shown many would have lost their lives.

The fire originated in an unexplained way in the sub-basement which was filled with desks packed in excelsior, oil and carbon paper. These three materials caused masses of choking smoke, which made it impossible for the men to reach the seat of the fire. By companies the men attempted to descend into the basement, only to be overcome by the smoke, and the next detachment was compelled to carry the unconscious men up to the sidewalks.

Men, half conscious themselves, groped in the smoke-choked cellar by the light of lanterns, found their comrades and struggled with them up the ladders to the sidewalks. Why to fall swooning, but ready to return to the fight after they had got a breath of fresh air.

Women Render Service.

Splendid service was rendered by the scores of women employed in the building where the fire was, and in nearby offices. These girls, directed by the ambulance surgeons knelt on the sidewalks and assisted in bringing the unconscious firemen back to life. Janitors wives in nearby buildings dragged the bedding and mattresses from their beds down to the street to make resting places for the sufferers. Priests from nearby churches and fire department chaplains aided in the work of rescue. Scores of firemen were overcome time and again, each one rushing back into the building as soon as he recovered consciousness.

Six Reasons For Suicide.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Six reasons why he killed himself were given by Beaufort L. Leeds, a guest of the Warner Hotel, who was found dead in his room, having committed suicide by taking strychnine. The reasons were as follows: "1—I have been dissatisfied since I was a child. "2—I have been handicapped throughout life with deformed feet. "3—One side of my body has been partly paralyzed for the past ten years. "4—My right hand has been ruined by an accident. "5—I have been a sufferer from neuralgia. "6—I have been up against a score of financial misfortunes."

Negro kills His Wife.

Chesterfield, Special.—Monday evening at Gullege's mill about four miles from this place, Luther Jones colored shot and killed his wife in a drunken run, using a shotgun loaded with buckshot. He has not been captured.

Struck on the Head With a Pickaxe.

Newbern, Special.—Rig Harris and Matthew Johnson, two colored firemen for the Roper Lumber Company, had a fight Tuesday, in which Johnson attacked Harris and beat him badly. Harris, acting in self-defense, struck Johnson on the head with a pickaxe, inflicting injuries from which it is said he will not recover.

Only Eight Steam Shovels at Work.

Panama, By Cable.—The strike of the steam shovel workers which began Tuesday, the men demanding \$300 per month, instead of their present salary of \$210, continues. Wednesday morning only eight steam shovels were at work. Col. Goethals, the chief engineer, is endeavoring to replace the strikers with mechanics now employed in the shops, and it is reported that he has sent a cablegram to Jackson Smith, the member of the canal commission in charge of labor, to contract for engineers in the United States.

Railway Conductors at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The 31st convention of the Grand Division, Order of Railway Conductors, was formally opened here. Several thousand visitors representing every section of the United States were tendered a public reception. Among the speakers were A. B. Garrison, grand chief conductor, Governor James K. Vardaman, of Mississippi, and Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas.