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THANKSGIVING DAY

NAMES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH AS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING — RECORDS OF HARVEST, POPULATION, PEACE—OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHERS HARMONIOUS

Washington, Nov. 8.—The vigorous growth and progress of the country is reflected by the records of population and harvest and the general conditions of international peace are things for which thanksgiving is especially due for the year 1910, according to the annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation issued by President Taft today. The proclamation is as follows:

"This year 1910 is destined to a close. The record of population and harvest, which are the index of progress, show vigorous national growth and the peace and prosperous well-being of our communities throughout the land and in our possessions beyond the seas. These blessings have not descended upon us in restricted measures, but overflow and abound. They are the blessings and bounty of God.

"We continue to be at peace with the rest of the world. In all essential matters our relations with other peoples are harmonious with an ever growing reality of friendliness and depth of recognition of mutual dependence. It is especially to be noted that during the past year great progress has been achieved in the cause of arbitration and the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

"Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the wise custom of the Civil Magistrate since the first settlements in this land and with the rule established from the foundation of this government, do appoint Thursday, November 24, 1910, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, enjoining the people upon that day to meet in their churches for the praise of Almighty God and to return heartfelt thanks to Him for all His goodness and loving kindness.

"In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-fifth.

(Seal)

"WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

"By the president:

"ALVEY A. ADEE,

"Acting Secretary of State."

To instruct Company.

Sergeant J. Waddington of the 17th United States Infantry is here for ten days for the purpose of instructing the local military company.

TWELVE KILLED
MINE EXPLOSION

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 8.—Two explosions, occurring within a few minutes of each other this morning, resulted in the death of 12 men in the Lawson mine at Black Diamond, thirty miles southeast of Seattle.

Seven men going down on shift and five men coming up were caught between the first and sixth levels and it is certain that all perished. Natural gas combustion is assigned as the cause. All the men were foreigners.

The force of the explosions were terrific, showers of earth, timbers and bits of clothing being blown from the slope of the mine. Timbers sixteen inches thick and eight inches long were blown half a mile. A big section of the steam pipe was blown a similar distance and sank 15 feet in the ground.

The shock of the explosion which was felt for miles around, was so great that many thought there had been an earthquake.

As soon as the extent of the disaster was known exploring parties went into the mine to search for the victims.

WOMAN ALIVE
HE CLAIMS

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 6.—Belle Elmore Crippen, for whose murder Dr. Crippen is to be hanged on Tuesday in London, is declared to be alive in this country by Francis Tracy Tobin, a lawyer in this city, according to an interview which the Philadelphia Press will publish tomorrow.

Mr. Tobin declares in the interview that he has received letters from those who have seen her and says that he knows "that she is living and is hiding in this country not far from Chicago."

He states "that she was first seen in San Francisco at the time Dr. Crippen was first sought by the British police charged with her murder."

Mr. Tobin's statement continues:

"If anything is going to be done we had better make haste. There is very little time to spare now. The proper means for me to pursue is to at once get in touch with the Secretary of state at Washington and set before him the facts in my possession. Then we want to get him to cable the American ambassador at the court of St. James, who in turn will lay the case before the Home Secretary and cause him to order a stay or to commute the sentence, pending our investigation."

It is usually the "good fellow" who has the most bad habits.

THE POWER
OF THE DEVIL

Rev. K. A. Handy preached last night on the influence the devil wields in the lives of the people. Many apt illustrations proved conclusively the power a personal devil has over the actions of men in their every day lives. The bustle of the devil the speaker claimed was principally to keep men in constant rebellion to God.

This is accomplished most effectively in causing men to delay in taking Jesus Christ as a personal Savior from the power of sin.

There was decidedly more interest manifested last night than has been shown heretofore. There were several conversations, and five persons presented themselves for church membership.

The congregation was very large last night, and gave the minister most marked attention.

Rev. L. E. Dutton preached yesterday afternoon. He used as his subject, the New Jerusalem with its 12 gates representing the many classes of people who may enter the Kingdom of God. Some came from the East, or those in early childhood. Some came from the North, or those who have the hard cold, cruel side of life. Some come from the South or those who come from the bright and sunny side of life; some come from the West, or those who come in their declining years.

The singing by the Trio at all services is always feature. Tonight, Rev. K. A. Handy will preach. The Trio will sing "Traveling Home" Those who have not heard these ministers sing would do well to come, as their stay in our midst must necessarily be brief.

GEM THEATRE

There was never a time before when the people of Washington had the opportunity of witnessing some of the finest pictures that have ever been exhibited here.

For tonight this popular playhouse has billed one of the strongest programs of the season, their feature picture a Biography, "The Oath and the Man," a beautiful love story. Together with this one they have two others that are equally as good, two of them being a comedy.

In connection with these pictures they have secured the "Italian Orchestra" to play again tonight, they have some of the very latest music and no doubt any one seeking an hours pleasure tonight will certainly find it at the Gem.

Contract Let

The contract for the drainage of some 7,000 acres of land near Chadbourne, Columbus County, N. C., has been awarded to the Brett Engineering and Contracting Co., of Wilson, N. C. There are about nineteen miles of ditches and sub laterals. The contract price is said to be \$1,784 per cubic yard.

Work is to be begun as soon as the Drainage Commissioners succeed in placing the bonds, probable about December 15th.

A Card of Thanks.

I desire to extend my thanks to the many white friends for kindness shown me and family in the burial of my husband, the late Henry S. Jones.

Very Resp.
SARAH JONES.

A widow's second matrimonial play is apt to be a sure-thing game.

Mr. Bragaw
Charms Hearers

The people of Belhaven gave Hon. Stephen C. Bragaw, one of North Carolina's most gifted and entertaining speakers a reception last evening that will go down in the annals of political campaigns not to be equalled. Mr. Bragaw has always done what he could for the cause of democracy and in every campaign he has always been discovered in the forefront. Last night he addressed the citizenship of Belhaven and from all reports he delivered one of the most stirring and convincing speeches yet heard in that progressive and up to date town. As a speaker he stands out alone in this section of North Carolina. For attractiveness of thought, beauty of diction and formation of phrases he stands without a peer.

He was met at the Norfolk Southern train yesterday afternoon by a large delegation of citizens, there being at least fifty men on horseback and the Aurora Concert band. In addition there was a large number of school children attractively adorned in the national colors.

From the depot the guest of the evening was taken to the Carolina Hotel where supper was served. After luncheon Mr. Bragaw was carried to the school auditorium where he made his speech.

Between five and six hundred people heard his most admirable address on the political issues of the day. He was presented to the large audience by Mr. John Tooley. The address of Mr. Bragaw did not fail to treat the contentions of the Republicans with sugar coated words or argument.

From the beginning he held his large audience spell bound and if this paper is any prophet or the son of a prophet then the address of Hon. Stephen C. Bragaw at Belhaven means much today in the casting of votes.

Hon. Isaac M. Meekins spoke at the Clark-Smith Hall at the same hour but if rumors are correct the citizens of Belhaven did care for his argument or his loopholes in which to clear those of his party for their indifference, the consequence was Bragaw had the crowd and Meekins didn't.

Belhaven always does the right thing at the right time. Her people believe that the Democratic party is the best party to control the county and unless something unforeseen happens this precinct will roll up a good majority for the Democratic ticket today as a result of the fine address delivered to them last night by none other than our distinguished townman and sterling democrat—Hon. Stephen C. Bragaw.

No town in Beaufort county knows how to do the right thing at the right time like Belhaven. They are ever alert to the interest not only of their people but the entire county as well.

They are true blue and stand ready at all times to defend the history of their county with their life's blood. Last night was a great time for democracy there and whether defeat or victory is recorded this evening for the cause of democracy the people in Belhaven can rest assured they have done their duty for the cause of a party that has always stood by them and for their interest.

Belhaven is a town of which any county might feel justly proud.

Cotton Market.

Seed cotton, 5.50
Lint cotton, 14 1-8.
Cotton seed per ton, \$29.00.

Empty heads are the easiest turn-ed.

J. K. HOYT WASHINGTON'S
GREATEST STORE

Some New Models of Ladies
and Misses Tailored Long Coats
All Black.

Vote on the Automobile.

RECEIVES A
REPRIEVE

THE EXECUTION IS POSTPONED TO ALLOW INVESTIGATION OF THE REPORT THAT MRS. CRIPPEN IS LIVING—CRIPPEN IS MUCH EXCITED BY NEWS.

London, Nov. 7.—The execution of Dr. H. H. Crippen, who was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore Crippen, was today postponed until November 23.

This announcement was made in the wake of sensational cablegrams which came from the United States stating the belief that Belle Elmore Crippen still lives and that she has been recently seen in or near Chicago.

Barristers Arthur Newton and Alfred Tobin, who had apparently abandoned hope for Crippen when the appeal was dismissed on Saturday, renewed their efforts today with redoubled vigor. They held a conference with the judges in chambers this morning.

According to the American cables Francis Tracey Tobin, a Philadelphia lawyer has evidence in his possession that Mrs. Crippen fled from England, going to America, where she was first seen in other western and southern cities and finally in Chicago. She is living under an assumed name according to Tobin, who claims to have letters to support his claims.

Before the formal announcement of the postponement there were rumors that such action was contemplated, but the rigor of the English criminal law gave rise to a discrediting opinion of the early reports. Even when it was announced that a postponement had been granted, but little credence was placed in the American reports.

However, it was stated sufficient time will be given for a full investigation of all reports that Belle Elmore Crippen is still alive.

The belief was expressed that the decision for a postponement had been less influenced by Mr. Tobin's claims than by the possibility that the state department would take a hand in preventing the execution until further time had been given for the investigation of all reports. The American cables contained the information that Tobin would make a strong plea to Secretary Knox to have Ambassador Reid petition the British courts for a stay of execution until Mrs. Crippen can be produced.

The postponement also gives time for the home secretary to go over all records in the case in order to ascertain whether or not there is ground for commutation of Crippen's sentence.

A cabled interview with Mr. Tobin contains the following remarkable statement:

"I have letters in my possession from people who know Belle Elmore and they claim not only to have seen her, but to have talked with her since Dr. Crippen was arrested charged with her murder."

When news of the postponement was conveyed to Dr. Crippen in Pentonville prison he showed great excitement.

"I have felt all along that I would never die on the gallows tomorrow," he is said to have told the lawyers.

Attendants in the death ward at Pentonville say that Crippen was more cheerful today than he has been for a long time.

There is even a possibility that Crippen's execution may not take place on November 23.

By the law at least a fortnight must elapse from the time of the dismissal of the appeal to the execution and this may extend even further.

Barrister Newton started work today upon a petition to the home secretary for a reprieve for Crippen. In it he sets forth all the contentions made in the arguments for the appeal and the additional claim that Mrs. Crippen is alive and in the United States at the present time. Mr. Newton said the petition would be presented to the home secretary very soon.

VOTES! VOTES! IMMENSE RESERVE
SUPPLY WILL BRING SURPRISES

Prospects Point To Wonderful Mass of Ballots on Finish—Contestants All Hard At Work—Excitement And Enthusiasm Reaching Height—Speculation On Results.

More sets and more bonus votes than we know what to do with: That's the way they're started the last week of the big contest. It seems that everybody has awakened to the realization of what these last few days mean to those who would win the delightful tours.

The set offer is producing results for many of the candidates, and yet there are many who are not realizing from that offer as they should if they hope to be victorious. Contestants are warned against accepting promises at this late date. Subscriptions are required now—not promises. A few weeks ago promises were all right, but not now. Subscriptions are at truly wonderful values now, and no one can afford to miss taking advantage of this opportunity.

Here's the price and the schedule of votes for this last period:

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| years | \$15.00 | 7,800 | 2,600 |
| years | 12.00 | 5,550 | 1,850 |
| years | 9.00 | 3,300 | 1,100 |
| years | 6.00 | 1,950 | 650 |
| year | 3.00 | 750 | 250 |
| months | 1.50 | 225 | 75 |
| months | 1.00 | 150 | 50 |

In addition to the above, 100 extra votes are allowed on each \$1.00 on new subscriptions for this period, and 5,000 extra votes on each set of \$15.00 new, turned in in amounts of \$1.50 or over during this period. These offers are worth considering. WE ARE NOT saying that it will be, nor are we saying that we are considering it, BUT, should the subscription price of the News be increased at any time within the next three or four years by reason of enlarging the plant and the paper, wouldn't you be glad your subscription was paid that far in advance so such an increase would not affect you? Think it over.

The Final Count.

The last published vote standing before the final results are announced will appear in the issue of the News of Monday afternoon. Tuesday's issue will contain no vote standing, but Wednesday's issue will contain the final results.

The final standing of each candidate is ascertained in the following manner:

The judges will be instructed by the contest manager in the method of verifying and counting special ballots. After the ballots have been counted the "Set" vote will be compiled, and to this will be added the bonus votes, figured from the certificates issued to candidates. This total final vote will be added to the vote of each candidate as it appears in the issue of the Daily News of Monday evening. Therefore, each candidate is urged to carefully examine her published vote standing on that day and IMMEDIATELY notify the contest manager of any supposed errors, that they may be investigated in time to be submitted to the judges.

Remember, all coupons expire at 4 o'clock next Saturday. No subscriptions in this contest will be accepted after six o'clock by the contest manager, but will be deposited in the ballot box. At promptly ten o'clock the contest CLOSES. This does not mean 10:01 or 10:02, but 10 p. m. sharp.

All aboard for Europe.

Special Low Rates

Raleigh, Nov. 8.

Special announcement came yesterday from most of the railroads as to the special low rates to the great aviation meet in Raleigh Nov. 16th and 17th.

Few points in the state, if any will have advantage of the low rates to Raleigh.

The only system thus far not heard from favorably is the Atlantic Coast Line, but it is expected that the Coast Line will give the same advantages to the people along that line that are given to the people in the territory of the Southern Railway, Seaboard Air Line and other roads.

The rate from all points will be on the same basis and will be the same low rate that applied to Raleigh during the great state fair.

The Seaboard Air Line announced that the rate would apply from Wilmington and all points between that city and Rockingham on the Carolina Central Division; and from all points between Hamlet and Weldon, inclusive on the main line, and all of their branch roads between these points.

A special train will be run from Hamlet to Raleigh on Wednesday so as to keep the two morning southbound trains from being too crowded, and unusual facilities will be provided from Weldon, Oxford, Henderson, Louisburg, Wake Forest College and points north of Raleigh.

Efforts are being made to perfect the schedules so as to take the very best care of the greatest crowd handled this year.

The Norfolk Southern railroad announced that he same low rate would apply and that it would be in effect from all points on their system in North Carolina.

The Election.

The election in Washington up to the hour of going to press has passed off quietly, no disturbances of any kind have been reported from any of the polling places. Washington always does the right thing at all times.

Hon. George H. Brown, associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of voting today.

Tuesday's
Special

Ladies Tailor Made Suits. We will show 100 fine sample suits Monday at Special Prices. Don't fail to see them.

Bowers-Lewis Co.

Biggest, Best, Buiciest Store.

Watch Tomorrow's 14.

New Line Of
Misses Sweaters

Closely Woven and all Wool.

Price \$2.00

James E. Clark & Co.
THE HIGH-ART CLOTHIERS

THE GEM THEATRE

The next time—patronize the up-to-date Moving Picture Show—the place where you can spend the time most profitably, enjoy yourself thoroughly.

BIG MEDICINE. (Comedy.)
BERTIE'S ELOPEMENT. (Dramatic.)
THE OATH AND THE MAN. (Biography.)
THE PAYMASTER'S SHORTAGE. (Dramatic.)
ORCHESTRA TONIGHT, 8 to 10.



Last Week of European Tour Contest

Closes next Monday Night!