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ANNIVERSARY OF LEE'S BIRTH IS OBSERVED WITH APPROPRIATE EXERCISES

Ceremonies Held at Washington and Lee University Where He Is Buried.

MASSACHUSETTS MAN DELIVERS ADDRESS

Charles Francis Adams, Pays Tribute to Memory of the South's Great Chief.

(By Associated Press.)

LEXINGTON, Va., Jan. 19.—The one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the South's great chief, Robert E. Lee, was observed by appropriate exercises today at Washington and Lee University, which bears his name, over which he was so long the guiding genius, and where he now lies buried.

The principal exercises were held in Lee Memorial chapel, where an address on his life was delivered by Charles Francis Adams of Massachusetts. The large auditorium was packed with an audience until no more could be admitted.

The exercises were opened by the singing of a favorite hymn of General Lee by the University choir. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. B. Strickler of Richmond, rector of the university. Dr. George Demy introduced the distinguished speaker of the occasion, and in concluding his remarks conferred upon Mr. Adams in the name of the university the degree of LL.D.

The speaker received with great applause and for over an hour held his audience's closest attention. Mr. Adams at the start captured the great audience when he said:

"I would have done as Lee did, though it may be deemed traitorous to say so."

At the conclusion of the exercises in the chapel Mr. Adams held a reception on the rostrum, being introduced by Mr. Denny. Among the audience were many of the old students who attended the university forty years ago and sat under the guiding spirit of General Lee.

Luncheon Served.

Following the exercises in the chapel, a luncheon with an elaborate menu was served by the Lee-Jackson camp of Confederate veterans in the university gymnasium, where covers were laid for 200. Among the speakers were Attorney General Anderson of Virginia, who responded in behalf of the veterans, and Colonel J. M. H. Ross, who gave reminiscences of the Confederate soldier.

This afternoon, from 5 to 5:30 o'clock, the Confederate veterans and visitors were given a reception by Mary-Custis Lee, Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, in the home of President and Mrs. Denny in the University grounds, so long the residence of General Lee. This was a most brilliant local function. Among those of the receiving party besides the officers of the chapter, were Mrs. George Denny, Mrs. I. A. Nelson, Mrs. William Plunkin, and Mrs. Charles P. McNulty.

Tonight a banquet was tendered in the Engineering hall to the old students who attended the university during the administration of General Lee. Numerous toasts were drunk and responses made. Frank S. Wisdom of Louisiana was toastmaster.

HAND BLOWN OFF BY AN EXPLOSION

SPENCER, N. C., Jan. 19.—Ernest, a young son of J. H. Harris of Spencer had his hand blown almost entirely off here this afternoon by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge. He laid the cartridge on the floor and drove upon it with a rock in his hand. The accident occurred in the home and several other playmates narrowly escaped being killed.

RAILROAD CONTRACTOR ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA ON PEONAGE CHARGE

(By Associated Press.) ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 19.—Giovanni Saruli, a railroad contractor, filling a contract with the Tidewater Railroad company, near Roanoke, was arrested yesterday on a charge of peonage by United States Deputy Marshal Aliff, in Bedford county and brought here, where he was held by United States Commissioner White, in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at a hearing January 25. The charge was preferred by File-

POWDER CAR EXPLODES; PASSENGERS KILLED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 19.—According to fairly reliable reports received through unofficial sources a terrible catastrophe overtook a Big Four accommodation train at Sanford last night. According to the information obtained at midnight it appears that eight or ten persons were killed and probably 25 to 30 injured.

IMMENSE DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOOD

Crest of the Flood Water in the Ohio Not Yet in Slight and Loss Reaches \$500,000

CINCINNATI, Jan. 19.—With the crest of the flood water in the Ohio river not yet in sight, the financial loss in Cincinnati and vicinity, due to high water is \$500,000 up to tonight. The loss includes damaged goods, loss of manufacturing facilities and wages of idle men. Some 15,000 persons have been driven to higher land. Nearly fifty houses in Newport, a dozen in Covington, and large areas in the east end and Mill Creek quarter of Cincinnati, are under water. The conditions are similar at all points between Pittsburg and Cairo.

The immense stretch of the river, silently and remorselessly carrying before it all manner of property was watched all day by thousands of people on both banks and the high buildings, while strenuous efforts were made by hundreds of men to carry to places of safety those whose homes had been invaded by the flood or some of the household effects from the flooded homes. For better handling relief work, Mayor Dempsey this afternoon divided the city into four relief sections.

SHERIFF CATCHES ESCAPED PRISONER

(By Associated Press.) ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 19.—Arthur Stanley, the young white man who Thursday night shot John Foster at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Sink, in Franklin county, and made his escape, was captured last night in his home near Ferris, by Sheriff Dickenson and a deputy.

RECEIVER FOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 19.—Judge Pendleton, in the superior court today, granted a petition for the appointment of a receiver for the Georgia Mutual Fire Insurance company, and named Samuel P. Evans as temporary receiver, fixing January 25 as the date for hearing arguments. The petition was filed by H. C. Powell, who alleges the company is insolvent.

RAIN AND COLDER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday: North Carolina Rain Sunday; Monday, colder and fair, brisk to high southwest winds, shifting to northwest.

GREAT DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE AT BEAUFORT

Most Disastrous Fire in the City's History Occurred Yesterday Afternoon.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN \$500,000

Water Supply Failed and For Awhile the Entire City Seemed Doomed.

(By Associated Press.)

BEAUFORT, S. C., Jan. 19.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Beaufort occurred this afternoon. The loss is estimated at between \$500,000 and \$700,000, about one-third covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the barn and stables of E. W. Scheper, on Bay street, and its spread was rapid, as a high wind was blowing. The water supply failed and efforts to fight the flames were fruitless. They only quelled when they had nothing more to feed upon in the direction in which they were being blown. Among the losers was the city, the town hall, the market being consumed. The large grocery store of Scheper was destroyed as was the bank. The bank's funds and papers were saved. Mr. Scheper is said to have been more fully protected by insurance than any other of the losers.

The fire leaped across Bay street, consuming the hardware and paint store of N. Christensen, and Sons, and half the block behind it. Another jump across a street was made, and the law office of Thomas Talbird and a row of stores he owned, were destroyed. A number of houses between city market and the Methodist church were destroyed. Flying embers ignited a number of residences an eighth of a mile distant, including that of W. E. Sanders, and the stately colonial home of the Talbirds. On the water front the handsome residences of J. N. Wallace and W. J. Thomas were consumed. The store of J. N. Croft and Mrs. J. Levin were burned.

For a time it looked as if the whole town would be destroyed. The Christensen, Croft and Talbird carried no insurance whatever.

ARRANGEMENT EFFECTED FOR A SEPARATION

Duke and Duchess of Marlborough Will Separate Without Divorce Proceedings.

ROYALTY IS SAID TO HAVE INTERVENED

Were Desirous of Averting Publicity Involving Ancient Ducal House.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The conference which have recently been going on between relatives, lawyers, and others concerning the differences between the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough by which their affairs will not be brought before the courts, and a separation will be effected, so as to avoid publicity. This was largely brought about through the intervention of royalty, which is friendly to both sides and desirous of averting public proceedings involving the ancient ducal house.

While the present status of the affair cannot be set forth officially or authoritatively owing to a natural desire to avoid discussion, yet the following, gathered from well informed sources is believed to embody the most essential features of the arrangement.

Through the intervention of the Marquis of Lansdowne, who is the Duke of Marlborough's uncle, the Duchess has been induced to take a position favorable to an adjustment. According to the present arrangement the duke and duchess will live apart, the duke retaining Blenheim Palace entirely and continuing to enjoy the \$100,000 a year settled upon him by the duchess's family with the custody of their two sons for six months each year, the control of their education until they become of age, and the choice of their professions. On the other hand the duchess will enjoy the use of the Marlborough family jewels and will have precedence as a duke's wife with the right to take her sons with her to any part of the continent during their holidays, without interfering with their studies after the age of 15.

SITUATION IN KINGSTON WELL UNDER CONTROL

Streets Are Rapidly Being Cleared of Debris, Corpses of Victims Recovered.

PERFECT ORDER IS BEING PRESERVED

All the Higher Officials Are Working Unwearily to Relieve Those in Distress.

(By Associated Press.)

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 18 (Friday).—The work of clearing the streets of Kingston of debris and recovering the corpses of the victims of the earthquake and conflagration is proceeding rapidly. The southwestern portion of Kingston looks exactly as did St. Pierre after the eruption of Mount Pelee.

The American battleships Indiana and Missouri arrived here Thursday. Admiral Davis at once visited Governor Swettenham, and offered assistance in the shape of armed guards to protect the banks and public buildings and to send ashore rescue parties to aid in recovering the dead. The latter offer was accepted with thanks, and a party of marines were landed Thursday afternoon, and are still working like Trojans performing a service that will forever be remembered in this island. The former offer was declined as the local troops, militia and constabulary were deemed sufficient to preserve order and protect all buildings that needed protection.

On the whole the conduct of the populace has been admirable. There have been only a few attempts at looting and these have been confined to rum shops and provision stores. The guards have not had occasion to fire a single shot. Perfect order reigns throughout the devastated city.

An admirable example has been set the lower classes by the governor and Lady Swettenham, and the higher officials and their wives, who are working unwearily to relieve the distressed and nurse the wounded. American naval doctors are also doing magnificent work in assisting the local doctors.

The original estimates of the killed were too moderate. Over 500 victims have been buried up to today and scores of half-burned bodies have been taken from the ruins of collapsed buildings and cremated at the crossings of thoroughfares, with the view of avoiding the outbreak of an epidemic.

SIXTEEN DEAD TEN INJURED IN COLLISION

Passenger and Freight Trains Collide; Wreckage Takes Fire, Victims Burn.

FAILED TO SEE RED LIGHT IN THE FOG

Passenger Ran By the Block. All Her Crew Killed With One Exception.

(By Associated Press.)

FOWLDER, Ind., Jan. 19.—At least sixteen persons were crushed or burned to death early today in a collision between a freight train and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis "Queen City Flyer" which left Chicago last night. Ten persons were seriously injured, and seven more slightly hurt.

The passenger train was running fifty miles an hour and consisted of a combination coach, three sleepers and a Big Four private car, occupied by Mrs. C. E. Schaff, wife of the vice-president of the railroad. The train was destroyed by fire, except the private car, and one sleeper. Seven of the dead have been identified. Eleven of the victims were burned to death in the combination coach and only two of these have been identified.

With but one exception, every member of the passenger train crew perished. Identified dead included:

- W. B. HARRIS, Indianapolis. PETER J. HIDDENGER, Indianapolis, conductor. I. H. MAGEE, baggage master, Indianapolis. J. A. SHANNAN, Williamsport, Ind. HENRY E. OLCOTT, fireman, Cincinnati. HENRY A. PRICE, California. The injured: E. W. Tripp, Indianapolis, engineer. John Cobble, Indianapolis, engineer. Minor Griffin, Shelbyville, Ind., fireman. F. W. Link, Hastings, Mich. L. F. Lang, Chicago. M. A. Croston, New York City. E. C. Barnes, Cincinnati. S. A. Douglass, Freeport, Ill. John Myer, New York.

The passenger train in a heavy fog ran by a telegraphic block signal which called for a stop. The red light was not obeyed. It probably was obscured by fog. The locomotive was telescoped with the combination coach, making a mass of wreckage under which the passengers in the car were wedged. There were many instances of heroism among the passengers who were uninjured. Mrs. Schaff gave her car to the injured, five of whom she later took to the car to Kankakee.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The following is the official statement regarding the wreck at Fowler, Ind., issued from the offices of the Big Four Railroad in this city.

"Train No. 38, known as the Queen City Special, which left Chicago at 11:30 last night, collided with No. 35, fast merchandise freight train, 500 feet east of the end switch at Fowler, Ind. No. 38 ran by a stop signal at Fowler. This was a telegraphic block signal, and the red light was burning brightly, but the engineer failed to see and stop, probably on account of the very heavy fog.

It is reported that there were thirty-three people in the combination car, all of whom were killed, with the exception of two, who are badly injured. All these occupants of this car are either killed outright or so seriously injured as to be unable to escape, and their bodies were buried in the car.

"The dead:

- "A. SHANNAN, Chicago, dead on special train en route to Kankakee. "CONDUCTOR HIDDENGER, of the passenger train. "BAGGAGE MASTER MAGEE, of passenger train. "FIREMAN OLCOTT, of passenger train. "ELEVEN OCCUPANTS OF THE COMBINATION CAR, names unknown.

REAR ADMIRAL EVANS REPORTS DESTRUCTION OF KINGSTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The navy department this morning received the following dispatch from Rear-Admiral Evans, dated P. M. 8, Maine, Guantanamo Cuba, January 18. Whipple arrived from Kingston today with advices from Davis concerning practical destruction of the city. Business section destroyed. Fire followed earthquake. Government residences in suburbs destroyed. Steamship wharves intact. Shipping unharmed. Cuban consul killed. Other foreign residents seemed to have escaped. American consul absent. Vice-consul representing. Blue jackets guarding consulate possessions, and guarding archives. Indians landed 50. Reported mutiny at penitentiary containing 500 prisoners. Government considers whole situation. In hand. Four hundred and forty dead accounted for. Still many bodies in ruins. Many Americans sailed for New York, via steamer Prins Eitel Friedrich on the 17th. Am sending full extract of Davis report over Cuban telegraph.

VANDERBILT IS CHARGED WITH EVADING TAXES

New York Dispatches Say He Swore There That He Lived in Asheville.

BUT HE DOES NOT PAY TAX ON INCOME HERE

Asheville Authorities Write to Mayor McClellan For Information.

(By Associated Press.)

George W. Vanderbilt pays personal taxes neither in New York nor in Buncombe county.

And if he pays them anywhere in the world no one here can be found to suggest where.

From New York comes the positive statement from high authorities that two years ago Mr. Vanderbilt "swore off" the personal taxes assessed against him there and was so relieved from paying them on his affirmation that he was not a resident of New York but of North Carolina—in fact "of Asheville" came the information to The Citizen from New York.

But neither two years ago, nor yet last June when citizens of this state are required by law to "list" their personal taxes, that is state to the assessors the amount of personal property they have on that date, did the owner of the princely Biltmore House make any return in this county of Buncombe and in the years that have passed there is nothing to show on the tax books here that Mr. Vanderbilt has paid a cent on the stocks, bonds, mortgages and other sources which are supposed to make up his fortune of some fifteen millions of dollars. He paid only on some fifty odd thousand of property of a personal nature such as horses, furniture, libraries, etc., at Biltmore House.

And because they have heard that Mr. Vanderbilt paid no personal taxes in New York and knew he paid none here save the articles last named the authorities of Buncombe county are investigating and with a very keen appreciation of the situation have written to Mayor McClellan of New York for an authoritative statement.

The law of North Carolina says that a citizen must list his poll tax and other personal property and whoever does not do so shall "be guilty of a misdemeanor"—and incidentally a man who is found guilty of a misdemeanor may be sent to the chain gang.

These statements of conditions, based on information seemingly correct, are of emphatic importance to New York and North Carolina.

Mr. Vanderbilt is in Washington where he and Mrs. Vanderbilt have a home for the social season and so he cannot be reached and no one here is authorized to speak for him or to make explanations.

Mr. Vanderbilt is a member of the great Vanderbilt family and in consequence is a figure of national importance, one of the most prominent citizens of the land, aside from his world wide reputation as owner of the Château and its surrounding estate of 150,000 acres of great mountains and woodlands near Asheville. Thousands make yearly pilgrimages here solely to drive on the superb roads of the estate and perchance see the swart as they pass the tall white walls of the finest private residence in America, and owner supposed to be worth some fifteen millions of dollars or even a greater sum since hundreds of thousands are required yearly for the maintenance of the property in addition to the revenues which come from the rental of houses in the model villages of Biltmore and Victoria.

Yet it appears that two years ago Mr. Vanderbilt affirmed that he was not liable for taxes in the City of New York, a city which he had previously claimed as his residence, and was therefore relieved from the assessment on personal property because he said he was a resident of North Carolina. But neither that nor the past year did he list such taxes here. Did he list them somewhere? If not a resident of New York or of North Carolina?

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TROUBLE AT THE LEGISLATION DISTRICT SCHOOL. The big boy of the school makes a face at the teacher. The defiant attitude of the Senate toward the President threatens to be maintained for some time.—News Item.