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ROOSEVELT DECLINES TO MAKE SPECIAL ADDRESS ON RAILROAD QUESTION

Has Nothing New to Offer and His Views on Subject Are a Matter of Record. MANY REQUESTS MADE FOR A STATEMENT Denies Any Intention of Taking Action That Would Affect R. R. Securities.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—President Roosevelt has declined to accept the invitation of the Illinois Manufacturers Association to deliver a speech at Springfield, Ill., on the railroad situation. He addressed a letter to C. C. Smith, president of the association, stating that it would be impossible for him to accept the invitation extended last week, because he did not feel that he had anything to say at this time in a special address on this subject. The president has received a great number of requests for a statement to be made by him, or a speech by him on the railroad situation. He has given these requests the utmost weight and the most careful consideration. After looking into the matter the president informed his advisers that he had come to the conclusion that there was nothing new which he had to say at this time on the railroad situation, that he did not deem it either wise or proper to say anything with a view to any immediate situation in Wall Street and that as he should only give expression to the definite and settled policy to be carried out wholly without regard to the exigencies of the moment and as his views on this policy in question were already a matter of record, it did not seem necessary at this time to repeat them.

GEORGIA MILITIA WILL JOIN REGULAR ARTILLERY IN DRILLS Governor-Elect Hoke Smith Accepts Invitation of War Department.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—Hoke Smith, governor-elect of Georgia, in view of the fact that he is to assume office in June, has accepted in behalf of the state the invitation of the war department to have the militia join in the state drills with the regular sea coast artillery. The acceptance is conditioned upon the arrangement proposed to Governor-elect Smith by Adjutant General Scott, who suggests that the Savannah volunteer guards composed of four companies of heavy artillery, as requested in the letter of the secretary of war, should be designated to act as batteries. The Fourth Regiment of Infantry, composed of six companies, he says, should be designated as the supports, as this regiment has not been in camp since 1903, while all the others have had instruction last year. The other companies, except the cavalry, General Scott is advised, are making preparations to go into camp at Gamestown, Va., during the fair, which will put practically all of the state troops in camp this year as contemplated in the national militia act.

CHANGE IN POSTAL RATES AGREED ON

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—At the conference between Postmaster General Lemieux of Canada and Postmaster General Mayer of the United States, in this city today, an agreement was reached to amend the postal convention existing between the two countries in so far as it affects the transmission of newspapers and periodicals, known as second class matter, between the two countries. Canada accepts the tentative proposal of this country that second class matter mailed in one country and addressed to the other, might be subjected to a rate of 1 cent for each 4 ounces, or fraction thereof, on each bulk package, prepaid in stamps affixed.

CARPENTERS AND PAINTERS STRIKE

(By Associated Press.) HOUSTON, Tex., April 1.—Contrary to previous announcement that there would be no trouble in the building trades unions, 350 painters and carpenters went on strike this morning and contractors tonight declared for the open shop. The men demand a 33 1-3 per cent advance in wages. Contractors will concede 20 per cent on the advance demanded, but insist on an open shop basis.

PRESIDENT THANKS REP. E. M. POLLARD

(By Associated Press.) OMAHA, Neb., April 1.—Congressman E. M. Pollard of the first Nebraska district has received a letter from President Roosevelt thanking him for his support of the ship subsidy bill, congratulating him and other western congressmen for taking a broad and patriotic view of the situation and deprecating the defeat of the bill as a serious set back to the commercial interests of the country.

JURY COULD NOT READ NOR WRITE ENGLISH

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, April 1.—Inability on the part of a jury to either read or write the English language, has resulted in a decided turn in the case of Congressman-elect George K. Fauriol, of the sixth district of Louisiana, who has been confined in jail for seven months, charged with the murder of Dr. R. H. Aldrich, in Baton Rouge last summer. In the district court a demurrer to the indictment was sustained on the grounds that one member of the jury, an Italian, could not read nor write the English language. The state appealed the case to the supreme court, which this afternoon affirmed the decision of the lower court. Fauriol is alleged to have shot and killed Dr. Aldrich for aspirations he had in connection with the small shipper and the consumer.



MRS. JOHN M. THURSTON.

WOMAN SAILS BENEATH THE SEA

The first woman known to have undertaken a voyage beneath the sea are Mrs. John M. Thurston, wife of the former senator from Nebraska, and Mrs. J. Christopher Lake, mother of Simon Lake, the inventor of the Lake submarine torpedo boat. For two hours these two women were sealed up in the "Lake" while it explored the bottom of Long Island Sound off the shores of Connecticut. They dined beneath the sea and thoroughly enjoyed every moment of their weird experience. Mrs. Thurston has said that she felt not the least alarm while sailing beneath the waves, but that rather a strange exhilaration possessed her, the result of breathing compressed air.

BISHOP GRANBERRY DIES

(By Associated Press.) RICHMOND, Va., April 1.—Bishop John C. Granberry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died suddenly at his home in Ashland today, while sitting in a chair. He was 76 years old, and had been bishop since 1882.

SOUTHERN MAKES AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN FREIGHT SERVICE

Seven General Freight Agents Will Be Located in Different Cities. FORMERLY HAD ONLY ONE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—In line with the policy of the Southern Railway company, as outlined by President Finlay to bring about closer relations and harmony with its patrons, and in order to place authorized representatives of the company in convenient proximity to the shipper, the Southern will appoint seven general freight agents with headquarters at different cities on its lines, instead of having only one general freight agent at Atlanta. Each general freight agent will have authority over the territory in his jurisdiction. Vice-President J. M. Culp has issued circulars, making the following appointments: George R. Howder, now general freight agent of the system, will be made assistant freight traffic manager with headquarters at Atlanta. John R. Matson, now general agent at New York, will be made assistant freight traffic manager, with headquarters at Washington. J. H. Drake, general freight agent, Richmond, in charge of lines in Virginia and eastern and central North Carolina. E. H. Shaw, general freight agent, Charleston, S. C., in charge of lines in South Carolina and western North Carolina, at Augusta, Ga. Randall Clifton, general freight agent, Atlanta, Ga., in charge of lines in Georgia and Florida. H. L. Miller, general freight agent, Knoxville, Tenn., in charge of lines in east Tennessee. R. R. Peckham, general freight agent, Memphis, Tenn., in charge of the Nashville division. L. J. Graves, general freight agent, Memphis, Tenn., in charge of the Memphis division. R. L. Simpson, general freight agent, Birmingham, Ala., in charge of lines in Alabama. Howard the Memphis division.

EARTHQUAKE CAUSES GREAT LOSS OF LIFE IN TURKISH ARMENIA

Reports From Missionaries at Bitlis State That Town Is Badly Damaged.

(By Associated Press.) CONSTANTINOPLE, April 1.—The report that a severe earthquake accompanied by loss of life has occurred at Bitlis, Turkish Armenia, appears to be confirmed, but the number of deaths is unknown. Beyond a brief message from the missionaries at Bitlis reporting that town as badly damaged, no news of the disaster has reached this city. London, April 1.—The situation of Bitlis, which is built on a rocky slope, with houses constructed of stone, having had a rather serious earthquake here, it is reported that a great amount of damage has been done. It is described as a terrific quake, densely populated town, having had four European and many British missionaries at present absent on tour.

MOVEMENTS TOWARD A SOLUTION OF RACE PROBLEM ARE BEGUN

Some of the Prominent Men in the Country ARE BACKED BY CAPITAL

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., April 1.—Two great movements looking to the solution of the race problem in the South, especially in Georgia, have been launched and have gained the support of some of the most prominent men in the country, according to a statement made at a conference of the Atlanta Evangelical Ministers' Association. One of the movements is being urged by Dr. John E. White, pastor of the First Baptist church, who reported to the conference that it is gaining great headway. Five of the wealthiest men in the South, said Dr. White, "have put all they have back of this movement. We contemplate the organization of all the moral forces in the South in one great body and the appointment of a commission composed of the most learned men of the South to study this problem and deal with the situation affecting the relationship of the races. The other movement is being fostered by former Governor Nathan. The plan contemplates the selection of a state commission composed of some of the best lawyers of the state, whose duty it should be to have the state laws reviewed so as to deal with the present condition to the legal manner of dealing with race, and punishment of the lawbreaker and members of mob.

PORT LIVINGSTONE REPORTED CAPTURED BY THE NICARAGUANS

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, April 1.—The capture of Port Livingston, Honduras, by Nicaraguans, reported by passengers on the steamer Harris T. Rice, which arrived in New Orleans today, is being investigated by the Central American Commission. Four Honduran soldiers are reported to have been killed in the fight and the defeated guerrillas are attacking the steamer. No details of the capture have been obtained. The capture was made March 28, on the following day Honduras reported about the same time that the steamer had been captured.

TRINITY TEAM HAS AN EASY VICTORY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Trinity team, representing the United States, defeated the team from the Dominican Republic, 4-0, in a basketball game at the National Academy of Music today. The Trinity team, coached by Coach J. H. ...

A. AND M. DEFEATED BY WAKE FOREST

(Special to The Citizen.) WAKE FOREST, April 1.—Wake Forest defeated A. and M. in a football game today. The game was played at Wake Forest and the home team won by a score of 17-0. The game was a hard fought one and the Wake Forest team showed great courage and determination.

REP. STATE TICKET ELECTED IN MICH.

(By Associated Press.) DETROIT, Mich., April 1.—With about a normal spring election vote cast today, the Republican state ticket has, as was expected, a majority of about 15,000 votes to the returns available at 10:30 o'clock. The fifth congressional district, where the Republicans voted on a candidate to stand at the special election to elect a successor in congress to William Alden Smith, D. J. Diekmann, chairman of the Republican state committee, and State Senator Russell Diekmann has appointed a majority of 11,000.

TRAINMEN KILLED IN TEXAS WRECK

(By Associated Press.) WICHITA, Kan., April 1.—Six trainmen were killed and 100 injured in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad near Wichita today. The trains were traveling in opposite directions and the collision occurred in a curve. The wreckage was a scene of horror and the bodies of the trainmen were found scattered about the wreckage.

COL. CALVIN COWLES DIES AT STATESVILLE

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 1.—Col. Calvin Cowles, 84, died at Statesville today. He was a prominent citizen and a member of the United States Army. He served in the Civil War and was a member of the Grand Old Party. He was a well-known figure in the community and his death is a great loss.

QUIET IS RESTORED THROUGH ROUMANIA

(By Associated Press.) BUCHAREST, April 1.—An official report based on intelligence received from all parts of the country and issued today indicates that quiet has been restored generally through Roumania. The country has been free from the disturbances that have troubled it in the past and the people are now enjoying a period of peace and stability.

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