

A CONVENTION OF PLENIPOENTIARIES IS NOW ASSURED

Foreign Minister Lansdorff Has Notified Several Continental Powers That a meeting Will Soon be Held to Determine Terms of Peace.

Not the Slightest Foundation for the Idea Some Correspondents Have Advanced That Russia is Solely Desirous of Fathoming Condition Japanese Army.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—All attempts to create an impression that there is the slightest hitch in the preliminary negotiations are absolutely without a shadow of foundations.

Now that Russia has received a formal notification that Japan has sent her official and favorable reply to the President, the Russian official reply has been forwarded.

The Associated Press feels that it is in a position to state positively that the reply will fully respond to the President's message. There does not seem to be the slightest warrant for the gratuitous idea some correspondents are putting out that Russia is only desirous of ascertaining the Japanese conditions and at the same time gain a better position for her army in Manchuria.

Russia Willing to Discuss Terms. Washington, June 12.—Ambassador Cassin called on the President to express the Russian government's consent to the President's proposition, and to state that Russia would appoint plenipotentiaries to meet the plenipotentiaries of Japan to discuss the question of peace. The place of meeting is at present being discussed.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS. Today Toward the Settlement of the Teamsters' Strike—Interest Centers in Report of Grand Jury.

Chicago, June 12.—Nothing has been done today towards the settlement of the teamsters strike. No negotiations are in progress and there was no talk of any in the future.

Mayor Dunne welcomed the National Teamowners organization to the city and told them that every effort would be made to insure peace and protect property for the future.

Interest is centered in the investigation of the grand jury. Some sensational testimony is being promised regarding the spending of large sums of money by the labor leaders. The money was secured, it is alleged, by blackmailing business houses.

ROCKEFELLER PROMISES AID For the Support of a Baptist College in Louisiana—State Bank Examiner Thomas to Choose Site of Location.

New Orleans, June 12.—State Bank Examiner Thomas, who is a member of the Louisiana Baptist Committee, has been appointed to choose a site for the Baptist College in Louisiana.

It is announced that John D. Rockefeller has promised the institution liberal financial support. The location of the institution will be announced at the meeting in November.

CRUISER TO BE TRIED. The 28th of This Month Has Been Designated As the Day.

Washington, June 12.—Orders have been given for the official trial of the protected cruiser, Charleston, built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company for the coast of New England, on the 28th.

BOLD ROBBERY OF \$120,000 SECURITIES

Taken From Under the Pillow of Henry Comstock, Who was Conveying Them From New York to Fall River on the Steamer Puritan.

Boston, June 12.—A robbery involving a loss of \$120,000 in securities by Henry W. Comstock, of Boston, which occurred on board the steamer Puritan enroute his trip from New York to Fall River last night, has been reported to the police of this city.

The securities included the stock of various railroads and steel corporations, taken from under the pillow in Comstock's state room by some one, who, it is believed, climbed through a window. Shortly after Comstock reached this city he received a telephone message from New York telling him he would regain the lost property by paying a suitable amount of cash.

PYTHIANS COMING IN.

The Grand Lodge Meets Tomorrow Evening at 8 O'clock.

Tomorrow the Pythians of the Old North State will have the keys of the city in their possession.

From far and near—in fact from all over North Carolina—the representatives of one of the best secret orders in existence will come to Charlotte to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The program for tomorrow, which has already been published in The News, consists of a reception at the Manufacturers' Club—the hours from 5:30 to 7—a trolley ride at 10 o'clock, and a lawn party at the home of Captain Thomas S. Franklin beginning at 11 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock tomorrow night at Pythian Castle, the Grand Lodge will meet in the first session. The address of welcome will be delivered by Mr. E. R. Preston of the Charlotte bar. Who will respond, is not known at this writing.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge is important to every Pythian in the State and at least 250 will be here to attend the meetings.

The following representatives from the different lodges will be of the receiving party at the Manufacturers' Club tomorrow afternoon: Charlotte: F. R. McNinch, C. B. Flournoy, J. A. Fore, J. V. Simms, J. T. Porter, L. B. Alexander, J. A. McCausland, F. D. Alexander, J. A. McCausland, J. G. Baird, J. O. Walker.

Mecklenburg: W. M. Lyles, T. W. Dixon, L. W. Jamison, A. C. Hutchison, W. C. Wilson, N. C. White.

Dilworth: F. D. Lethro, J. P. Kirkpatrick, S. S. Stokes, J. L. Jenkins, C. F. Alexander, B. S. Davis.

Pythian Notes. Among the most exalted, as well as most popular of the order here to attend the Grand Lodge, is Mr. D. F. Summey, for many years a citizen of Charlotte, and ever and always a most popular one.

Mr. Summey was Grand Vice-Chancellor of the Grand Lodges of Pythians, in this State and would have gone higher, but his removal to "Kaintuck" prevented it. Mr. Summey is at present Imperial Basha, the second highest office in the D. O. K. K.'s He will be made Imperial Prince, the highest office at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge in Detroit, August 14-17.

Charlotte will be largely represented at the Grand Lodge. The Pythian Castle, where the Grand Lodge will hold its meetings has been artistically decorated in the colors and designs of that order. The decorations are arranged in triangles, an emblematic design—one on Tryin street and two on West Fourth.

THE PENN. "FLYER" BREAKS RECORD

The Recently Installed Train Between Chicago and New York Makes Marvelous Record of a Mile in 28 1-8 Seconds Near Ada, Ohio.

New York, June 12.—The first east-bound train of the Pennsylvania Railroad's new eighteen hour service, between New York and Chicago, arrived at Jersey City at 9:22 this morning, three minutes ahead of schedule time.

The running time from Chicago to Jersey City was 17 hours and 37 minutes. The engineer said the train covered one mile in 35 seconds.

Fort Wayne, June 12.—The Pennsylvania Flyer, westbound, covered three miles near Ada, Ohio, in 85 seconds, or at the rate of a mile in 28 1-8 seconds, or 127 1-3 miles an hour, breaking all world's records.

Chicago, June 12.—On its initial run from New York, the Pennsylvania Railroad's eighteen-hour "Flyer," the fastest long-distance train in the world, arrived in this city at 8:52 o'clock this morning, three minutes ahead of schedule time.

There were no ceremonies connected with the initial run of the train. The only officers of the road aboard were General Passenger Agent Samuel Moody, of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, and District Passenger Agent Fitzhugh. So many persons made applications for passes on the new train that for several hours before the scheduled time to start all the available room in the train had been disposed of.

ANGRY WATERS OF MISSISSIPPI STILL SWEEPING

Now Five to Eight Miles in Width Along the Lowlands Between Hannibal and Keokuk, Iowa. The Property Loss Already Immense.

Riley Smallwood and Seven Other Persons are Reported Drowned. Carcasses of Horses and Mules are Floating Upon the Bosom of the Mad Waters.

Hannibal, Mo., June 12.—The flooded Mississippi river has spread over all unprotected lowlands, and is from five to eight miles wide between here and Keokuk, Ia. Near Alexandria, Mo. Riley Smallwood, a farmer, was drowned and seven other persons are reported missing.

Many dead bodies of horses, mules and cattle are floating past Hannibal and from Alexandria, Canton, Memphis, West Quincy and Keokuk, reports have been received of a general loss of live stock.

All available boats making trips up and down the river are rescuing persons who escaped to points above the water line. The property loss is already estimated at several million dollars.

FEDERAL COURT.

Was Formally Opened This Afternoon. Business Begins Tomorrow.

The formalities incident to the opening of the District and Circuit Courts were gone through with at the Federal building this afternoon. Clerk Cowles opened the one and a Deputy Marshal the other.

The court proper will not begin work until in the morning at 10 o'clock. Judge James E. Boyd will arrive tonight and will be the guest of the Buford hotel.

District Attorney Holton will arrive this afternoon at 6 o'clock from Winston-Salem.

In the morning all the officials will be present and the machinery of the court will once more be oiled and put in motion.

While no cases of special importance are to be heard at this term, there will be sufficient interest to draw quite a number of Federal office-holders to Charlotte.

Mr. Hooper Returns. Mr. C. E. Hooper returned last night from Atlantic City, where he attended the convention of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association of the United States and Canada, which met there June 5th to 9th.

Mr. Hooper states that 400 hotel men were in attendance, and that many of them brought their wives, which increased the number of people there for the convention to 600.

Mrs. Hooper accompanied him.

MR. DORRITTEE TALKS.

Full Membership of the Church Present Yesterday.

Every member of Westminster Church, and scores of outside friends, turned out yesterday morning to welcome the former beloved pastor, Rev. W. C. Dorrittee, who returned from Texas several days ago.

Mr. Dorrittee conducted the entire service at the church yesterday morning. He was able to stand during his talk to his people (for such they will long consider themselves). The occasion was one of supreme pleasure to the church in being able to have their late pastor speak to them again; and one of sadness that it was to be his last sermon to them.

Mr. Dorrittee spoke from the text: "Paid may plant and Apollous water, but God alone can give the increase." He said, in part, that the church must not look to him, but to God; that it must be loyal to his successor, and uphold his hands; give him affection, help, and loyal sympathy.

He spoke affectionately and tearfully of his work; his beloved people of Westminster, and commended them through the years to him who "giveth the increase." At the close of the service every man, woman and child present pressed forward to clasp the hand of the loved pastor. There were tears—every one wept; there were kind words—plenty of them; there was the "oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

Mr. Dorrittee was dearly loved by the Westminster people. He was the first pastor, and must always be first in their hearts. He and his family go from here to Virginia. His church in Corpus Christi has given him four months' leave of absence, with full salary. He will not preach again while absent, as he promised his church that he would not. He is looking and feeling better.

THE GOVERNOR A SHRINER.

He Takes the Degree by Special Dispensation.

The degree of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was communicated to Governor Robert B. Glenn today at 12:30 o'clock in the office of Col. D. G. Maxwell.

The Governor was elected a member of the Oasis Temple at Asheville last Thursday and was to have taken the degree in that city but conflicting engagements made it impossible for him to do so.

He advised the Asheville Shriners to that effect, whereupon the illustrious Potentate, Mr. William Anderson, of Charlotte, was ordered to communicate the degrees to him on his visit to Charlotte.

The Governor is now a full-fledged Shriner and wears the insignia of that order.

Death of Mr. C. D. Smith.

Mr. C. D. Smith, died at 12 o'clock today at his home, No. 1210 South Tryon street. The deceased was 49 years old and was a native of Laurens, S. C., having moved to Charlotte only about two months ago.

The body will be taken to Shelby tomorrow morning and the interment will be near that place.

The deceased was an Odd Fellow and the members of the order are asked to meet at the residence tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

C. B. D.'s Win Pennant.

The last game of the city base ball league was played at Latta Park this morning between the C. B. D.'s and the 3 B's, the former winning by the score of 5 to 3. The pennant prize will be awarded to the C. B. D.'s Wednesday night at the Y. M. C. A.

GATTIS-KILGO CASE NOW BEING HEARD IN WAKE COUNTY

The Defendants Claimed That They Could Not Obtain Justice in Granville and Hence the Removal to Raleigh, Judge Moore is Presiding.

A Charter Has Been Granted to the Charlotte Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade for the Promotion of Commercial and Manufacturing Interests.

Raleigh, June 12.—The third trial in the noted case of Gattis vs. Kilgo will require about two weeks. The first trial held in Granville county, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$20,000. The second trial resulted in a verdict for \$15,000.

A new trial was then granted, an order having been obtained by the defendants removing the case to Wake county, the claim being that they could not get justice in Granville county. The last continuance was granted on account of the illness and death of Washington Duke, one of the defendants in the case. Judge Moore is presiding in the present trial. The first two days will be consumed in empanelling a jury.

A charter was granted this morning by the Secretary of State for the Charlotte Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade, incorporated with \$25,000 capital. It provides for and has for its purpose the promotion of the commercial and manufacturing interests of the city. A club building will be erected. The incorporators are J. J. Adams, R. M. Miller, Jr., O. P. Heath, H. H. Orr, R. A. Lee, C. B. Bryant.

Another charter was granted to Parmele (Martin county) Normal and Industrial Institute. There is no capital stock. One of the principal incorporators is H. F. Higsmitth.

The management at the penitentiary announces the escape from the convict camp at Wilkesboro of J. T. Rogers, alias Lackey, serving a sentence of seven years.

MR. P. A. OSBORNE DEAD.

His Death the Result of a Kick by a Horse.

Mr. P. A. Osborne died this afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock, at his home in Dilworth from the effects of a horse kick, received early yesterday morning.

The end came after much suffering and though sudden was not wholly unexpected. A club building will be erected. The incorporators are J. J. Adams, R. M. Miller, Jr., O. P. Heath, H. H. Orr, R. A. Lee, C. B. Bryant.

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AT CLEVELAND SPRINGS.

Many Charlotte People at the Popular Resort.

Special to The News. Shelby, June 12.—The following are the arrivals at the Cleveland Springs Hotel for Wednesday and Thursday: Miss Annie Miller, Shelby; J. F. Flowers, Charlotte; F. L. Jackson, Gastonia; Miss Madeline Miller, Shelby; Herman Dowd, Charlotte; D. E. Hinson, Camden, S. C.; Dr. R. L. Roberts, Cedar Hill, Tex.; Geo. P. Wadsworth, Charlotte, N. C.; John B. Ross, Charlotte; Dr. T. H. Wright, Charlotte; Dr. S. B. Jones, Charlotte; J. P. Austell, Shelby; A. Borders, Shelby; E. E. McBrayer, Shelby.

COLUMBIA WANTS ROOSEVELT.

President Will be Invited to South Carolina Capital.

Columbia, June 12.—At the meeting of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce to be held tonight, an invitation will be extended to President Roosevelt to visit Columbia on his Southern trip next fall.

MASS MEETING TONIGHT.

Business Men, Employers and General Public Invited to Hear Questions of National Concern Discussed Tonight.

The business men, employers, and working men, as well as the public generally, are expected to turn out en masse tonight in the meeting in Red Men's Hall over Nathan's store on East Trade street. Dr. Barron will speak on "Organization." Alderman J. P. Carr and Rev. Geo. A. Page will speak. Mr. James Leonard, general organizer, will speak on "The Aims and Objects of the American Federation of Labor." The questions to be discussed are generally those receiving the most attention from the statesmen and scholars of today, as well as the mass of citizenship, because the latter is most vitally affected by them. There will be a few short talks by several others.

Glass Factory Burned.

Keokuk, Ind., June 12.—The Jenkins glass factory burned today. Loss is \$125,000.

BANQUET IN HONOR SECRETARY SHAW

Greensboro Tenders a Reception to the Secretary of the United States Treasury. Many Prominent Educators Will Attend Teachers' Assembly.

Special to The News. Greensboro, June 12.—The banquet given at the Guilford-Benbow Saturday night in honor of Secretary of the United States Treasury Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, was in every respect a delightful and successful event. At 9 o'clock a reception was tendered the secretary in the parlors of the hotel, and at 9:30 the party, with about 100 guests, repaired to the dining-room, where the banquet was served. The menu was most excellent and one to delight the palate.

Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., was toastmaster. Mayor Murphy made an address of welcome to the distinguished visitor. He was followed by Secretary Shaw, who spoke for about three-quarters of an hour.

In his speech Secretary Shaw thanked the people of Greensboro for their kindnesses and said he had enjoyed very much his stay in the Gate City. He said that while he was impressed with the patriotism that caused the citizens to preserve the battleground, he liked much more the spirit of industry which was building such mills as the White Oak.

Secretary Shaw spoke at length to the business men of the need of more markets in order that we might sell our products. He also spoke of the benefits that will be derived from an Isthmian canal. He said that after securing the canal the next important need of the United States is a merchant marine, and this can be secured only by subsidizing the shipping interests, as do foreign nations. He said that there were some questions too big for politics and some just the right size. He said to open new markets, to construct the Isthmian canal and subsidizing the shipping interests are questions too big for partisans, but ought to receive the support of all the people.

There were speeches made by Dr. Chas. D. McIver, Col. W. S. Thompson, Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., Col. J. T. Morehead, Judge Jas. E. Boyd and Mr. David Dreyfus.

THE SHAM BATTLE AT BALTIMORE FORTIFICATIONS

Three Torpedo Boat Destroyers Were Theoretically Blown Out of the Water by Artillerymen Stationed Along the Coast Near Fort Howard.

Battleship Texas Fired Her Big and Little Guns at Fort Howard, But Was Discovered in the Nick of Time and Sent to the Bottom.

Baltimore, June 12.—Admiral Dickins' squadron made a demonstration on the local fortifications early this morning, and up to one-thirty a. m. three torpedo boat destroyers were theoretically blown out of the water by artillerymen stationed at Fort Howard. Two of these answered the descriptions of the Worden and the Whipple, while the third was either the McDonough, Steuart or Lawrence.

While the "Worden" was theoretically blown up, she proceeded past Fort Howard and on up the river. Forts Smallwood, Armistead and Carroll immediately got their guns into action, and all took turns in shooting at the approaching "enemy." About fifteen minutes after the approach of the first of the enemy's fleet, another destroyer, evidently the Whipple, was discovered. This vessel suffered the same fate as the first. The third destroyer soon made its appearance and like the other two was "sunk."

Later the fourth destroyer was discovered and "sunk." Then the battleship Texas made a frontal demonstration, and from the seven-foot knoll fired her big and little guns at Fort Howard. While the Texas was making this demonstration a swift cruiser made a flank movement and went up the bay towards Pool Island. It was discovered in the nick of time by the men at Fort Howard, who fired on the ship. The fire was returned, and after a lively skirmish the gunners at the fort theoretically sent both the Texas and the cruiser to the bottom.

"A MOTHER'S LOVE"

New Play at the Park—Car Service Excellent.

"A Mother's Love," a comedy drama, will be the attraction at the park auditorium tonight. The play, like all that the Peters Stock Company give, is a good one and a large audience will, no doubt be present.

The first week of the attractions at the park was a good one in point of attendance. Each night the spacious auditorium was comfortably filled and everyone enjoyed the outing. The general verdict is that Mr. Peters has the best popular-price attraction that has ever been to Charlotte.

The street car service to and from the park is splendid. The cars run regularly and there are no "waits." The 4C's company is to be congratulated on the excellence of the service rendered.

Governor a Danville Rooter.

Governor Glenn stopped in The News office this morning long enough to say that he intended to witness the ball game between Charlotte and Danville this afternoon. He also stated that he would root for Danville.

It would be well to remind Charlotteans that Governor Glenn came from over in "The Meadows" and that the Virginia line runs right along through that section. This is the only reason why The News can possibly account for his desire to root for the Dan River boys.

Taken to the Hospital.

Mr. Frank Henderson, of Flint Hill, was brought to the Presbyterian Hospital this morning for treatment. Mr. Henderson has been ill for some time with fever and he was taken to the hospital in order that he may receive better treatment.

ANOTHER PETITION GAYNOR AND GREENE

Their Counsel Has Petitioned Judge in Chambers to be Allowed to Furnish Security for Their Appeal to the Supreme Court.



CARICATURE SKETCH OF JUSTICE J. M. HARLAN.

Justice Harlan, of the Supreme Court, who denies that he will retire from the bench in order to devote the remainder of his life to the collection of funds for the erection of a Presbyterian cathedral in Washington.