

## CHIEF ORATOR FOR TWENTIETH OF MAY CELEBRATION

Secretary of War Taft was invited this morning but because of a prior engagement, he was forced to decline the invitation.

It is probable that Charles A. Towne, will be asked. Committee may ask other prominent public men to come and participate in our festivities.

An Associated Press telegram from Washington received by The News this afternoon says:

"Senator Simmons, accompanied by a delegation from North Carolina today called on Secretary Taft and invited him to deliver the address at the Mecklenburg Celebration in May, next. The Secretary while expressing his pleasure at receiving the invitation was compelled, on account of a prior engagement, to decline."

### ROOSEVELT TALKS TO N. C. MEN.

Discusses Railroad Rate Bill With Delegation From North Carolina Today.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 13.—The railroad rate legislation again was the topic of important discussion today at the White House.

The President talked over the subject with Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, one of the staunch supporters of the rate regulation, and later discussed it with Senators Simmons and Overman, of North Carolina.

The President suggested to Senator Nelson that, in his judgment, it would be wise to attach to the Hepburn bill either the amendment offered by Senator Simmons or that by Senator Malloy of Florida. Both of these are designed to prevent unusual delay in the consideration of applications for temporary injunctions.

Later, when Senator Simmons and Overman called with the delegation of Charlotte, North Carolina, men, to invite the President to deliver an address on the occasion of the celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20th, an invitation the President felt obliged to decline, he talked with them regarding the proposed amendment.

### DOWIE MAY TRY COURTS.

Conference Between Attorneys—Two Factions Make Counter Claims.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, April 13.—Unless the conference between the attorneys representing the warring interests in the Zion City controversy reach some sort of an agreement at the conference which are being held late today the matter will be taken in to the courts tomorrow or on Monday.

It was announced today by lawyers retained by Dowie that they will probably file a bill asking that the transfer of Zion City and Zion church property to Deacon Alexander Granger by Overseer Voliva be set aside by attorneys for Voliva contend that the bill will be denied for the reason that all the property assigned by Voliva to Granger, was not the property of Dowie but was held by him as trustee.

It was also expected that an application will be made for the appointment of a receiver pending the settlement of the dispute as to the control of the property.

### WILL NOT HUNT AGAIN.

President Says People Just too Much Of His Sporting Propensities.

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, April 13.—President Roosevelt will not hunt any more while he is president, according to Col. Cecil Lyon, Republican national committeeman for Texas.

Col. Lyon had made arrangements for another wolf hunt in southern Oklahoma this spring, but he has received a letter from the President saying the people make too much sport of his going hunting.

### GOOD FRIDAY

Was Not Observed in New York Today Because of Money Conditions.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 13.—For the first time in many years Good Friday was not observed as a holiday in New York today. All the city departments were in operation and the stock exchange opened for business as usual. In both these instances money was responsible for the change in the city's tradition.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, of Bristol, Tenn., arrived in the city this morning to spend the Easter holidays with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Baird.



HON. CHARLES A. TOWNE.

Who is Spoken of As One of the Speakers for the Twentieth of May Celebration.

## President Roosevelt Cannot Attend Our May Celebration

Special to The News.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—A delegation composed of Senators Simmons and Overman, Congressman Webb, Governor Glenn, General Macon of the Governor's Staff; Messrs. Lotte W. Humphrey, W. C. Dowd and myself, accompanied by Miss Lila Blanche Russell and my daughters, Mattie and Julia McNinch, were received by President Roosevelt this morning.

Our delegation failed to secure his presence at our Twentieth of May Independence celebration because of the fight over the rate bill. We anticipated that this would make it impossible to have the President with us and we could only accept his excuses which we knew were good and reasonable. His sympathy with the celebration is manifested by his aid which has already been given most freely—even to helping me today in seeing that every possible detail be covered by his own personal orders. So, no one need doubt that the Marine Band, the Marine and infantry and the fine troops of the cavalry with their fine drilling, will be with us for this celebration.

The President's interest in our celebration, our citizens and the Carolinas, as expressed to our delegation was a hearty and inspiring aid which will thrill all our people could they but meet him and hear this illustrious personage. I had hoped to secure this privilege again for them under better conditions than before.

Our Senators and Congressmen and Governor Glenn have big influence here. We can be proud of them. The President's personality is remarkable. One expects the extraordinary in the Chief Magistrate and none could so charming fill that eminent position. It seems to me, as he does. His mind is marvellously active and his personality most magnetic. His physical being shows splendid health and abundance of stored-up vitality and consequent magnetism.

I am glad the South and especially our own State and city has the friend-

ship of President Roosevelt to such a great degree, because he is open and frank and, knowing the right, does not hesitate to try to do. We can certainly give him our confidence. There is no deception and political humbuggery with him. He may make mistakes, but does not remember them after knowing and understanding him.

I think he does what he believes is right in his position, not counting the cost. Few of us are strong enough to do that. I have in a personal conference met the President five times and he looms up bigger each time. His friendship, is to be a priceless jewel.

S. S. MCNINCH.

### BLIND TIGER CASES.

Temperance Forces Attend Court—Determined to Break Up Blind Tigers.

Special to The News.

New Bern, N. C., April 13.—Wednesday's session of the superior court was largely attended by the temperance forces of the city. Several blind tiger cases were on the docket, notably that against William Sultan, a prominent citizen of the town. A night session of court was held in order that these cases might be wiped off the docket. No verdict has yet been rendered. New Bernites are determined to break up blind tigers, and they are using their remedy—the courts—to good effect.

A Knight of Pythias lodge will be instituted at Beaufort Monday, April 23d. It is learned that a large charter membership will be presented.

Dr. S. S. Primrose, a prominent physician of this city, has returned from a two-months' trip to Cuba and Jamaica. His health was greatly improved by his sojourn in these points.

Quite a sensation was sprung in court Wednesday afternoon when Messrs. Harrison and Land, and the negroes Bryan and Giron failed to appear in answer to the call. It was found that Harrison was confined to bed by sickness, but the others have doubtless taken "leg-bail." The charges against them were retailing liquor without license.

### ATTEMPTED TRIPPLE MURDER.

Man Shot Another and Seriously Wounded Another Man and Woman.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 13.—Edward Scanlon was shot and killed and Patrick Donovan and Mrs. Hannah Miller wounded but seriously by Miller in the apartment of Miller in East Thirtieth Street today. Miller asserts that the shooting was done to protect his wife who he alleges was seized by the throat by men when she answered their knock on the door. Miller also said that men who had been his friends attempted to rob him.

### RUSSIAN SOLDIERS LAND.

Ethelbert Lands With Letter For President From Count Witte.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 13.—Ethelbert Watts, United States Consul General at St. Petersburg, was a passenger on the steamer Pennsylvania arriving today from Hamburg. He said that he is the bearer of a letter from Count Witte to President Roosevelt.

### FLOOD MAY BE AVERTED.

Water Rises High Above Danger Line—Probability of Flood Disappears.

By Associated Press.

Memphis, April 13.—After a rise marking 3.5 feet above the danger line the Mississippi river is stationary here today. The crest of the high water has passed and a gradual decline is now predicted. The levees have remained intact and the probability of a serious flood has deepened.

### Gov. Pattison's Condition.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, April 13.—Gov. Pattison's improvement continues. He had a restful night and was very cheerful today.

## MRS. SMOOT THERE FOR FIRST TIME. SMOOT'S CREED UP

Attended Final Argument in Investigation of Protests Against Senator's Being Permitted to Retain his Seat. A. S. Worthington Counsel for Smoot.

Smoot's Belief in Divine Revelations is not Different Says Attorney from Other Church Creeds. Nothing New in Church's Activity in Politics.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 13.—The final argument in the investigation of the protests against Senator Smoot being permitted to retain his seat were made today before the committee on Privileges and Elections by Mr. A. S. Worthington counsel for the Utah Senator.

For the first time since the proceedings were begun three years ago Mrs. Smoot attended the session of the committee.

Taking up Mr. Smoot's confession that he believed in divine revelations Mr. Worthington compared this belief with the services in other churches where divine guidance is sought and argued that Smoot's belief is the same as that of the followers of the other creeds.

It was argued by Worthington that everything that has been charged against the Mormon church in the way of activity in politics and business was known when Utah was admitted as a state and that one of the first Senators from Utah was Frank J. Cannon, who was a Mormon and more subject to criticism than Mr. Smoot can be and yet no protest was made against him.

### MRS. MORRIS AGAIN.

Senator Tillman Objects to Name of Barnes as Postmaster For D. C. Because of His Treatment of Mrs. Morris.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 13.—Senator Tillman today filed formal charges with the sub-committee considering the nomination of Benjamin F. Barnes assistant Secretary to the President, to be postmaster at Washington and protested against his confirmation. These charges relate to the expulsion of Mrs. Minor Morris from the Executive offices and assert inhuman and brutal treatment of the woman and allege that Barnes made false statements about the case.

### CAPT. KENNEDY DEAD.

Captain of Cruiser Colorado died Yesterday as Result of Operation.

Washington, April 13.—Captain Duncan Kennedy, commanding the cruiser Colorado, died a Guantame yesterday, as a result of an operation for appendicitis. The body will be brought to this country on one of the vessels of the Second Division Battle-Ship Squadron, arriving at Hampton Roads Tuesday morning next. Captain Kennedy assumed command of the Colorado a year ago last January. He is a native of New York.

### SCALE COMMITTEE DEPART.

No Other Meeting to be Held Until After Operators Reply.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 13.—President Mitchell of the Miners Union, is busy preparing to close the headquarters here and return to Indianapolis tomorrow.

All members of the General Scale Committee have left for their homes in the anthracite regions and will not be called together again until after the operator's reply to the propositions submitted yesterday by the miners. In the face of the pessimistic expressions of some of the members of the scale committee, President Mitchell is hopeful of a peaceful ending of the controversy with the operators.

## SIX WERE KILLED IN TEXAS TORNADO

Several were Also Injured in Tornado Which Swept Over Briggs Texas. List of Dead. A Number of Buildings were Destroyed.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas April 13.—It is reported that six were killed and several injured in a tornado which swept over Briggs, Texas, yesterday afternoon.

The dead are: M. R. Hickman and daughter, Arnet Taber and wife, R. A. Patterson and wife.

A number of buildings were destroyed. At Cleburne, Texas, the storm blew down the grand stand in the ball park during the progress of a game. Several persons were injured. The heaviest rain in years fell in Dallas last night and a general rain is reported over North Texas.



SENATOR REED SMOOT.

The Utah Senator Who is Now Under Fire of the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

## CHARTER GRANTED CHARLOTTE FIRM

The Greater Charlotte Chautauqua was Incorporated at \$10,000 Capital. Petition Being Circulated for Election on "Prohibition" or "Dispensary"

Special to The News.

Raleigh, April 13.—A charter was issued this morning for the Greater Charlotte Chautauqua which was incorporated with a \$10,000 capital, subscribed by R. E. Mason, David Owens, F. R. McIninch, Walter Brem, L. W. Jenkins and C. W. Tillett.

Petitions asking the Raleigh Aldermen to call an election on the question of "dispensary" or "prohibition" were started in circulation about the city this morning under the direction of Rev. S. J. Betts, the well known Baptist minister who has for the past week or more preached by special permit of the mayor, each evening to the patrons of the dispensary who go there between five and six o'clock. Rev. Betts says the time is passed when liquor will ever be sold in saloons in Raleigh again and it only remains now to fight it out as to the issue of dispensary and prohibition. He thinks that he will secure enough signatures to require the calling of the election with in the next few days and present the signed petitions to the aldermen on the night of the first Friday in May.

The game of base ball here last afternoon between the North Carolina A. & M. College and the South Carolina College teams is generally pronounced the poorest exhibition of the national game ever seen in this city. The score was 18 to 4 in favor of the North Carolina farmers and the score of errors was ridiculous for both teams.

President and General Manager J. A. Mills of the Raleigh and Southport railroad said today that they will not be able to get trains into Fayetteville by May 1 as they had expected but they expect, certainly, to be there within the first few days of June. The grading and placing of track are being pushed with all possible speed.

State Treasurer, B. R. Lacy is expected to arrive from Arizona Friday or Saturday of this week. He writes that he is not troubled now at all with the asthma that has afflicted him for so long.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. Y. Joyner received a letter this morning from the superintendent in Tennessee for additional plans and specifications for the official school houses provided by the North Carolina department and stated that he had already distributed a large number of these plans for use in building school houses in Tennessee.

He added that if Supt. Joyner should travel through the rural districts of Tennessee and observe the new school houses built he would think it a part of North Carolina from the style of architecture.

### Athletes Reach Gibraltar.

By Associated Press.

Gibraltar, April 13.—The steamer Barbarossa, which left New York April 3rd, for Naples, having on board the American athletes who will compete in the Olympic games at Athens, Greece, arrived here today. All the members of the team enjoyed the voyage and are in good condition.

### ON TO NEW ORLEANS.

Confederate Veterans From Mecklenburg Who Will Attend Reunion.

Thirty Confederate veterans have already handed in their names to Mr. H. D. Duckworth, adjutant, thereby signifying their intention of going to the Reunion of the Confederate Veterans in New Orleans on April 25, 26 and 27. While this number has already decided to attend the reunion there is little doubt but what many more will join the Charlotte contingent before the time of departure arrives.

The Mecklenburg delegation will leave next Monday on a special train, which will start from Raleigh, and on which General Julian S. Carr of Durham, one of the best friends the veterans have in this state, will make the trip.

The train will carry several hundred of the North Carolina veterans who will travel via the Southern Railway, and are expected to reach the Crescent City on Tuesday afternoon.

Already abundant enthusiasm is being shown by the members of Mecklenburg Camp, and the indications are that this camp will have a larger representation than any camp in the state.

The special train carrying the North Carolina veterans will reach Charlotte on Sunday morning following the Monday on which the trip down is begun, thus giving the veterans nearly one week of travel and attendance upon the reunion.

The train on which the veterans travel will be known as the "Jule Carr Special."

## GREENE AND GAYNOR RECEIVE SENTENCE

Defendants Must Pay Over Half Million Fine and Serve 4 Years in Prison. Attorneys File Exceptions and will Prepare Voluminous Bill End of Noted Case.

Special to The News.

Savannah, Ga., April 13.—Judge Speer today sentenced Greene and Gaynor to pay a fine of \$575,640 and serve four years each.

At 11 o'clock the prisoners were brought into court. Judge Speer asked counsel for defence if they had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced.

Colonel P. W. Meldrim, answered in the negative, whereupon the court imposed sentence.

Each defendant had been found guilty upon all the counts of the three indictments charging conspiracy, embezzlement and presenting a false claim.

Sentences upon the three indictments were respectively two, four, and four years, but the court ordered that these run concurrently so that the sentence was really for four years. Imprisonment is to be in the federal prison at Atlanta.

The defense will file a bill of exceptions, and ask for an order of court extending to thirty days the time permitted counsel for preparing this bill which will be very voluminous, and that the order act as a supersedeas.

### English Author Dead.

By Associated Press.

London, April 13.—Richard Garnett, an English author, died of internal hemorrhage.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Victor are spending a few days at Cleveland Springs.

## THE SUN NOW SHINES PEACEFULLY OVER ONCE CHAOTIC CITY

Fall of Ashes Almost Ceased. Sun Shining Tranquilly Over City. Hope Stirred in Hearts of Dispairing at Signs of Cessation of Eruptions.

Nearly 6000 Men Engaged in Clearing up Debris. People Come out in Gay Attire. Daring Observations of Crater Made. Result Encouraging.

By Associated Press.

Naples, April 13.—The news this morning is encouraging. For the first time since Tuesday the sun is shining over Naples and although above city the usual gray cloud is discernible the fall of ashes has almost entirely ceased. Ashes, however, continued to fall throughout the night, adding several inches to the accumulation in the streets. Nearly 6,000 people are employed in clearing the roofs and main thoroughfares.

Gangs of men are engaged in piling ashes in the middle of the narrow streets, which makes the passage of vehicles exceedingly difficult and adds to the discomfort of pedestrians.

The Neapolitans have become, to a certain degree, Sun-worshippers. One day they are plunged in the depths of despair because the Sun is obscured by falling ashes and the next day their spirits are buoyant for the Sun shines and no ashes are sprinkling over Naples. Today the inhabitants of Naples are practically happy for not only is the Sun shining brightly but the air is clear of ashes and invigorating with the result that automobile coats and goggles, the ashes storm costume, have been replaced by the usual gay colored apparel. People are driving about in open carriages and so much color has returned to the surroundings that the grayness of the buildings, parks and other ash covered trees makes a pleasant contrast with the sapphire tinted sea.

Several men, apparently, have braved the terrors of the wild wastes of lava about the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius. One of them returned here this morning and gave an account of the most interesting conversation which he had with Professor Mattucci, director of the observatory, who was in a very hopeful mood when his visitor left him.

Professor Mattucci climbed up Vesuvius to a point along ways above the observatory, to imminent risk of his life and ascertained that unless the conditions change radically there will be no further discharge of lava at the present. He added that it was impossible to determine the quantity of sand in the crater, but as the cone had diminished considerably in height and the showers of cinders thrown out had been transformed into ashes he believed the end of the disturbance was near.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena expect to return to Rome today.

### "UNCLE JOE" CANNON.

Peal'mist Innocently Asks All to Join in "Battle Hymn of Republicans."

Washington, April 13.—Uncle Joe Cannon is getting religion.

To-night he attended the private, "Congressmen's service," which is held Sundays at one of the hotels here. With him were Representatives Grosvenor, Crumpacker and Graft. The service is held in the lobby and the singing is of a high class.

There was an accidental mixture of religion and politics because of an innocent error in the announcement. One of the hymns which should have been announced as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was read out: "The Battle Hymn of the Republicans," and immediately thereafter the gentleman who raised the hymn began to sing "Pull for the shore."

Mr. Cannon was very thoughtful during the singing of the latter.

### COMING TO NORTH CAROLINA.

Miners From Shamokin Coming to North Carolina.

By Associated Press.

Shamokin, Pa., April 13.—About 500 miners from this section of the anthracite region, believing that a strike is inevitable, left last night and today for North Carolina and the western states to work for railroad contractors and in soft coal mines.

### BLEW TOP OF HEAD OFF.

Self Confessed Incendiary Blew Top of His Head Off With Shot Gun.

By Associated Press.

Columbus Grove, Ohio, April 13.—Clarence Frank, self confessed incendiary, blew off the top of his head with a shot gun at Leipsic Junction today when the officers were about to arrest him.

### Postmasters Appointed.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 13.—Postmasters appointed for North Carolina: at Pekin, John M. McIntire; for Virginia, at Burgess, Permlia F. McKinnay; for Providence Forge, Wm. F. Gilliam.