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PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON "THE MAN WITH THE MUCK RAKE

Mr. Roosevelt Took the Prominent Part in Impressive Ceremonies of Laying Corner Stone of Office Building for House of Representatives.

Many Dirtinguished Persons Present. Masons Play Prominent Part. Story of Former Like Ceremonies. Detailed Account of Ceremony and President's. Speech in Full.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 14.—In the presence of a distinguished assemblage with the President of the United States taking the prominent part, with the Supreme Court and Senate, House of Representatives and Diplomatic corps as spectators and before a large concourse of people the corner stone for the office building for the House of Representatives was laid with impressive ceremonies this afternoon.

The address of the day was made by President Roosevelt, who spoke on the "Muck Rake Brigade."

A century and thirteen years ago, George Washington, the President, assisting the acting Grand Master of Masons of Virginia and Maryland, laid the corner stone of the national capitol.

Forty-eight years later Millard Fillmore, then President, laid the corner stone of the extension of the capitol under equally impressive circumstances, assisting like his illustrious predecessor the Masonic fraternity in their solemn rites of consecrating the building "To holy purposes and lofty ideas."

Today with even a more impressive ceremonial the corner stone of the largest office building solely devoted to the primary purposes of legislation and comfort of the legislators in the world was laid, with the Masonic fraternity as active participants, with the President, who like Presidents Washington and Fillmore is a Mason, and who following the custom delivered the principal address.

Previous to the ceremonies the copper box two an one-half feet long and eighteen inches wide was placed in the stone in the presence of the Grand Treasurer of the Masonic Grand Lodge. The box contains many rare and unusual articles, together with coins of the United States and a series of postage stamps now in use.

The box was hermetically sealed and in position when the Grand Master of the Masons of the District of Columbia, Walter A. Brown, began the ancient ceremony of placing the corner stone in position.

The "corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy" were severally deposited according to the ritual and practice of the Masonic fraternity.

The trowel used by the Grand Master was made especially and presented by the Sons of the American Revolution.

The building dedicated today is in classic design. Architecturally the front is divided into two parts, the lower corresponding to the first story of the building, constituting a "rusticating" base, on which extended through the second and third stories is a colonade surmounted by its entablature and ballustrade.

It has a total frontage of 1,740 feet, and will contain 410 rooms for members, together with a multiplicity of caucus rooms, audience rooms, postoffice, restaurant and other features of the modern office building in any of our large cities.

The long unbroken cornice lines of the office-building leading up naturally to the capitol building and from thence to the great dome, the crowning and dominating unit in the group of buildings now on the capitol plaza are calculated by its designers to conduce the desired effect of making the Capitol building more imposing and effective.

The President's Speech.

President Rosevelt said:

Over a century ago Washington laid the corner stone of the Capitol in what was then little more than a tract of wooded wilderness here beside the Potomac. We now find it necessary to provide by great additional buildings for the business of the Government. This growth in the need for the housing of the Government is but a proof and example of the way in which the nation has grown and the sphere of action of the National Government has grown. We now administer the affairs of a nation in which the extraordinary growth of population has been outstripped by the growth of wealth and the growth in complex interests. The material problems that face us today are not such as they were in Washington's time, but the underlying facts of human nature are the same now as they were then. Under altered external form we war with the same tendencies toward evil that were evident in Washington's time, and are helped by the same tendencies for good. It is about some of these that I wish to say a word today.

In Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress you may recall the description of the Man with the Muck-rake, the man who could look no way but downward, with the muck-rake in his hand; who was offered a celestial crown for his muck-rake, but who would neither look up nor regard the crown he was offered, but continued to rake to himself the filth of the floor.

In Pilgrim's Progress the Man with the Muck-rake is set forth as the example of him whose vision is fixed on carnal instead of on spiritual things. Yet he also typifies the man who in this life consistently refuses to see aught that is lofty, and fixes his eyes with solemn intentness only on that which is vile and debasing. Now, it is very necessary that we should not much from seeing what is vile and debasing. There is filth on the floor, and it must be scraped up with the muck-rake; and there are times and places where this service is the most needed of all the services that can be performed. But the man who never does anything else, who never thinks or speaks or writes, save of his feats with the muck-rake, speedily becomes, not a help to society, not an incitement to good, but one of the most potent forces for evil.

There are, in the body politic, economic and social, many and grave evils and there is urgent necessity for the sternest war upon them. There should be relentless exposure of and attack upon every evil man, whether politician or business man, every evil practice, whether in politics, in business, or in social life. I hail as a benefactor every writer or speaker, every man who, on the platform, or in book, magazine, or newspaper, with merciless severity makes such attack, provided always that he in his turn remembers that the attack is of use only if it is absolutely truthful. The liar is no whit better than the thief, and if his mendacity takes the form of slander, he may be worse than most thieves. It puts a premium upon knavery untruthfully to attack an honest mean, or even with hysterical exaggeration to assail a bad man with untruth. An epidemic of indiscriminate assault upon character does no good, but very great harm. The soul of every scoundrel is gladdened whenever an honest man is assailed, or even when a scoundrel is untruthfully assailed.

Now, it is easy to twist out of shape what I have just said, easy to affect to misunderstand it, and, if it is slurred over in repetition, not difficult really to misunderstand it. Some persons are sincerely incapable of understanding that to denounce mud slinging does not mean the indorsement of whitewashing; and both the interested individuals who need whitewashing, and those others who practice mud slinging, like to encourage such confusion of ideas. One of the chief counts against those who make indiscriminate assault upon men in business or men in public life, is that they invite a reaction which is sure to tell powerfully in favor of the unscrupulous scoundrel who really ought to be attacked, who ought to be exposed, who ought, if possible, to be put in the penitentiary. If Aristides is praised overmuch as just, people get tired of hearing it; and overcensure of the unjust finally and from similar reasons results in their favor.

Any excess is almost sure to invite a reaction; and, unfortunately, the reaction, instead of taking the form of punishment of those guilty of the excess, is very apt to take the form either of punishment of the unoffending or of giving immunity, and even strength, to offenders. The effort to make financial or political profit out of the destruction of character can only result in public calamity. Gross and reckless assaults on character, whether on the stump or in newspaper, magazine, or book, create a morbid and vicious public sentiment, and at the same time act as a profound deterrent to able men of normal sensitiveness and tend to prevent them from entering the public service at any price. As an instance in point, I may mention that one serious difficulty encountered in getting the right type of men to dig the Panama Canal is the certainty that they will be exposed, both without, and, I am sorry to say, sometimes within, Congress, to utterly reckless assaults on their character and capacity.

At the risk of repetition let me say again that my plea is, not for immunity to but for the most unsparing exposure of the politician who betrays his trust, of the big business man who makes or spends his fortune in illegitimate or corrupt ways. There should be a resolute effort to hunt every such man out of the position he has disgraced. Expose the crime, and hunt down the criminal; but remember that even in the case of crime, if it is attacked in sensational, lurid, and untruthful fashion, the attack may do more damage to the public mind than the crime itself. It is because I feel that there should be no rest in the endless war agaist the forces of evil that I ask that the war be conducted with sanity as well as with resolution. The men with the muck-rakes are often indispensable to the well-being of society; but only if they know when to stop raking the muck, and to look upward to the celestial crown above them, to the crown of worthy endeavor. There are beautiful things above and round about them; and if they gradually grow to feel that the whole world is nothing but muck, their power of usefulness is gone. If the whole picture is painted black there remains no hue whereby to single out the rascals for distinction from their fellows. Such painting finally induces a kind of moral color-blindness; and people affected by it come to the conclusion that no man is really black, and no man really white, but they are all gray. It other words, they neither believe in the truth of the attack, nor in the honesty of the man who is attacked; they grow as suspicious of the accusation as of the offense; it becomes well-night hopeless to stir them either to wrath against wrongdoing or to enthusiasm for what is right; and such a mental attitude in the public gives hope to every knave, and is the despair of honest men.

To assail the great and admitted evils of our political and industrial life with such crude and sweeping generalizations as to include decent men in the general condemnation means the searing of the public conscience. There results a general attitude either of cynical belief in and indifference to public corruption or else of a distrustful inability to discriminate between the good and the bad. Either attitude is fraught with untold damage to the country as a whole. The fool who has not sense to discriminate between what is good and what is bad is well-nigh as dangerous as the man who does discriminate and yet chooses the bad. There is nothing more distressing to every good patriot, to every good American, than the hard, scoffing spirit which treats the allegation of dishonesty in a public man as a cause for laughter. Such laughter is worse than the crackling of thorns under a pot, for it denotes not merely the vacant mind, but the heart in which high emotions have been choked before they could grow to fruition.

There is any amount of good in the world, and there never was a time when loftier and more disinterested work for the betterment of mankind was being done than now. The forces that tend for evil are great and terrible but the forces of truth and love and courage and honesty and generosity and sympathy are also stronger than ever before. It is a foolish and timid, no less than a wicked thing, to blink the fact that the forces of evil are strong, but it is even worse to fail to take into account the strength of the forces that tell for good. Hysterical sensationalism is the very poorest weapon wherewith to fight for lasting righteousness. The men who with stern sobriety and truth assail the many evils of our time, whether in the public press, or in magazines, or in books, are the leaders and allies of all engaged in the work for social and political betterment. But if they give good reason for distrust of what they say, if they chill the ardor of those who demand truth as a primary virtue, they thereby betray the good cause, and play into the hands of the very men against whom they are nominally at war.

In his Ecclesiastical Polity that fine

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EULOGIZES BRYAN, HOTLY DENOUNCES PRES. ROOSEVELT

Representative Towne Responds to Toast in Which he Defends Bryan and Silver. Said God was Responsible for Prosperity, Not a Policy.

Said President was "Greatest Promiser and Smallest Performer Since Day of Judas Iscariot." Spoke of House's Degeneracy.

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, April 14.—Representative Charles A. Towne responding to a toast last night at the Jefferson Day Banquet went outside his set speech to eulogize Bryan and bitterly attack Roosevelt. Mr. Towne said:

"I cannot accept in silence the popular version of why the predicted panic that was to follow the adoption of the gold standard did not materialize.

"The panic did not occur because since 1896 the country has produced enough gold to supply the money market without a material increase in the silver output. We owe our prosperity to Providence, not to a policy. When men refused to open the mint, God opened the mines."

Mr. Towne then attacked President Roosevelt. "I'm going to take you into my confidence this much" said the speaker, "By telling you that I am going back to Washington with the avowed purpose of exposing President Rooesvelt. He is the greatest promiser and the smallest performer since the days of Judas Iscariot.

"He filched his rate legislation programe from the National Democratic platform and has now laid down on his own bill; he sends for legislators and lectures them like boys. And his tools consider them for a minute. They are a Speaker and a degenerate House.

"Nowadays, there are three steps in National legislation—Getting the permission of Uncle Joe, to introduce a bill and then securing its passage in the House and Senate. I get no show in the House. I might as well make power of attorney of the Speaker and go back home and get to work. I wouldn't stay in Congress or in the Democratic party if I did not believe that the Democracy will eventually triumph in National affairs."

300 HORSES BURNED.

Fire of Unknown Origin Burned 300 Horses and Mules—Loss $65,000.

By Associated Pres.

Baltimore, April 14.—About 300 horses and mules were burned to death in a fire of unknown origin that completely destroyed the auction stables of Moses Fox, in North Street. The damage is $65,000.

A Whiskey Case.

There was only one case in the Recorder's court this morning and the hearing in this was continued until Tuesday morning

Ike Dixon, a negro was charged with selling liquor. Dave Massey, his partner who was caught with the "red eye," told so many stories that the court decided to continue the case until Tuesday, in order to get other witnesses.

DOWIE'S ATTORNEY SPEAKS.

Says Trouble In Zion City Will Be Settled on Basis of Dollars and Cents.

By Associated Press

Chicago April 14.—Attorney Wetten, for John Alexander Dowie issued a statement to the effect that the reported compromise of the Zion City troubles on basis of paying Dowie five percent of the gross assets of Zion City is untrue.

It was furtner declared in the attorneys statement that the troubles of Zion City will never be settled on the basis of dollars and cents. Wetten adds to his denial of the cash proposition, the assertion that negotiations for a settlement outside of the courts are still in progress.

THREE WERE KILLED.

Mother and Two Children Killed in Grade Crossing Accident.

By Associated Press.

Greenville, Pennsylvania, April 14.—As a result of the grade clossing accident at Atlati, Pa., near here on the Erie road, three persons were killed and two others injured. The dear are: Mrs. Maud Calvin, aged 27, and her two daughters, one an infant and the other six years old. The daughter aged three had an arm and leg broken, and the young son was badly cut and bruised.

Mrs. Calvin and children were in the carriage which was struck by the train running 75 miles an hour.

ROBBED OF $20,000.

Negress Feigning Need of Charity, Deftly Took $20,000 Worth of Jewelry From Inside Pocket.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 14.—A pickpocket stole $20,000 worth of jewelry early today in the tenderloin district by feigning need of charity.

Emilo Sergen, a diamond cutter, reported to the police that while he and another man were walking together through West 27th street near Sixth Avenue, they were spoken to by a negress who appeared to be in distress.

Serges says she took hold of his coat while asking for money. After she had disappeared he found that an inner coat pocket had been picked of its contents.

SOME GOOD NEWS FOR THE SHIPPERS

The Southern Railway is Receiving Forty New Freight and Coal Cars Daily. They are Part of the Big Order of 8,000 Given by this Road Last December.

Mr. J. N. Seale, Superintendent of transportation of the Southern Railway was in Charlotte for a short while this morning. Superintendent Seale stated that about 40 freight and coal cars were being delivered daily to the Southern railway at different points along the system. They are part of the big contract for over 8,000 cars which was given out some three months ago with the first deliveries promised for the last of March.

"While we are just getting about forty cars per day at this time, the number will be increased in a short time. I feel sure that they will do much in relieving the congestion which has so interfered with the best results in the way of traffic during the past few months," said the superintendent.

"This prosperity which is so general in all parts of the south has made plenty of hard work for the railroads, and with the big fertilizer movement coming along at the same time delays have simply been unavoidable. Now that the fertilizer movement is practically over in this section and the heavy cotton movement will not start in until September, it looks as though we would have a breathing spell.

"The general traffic business is still tremendous, but I believe that in about thirty days with the new cars and the new engines which are being delivered we will be in better shape for hurrying business right through than we have been in some time."

In addition to the cars that are being delivered daily, some seventy-five locomotives have recently been delivered to the Southern and as many more are now in course of construction in some of the largest shops in the country.

GOLD FROM NAT. TREASURY.

National City Bank Permitted to Draw Gold From Treasury Department.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 14.—The announcemen that Secretary Shaw has permitted the National City Bank to draw gold from the Treasury Department pending the arrival here of over $10,000,000 in gold engaged by their bank for import from London, was made today. The bank allowed the use of the government gold upon depositing bonds sufficient to cover the amount of import.

EARTHQUAKE REPORTED.

Occurred This Morning on Island of Formosa.

By Associated Press.

Tokio, April 14.—A violent earthquake occurred this morning in the southern part of the Island of Formosa. The casualties and damage reported are heavier than those of the last earthquake.

HON. CHAMP CLARK TO BE ORATOR THE TWENTIETH OF MAY

He will Deliver the Main Oration on Wednesday, May 23. He Will, at a Later Date, Announce His Subject for this Occasion. A Happy Selection.

The Distinguished Missouri Congressman is One of the Ablest Speakers in the Country. Mr. Dowd Returned Home this Morning.

Mr. W. C. Dowd, who went to Washington representing the Speakers Committee of the Twentieth of May Celebration to secure an orator for the occasion, returned home this morning.

Mayor McNinch and the other members of the Charlotte delegation who called on the President yesterday, remained over and will return home either tonight or tomorrow morning.

Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri was selected to deliver the address. He will arrive in Charlotte Wednesday, the 23rd of May and the address will be delivered at an hour to be named later. Mr. Clark will notify the committee at some future date as to the subject of his address. Charlotte people and the entire State will learn with pleasure that so distinguished a personage as Hon. Champ Clark will deliver the 20th of May oration. He is a resident of Bowling Green, Missouri, though a native of Kentucky. He was born in Anderson county, Kentucky; was educated in the common schools, Kentucky University, Bethany College, and Cincinnati Law School.

For 22 years he was president of Marshall College, West Virginia and during this period he held the record for being the youngest college president in the United States.

In 1894 he was elected to Congress from the Bowling Green district and has been re-elected ever since.

At the last Democratic convention held in St. Louis, Mr. Clark was selected as permanent chairman. He was also selected as chairman of the committee notifying Judge Alton B. Parker of his nomination for President by the St. Louis convention.

In the big political landslide of 1904, Mr. Clark was one of the few Democratic congressmen elected in Missouri. He defeated his opponent, Mr. J. B. Garber by 1,571, out of a total vote of 41,445.

This distinguished Missourian is one of the most popular men in public life today. He is 56 years old, a man of splendid personal appearance and a speaker of unquestioned ability.

Mr. Dowd, Mayor McNinch and in fact all the Charlotte delegation think the selection of Mr. Clark, a most happy one.

In speaking of the delegations visit to the President yesterday morning, Mr. Dowd says that the Chief Executive received the party with exceeding cordiality. Besides those from Charlotte, Governor Glenn, Senators Simmons and Overman, Congressman Webb and Col. Macon, the latter of the Governor's Staff, were members of the delegation that visited the White House.

President Roosevelt expressed deep regret that he could not visit Charlotte. He recalled his short stay here last fall and said he was impressed, both with our city and our people. Owing to pending legislation more particularly the rate bill—he did not think it would be possible for him to leave Washington.

After leaving the White House, Mayor McNinch and Mr. Dowd called on Secretary of War, Taft. He was extended an invitation to attend the festivities. Owing to a previous engagement, this official had to decline.

Both President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Taft, informed the representatives of Charlotte that the government would do anything possible for our celebration. All the features that have been mentioned in The News and more, will be here. The Marine Band, two troops of infantry, a cavalry troop and the Marines, will be on hand. Besides these, many other real features will be furnished by the government.

LIEUT. BATES REPLACED.

Placed Upon Retired List of United States Army.—His Successor.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 14.—Lieut. Gen. John C. Bates was today placed on the retired list of the United States Army, having reached the statutory age. He was succeeded as chief of the staff by Brig. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, but the rank of Lieutenant General will go to Maj. Gen. Henry C. Corbin, whose suggestion it was that the younger officer be placed at the head of the staff.

Mr. J. L. Orr No Better.

The condition of Mr. James L. Orr, assistant Chief of Police, is about the same today. A telephone message to The News this afternoon stated that he was very low. His condition last night was extremely critical.

Mr. Butler Here.

Mr. H. T. Butler of Spartanburg is a Charlotte visitor today Mr. Butler resided in Charlotte 25 years ago and still owns valuable property on South Tryon street. His many friends are always glad to welcome him.

"SANGSTAD" ARRIVES.

First Steamer to Arrive For Cotton This Year Great Shipments of Lettuce—Arrangements for Big Ceremony.

Special to The News.

Wilmington, April. 14.— The first steamer to arrive at this port for cotton this year is the British Steamer "Sangstad" which came up the river Thursday afternoon and is now docked at the Champion Compress. There has been a scarcity of cotton for some time and therefore no steamers have been here for cotton.

The last steamer here cleared in the latter part of December and the compresses have been shut down since that time undergoing, repairs

The Grand Lodge of the order of Royal Arcanum is holding its annual meeting in this city this week and there are a number of prominent Arcanumites from all over the state are in attendance.

Mr. M. A. Buttler, Secretary of the Copper Company of Portland, Oregon, is in the city in the interest of copper mines.

Many hundred of baskets of lettuce are now being shipped from this poin and extra express cars have to be added to the regular trains to handle the movement.

Arrangements are fast being completed for a big time in this city on April 19th, at which time the local Colonial Dames will lay the cornerstone of the monument which will be erected on Fourth and Market Streets to Cornelius Harnett and other notable men of the days preceding the revolution. The North Carolina Society of the Cincinnatti and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons will be here on this occasion.

WILL WAS NOT REVOKED.

Charlotte Lawyers Return From Lincoln County Court.

Solicitor Heriot Clarkson and Messrs. E. R. Preston and Thomas Ruffin have returned to the city after attending Lincoln county court, at Lincolnton. They appeared in a case entitled Shelton vs. Beatty in which there was an interesting argument concerning a will that was left by Mr. F. M. Shelton, who died in January 1905.

The contest over the will proved very interesting. The property equally divided giving one half to Mrs. R. L. Beatty, an adopted daughter and the other half to Mr. A. F. Shelton, a brother. It was signed on one side of the paper nul and void by F. M. Shelton which was denied by the Sheltons. The trial lasted two and one half days. The case went to the jury Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. The jury decided that the will was not revoked.

The Beattys were represented by Ruffin and Preston, of Charlotte, and A. L. Quickel, of Lincolnton and the Sheltons were represented by Solicitor Heriot Clarkson and C. E. Childs.

This case will be of interest to Charlotte people as the deceased lived here a number of years ago.

GOVERNOR RETURNS.

Governor Glenn Adjusted Trouble Between U. S. War Department and N. C. Nat. Guard.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., April 14.—Governor Glenn returned this morning from Washington where he says he effected a preliminary settlement of the differences between the accounts of the United States War Department and the North Carolina State Guard that will result in saving several thousand dollars to the North Carolina Guard.

NO. 97 GOT 97 VOTES.

Appropriation For Fast Mail Won by a Majority of One.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 14.—Soon after the House met today several members endeavored to take the floor to correct the record of their votes on the Southern Railway mail subsidy.

With the corrections the subsidy remained in the bill by one majority, the vote being 96 to 97.

Mrs. Shaw to Children.

Mrs. Mary H. Shaw will meet the young people in the Sabbath school of Tryon Street Methodist church tomorrow, April 15th at 4:45 p. m.

Mrs. Shaw will wea rthe embroidered gown of the Chinese lady and describe the Buddhist Temple in China where she lived for 10 years, showing the gay silk robe of the Priest, children's costumes, idols and many other curios, objects. The young people from other churches are cordially invited to attend.

Heroic Deed.

Middletown, N. Y., April 14.—Tommy and Harry Lee, aged four and five respectively, were saved from drowning by Joseph Sweeney, a newsboy, tonight.

The children were playing about an excavation for a cellar, which was filled with water, when Tommy fell in and Harry, in attempting to rescue his brother, followed him, Sweeney, twelve years of age, succeeded, after a hard struggle in pulling both out. They were unconscious, and a physician had great difficulty in resuscitating them.

Decrease in Cotton Receipts.

The local cotton receipts today were 71 bales at 11 3-4 cents. For the same day last year 188 bales were received at 7:55 cents.

466 Bales have been received for the first two weeks in April against 1684 for the first two weeks in April last year, showing a decline of 1218

—Mr John C. McNeely has been elected Clerk of the Session of the Second Presbyterian Church Vice Mr. C. N. G. Butt resigned.

STRIKE HAS BEEN DECLARED, 11,000, MINERS AFFECTED

United Mine Workers Convention of Sun District No. 5 Received Answer to Operators Demand. It was a Flat Refusal to Demands.

Offer to Arbitrate was Made which was Rejected. Operators Immediately Declared Strike. Agreement Reached at Other Places.

By Associated Press.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 14.—The United Mine Workers convention of the Sun District No. 5, met to receive the answer of the operators' demand for the 1903 scale. The answer was a flat refusal to grant the demands and instead an offer to arbitrate on the lines proposed by John H. Winder was presented. This the miners would accede to. The operators then withdrew and the strike was declared. Eleven thousand miners are effected.

Agreement Reached.

Greenville, Penna., April 14.—The miners and the operators at the Mercer and Butler county fields reached an agreement on the wage scale effective for two years. The miners were granted an advance, but it is a compromise on the 1903 scale demanded. About 1500 miners, who have been on strike will return to work immediately.

RAM BUTS BOY OVER CLIFF.

Clam-Digger Risks Life to Save Child From Surf.

Portland, Me., April 14.—After a big ram literally had butted him over the edge of a steep cliff onto a jagged reef below, over which the combers were pounding furiously. Milton Webber, the four-year-old son of J. A. Webber, of Orrs Island, Casco Bay, was pulled unconscious from the water this afternoos by Albert Storer, a clam digger, who was working nearby. Storer Storer plunged into the terific surf at the peril of his own life.

The child was playing near the edge of the cliff when he was suddenly attacked by a vicious ram owned by his father, and which had droken out of his pasture.

Storer was twice carried out by the strong current, but finally made the reef, almost too exhausted to carry the boy to safety.

The child is in a critical condition.

TRIP WEST IN JUNE, 1907.

Yielding to Pressure, President as Good as Accepts Invitations—Now Deluge of Requests Expected.

Washington, April 14.—President Roosevelt is planning another Western trip. He has yielded to pressure, and in the summer of 1907 he will visit a number of States. Some time ago he announced that he would not make any more trips as President unless some great issue should make it advisable for him to go before the people.

The President not long ago tentatively accepted an invitation from the Missouri Agricultural College to attend commencement at Columbia the first week in June in 1907. This morning he received an invitation from the Michigan Agricultural College to attend its semi-centenial at Lansing in the same month. While he did not definitely accept, he gave much encouragement to Gov. Warner and Representative Smith, who tendered the invitation. It is expected that now he will be deluged with invitations from the West.

TO DISMISS 300 PRINTERS.

Issuing Patent Office Gazette by Contract Will Save $60,000.

Washington, April 14.—Three hundred printers will be dismissed from the Government Printing Office and the Govenrnment will save between $60,000 and $70,000 annually by the decision of the Commissioner of Patents to have the Patent Office Gazette published by private contract.

Commissioner Allen, when before the House Committee on Appropriations, asked $200,000 for the purpose, but told of the saving that could be made by private contract. The committee reduced the appropriation to $130,000.

Closing of School.

The Oak Grove School closed yesterday with a big Easter egg hunt and dinner. A large number of Charlotte people were present at the closing exercises and the day was one of much pleasure. Miss Mary McMurray had charge of the school during the year. Prizes were awarded to Misses Katie Moore Rankin, Mary Lee Rankin, Ella May Philips and Mary Pharr.

PERSONAL.

Dr. W. L. Grissom, of Greensboro, N. C., spent the day in Charlotte on his way to Monroe where he will preach an Easter sermon in the First Methodist church.

Mr. Ben Kendall went to Shelby today on business.

Mr. Theodore Parker, of Oregon, S. C., is here today on business.