

ESTABLISHED 1888

The Lee Anniversary is Appropriately Kept at Virginia University

Mr. Charles Francis Adams of Boston Delivers Principal Address at the Services at Lexington in Memory of Lee

President Denny Introduced Mr. Adams. Gen. Lee the Greatest Man who Ever Adorned Presidency of Institution.

By Associated Press. Lexington, Va., January 19.—President Denny, introducing Mr. Charles Francis Adams, declared it would be impossible to picture in the imagination a more appropriate spot in which to celebrate the centennial of the birth of Robert E. Lee than on the campus of Washington and Lee University.

He referred to General Lee as the "greatest man who has ever adorned the presidency of an institution of learning, not merely within Virginia, not merely within the South, but—I declare also to say—within the limits of the American republic."

"The life of Robert E. Lee," he said, "is this institution's largest asset, it's richest tradition, its noblest memory."

The president referred to the fact that today all sectional strife and all sectional hate had ended and that the students were now in attendance at the university from every section of the country and declared that it was the genuine pleasure of the institution to welcome the great citizen of Massachusetts, the gallant soldier and officer in the United States Army.

"The coming of the man, distinguished in the services of his country," he said, "from the capital of New England, at midwinter, a thousand miles, to the tomb of Robert E. Lee, in order to strew fresh flowers upon his grave, is a sure evidence that Virginia is loyal to the national flag."

President Denny then conferred upon Mr. Adams the degree of Doctor of Law and presented him to the audience as "The son of Washington and Lee, therefore the son of Virginia."

Mr. Adams was the principal speaker here today. He said, in part: "Here to commemorate the centennial of the birth of Lee, I do not propose to enter into any eulogium of the man, to recount the well known events of his career, or to estimate the final place to be assigned him among great military characters. All this has been sufficiently done by others far better qualified for the task. Eschewing superlatives also, I shall institute no comparisons. One of a community which then looked upon Lee as a renegade from the flag he had sworn to serve, and a traitor to the Nation which had nurtured him, in my subordinate place I directly confronted Lee throughout the larger portion of the War of Secession. During all these years there was not a day in which my heart would not have been gladdened had I heard that his also had been the fate which at Chancellorsville befell his great lieutenant; and yet more glad had it been the fortune of the command in which I served to visit that fate upon him. Forty more years have since gone. Their close finds me here today—certainly a much older man, in my own belief a much wiser man. Nay, more! A distinguished representative of Massachusetts, speaking in the Senate of the United States, shortly after Lee's death, upon the question of a return to Lee's family of the ancestral estate at Arlington, used these words: 'Eloquent Senators have already characterized the proposition and the traitor it seeks to commemorate. I am not disposed to speak of General Lee. It is enough to say he stands high in the catalogue of those who have imbrued their hands in their country's blood. I hand him over to the avenging pen or History! It so chanced that not only am I also from the State of Massachusetts, but, for more than a dozen years, I have been the chosen head of its typical historical society—the society chartered under the name and seal of the Commonwealth considerably more than a century ago—the parent of all similar societies. By no means would I on that account seem to ascribe myself any representative character as respects the employment of History's pen, whether avenging or otherwise; nor do I appear here as representative of the Massachusetts Historical Society, but, a whole generation having passed away since Charles Sumner uttered the words I have quoted, I do, on your invitation, chance to stand here today, as I have said, both a Massachusetts man and the head of the Massachusetts Historical Society, to pass judgment upon General Lee. The situation is thus to a degree dramatic."

"So far as I am aware, never until now has one born and nurtured in Massachusetts—a typical bred-in-the-bone Yankee, if you please—addressed at its invitation a Virginia audience, on topics relating to the War of Secession and its foremost Confederate military character."

"The charge still most commonly made against Lee that section of the common country to which I belong and with which I sympathize, is that in plain language he was false to his flag—educated at the national academy, an officer of the United States Army, he abjured his allegiance and bore arms against the government he had sworn to uphold. In other words he was a military traitor. I state the charge in the tersest language possible. Having done so, and admitting the facts as technically true, I add as the result of much patient study and most mature reflection, that under similar conditions I would myself have done exactly what Lee did."

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THREATS OF THE NEGROES.

General Taylor Says He Is Prepared For Any Contingency.

Fort Sill, Oklahoma, January 19.—General Taylor, commanding Fort Sill in a statement as to the rumored threats of negroes to forcibly release corporal Knowles of the 25th Infantry, (colored) awaiting court martial on the charge of assaulting Captain Macklin said:

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STEAMER WRECKED.

Three Out of the Crew of Twenty Are Missing.

Dover, England, January 19.—The Red Star steamer Vanderland from New York for Antwerp collided with and sank the Dundee steamer Naworth Castle, four miles east of the Southgoodwin lightship during last night.

So far as known only three of the Naworth Castle's crew of 20 are missing.

The Foraker Resolution.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—Senator Lodge talked with the President about the Blackburn amendment to the Foraker resolution.

Senator Lodge said that the Foraker resolution appeared to be satisfactory to all concerned.

"What are you going to do about the Blackburn amendment?" he was asked.

"Well you can't get it off the track," he replied.

Demurrers Overruled

Judge Boyd Today Overruled the Demurrers in Cases Against Charlotte Cotton Mill Men—One to be Tried Soon.

Special to The News. Greensboro, Jan. 19.—The demurrers were overruled by Judge Boyd in the Federal court here today in the cases against the Charlotte cotton mill men, charging them with violating the contract labor laws.

The argument of the counsel was concluded at noon and in overruling the demurrers Judge Boyd gave an oral opinion of some length, stating that the guilt or innocence of the parties were in no way affected by this ruling, but that as a matter of such great importance as the construing of the statute should be left to the higher court in the land.

One of the cases will be taken up for trial at an early date, to be named after a conference between the counsel here the first of the week, at which time District Attorney Holton will give the counsel for the defense a bill of particulars so that the arrangements for the trial may be made as fast as possible.

In the meantime the English party of operatives will be kept under surveillance here.

The case to be tried is one of the civil suits prescribing penalties of one thousand dollars if decided in favor of the government.

"AN ENEMY TO THE SOUTH."

Governor Comer Comes Out Clear in Denunciation of the New York Cotton Exchange.

By Associated Press. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 19.—The Southern Cotton Association convention was addressed by Governor Comer, of Alabama, who characterized the New York Cotton Exchange as "an enemy of the South."

"If you can drive the New York Cotton Exchange to the courts," he added, "you can have me as a witness."

"There is no cotch about it. The whole thing is fraud. I cannot be quoted too strongly and I can give names. We ought to enforce the law which will at least force them to furnish cotton on contracts."

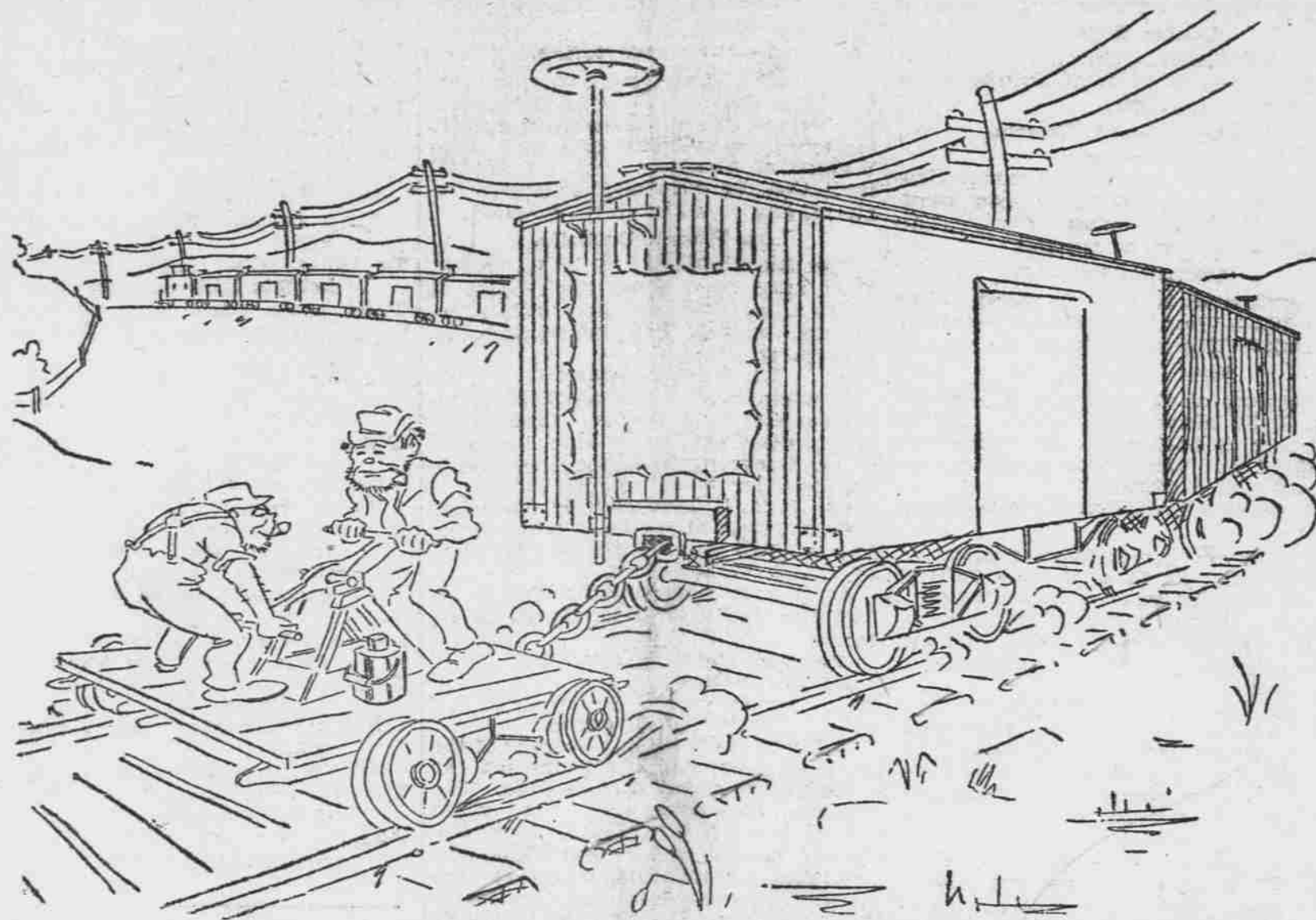
Governor Comer said Alabamians proposed by law to take a hand in naming the freight rates.

"We are going to help name the price which helps to send cotton across the deep, blue sea," he declared.

Capt. W. A. Davis Dead.

By Associated Press.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 19.—Capt. W. A. Davis, a leading cotton man of this city, and former grand master of the State Grand Lodge of Masons, died here today.



A SUGGESTION TO THE RAILROADS FOR RELIEVING THE PRESENT CONGESTION OF FREIGHT.

Fast Passenger Train, Running 50 Miles an Hour, Crashes Into Freight, Killing Twenty-five Persons

Over 5,000 are Now Homeless

No Sign of Relief From the Flood Appears. One Town Reported Inundated. Great Suffering Among People.

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, Jan. 19.—There is no sign or relief from the flood. On stage at this point is 62 feet, the highest since 1884.

The lower portions of the city are flooded. Bridges are cut off except the narrow foot passages and a few more inches will close the gap.

This effects seriously several thousand people. The town of California is reported completely under water.

In Newport it is estimated that 5,000 people are homeless and almost destitute.

No Improvement. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 19.—The flood situation showed no improvement.

The dike which protects the upper east end of the city is weakening, but repairs are being made.

CORONATION OF THE SHAH.

Shah of Persia Was Crowned This Afternoon—The Ceremonies By Associated Press.

Teheran, Persia, January 19.—Mohammed Ali Mirza was crowned the Shah of Persia in the palace this afternoon.

There will be general illuminations in Teheran to-night.

The American and other legations have arranged to make special displays.

WILL PRESIDENT INTERVENE?

Governor Glenn Asks President to Intervene in Behalf of North Carolina Mill Men.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 19.—Governor Glenn of North Carolina has asked the intervention of the President in behalf of the mill owners of his state, threatened with civil action in connection with bringing women mill workers to the United States. The President asks for a written statement, which he will examine.

Taft Party at Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 19.—Secretary Taft, with a party of Red Cross workers was the guest of the South Carolina branch of the Red Cross, being entertained by prominent citizens of Charleston. The party was given breakfast by the South Carolina Medical Society. A visit was made to the navy yard and an excursion taken about the harbor and a reception given at Fort Moultrie.

Up to Oliver & Co.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—W. J. Olive and Anson M. Bangs, lowest bidders for the construction of the Panama Canal, will be given an opportunity Monday to make a statement as to their financial responsibility and qualifications to carry out the contract to the Canal Commission.

Celebration at Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 19.—The centennial of General Robert E. Lee's birthday was celebrated under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy. A large memorial meeting was held and the day observed as a public holiday, municipal offices and banks being closed and business generally suspended.

A Larger Estimate. London, Jan. 19.—A special to The Evening News, official report just issued, states that over 700 bodies have been buried at Kingston; that the remains of 1,017 other victims have been identified and a larger number are still missing.

There is no confirmation of this large total of the dead elsewhere and

No War in History Ever Developed Two Chiefs Like Lee and Jackson

Dr. Henry E. Shepard Warns South Against Allowing the Glory of Southern Past to be Ruled Out.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 19.—A dispatch reaching the department from Consul Snyder at Port Antonio, says:—"No casualties at Port Antonio; all Americans safe; some property damaged here; people terrified; business suspended."

Blue Jackets Busy. Washington, Jan. 19.—The navy department has received a dispatch from Admiral Evans, giving the news brought to Guantanamo by the Whipple. He said the blue jackets were guarding the consulate archives. The Indiana landed 50. It is reported there was a mutiny at the penitentiary. About 40 of the dead are accounted for. More bodies are in the ruins.

Declined Relief. Norfolk, Jan. 19.—A wireless from Admiral Evans picked up by the Cape Henry station says the governor of Jamaica practically declined every form of relief offered by Admiral Davis, although it is believed to be greatly needed.

The Frances Adrift. By Associated Press. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 19.—A dispatch from the Diamond Shoals lightship reports the barkentine, supposed to be the Frances, drifting in almost a helpless condition. It is evident she had been in collision. The Frances was bound to Savannah from New York.

Negroes for Philippines. By Associated Press. Port Reno, Okla., Jan. 19.—It is announced at the fort that the battalion of the 25th Infantry colored, is slated to serve in the Philippines, would sail March 15th.

The negroes are pleased with the instructions.

Dr. Lingle Going to Atlanta. By Bell Telephone. Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 19.—Rev. Dr. Walter Lingle, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, has accepted the call to the First Presbyterian church of Atlanta to succeed Dr. Bridwell, resigned. He will leave here the 1st of February. He announced his decision last night.

Negro Alleged Barn Burner. Castle's Tracks Apparently Same as Those of a Shoe-Print Found near One of the Burned Stables.

Gary Castle, a middle-aged negro tenant on the plantation of Mr. D. M. Garrison in Steele Creek, was brought to the city this morning on the charge of burning, or being an accomplice in the burning of, the three barns in Steele Creek, those of Mrs. Fannie Grier and Mrs. Agnes Knox on Tuesday night and that of Mr. W. B. Choate on Wednesday night.

The warrant was issued yesterday by a magistrate in the township and given to Constable J. S. Dixon for execution, on evidence submitted by a committee of three of Steele Creek's prominent citizens, who were appointed at a mass meeting to make an investigation. This committee whose names are withheld, thoroughly looked into the matter and made a complete investigation of the burnings as to whether any persons stalling horses carried matches or were smoking at the time when feeding was done on the nights of the burning. No satisfactory trace of accidental firing was found.

In conducting this investigation, the committee found tracks of a man and a smaller person leading to and from the barn of Mrs. Grier. The heaviness of the atmosphere dampened the soil sufficiently to make the impression plain and unmistakable. The tracks were followed to within 30 yards of Castle's house. Leading to the barn the foot-prints indicated that the persons were walking, but the width between the tracks going from the barn indicated that the parties were running at full speed.

The print of an iron heel on the left shoe of the man was visible on the soil. The committee having this evidence as a working basis approached the field near the barn of Mrs. Grier and measured his foot. The iron clasp on his shoe appeared the same as made the indentation in the footprints. The committee was satisfied that the shoe worn then by Castle was identical with that which made the footprints.

Castle Cried When Barn Burned. Wednesday night when the fire was discovered in the barn of Mr. Choate, Castle was present among a gathering of whites and blacks who rushed to the assistance of Mr. Choate to help extinguish the flames. It is alleged that he cried like a baby when the flames enveloped the building, lamenting the fact that the mules of Mrs. Grier, which he had worked last year (he having been a tenant of Mrs. Choate) would be lost.

A Remarkable Pair. Paralleling the birth of Lee and Washington, both in Westmoreland county, Virginia, the speaker said he did not purpose to go into any exhaustive rehearsal of the career of Lee. "I have lived on the border between the civilizations of the North and the South from 1867 to 1907 and I want to say that I stand more intensely a Confederate than ever before."

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