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President Roosevelt Delivered An Address At Keokuk, Iowa

President Was Met By Governors of Many States—Discussed Many Important Issues of the Day—His Speech.

After Address The President Started on Southern Trip—Keokuk Negroes Presented Him With Gold-headed Cane

By Associated Press. Keokuk, Iowa, Oct. 1.—President Roosevelt began his river trip from Keokuk this morning. He arrived here at 9:10 and was met at the depot by the governors of Iowa, Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Both the Dakotas, Oregon, Wyoming, Illinois and three companies of the militia.

The President's Speech.

Men and Women of Iowa: I am glad indeed to see you and to speak to you in this thriving city of your great and prosperous state. I believe with all my heart in the people of Iowa, for I think that you are good, typical Americans, and that among you there has been developed to a very high degree that body of characteristics which we like to regard as distinctively American.

Problem of Recent Years. During the last few years of the United States have been forced to consider very seriously certain economic problems. We have made a beginning in the attempt to deal with the relations of the national government—that is, with the relations of the people of the country—to the huge and wealthy corporations, controlled for the most part by a few very rich men, which are engaged in interstate commerce—especially the great railway corporation.

Government and Railroads. You know my views on this matter. You know that I believe that the national government, in the interests of the people, should assume much the same supervision and control over the management of the interstate common carriers that it now exercises over the national banks. You know furthermore that I believe that this supervision and control should be exercised in a spirit of rigid fairness toward the corporations, exacting justice from them on behalf of the people, but giving them justice in return.

Need Courage and Strength. We live in a rough, workaday world, and we are yet a long way from the millennium. We can not as a nation and we can not as individuals afford to cultivate only the gentler, softer qualities.

Work of Women. You women have even higher and more difficult duties; for I honor no man, not even the soldier who fights for righteousness, quite as much as I

me even by men who ordinarily behave as decent citizens.

Recent Financial Trouble. One newspaper which has itself prominently advocated this view gave prominence to the statement of a certain man of great wealth to the effect that the so-called financial weakness "was due entirely to the admitted intention of President Roosevelt to punish the large moneyed interests which has transgressed the laws." I do not admit that this has been the main cause of any business troubles we have had; but it is possible that it has been a contributory cause. If so, friends, as far as I am concerned it must be accepted as a disagreeable but unavoidable feature in a course of policy which as long as I am president will not be changed.

"Friend of Labor." A year or two ago certain representatives of labor called upon me and in the course of a very pleasant conversation told me that they regarded me as "the friend of labor." I answered that I certainly was, and that I would do everything in my power for the laboring man except anything that was wrong. I have the same answer to make to the business man. I will do everything I can do to help business conditions, except anything that is wrong. And it would be not merely wrong but infamous to do all that can be done to secure the punishment of those wrongdoers whose deeds are peculiarly reprehensible because they are not committed under the stress of want.

The Guilty Must Suffer. We can not afford to substitute any other test for that of guilt or innocence, of wrongdoing or wrongdoing, in judging any man. If a man does well, if he acts honestly, he has nothing to fear from this administration. But so far as in me lies the corrupt politician, great or small, the private citizen who transgresses the law—be he rich or poor—shall be brought before the impartial justice of a court.

The Political Corruptionist. Perhaps I am most anxious to get at the politician who is corrupt, because he betrays a great trust; but assuredly I shall not spare his brother corruptionist, who shows himself a swindler in business life, and, according to our power, crimes of fraud and cunning shall be prosecuted as relentlessly as crimes of brutality and physical violence.

Citizens Must Help. We need good laws and we need above all things the hearty aid of good citizens in supporting and enforcing the laws. On this trip I shall speak to audiences in each of which there will be many men who fought in the civil war. You who wore the blue and your brothers of the south who wore the gray know that in war no general no matter how good, no organization no matter how perfect, can avail if the average man in the rank has not got the fighting edge.

Need Courage and Strength. We need the organization; the preparation; we need the fighting edge; but we need most the fighting edge in the individual soldier. So it is in the private life.

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Taft Says War Between Japan And U. S. Would Be Criminal and Insane

By Associated Press. Tokio, Oct. 1.—Secretary of War Taft aroused the wildest enthusiasm and loud cheers, when, in the course of his speech at a banquet given in his honor, he declared that war between the United States and Japan would be "a crime against modern civilization, and as wicked as it would be insane," adding that neither people desired it and that both governments would do their utmost to guard against such an awful catastrophe.

Secretary Taft spoke with intense earnestness, after careful deliberation and preparation. The banquet was attended by prominent officials and many of the leading business men of Tokio. Viscount Shibusawa, in welcoming Secretary Taft, paid glowing tribute to the greatness of the nation which the secretary represented; the friendliness which the United States had always displayed for Japan, and the influence which America exerted throughout the world.

In replying Mr. Taft spoke with deep feeling and positiveness. He asserted that the talk of unfriendliness between the United States and Japan was "due entirely to the commercialism of newspapers in Japan."



THE HARVEST MOON!

Franklin By Acclamation

Mr. D. A. Tompkins Withdraws From Mayoralty Race, and Capt. T. S. Franklin is Named By Unanimous Vote.

Capt. T. S. Franklin was this afternoon unanimously elected mayor of Charlotte to succeed ex-Mayor S. S. McNinch, who recently resigned.

The board was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, who stated the object of the meeting, and then called Mr. Davis to the chair.

When Mr. Davis took the chair, Alderman J. W. Wadsworth arose and said that Mr. D. A. Tompkins wished his name withdrawn from the race, and his support to go to Capt. Franklin.

Mr. Wadsworth then made a motion that Mr. Franklin be elected by acclamation, which was done with enthusiasm.

Alderman J. W. Wadsworth and T. L. Kirkpatrick were nominated for the office of mayor pro tem, the former being elected by a majority of one vote.

There was a full meeting of the board. All members being present except Alderman Maxwell.

GOV. LEAVES FOR WINSTON.

Will Address Daughters of Confederacy—Mrs. Glenn Accompanies Him.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 1.—Governor Glenn left last night for Winston-Salem, his home town, to deliver an address in connection with the annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Confederacy meeting with them by special invitation. Mrs. Glenn also went up to Winston-Salem yesterday ahead of the governor to spend a few days.

Progress Made Rowland Trial

Brother of Strange Says Mrs. Rowland Had Spoken to Him of Dr. Rowland—Gave Him Tablets.

By Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 1.—In the trial of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Rowland for murder by poison of Engineer Charles R. Strange, two witnesses, James T. Strange, of Indiana, brother of dead man, and his wife, testified that Engineer Strange was a healthy man; that they never heard of his having heart disease, and that on visits to them his wife, Lillie Strange, had given him brown tablets that made him sick. They detailed a conversation with Mrs. C. R. Strange, now Mrs. Rowland, in which she spoke of perhaps going away with a richer man and of her meeting for the first time Dr. Rowland in the surf at Portsmouth upon his invitation that he would teach her how to float.

Rate Hearing Resumed

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 1.—The hearing before Standing Master W. A. Montgomery, in the Southern Railroad state case was resumed this afternoon from Washington. The Southern was represented by General Counsel Thom. F. H. Busbee; the state by E. J. Justice and ex-Gov. Aycock.

The first witness was F. W. McNarry, who testified travel had generally increased since the 2 1/2 cent rate went in effect. It was difficult to often get seats.

W. S. Duffee testified to the same effect, also W. M. Hunt.

C. H. Ireland, a hardware merchant of Greensboro, told of the handicap suffered by business interests of North Carolina from high and unequal freight rates.

Cholera Threatens Section.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Oct. 1.—The entire section through which the Chinese Eastern railroad runs, has been officially declared to be threatened with cholera.

Crowder's Mountain Mill In Financial Straits

Special to The News. King's Mountain, N. C., Oct. 1.—The stockholders of the Crowder's Mountain Mill met in called session yesterday evening at 1:30 o'clock. It seems that this meeting was called to some investigation of the mill's indebtedness and this was found to be over \$100,000, but the exact amount is not yet given out.

Bookbinders Go On Strike

By Associated Press. Chicago, Oct. 1.—The bookbinders in several large printing establishments struck. The exact number not obtained as yet.

200 Strike. Minneapolis, Oct. 1.—Two hundred bookbinders are idle as a result of the strike for eight hour day work.

Union Orders Strike. Detroit, Oct. 1.—The employees of nine bookbinderies, totaling 130 went on a strike in obedience to the orders of the national union.

Big Convention At Richmond

Special Train Brings Prominent Churchmen From Washington—J. P. Morgan And Others Attend.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—The Episcopal bishops and other churchmen who have been in Washington several days attending the convention of the International Brotherhood of St. Andrew left today on a special train for Richmond, Va., to participate in the Triennial Convention of the Episcopal Church.

The Bishop of London had an impromptu reception at the railroad station. He admitted for the first time who won the tennis match at the White House Friday between himself and President Roosevelt.

"I suppose you will not tell who won that tennis match?" he was asked. "Certainly I will," he answered. "I did."

J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, who will take a prominent part in the

Miss Grace Munson, Famous Contralto of New York, Who Will Appear at Fall Festival



One of the main features of the coming Fall Festival will be the singing of Miss Grace Munson, the famous contralto, whose sweet voice has charmed and delighted thousands, wherever she has appeared.

Miss Munson is well-known in Charlotte, having appeared here last year, and proved herself one of the star attractions of the festival, and she needs no introduction here.

As Smith Entered Gate Assassins Set Off Bomb --A Mysterious Plot

Episcopal convention, arrived at the station ahead of time, but went immediately to his train.

National Council Of Women In Convention

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Oct. 1.—The annual convention of the National Council of Women convened in executive session at Jamestown today. An effort will be made to have the United Daughters of the Confederacy become a working factor in the national council.

A feature of the program was the address by Mrs. May Wright Sewell, of Indianapolis, honorary president of the International Council of Women.

Boy Tries to Steal Ride And Falls Under Train

Special to The News. Asheville, N. C., Oct. 1.—While trying to steal a ride on a freight train in the Southern Railway yards last evening Claude Cannon, a 16-year-old boy, fell under the train and as a result of his injuries one of his legs was later amputated.

Cannon, who had been working at the cotton mill here, decided he would go to Knoxville, and waiting for an opportunity he made an effort to board a passing freight train. His foot slipped just as he caught a step and he was thrown under the wheels. His right leg was fearfully mangled and he received other injuries. The boy was picked up by trainmen and hurried to a hospital, where it was decided that an immediate amputation was necessary, and his right leg was taken off.

DISTRESS FROM FLOODS.

People in Bad Plight—Great Devastation Wrought by Floods. By Associated Press. Turin, Oct. 1.—Torrential rains have flooded the valley of Canaro. Crops have been ruined, stock drowned, bridges swept away, and railroad communication interrupted. The entire population is in great distress.

Panic Created in Chapel.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Oct. 1.—The tongue, weighing 1600 pounds, of the bell in the steeple of the Church of the Resurrection here fell during the morning services today, creating panic and endangering the chapel, recently erected over the spot where Emperor Alexander I. was assassinated.

Forty-two Persons Killed Or Injured In Wreck

By Associated Press. Seoul, Korea, Oct. 1.—Forty-two persons, including 30 Japanese soldiers, were killed or injured by the derailment of a southbound train from here. The responsibility for the wreck is not placed.

CONGRESSMAN WEBB HERE.

Will Attend Dr. Will's Lecture on the Forest Question. Congressman E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, arrived in the city this morning to attend the lecture of Dr. Thomas E. Will tonight on the Appalachian National Forest Question.

Dr. Will's lecture tonight will doubtless be of great interest and importance to Mr. Webb in the investigation of the proposed reservation as the question is still before Congress. Dr. Will, besides being a pleasant speaker, has his subject thoroughly in hand.

Fatal Fire at New York

Lives of Hundreds of Men, Women And Children Endangered By Fire Which Guttled Big Tenement.

By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 1.—One woman was seriously injured and the lives of several hundred other persons were endangered by the fire which gutted three upper floors of the six-story tenement house in East Third street this morning.

The thirty families which were crowded in the building were awakened from their slumbers by the cries of fire. Terror-stricken men and women started down the stairs from the upper floors.

Flames in the hallway of the third floor drove them back. They groped their way through the halls, fighting with each other in their anxiety to get to the fire escapes which were crowded with men, women and children.

During the excitement Rebecca Stein was pushed from a ladder and fell to the pavement. She was seriously hurt. When the firemen arrived they carried many women and children down the ladders to safety. It is the opinion of the firemen that the fire was of incendiary origin.