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The Nation Does Honor to Memory Of Lincoln

In all Parts of United States Hundreds of Cities and Towns Pay Tribute to Memory of Great War President.

Corner Stone of Memorial Building Erected to Shelter Lincoln Log Cabin Laid by President Roosevelt.

Nothing can accelerate the growth of the national power to an unwholesome degree so much as the failure of the states from local or selfish motives, to do their part in the promotion of measures which the good of the whole people, without respect to state lines, demands.

Mr. Lodge declared that no state should be given a right to disregard a treaty made by the United States or to act as to bring war upon the nation.

"The people of the United States," he said, "will not long suffer their foreign relations to be imperiled, or permit the people of the country to be put in jeopardy because some one state does not choose to submit to the action of the general government in a matter with which the general government alone can deal."

President Roosevelt has proclaimed the day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and in the territories and in many states and cities the day was solemnly observed as a holiday.

Corner among many celebrations in honor of Lincoln were exercises at Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—President Roosevelt and party arrived here at 11:50.

Rain is falling in a steady drizzle. A quick departure was made for the Lincoln farm, three miles away.

Hodgenville, Ky., Feb. 12.—President Roosevelt and party arrived here at 11:50.

Secretary Wright declared that Lincoln believed that slavery was a curse and a great wrong; and in believing this, he added, "he was right."

In speaking of the work of Mr. Lincoln, he said that through it all he uttered no word of ill-will or malice toward the Southern people; that when Lincoln saw victory resting upon the Northern arm he showed no feeling of exultation; that if he had lived there would have been a speedy union of hearts between the North and the South; and that "reconciliation did more to post-poning reconciliation than did the war itself."

"Alas," exclaimed the secretary of war, referring to Lincoln's first inaugural address, "that the still small voice of moderation and reason was drowned in the angry cries of determined men marshalling for conflict, the duration and magnitude of which few, if any, appreciated, and the consequences of which few, if any, foresaw. And yet there were among the combatants tens of thousands of men who felt the sweet reasonableness of his dispassionate statements, whose hearts were touched by his pathetic cry for peace, and yet who, in the rising excitement of the time, aligned themselves under the stress of circumstances on the one side or the other, tens of thousands of men on both sides deploring war, yet when war seemed inevitable ranging themselves with their neighbors. It seemed the very irony of fate that so gently a spirit should be so sternly and kindly a nature should be forced by the stern logic of events over which he had no control and for which he was in no way responsible, to assume the role of commander-in-chief in a sanguinary civil war between men of the same blood and the same traditions.

"The years of war and destruction during which he was president, whilst they showed deep lines of care and grief upon his rugged face and wrung his gentle heart, provoked no expressions of bitterness from his lips. His many acts of personal kindness to Southern prisoners and Southern sympathizers demonstrated how free from the spirit of malice of vengeance he was. As in the progress of time it became evident the union arms would triumph, he evinced no feeling of exultation or sense of personal triumph, but only an anxious desire to restore the Southern states to their former place in the union, and to heal the wounds of civil strife. That he would have succeeded in carrying with him a great majority of the people of the North in his beneficent purposes, does not, to my mind, admit of doubt; and that there would have followed speedily the union of hearts is equally certain. It was indeed, cruel that at the moment when he had reached the point for which he had striven, he should have died at the hands of a hair-brained actor who was in no way identified with the South or her people. They shuddered both at the dastardly act of his assassination and at the disastrous consequences to themselves which they knew would follow. The dies irae of reconstruction did more to post-poning reconciliation than did the war itself. It was direful in its results to both sections, and to the negroes in

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Somewhere in the U. S. Today There is an Unknown Boy Who Will Be the Country's Greatest Living Man 40 Years From Now.

Esther Bowden E. F. Creswell Mrs. Dr. Moore

JOE DURHAM ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Negro Cook of a Railroad Crew Accused of Slaying his Neighbor During a Quarrel Over a Dime. The case of Joe Durham, colored, charged with killing Troy Sutton, also colored, was called this morning in the superior court and the defendant arraigned on a charge of murder in the first degree.

From a special venire of fifty men the jury was selected and empaneled on but Sutton claimed that 20 cents was the price. A few words followed and then Durham drew a pistol and shot Sutton from the window of the cooking car.

The following compose the jury: Messrs. E. E. Simpson, R. H. Price, M. E. Christenbury, John Steadman, E. F. Teeter, J. P. Taylor, R. P. Garner, J. W. Morris, E. L. Hoover, H. W. Davis, H. G. Williams and W. A. Short.

At the time of the killing Sutton and Durham were members of a working crew on the Southern Railway. It is alleged that Durham, who was cook, shot Sutton as a result of a quarrel over 10 cents. It is said that Durham had bought a tub of Sutton and when he went to pay for it he tendered Sutton 10 cents claiming that that was the price agreed on but Sutton claimed that 20 cents was the price.

Six negroes, Dock Wilson, John Jeter, George Ivey, Dick Torrence, Jack Lee and Henry Mack, pleaded guilty to a charge of aiding and abetting Jeter were sentenced to three months on the roads with the privilege of paying \$25 each and costs. Jeter, at whose home the game occurred, was sentenced to four months or a fine of \$40 and costs. They were allowed today in which to pay the fines or go to the roads.

Andrew Wilman pleaded guilty to a charge of retailing and was given 12 months on the roads. Blake Wright, on the same charge, received three months.

Biggers Told Of His Deed

Big-Mouthed Prisoner in Dead of Night Answered His Question, "What Am I Here For?"—Mind Comes and Goes.

"What am I here for?" Mr. Will S. Biggers is said to have asked this question of Deputy Sheriff E. O. Johnson yesterday at the jail.

Neither by the deputy nor by his brother and brother-in-law, who visited him, was he told of the tragedy in front of the Central hotel, and he did not mention it of his own accord.

Biggers waked up last night and repeated the question, "What am I here for?" and one of the big-mouthed prisoners replied: "You killed a man."

Whereat Biggers broke out into a violent and uncontrollable fit of weeping, and did not rest well again the remainder of the night.

One of his physicians went to see him again this morning. The prisoner made his usual complaint: "My head hurts." This is what he has been saying ever since he has been able to refer to his condition. Asked at one time where it hurt he placed his hand over the top of his head.

The physician this morning asked the prisoner if he knew why he was in jail. By way of answer he closed his mouth and gazed off into space.

The question was again put to him in a little different form, but Biggers did not answer. After the doctor left, the other prisoners said Biggers went to weeping again.

The first day Biggers went to the jail, the little daughter of Deputy Sheriff Johnson, four or five years old, went into the outer prison with some of those who were feeding the prisoners. When Biggers saw her he fell to crying. She is about the age of one of his own little girls.

It is said that while he has periods of rationality he is for the greater part of the time abstracted and absorbed and staves before him in a dazed sort of way.

It is thought best that he should not see his wife for a while yet. Indeed the condition of neither is such as to fit them for an interview. Mrs. Biggers being on the verge of collapse.

GREAT BANQUET TO PRESIDENT ELECT TAFT

New Orleans, La., Feb. 12.—Today being Friday, fish will be a notable feature of the great banquet tonight in honor of President-elect Taft, the city's honored guest, and in the serving of fish to distinguished visitors.

The message was as follows: "Yankee 8 p. m., Feb. 11, lat. 32.44 north; long. 52.04 west. Fleet 34.26 north; 30.19 west. Weather, Speed 10-12 knots. Cruise uneventful."

According to longitude and latitude as given by the despatch from the Yankee the battleships are about 1,080 miles west of Gibraltar, with the Yankton 945 miles ahead. This places the Yankton only 540 miles east of Bermuda and the fleet a little over 2,000 miles from Hampton Roads.

Washington, Feb. 12.—In latitude 25 degrees north and longitude 55 degrees west on the morning of February 17, Admiral Sperry's two squadrons of the Atlantic battleship fleet will be joined by the third squadron of the fleet.

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NEWS RECEIVED FROM BIG FLEET HOMEWARD BOUND

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 12.—A wireless message from the Tender Yankton which is preceding the Atlantic battleship fleet now on its way to Hampton Roads after its cruise around the world, was picked up shortly after 4 o'clock this morning by wireless station on Fire Island.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 12.—The house devoted much time to arguing the general fish bill to which numerous amendments bearing on counties all along the coastal section was sent up.

The bill by Speaker Graham as to maps of all counties through co-operation with the geological and geographical survey came from the propositions and grievances committee without prejudice with recommendation to go to the appropriations committee.

Mr. Majette offered a bill relative to shipping yards from the state.

By Cotton, to inaugurate the Torrens system of registration of land titles in North Carolina.

By Poole, to prevent the forfeiture of a life policy without notice.

By Everette, to incorporate the Louisiana and Atlantic Railroad Company.

By Gordon, a joint resolution relative to the status of Vance in Statuary Hall, in Washington.

The senate voted down the Britt bill for county boards of education by the people in an open, heated political debate by Democratic senators principally. They charged the Republican party with attempting to make political capital out of the school system.

Mr. Harringer introduced a bill to encourage agriculture and home industry.

Mr. Platt, to amend the 1199 Revised act as to appointing receivers for corporations.

By Starbuck, to extend the time for the Winston Banking and Trust Company to organize for business.

By Bassett, for better sanitation in court rooms.

By Blow, to regulate corporations.

MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL. Manager Williams, of the Auditorium, is Arranging for Swell Event. Charlotte music lovers will be glad to hear that there is a movement on foot for a grand May Music Festival.

The quartette with which negotiations are pending is well known here, being composed of Miss Florence Hinkle soprano; Miss Ada Campbell mezzo; Edward Strong, tenor; and Frederick Martin, basso. These artists included Charlotte in their Southern tour last February and rendered on that occasion "Gems from the Operas," "Gems from the Ballads" and "Gems from the Oratorios" with brilliant success.

The festival will be under the management of J. Leon Williams, manager of the Auditorium, who plans to hold it on Monday and Tuesday, May 24th and 25th—there being two evening performances and a matinee. The above named artists will be assisted by the Oratorio Society, together with an orchestra numbering 25 musicians. The festival, if secured, will bring to Charlotte, not experiments, but singers who pleased their audiences here greatly on their former appearance.

ADVERTISERS in THE CHARLOTTE NEWS Get the Business.

THE LAST BONUS OFFER. An extra ballot of 15,000 will be given for every \$25.00 worth of new subscriptions turned in between 7 a. m. Feb. 8th and midnight Saturday, Feb. 13th.

Wednesday marked the close of the seventh week of what has been, up to this time, a clean-cut, good natured fight for supremacy. As the numerous contestants filed into the office Saturday night to deposit their money and cast ballots for themselves, the smiling, greeting and general "kidding" exchanged, was taken as a happy augury of the feeling that will characterize the remainder of the contest. The next week will be filled with trying experiences for those who have determined to possess themselves of one of those eighteen magnificent prizes. They will come in contact with not a few discouragements, but, up to this time, the contest has been free from disgusting personalities and will leave the losers with nothing but the very kindest feelings for their more successful opponents.

Wednesday was an exceptionally heavy day in the voting line. It changes the standings of many candidates materially. The scores to-day show that the friends of those candidates who were near the bottom of the list, were determined that the names of those contestants should not stay down.

Those who were fearful of being dropped and now have enough votes to keep them in the race, are beginning to realize that they still have enough time to creep, or jump, or slide to the top of the list by February 17th.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned again, that many contestants are not overlooking the proposition of securing \$4 more from subscribers who have already taken a \$1 subscription. This gives them the same number of votes they would have received for a \$5 subscription secured originally. In other words, if a contestant has taken any part of a year's subscription from a friend, the money sufficient to bring the price up to a full year's subscription will entitle the candidates to votes in accordance with the schedule. And this very thing is being done in many cases. It is a matter of record that one or two wise contestants have gone over the territory covered by another candidate who secured a short time subscription. The latter contestant secures the remainder of the year and gets credit with the extra votes. This is a matter that it will be well not to overlook.

Some of those at the top of the list are manifesting a disposition to rest on their oars. The contest man's advice to them would be embodied in the one word, "Don't." This "restfulness" is the opportunity for the indefatigable worker. If you haven't forgotten your history you will recall that Washington found the Hessians making merry when he crossed the Delaware river and sprung his successful little surprise. And history tells us that George's prospects weren't especially bright right about that time of the moon. But he kept on keeping on.

Six days of well-directed effort is going to bring some one magnificent results. Can you afford to overlook this opportunity which is waiting at your door with the big stick, ready to strike you down if you attempt to eschew?

King Takes Auto Ride. Berlin, Feb. 12.—King Edward took a long automobile ride this morning. The King and Queen Alexandra will leave here for London this afternoon. The statement that King Edward had found it necessary to consult with a German physician because of cold is today given semi-official denial.

Death of W. M. Doyle. Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 12.—William M. Doyle, aged 43, prominent business man, died here last night.

Knox Eligible Bill. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The house leaders favorable to Senator Knox's eligibility bill have evolved a scheme to avoid sending the measure to the judiciary committee, which, it is said, is opposed to it. It leaked out that the committee on the election of president and vice-president intends to report a bill covering the same subject, making it possible to substitute the house measure for the senate bill without necessary reference to the committee.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—That the express companies cannot be compelled to perform "C. O. D." service for liquor traffic is held by Chairman Knapp, in an opinion handed down by the interstate commerce commission in the case of the Royal Brewing Company against the Adams Express Company.

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