

Chester In Hands of The Old Veterans

South Carolina City Decorated With Miles and Miles of Bunting Emblematic of "The Lost Cause."

Elquent Words of Ex-Mayor Calowell—Keys of The City Delivered to Commander of Veterans—A Afternoon Program.

Special to The News.
Chester, S. C., June 23.—In the midst of thousands upon thousands of stars and red and white bunting bedecking the interior and exterior of the residences and business establishments; numbers of hands making the welkin ring with "Dixie," and other old Southern airs; and elderly soldiers, with snowy hair, bearded shoulders, furrowed faces, and tottering staves, greeting each other possibly for the last time, the annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of South Carolina was called to order in the big convention hall by the chief marshal, Col. John Whitfield Hood, at 10 o'clock this morning.

Colonel Reed then called upon Chaplain Gen. George W. Gordon, of Camden, S. C., who delivered the invocation.

Address of Welcome.
Then ex-Mayor Robert B. Caldwell, of this city, delivered the address of welcome. He, in part, said:
"I am commissioned by the good people of Chester to extend to the Confederate veterans a most hearty welcome to our city, for nowhere is the Confederate veteran loved and esteemed more than in Chester, and nowhere do the people delight more to honor him."
A considerable discussion is now in progress among the members of the land-owners as to whether or not the South is now glad that it lost in the fight in which you took part. This idea was suggested in a recent speech at Gettysburg by the distinguished secretary of war, Mr. Dickinson, who claims to be a Southerner. I haven't the honor of knowing Mr. Dickinson personally, nor do I claim to know the sentiment of the whole South. However, I do understand the feelings of the people of this community, and I want to tell you that there is no one here who is glad that you lost. The issues of the war were settled at Appomattox and were settled forever. We are fully reconciled to the manner of that settlement, and today we are as good Americans as can be found anywhere on the face of the earth, but when this is said the whole story is told and nobody but a renegade would stand above the sacred dust of the grandest heroes that ever went down in battle and even suggest that the surviving comrades and the sons and daughters of those men are glad that they lost."

Keys of The City Turned Over.
Mayor Henry Samuels, in an appropriate speech, delivered the keys of the city to Gen. Zimmerman Davis, who received same for the Confederate veterans. In a short speech General Davis responded to the mayor, thanking him most graciously for his gift.

The Afternoon Program.
The meeting adjourned for dinner, which is furnished free by the city of Chester, to assemble again at 2:30 this afternoon. The program for the remainder of the day, is as follows:
Annual tributes to Confederate dead. Miscellaneous business.
Memorial to the late Gen. M. C. Butler and Gen. T. W. Carwile.

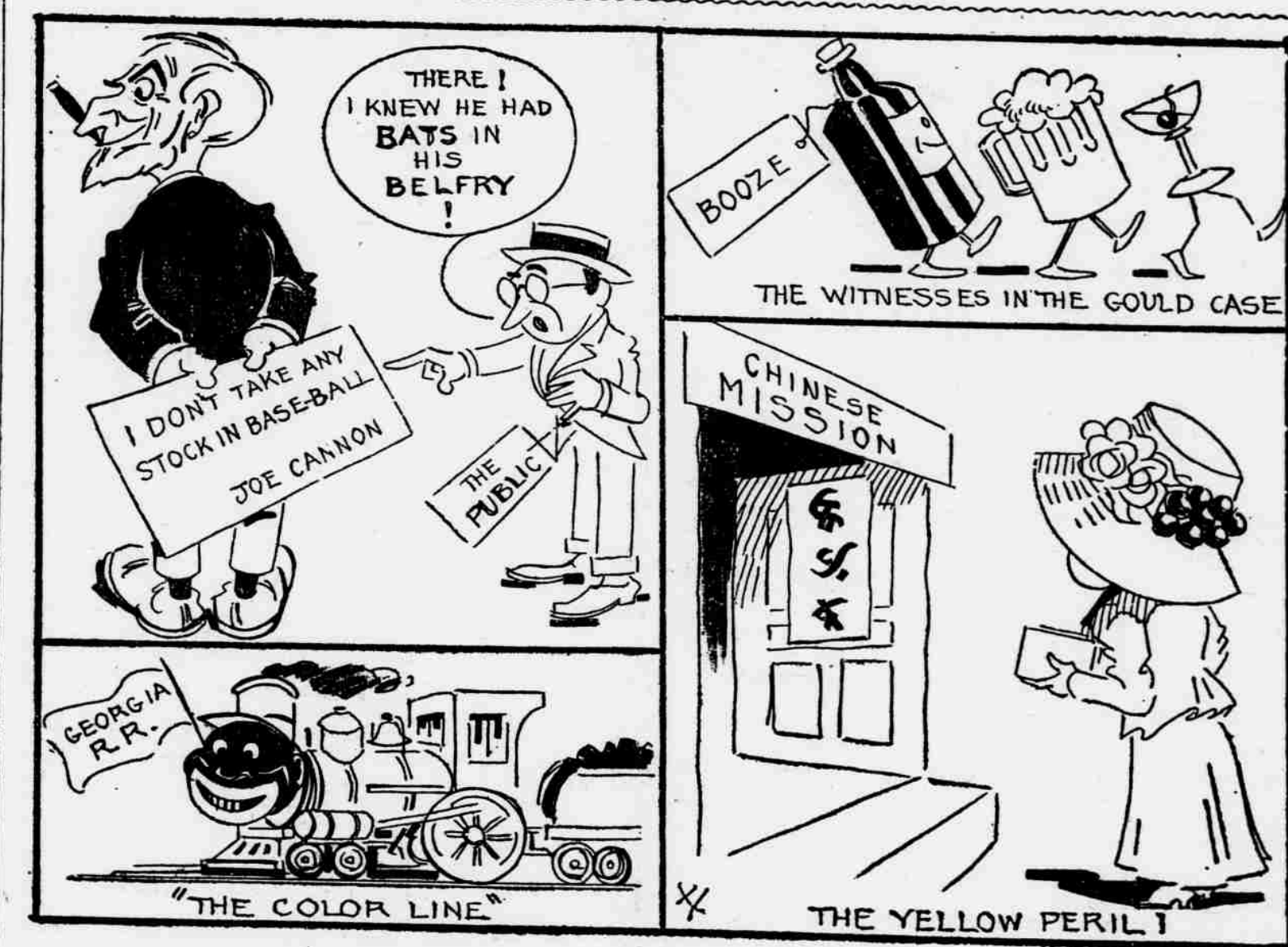
4:30 p. m. Adjournment.
5 p. m. Reception to Sponsors and Maids of Honor in rooms of the Commercial Club, tendered by Chester Chapter, U. D. C., and Chester County Camp, U. S. C. V.
Music by United States Navy Band.
8:30 p. m., Public Meeting at the Opera House.
Concert by United States Navy Band.
Presentation of Sponsors and Maids of Honor in Tableau Picture by Col. James Armstrong, of Charleston.
Response by Miss Grace Lumpkin, of Columbia, S. C., Sponsor for the First Brigade.
Confederate Concert, managed by Mr. Charles H. Brenecke.
Confederate Solo, by Miss Lucille Hood.
The parade, Big Horse Show and Reunion Ball are on the program for tomorrow.

The Annual Address.
The annual address was next delivered by the able president of Limestone College, Dr. Lee Davis Hodge. He was at his best this morning and delivered a masterly address. In part Mr. Lodge said:
"The heart of South Carolina this hour bursts into bloom. The red rose of a people's love unfolds before our eyes. The perfume of a mighty state's gratitude rises to you rich and sweet and pure from each velvet petal of this spirit flower. The beautiful city of Chester is a-throb and a-thrill and a-quiver with the electric emotion aroused by the presence in her midst of men who in the sixties stood in the far-flung battle line of freedom, and in triumph bore aloft our banner blazoned with the names of a hundred famous fields, and did the noblest deeds and dared the greatest dangers and performed the most wondrous prodigies of valor that were ever recorded on the imperishable pages of history."
"It is well for the city to greet you with the golden glory of thousands and thousands of lamps; it is eminently proper that she should strew your pathway with the brightest flowers that our Southland bears; it is altogether right she should put in your hand the magic pass-key that will open to you every home, age, and every heart within her limits; but the dazzling brilliance of these lamps is but dim beside the brightness of your renown; the loveliest blossoms that the fairest maiden of Chester may give you are dull of hue when compared with the unfolding chaplet that Fame's own fingers have greatest dangers; performed the most luxurious mansion that receives your mortal bodies with right royal welcome here is but a humble tenement, a mere outward symbol, in comparison with that spiritual abode, at once home and shrine, that has been erected for you in the soul of every loyal Southerner."

Republics, the old adage says, are ungrateful. Soldiers of South Carolina, believe it not, I make no mention now of the visible evidences of the gratitude of your state. Whatever our people do of that nature is to be taken as but a token of the sentiment that fills our souls. The gold that the state pays in pensions to her heroic sons is as naught either to you or to us, when weighed in the balance with the minted treasure of the heart's precious homage. So it is with memorial shafts. It is entirely fitting that the people of South Carolina should mark the places where their soldiers sleep with costly marble. We honor ourselves when we honor our gallant defenders. But their real monument is to be sought in the living consciousness of the people. The greatest sculptured piles is only a transient emblem of our eternal love. Soon the sharp teeth of time will destroy the monument. Moss will fill up the graven letters, storms will blacken the polished sculpture, and soon the marble will crumble and its dust be mingled with the dust of those whose deeds it commemorates. But as long as the Southern rivers flow in their silver windings through valleys embroidered with flowers, as long as the mountains look down on spowly fields of cotton, so long as the magnolia and the honeysuckle and the jessamine weight the air with sweetness, as long as our

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Jury Will Hardly be Able to Reach Verdict Before Saturday Morning



PICTORIAL COMMENTS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

Many Men Thought to Be Dead as Result of Explosion In Mine

Over One Hundred Men Were in Mine, Near Pittsburg, When Terrible Explosion Occurred—Many are Dead.

Few Men Who Escaped Were so Badly Injured They Could Give no Details—Information Hard to Obtain.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 23.—An explosion occurred today in the mine of the Lackawanna Coal and Coke Co., at Wehrum, Indiana county. Over 1,000 men were in the mine. A number are reported injured. It is believed a large number of the men were killed and injured. At 9:45, nearly two hours after the accident, few of the 1,000 men who were in the mine have reached the surface.

Goods Do Not Grow Old on the Shelves of the Merchants Who Advertise in The News

THE FIRST COTTON BLOOM

Mr. L. H. Robinson Finds one on His Plantation.
The first cotton blossom of the season is reported to The News by telephone this morning by Mr. L. H. Robinson, of Providence. He will bring the bloom in by Saturday as visible evidence of this early blossoming. Mr. Robinson is one of the early men on the cotton plantation. He always gives somebody a race for the first new boll.

LEADER OF MUTINEERS WAS KILLED

By Associated Press.
Manila, June 23.—According to news received here Lieut. Noble, with a company of the 23rd, constabulary, on June 18, struck a part of the Davao mutineers and killed Sergeant Academia, leader of the mutineers in the ensuing fight.
Sergeant Hewson of the American forces, who killed the mutineer chief, was wounded during the skirmish. The pursuit of the mutineers continues.

IN DEFENSE OF MRS. GOULD'S GOOD NAME

By Associated Press.
New York, June 23.—Edwar Roman, called as witness in the Gould separation case, who said his business was dressmaking, testified he was employed by Mrs. Osborne and had seen Mrs. Gould and talked with her frequently when she came to try on her gowns.
He had never noticed and words or conduct on her part which would indicate she was under the influence of intoxicants.
On cross-examination the witness said Mrs. Gould's account at Mrs. Osborne's in 1906 would amount to more than \$20,000.

NEGRO MURDERER TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO DURHAM

Special to The News.
Raleigh, N. C., June 23.—Governor Kitchin has issued a requisition to the governor of Ohio for Solomon Sheppard, who confessed at Columbus to having assassinated Engineer Holt, at Durham, a crime for which Reuben Barbee has been imprisoned for many months.
The negro claims that Holt kicked him off the train and that he shot him for this.
Tell a girl she has a musical laugh and she will giggle for the rest of her life.
If it takes nine tailors to make a man, where does the self-made man come in?

ARGUMENT IN BIGGERS TRIAL NOW IN PROGRESS AT THE COURT HOUSE

St. Leo's Nurses Graduate

Special to The News.
Greensboro, June 23.—Yesterday at St. Leo's Hospital the class of nurses of '09 held their graduating exercises before an audience consisting mostly of their sister nurses, sisters of charity, physicians and a few friends.
Following the exercises a beautifully appointed luncheon was served to the nurses. The graduates were Mrs. Winifred McCall Halohan, Miss Christine Blaw and Miss Katherine Dunas all of whom left yesterday afternoon for Raleigh where today they will stand an examination before the State Board of Nurses Examiners, and will return tonight to serve out their term at St. Leo's before entering upon their life work alone.
This class was said by some of the faculty to be the best prepared of any graduates of this hospital, all of these young ladies possessing unusual nursing ability, as well as the intellectual capabilities that mean success.

Mr. McClammy, of Wilmington, Made the First Speech For The State and Was Followed By Mr. Keerans.

The Evidence to Prove Insanity Carefully Reviewed and Analyzed—Dr. J. P. Munroe Last Witness for The Defense.

The long taking of testimony in the case of Will S. Biggers on trial for the killing of J. Green Hood was ended yesterday afternoon by the testimony of Dr. J. P. Munroe, the leading alienist introduced by the defense. The argument began at once, Mr. Herbert McClammy, of Wilmington, making the first speech. As the defendant was not placed on the stand, the state gets the opening and closing speeches. The order of the speeches yet to be made is as follows:

Important Rulings of Attorney General Bickett

Special to The News.
Greensboro, June 23.—County Auditor Abbott has received a very important decision of the state attorney general to the effect that the certificates of deposit placed in the hands of the insurance commissioner by home life insurance companies to guarantee payment of claims, are taxable as personal property. If this decision or opinion of the attorney general is carried out by the Corporation Commission, it will mean to two companies at least in Greensboro alone, additional taxation of over \$4,000 a year for county, state and city purposes, or more than 2 percent of the total face value of the guarantee deposits.
Another ruling of interest is that Section 50 of the Revenue Act, requiring owners of billiard and pool tables, which are kept in buildings in which "drinks" are sold to pay \$50 state license tax, means any soft drink even to mineral water, if it "sold."

Order of Speeches.

Mr. E. R. Preston, first speaker for the state this afternoon.
Mr. Russell G. Lucas for the defense.
Mr. Frank M. Shannonhouse for the state.
Mr. W. C. Maxwell for the defense.
Mr. Plummer Stewart for the state.
Ex-Judge Frank M. Osborne for the defense.
Solicitor Heriot Clarkson closing for the state.
Mr. Lucas will probably make the concluding speech for this afternoon, Mr. Shannonhouse opening in the morning. It is thought that the speeches will be hardly concluded before Friday morning by midday. Judge Council says that as the law is not complicated, his charge which he will read to the jury, will not be more than an hour in length, hardly that long. A verdict will hardly be reached by the jury, therefore, before Friday evening or Saturday morning.
Judge Will Stay to Receive Verdict.
Insane case verdicts are sent in to the clerk but Judge Council will remain to receive the verdict in this case.

Dollar Lumber Was Voted Down

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., June 23.—The senate today voted down an amendment for dollar lumber by a decisive vote of 240 to 44.

Daughter of Jeff Davis Not Sick as Reported

By Associated Press.
Colorado Springs, Col., June 23.—Reports of the serious condition of Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, of this city, a daughter of Jefferson Davis, the leader of the Confederacy, appear to be exaggerated. Mrs. Hayes has been ill for some time, but she is able to be about and entertains frequently.

Street Car Conductor Stabbed by Negro

By Associated Press.
Richmond, Va., June 23.—On a street car today, George E. Lewis, conductor, was fatally stabbed by a young negro, whom he attempted to put under arrest for refusing to move out of the aisle when ordered.
The negro made good his escape.

ARGUMENTS FINISHED IN BREESE CASE

Special to The News.
Asheville, N. C., June 23.—The arguments on quashing the indictment in the case of the United States vs. W. E. Breeze and others, alleged bank wreckers, was finished this afternoon and Judge Newman took the case under advisement.
Later Judge Newman announced that he would not be bound by the Renegar decision.

Developments In New York's Murder Mystery

By Associated Press.
New York, June 23.—If the statement made by Chung Sui last night, accusing Leon Lung of having killed Philip Sigol has given the authorities any tangible clue to the hiding place of Leon, the police have not made it known, and it has resulted in no arrest.
In the maze of conflicting stories told by Chung and even after he apparently gave in under incessant interrogations and questions of the police, Chung is quoted as asserting that he does not know where Leon fled after using Miss Sigol's body. In the trunk, however, he admitted giving Leon the larger part of \$260 which Chung had borrowed from Chu Gain.
Renewed activity of the police during and after Chung's statement might indicate, however, that the Chinaman

told a good deal more about Leon than the police have allowed to become public.
There was much telegraphing about the country by the police last night, following Chung's story that he saw Leon strangling the young woman.
Chung's reluctance in telling the facts, his evident first intention to deny that he knew anything at all about the murder, and his extraordinary indifference as to the terrible fate of the young woman, all convince the police that he has by no means told all he knows about the murder.
Further attempts to make him divulge the facts which the police most desire—those giving a clue to Leon's hiding place—will be made, but there seems to be scant hope of getting any useful information.