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Greets the Presidential Party Upon its Entrance Into Savannah.

WILD ENTHUSIASM

OUR FUTURE COLONIAL POLICY

Touched Upon by the President in His Speech at the Banquet -- He Argues Strongly in Favor of American Protection for Ceded Spanish Colonies .- He Witnesses a Grand Military Parade .. In a Sail Down the River the Party Passes the Transport Chester, Conveying a South-

ern Regiment to Havana.

Savannah, Ga., December 17 .- The ernment, which will secure to them reception of President McKinley and peace and order and security in their the members of his cabinet by the peo- happiness? Are we unable to do this? hospitality and completeness of ar-' rangement any previous experiences which have marked the presidential trip in the south.

The party arrived from Montgomery at 11 o'clock a. m., reviewed 10,000 troops stationed around 'Savannah, took a trip down the Savannah river, and was entertained this evening at a grand banquef-tendered by the chamber of commerce and association of citizens. The enthusiasm of the Savannah people and of the 15,000 persons," who, it is estimated, had come into the city from the surrounding country to greet the president, was fully equal to the remarkable demonstrations which have distinguished the

life and property and in the pursuit of ple of Savannah more than equaled in Are we to sit down in our isolation and recognize no obligation to a struggling people whose present conditions we have contributed to make? I would rather have the confidence of the poet Bryant, when he exclaims:

> 'Thou, my country, thou shalt never fall

Seas and stormy air Are the wide barrier of thy borders,

where Among thy gallant sons that guard thee well,

Thou laughst at enemies. Who shall then declare

The date of thy deep founded strength or tell

How happy in thy lap the sons of men shall dwell?'

"My fellow citizens, whatever covenants duty has made for us in the year 1898, we must keep.

tion. It was led by Colonel Vifquain, who, after saluting, stood beside President McKinley and watched his big men from Nebraska as they filed past. In a little over an hour, the troops had completed the review, and the presidential party drove off to the river front. The streets were lined with people who cheered incessantly. At 2 o'clock the president boarded the steam pilot boat J. H. Estill and proceeded down the river for about ten miles.' Salutes were fired from wharves, every ship was gaily strung with bunting and their crews yelled lubuly as the J. H. Estill sped by. Whistles screached, flags dipped and until the outskirts of the city were reached, the river bank was dotted with groups, mostly colored, who sent cheer after cheer over the water for. President McKinley. The object of all this enthusiasm stood on the starboard side of the pilot boat, waving his hat and his handkerchief to those on shore or in other vessels.

About nine miles out the Estill passed the United States transport. Chester, with the Fourth Virginia, regiment on board, bound for Havanal She had been held from going to sea by a heavy morning fog which now had disappeared. The Virginia troops crowded to the bulwarks of the Chester, swarmed in her rigging and waving their campaign hats, cheered the little pilot boat to the re-echo. The president jumped upon the rail of the Estill and, holding on to a shroud, waved back his acknowledgments to the troops. The regimental band on board the Chester played "Yankee Doodle," followed. up by "Dixie," and on both vessels. there ensued such a scene of enthusiasm as had seldom been witnessed in this state.

Luncheon was served on board the Estill and at 4:30 o'clock the presidential party disembarked and was driven to the hotel, where a rest was taken until the banquet commenced. The president is deeply touched by his reception here and is; especially gratified over the review of the troops. Generals Shafter and Lawton expressed surprise and intense satisfaction at the splendid showing of the volunteer troops in the parade.

RUSSIA WANTS OUR MONEY Her Representatives in this Country for the Purpose of Negotiating a Large

Wilmington Messenger.

WILMINGTON, N. C., SUNDAY, IECEMBER 18, 1898.

Loan-Our Exports Exceed Those of England Secember 17.-James H. Chicago, Eckels, president of the Commercial National brack, said today: "I am credibly- ingrmed, that a great foreign power ligs sent representatives to

the United states, and that they are now in New York for the purpose of negotiating iloan of immense proportions. If the source of my information is reliable, it is the first instance in the history of the United States of a foreign power diorrowing money here.

The Chicago Daily News says: "The statement may startle the general public, but in the financial world the re-port will came no astonishment, although the mansaction will be unprecedented, in the monetary history of the country For nearly two months money has been 'the cheapest thing in America's financiers phrase it. For a fortnight still loans have been made Fear and Northern railway, was asked in Wall street as low as 1½ per cent, while short corrowers with approved collateral and accommodated at 3½ per cent. in Chergo. The bond markets today when that road would be completed. He said it would be quite a

while, as the road would extend a long are absoluted bare of first class se-curities yielding more than 31/2 per way to the southeastward, probably to Wilmington or Southport. Benj. Duke, cent. Todals 5 per cent. coupon a Durham millionaire, is backing the issues were bought on the ex-changes at \$7 and high grade stocks enterprise paying dividends at the rate of 5 percent. per about were quoted at 132. Firms that thake a specialty of investto adjourn and will very probably do ment securities acknowledge that the

so next Friday. There are not very demand for values has exceeded the supply three old. Fairly safe issues many end-of-the-docket cases. George Z: French came up yesterday have been apsorbed and there is no diminution si the Lunds seeking place-

"The national treasury states that the executive mansion. H. U. Butters, for the current month money in circu-lation has is reased \$20,303,722. This, following as tain of \$50,000,000 for October, makes a total expansion of about quietly at Rocky Point since he left fined scheme to reduce the league to \$75,000,000 for the last sixty days. Com- Wilmington November 10. There were eight clubs.

ment.

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the state, and F. P. Hobgood, Jr., Oxford, assistant inspector general. Five Wake county republicans w failed to get offices at the last election are given rositions in the revenue service here by Collector Duncan. Congressman Pearson has at last served formal notice upon W. T. Craw-As to Prosecutions for ford of contest in the Ninth displicit Crawford has 238 plurality. He also has the commission from the governor. Arrangements were made yest may for 100 Raleigh negroes to go to a staginia coal mine, but all save ten jumped the game att he last moment. A NEW RAILWAY LINE.

BASE BALL MATTERS

The National League to Play a Series of One Hundred and Forty-Four, Games- fo be a Twelve Club League New York, December 17 -- After a wolonged session, or rather a series of sessions, the base ball magnates representing the clubs in the National League concluded their annual meeting tonight and adjourned to meet again on the last Tuesday in February, which is the date of the scheduled meeting. It, was decided that a 12-club schedule, calling for 144 games, should be arranged for next season and the secretary was instructed to draft two. one for three trips east and west, and the other for four trips each way. In addition to this Mr. Whitehead, of Philadelphia, received similar instructions and he has been requested to furnish copies of the schedules, prepared by him to the presidents or representatives of the tweive clubs iwo weeks before the scheduled meeting in February. While these instructions to the secretary and Mr. Whitehead ostensibly indicate that the playing schefrom his home at Rocky Point to see dule has been arranged and will con-Governor Russell, and went at once to sist of twelve clubs during the season of '99, there are many persons, who another special friend of the governor, the state of affairs, who believe that claim to have an inside knowledge of came with him. French has been underlying all this there is a well de-

trip in other cities.

Previous to the president's speech a cordial welcome had been extended to him by D. G. Purse, president of the reception committee, and by the mayor of Savannah, P. W. Meldrim.

THE BANQUET.

At the banquet tonight in the Desoto hotel where the presidential party is staying, President McKinley, amid frequent applause, addressed his audience-consisting of over 200 persons as follows:

"There is cause for congratulation that with the grave problem before us growing out of the war with Spain, we are free from any divisions at home.

"Our financial and revenue policies cannot be changed for at least four years, and whatever legislation may be had affecting them during that period will be to improve and strengthen, not destroy them. The public mind can, therefore, repose in reasonable security, while business will proceed without apprehension of serious and sudden changes, so disturbing to the commercial world and so distracting to the business men. All of which is fortunate for the country, for every interest and every section of the country. Even those who desire other and different policies prefer permanence to constant change, or what is almost as hurtful-the fear of change. There are happily not no domestic differences to check the progress and prosperity of the country which our peaceful relations with the whole world will encourage and strengthen.

"This is fortunate, too, in another sense. It leaves the country free to consider and discuss new questions which are immediately before us, unbiased by party or past political alliances. These new questions are to be thought out and wrought out, not in a spirit of partisanship, but in a spirit of patriotism, not for the temporary advantage of one party or the other, but for the lasting advantage of the country. Neither prejudice nor passion, nor previous condition can embarrass the free action and calm judgment of the citizen. We have entered upon new paths. We are treading in an unexplored field which will test our wisdom and statesmanship. The chief consideration is one of duty; our actions must be controlled by it. No settlement is admissible which will not preserve our honor and promote the best interests of all concerned. With a united country and the gathered wisdom of all the people, seeking only the right, inspired only by high purposes, moved only by duty and humanity, we cannot err. We may be baffled or deterred and often discouraged, but final success in a cause which is altogether unselfish and humanitarian can only be deferred, not prevented.

'If, following the clear precepts of duty, territory falls to us, and the welfare of an alien people require our guidance and protection, who will about 10,000 sightseers pressed forward shrink from'the responsibil y, grave though it may be? Can we leave these people who, by the fortunates of war and our own acts, are helpless and of a towering monument to the conwithout government, to chaos and anarchy after we have destroyed the only government they have had? Having | er, in command, gave the signal, for destroyed their government, it is the the march past to commence. A sheet duty of the American government to | of steel flashed out against the green

Secretary Gage followed the presi dent, replying to the toast "Commerce.

Secretary Alger, in responding to 'The Army," said: "One hundred and twenty-five thou-

sand of our volunteers have already been mustered out and returned to their homes. One hundred and fifty thousand, including the regulars-fully armed and in excellent condition-still remain in the field ready for service. Shall they be ordered to further conflict? Let us hope not, but their presence at least, in large part, will be indispensible until peace is ratified and the regulars are increased in numbers to take their places.

"I would say to those still in the field: Patience. While your sacrifices may be, and with many no doubt are great, yet the glory of your lives will always be that you wore the blue while your country needed you.

"The lessons we have learned, and largely from the navy, are: 'In time of peace prepare for war,' an old sayinb, but forceful and true. How little material the country had to equip its great army with when called into service, you know. How well, seemingly an impossible task was met, impartial history of the war will show: While we met an army well armed with the best of modern weapons, and skilled in the use of them, the navy, fully prepared for war in advance, well skilled in gunnery, met the Spaniards and destroyed their fleets while they were hopelessly trying to adjust their 'range finders."

General Wheeler, amid intense enthusiasm, replied to the toast of "Woman" with a glowing, chivalrous tribute, which though very brief, touched the hearts of his southern audience.

The banquet then concluded.

Tomorrow will be a day of rest for the presidential party at the Desoto hotel. They leave for Macon at midnight tomorrow.

When the president's train reached Guyton, Ga., this morning, thirty miles out of Savannah, the reception committee of Savannh boarded it and accompanied the party on the rest of its journey from Montgomery. D. G. Purse, chairman of the reception committee, greeted Mr. McKinley warmly. When the train reached Savannah at 11 o'clock a. m., the Georgia Hussars, resplendant with silver facings, were drawn up to receive the president and alute was fired from guns captured Yorktown and presented to Savan-3

by George Washington. twenty-seven carriages drawn by

ite horses, the presidential party was driven through the streets, black with cheering thousands to the city parade grounds where a reviewing stand had been erected. Ten thousand troops were drawn up opposite where the president and the members of the cabinet stood. On the outskirts of the parade ground, held back by sentries, to get a glimpse of the soldiers. Mrs. McKinley remained in a carriage near the reviewing stand. In the shadow federate dead lay the left of the long line of the troops. Major General Keif-

A RIOT IN HAVANA

The Cubans Raise the Cuban and American Flags too Soon to Please the Spanlards

Havana, December 17 .- A riot occurred at Cerro, a suburb of Havana, at 7:30 o'cleck tonight. A number of shots were fired. One man is reported latest figures tell that the exports to have been killed and five injured. The residents of Cerro, supposing that the Spaniards had officially evacuated the suburbs, raised Cuban and American flags over a number of buildings. Crackers were fired and speeches were made on street corners and these rejoicings on the part of the Cubans led

to a riot. According to the account of the affair, given by the Spaniards, the riot was the result of a tavern brawl. Marion Brill, of Jacksonville, Fla., a teamster of the Second Illinois regiment, who was driving a mule wagon through Cerro at the time of the affray, was struck by a bullet in the right arm. He was brought to the Inglaterra hotel. Senor Fernandez de Castro, civil

governor of Havana, has informed General Greene that the offenders will be severely punished.

Senor de Castro says he saw no Spanish soldiers at the scene of the affray.

At 9:45 o'clock this evening General Lee and General Greene were in conference with the Spanish officials.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure Sick Headache. Billiousness, Inactive Liver and clerthe complexion. Small, sugar coat d, don't gripe or cause nauses, R. R. Bellamy.

Rumored Death of General Gomez Madrid, December 17.-A report has been received here from Havana that General Maximo Gomez is dead.

Havana, December 17 .- The report that General Maximo Gomez is dead, which, according to a dispatch from

vana, cannot be confirmed here, though the rumor has been in circulation in ponent to the McKinley policy of exthis city for several days past. In contradiction of the report is

another that General Gomez left his camp at Yaguajay, province of Santa Clara, and with his main forces went into camp in the Siguanoa mountains in the same province; but that, accompani ed by a small escort, he left the camp three days since, moving westward and is now near Cruces, Santa Clara province, en route to Havana, whither he will go via Matanzas. This report has it that General Gomez is in good

pared with year ago, the total cir-culation of the kinds of money is \$165,-975,000 greater, and amounts in all to \$1,886,800,000 The perspective reveals even more thoney.

"On the first of the year corporations will distribute about \$100,000,000 in in-terest and dividends. Beside, exports are increasing rapidly, while imports are decreasing quite, as speedily. The of. merchandise from this country exceed those of Green Britain for the first time in the history of the two countries. The United States is in the unique position

of desiring Babuy the American stocks and bonds that are held abroad. "It is this condition that has war-ranted a for ign government in making

tentative overtures for a big loan here. The borrowin is supposed to be Rus-sia. The refresentatives of that courtry were regoliating with French bankers sometime ago for a large sum, but the traxaction was not conclud-

New Yorks December 17.- Emissaries of Russia Fre made à careful survev of the stuation in this city and have sound nearly all of the leading concerns. Their business has been conducted quiess and, so far, nothing seems to show that their overtures have met with much encouragement. Jacob H. Selff, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., when shown the statement of Mr. Ec-kels, said: 1 understand that about two or three weeks ago several firms in this city, including my own, were sounded by gersons who claimed to be acting for the Russian government as

to the feasi flity of floating a Russian. 3 per cent. 3 31/2 per cent. loan. I do not think still a negotiation feasible in the United States.' 'Henry Spirer refused to make any comment of Mr. Eckels' statement. An

effort was made to see J. Pierpont Morgan and other financiers tonight, but they could not be found.

A cough a not like a fever. It does not have to fun a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectually with One Minute Cov h. Cure, the best remedy cases. We ecommend it because it's good. R. R. Bellamy.

Bryan on the Issues of the Next Campaign.

New Yorls December 17 .- The world will tomorize publish the following: William J. Bryan is in town. He was found last eight, (Saturday) at the Bartholdi Patel, Colonel Bryan declare him if an uncompromising oppansion. Be said: "It is too early at this time to discuss party politics for the presidential election of 1900, but I think the issues then will be free silver, anti-expansion, anti-imperialism and the rights of labor. I have already expressed typelf against imperialism and territorial expansion. The pro-

posal to ad at the colonial idea of European nations is fraught with the greatest datger. What will be the fate of the treat in the senate I do not care to precent. -While I was in Wash-

reports at that time that violence was offered him, but he says this is untrue. The penitentiary must be in straits. It is said to owe money right and left in this city. It is also said to owe a Georgia company which furnishes convict clothing. Convicts are required

to wear striped clothing, but it is said bids were asked for cheap white cotton cloth for shirts.

Wilmington Riots.

The Cape Fear and Northern Railroad

to be Extended to Wilmington-G. Z.

French Visits the Governor-Federal

Court Convicts-To open State Library

at Night-Arranging for the New State

Museum Building-Urgent Need for

Herbert Norris, attorney of the Cape

The supreme court is nearly ready

Messenger Bureau,

Raleigh, N. C., December 17.

Reformatory for Youths.

Reid and Wright, the safe-crackers convicted in the federal court; yesterday; begged to be sent at once to the penitentiary, saying the jail was so full there was not room to lie down. They went to the penitentiary this morning, so did two other federal prisoners, while five were sent to Johnston county jail and J. P. Boddie, the embezzling postmaster at Nashville, was sent to Nash jail. One young white man, tall and 21 years old, got a year and a day and instantly broke into such a roar of crying as to stop business. He threw himself on his knees before the judge." He cried all the way to the jail. Many persons who heard the outcry thought it was a woman. The number of convicts now employed in the shirt factory at the penitentiary has reached 120.

The Raleigh street railway is putting in three new water tube boilers of 600 horse-power and as a result the street lighting service is badly disorganized. It was rumored that United States District Attorney Bernard had received within a day or two another letter from Attorney General Griggs, 'telling him to push the matter of prosecution in connection with the driving out of Bunting, United States commissioner Wilmington. Bernard declared today that he had received only the one letter, of the receipt of which your correspondent gave the 'first news two weeks ago. Bernard said: "I have paid attention to that letter as far as my duty directs me." He declined to say

whether he had drawn any bills or not But something has happened to make it probable that next week some attempt will be made. A few days ago for 'all age and for the most severe it could be positively said nothing would be done. Now there is a change. The Washington officals would like to get hold of these cases, but they will-

find it up-hill work. They will find testimony hard to get. People are scattered. It was again rumored that Bunting came yesterday. Bernard denied it.

K. P. Hill, a merchant at Louisburg. made a voluntary assignment today. His liabilities are \$6,500.

The trustees of the state library met today and decided to keep it open every week day night from 8 to 10 o'clock. The executive committee of the board agriculture meet today to arrange for the plans for the annex to the state museum. The cost will be from \$10,000 to \$15,000. State Geologist Holmes will prepare the plans. These, as stated, are for a building which will complete, the fourth side of the court, of which three sides are now built. It is the idea to have a "historical room" adjoining the state library. The council of state has to give its consent to the building of the annex, as the latter will be on state ground, part belonging to the supreme court and part to the museum. The trustees of the state university met today in semi-annual session at

Under the constitution of the league, special meetings can be called at any time and it is expected that one or more sessions will be held between now and February.

The Philadelphia gate receipt controversy was taken up again today, but as there was no chance of a unanimous vote being cast in reference to it, the matter was laid over until the Februtry conclave.

No league clubs will be allowed to play exhibition games during the oming season. A motion made by President Hart, of Chicago, to prevent them from playing such games before and after the season, was negatived.

Owing to the illness of Messrs' Vanderest and Ebbit, the papers necessary the clinghing of the Baltimore-Brooklyn amalgamation were not signed today, but it is expected they will be signed and the deal consummated within a few days.

At a special meeting of the board of directors, the Cincinnati club was ordered to refund a fine of \$25-to Catcher Peitz.

After the meeting of the league had been concluded, the new board of arbitration met and took action on 'a number of appeals.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. R. R. Bellamy.

Grand Rally of Veterans

The Confederate Veterans of Chester ounty, S. C., will have a grand rally at the city of Chester on the 20th of December, which is the Thirty-eighth anniversary of the secession of South Carolina, and the Thirty-seventh anniversary of the heroic action of the famous Sixth Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, at the battle of Dranesville, Va., in which five Chester companies participated. A dodger issued by the committee of

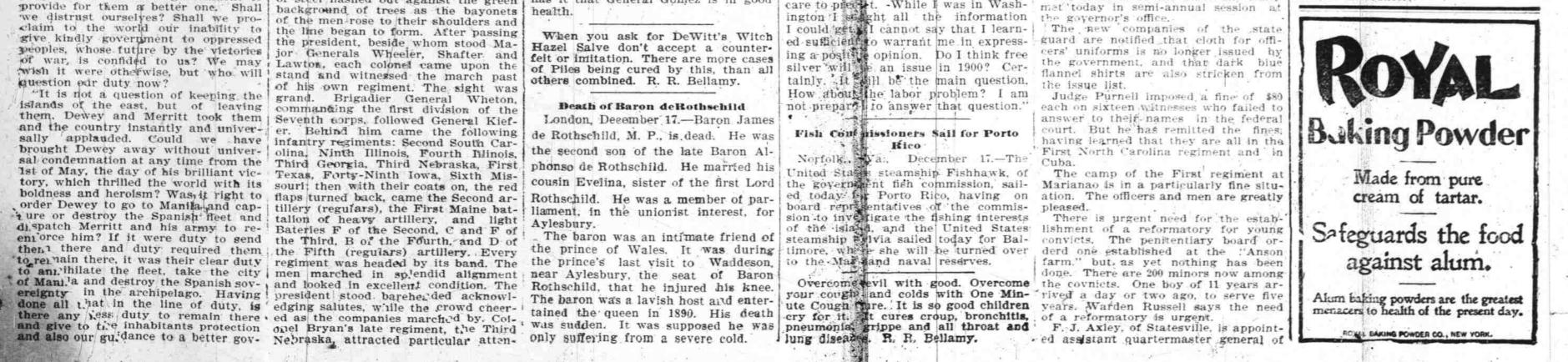
irrangements says:

"General Irvine Walker, Commander South Carolina division, is expected to be with us. Colonel James Armstrong .the Irish commedian, will be the orator of the occasion. For wit, humor and thrilling war stories he cannot be qualled in the south. Then Captain. George Lake: Commander Abner Perrin Camp, Johnston, S. C., who was buried several hours at the Crater and. retained all his mental faculties, will be here to tell his experience. Other, distinguished speakers will attend.

With thirty ladies and ten gentlemen on the stage to sing several war songs. accompanied by the Chester orchestra, we propose to make this a Simon Pure Rebel Rally." We ask all veterans, Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy to be with us; as the exercises will be highly entertaining and inspiring. "Last, but not least, we will have the pure, genuine, unadulterated 'Rebel Warhoop."

There will be reduced rates on all ailroads."

The committee of arrangements is as ollows: J. W. Reed, W. L. Davidsonand M. H. Hunter,



Madrid, was received there from Ha-