

NO THIRD TERM

The President Says Two Are Enough for Him

MAKES A STATEMENT

He Wishes to Retire to Private Life at the End of His Present Term—Mrs. McKinley of the Same Mind

Washington, June 11.—President McKinley will not be a candidate for a third term under any consideration. The recent revival of the suggestion that he might stand for re-election to the Presidency led to an official announcement this morning in which Mr. McKinley effectually sets at rest all speculation upon this subject by declaring that he will retire from public office at the expiration of his second term.

The President has been considering the advisability of making this statement for several days; in fact, ever since Senator Dewey came out in an interview in which he advocated a third term, and Representative Grosvenor stated that the time was ripe in the case of President McKinley for breaking the precedent so long established. The question in the mind of the President upon this matter, it is said, was not as to whether it would be advisable to accept a third nomination if it should be tendered him, but as to whether or not it would be well at this time to give any attention to the third term talk sufficient even to deny any alleged aspiration or inclination to succeed himself. His mind has been made up and a decision reached upon that subject for a long time, and it is said that he never entertained any thought of being a candidate for a third term.

When the suggestion was taken up that he was apparently seriously considered by such close and prominent friends of the administration as Senator Dewey, Representative Grosvenor and others, the President determined that the time was at hand for putting an end to the discussion. He mentioned the matter to the members of the cabinet and they agreed with him that the best course to pursue would be to issue a formal statement definitely setting forth his position and his views. The matter was spoken of last night when six of the members of the cabinet were at the White House and it was the chief topic at the meeting held today.

Shortly before the cabinet adjourned

today the following statement, signed by the President, was issued:

"I regret that the suggestion of the third term has been made. I doubt whether I am called upon to give it notice, but there are now questions of the gravest importance before the administration and the country, and their just consideration should not be prejudiced in the public mind by even the suspicion of the thought of a third term. In view, therefore, of the reiteration of the suggestion of it, I will say now, once for all, expressing a settled conviction, that I not only am not and will not be a candidate for a third term, but would not accept a nomination for it if it was tendered me. My only ambition is to serve through my second term to the acceptance of my countrymen whose generous confidence I so deeply appreciate, and then with them do my duty in the ranks of private citizenship."

The President is said to have long held to the opinion that if a third term in the White House was refused by Washington and Jefferson and denied to Grant, no other incumbent of the office should aspire to that honor and distinction. Again, if there were no other considerations of propriety and prudence in the case, consideration for Mrs. McKinley's wishes, it is said, would prevent the President from entertaining the suggestion. While she enjoys the honor which her husband has won, it is well known by her intimate friends that she has for a long time looked forward to the time when Mr. McKinley would retire from public life and they could return to their pleasant little home in Canton to spend the rest of their days quietly.

Mrs. McKinley is naturally much devoted to her home and home surroundings, and when a third term was first mentioned to her she declared emphatically against such a course. During the President's recent trip before Mrs. McKinley was taken seriously ill, the subject of a third term was mentioned to her and she replied that it was her greatest desire to return to Canton and live quietly and unostentatiously after the close of the President's present term.

Secretaries Hay and Root were absent from the cabinet meeting today, both being out of town, but they were advised of the President's feelings in this matter and endorsed the idea of making a statement.

Only minor departmental matters were considered at the cabinet meeting today after the decision was reached to issue the third term statement. The questions arising over the Philippines, Cuba and China were not touched upon owing to the absence of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of State.

Just What Hanna Expected

Cleveland, June 11.—"It is just what I expected the President would say if he said anything at all on the subject," was the comment of Senator Hanna today when he read President McKinley's statement in reference to a third term. "I have never exchanged one word with the President concerning the matter," he continued, "and have considered all the talk bearing on the subject as premature. According to my judgment it is too early to discuss presidential plans for the next term."

HOPE GIVEN UP

Twelve Men Perish in Port Royal Coal Mine

FIRE STILL RAGING

Several Men Fatally Injured.

Rescuing Party Forced to Abandon the Search for the Entombed Miners

Jacob's Creek, Pa., June 11.—It is not yet known how many deaths have been caused by the disastrous mine explosion which occurred last evening in the Port Royal colliery of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, six miles east of West Newton. There are fears that the list will be a long one. Twelve men are missing and are supposed to have perished in the mine. Several workmen are fatally hurt. The twelve men missing and supposed to be dead are: Frank Davenport, aged 28, married, one child; Anton Stycet, married, one child; John Peebles, 40, married, two children; Jeremiah Daily, 40, single; William McCune, superintendent of mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Company between West Newton and Eureka; William Allison, superintendent of several mines below West Newton; Dennis Wardley, pit boss of Port Royal mines; Michael Roy, pit boss at Euclid mines; John Keck, pit boss at Darr mines; Peter McCann, boss driver at Port Royal mine No. 1; Bernard Ball, loader at Port Royal mine No. 2; an unknown. Those known to be injured are: Arthur Smith, pit boss at Smithton mines, both eyes destroyed and fatally burned; Fritz Krueger, miner, both eyes destroyed and fatally burned; W. Harry Beveridge, machinist, both arms broken and fatally burned.

Greensboro Graded Schools

Greensboro, N. C., June 11.—Special.—The board of education met last night and re-elected Prof. G. A. Grimsley superintendent of the city schools. The following principals and teachers were elected:

Lindsay Street School—Mr. W. E. Stone, of this city, principal; Mr. Swift, of Chapel Hill, principal of the grammar school; teachers, Misses Mary Applewhite, Annie Mcbane, Annie Pittman, Sallie Davis, Margaret Gannon, Lizzie Lindsay, Mary Finin, Vivian Shober, Elsie Weatherly, Annie White and Rosa Abbott.

Asheboro Street School—Mr. Walter Thompson, principal; teachers, Mr. Lee T. Blair, Misses Marietta Stockard, Hattie Eldridge, Anna Michaux, Minnie Reid, Lucy Coffin and Cora Cox.

TEACHERS MEET AT THE SEASHORE

Attendance Unusually Large at the Opening Session of the Assembly

Wrightsville, N. C., June 11.—Special.—Tonight at 8:30 o'clock the eighteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers Assembly held its first session in the large auditorium of the Seashore Hotel with Prof. J. Allen Holt and Hon. C. H. Mebane occupying the president's and secretary's chairs, respectively.

An unusually large number of teachers were present to enjoy the address of welcome by Mr. J. J. Blair, superintendent of the Wilmington public schools. In behalf of the teachers Prof. Collier Cobb, of the University of North Carolina, responded to the address of welcome in a very appropriate way and assured the Wilmington and Wrightsville hosts that the stay of a few days by the seashore could be nothing save one of pleasure.

At 9 o'clock Prof. George W. Holmes of the University of North Carolina, addressed the Assembly upon the subject: "The Use and Abuse of Our Resources." The lecture was illustrated and was decidedly interesting and instructive. After Prof. Holmes' address the Assembly spent an hour in a social way, much to the enjoyment of all the teachers and friends present.

The opening of the present session is decidedly larger than that of any during the past few years, and indications point to a meeting of unusual profit and pleasure.

A great number of the leading educators of the State are to take part in the carefully planned program, and the meetings bid fair to be especially instructive and helpful.

WELCH TELLS IT IN YANKEE LAND

Indicted Army Officer Turns State's Evidence

GIVES MONEY BACK

Two Other Officers Will Get Terms in Prison for Swindling the Government—How They Worked It

Manila, June 11.—Surgeon Dudley W. Welch, of the Forty-third volunteer infantry, presented a surprise at the court-martial yesterday by turning state's evidence and giving testimony incriminating Capt. Michael Spellman and Lieut. Delbert R. Jones.

The court-martial had begun the trial of the three men who were stationed with the Forty-third volunteer infantry in southern Leyte on charges of trading in permits to ship hemp from closed ports.

It is probable that, on the strength of Surgeon Welch's evidence, Capt. Spellman and Lieut. Jones will receive terms of imprisonment. Surgeon Welch, who appears to have been the tool of the others in the hemp transactions, has returned to the government \$1,000—his share of the spoils.

The evidence taken at the session of the court-martial disclosed the fact that the value of the hemp cleared from Maasin during the past six months was about \$500,000. The officers indicted levied half a peso on each piece of rice entering insurgent territory, while steamers, schooners and bancas trading with closed ports in Malibgo Bay paid from 30 to 500 pesos, according to their tonnage.

Captain Spellman, the accused officer, was formerly a major in the Sixty-ninth New York regiment, and had served as a New York harbor commissioner. The president of Maasin and a go-between in the transactions, who is connected with a Spanish firm, have been placed under arrest by the American authorities.

Legislating for Filipinos

Manila, June 11.—The Philippine Commission today passed the new judiciary bill, omitting section 27 and making other minor changes. Section 24 was not changed, because the incorporation of Manila is nearly completed.

Mr. Taft stated that it would be necessary to study the effect of the new code on Americans and foreigners as well as Filipinos. Large capital for the development of the country, he said, can only be attracted by the impartiality and integrity of the judiciary.

Judge Taft scored the Filipino press for their injudicious utterances in regard to these matters and for not appreciating the efforts of the Commission.

Civil government has been organized in the provinces of Cavite and Nueva Ecija. The capitals are respectively Cavite and San Isidro. The provinces of Manila and Morong have been amalgamated. The appointments of the various civil officials have not yet been announced.

the third largest cane sugar producing section of the world; contains more coast and river frontage than all the other States; has 30 per cent of railroad mileage and affords the cheapest lumber building material, lands, cotton, coal and oil and living in the United States."

In concluding, President Hargrave said the South possesses everything except adequate population and finances to forge that section ahead of the rest of the world.

Combine of Plow Makers

Chicago, June 11.—A combination of plow manufacturers, including all the leading concerns in the west and many in the east, was formed here last evening. The company has not been incorporated, but will be within a month. The capitalization probably will be about \$75,000,000 divided into common and preferred stock, the proportion likely to be \$35,000,000 preferred and \$40,000,000 common.

In speaking of the combine one of the members said: "There will be no raise in prices, but if anything, a reduction. Through co-operation the expenses of manufacturing plows will be greatly reduced. Each of the present works of the concerns will be operated and plans will be made to enlarge several of the plants."

IBRAHIM ASSASSINATED

He was Sultan Over a Million Black Subjects

Tripoli, June 11.—A Barbary telegram says Sultan Ibrahim of Wadal has been assassinated.

Wadal is in the Soudan and is generally conceded as being reserved to France. It extends from Darfur to Kanem, and from the French Congo to the Sahara. It has a population of about one million and an area estimated at 150,000 square miles. The Mahab, a Mohammedan negro race, are the ruling tribe, but there are also many Arabs. The people profess adherence to the Mahdi-Es-Semussi, the head of a sect which is said to be by far the most powerful in Africa.

A dispatch from Tripoli of February 27 states that a rebellion had broken out against the Sultan, owing to many executions. It was also stated that Ahmed, son of the late Sultan Ali, had been proclaimed king of the rebels. Later on it was stated that the Sultan had appealed to the French for protection.

Federal Court at Charlotte

Charlotte, N. C., June 11.—Special.—At the second day's session of the Federal court today J. S. Mayberry was fined five hundred dollars and sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for failing to obliterate stamps.

Samuel Moore was sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment at Nashville, Tennessee, for robbing the mails.

Gus Dula got two years in the reformatory, and was fined ten dollars for passing counterfeit coin.

R. L. Murohy, for distilling, was sentenced to three months imprisonment and fined two hundred dollars. The fine was paid and he was let off. Other minor cases were disposed of.

Bad News Confirmed

Washington, June 11.—Official confirmation of the press reports of the engagement between United States troops and Filipinos near Lipa in which two regular army officers were killed was received at the War Department today in the following cablegram from Major General MacArthur at Manila.

"Morning June 10, Capt. William H. Wilhelm encountered a large force near Lipa. Second Lieut. Walter H. Lee, engineers, Captain Anton Springer, Jr., killed; Capt. Walter H. Winzelm, First Lieutenant Charles R. Ramsey seriously wounded; four enlisted men wounded; insurgents dispersed."

Conventions in Buffalo

Buffalo, June 11.—Every place that is not a hotel, is a convention hall in Buffalo now. The eleven newspaper associations were in session today while six hundred representatives of the independent telephone association discussed Bell methods.

Kruger Explodes a Rumor

The Hague, June 11.—Mr. Kruger has issued a statement to the effect that he knows nothing of the peace negotiations alleged to be proceeding with the Boer leaders. He says that if there are any negotiations on foot it is not through any action of his.

Boer Commando Surrenders

London, June 11.—General Lord Kitchener telegraphs the War Office that Van Rensburg and his commando have surrendered at Pietersburg. One hundred armed men have come into the British camp and more will follow.

SAVED FOR THE HANGMAN

Four Buncombe Burglars Found Guilty in First Degree

Asheville, N. C., June 11.—Special.—When last winter a mob threatened to break the jail here and lynch Johnson and Gates (white) and Mills and Porter (colored), the plea was invoked that the men would get all that was coming to them if the law was allowed to take its course, the appeal was shown to be well-founded today when a jury returned a verdict finding them guilty of burglary

TIME TO REPENT

Gold Brick Men Get Long Term Sentences

SERVES THEM RIGHT

So Says Public Opinion in Greensboro—Appeal Taken After the Usual Motions Were Turned Down

Greensboro, N. C., June 11.—Special.—The trial of the gold brick men is now at an end until it shall come up in the Supreme Court. Pending that time the three prisoners will remain in the common jail of Guilford county, provided they do not furnish heavy bail. The prisoners were sentenced in the Superior Court this morning in the presence of a very large crowd of people. Judge Council gave Howard, the miner, and Hawley, the assayer, ten years each in the State's prison and Daly, the Indian, seven years. The latter was given a shorter term because it appeared that he had been made the scapegoat of the others and for the further reason that he had given no trouble whatever during his confinement in jail. Sheriff Jordan stated in open court that Daley had been perfectly agreeable and obedient, never offering to make trouble.

When the prisoners were arraigned in court Mr. Gilmore, one of their attorneys, moved to set aside the verdict, the motion being denied. He then moved for a new trial, the motion being overruled. Judge John Gray Bynum then moved for an arrest of judgment. This motion was also denied. Notice of appeal was waived in open court and appeal bond fixed at \$50. The attorneys for the defense were given 30 days in which to make up their case, the State to have 30 days in which to file an answer.

In making the motion for judgment Solicitor Brooks stated that warrants were here for the arrest of the three defendants on a charge of having swindled Mr. W. H. Wheeler, of Newberry, S. C., and for a similar offence committed in Iowa.

The prisoners were not perceptibly moved when sentence was pronounced upon them, nor did the wives of Howard and Hawley show any considerable feeling. When the prisoners were remanded to jail Mrs. Howard threw her arms around her husband's neck and kissed him several times with a show of feeling and affection. Hawley did not give his wife time to make any demonstration of affection, but got up immediately and left the court room in company with a deputy. The difference in the hearing between the two men and their wives has been noticeable through out the trial. While Howard and his wife appeared to be devoted to each other, there was the utmost coolness and indifference exhibited between Hawley and his better half. In fact, Hawley did not appear at all pleased to have his wife with him.

Judge Council has fixed the bail bond at \$5,000 each for Howard and Hawley and \$3,000 for Daley. It is generally believed that they would give the bonds and skip were it not for the fact that they would be detained on the other warrants that are here for them.

The verdict meets with the general approval of the public and is about what had been expected. It is generally understood that Daley, who played the role of the Indian, is not so dangerous a character as either of the other two and Judge Council's show of mercy in his behalf is commensurate. Daley was evidently the tool of his confederates and had little or nothing to do with planning the crimes committed by them. His part was rather to obey the directions of the others.

Horse Thief Lynched

Memphis, June 11.—News reached here today from Hamburg, Ark., of the lynching of James L. McLeod, a white man, who was under arrest on the charge of larceny. The man had previously served a term in the penitentiary when arrested for stealing a pony.

Monday night the people of the Hamburg neighborhood stormed the jail at that point, secured the prisoner and lynched him in the woods near by. His remains were found dangling from a limb. The body had been riddled with bullets. The scene of the lynching is off the railroad, and the people of the community have tried to keep the affair secret.

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