

Reunion of Non-Residents Crowned With Great Success

Twenty-Six States Represented at the Opening Exercises--Witty and Wise Speakers Keep the Immense Audience Entertained

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 12.—Special. With the bright October sun shining through clear skies, the streets of Greensboro are thronged with thousands of citizens, flags and bunting floating from window, cornice, housetop and flag pole. All animate and inanimate things breathe a hearty welcome to all who are arriving to participate in the much talked-of and extensively advertised reunion of native born non-resident North Carolinians.

Greensboro, the hustling, enterprising and progressive Gate City of the state, is meeting the demands made upon her in her well known generous manner. Greensboro always does things handsomely and her previous record was far exceeded in this great reunion occasion. Already, in this hour, the mid-day of the first day of the reunion, she finds herself entertaining not only a great number of the most eminent men of thought and action throughout the nation, but thousands of patriotic resident sons and daughters of the Old North State who have congregated here to give the non-residents the glad hand of open hearted hospitality, cordiality and sincere welcome to the dear old home of their birth and early life. The gates have been thrown wide open and the city belongs to the visitors.

Welcome is the magic word which is written everywhere, on the buildings, the faces of the surging thousands, and even across the broad expanse of the sunlit sky. North Carolina: God bless the state! is a sentiment which swells the hearts of those who have traveled hundreds and thousands of miles to attend this reunion and clasp hands with old friends and take a look of admiration at the sterling young manhood of the state into whose hands the management of things religious, educational and industrial are rapidly passing.

Hundreds of state and national flags of all shapes and sizes are floating in the balmy October breeze and many business houses and homes of citizens have been attractively decorated. Streamers and appropriate decorations have been put up designating the places of rendezvous for the visiting representatives of the several colleges and educational institutions.

The various headquarters have been lavishly and tastefully decorated in the respective college colors, together with flags, bunting and other embellishments. At each place there is a register for the names of visitors. Local committees have also provided an abundance of writing materials, cigars, ice water and other things that would contribute to the comfort and pleasure of the guests. These headquarters have been thronged throughout today with visitors and citizens.

Sabbath, with sermons by some of the most distinguished native-born North Carolinians in the United States, men who have gone out from among us and made reputations for themselves, ranking and keeping pace with the foremost divines in the Nation.

At the Grand Opera House yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D., pastor of Ruggles Street Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., preached the reunion sermon, though appropriate reunion sermons were also preached yesterday morning and night by Rev. Dr. C. W. Byrd, of Atlanta, Ga., at West Market street M. E. Church; by Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore of Richmond, Va., at the First Presbyterian church; by Rev. Dr. R. P. Pell, of Spartanburg, S. C., at Westminster Presbyterian church, and by several resident pastors.

At the Grand the crowd was overflowing, hundreds being turned away for want of even standing room.

Among the thousands of visitors are the following who arrived this morning from Raleigh: His Excellency, Governor Charles B. Aycock; Chief Justice Walter Clark; State Auditor B. F. Dixon; Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes; Attorney General R. D. Gilmer; State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. N. Joyner; Commissioner of Agriculture S. L. Paateron; Corporation Commissioner S. L. Rogers; President R. T. Vann of the Baptist Female University; President George T. Winston of the A. & M. College; Dr. E. W. Sykes of the faculty of Wake Forest College; President John A. Mills of the R. & C. F. Railway; Editor J. A. Thomas of *Louise*; Editor C. H. Fos of the *Progressive Farmer*; Editor Josephus Daniels of the *News and Observer*; Mrs. Moffitt of Raleigh; Hon. S. M. Gattis of Hillsboro, speaker of the House of Representatives, is here.

Hon. Matt W. Ransom arrived this morning. He is master of ceremonies and presiding officer of the reunion exercises.

Exercises at the Opera House. While the great audience was assembling in the Grand opera house for the opening exercises an orchestra composed of young ladies from the State Normal College made excellent music. Shortly after 2 o'clock, when the ceremonies began, every inch of available space was occupied with the most intelligent audiences ever assembled in the state. As Governor Aycock appeared upon the stage he was greeted by applause, led by the college young ladies of the city. Dr. Chas. D. McIver's entrance was also applauded. He was the originator of the idea of holding this reunion, and has been the chief promoter of the plans under which the event has been realized. The applause reached its zenith when the distinguished presiding officer, Gen. Matt W. Ransom, appeared upon the stage, and continued until he had taken his seat.

The music stopped and the exercises were opened by an invocation of the blessing of God by Rev. Dr. Chas. W. Byrd of Atlanta. Rev. Dr. McIver asked that all arise and sing the state song, "The Old North State." As the orchestra struck the tune there was an outburst of applause, and then the young ladies of the State Normal College led in the singing. In introducing the presiding officer, Dr. McIver said: "Those who will speak this evening will speak to representatives of twenty-six states (applause). But today they all belong to one state—North Carolina. (Great applause by the visitors.)" When Dr. McIver announced the permanent presiding officer and Gen. Ransom arose there was deafening applause. Gen. Ransom waved his hand gently, and as the applause ceased, he said:

"North Carolinians, North Carolinians, I am proud of the distinction I have of presiding at this reunion around the family altar. I am deeply and profoundly grateful. The words that come to my lips now are all honor and all gratitude to the originators and promoters of this grand consummation." (Applause.) Gen. Ransom declared it impossible to measure the good that would result from this meeting. "Here at this moment are the hallowed memories of King's Mountain, Moore's Creek, Guilford Court House, the mighty images of the great and good North Carolinians who have been the benefactors of their state and race. This great reunion of brotherhood, where all is peace and profound good fellowship, all speaks of liberty, virtue and intelligence of the sons and daughters of this mighty state. I do not know what to say. If all the great orators of the ages were here they could not do justice to the mighty spirit of this gathering—this magnificent, this beneficent meeting."

As General Ransom closed his short address, he introduced Governor Charles B. Aycock. Applause greeted his characterization as the good, honored, loved and trusted governor of the state and the intrepid hero of popular education in North Carolina. Gov. Aycock spoke for thirty minutes. It was the most eloquent strain. It was the address of welcome on the part of the state. After recognizing in glowing and eloquent terms the patriotic deeds of North Carolina men in the wars of the revolution and between the states, Governor Aycock came down to

PULPIT PRAISE OF ROOSEVELT

Rev. Robert Strange Shocks His Aristocratic and Democratic Congregation

Richmond, Va., Oct. 12.—Amazing to his Democratic congregation was the sermon last night of Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, when he held up President Roosevelt as about the highest ideal of an American. St. Paul's church is the most aristocratic in Richmond. It was the church of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee. Its rector is a distinguished minister, and is a leading candidate for the high position of bishop coadjutor of the diocese of east Carolina. The general subject of Dr. Strange's sermon was "Humility."

He spoke of the various interpretations of the word, and so came to speak of examples among men of qualities which rang true when tested. Taking Roosevelt as an example, he declared him the purest man in politics today, and gave it as his opinion that the president, in whatever position he found himself, always followed the course that he believed to be right.

The congregation of St. Paul's is composed almost wholly of Democrats, and this eulogy of a Republican chief magistrate did not fall altogether on appreciative ears. It was the more commented upon since the previous Sunday the same speaker had taken occasion to especially laud Abraham Lincoln.

FLOOD HIT HARD

Six Lives Lost in One New York County—Millions of Property Damaged

Newburgh, N. Y., Oct. 12.—The flood hit this county hard. There have been six lives lost and the property damage is \$1,000,000. The Erie, which sent two trains north today over the West Shore, will lose \$500,000.

Passaic, N. J., Oct. 12.—The breaking of the dam at Ramapo is liable to cause considerable more damage to the valley of the Passaic river. The water from the pond flows into the Passaic three miles northwest of the city. The river at the Dundee dam rose over 20 inches since last night according to a statement issued by James Wynne, the gate keeper, late this afternoon. While the losses to the local mills will be enormous, a good authority said this evening that it would not reach more than \$1,500,000 to mills and houses. It was at first thought that the damage would be at least twice this sum. The mill owners when they saw the river rising had the most valuable goods removed with the books and papers of the mills to the top floors. In this way the damage to the stock of the mills will be reduced considerably.

RIOT IN SPAIN

Seven Persons Killed in a Collision Between Socialists and Clericals

Bilbao, Spain, Oct. 12.—As a result of the collision yesterday between Socialists engaged in a demonstration and a body of clericals, seven persons were killed and twenty-three were wounded, some of the latter being mortally injured. Including the manager of the *Pueblo* newspaper. Among the wounded is Superior Louise Dautler of the Christian Brothers School. Revolvers were fired from the Catholic club and from the windows of the church of St. Nicholas. The vicar of that church was arrested on the charge of shooting. Several Socialists and a number of other priests were arrested charged with instigating riots.

MEXICAN COIN IN THE PHILIPPINES

Manila, Oct. 12.—Statistics of the movement of Mexican dollars from June to October 9 prove the wisdom of the policy of the Philippine commissioners in not placing a tax on coin as recommended by Secretary of War Root and Commissioner Ide during the conference in Washington, when incli-

centally they upset the plans of the Manila bankers who advised that the commission place a prohibitive import tax on Mexican silver, which tax as is now demonstrated, would have been disastrous to the government. Conservative estimates of the total amount of Mexican silver in the Manila banks and the treasury does not exceed \$800,000 and the total amount in the archipelago does not exceed \$5,000,000. All is rapidly flowing to Hong Kong and Singapore. Hence it is reasonable to assume that natural causes will remove the Mexican coin before January, leaving a clear field for the operation of the Conant bill, except so far as the Spanish Philippine currency is concerned. This, however, is the subject of political legislation. Hence the currency conditions are extremely favorable. It is probable that the government will not purchase any more silver in view of the amount already bought, the amount of Philippine currency to be acquired and re-coined, and the general increase in the value of bullion.

MADE MONEY ON HIS WIVES

A Brooklyn Man Poisoned Three Women for Life Insurance

New York, Oct. 12.—The news that Ebenezer S. Bildenbug, for many years a resident of Brooklyn, had been arrested at Eldora, Iowa, last Saturday on a charge of poisoning his wife, disclosed the fact today that for several weeks the county prosecutor and a detective from Iowa had been in Brooklyn working up a case against him.

The woman who died in Iowa was the third Mrs. Bildenbug. Her life was rather heavily insured. Before he went to Iowa Bildenbug buried two wives in Brooklyn. Both died under strange circumstances and both were insured. All unknown to Bildenbug the authorities of Eldora sent to Brooklyn, and what they learned in that borough of the first two wives and their deaths left them little doubt that these women died in much the same fashion as wife number three. On their report, when they returned to Eldora last week, Bildenbug was arrested.

Turkish Troops Slaughtered

Sofia, Oct. 12.—It is reported that a severe engagement took place October

All Over With Walter R. Henry

The Demand for His Resignation is Final—Justice Pritchard Visits the Reunion. Efforts in Behalf of Delgado Crafton

Washington, October 12.—Special. Walter R. Henry, the deposed national bank examiner, had hoped to be reinstated through the efforts of political friends, but such hopes were blighted today by the unqualified statement, made at the treasury department, that the case would not even be considered. Henry will save himself some expense and possibly some embarrassment by remaining at home. Already his successor has been named, but Comptroller Ridgely is out of the city and no one else in the office could recall the name of the appointee. He is a western man, and will in a few weeks be imported to North Carolina to examine the banks in that state and South Carolina. Pending his arrival Charles W. Robertson, examiner for the states of Virginia and West Virginia, has been assigned to duty in North Carolina to take up Mr. Henry's uncompleted work, which is said to be far behind.

Deputy Comptroller Kane, who is the acting head of the office, laughed when told that Mr. Henry was disposed to kick over his fate. The statement was made that Mr. Henry got behind in his work soon after he was appointed and had never caught up. He was reminded time and again of his negligence, and, failing to heed the advice of the comptroller, was removed. It was stated, moreover, that Henry's was the smallest district of any examiner's in the union, and yet other examiners had to be called in to help him out. As yet no word has been received from Mr. Henry, and it is not known what he will say in reply to these accusations.

Judge Pritchard left to-night for Greensboro to attend the reunion. It was only through the courtesy of Justice Gould that he was able to go, for he quits a busy court to take advantage of the opportunity of mingling with home folks. Justice Gould agreed to hold court for Judge Pritchard, who will spend the day in Greensboro, returning to Washington tomorrow night. Judge Pritchard was invited to speak today, but as the pro-

gram tomorrow is arranged he does not expect to make an address. An appeal is to be made to the president for the pardon of Delgado Crafton of Asheville, N. C., who was sentenced last week by Judge Pritchard to two years' imprisonment for embezzlement of several thousand dollars from Georgetown University. Petitions are being signed here and in North Carolina in behalf of Crafton. The main fact that is to be urged in Crafton's behalf is that restitution had been made of the funds embezzled. Crafton has not been sent to Trenton to begin sentence, an effort that will probably be successful in being made to keep him here in the district jail until the presidential passes upon his case.

USED HIS CANE

Inmate of Soldiers' Home Put the Commandant Out of Action

Richmond, Va., Oct. 12.—Bandaged and scratched is Commandant A. C. Peay as the result of a mutiny at Lee Camp soldiers' home this morning. His wounds were received in an attack made upon him by William Parker, an inmate of the home, who used a heavy stick. Parker, who fought in many battles of the late war and is somewhat dilapidated in consequence, is attached to the "vegetable detail" at the home, to which falls the task of shelling peas, stringing beans and other employments of a like character. Of late the soldier has not put that vigor into the discharge of these duties that Commandant Peay thought he should, and yesterday he was removed. This morning the commandant ordered Parker from the mess hall. Parker not only disobeyed the commandant, but charged on his superior officer with his walking stick held like a saber, and cut him down. Peay was plastered up and Parker was put in confinement.

A. AND M. LOST

Virginia Military Institute Won by Score of 6 to 0

Lexington, Va., Oct. 12.—Special. The Cadet Eleven of the Virginia Military Institute defeated the Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina, 6 to 0 in 20 minute halves this afternoon.

The A. and M. team played under the disadvantage of two of their best men being out of the game. They were Gardner, left tackle, and Darden, right half back, who were left at home.

Mr. Hollis Winston of the United States navy is spending a few days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Winston.

Three Speeches In the Haywood Trial

INSULTED THE FLAG Labor Demonstration in San Juan Breaks up in a Riot

San Juan, P. R., Oct. 12.—The American Federation of Labor made a demonstration here yesterday against the administration. Some of those in the procession carried black flags, while the American flag was carried draped in black. As the paraders became disorderly the police were ordered to disperse them. The paraders refused to obey the orders of the police and actively resisted them, with the result that the police went into the mob and used their clubs freely. Many of the paraders and their supporters were hurt. Four policemen were injured. Seven labor leaders were arrested, and today they were convicted. Among the prisoners is Lauro Cofre, who was recently sentenced for insulting the flag and was subsequently acquitted by the district court.

A mass meeting was held yesterday afternoon to protest against the action of the administration and the arrest of the labor leaders. The police averted a riot with difficulty. The feeling of the labor party against the administration is bitter. The Americans and better class of Porto Ricans are indignant at the treatment accorded the flag by the members of the labor party, and at their seditious utterances. The government has pledged itself to maintain order.

U. D. C. IN NEW YORK

Delegates Elected to the National Convention

New York, Oct. 12.—The New York chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held its first meeting of this season at the Empire Hotel today. About 200 members were present to elect delegates to the national convention of the society at Charleston, N. C., to be held in December.

These were chosen: Mrs. James Henry Parker, president of the New York chapter; Mrs. Livingston Schuyler, Mrs. C. K. Crank, Mrs. Lawrence D. Alexander, Mrs. Augustus Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Lathrop, Mrs. Darrington Semple and Mrs. W. W. Read.

The prized eagle of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which vanished from the Grand Opera House at the last celebration of the Daughters, was perched high against the background of the president's desk today, for it was a great occasion, the only Confederate flag in New York having been cheered.

A PRITCHARD "POP"

Republicans Regret the Removal of Walter Henry

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 12.—Special. The report from Washington giving information that the authorities of the treasury department had determined to remove Walter R. Henry, bank examiner, brought genuine surprise and not a little regret to Republicans in this end of the state. Mr. Henry, who is examiner for the Carolinas and Alabama, is one of the original Pritchard Populists, as distinguished from the then Butler following, and his removal is the passing of one of the old guard. It is known that Chairman Rollins interceded in Mr. Henry's behalf, but his telegraphic efforts were of no avail, for the chairman has been advised that department would book no delay and had in fact immediately named a successor to Mr. Henry. It is the presumption that some department official at Washington was assigned to the work.

No Room for Negroes

St. Louis, Oct. 12.—Because the Lindell Hotel management refused to provide accommodations for his negro valet C. C. Shayne of New York, who claimed to be an intimate friend of President D. R. Francis of the World's fair, became indignant and left the hotel last night. "I will not remain in a hotel that refuses to accommodate my negro valet, and I want him to have the best of everything," said Mr. Shane to the clerk. "We have no accommodations for negroes at this hotel," was the clerk's polite but firm reply.

Ladrones to Be Hanged

Manila, Oct. 12.—Eight ladrones who have been convicted of highway robbery have been sentenced to be hanged. Two others were, on account of their extreme youth, sentenced to twenty-five years imprisonment. A band of ladrones have raided the town of Ibañay, on the island of Panay, and killed thirteen peasants.

Senator Gilliam Will Conclude His Argument This Morning—Senator Norris and Mr. S. G. Ryan Addressed the Jury Yesterday

Two speeches were made yesterday in the trial of Mr. Ernest Haywood and the third speech had been begun when court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning. Although this term of court expired Saturday night under a recent law the judge has a right to continue it until the case is concluded. Senator H. E. Norris was the first speaker yesterday and addressed the jury for two hours and twenty minutes. He spoke forcefully and was guarded in his statements. Mr. S. G. Ryan followed for the defense with an argument of two hours. His language was strong and at times picturesque, and he exhibited the holes in the dead man's clothes to the jury. Senator Donnell Gilliam of Tarboro spoke for two and a half hours last afternoon and will conclude his speech this morning. He is known as a great orator and while he spoke a large crowd gathered and crowded around the bar until the hour for adjournment.

A feature yesterday was that the state adopts Mr. R. N. Simms' testimony as a basis for their argument. After Mr. Gilliam concludes Capt. W. H. Day will speak, then Solicitor Daniel and Col. Argo. When court convened yesterday morning Judge Peebles notified counsel not to continue a useless repetition of law in this question; he could not limit argument but he could have confined the speeches to two on a side and if another attorney indulged in repeating this legal argument he would make that speech the last.

Senator Norris speaks. Senator H. E. Norris, the first speaker, said he did not desire to appear in this case and had refused to do so until Solicitor Jones for reasons satisfactory to himself had declined to prosecute and then he agreed to assist because he was not willing for it to be said that not a single Raleigh lawyer would prosecute a member of the capital city bar charged with a high crime.

Mr. Norris argued that Mr. Pou in his speech was unable to account for the second shot on his theory or on Mr. Simms' evidence. He said Mr. Pou was the first and last man to ask a witness an immoral question, hence he could not rightly charge the prosecution with flimsy. The prosecution only attacked Schmitz and Hocutt, and Mr. Norris repeated, "those two witnesses either lied when they gave their first accounts of the shooting or else they lied when they took the stand."

The defense makes a great cry about the state suppressing Miss Pace's testimony. Why, the defense did not want her evidence, for she would have sworn to the same thing as Jones Fuller.

Mr. Norris thus stated the theory of the state: That Ludlow Skinner went to the post office for his mail just the day after his mother was buried; he came out and started south diagonally across the sidewalk. The next thing Mr. Skinner and Mr. Haywood are seen together at the fourth steps. After the blow Mr. Skinner started across the sidewalk, his coat may have been blown back or come off, as he had a right hand when Haywood rose with his pistol drawn, and Haywood shot him. Mr. Norris argued evidence in support of this theory, also that the second shot proved fatal.

"Mr. Warren" interrupted Judge Peebles, addressing the jury. "Your wife phones here to know what you want done with those pea vines." "I don't know the condition of the vines," replied the juror. "Mr. Sheriff, ask Mrs. Warren what condition the vines are in and tell me," said the juror.

Mr. Norris had resumed his argument when Judge Peebles again interrupted to say, "Mr. juror, Mrs. Warren says the pea vines are wet." "Let them stay in the sun then," said the juror.

Mr. Norris laid special stress on the testimony of Mr. Jones Fuller, also of Mr. Simms. The defense could not reconcile the statement of Simms and the second shot, for these two points establish the state's case. The defense has to rely on the testimony of that "sweet-scented pair, Schmitz and Hocutt." "If they argued that Walter Thomas is a good boy was it not consistent for us to show that Hocutt was a bad boy? A man does not reach the pinnacle of vice at one step. The child is father to the man; as the twig is bent the tree is inclined." The defense harped on the fact that Capt. W. N. Spencer, who testified that Hocutt's character was bad, was a member of the same church. All churches nearly have some bad men in them. Hocutt and Schmitz were introduced to show the reasonableness of Haywood's apprehension of danger and their world is shown to be unworthy of belief. Speaking of Ned Barnes' testimony (Continued on fifth page.)

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