

GREAT SPEECH BY SPRUILL BEFORE GUILFORD DEMOCRATS

The Speaker at His Best and a Large Audience in Full Sympathy With Him--Ex-Governor Johnson of Alabama Sets the Meeting in Motion

Editorial Correspondence

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 23.—Special. The Democrats of this place were treated to a rich feast tonight by the speaker, Mr. Spruill. The court was crowded and Mr. Spruill spoke at his best. The crowd hung on every word and the speaker's well chosen sentences, spoken with an eloquence that few men can equal, were heard to the echo. Before Mr. Spruill commenced speaking, Ex-Governor Johnson of Alabama, who is visiting here, was introduced and made a short but stirring speech.

Mr. Johnson, N. C., Sept. 23.—Special. We bought it not for the sake of freeing the Philippines, but for conquest; for the love of conquest and greed of wealth were running mad in our veins. And what has it cost us? In the five years our flag has waved over the Philippine Islands we have spent a thousand million dollars, 100,000 Filipinos have been killed, 25,000 American soldiers have lost their lives, and 25,000 soldiers are in American mad houses, raving maniacs, and the end is not yet in sight. The ideal of American citizenship has been destroyed, and in its place is substituted a greed of gain and lust for gold.

It was the first time many of the people here had heard Mr. Spruill, and had there been any doubt about the result, the strong and forceful, bold, burning eloquence and great earnestness of the speaker would have swept away all doubts. The speaker, who would sweep everything before him, in his address in November. The speaking Democrats who composed the bulk of the audience tonight were spurred to greater efforts, and what has been regarded as certain victory was made doubly certain.

Who is responsible for this? The Republican party. The Republican convention held in this city recently was composed mostly of federal office holders, and in consequence thereof one of the best known Republicans of the state, a citizen of your city, left the convention and said it was a disgrace to the state. The Republican party, in its recent dealings with the Philippine Islands, has written the blackest page of our history. About six years ago, when Cuba was making a war for independence against Spain, the people of the United States said Cuba must be free, and the world stood by and applauded. We sent our ships to Manila Bay, where the Filipinos had declared their independence under Aguinaldo. We made him our ally, the battle of Manila Bay was fought and Spain was conquered; but how have we kept faith with Aguinaldo?

There is room in this country, broad as it is, for only two political parties. Political parties, such as the Know Nothing, the prohibitionist, the populist, have sprung up and live for a day; and only two real parties can live in this country. And it is a good thing to get away from these short lived parties to contemplate a party one hundred years old. For the first time in thirty-five years it is possible in North Carolina to reason about the political situation without appealing to the prejudices of the people. The negro has been put out of politics, and it is now an enfranchisement of the white man that is the issue. I am glad to be able to see you without stirring up your party prejudices. I am going to appeal to you as a man and convince you that the Republican party is unworthy of your support.

I charge that the Republican party, by its governmental policy, has enabled the manufacturers to charge me more than they do the people of Europe. For example, suppose a coat can be manufactured for six dollars. England can manufacture it for exactly the same. The tariff on woolen goods is 50 per cent., and therefore the English manufacturer must sell the goods at nine dollars in this country. The American manufacturer sells the same goods at \$3.50, puts the \$2.50 in his pocket at the same time he is selling goods in England at \$6 and competing with the English manufacturer. I only want a fair chance and even start, but under Republican legislation I cannot get it. As a patriotic and liberty-loving citizen I cannot vote for a party that by its policy makes in thirty years 5,000 people each worth \$50,000,000 and over, and at the same time turns out 50,000,000 mendicants and paupers.

I am glad to see capital settle in North Carolina, but I want to see the government treat the laboring man and the capitalist alike.

In the third place, I would not vote for the present nominee of the Republican party if I were a life long Republican. Roosevelt was born to inherited wealth and large income. No one is fitted to be president of this country with its mass of plain people who have not felt the sting of poverty. I would not vote for him, because he has tread upon the most sacred feet of the southern people in eating with Booker Washington, because he ruthlessly insulted Jefferson Davis, the ideal of thirty million southern people. Mr. Roosevelt poses as the evangelist of civil service reform, yet in three years he has presided he has suspended the rules sixty-six times. He asked congress for a service pension, and when it was not granted he said that it was already the law, and proceeded to spend the money of the United States without the sanction of the law.

Compare Mr. Roosevelt with Judge Parker, the man the Democrats have asked you to vote for. He is a man who started life poor. He has felt the sting and strain of poverty. By his merits and labor he has risen to the highest place in the judicial system of a great state. He refused the nomination for the presidency unless it came with a platform upon which he could stand. Roosevelt stands for an empire, Parker for a republic. Roosevelt desires to be emperor, Parker to be president. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

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Cuba as we promised. The Antilles is now a republic, about the Philippines? We had said she did not own, for

Phillipsburg, Kan., Sept. 23.—The balloon ascension and parachute leap here today resulted in the drowning of Mrs. S. B. Hendrick in the Rock Island Lake here. At 6:30 this evening the balloon was inflated and the ascension took place, the balloon drifting to the northeast. When above the lake Mrs. Hendrick made the leap, thinking she could swing the parachute away from the water, but her efforts failed and she was buried under the parachute in twenty feet of water and a hundred feet away from shore. Preceding the leap Mrs. Hendrick appeared smiling and in the best of spirits. Before out of hearing she called out: "Hurrah for Roosevelt!" and those were the last words her friends heard her speak.

LYNCHING DEFENDED

An Atlanta Editor Proposes to Revive the Ku Klux

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 23.—Defending lynchings and advocating a revival of the Ku Klux Klan, John Temple Graves, editor of the Atlanta News, comes out in a leading editorial today. He says: "The white men of this southern country must protect and will protect their women from the unspeakable lust of unspeakable brutes, and neither law nor statutes, nor public opinion, nor armed forces, nor federal courts, nor any other courts will prevent the stern expression of the popular horror and outrage toward this greatest and most infernal of all human crimes. There is no need to try to scare the people of this southern country with the threat of the federal court. If the federal court invades the state's authority and takes charge of these cases, there yet remains the memory and the renaissance of the Ku Klux Klan, which was perhaps after all the most effective that this southern country has ever known against the crime and lawlessness that followed a period of war.

Let us discard for this crime the noisy gallows, the daily newspaper notices, the newspaper reports, the good fare, the comfortable quarters, the ride to the gallows, amid a shouting multitude, the last speech and the publicity which makes the criminal a hero and the cynosure of a thousand eyes. Putting these things away and dealing with a seventh century race, let us surround the criminals of the civilization with the elements of darkness and of mystery to apply to their superstitious dread, and carry more dread than all the vengeance of modern legal retribution."

Done in Two Rounds

Baltimore, Sept. 23.—Philadelphia Jack O'Brien won a decisive victory over Billy Stiff of Chicago tonight before the Eureka Athletic Club. The contest was scheduled to go fifteen rounds, but the westerner proved himself no match for the clever Quaker City lad and was knocked out in the second round.

CUBAN RECIPROCIY

Not Yet Certain That It Is a Failure

Havana, Sept. 23.—It is held by some persons here that the failure of reciprocity with the United States has not been demonstrated yet because of the large purchase made in Europe in November and December, 1903, in view of the approaching treaty with America. The Cuban market was thus supplied for the first three months of 1904. The failure of Cubans to purchase in the United States is due partly to the greater cost of production in that country and possibly also to the fact that European merchants give longer credits and consult local tastes. Rice is not considered a good article for American growers to bank on so far as Cuba is concerned, owing to the high price of the United States product. It is stated that Louisiana rice is quoted at about \$3.50 per 112 pounds, while other rice is sold for \$1.95. It was foreshadowed some time ago that the reciprocity treaty might not make any material difference in the trade between the two countries.

Old Ammunition Explodes

Manila, Sept. 23.—While a number of four-inch shells and a quantity of small ammunition, surrendered by the Spaniards in 1898, were being loaded on a lighter today in front of the arsenal preparatory to being dumped in the bay, there was an explosion that killed two men and mangled seven. The victims were all Filipinos. Following the establishment of the Filipino currency there has been a rapid outflow of American silver to China. A shipment of \$315,000 was made today.

Return of Volunteer Cruisers

London, Sept. 23.—The St. Petersburg and Smolensk, which as Russian cruisers created international complications by stopping and searching neutral ships in the Red Sea and afterward on the east coast of Africa, but which ceased on being notified to do so by the Russian government in a message delivered by a British cruise, arrived at Suez today.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE WAR IN THE EAST

Japan Concerned About Raising the Sineus--A Decisive Battle at Mukden Predicted--A Tokio View of the Persistency of General Stoessel

Tokio, Sept. 23.—It is believed that at the cabinet meeting Wednesday the question was discussed of raising funds for the next fiscal year and that a salt monopoly and a tax on silk were decided upon. A dispatch from Hakodate reports that yesterday the British steamer Crusader, a vessel of 4,029 tons, bound from Portland, Ore., for Vladivostok, attempted to pass through Tsugaru strait. She was captured by a torpedo boat and taken to Hakodate.

A press dispatch from Liao Yang says that the Russian outposts on the east and southeast fronts have retired several miles towards Mukden. The Kokumin, whose forecasts are usually based on special information, says it expects that a very decisive battle will be fought at Mukden.

The Asahi interprets the Russian persistency at Port Arthur to the detriment of the czar and Admiral Alexieff to still make the fortress the centre of the Russian general strategy. General Stoessel is making great efforts, it says, to strengthen the court's view. While firing upon ambulances for the purpose of enraging the Japanese troops he has made the garrison believe that they must defend the fortress until the last. He says that the czar will hardly abandon the idea of saving them. Accordingly General Kuropatkin lingers at Mukden in the face of great topographical disadvantages. The paper remarks that the more persistent the defense of Port Arthur the easier the next campaign will be.

falling in the lake simultaneously with the appearing of the islands, they claiming that the water should have risen instead. Several unusually large land slips have taken place in the Olympic mountains and the water in Quinalt Lake, on the west slope of the mountains, has fallen, the same as in Lake Washington.

Financial Aid for Strikers

Washington, Sept. 23.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has issued a circular letter, addressed to "all organized labor," appealing to all its members for contributions for the support of the 25,000 striking textile operatives at Fall River. The strike having received endorsement of the executive committee of the council of the federation, President Gompers urges all members of organized labor to contribute financially as well as morally to this most worthy cause.

Admiral Dewey's Anniversary

Washington, Sept. 23.—Admiral George Dewey, who commanded the victorious American fleet at the battle of Manila Bay, today celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the American navy. There was no reception or other formal observance of the occasion, but several of the admiral's friends sent flowers to him. The admiral is 68 years old, but does not look it and hopes that for many years to come he may be able to continue his work on the general board of the navy.

Fireworks at Vesuvius

Naples, Sept. 23.—Mount Vesuvius is again active and the eruption is the greatest that has occurred in ten years. The western crater collapsed today with a tremendous explosion. The principal cone is filled with huge fissures and it is thought that its rupture will follow. Red hot rocks are being thrown to a height of a thousand feet. The torrents of lava threaten to destroy the Funicular railway, which runs up the mountain. Thousands of persons are watching the spectacle, which is one of unsurpassed magnificence.

Japanese Attack Repulsed

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—An official dispatch from Harbin says that two Japanese divisions, with a strong force of artillery, attacked the Russian left flank on the banks of the Hun river September 21. General Biderling repulsed the attack after three hours of fighting. The Japanese loss was over seven hundred. The Russians lost eighty-six killed and two hundred and seventy wounded. The Russian forces maintained their positions on a chain of hills before the Hun, ten miles southeast of Mukden.

MOROS MASSACRED

New York, Sept. 24.—The World's Washington special says a letter has been received from a soldier in the Philippine Islands detailing accounts of the killing of 250 Moros—men, women and children—on August 3 by United States troops. According to the story the troops "killed every Moro in sight and then burned everything they had." "The private letter received says the island of Mindanao. Gen. Wood is in command of the district. In conclusion the World says: "The private letters received say the condition in the island are now worse than they were in Luzon during the regime of Aguinaldo. The Moros are fanatical and complain that the Americans have not kept their pledges."

HIDDEN TREASURE

Butte, Mont., Sept. 23.—Forty thousand dollars in money and a big bag of diamonds, containing several thousand stones, have been recovered from a cache near Bearmouth, where they were secreted last June by Hammond and Christie, the Northern Pacific train robbers. Christie, who has been sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary, took Detective McPettridge to the cache today. The treasure was in the cache of Hammond, the man who yesterday was sentenced to fifteen years. Northern Pacific officials are reticent. They refuse to discuss the find because they expect within the next few days to recover more plunder of money and diamonds.

FOUR KILLED BY A BOILER EXPLOSION

The Mill Superintendent Among the Dead--Bodies of All Badly Mutilated

Dunn, N. C., Sept. 23.—Special.—A serious accident occurred at Duke at 7:15 this morning when the boiler of the ginning plant exploded and instantly killed Henry C. Fowler, general superintendent of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company, Lee Hearst, fireman, H. G. Braswell and George McLean, colored. Several others were seriously injured. The boiler house was completely demolished. The dead are mutilated almost beyond recognition. The remains of Fowler were sent to Burlington, where he came from three months ago.

Several reasons are assigned as the cause of the explosion, but the best information at hand is that the steam gauge was not working and Mr. Fowler was sent for and had only been in the room a few minutes when the explosion occurred. It is said that there must have been as much as 227 pounds pressure on the boiler at the time, and it being of the crown sheet type could not stand the strain.

Mr. Fowler leaves a wife and several children. Mr. Braswell also was married and had a family. He had been working at the gin only a few days. There were several narrow escapes from injury from flying debris, and it is very fortunate that the fatalities were not greater. Ellis Wilson, about twenty years of age, was crushed, probably fatally, in the cotton press of his father's gin near here this afternoon. He was in the press packing lint and gave orders for the screw to descend, when it caught him before he could get out, crushing his shoulder and chest and lacerating his neck. His lungs are injured. The physicians entertain slight hope of his recovery.

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School Girls Meet Death in a Horrible Form

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 23.—Nine little school girls met death near here today. About thirty girls, ranging in ages from eight to 14 years, were in the outhouse set apart for their sex at the public school in Pleasant Ridge, a suburb, during the recess this forenoon, when the floor suddenly gave way, precipitating all but one of them into the horrible pit beneath. Their cries were quickly smothered in the depths below.

Miss Olivia Ames had the presence of mind when in the vault to request the older girls to be quiet. Their struggles to get a handhold on the walls naturally forced the small children beneath the surface, and this accounts for the death of the little children, while the older ones were able to get out. Hundreds of people visited the school house this afternoon. Pleasant Ridge is a place of mourning, undertakers' wagons are plentiful in the streets.

One little girl, who had been standing in the doorway, escaped falling into the vault by a miracle. She turned and ran as fast as her little legs could carry her into the school building where she told Principal Zimmerman in halting, stumbling phrases of the frightful accident that had occurred. Zimmerman dropped his work and ran to the rescue as rapidly as possible. Mr. Zimmerman was half maddened by the affair. Teachers and others came quickly to the rescue. Ropes, ladders and ladders were hurriedly brought. In a very few minutes the dead and living were removed from the vault. Nine little bodies were carefully carried into the school house and covered

with wraps. Mercifully, most of those who perished had been quickly suffocated, it is believed. Several of the rescued are severely burnt, one probably fatally. Little Elsie Schorr, who was one of the children rescued, says that she was one of the first of the pupils to reach the outhouse. As the last of them entered the floor gave way and the entire party was thrown into the vault. Miss Olivia Ames had the presence of mind when in the vault to request the older girls to be quiet. Their struggles to get a handhold on the walls naturally forced the small children beneath the surface, and this accounts for the death of the little children, while the older ones were able to get out. Hundreds of people visited the school house this afternoon. Pleasant Ridge is a place of mourning, undertakers' wagons are plentiful in the streets. Coroner Weaver arrived early from Cincinnati and began an inquest that will last several days. It says he has discovered that the supports of the floor were rotten and had been entirely unsafe for a long time.

Union Rejected

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 23.—After one of the most famous debates in the history of Knoxville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, which has just closed its meeting at Union church, near Concord, Tenn., the burning question of union with the northern branch of the church was defeated by a vote of 29 to 13. Only five ministers voted for the union. The debate at times waxed warm and much prejudice of a sectional nature was engendered, the conservatives being in the minority. Many of those opposing uniting with the northern church, however, did so on other grounds. Chattanooga Presbytery also opposed union.

Practical Joker Cilled

Emma, Texas, Sept. 23.—Dr. J. W. Carter, a prominent physician living here, was shot and fatally wounded last night while playing a practical joke on his friend, L. L. Lockwood, a druggist at Estancia. The body was brought here today. Carter placed a watermelon rind on his head, cut to represent a death head, and suddenly appeared at Lockwood's window. The latter awakened, and as quick as possible fired one shot, the bullet striking Carter in the chin and going through the neck.

Japanese Transport Captured

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—The destroyers belonging to the Russian squadron at Vladivostok returned to that port from a cruise today. While at sea they captured a Japanese transport and a sailing ship. No announcement has been made as to the place where these captures were effected. The cruisers Rossia and Gromobol, which have been repairing at Vladivostok since their battle with Admiral Kamamura's squadron, have sailed for Gensan, Corea, together with three torpedo boats and three destroyers.

Freaks of Earthquake

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 23.—Following slight seismic tremors, noticeable during the past few days, perceptible disturbances have been noticed in the earth's crust. Two small islands have suddenly been formed in Lake Washington, while the surface of the lake is visibly lowered. The islands are three acres in length and are crossed in numerous places by fissures. Scientists to whose attention the matter was brought are mystified by the water