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FIRE FIGHTERS IN TWIN CITIES

Large Attendance at the Annual Meeting

OVATION TO GOV. GLENN

Bright and Witty Speeches at the Opening—Reports Indicate the Prosperous Condition of the State Association—Insurance Commissioner Makes an Address

Winston Salem, N. C., July 18.—Special.—The eighteenth annual convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association was called to order at 11:30 o'clock this morning by President Jas. P. McNeill of Fayetteville. When Governor Glenn, accompanied by President McNeill, entered the hall a great ovation was given him, the audience standing and the band playing "Carolina." Rev. E. S. Crossland of Calvary Methodist church offered an earnest prayer, asking divine guidance in all the deliberations and work of the association.

Mayor Eaton delivered the address of welcome, extending a warm greeting on behalf of the twin cities, and expressing the deep appreciation of the citizens of the state bestowed upon them by meeting within their walls. The speaker paid a high tribute to the volunteer firemen. A response to the address of welcome was made by Rev. L. L. Williams of Elizabeth City, one of the most enthusiastic firemen in the state. His speech put the audience in the best of humor and he kept the house in a roar of laughter until he concluded his address, which occupied about twenty minutes.

Mr. R. D. Douglas of Greensboro responded on behalf of the firemen of Central Carolina. He referred to the association's work and expressed the pleasure of the visitors at the courtesies extended by the citizens.

When President McNeill introduced Gov. R. B. Glenn there was applause for several minutes, which was not only cordial, but earnest. At the beginning of his speech the governor paid a beautiful tribute to the firemen. The speaker then referred to his desire and purpose to mingle with the people of the state and study their conditions, giving advice and encouragement to all that has for its purpose the uplifting of North Carolina—the greatest state in the union. "I welcome you to my home, for Winston Salem is my home, and when my duties elsewhere are terminated I am coming back to the grandest place on earth."

The speaker then told of the great advancement in the mode of fire fighting since the early days of Salem. Taking up the duties of the firemen, the speaker spoke in glowing terms of the self-denial, trials and sufferings of the firemen in the discharge of their duty, comparing them with the men of Gettysburg and heroes of other battles, declaring they belonged to the same class of heroes, men who place their lives upon the altar of duty and die when necessary rather than be cowards in the work that lies before them. Governor Glenn urged the people to stand by the firemen. They are men who aid the citizens in time of need and deserve the support of all.

The speaker pledged his support as governor in behalf of the state firemen, and when he said he would send a special message to the next legislature in behalf of the state association the delegates arose and gave him one of the greatest ovations ever seen in the city. In conclusion Governor Glenn paid a loving tribute to the city of Winston-Salem and President McNeill of the association.

President McNeill then made a touching talk, telling his excellency of the high esteem in which he is held by the association, and asking all the firemen to stand with him and make his name an honorable member for life, which was done with a hurrah. Mayor A. H. Boyden of Salisbury made a sparkling good talk, creating all sorts of laughter and enthusiasm while he was on the floor.

The business session then began with the calling of the roll, which showed nearly all companies represented.

President McNeill appointed Chief Maddy of Durham chairman of the credentials committee. At this afternoon's session Chairman Maddy reported for the committee. There were 135 companies and fifty companies were reported represented.

President McNeill then stated that each company is entitled to two votes in the convention, each chief, superintendent of water works and alarm system one vote each. No others are allowed to vote.

ments, \$1,826.94, of which amount \$1,544 has been paid for relief.

State Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young made a short address to the association in regard to fire losses, etc.

Governor Glenn, in behalf of the local department, presented to the association a gavel made from the historic cedars of Salem, in a most appropriate speech, which was heartily cheered. President McNeill made a fitting response in accepting the gavel.

Several short talks were made by the firemen and Governor Glenn, after which members of the association pledged themselves individually to uphold him in all his acts that have for their purpose the upbuilding of North Carolina.

Mr. Campbell of Charlotte brought before the association the matter of adopting a standard thread and made a motion that the delegate from North Carolina to the national firemen's association be instructed to report that the North Carolina association was in favor of a 7-1-2 thread on a 2-1-2 inch diameter hose coupling, which was adopted.

The association then adjourned until 8 o'clock. At 4 o'clock the visitors went on a car ride over the system, given by the street railway company. After the reports of the various officers had been submitted and routine matters disposed of, the State Firemen's Association, in convention here tonight, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, James D. McNeill of Fayetteville; first vice-president, A. H. Boyden of Salisbury; second vice-president, J. Frank Maddy of Durham; secretary, W. C. Von Glahn of Wilmington; treasurer, Roland C. Taylor of Winston-Salem; statistician, L. H. Lumsden of Raleigh. The tournament will begin tomorrow with a big parade at nine o'clock. The engine contest will take place at 11 a. m., and the championship hose race in the afternoon.

Japanese Raise Russian Ships

Tokio, July 18.—An officer who has arrived here from Port Arthur says that the Russian cruiser Bayan, which was sunk at Port Arthur, has been raised and towed into the inner harbor. The battleship Peresviet is navigable under her own engines. Both these vessels will come to Japan shortly to finish repairs. The battleships Retzian and Pobeda and the cruiser Pallada are expected to be afloat before the middle of August. The attempts of the Russians to blow up their ships hardly damaged their vital parts.

WHEN SIGSBEE COMES

Admiral Evans to Do the Welcoming Honors

Salute to the Memory of Paul Jones. Escort to Annapolis—Temporary Burial Ceremonies Will Be Few and Very Simple

Washington, July 18.—Rear Admiral Evans will have complete charge of the arrangements for welcoming Admiral Sigsbee's squadron when it appears off the capes at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay next Saturday bearing the remains of Commodore John Paul Jones. Rear Admiral Evans' flagship, the Maine, accompanied by the other vessels of the battleship squadron of the North Atlantic fleet, will meet outside the capes, and at the first sight of Admiral Sigsbee's squadron will fire a salute to the remains, then act as a convoy to the fleet to the anchorage grounds within two miles of Annapolis.

The combined fleet will anchor and the body will be taken to Annapolis in a launch. Orders have been given by the navy department that the same battalions of sailors and marines that landed at Cherbourg, together with the midshipmen and the detachment of marines stationed at Annapolis and men from Admiral Evans' squadron will form the escort for the body when it is taken from the launch at Annapolis to its temporary resting place. There will be little ceremonial connected with the temporary burial at Annapolis this month. The great event when the remains are finally placed in the mausoleum in the new chapel at the naval academy will take place in the fall, when troops of all kinds and as many ships of the navy as are available will be sent to Annapolis to do honor to America's great naval hero.

Robbed Freight Cars

Rocky Mount, N. C., July 18.—Special. Special Officer Scarborough has returned from Suffolk, Va., with two negroes, Bob Williams alias Paison alias Jones and Robert Perry alias Robinson who are charged with breaking into freight cars on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

China's Attitude Stated

St. Petersburg, July 18.—It is stated authoritatively that China did not ask admittance of delegates to the peace conference. It intimated only that decisions by the conference relating to China could not be accepted as final until the consent of China had been formally given.

AERONAUT GETS FRIGHTFUL FALL

Fell With Machine From Height of 2,000 Feet

LIKE A WOUNDED BIRD

One of the Aeroplane's Wings Broke When It Was Cut Loose—Horror Filled the Large Crowd That Witnessed the Accident—The Daring Aeronaut Crushed to Death

Santa Clara, Cal., July 18.—In the presence of 2,000 persons who had gathered this morning at Santa Clara College grounds to witness the flight of Prof. John J. Montgomery's aeroplane, the Santa Clara, the machine collapsed when at a height of 2,000 feet and Aeronaut Daniel Maloney was hurled to the ground. The wings of the flying machine were splintered into match wood and poor Maloney was picked up with a fractured skull. He lived only an hour. Many women fainted and men wept as they saw the aeronaut falling to a certain and horrible death, with nothing to be done to save him.

The weather conditions were perfect and the balloon was released without mishap. While thousands gazed upon the diminishing outline of the balloon Maloney could be seen calmly seated upon the little saddle of the aeroplane, ready to cut loose when the highest point in the ascent had been reached. When the fabric was but a speck in the sky the balloon and aeroplane slowly parted company and a cry of relief and delight burst from the crowd as the human butterfly settled gently in the air buoyed only by its own wings. To the left the aeroplane slowly circled, cutting a pretty figure in the air.

Suddenly a murmur of alarm burst from those who were gazing at the airship, for almost without warning the device refused to obey the guiding hand of the aeronaut, and with an abrupt circle plunged quickly to the left and nearly overturned. Still Maloney held on with his arms outstretched, but in an instant it was apparent that his efforts were futile and the machine trembled for a moment like a bird with a broken wing, and then fell swiftly earthward. One of the rear wings collapsed as the aeroplane gained added impetus, and its mate snapped from its support and fluttered limp in the air. The front wings still remained outspread and checked to a slight extent the swiftness of the descent.

At the first sign of the disaster the crowd broke into a wild scramble for the spot where it was apparent the doomed man must fall. The balloon had drifted slightly to the east when Maloney cut loose and it was apparent that the broken aeroplane and its helpless rider would land in the vacant lot adjoining the tannery. Scarcely one hundred yards away the League of Cross cadets, for whose benefit the ascension was given, were encamped. Several cadets rushed to the spot. They found Maloney lying limp and apparently lifeless amidst the broken ship. The rear portion of the machine was snapped and splintered into a hundred pieces, but the front wings, which had striven to save the daring rider from destruction, were still outspread beside him. From the wreck of the machine the daring man was carried unconscious but still breathing heavily. He did not regain consciousness.

Prof. J. J. Montgomery, inventor of the aeroplane, directed the ascent and witnessed the accident, which came as a crushing blow to his hopes. Maloney was an expert aeronaut and had made many balloon ascensions. The disaster was due to the guy rope catching one of the wings of the aeroplane as it was liberated and crushing it to the ground for a moment. Maloney did not notice it, but it was evident the wing was crippled when Maloney tried to work it. This caused the wreck of the whole machine.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Reports in Regard to Changes on the New Haven Road

New Haven, Conn., July 18.—President C. S. Mollen of the New Haven road this afternoon said he would not discuss the report that his company was in conference with D. E. Mason, the general agent of the Westinghouse Electric Company, about plans for the equipment electrically of the New York division of the road. President Mollen said there was nothing to give out at present on this matter. It was learned from other sources that Mr. Mason was in conference with Mr. Mollen on this matter to give the latter some idea of what it would cost the company to put in this electric equipment.

Great secrecy is maintained about

this entire question. It was claimed by one familiar with the subject that matters are very near definite shape, and that an announcement officially with reference to the equipment of this division giving all the plans will be made soon.

There was a story circulated here today that President Mellen had in contemplation an expenditure of twenty-two million dollars upon the New Haven road improvements within the next year, part of which was to be used for four tracks, rebuilding of bridges, new equipment, and one million and a quarter for the Poughkeepsie bridge improvements. All President Mellen would say about this story was that no details were at hand and no such expenditures are contemplated.

LITTLE KANAWHA

Reports Regarding the Disposition of a Railroad Syndicate

Baltimore, July 18.—It is now conceded here that the Little Kanawha syndicate will go to the Venderbilt and Pennsylvania interest, but the Coal and Coke Road, which is practically owned by ex-Senator Henry Cassaway Davis, will remain under the control of the West Virginia Central, which is the ally of the Wabash. As to the effect of the sale of the Little Kanawha syndicate upon the Gould plans for the extension of the Western Maryland and West Virginia Central to Pittsburgh, the following statement was made by F. S. Landstreet, vice president of the Western Maryland, today:

"No matter what may be the final outcome of the negotiations which have been going on in regard to the disposition of the Little Kanawha syndicate, our plans will not be in the slightest degree affected. Our original plans contemplated an extension of the Western Maryland system to connect with the Wabash lines at Pittsburgh. They were not confined to any particular route nor did they contemplate making any particular properties auxiliary feeders, and the Little Kanawha syndicate is not essential to us in making our connections as we have planned them."

COTTON AND TOBACCO

Government Report on the Condition of the Crops

Washington, July 18.—The weekly crop report issued today says: "While too rapid growth of cotton and light fruiting are very generally reported, throughout the cotton belt an improvement is indicated in many districts. The crop continues to suffer from lack of cultivation, especially in the central and western portions of the belt, where, however, the weather of the past week has been favorable for clearing the fields, a work which has been pursued vigorously. In Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas reports of abandoned fields continue. Damage by boll weevils in Texas, generally, is not great, though considerable in localities. Too much rain has caused injury to tobacco in Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland, where the crop has suffered from lack of cultivation, but notwithstanding these conditions the outlook in Kentucky is promising. A marked improvement is noted in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. The crop is doing well in New England, Indiana and Wisconsin. Curling is progressing in the Carolinas, where the yield is below the average."

TERMS TOO STIFF

Oyster Bay Hears That Japan Will Ask Too Much

Oyster Bay, July 18.—A rumor reached here tonight that Japanese peace terms are likely to be so stiff and no demand so much from Russia that no peace is likely to come of it. This is believed here. The president believes that peace is sure to come as a result of the conference. All the preliminary negotiations have been going on without a hitch and Japan knows of the desire on the part of the United States that peace be concluded. For that and for many other reasons it is supposed here that Japan will prove milder in her demands than is commonly expected. European pessimism on the subject is generally disregarded here.

In spite of the great heat under which Oyster Bay lay sweltering today President Roosevelt went through his correspondence with Acting Secretary E. F. Barnes as usual. But no official visitors were received today and the greater part of the day the president spent with his children by the water side.

Battle With Moonshiners

Owingsville, Ky., July 18.—In a fierce fight on Boone Fork, Letcher county, between a posse of revenue men, led by Deputy Marshal C. M. Randall and a gang of moonshiners, Ben Brown was shot and mortally wounded. Trails of blood leading into the mountains indicate that a number of others were wounded. Granville Wallen was captured in the running fight. Officers are pursuing the men and another fight is expected. Six big stills had been destroyed by the officers before the fight occurred. This is the second fight between officers and moonshiners in Letcher county within a week.

MADE A VIRTUE OF A NECESSITY

Statistician Hyde Forced Out of His Position

HIS HONOR UNTOUCHED

Attack Was Made on the Ground That He Was Deficient in Business Qualifications—New Plan for Preparing Crop Reports Under Consideration—Stevens and His Work

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, July 18.—Special.—There was little surprise in Washington when announcement was made that John Hyde, the chief statistician of the department of agriculture, had resigned. Hyde's retirement from the department was a foregone conclusion, and although he was permitted to tender his resignation on the ground of ill health, there is no doubt but that he was forced out. The withdrawal of Hyde from the department, coming as it does, is a big victory for the Southern Cotton Growers Association, whose officers, President Harvie Jordan and Secretary Richard Cheatham, have been working for the chief statistician's removal since they unearthed the leakage scandal in his own department.

Mr. Hyde's integrity has never been questioned. He simply did not know what was going on around him. Carelessness and incompetency are the charges brought against him. Secretary Wilson would not listen to any reflection on Mr. Hyde's executive ability, and only last Friday designated him as the man to make the investigation of the tobacco crop inquiry. The pressure for Hyde's removal became too strong, and it is said that Mr. Wilson finally came to realize that in order to re-establish confidence in the crop statistics bureau he would have to make radical changes in both methods and personnel. Mr. Hyde is naturally the first to go. There will be others, and the prediction is made in some quarters that the secretary himself will not be able to survive the storm. Mr. Wilson, like Mr. Hyde, is considered innocent of wrong-doing, but against him is often heard the charge of incompetency.

Among those prominently mentioned for Mr. Hyde's position is Victor Olmsted of North Carolina, who was recently appointed associate statistician of the department, succeeding Holmes, who was fired for juggling the reports. Mr. Olmsted has been criticized for calling at the office of a local broker on a crop report day, but his reply was that he was looking after investments in steel. Others mentioned for the chief statistician's place are W. B. Snow of Chicago and Le Grand Powers of Minnesota. In the meantime W. N. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, is temporarily in charge of the bureau.

Policy of Publicity Proposed

It is said that Secretary Wilson is about to institute a new plan for arriving at cotton statistics. He had full confidence in the old plan, just as confidence in the men who carried it out. Now it is said that Mr. Wilson proposes to do away with the secretive method of Mr. Hyde and the men who preceded him. Cotton representatives have repeatedly suggested that full publicity should be given all returns, and that reports down to the smallest sub-division should be given out as fast as they are received. This proposal, it is understood, will be carefully considered by the secretary of agriculture.

The retirement of Chief Statistician Hyde will postpone for a time a finally conclusive decision as to whether a new report covering cotton acreage for this year shall be made. The chances are that if he decides to authorize the new report he will give Assistant Secretary Hays time to become familiar with the work of the division of statistics. A certain employee of the division who is understood to have been all-powerful for many years, it is understood, will be compelled to retire. Reference is made to the employee who is alleged to have given out in advance of the service examinations for the benefit of persons who were later railroaded into the department by the information so gained.

Engineer Stevens Devoted to His Task

"Whatever human being can do for the building of the Panama canal shall be done. To the best of my light I shall attack the task and stick to it." Stevens, chief engineer of the Panama canal, who takes up the task of directing the construction work on the big isthmian ditch laid down by John F. Wallace, made that statement today. Mr. Stevens has just returned to Washington from his conference with the president at Oyster Bay. "When I leave the United States Thursday," he

continued, "I expect it to be for a long, long time. I have taken this position with the canal commission, fully realizing the magnitude of the task before us. It is a big job, but I expect to pull it through. There will be no failure through lack of determination, anyway. When I get to the isthmus I will start in. No time will be wasted in preliminaries."

"Will I reorganize the engineering staff? Well, I can't say yet. I have in mind, however, the appointment of an assistant chief engineer. The selection has not been made."

"I have procured the appointment of Jackson Smith, lately general passenger agent of the National Railroad of Mexico, for special duty with the engineering department. He will be assigned particularly to supervision of the laborers."

"There is little I can say about the plans for pushing the work on the canal. I have not formulated them, except that I have always in mind to keep things going."

"I expect to make Panama my home until the canal is built. That is the scene of operation, and that is where I shall be."

A patent has been issued to L. C. Wagner of Stateville for an improvement on stove joiners.

Fourth class postmasters appointed today: Washington B. Belangia, at Alligator, Tyrrell county; Phoebe E. Plinger, at East Lake, Dare county.

Russia Replies to China

St. Petersburg, July 18.—Russia has replied to China's note announcing that she will not be affected by any agreement of the Russo-Japanese conference may reach. Russia says that as the war is between her and Japan the negotiations will be between them. Nevertheless Russia, a friend of China, recognizes that the latter is interested in certain questions to be discussed.

Fell in Front of a Moving Train

Wilmington, N. C., July 18.—Special. As the Wilmington train was running into the station at Rocky Point this morning A. P. Tyson, a well known citizen of that town, was seen to arise from his chair on the depot platform, totter and fall directly between the rails just in front of the moving engine. Fortunately the pilot pushed the head of the prostrate man to one side and the body was gotten clear of the rails. It was found that Tyson's principal injury was an ugly gash on the side of the head. The cause of the accident was vertigo, to which Tyson was subject.

WERE WED IN SPIRIT

Christian and Jewess Conform to Conventionalities

Marriage of an East Side Worker and Ghetto Girl—The Bride Not a Convert, but "More or Less" a Christian

Nornton, Conn., July 18.—Before the altar in the little ivy-covered Episcopal church here at noon today, Rose Harriet Pastor, the Jewish girl of the New York Ghetto, became the bride of James P. Stokes, East Side settlement worker and second son of Anson Phillips Stokes. The ceremony was very simple. Nobody gave the bride away. She walked up the aisle on the arm of her husband-elect, preceded by no bridesmaids, and was made his wife by the Episcopal marriage ritual.

In many ways the ceremony which united these two, who have described themselves as being united in spirit ever since they first met, was unconventional. To those of the different faiths who had gathered to witness the culmination of this love match, it was very interesting. Many of the bride's friends, including some of the orthodox Jewish faith, who possibly had never been in a church before, were present and attended the reception which followed at Mr. Stokes' residence, Brickhouse, one of the finest country homes on the Sound.

The girl who became Mrs. Stokes today has not embraced Christianity. She said at the time of her engagement that she was a Christian more or less in spirit. That this has not divorced her from her orthodox friends was amply attested today. Both bride and bridegroom have considered themselves wedded in spirit, and their friends were privileged to look upon today's ceremony as a concession to conventionality if they so chose. The bride has been staying at "Brickhouse" for the past week, and there she will be joined by her mother, her three little brothers and her little sister. Throughout the ceremonies of today they were treated in a manner becoming near relatives of the bride, riding to and from the church with the bridegroom's parents. Two special coaches attached to the 10 o'clock train from New York brought guests to the wedding.

Will Try to Raise a Loan

Berlin, July 18.—The Boersen Courier says that M. Witte will stop in Paris en route to the United States, to negotiate with French financiers for a loan to cover the indemnity that will be paid to Japan, which will probably amount to \$2,500,000,000.

HYDE GOES OUT OF HIS OFFICE

Statistician's Resignation Offered and Accepted

HE PLEADS ILL HEALTH

Has Been Making Crop Reports Four Years—Always Under Fire, but Invariably Vindicated—Could Not Hold Out Against Interests Desiring His Retirement

Washington, July 18.—John Hyde, statistician of the agricultural department, today resigned his position. The resignation was immediately accepted by Secretary Wilson. Assistant Secretary Hays has been detailed to take charge of the statistical work until the vacancy shall be filled. Mr. Hyde's letter follows:

"Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and am glad to hear that you are making the crop reports of the department reasonably accurate and correspondingly valuable to the agricultural and commercial interest of the country. My administration of the office I have the honor to hold, has been constantly under fire from one side of the market or the other. Five times it has been investigated, and on every occasion I have been vindicated. In January, 1903, I was awarded \$2,500 damages in a libel suit against a prominent firm of cotton brokers by a jury of their own friends and very citizens. These results have been very gratifying to me, but I have the highest medical authority for the statement that the continued fight upon me has already considerably shortened my life. At the present time it is an accepted fact that a powerful organization is bent upon bringing about my retirement, by one means or another. Now, I do not think the position I hold is worth the fight necessary to its retention, and the organization in question is welcome to whatever satisfaction it can derive from my withdrawal from the unequal struggle. If any of my friends think I ought not to retire under fire, I would have them remember that there is never a time when I am not under fire. I have the honor therefore to tender you my resignation of my appointment as statistician and chief of the bureau of statistics of this department. With much appreciation of the uniform courtesy and kindness you have shown me, and the many tokens of confidence I have received from you, I am,

"Most respectfully yours,
"JOHN HYDE."

Secretary Wilson wrote the following reply:

"Mr. John Hyde, Statistician, Department of Agriculture:
"Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your resignation as statistician of this department. In accepting it I cheerfully testify to the ability with which you have discharged the heavy and difficult duties of the office since you were first appointed. The accuracy of your reports has been recognized by the public generally, and I am glad to be able to testify, with regard to the charge made against the integrity of the bureau of statistics, that no facts have been brought to my attention implicating you in any way.

"I am familiar with your devotion to your work and with the untiring efforts you have made to render the bureau of the highest service to the growers, manufacturers and consumers of farm products in our country, and I regret that failing health should compel you to bring your work to an end.

"Very truly yours,
"JAMES WILSON, Secretary."

A Minister's Change of Faith

Ashville, N. C., July 18.—Special.—At a meeting of the quarterly conference of Central Methodist church last night Rev. W. N. Parker withdrew his credentials as a Methodist minister and stated that he had joined the Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. Parker is a graduate of Trinity College and a son of Rev. Mr. Parker, formerly presiding elder of the Ashville district. The conference passed resolutions condemning the liberal Sunday ordinance recently enacted by the board of aldermen.

Russia Wants to Buy Ships

Berlin, July 18.—Prince Shilkoff, the Russian minister of railroad communication, has arrived at Hamburg to negotiate for the purchase of ships for Russia. A large number of small steamships bought on a previous occasion are lying at Hamburg ready for dispatch to the Yenessee river to serve for the transport of railway material. Crews for them were enrolled at Hamburg today.