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GREAT DAY FOR OLD SOLDIERS

Thousands Gather at Reunion in New Orleans

GEN. EVANS SPEAKS

Makes Earnest Plea for Truthful History of Confederate Record in the Civil War—Gold Medal Presented to General Cabell—Roll Call Grows Shorter.

New Orleans, April 26.—With the exception of the time consumed by the presentation to Gen. W. L. Cabell of a gold medal by the veterans of Arkansas, the second day of the confederate reunion was in its opening hours devoted strictly to business, the reports of the committees on credentials, the Battle Abbey and historical committee being received and approved.

The presentation of the medal to General Cabell was made the occasion of an enthusiastic outburst of affectionate regard for that grizzled veteran, which deprived him of speech for a few minutes and nearly overmastered him entirely. Quickly recovering, however, he expressed his gratitude in a few words of deep appreciation, which proved how highly he valued the testimonial from his former comrades.

The report of the committee on credentials which was adopted gave the total number of camps represented as 755 and the aggregate of votes 2,315. The votes by states were as follows: Alabama 471, Arkansas 139, District of Columbia 7, Florida 80, Georgia 199, Illinois 2, Kentucky 126, Louisiana 170, Indian Territory 49, Maryland 111, Mississippi 196, Missouri 75, North Carolina 115, Ohio 2, Oklahoma 24, South Carolina 136, Tennessee 181, Virginia 113, Texas 447, West Virginia 20, Pacific division 18, northwest division 31.

Following the adoption of the report of the committee on credentials the veterans of Arkansas presented a written address to General Cabell and passed over to Gen. S. D. Lee the beautiful medal intended for General Cabell. General Lee added to the address of the veterans a few eloquent words of his own and then pinned the medal upon the breast of General Cabell. The latter struggling with his emotions was about to reply when a beautiful young lady, Miss Alice W. Park of Texas, presented him with a huge bunch of roses which completed his discomfort.

He closed his speech with thanks with the assertion that he would not accept for his share in the civil war a lump of gold as large as Texas with a diamond in it as large as Arkansas.

The report of the confederate memorial association upon the Battle Abbey was presented. It declared in effect that the situation had not changed since the last reunion. Because of the great confusion in the hall Chaplain General Jones who had undertaken to read the report was compelled to abandon his task and the report after being adopted was ordered printed.

as confederate soldiers that the great interests dependent on accurate history and pure literature have not been neglected during the general commercial advance.

"This fair field is more pleasing to contemplate because it is becoming cleared of such noxious weeds and thorns as unpatriotic suppressions, sectional expressions, ungenerous treatment of illustrious men and other stimulants of hatred. In the main the writers of all literature which specially concerns the events of confederate times have become better, conditions more sincere, less partisan, more national. The increase of books relating to the south has been remarkable and in the general tone of the new issue there is a decided abandonment of the former sectional rancor and unfair treatment."

"The one great principle, however, which must be sacredly regarded by all writers is that the essential truths of United States history are the rightful common property of all the people of our country. The artful suppression of important historical truths must be construed as an intentional creation of false impressions. It is a criminal hiding of a piece of the common property and therefore this body of confederate soldiers has uniformly and earnestly insisted on fullness, fairness and facts in the history of our common government. The survivors of the confederate armies have never admitted that there is any reason in the old barbarous saying that victors write the history of war, and their protest has been ever vehement against the application of the common cry, 'Vae Victis' to the overpowered south."

It will also be borne in mind that in the course of these reports and special papers submitted to the conference of united confederates, we have condemned with special emphasis the unfairness of those school books which treat southern questions in the section spirit and we are still earnest in driving all such books out of the schools. Why should northern boys and southern boys be taught any known untruth as a part of their country's history? Why should not both be taught to respect each other and thus lay a foundation in the schools for the subsequent relation which will come in manhood? Why should there be education in prejudice rather than in patriotism?"

FIRE RATES GO HIGHER Insurance People to Recoup San Francisco Loss

General Advance in Rates in Business Sections of American Cities Is Predicted.—New Tariff Will Go Into Effect Simultaneously.

Chicago, April 26.—The Tribune today says:

"There will be a general advance in fire insurance rates in the business centers of all cities of the United States in the near future to enable the companies to recoup in a measure their San Francisco losses. A meeting of all western managers was held in Chicago yesterday to discuss the situation. The governing committee of the Western Union, the large legislative body of the west, decided that in the face of present conditions an advance must be made. Eastern officials had advised their western men to prepare for the increase and the meeting approved the plan.

Company officials meeting in the east decided that the advance should go into effect simultaneously over the country. To that end they asked the Western Union to send a committee of five to New York to attend a general meeting to determine the nature and plan of action. A similar committee will attend from the south.

BANK VAULTS NOT INJURED

Fire in San Francisco Did Not Destroy Contents

THE MONEY CONDITION

New Bankers' Row Being Organized and Financial Interests Are in Excellent Shape, Considering—Clearing House Prepares for the Work Ahead—Some Fire Notes.

San Francisco, April 26.—"Bankers' Row" is being organized on La Grana street, west of Lafayette square, the Crocker-Walworth National bank, the Central Trust Company and the Mercantile Trust Company, already have placed their cotton bales on rests overlooking the tented camps of the refugees in the square. This is a bringing together of those that have money in vaults and those who need it.

The clearing house, representing the commercial banks, held their usual morning meeting yesterday. While the details are not completed, it has been arranged to pay depositors not exceeding \$500 on their accounts. Each of the banks has had or will have considerable sums transferred to its credit by correspondents in London, Paris and New York. These transfers will be made to the mint on Fifth street and the money will be available at that point.

The form of procedure will be for the depositors to draw checks in the usual form. This will be indorsed by the cashier or other officer of the bank and the customer may present it and have it cashed at the mint. Superintendent of the Mint Leach has indicated his willingness to assist in carrying out this plan if furnished with a sufficient force of clerks. The bankers are waiting for the opening of their vaults so they may reach their books and papers, checks and bills which are yet to be sorted. It will form necessary parts of the machinery it is proposed to put into operation.

It may be three weeks before the bankers make any of these preliminary payments. The executive committee of the savings banks met yesterday. Much satisfaction was expressed at the fact that all the vaults of these banks had been found to be in excellent condition. The savings banks will all open for business on the same day the commercial banks set the example. Over in Oakland the savings banks are paying up to \$30 without notice. The local savings banks say that it has been determined not to issue loans and that satisfactory extensions will be granted to those with mortgages coming due.

The savings banks are reported to be in a most satisfactory condition. One of the most encouraging reports with reference to the work of rebuilding the burned district is that of the San Francisco planing mill owners' association. Fifteen of thirty-nine mills escaped the fire and two of them are now in operation. The association says it will soon be in position to furnish all mill work necessary.

Representatives of the Western Meat Company have made a report to the relief committee that they are in position at once to go ahead at their regular normal output to supply San Francisco with fresh meat. Damage to slaughter houses has been repaired, killing and dressing of beef is progressing rapidly. All cattle cars are being rushed to the city by the Southern Pacific on special orders.

BARNES WINS OVER TILLMAN

Strict Party Vote Prevents Investigation

MRS. MORRIS IGNORED

Senate Committee on Postoffice and Postroads Decides to Report Favorably His Appointment as Postmaster at Washington—Roll Was Not Even Called.

Washington, April 26.—The senate committee on postoffice and post roads today voted to report favorably the nomination of Benjamin F. Barnes, assistant secretary to President Roosevelt, to be postmaster of Washington. The sub-committee, consisting of Senators Burrows, Carter and Silberman, appointed to investigate protests, reported against the advisability of entering upon an investigation. Senator "Cuberson dissenting."

The question of calling for an investigation was then submitted to the full committee. The Republicans voted against the investigation and the Democrats for it, and it was lost.

MR. SNOW MAKES A PROPOSITION

Let Wake Voters Settle the Solicitorship

LETTER TO MR. JONES

Mr. Snow Proposes to Mr. Jones to Let the Democratic Nominee for Solicitor Be Chosen By Voters of This County At the Primaries.

Mr. W. B. Snow, candidate for solicitor of this district, wrote a letter the other day to Solicitor Arminstead Jones, candidate for re-nomination.

Mr. Snow proposed to Mr. Jones that the question of who should be the democratic nominee for solicitor be left to a vote of the people of Wake county, to be settled at the time the primaries are held for county officers, instead of being left to the district convention. In other words, the proposition was for the district to abide by the choice of the democratic voters of Wake county.

BRYAN SILENT ABOUT TRUST

Commoner Says Nothing on Watch Combination

DEBATE IN CONGRESS

Snappy Discussion in the House in Which Letter to Former Nominee Is Quoted—Buster of Watch Trust Humbled, Not Democrat, Says Boutwell.

Washington, April 26.—The house today resumed consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill.

Mr. Boutwell (Ill.) addressed the house in reply to the speech delivered by Mr. Rainey (Ill.) on the watch trust.

Mr. Boutwell paid a high compliment to Mr. Williams (Miss.) as one of the leading democrats of the nation and spoke of Mr. Sulzer (N.Y.) as representing in his life the sturdy honesty of Andrew Jackson but as for Mr. Keene known as the "buster of the watch trust" he was not a democrat but "a humber."

Mr. Boutwell read a letter from William Jennings Bryan written in 1895 addressed to the president of the Waltham Watch Company, asking if there was a combination among the watch manufacturers. To this query the president of the company replied that there was no combination and at length told the editor of the Commoner the situation as it existed.

"Since that day," said Mr. Boutwell, "the paper edited by the 'poorless leader' has had no editorial reference to the so-called watch trust, notwithstanding my friend from Illinois (Mr. Rainey) has had his speech largely printed in that paper."

Mr. Boutwell in explaining the contracts entered into between the Elgin and Waltham companies and the dealers said that Mr. Rainey had wholly misconceived the purpose of these contracts, that at the Elgin company's contract being a protection on patent rights the Waltham company's on trade marks and secret processes.

MONEY FOR THE COTTON FARMERS.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilmington, N. C., April 26.—The sum of \$700 has been subscribed by the business interests of Wilmington to further the cause of the Southern Cotton Association. President C. C. Moore of the state association, before leaving the city for Raleigh, said that he was in hopes this amount would soon be increased to \$1,000.

He urged that a mass meeting be held to which some prominent speaker be invited so that a better comprehension of the good being rendered the south by the cotton association could be had. President Moore expressed himself as convinced that the Wilmington people do not fully realize the value of this movement to all branches of business.

ROOSEVELT OPENS BERNHARDT SHOW.

Chicago, April 26.—President Roosevelt gave by telegraph shortly after noon today a signal which started the all star entertainment given under the Bernhardt tent on the lake front here for the benefit of the San Francisco sufferers. The tent was thrown open an hour earlier for a concert by a volunteer orchestra of 500. After the president's signal was received Mrs. Bernhardt made an address in French. This was followed by a long program in which actors now playing at the various theatres of the city took part.

DECLINED GIFT OF EMPRESS OF CHINA.

Washington, April 26.—The Empress Dowager of China offered a personal subscription of \$75,000 to American Minister Rockhill at Peking for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers, which Mr. Rockhill was instructed today by the state department to decline, with an expression of the appreciation of this government. It is probable that this money will be sent direct to Chinese representatives in San Francisco for the use of the homeless Chinese.

DAMAGE ELSEWHERE

Northern Counties of California Badly Hurt

Occidental Hotel at Albion Was Destroyed by Earthquake and Other Structures Were Torn Down—Many Wide Fissures in the Earth.

A large portion of the fire wall of the Lake View Hotel crashed through the porches and brick annex. The two story brick walls of masonry hall, in course of construction, was reduced to ruins. Several other brick blocks were cracked, chimneys toppled over throughout the town and show windfalls of business houses for the full length of Main street were shattered.

No one was injured. The loss to the masonic hall is about \$4,000. At Albion, Mendocino county, a heavy shock was felt at 5:25 a. m. on the morning of April 18. The Occidental Hotel is a wreck. All the big saw mills in this region are badly damaged. They will have to shut down for some time. So far as can be learned there were no lives lost.

GOD'S HAND IN GREAT TRAGEDY

Junior Order Man Says the City Was too Wicked

FRISCO WAS WIDE OPEN

Col. Z. P. Smith Has Letter From State Council Secretary in Which He Tells of the Catastrophe—Lord Increased at the Attitude of the People, Is His Belief.

Col. Z. P. Smith, editor of the American, has received a letter from Herman Paine, state council secretary of the Junior Order United American Mechanics of Oakland, in which he gives a graphic account of the destruction of San Francisco. He makes an urgent appeal for relief of the members in the stricken city, saying that their wants are many and that eastern states are expected to help.

"The letter from Mr. Paine was written on April 20, at a time when the most terrible scenes were witnessed at the Golden Gate. He tells of a woman refugee who walked through the ruins and who afterward landed in Oakland in a most horrible plight. She had a dead baby in each arm, while her husband was left behind, a victim of the earthquake."

"While I am proud of the members of the Junior Order," writes Mr. Paine, "in this state and California itself, I must say that San Francisco was a city which was known as a wide open town. Any and everything was permitted by the authorities until, if such a thing as the Lord destroying a city for its wickedness is possible, I personally believe such to be the fate of San Francisco, for it is certainly completely destroyed, along with many of its people."

Mr. Paine says that he has been unable to gain entrance into San Francisco, the militia refusing him admittance. He urges the orders in all states to contribute, and appeal to say they will respond to the need.

NEWS FROM GASTONIA.
(Special to The Evening Times.) Gastonia, N. C., April 26.—An important real estate deal was closed here yesterday when Mr. C. M. Nolon purchased the Rhynne residence and lot on Main street next to the Methodist parsonage. The lot has a frontage of 100 feet and the consideration was something over \$5,000. The property is one of the most valuable pieces of real estate in the city.

A called meeting for all those interested in the Fourth of July celebration will be held in the city hall tonight at 8:45. Work for the celebration will begin systematically at once. The outlook is for one of the biggest celebrations Gastonia has ever held.

The Gastonia Odd Fellows are preparing to have a concert in the opera house Friday night. The anniversary of the 86th year of Odd Fellowship will be celebrated. The singing class of the Odd Fellows' orphanage at Goldsboro will be present and will render the program. In addition to the music and recitation of the class there will be addresses by Prof. J. S. Wray and Editor Hugh Long of the Gastonia News.

MINERS TO MEET IN SCRANTON

(By the Associated Press.) Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 26.—After hearing the report of the subcommittee the scale committee of the anthracite miners today decided to call a convention of miners to meet in Scranton, Thursday, May third.

The mine workers are anxious to ascertain what action is to be taken on the operators' reply and the convention has been called for the purpose of allowing the men to discuss the question of a strike.