

Weather.

Washington, May 19.—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Thursday: Partly cloudy, local showers in west portion.

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H. H. ROGERS OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY DEAD

Great Financial Magnate Died Suddenly at His Home in New York Today

DEATH GREAT SHOCK

Mr. Rogers Had Been in Excellent Health Recently and His Death Came as a Great Shock to His Family and Friends—Was at His Office in Wall Street Yesterday—Was the Builder and Virtual Owner of the Virginian Railway and Was in Norfolk a Few Weeks Ago at the Formal Opening of the Road.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, May 19.—H. H. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company and the predominant personality in that great corporation and all its allied interests, died suddenly at his home, No. 3 East Seventy-eight street today from a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. Rogers died in bed, with his wife the only one near him when he breathed his last. His son, H. H. Rogers, Jr., and his three married daughters reached the home a half hour after he died. His death was so unexpected that the family physician was not at hand at the time.

The great financier, who suffered a slight stroke of the malady that finally killed him about a year ago in his office in the Standard Oil building at 26 Broadway had apparently recovered altogether and continued to attend to his manifold affairs up to yesterday.

Mr. Rogers was stricken when he awoke this morning. Mrs. Rogers called for help to the servants and one of them telephoned to the family physician, Dr. Edwin P. Fowler, who was at his country place at Pelham Manor. He jumped into his automobile and came down from Pelham at full speed, but arrived fifteen minutes after Mr. Rogers died, at 7:20 a. m.

"I was awakened by the telephone next my bed," said Dr. Fowler. "An excited voice told me that Mr. Rogers was very, very ill and that I should go to the house at once. I was terribly shocked as I had seen Mr. Rogers only last Sunday and he was then in apparently the best of health.

"I dressed hurriedly and got into my automobile. I told the chauffeur not to mind the speed limit and we flew to the city. I was stopped once by a policeman in Harlem, but he let me go on when I explained why we were going so fast.

"When I reached the Rogers house it was all over. Mr. Rogers had died from the stroke of apoplexy fifteen minutes before. Mrs. Rogers needed my help and I had to take charge of affairs until young Mr. Rogers arrived about fifteen minutes later. Then the three daughters of Mr. Rogers reached the house."

The activities of Mr. Rogers were as great during the past year as they had been at any time previously in his life. He only recently attended the opening of his Virginian railway enterprise which was his latest industrial development project.

The death of Mr. Rogers became known in Wall street at the opening of the stock market and the stocks in which he was interested and those known as the Standard Oil group showed weakness at the beginning of business. The declines, however, did not average more than a point for the intrinsic strength of the stocks affected was well known. A rally set in again, however, and recoveries were general.

In 1907, Mr. Rogers suffered a nervous collapse and for a time withdrew entirely from active pursuits. Subsequently his health seemed materially improved and his recovery was followed by renewed activity in development of the Virginian railroad enterprise. Mr. Rogers was present at the opening of the Virginia railroad, which he virtually owned. For the past year he has been a frequent visitor to his office in this city attending to the details of various corporations with which he was connected either officially or as a stockholder.

Henry H. Rogers was born in Fair Haven, Mass., in 1842. There is considerable mystery as to the exact date of his birth. Rogers never would tell it. He would not even

tell in what year he was born. Once when he was asked, he said: "Why don't you go to the town clerk at Fair Haven?"

This was done but the quest was useless, for it was found that a fire destroyed the register that told of his birth.

The parents of Rogers were working people and did not have much money. They gave their boy a high school education, and then put him to work as a delivery boy in a grocery at \$3 a week.

The early ambition of Rogers was to be a machinist. He studied this trade and after he had mastered it he found that he couldn't get a job. In telling of his first work Mr. Rogers recently said:

"I was very eager to go to work after graduating and in fact did go to work a week after leaving school. My father and I agreed that I should take up the trade of machinist, but there was no chance. Apprenticeships were limited even at that time as they are now. The machine shops within reach were full so I had to look in another direction. I wanted to be at work and I found work."

Young Rogers remained in the grocery business only a short time. He was restless and aggressive as a youth. He left Fair Haven and became an oil refiner. While he was in this business he met John D. Rockefeller, and their acquaintance resulted in the founding of the Standard Oil Company.

INCOME TAX UNCERTAIN.

Friends of the Amendment Say It Will Be Defeated.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, May 19.—Friends of the income tax amendment which is to be offered in the senate in a few days, say that in their opinion the amendment will be defeated, but they will continue their fight for an income tax, and will make it an issue in the next campaign. It is said today that the Aldrich proposition to refer the amendment to the judiciary committee with instructions to report back to the senate next December an income tax bill that will be in keeping with the constitution will be carried. It is added that President Taft, having approved of the Aldrich plan, is responsible for the change in the situation.

JANE JEFFERSON CONVENTION.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt and Other Democrats to Speak.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Denver, Col., May 19.—Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William J. Bryan, has arranged for a convention here in July of all the Jane Jefferson clubs in the state, at which an address by Mrs. Leavitt, the president, on the upbuilding of the democratic party from the feminine standpoint will be the feature.

The Jane Jeffersons are putting forth every effort to make the coming of Mrs. Leavitt next July a notable event. Prominent people from all over the United States will be invited. Besides other political lights to be invited will come the governors of Wyoming, Idaho and Utah and their wives, the three states being those in which women vote.

BLACKHAND LEADER ARRESTED

Man That Detective Petrosino Was Said to Have Been Looking For When He Was Killed.

(By Cable to The Times.) London, May 19.—The Globe's correspondent in Rome states that Pietro Piccolo, a black hand leader, has been arrested and imprisoned at Foggia. He is wanted by the Italian police for a triple murder committed in 1905.

He fled to New York, the correspondent says and there became an active organizer of the black hand and so brought upon himself the attention of the late Detective Petrosino, who actually was hunting for Piccolo when he met his death in Palermo.

In Petrosino's papers the name of Piccolo is mentioned frequently.

ROBBERS GET ALL THE CASH.

Bank Dynamited and All the Money Carried Off.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cairo, Neb., May 19.—The state bank of Cairo was dynamited early today, the vault and building being completely wrecked by three explosions. Every cent of cash was secured and the robbers made their escape on a hand car stolen from a section house. The sheriff with a posse and bloodhounds is after the dynamiters.

Bill Jones On Trial.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, May 19.—"Bill" Jones who attracted wide interest during the trial of Charles Guiteau, the assassin, was placed on trial today, charged with the murder of John McPherson, a farm hand on his place, two miles from here. Jones has lived the life of a convict for many years.

LAKE MOHONK CONFERENCE ON PEACE MEETING

Fifteenth Annual Meeting Begun Today With Dr. Butler Presiding

SCORES WAR SCARE

Dr. Butler Made Forceful Address on Peace, Scoring England For Her War Scare—Believes There Is No Immediate Danger of Clash Between the Nations—Believes Great International Court Will Be Established at The Hague Within a Short Time—Dr. Butler Said That England's Condition Was Brought About Through Following the German Policy of Naval Expansion.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., May 19.—The fifteenth annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk Peace Conference on international arbitration began here today with an array of famous speakers. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, is presiding.

In a forceful address on peace today Dr. Butler scored England for her war scare and indicated that a great international court would be established within a short time at The Hague and pointed out from information, which the speaker declared was the best at hand that there is no immediate danger of a clash between the nations.

The morning speakers were Albert K. Smiley, Dr. Butler, Dr. Benjamin Trueblood, Professor Samuel T. Dutton, Dr. George W. Kirchwey and others. At the session tonight Mr. Josquin Nabuco, the Brazilian ambassador to the United States, is scheduled to speak. Others on the program for addresses tonight are: Senor Don Ignacio Calderon, Bolivian minister to the United States, who will discuss "the foreign policy of Mr. Root as secretary of state." The Hon. William I. Buchanan, of Buffalo, the Hon. A. J. Montague, ex-governor of Virginia, and Dr. Leo S. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania, will also speak.

Rear Admiral C. H. Stockton is booked for an address on "The London Naval Conference." The Hon. A. J. Montague will speak on "The Contemplated Hague Court of Arbitration," and Dr. Rowe will discuss "The Recent Pan-American Scientific Congress and the Approaching Pan-American Congress."

The attention of the body was centered upon the speech of Dr. Butler. In part he said:

"Today the most optimistic observer of the movement of public opinion in the world must confess himself perplexed, if not amazed by some of the striking phenomena which meet his eye. The storm center of the world's weather today is found in the condition of mind of the English people. It is hard to reconcile the exaggerated utterances of responsible statesmen in parliament; the loud beating of drums and the sounding of alarms in the public press; and the people flocking to view a tawdry sensational drama worse than third rate."

Dr. Butler said that England's condition was brought about through following the Germany policy of naval expansion. He declared that England should not fear invasion from any other country and that her wild flight to arms is a reflection upon every nation which has a treaty with Great Britain.

COTTON SUPPLY AND PRICES.

Schemes of International Cotton Federation to Prevent Fluctuations.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Milan, May 19.—The congress of the International Cotton Federation has under discussion schemes for regulating supply and prices, with a view to preventing violent fluctuations by American and other speculators. It was resolved finally that the time was not ripe for a decision and the matter was referred to an international committee.

The promotion of mutual fire insurance companies in countries affiliated with the International Federation on the lines of those successful in the United States and Great Britain was referred to a committee to draft regulations. It is believed that the formation of an international insurance organization will be the result.

AUTO HIGHWAY FROM NEW YORK TO ATLANTA, GA.

Mr. Leonard Tufts Talks Interestingly of the Great Undertaking

SEC. OLDS' REPORT

Mr. Tufts, of Southern Pines, is Much Interested in the Proposed Automobile Highway from New York to Atlanta—Has Informed Himself of Local Conditions—Local Counties Will Aid—Not Over \$20,000 Needed for North Carolina's Part of the Route—Secretary E. A. Olds Tells of Wonderful Development Along Industrial Lines—Raleigh on the Upgrade.

Mr. Leonard Tufts, the millionaire proprietor of Pinehurst, was the guest of honor at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night. His purpose in visiting Raleigh and attending last night's session of the Chamber of Commerce was to lay before the leading citizens of Raleigh the matter of securing an automobile highway through the state, passing through Raleigh and Pinehurst, a link in a great system stretching from New York City to Atlanta.

Mr. Tufts was introduced by Dr. H. A. Royster, who presided over the meeting of the chamber. He seemed to have at his tongue's end definite and exact information concerning local conditions along the proposed line from Virginia to South Carolina. He has seen the leading spirits of Sanford, Rockingham and other towns and is assured of their hearty support.

He evinced a wonderful knowledge of road building. He said that good automobile roads in this section could be built for \$300 per mile in this section and in the sandy section south of Raleigh, while it would cost \$3,000 per mile in the Piedmont section. He has gone over the situation carefully and has learned that citizens in every section will help in the work gladly. He thinks that with the aid that will be given locally the route through the state will not cost over \$20,000. He spoke of the great advantages that come to the people through these automobile routes as established in New Hampshire and other states, and declared that the people would receive from tourists each year more than enough to pay for the building of the roads.

Rev. Dr. Lay, Hon. R. H. Battle, Mr. Joseph Daniels, Mr. B. F. Montague, Mayor J. Stan Wynne, and others, spoke of the great advantages that would accrue to the south by the construction of the highway and on motion of Mr. J. G. Brown a committee was appointed to push the movement.

Report of Secretary. Secretary Olds offered his report, which was as follows:

"Your secretary finds it a very great pleasure to be able to welcome the members of the Chamber of Commerce in what may be termed practically new quarters. Committees representing the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association, acting jointly, looked over the city to see if any other better quarters could be procured, one of the necessities being a large and convenient room for use not only by the two organizations, but for meetings of various kinds of people in the city and from other points; sufficiently large to meet the requirements of any ordinary convention, such as that of the State Building & Loan Association, which will be held early in June. Arrangements were made with the owner of the property, Mrs. Fred A. Woodward, of Wilson, for the enlargement of the rooms and the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association leased the entire north side of the second floor of this building at a rental of \$240 per year, the owner making all the alterations, doing the papering and painting, save of the floors and sharing the cost of the hardwood floor, which has been laid in the board rooms, also putting in electric light equipment, with the exception of the lights themselves; lavatories, closets, etc., relaying the steps and hallway and removing the heavy doors at the ground floor entrance. The organizations agreed to divide the expense of the other improvements made, including half of the hardwood floors, chairs, electric lights, rugs, and other necessary furnishings and fittings. Thus we have at last a meeting place certainly not surpassed in this state, and it is a

good thing that this is so, for it but keeps pace with Raleigh's very marked development this year. The aim is to make the board room a place in which all organizations holding conventions of minor league size will feel at home and to make of the room in rear of the building a rest room for ladies, whether from other points or here, with all the conveniences possible for shoppers, etc.

The Woman's Club, the largest and most powerful organization of women at any point in North Carolina, has been specially invited to avail itself of the rooms of the two organizations and has expressed its very great appreciation of the offer and also of the fact that a rest room had been provided which will add so much to the comfort and convenience of women who come to this city. It is felt that everything done has been of a character to promote the best interests of Raleigh. This city is now attracting more attention and receiving more compliments than ever before and has certainly taken on new life.

The first meeting in the refitted and refurbished board room was held last week by the Wake County Farmers' Union in convention to elect delegates to the state convention of that organization at Charlotte and it expressed very warm appreciation of the courtesy shown. A letter from Mr. Wittkowsky, of Charlotte, expresses thanks for the tender of the rooms for the use of the state convention of B. & L. Association June 9th.

The uplift of Raleigh this year is so marked that a visit to any part of the city will show new buildings under construction and the architects report unusual activity. Chief in importance are the two new city buildings, the Municipal Building and the City Hall Auditorium, which will be a part of it and which will give Raleigh an auditorium of ample size for the first time and the new market building, since it is taken for granted that the present market building will be sold in the future named in the act of the legislature, if indeed it does not bring a larger sum. It is expected that work on both these buildings will mark the present year and make it even more notable.

There are in course of erection three stores, two garages, a machine shop building, and over seventy dwellings, some of these both handsome and costly. Besides the new buildings under way there is a good deal of building improvements in the way of additions, etc. Contracts have been made for improvement of the front of the Yarrowborough House, the installation of an elevator, etc., all to cost \$20,000. At the federal building an elevator is being put in and other improvements made at a cost of \$10,000.

At the Agricultural & Mechanical College work on the new dormitory is well under way. At the hospital for the insane ten new buildings are under construction, one almost complete and one occupied and contract has been let for a congenial dining room there to cost \$27,500. At St. Mary's school two dormitories are in course of construction.

The Wake Water Company has laid its mains to the Soldiers' Home and to St. Augustine's Normal School and thus given fire protection to a large area in the city's new eastern annex.

The various textile mills and various other industrial plants are using the water generated electric power from Buckhorn Falls. The installation of the power line and the general equipment are unsurpassed in this state, all the construction being of the latest and best type, entirely steel with no wooden posts. The power gives very great satisfaction and is sure to lead to much new development as inquiries are coming in daily regarding it. The turning on of this power was made the occasion of a very notable gathering of members of this organization, Governor Kitchin being a guest.

The fertilizer manufacturing business has been very satisfactory this season. The output of the Caraleigh Phosphate Mills was 30,000 tons, showing an increase of about 10 per cent over last year. This company, extending its business, has new plants in operation at Wilson and Norfolk.

Work has been pushed very rapidly upon the Rex Hospital, which will be ready for occupancy in the early autumn. The dean of the medical staff of the hospital has in view the acquirement of more property adjoining it for the erection of a building for medical students of the State University and these who finish their course here. The class having grown steadily year after year. The dean informed your secretary recently that Rex Hospital will in all probability be doubled in size within the next two years. It is so arranged that this can be done easily. Numbers of physicians in various parts of the state inform him that they intend to send patients here and it will become the leading hospital in North Carolina.

The Grimes Realty Company has under way plans for an Apartment House, perhaps on Hillsboro street. (Continued on Page 3.)

THE PRESIDENT IN PETERSBURG AT UNVEILING

Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand Are in the Presidential Party

STOP AT PETERSBURG

The President and Party Left Washington at 4:20 O'clock and Arrived in Petersburg at Shortly After Nine—French Ambassador and Wife in the Party—President the Guest Today of Both Pennsylvania and Virginia—Great Preparations For His Entertainment—Other Distinguished Guests—The Unveiling.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, May 19.—President Taft left Washington at 4:20 o'clock this morning over the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for Petersburg, Va., where he will speak at the unveiling of a statue to General Hartranft, and the Pennsylvania soldiers who fell there in the civil war. Although she is rapidly recovering, owing to her recent nervous breakdown, Mrs. Taft did not accompany the president. Those in the party are Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, Captain A. W. Butt, and Assistant Secretary Mischler. The president is to return to Washington early Friday morning, after attending the Mecklenburg celebration at Charlotte, N. C. Thursday.

At Petersburg.

Petersburg, Va., May 19.—President Taft and party reached this city by special train from Washington shortly after 9 o'clock this morning to participate in the unveiling at Fort Mahone of a monument and a statue of General John F. Hartranft—erected in memory of the Federal soldiers of the third division, Ninth corps, who fell during the siege of Petersburg during the civil war.

The president came as the guest of both Pennsylvania and Virginia. He was scheduled as the orator of the day and plans for his entertainment surpassed anything of the sort ever undertaken here.

Other distinguished visitors are Governor Stuart of Pennsylvania; Governor Swanson of Virginia; members of the battlefields commission of Pennsylvania, large delegations from Grand Army Posts, and a host of Confederate veterans.

At a luncheon to the president this afternoon the speakers will include, in addition to the chief guest and the two governors, M. Jusserand, the French ambassador; Rear Admiral Sigsbee, retired; President E. A. Alderman of the University of Virginia; former Governors William E. Cameron and Andrew Jackson Montague of Virginia; Mayor Jones and W. B. McIlwaine of Petersburg.

Upon his arrival the president was driven at once to the old battlefields so rich in historic interest. He first witnessed at Fort Stedman the unveiling of a tablet.

From Fort Stedman the president and his party were driven the mile and a half to Fort Mahone where the Hartranft statue has been constructed at a cost of \$50,000. Colonel R. H. L. Goddard of Providence, R. I., presided at the unveiling. The flags were released by a committee of women selected from the north and the south, among them Mrs. William Mahone, wife of the Confederate general for whom the fort was named.

The Day in Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., May 19.—Today was Governor's Day at the Mecklenburg celebration and Governor Kitchin, of North Carolina, was the host for the occasion. In the afternoon Governor Kitchin and the visiting governors and lieutenant governors of the southern states make addresses at the fair grounds and in the evening the state's chief executive will receive the visiting executives and the public generally.

President Taft and his party will arrive at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Later in the day the president will review the military and industrial parade.

Ascension Day Services.

Tomorrow is Holy Thursday, or Ascension Day. There will be the full service for the day, at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 11 o'clock, consisting of service, sermon and the Holy Communion.