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## PRESIDENT HAS BUSY DAY IN NEW YORK

Takes Up the Fight In Behalf Of the Republican Party Of That State

### PROGRAM FOR DAY

Will Hold Conference With Republican Leaders Including Governor Hughes, Trying to Evolve Plans to Insure Republican Success Next Time—The Lincoln Day Banquet at the Waldorf Tonight One of the Biggest and Most Significant Affairs of its Kind Planned in a Long Time—President Guest of His Brother.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 12—This is the day that President Taft takes up his fight for the republican party in New York. It is his busy day, too. Every moment from the hour of his arrival is utilized in the program arranged for him, the conference between republican leaders, including Governor Hughes, being the principal item. The Lincoln Day banquet of the New York republican club, scheduled for the Waldorf tonight is one of the biggest and most significant affairs of its kind planned in a long while.

The president will return to Washington Sunday night. While in New York he will be the guest of his brother, Henry W. Taft. The program arranged for him is: 1:45 p. m. Arrives at Jersey City; met by Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the republican county committee, and Otto T. Bannard, republican mayoralty candidate last November. 2:30 p. m. Reach Mr. Griscom's home and conference of republican leaders begins, Governor Hughes attending. Senators Root and Dewey, Chairman Woodruff of the state committee, and others have been invited to participate in the conference over the republican situation in New York. 4:30 p. m. Reception to the president at Mr. Griscom's, to which Congressmen, district leaders, assemblymen, aldermen and other politicians have been invited.

8:30 p. m. The big republican banquet at the Waldorf. Covers will be laid for 1,200 at the banquet and 200 women will dine in an adjoining room and later listen to the speech-making. Besides the president, Governor Hughes, Governor Fort, of New Jersey, and the Rev. Michael Clune, of Syracuse, are on the program for addresses, and it was learned today that Speaker Cannon may also speak.

One of the features of the banquet will be the unveiling of a heroic bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln, the work of Max Bachmann.

**TWO SCHOONERS ASHORE.** Crews Rescued by Life Savers After Desperate Struggle. Sandy Hook, N. J., Feb. 12—Two fishing schooners, the Franklin B. Nelson and the Libby, both of New York, were driven ashore off Sandy Hook early today. Their crews, 17 in all, were rescued by life savers with the breeches buoy after a heroic fight of several hours. The Nelson was declared a total wreck, but there was hope of saving the Libby in the event of the winds falling.

## FIRE DOES DAMAGE IN WILMINGTON

(Special to The Times.) Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 12—A smouldering fire in the rear of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company last night caused a damage to the institution of five hundred dollars, and the dense smoke penetrated the four story structure next door occupied by Morris Bear and Bro., one of the largest wholesale dry goods houses in the state. The spring stock, valued at \$125,000, had just been received by the firm, and it is estimated that damage to the extent of \$50,000 was caused to the dry goods and fine linens by smoke. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The fire started from a bank building and was caused by a defective electric wire located in a inaccessible position. The fire department fought the blaze several hours before finally suppressing it.

CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.



Former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks, who has been distinguished by Pope Pius X, by the Pontiff refusing to grant him an audience. Mr. Fairbanks is visiting in Rome and while there thought to pay his respects to the King, the Pope and the American Methodist Church. The Pope made no demur about the King but objected to receiving Mr. Fairbanks if he persisted in carrying his intentions of speaking in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rome, because the Methodists have been doing a great deal of proselyting among Catholics. Mr. Fairbanks declared he would not consistently change his plans and spoke in the Methodist Church on toleration. Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American College gave a dinner in Mr. Fairbanks' honor.

## A NEW BUILDING

### Electrical and Civil Engineering Building for A. & M.

Executive Committee Met Here Yesterday and Received Plans for a New \$50,000 Building for A. & M. Plans Submitted by Mr. Frank Simpson Were Accepted.

The executive committee of the A. & M. trustees met here yesterday and decided upon plans for the electrical and civil engineering building for A. & M. College. The members present were Messrs. M. B. Stickley, of Concord; W. H. Ragan, High Point; O. L. Clark, Clarkton; N. B. Bronghton, and C. W. Gold, of Raleigh. Plans were submitted by Hook & Rogers, of Charlotte; P. Thornton Marrye, of Atlanta; Frank B. Simpson, J. M. Kennedy, H. S. P. Keller, and Frank Thompson, of Raleigh. The plans of Mr. Simpson were accepted by the committee.

The building will cost about \$50,000, will have a frontage of 170 feet on Hillsboro street and will have a depth of 90 feet, and will be located between the textile and agricultural buildings.

**DEATH OF JAMES WRENN.** Mr. James E. Wrenn Died in a Greensboro Hospital Yesterday. Mr. James E. Wrenn died in a Greensboro hospital yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, aged twenty-eight years. He had been ill only a short time, the cause of his death being pneumonia.

The body was brought here this morning and taken to his old home near Mount Zion, about fourteen miles south of Raleigh. The funeral will be conducted this afternoon from the home of his father, Mr. W. G. Wrenn, by Rev. G. W. Starling, and the interment will be in the family burying ground at Mount Zion. Besides his father, he leaves three brothers, John T. Wrenn, of Wake county; W. T. Wrenn, of Raleigh, and O. H. Wrenn, of Guilford College.

Mr. Wrenn held an important position with the South Atlantic Lumber Company, of Greensboro, and was generally liked by his associates.

**ANOTHER CHURCH.** Town of Bailey Rapidly Going Forward in Building Line. Bailey, Feb. 12—Arrangements are being made to build a Baptist church here. This will make the second church for Bailey; also ten stores and a number of new residences within the past 12 months. If Bailey only had a school it would be the best town between Raleigh and Wilson.

## MORE VESSELS SINK

Two More Vessels Go Down On French Coast

Fifty More Persons Added to the Death List Caused by Storm—157 Carried Down to Death in Sinking of the Steamer General Chanzy.

(By Cable to The Times.) Marseilles, Feb. 12—Within sight of the spot where the wrecked steamer General Chanzy lies on a Majorca reef, where she went to disaster yesterday, sending 156 of the 157 persons she carried to their deaths, two more vessels, sailers, were wrecked today. Reports say that every soul on board both of them perished, swelling the death list of the storm that is sweeping the Mediterranean by at least fifty.

The vessels were the Mathilde and the Martial.

The Mathilde is believed to be the French bark of that name, owned and commanded by Gaullier De Kermuel. She was built in 1882, hailed from Granville, and was of 334 tons. The Martial was reported to be a larger vessel.

Marseilles today is in a panic of grief. Hundreds of relatives of those lost on the General Chanzy disaster crowded the piers throughout the night, braving the storm and crying frantically for the despatch of succor to those who are lost beyond all hope.

Along the Cannebiere, the boulevard which leads to the Old Port, a packed mass of mourners today defied the police. A heavy force was on the spot to prevent an outbreak on the part of the desperate, grieving crowds.

Women, crying pitifully for word of husbands, sons, brothers or sweethearts, stormed the offices of the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique. Again and again some of the more desperate attempted to hurl themselves into the sea in a paroxysm of suffering. Weeping men besieged the steamship officials and the authorities.

Yet there was not a ray of hope for them.

The crowd was swelled today by panic-stricken inquiries for the safety of other ships in the path of the storm. By noon a solid mass of thousands clogged the water front, defying the police and demanding the news that did not come.

The only word received this morning corroborated the stories of the loss of every soul on the General Chanzy except one, an Algerian custom official, who clung to a piece of wreckage and was picked up by a fisherman.

From Palma, on the Island of Majorca, today came news of the washing ashore of bodies. The coast in the vicinity of the reef between Majorca and Minorca, where the steamer ripped her bottom out is dotted with corpses, and a patrol was established today for their recovery.

Braving the terrible seas and the gale, rescuers today attempted to put to sea to search for possible survivors. In the hope that a small boat may have lived when the crash came. Time and again these hardy rescuers were driven back, but a little fleet of small boats and tugs succeeded in putting out.

It was definitely asserted today that among those on board the General Chanzy were three Americans.

**PROGRESS IN THE SWOPE MURDER CASE**

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Kansas, City, Mo., Feb. 12—The impelling of the special grand jury called to investigate the death of Colonel Thomas Swope and the charges against Dr. E. Clark Hyde, one of the heirs to his \$4,000,000 fortune, accused of giving the millionaire strychnine, was delayed today in the court of criminal Judge Latschaw and was postponed until 3 o'clock this afternoon because of the unavoidable absence of one of the jurors.

If the judge can be present this afternoon the jury will be sworn in and instructed at that time. The names of the witnesses summoned have been carefully guarded, the prosecutor complying with the law which demands secrecy, in every respect so there will be no technical grounds for the supreme court to quash any indictment that may be returned.

Attorneys for Dr. Hyde did not take depositions yesterday in the libel suit against John G. Paxton. After promising to be present for the afternoon session Mr. Paxton suddenly discovered that his nose needed an operation and he put himself under a surgeon's care and notified Dr. Hyde's attorneys that it was impossible to be present.

EX-EMPRESS EUGENIE, FRANCE.



The ex-Empress Eugenie of France, who threatens to sue a London publisher because of the appropriation of autobiographic notes she had made in contemplation of issuing her memoirs of the tragedy of the Tait Revolution. She declares that somebody entered her room during her absence and has had felonious access to her notes. Announcement has been made that a volume of her memoirs will be published, and she is waiting until the publisher comes out in the open so she can proceed against him. The pictures show her as she was in the full bloom of her beauty and as she is now.

The American consul began making inquiries into this report. The company's record show that three American vandervillians from San Francisco—Elsie Henry, Louis Drenda and a Mr. Delym, had booked passage on the ill-fated steamer.

The books also show that the 157 aboard were divided as follows: First cabin, 30; second cabin, 57; crew, 70.

Many of the passengers were soldier and civil officials returning to their posts. It was declared today that Greene and Stakely, two singers who are booked as going to Algiers, were Englishmen.

The steamers hurried to the scene of the disaster today. A fleet of these was ordered out from Belear Island ports and from Spain, but many were held back by the vigor of the storm.

The terror of the crowds of relatives here was increased when it became known that the disaster was forecasted in the vision of a girl, whose fiancé was a passenger on the Chanzy. Before any inkling of the accident had been received, she rushed to the steamer's pier, crying: "The Chanzy has gone down! I saw it in a vision!"

## HEAVIEST FEBRUARY SNOW IN YEARS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 12—The heaviest February snow fall recorded since the weather bureau was established in 1880 prevails in this city this morning and reports from surrounding towns show that three states are snowbound.

In Pittsburgh, nearly 12 inches fell within ten hours and the weather man predicts that the storm will continue throughout the day.

At 7 o'clock this morning all freight traffic on the Erie & Pittsburgh divisions of the Pennsylvania Railroad had been abandoned and Passenger trains are running very late.

At Washington, Pa., the snow is 14 inches deep on the level. Country roads are impassable and trolley and railroad services are almost at a standstill. Reports from other western Pennsylvania sections show similar conditions.

West Virginia reports say the upper Ohio Valley is covered with a ten inch blanket of snow and telegrams from the northern end of the state line of varying depths of twenty inches at Fairmont to six inches at other points.

## SEINE FALLING AGAIN

River Rose 32 Inches Over Night But Lower Today

Fluctuations Predicted to Occur Until Wednesday When Third Heavy Flood Will Begin—Railroads in Grave Danger—Weather Conditions Not Propitious.

(By Cable to The Times.) Paris, Feb. 12—After a rise of thirty-two inches overnight, the Seine began to fall again at noon today, the crest of the second flood having been reached. The hydrographic office predicts fluctuations until Wednesday, when the third heavy flood is due, caused by the rise in the waters of the Marne and the Haute Seine.

Jules Guerin, famous as the hero of the siege of Fort Chabrol, died today as the result of a call caught while assisting flood victims.

Hard work is still going on at every threatened point about the city, and the activity of the dyke constructors is as great as at the time of the beginning of the flood.

Throughout the night as the river rose rapidly, patrols kept watch on every quay, and by the light of bonfires a dozen dams were thrown up at critical points. Today hundreds of men continued the work.

The rise in the tributary Yonne was the cause of the increase in the Seine's height. The other streams emptying in the Seine are still rising and it will be fully a week before the last vestige of acute danger is passed.

In the outlying districts today the situation is little better than in the most threatening days of the recent inundation. The new flood has thrown out of employment thousands of workers who were just beginning to return to factories.

The railroads are in grave danger and it was declared today that, if the drop in the river did not continue, Paris would again be face to face with famine.

The Lyons road is in particularly bad shape and the work of rehabilitating the other lines has been checked by the new flood.

The weather conditions today were not propitious. Reports of rain and snow come from the outlying regions, and in the city the weather was uneven. The cold spell, which was looked for to stay the thaw in the mountains, is past.

The plans for the rehabilitation of the city are progressing well, according to government reports made today. Little actual work has been done, however, compared with the total that must be accomplished.

The sewer system is rapidly being restored to the normal status, but at heavy cost.

**STORM BROKEN.** Milder Weather Coming From the Coast and the Storm Over.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 12—At the United States Weather Bureau this morning it was said that the backbone of the storm which lashed the Atlantic coast and the northern Atlantic states late yesterday afternoon and last night had been broken by milder weather sweeping up from the coast. The Maine and Massachusetts coasts today, however, are liable to still suffer from the end of the blizzard.

## TERRIFIC GALE DISASTERS AT SEE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 12—A terrific gale is sweeping the whole eastern coast and reports of shipping disasters came frequently today. During the night snow fell heavily in this vicinity, but early in the morning this changed to rain, this developing later into a miniature thunderstorm, with heavy lightning at times.

The heavy blizzard that obscured lights and coast was responsible for most of the disasters at sea. The chief sufferers were small fishing vessels.

All the railroads leading into New York reported trains on schedule time and the street railway companies in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx reported little delay as a result of the snow, but the snow on the tracks delayed elevated trains.

Many cases of intense suffering were reported and several required hospital care. Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards issued a call early today for all the available men to clean the streets. He said it would be a comparatively easy matter to remove the snow unless there was a much greater downfall.

The municipal lodging houses cared for 299 men, twenty-six women

SENATOR CLARK.



United States Senator Clark, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, who will champion the federal incorporation bill. The senator has been in lengthy conferences with President Taft and as far as can be foreseen every conceivable adverse argument has been gone over and a reply for each prepared. Representative Parker, of New Jersey, will push the bill in the house.

and nine children last night. The Dowry Mission cared for several hundred.

## A BIG CELEBRATION

### Literary Societies of Wake Forest Observe Anniversary

Governor Kitchin Was Present and Aired As One of the Judges—Debate Was a Hard Fought Contest, Being Won by the Affirmative Side—Wake Forest Basketball Team Plays Strong Team From Conlin, Georgia Tonight.

(Special to The Times.) Wake Forest, Feb. 12—The celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the literary societies yesterday was a great success. A number of distinguished alumni and friends of the college were present.

At two o'clock the debate took place on the query "Resolved, That congress should enact an income tax law." E. N. Johnson, Chl. of Sampson county spoke first. H. B. Jones, Ed. of Union county opened the discussion on the negative. J. C. Smith, Ed. of Guilford county, made second speech for the affirmative. S. C. Hilliard, Chl. closed the discussion for the first speeches. In rejoinder the order was reversed, Johnson closing for the affirmative and Jones for the negative. A more spirited and hard fought contest has never taken place in the college. Johnson and Jones were colleagues last fall and winners of the debate with Randolph-Macon College.

The judges, Gov. W. W. Kitchin, President Holgood, of Oxford, and Hon. A. J. Harris, of Hendersonville, rendered the decision in favor of the affirmative by a vote of 2 to 1. An idea of the close contest may be had from the fact that one vote went to the affirmative by three-fourths of one per cent.

In the evening orations were delivered by W. E. Hill, Ed. of Rutherford county, on "The Heritage of Honor," and J. J. Best, Chl. of Duplin county, on "Agriculture, the New Birth."

After the orations the audience repaired to the society halls where the annual reception was held.

The marshalls for the occasion were P. E. Powell and J. B. Vernon, chiefs; J. C. Woodard, George C. Buck, E. M. Mitchell and W. E. Ellis. The Eucledian orator, W. R. Hill, was introduced by P. E. Powell; the Chilonathian orator, J. J. Best, by J. B. Vernon.

Tonight a basketball game will be played with the Columbus, Ga., Y. M. C. A. There is great interest and all are expecting to see the hardest fight of the season.

**Concluding Day of Editorial Association.** (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New Orleans, Feb. 12—The concluding day of the convention of the National Editorial Association was marked by a rush of members to finish the business of the meeting and complete arrangements for the cruise to Panama.

Little routine business was done in convention today.

## POLITICAL SITUATION IN BRITAIN

Stage Set For Fiercest Parliamentary Combat Ever Known In That Country

### PREMIER SEES KING

John Redmond, the Irish Leader, Has Arrived in London—Final Demands of the Laborites—Conference Between Premier Asquith and the King—Unionist Leaders Confer, Laying Plans for Clash That Will Come When Parliament Assembles on Feb. 21—Laborites Opposed to Military Program—Asquith Ready to Quit.

(By Cable to The Times.)

London, Feb. 12—The stage is set for the fiercest parliamentary combat ever known in the history of Great Britain. The arrival of John Redmond, the Irish leader in London, the promulgating of the final demands of the Laborites and the conference between Premier Asquith and the king at Brighton marked today as one of the most critical since the fight over the budget first developed.

The Unionist leaders today conferred informally, laying their plans for the clash that will come when parliament assembles on February 21. The liberal policy is in the hands of the premier. John Redmond has arrived here to back up the ultimatum he sent to the cabinet, stating definitely the demands of the Nationalists for home rule and a curb on the lords.

With the Labor congress disbanded, the demands of the Laborites are now known to the leaders of both parties.

At the conference of the cabinet Thursday and Friday the proposed changes in its personnel were thoroughly gone over and when the premier met the king today he was ready to furnish Edward with a complete list of the new ministry.

One report circulated today was to the effect that Asquith himself was ready to step down and out, leaving the situation in the hands of the more radical of his colleagues in the ministry—Winston Churchill and David Lloyd-George. There was little credence given to this report.

**Premier Sees King.**

Brighton, Eng., Feb. 12—Premier Asquith arrived at Brighton today and immediately went into conference with the king in reference to the political situation.

Premier Asquith left the king after an hour's conference and returned to London.

**Lloyd-George May Succeed Asquith.**

London, Feb. 12—David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer and father of the budget, went to Brighton this afternoon to confer with King Edward. He took this step after having seen Premier Asquith. It was reported that the move presaged the retirement of Asquith and the assumption of the premiership by Lloyd-George, who is one of the most radical men in the Liberal party. Another report was that the king wished to ask a change in the budget.

## RIVER STEAMBOAT CRASHED INTO BAR

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Greenville, Miss., Feb. 12—In a driving snow storm early this morning the Morrissy Line steamer Bella of the bendis crashed into a bar at Fitter's Landing. The collision drove the big river steamer half way across the bar, almost splitting the vessel in half. The crash awoke the passengers and before the crew could lower the boats panic had seized them.

Forty passengers aboard, many were women, who had to be forcibly restrained from leaping into the river, on a chance of reaching the shore. The boats were finally lowered and the passengers safely removed. Several women were hurt in the first rush that followed the steamer's crash.

The Belle of the Bendis was on her way to Greenville from Vicksburg and was driven from the channel by the high wind and lost her bearings owing to the thickly falling snow. She was the finest steamer operating on the river below St. Louis.