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ROOSEVELT SPENDS DAY OF PLEASURE

The Former President Has Had Busy Time Since His Arrival At Khartoum

A DINNER TONIGHT

Formal Festivities of the Stay in Khartoum Will be Opened With a Dinner Tonight to Which All the Notables in the Sudan Have Been Asked—Sight-seeing Trip Today—F. G. Bonfils of Denver in Khartoum to Present Invitation to the ex-President to Return by Way of the Pacific.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Khartoum, March 15—Theodore Roosevelt, surrounded by members of his family and plunging into the festivities arranged for his entertainment here, is menaced by a disease unlike any which threatened him in his long jungle journey. It is the kala'aza, known but a few months, but already the cause of several Europeans' death.

Like the sleeping sickness, which is caused by the bite of the tse-tse fly, the new disease is due to the bite of an insect. Every precaution to safeguard all of the Roosevelt party during their stay here has been taken. The bug, whose bite is so deadly, is found principally in the houses of the native quarter, but the European section has been invaded. Though Colonel Roosevelt laughs at the danger, recent deaths from kala'aza have caused much alarm.

Mr. Roosevelt breakfasted with his wife and Miss Ethel this morning after sleeping later than has been his custom for nearly a year. Then began the round of sight-seeing which had been mapped out for the former president and his family.

He was the first of the Roosevelts to leave the sleeping quarters on the upper floor of the Sirdar's palace.

Retiring to the drawing room, which had been put at his disposal—a magnificent chamber—finished in white, the furniture in the DuBarry style, Mr. Roosevelt began the careful consideration of his letters, answering many of the more urgent.

He had done a good day's work at this by the time breakfast was served in the adjoining dining room, whose walls hold the paintings of English royalty and historic battle pictures that tell the tragic story of the Sudan.

Sir Francis Wingate, the sirdar, personally took charge of the Roosevelt party today in the tour of Khartoum and the surrounding country.

Colonel Roosevelt's first questions were regarding the scene of the famous last stand of General "Chinese" Gordon in 1885. He displayed a close knowledge of the details of Gordon's death fight against the

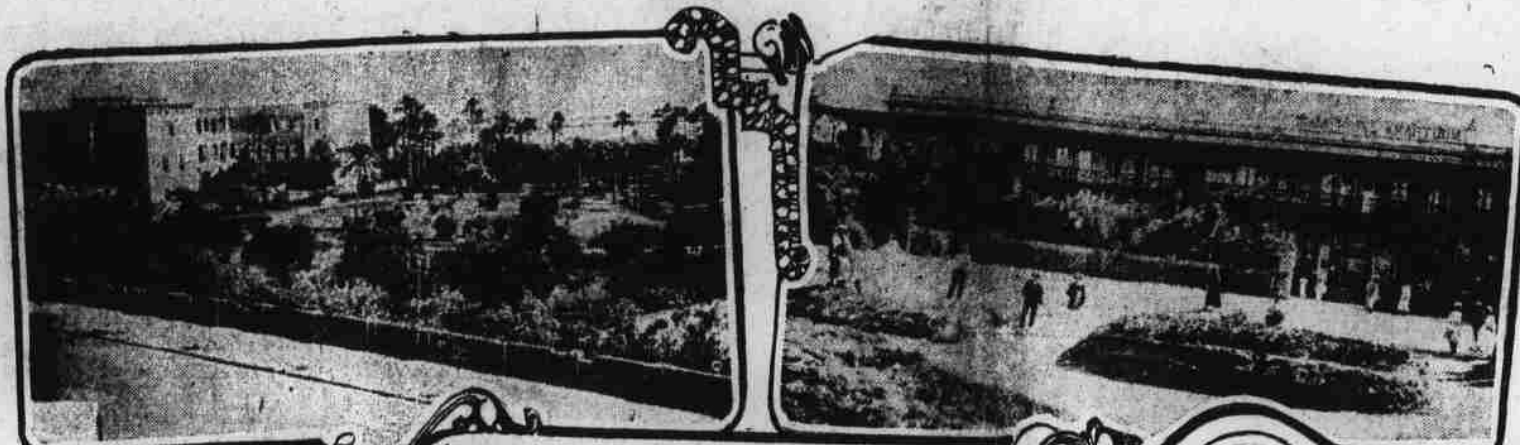
NEGRO CHAUFFEUR COMMITTED TO JAIL

(Special to The Times.)
Charlotte, March 15—Following an investigation by the coroner's jury Sunday into the death of Mr. M. W. Christenbury who was killed Saturday at Derita by being run over by an automobile driven by George Evans, colored, the colored chauffeur was committed to jail without bail to await trial, the verdict of the coroner's jury being that the deceased met death as a result of criminal negligence on the part of the colored chauffeur.

The trial of the defendant will probably come up at the next term of criminal court which convenes the last Monday in April. Mr. T. C. Guthrie has been retained as attorney for the defendant and it is very probable that a habeas corpus proceeding will be had before Judge James L. Webb who is holding civil court here this week with a view of getting the defendant out on bond. It is also expected that a civil action for damages against Mr. Jeremiah Goff, the owner of the machine, will be instituted at an early date.

Mr. Christenbury was a farmer of the Derita section and left a wife and seven children. He was insured in the fraternal organization of Woodmen of the World in the sum of \$1,000, and this has been turned over to the wife.

ROOSEVELT RETURNS TO CIVILIZATION.



The Palace of the Sirdar of Khartoum, where the Roosevelt party was entertained upon arrival, and to the right the Khartoum Hotel, where Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel met the Colonel. The group of four from left to right are: Colonel Roosevelt, Frederick C. Selous, Major Edgar A. Mearns and Kermit Roosevelt. The meeting of the Roosevelt family will take place within a day or two.

tribesmen. General Wingate, who commanded the expedition that in 1898 killed the Khalifa, successor to the Mahdi, who wiped out Gordon's force, and re-established European rule in Khartoum, gave many important and little known details to Mr. Roosevelt.

Colonel Roosevelt expressed much surprise at the perfection of the street railroad in this frontier post. He was taken through Gordon College and then inspected the government buildings and the quays and warehouses along the river front.

The event of the day, however, was the tour planned to the Kerrii battlefield.

The formal festivities will be opened with the dinner tonight in the sirdar's palace. Every celebrity permanently or temporarily in the Sudan has been invited, and the extension of the social season a week for the entertainment of the Roosevelts assured, even before the ex-president's arrival, one of the greatest events of its kind this town of the desert has ever seen.

F. G. Bonfils, proprietor of a Denver newspaper, and George Creels, who are in Khartoum to present to Mr. Roosevelt a request from American commercial bodies in the west that he return by way of San Francisco, today declared that they were confident that the former president would accede to the request.

"We are backed by millions of people who think they have a better claim to priority in Mr. Roosevelt's attentions than the east and we have laid out plans to put the matter up to him in such a way that we think he could not refuse," said Mr. Bonfils.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt has become the belle of Khartoum. On her first appearance, after her father and Kermit met Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel at the railroad station, Miss Ethel made a sensation, both by her personality and the charming girlish gown of white stuff, with a green sash in her hair, in which she appeared at the palace.

Today on the sight-seeing expedition a dozen handsome young English officers danced attendance on her.

Colonel Roosevelt himself is through with the labors of his African expedition, having ended his supervision of the packing of specimens and their labelling, and also having written the last word of his account of his famous hunt.

When he reaches America, however, he will have a heavy task on his hands in arranging and cataloguing the thousands of specimens which have been secured.

TWO AMENDMENTS.

To the Townsend Railroad Bill Adopted by the House Committee.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 15—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today adopted two important amendments to the Townsend railroad bill. One of these provides that in the reorganization of any insolvent railroad corporation, or in the merger of any non-competitive railroad lines, there shall not be issued any stock in the re-organized or merged companies in excess of the fair value of property of the new corporations, the value to be ascertained by the interstate commerce commission. The other amendment prohibits a railroad corporation from acquiring the capital stock of any water-carrier corporation, or any railroad company which is competitive, and also forbids a water carrier corporation from acquiring stock in a railroad or in water carrier lines where any action is pending under the Sherman anti-trust law is also forbidden.

Appeal to Enforce Civil Service Laws.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 15—The Central Labor Union will appeal to President Taft to enforce the civil service laws of the country and adopt such measures as may be necessary to put an end to the alleged practice of those in charge of the employment of labor of using unskilled labor in the performance of duties for which skilled labor is ordinarily employed.

BIG STRIKE AHEAD

Railway Firemen of the West to Strike

Believed That 25,000 Firemen On 48 Western Lines Will Be Out in 48 Hours as Roads and Men Cannot Agree on Basis of Settlement.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, March 15—A strike of 25,000 firemen on 48 western railroads, tying up 150,000 miles of lines, will be declared within 48 hours at the outside, it was declared today by labor leaders. President W. F. Carter of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen said that the union heads were making preparations as rapidly as possible for the strike, which has already been decided upon. There is only one move that can avert the trouble and that is agreement to the men's demands, which the general managers of the roads, who have appealed to the fed-

eral government for intervention, refuse to grant.

The railroad men today declared that they had not changed their stand and that they still stood ready to arbitrate the wage demands of the firemen but that they could not meet the men half way in their demands for two new rules affecting the engineers, the Brotherhood of the latter having forbidden the roads the privilege of altering the engineers' status.

The general managers of the roads involved gave another answer to the locomotive firemen. It was the same as the last offered—that the railroads would arbitrate the wage scale, but could not go further. According to their official spokesmen, O. L. Dickerson, of the Burlington, there was no change in the opinion of the roads.

"There is good and sufficient reason why the railroads cannot submit the other two rules to arbitration," said he. "The reason is that they affect the engineers and it would involve a violation of existing agreements with that body, which was not represented at the conference." (Continued on Page Five.)

SLIGHT TO UNIFORM

President and Secretary Meyer Take Up Matter

Sailors Denied Admittance to Chase's Theatre Make Complaint to the Authorities—Two Bills Have Been Introduced in Congress to Remedy the Trouble.

(By JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES)

Washington, March 15—The question of civil rights has not been so sharply presented in Washington since the Civil War as in the refusal of the Chase theatre to admit United States marines in uniform to its evening performance.

The navy department has taken hold of the case with vigor as notable as it is admirable. The president is fully as determined as Secretary Meyer to enforce the rights of the men in uniform, and no other question excites so much interest at the

NEW ORLEANS WINS.

Panama Opening Celebration Will be Held in That City.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New Orleans, La., March 15—Mayor Behrman, who with Governor Sanders, headed a delegation at Washington to appeal to the president and congress asking that the Panama opening celebration be held in New Orleans in 1915, wired here as follows this morning: "That New Orleans will win and that the Panama exposition will be held there is absolutely a foregone conclusion. I am sure the members of the delegation were astonished no less than delighted at the open and unequivocal declaration made by the president that his preference was for New Orleans. The significant statement made by Speaker Cannon, who said that 'if the exposition is given there is no doubt that Louisiana will be the post,' can certainly be taken as an indication of his sympathy."

TARIFF WAR WITH CANADA.

Unless That Country is Given Minimum Rates Trouble Will Ensnare.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 15—It is generally conceded here that unless the United States gives Canada the benefit of the minimum rates, a tariff war will ensue between the two countries that will be far-reaching in its economic effects, and which will react politically on republicans in border states, whose trade relations with the Dominion are most intimate. One prominent member of the house of representatives goes so far as to say that unless this tariff war is averted and Canada is given the minimum rates, most of the border states will return full democratic delegations to the sixty-third congress. It is the general belief in official circles today that the effort to reach an agreement with Canada will fail. The subject is to be considered at the cabinet meeting today.

SENATOR TILLMAN BETTER.

Will Leave Washington For South Carolina—Complete Recovery Expected.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 15—Senator B. F. Tillman has almost completely recovered from the stroke of paralysis he suffered several weeks ago. Tomorrow, accompanied by his wife, two daughters and his son, B. F. Tillman, Jr., he intends leaving for his home in Columbia, S. C. Dr. E. F. Pickford, his physician, said today that the senator ought to recover his usual health within the next month, and that it is probable he will suffer no further ill effects from the paralytic stroke. For a week after Senator Tillman was stricken, his life was despaired of.

THE COMPANY WILL CONFER WITH THE MEN

Stock Exchange Threatens To Destroy Stock of Transit Co. Unless They Arbitrate

HOPE FOR PEACE NOW

Prospects Much Brighter Now That It Has Been Announced That the Company Will Hear the Labor Leaders—Philadelphia Stock Exchange Takes a Hand and Threatens to Hammer the Stock of the Company Unless President Kruger Will Grant a Conference—Chauffeurs Strike Again—Many Families Find Themselves Without Food For Breakfast.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Philadelphia, March 15—Heartened by the outcome of the conference brought about between President Kruger of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and the labor leaders, the commercial and other interests of Philadelphia which have been struggling to bring about peace today renewed their efforts with fresh vigor. The conference is generally regarded as the entering wedge. It is the first recognition by the company that there is actually a strike in progress.

The peace conference was today declared to have been brought about directly by the threats of the Philadelphia stock exchange to no longer support the stock of the Pennsylvania Rapid Transit if a more conciliatory attitude were not adopted by the corporation. This threat is said to have been made through Edward Lowber Stokes, broker and son of the founder of one of the companies which the Pennsylvania Rapid Transit absorbed on its organization in 1902. Had the demand not been heeded, it is believed that the traction stock would have been slaughtered.

Results in 48 Hours

Prior to conferring with George H. Earle and other representatives of the Rapid Transit Company at the office of the real estate trust building this morning, Broker Stokes said he was confidently hopeful that a basis for a settlement for the strike would be reached within the next 48 hours. He was asked what he based his hopes upon and replied: "I don't care to state them now."

"Do you think the meeting last evening will result favorably?" he was asked.

"I certainly expect it to," was his reply.

Mass Meeting Tonight.

In spite of the company's ostensibly maintaining its former attitude (Continued on Page Six.)

COMMITTEE SELECTED AS JUDGES TO CLOSE TIMES GREAT POPULARITY VOTING CONTEST

Three Well Known Raleigh Bank Cashiers to Seal the Ballot Box and Make the Count On Last Day—All in Readiness For Close of The Times Great Popularity Voting Contest Which Ends Monday March 21st 6 p. m.

LAST STANDING OF CONTESTANTS PUBLISHED MARCH 17TH

The Last Standing of Contestants Will be Published Thursday, March 17th—All Votes and Subscriptions Must be in This Office by 6:00 P. M., Monday, March 21st, in Order to Count.

The following committee has been selected by The Times to act as judges in its great popularity voting contest, which ends Monday, March 21st, 6:00 P. M.: Messrs. W. B. Drake, cashier Merchants National Bank; Henry E. Litchford, cashier Citizens National Bank; Charles Root, cashier Raleigh Savings Bank. The above named gentlemen are so well known to the citizens of Raleigh and the state of North Carolina that it is useless to say with these as judges each and every contestant can rest assured of receiving a square

deal. These gentlemen will be on hand the last day and make the count. The ballot box will be sealed by them a day or so before the close of the contest and will be opened by them on the last day when the count is made.

Last Standing Will be Published Thursday, March 17th.

The last standing of the contestants until the close will be published next Thursday, March 17th. No other standing will be published after this time until after the close of the contest.

There are now but five working days until the close of The Times' great popularity voting contest. Each and every contestant should make every day count, for much depends upon the work done these last few days. Look out for the contestant

behind, otherwise she may pass you in the home stretch and secure the two trips to Europe. A number of the contestants are so close together it will take only a few subscriptions to cause one to win and the other to lose. The list of prizes are certainly well worth putting forth every effort to win. There is waiting for some lucky contestant a trip to Europe for herself and companion with all legitimate expenses paid, a \$450 piano, a \$400 set of furniture, a \$350 piano, while four others will receive each a diamond ring and four others will receive a King's Business College Scholarship. Now is the time to put forth every effort, make every minute count. Don't forget that all subscriptions and voting coupons must be in this office before 6:00 P. M., Monday, March 21st, in order to count.

GOVERNMENT BRIEF IN CORPORATION TAX

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 15—The government brief in the corporation tax cases was filed in the United States supreme court today. The original case is that of Stella P. Flint, as general guardian of the property of Samuel N. Stone, Jr., a minor, and is an appeal from the United States circuit court for the district of Vermont. There are fourteen other cases advanced for hearing with the original case.

The suits are brought to test the constitutionality of the federal corporation tax which was included in the tariff act of the last session of congress. In the federal court in Vermont the original proceeding was an application to restrain the Stone-Tracy Company from making the returns on its business, as required by the corporation tax law. The other cases are similar.

The government's brief covers all fifteen cases, and is an exhaustive document contending for the constitutionality of the law.