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EAGER MOB SURROUNDS ROOSEVELT

So Great Is the Enthusiasm
He is Almost Carried
Off His Feet

THE CROWDS CHEER

Mr. Roosevelt's Speech on the World Movement Eagerly Received—Thousands Seek for Admittance Into the Hall—Falling to Get in They Wait on the Outside and Mob the Colonel When He Comes Out—Had to be Rescued by Officers from the Eager Crowd of Admirers—Americans Led the Rush—His Speech on the General Advancement of Civilization.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Berlin, May 12—Theodore Roosevelt today took his place with the savants of Germany, delivering the address at the University of Berlin for which Teutonic scholars have been looking forward for months.

As the former president left the hall he was mobbed by the cheering crowds that broke through the cordons of police. A squad of mounted men, flourishing sabres, rescued Mr. Roosevelt with difficulty and he was whisked off by automobile to the American embassy.

The Kaiser and the Kaiserin were among the foremost in the audience, which included, besides other members of the royal family, Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, and the first men of the nation in official and military life, besides a gathering of scientists, historians and other men of scholarship such as has seldom been seen before.

By a coincidence, Mr. Roosevelt spoke in the Aula, or hall, where the Kaiser, on October 19, 1906, rose dramatically after an address by Prof. John W. Burgess of Columbia University, and cried for three cheers for Theodore Roosevelt.

Long before the time set for the address the university was surrounded by crowds and by the time Mr. Roosevelt arrived, fully 20,000 people were on hand. In spite of the spirit of mourning pervading the public as well as the court over the death of King Edward the throngs were remarkably demonstrative.

Nearly every one of the 12,000 students of the university was present, but outside. Scarcely a handful of them got into the hall. For weeks all Germany has been besieging the authorities for invitations to the lecture, and but a fraction of the applicants could be accommodated in the hall, with its seating capacity of but a mere 500.

Erich Schmidt, rector of the university, has been laboring since the first announcement of the lecture, with a specific staff of clerks, preparing for the event of today. The task of writing refusals of tickets kept several persons occupied constantly for many weeks. So few were the available invitations that the staff of the American embassy secured but sixteen all told—enough for the members and their families.

In the morning Mr. Roosevelt went through a course of preparation for the speech under the direction of Dr. Frankel, the throat specialist, who is attending him while here.

When the session was over, Dr. Frankel announced that there was a further marked improvement in Mr. Roosevelt's condition.

The ex-president rested throughout the morning. When at last he entered an automobile and went from the embassy, where he is staying, to the university, he appeared in excellent spirits. A crowd had gathered before the embassy, and as he appeared he was cheered. On the streets leading to the hall he was recognized and received further salutes. But it was at the university that the enthusiasm passed all precedent.

As Mr. Roosevelt and the Kaiser appeared together, the throngs burst out into a deep, full toned roar which could be heard far.

Throughout the speech Mr. Roosevelt showed slight hoarseness, but (Continued on Page Two.)

NEWS FROM DURHAM

Mr. C. M. Lewter Died Early Today

Had Been in Failing Health for a Long Time—Funeral Service Tomorrow—Little Girl Gets Carbolic Acid But No Harm is Done—Other News.

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, N. C., May 12—Mr. C. M. Lewter, a mechanical engineer of this city, died at his home near Lakewood Park this morning at 1:15 after an illness which assumed various phases.

Mr. Lewter was reared in Orange county about Chapel Hill and when this county was cleft from Orange, he came here to live. He was one of the oldest native residents of the city. He followed his vocation in the engineering of the American Tobacco Company's plants and generally spent his winters in Wilson, where he ran an engine.

July of last year Mr. Lewter began to fail in health perceptibly and he had declined slowly since. Not until a few days ago, however, did he yield and his death has been but a momentary thing. He leaves a brother, Mr. A. S. Lewter, of Aberdeen, and a sister, Mrs. W. N. Pritchard, of Chapel Hill. There are two daughters, Mrs. C. E. King and Mrs. Emma Ferrell and several grandchildren survive him. He is survived by Mrs. Lewter, who was Miss Tula Cheek, of Chapel Hill. Two sons remain, Messrs. A. A. and J. R. Lewter, both of this city.

Mr. Lewter would have been sixty-nine years of age in June, the 16th day of that month. He was a soldier and saw military service. In religion he was a Baptist and in that service he will be buried tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Little Helen Aileen Jones, who was thought to have swallowed carbolic acid enough yesterday afternoon to kill, was found by the physicians to be substantially out of danger yesterday afternoon and but little of the poison touched her.

The child did secure the bottle and pour some of the fluid in her mouth but did not swallow it. She was soon attended by Dr. A. Cheatham and the danger had passed. This occurred about 1:30. Five hours later she was about the house and playing as though nothing had happened. The little tot is the child of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones.

Mr. Will Duke and Miss Nellie Booth were married last night at the home of Mr. J. C. Gunter, Rev. O. N. Marshall, officiating. They are residents of the Edgecombe community. The wedding took place in the presence of a few friends. It was an extremely quiet event and but few knew of it until the issuance of the license.

Mrs. Morris Very Ill.

Mrs. Ed. Morris, who lives on Alston avenue, is very critically ill and is hardly expected to live through the night. Mrs. Morris developed pneumonia several days ago and the sinking since has been very rapid. She is about fifty years of age and has four children.

The four-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis died yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. O. T. Carver on Cleveland street. The baby was brought here some days ago on account of the illness of Mrs. Willis, the mother, who is in a desperate condition in Greenville, North Carolina. A series of convulsions carried it away. The funeral services will take place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. Carver. Mr. Willis came in this morning on the early train from Greenville. The burial will be in Maplewood.

Miss Marion B. Kinne, teacher of violin, and Mr. Orme G. Edwards, who graduates at the commencement of the Southern Conservatory of Music, have planned a series of concerts which will be given immediately after the close of the year. Mr. Edwards will be accompanist to Miss Kinne. Their first date will be in Lumberton, May 23th, when they will play that city. From Lumberton they go to Goldsboro, where they will play that town, being assisted by Miss Elizabeth Smith, who graduates this spring. Miss Smith lives in Goldsboro.

They go from Goldsboro to Kingston to give their third concert and will return here for Trinity commencement. Miss Kinne will play that engagement before returning to her New Jersey home to play a summer engagement. It is probable that other concerts may be given but these three are the only ones announced.

JOHN HAYS HAMMOND.



John Hays Hammond, the famous mining engineer and man of affairs, who is a member of the California delegation which is now touring the East in the interests of the proposed exposition in San Francisco to celebrate the coming opening of the Panama canal. The delegation recently visited Washington and called on President Taft.

MINE DISASTER IN THE ENGLISH FELD

(By Cable to The Times)

Whitehaven, Eng., May 12—One hundred and thirty-six men were entombed early today by an explosion in the Wellington coal mine. After hours of work four men were saved, but the rescuers said there was no hope of reaching the others for many hours. The men brought out declared that their companions were doomed, as the mine was filled with gases. The four were themselves overcome by gas and unconscious when found.

MISS ELIZABETH FLEMING.



Miss Elizabeth Fleming, who christened the Dreadnought Florida, the greatest of the American battleships, at the Brooklyn navy yards today. Her people have been prominent in war and politics, as well as socially, in Florida for four generations. Miss Fleming herself is well known in the younger social set in Washington and the south.

THE FINEST SHIP Of the Navy The Florida, Launched

America's New Dreadnought, the Largest Yet Sent Into the Water—Big Crowd of Notables Present—Governor of Florida, Sponsor and Maids, Guests of Honor.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, May 12—The greatest and finest vessel of the American navy—the battleship Florida—glided into the water at 11:25 a. m. today, her prow dripping with champagne from the christening bottle crashed against her steel clad side by Miss Elizabeth Legere Fleming, daughter of one of Florida's oldest families, as the new queen of the United States navy began to slip down the ways at the Brooklyn navy yard.

A roar of welcome from the thousands of spectators boomed across to the Jersey shore when the monster dreadnought met the water for the first time. The impact of her huge bulk stirred up the East river into a miniature tidal wave which tossed like chips the tiny tugs that frantically steamed up to the leviathan and attached lines with which to stay her progress.

More than 500 of the nation's dignitaries gathered for the ceremonies. Although president Taft could not leave Washington there were present today some of the foremost figures from the capital, including Vice President Sherman, Secretary of the Navy George VonL Meyer, Admiral George Dewey, Chief Constructor Capps, Assistant Secretary Winthrop and many gray-haired rear admirals, old sea dogs who have seen the navy grow from the days of wooden frigates. Rear Admiral Leutze was there, and Seaton Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, his chief of staff, Captain Albert L. Key and Rear Admirals Sprerry, "Fighting Bob" Evans, Wainwright and Potter. Each officer had his aides.

Governor Hughes, of New York, and staff had come from Albany for the occasion, and the state after which the battleship is named was officially represented by Governor Albert W. Gilchrist and his staff.

But with all their gold and pomp, the official guests could not outshine the bevy of southern beauties coming north to take part in the usually elaborate exercises of christening the vessel.

Besides Miss Elizabeth Fleming, the sponsor, the maids of honor were Miss Alliance Buckman, Jacksonville; Miss Lucy Milton, Marianna; Miss Eugenia Carter, Pensacola; Miss Nellie Fletcher, daughter of United States Senator Fletcher, and Miss Genevieve Bisbee, daughter of ex-Congressman Horatio Bisbee. Her name is in New York.

The party from Florida left their hotel soon after breakfast, and, in a string of automobiles, was whisked to the navy yard across the East river.

There thousands of persons were already gathered, stationed about the yard or thronging points of vantage outside, ashore and afloat. Battalions of marines patrolled the yard and its environs, aided by a detail of several hundred police.

The police boats darted up and down the river, keeping the patrol lines clear. In anticipation of a monster wave when the great warship struck the water, the patrol lines had been placed unusually far back. The men having charge of the last work of sending the vessel into the water had been rehearsed and were letter perfect this morning. Extraordinary precautions for safety marked every phase of the launching.

Rear Admiral Leutze of the navy yard had issued strict orders regarding the closing of the river.

Long before the time for the launching the Brooklyn and Manhattan shores and the bridges were crowded with sight-seers.

DIED IN CELL.

Young Man Locked in For Drunkenness Dies in Police Cell in Charlotte.

(Special to The Times)
Charlotte, May 11—Locked in a cell at police headquarters at 6:00 o'clock by an officer who found him seemingly drunk on the streets last night, a neatly dressed young fellow, who was entered as W. G. Finch, was found dead at 9:00 o'clock tonight in his cell. His identity was at first unknown, but later it was learned that his name was Walter Page. He was seemingly in a very drunken condition when apprehended. An investigation will be made.

BALLINGER DIDN'T GET PAY FOR IT

Gave Advice to Cunningham
But No Charge Was Made
For Services

NOT LEGAL ADVISOR

Ballinger Denied That He Was Ever the Legal Advisor of Cunningham. Did Give Him Advice, But Did Not Charge For It—In One Instance Got \$250 For Drawing An Affidavit, But Regarded That As Simply Traveling Expenses—Mr. Brandeis Ridelined the Idea of Giving Free \$20,000 Advice to Such Men As Cunningham.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, May 12—When the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee resumed its hearing this morning Secretary of the Treasury McVeagh and Secretary of War Dickinson were present for the first time as spectators, and occupied seats besides Mrs. Ballinger and Mrs. Wickersham.

It is not likely that the committee will get the Lawler memorandum which Attorney Brandeis has asked for. This is the paper which counsel for Glavis contends was prepared by the interior department and submitted to the president, and upon which he acted in vindicating Ballinger rather than on the mass of documents which were submitted to him. Mr. Lawler has advised Chairman Nelson that the memorandum is not in his possession, but that the president has it. The committee has decided not to request the president to transmit it, and the only way it can now be produced is for the house to adopt a resolution calling for it.

Attorney Brandeis continued his cross-examination of Secretary Ballinger this morning.

A discussion arose between Mr. Brandeis and some of the members of the committee over the rule of the interior department prohibiting former officials and employes from acting as attorneys or agents in cases involving claims against the government where such cases had been pending while they were identified with the department.

Mr. Ballinger offered a document to show that he and his nephew, "Jack" Ballinger had later appeared in the case. Referring to Secretary Ballinger acting as counsel for the Cunningham claimants Mr. Brandeis asked the witness to reconcile his denial that he had been the "legal representative" of these claimants with the statement of Miles C. Moore, one of them, in a letter to Mr. Ballinger that the latter had been their "legal adviser."

Mr. Ballinger replied that he was neither "legal adviser" nor their "legal representative", although he admitted that he had been consulted by Clarence Cunningham. He did draft the Cunningham affidavit which he later presented to Secretary Garfield. The \$250 which he received he regarded as traveling expenses.

He had given a great deal of advice, he said, without charging for it. Many attorneys did that.

Mr. Brandeis said that might be done in case of poor clients, but he insisted upon knowing why he had given advice to men of such wealth and prominence as some of the Cunningham claimants were.

"According to your statement Mr. Roosevelt characterized you as a \$20,000 lawyer. Why should a \$20,000 attorney be giving away his services to persons who were able to pay for them?"

"About the only advice I gave them was to come in under the law of May 28, 1908, which would permit them to consolidate their claims." Mr. Ballinger said that Secretary Garfield had held that this was the only way they could get their parents. He considered this attitude of the department as arbitrary.

Taking up the statement made by Henry M. Hoyt before the committee that he had discussed the matter of the opinion of Assistant Secretary Pierce on the law of May 28, 1908, at the request of Glavis, Mr. Brandeis asked Mr. Ballinger when he had first heard that Mr. Hoyt had talked of the case with Mr. Wickersham.

ONE BRIBE-TAKER SAW LORIMER

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, May 12—Confession of inside facts of the legislative bribery scandal by Representative Michael S. Link, in which he admits seeing Senator Lorimer before \$1,000 was paid him for his vote, is expected to result in other indictments being returned by the grand jury which resumed its investigation today.

An adverse decision on the motion of the attorney-general to stop the investigation by the Sangamon county grand jury was followed today by State's Attorney Burke directing his subpoena servers here to serve their writs.

About the time the grand jury convened here this morning State's Attorney Wayman received a notice from Mr. Burke that the latter had no desire to confer with him.

SCOTLAND NECK NEWS.

Teachers Elected For City School. Lecture by Dr. McMaster.

(Special to The Times)
Scotland Neck, May 12—Dr. W. H. McMaster, state director of the North Carolina Sabbath Observance Association, lectured in the Baptist church last night to a large audience. Dr. McMaster spoke on Sabbath observance, and greatly pleased his hearers.

Our townsman, Mr. G. C. Weeks, received the sad intelligence yesterday of the death of his niece, Mrs. J. K. Dickens, of Roanoke Rapids. Mrs. Dickens leaves a husband, besides other relatives.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Scotland Neck public schools a few days ago the following teachers were elected for the ensuing term: First grade, Miss Mary Herbert Smith; second grade, Miss Eleanor Smith; third grade, Miss Pattle Thorne; fourth grade, Miss Lena Leggett; fifth grade, Miss Anna Kitchin; sixth grade, Miss Annie Dunn; seventh grade, Miss Anna Clark. Teachers for the eighth and ninth grades will be elected at a later meeting. Mr. A. McDowell resigned as a member of the board, and Mr. C. L. McDowell was elected in his stead. The teachers elected were all in the school this year, except Miss Kitchin, who succeeds Miss Pattle Vaughn, who did not apply for the position.

North Carolina Postmasters.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, May 12—John H. Priest was today appointed postmaster at Inverness, a fourth-class office.

About the time a man has broken on an automobile he has learned a little about running one.

GOLDSBORO HAS ANOTHER BIG DAY

(Special to The Times)

Goldsboro, May 12—This has been another big day with Goldsboro. "Park Day", and there never has been, nor will there ever be, a more magnificent or beautiful parade than the one which formed at the court house this afternoon, consisting of decorated vehicles and automobiles, contesting for a beautiful loving cup, which the judges will award to the best decorated vehicle at the close of the celebration this afternoon out at Herman park. Most all of the business houses closed up this afternoon and the whole city took a holiday.

MRS. McDIARMID.

Funeral took place Yesterday Afternoon at Lumberton.

(Special to The Times)

Charlotte, May 12—The terrible death of Mrs. Virginia McDiarmid, of Lumberton, widow of a business man of that town, whose name was known perhaps throughout the state, has caused no little grief here, where the deceased had many friends. Mrs. McDiarmid, it is surmised, was seized with an unexpected attack of melancholia while on the roof of the Charlotte sanitarium, which is regularly used as a place of rest and recreation and sun-baths for patients, and precipitated herself to the ground below, the building being three stories, striking head first on a hard-paved walk running around the rear of the L-shaped building.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the First Presbyterian church, of Lumberton, of which Mrs. McDiarmid was a devoted member.

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