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FOSS MAKES FIRST SPEECH IN THE HOUSE

New Democratic Representative From Massachusetts Talks on the Tariff

THE FRIAR LAND MATTER

Representative Covington of Maryland Also Makes Maiden Speech, His Subject Being the Friar Lands—Makes a Thrust at Wickersham—Representative Young of New York Says Tariff is Responsible for High Prices But That It Has Also Brought Prosperity—Foss Opposed to Present Objects of Tariff Commission.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, May 21—As today was devoted to debates no one suggested the absence of a quorum when the session began, and the sundry civil appropriation bill was immediately taken up.

Representative Young, of New York, sent a shiver through the republicans by stating that the Aldrich-Payne tariff bill was responsible for prevailing high prices. He added, however, that this was due to the onrush of prosperity which followed approval of the bill by the president and the merchants were unable to meet the demands of the people for the necessary supplies, hence high prices followed. He favored the item appropriating \$250,000 to enable the tariff board to secure certain data for the use of the president and declared that the president would not keep it from congress.

The sale of friar lands in the Philippines to the sugar trust was the subject of the maiden speech delivered by Representative Covington, of Maryland. Mr. Covington called attention to the fact that the house on May 10 has passed his resolution calling on the attorney general to give certain information to the house relating to the sale of sugar lands in the Philippines to the sugar trust and other information in possession of the department of justice concerning the prosecution of officials of the trust for frauds on the customs. Ten days had elapsed since the passage of that resolution, he said, and not one word had been received from the attorney general.

Mr. Covington then gave a detailed history of the sale of the friar lands as printed in the newspapers and strongly intimated that the law had not been observed. He also mentioned the attorney general's letter on the Ballinger matter, and said the people would not forget how that letter had been predated.

Representative Foss, of Massachusetts, the democrat whose election to (Continued On Page Seven.)

W. J. BRYAN SAILS ON TRIP TO ENGLAND

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, May 21—William J. Bryan sailed for England today on the Celtic, on his way to the International Missionary Conference at Edinburgh. He slipped aboard the vessel alone about five minutes before she sailed. The crowd lined up on the gangplank. He was first asked about democratic chances in the next presidential election.

"They are very good," he answered, "but it all depends on what is done in congress. Were a democratic congress elected this fall and were it to make a good record that would add one million votes to the democratic ticket in 1912."

He was then asked about the men who might be named to head the ticket.

"There are a number of good men," he answered. "We never had so many good men."

When questioned as to Mayor Gaynor he praised him, but said:

"A year must elapse before we can seriously discuss presidential candidates."

FLEW ACROSS CHANNEL

Count De Lesseps Flies From Calais to Dover

Frenchman Makes Easy and Graceful Flight From Coast to Coast—But Few People Witnessed Flight as It Was Not Expected at This Time.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Dover, England, May 21—Count De Lesseps flew across the English Channel in an aeroplane from France this afternoon, landing near Deal.

The first man to duplicate Bleriot's historic feat, De Lesseps started from Calais at 3:30 p. m. It had been expected that the flight would not be attempted today and there were few people on hand to witness his departure. For several days he had been planning the trip, but had been forced to postpone it by adverse weather and other unfavorable conditions.

Along the coast of England for several miles there was a fringe of people, watching for a glimpse of the flyer. Though Dover was announced as the approximate destination, the plane descended near Deal, nine miles northeast of here on the coast. In the channel at the time there were two French torpedo boats, which followed the daring aviator. Many English vessels were also in the vicinity and the aviator was watched by crews and passengers, several vessels defecting to follow his course for some distance.

Bleriot made his flight in the early morning. De Lesseps, however, started at a much less favorable time, when a stiff breeze was beginning to kick up the French shore on the twenty-five mile journey, rising easily, and within a short time was following a straight line across the water.

In spite of the wind the machine seemed to be under perfect control. It sped along at express speed, easily outdistancing the boats that attempted to follow it.

When nearing the English shore, it swerved gracefully, slowed, and swooped down, gliding the greater part of the last few hundred feet.

Though there were comparatively few persons about the landing place, within a few minutes the entire countryside had given up its inhabitants to the throng that gathered about man and plane. Though the second man to cross the channel by air, like the first, was a Frenchman, the well-coming crowd, with proverbial British sportsmanship, greeted him heartily. Today's flight in the light of the developments in aviation in the last few months, though daring, is of little general importance compared with the London to Manchester flight in which Louis Paulhan won \$50,000. About De Lesseps's feat there is little of the glamor that marked the first crossing of the channel, but he is nevertheless hailed as a hero. It brings home to Englishmen, however, the fact that the breaking down of England's walls of water, long held the island nation's chief safeguard, is not a matter of a fluke but a comparatively easy feat.

From Starting Point.

Calais, France, May 21—Count De Lesseps, amid the cheers of a comparatively small number of Frenchmen, spend away at 3:30 o'clock in his attempt to cross the English Channel by aeroplane, in the path of Louis Bleriot.

All day long the aviator pattered about his machine and tinkered with the engine, awaiting an auspicious moment. The crowd that surrounded his work shop grew impatient, and by the time he ascended there were few left.

As De Lesseps set the motor going and the propellers began to whirl, the crowd set up a shout. A moment later the plane glided along the field, tilted its nose and shot up gracefully.

The crowd flocked to the very edge of the sea, increasing in size rapidly and the disappearing man bird was watched by an awed company. Within a few moments he was but a dot in the air and then the plane and its daring driver disappeared completely, only a few streaks of smoke from ships in the channel giving the clue to his passage.

For more than a week De Lesseps has been here preparing for today's departure. May 17 his mechanics arrived from Paris and that day the shed was put together.

The spot chosen for the start is the same historic bit of ground from which Bleriot rose on the voyage that astounded the world.

De Lesseps had announced today (Continued On Page Seven.)



BISHOP VETO ACTION

Wm. K. Vanderbilt's Election as Trustee Legalized

The College of Bishops Vetoes the Action of the Conference in Regard to Changing the Name of Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Asheville, May 21—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today increased the assessment for educational purposes from \$50,000 years to \$55,000, of which \$20,000 shall be used for the support of the Biblical department of Vanderbilt University.

HAS LOST ITS TAIL

Halley's Comet Again a Tail-less Affair

Comet Discovered Last Night in the Western Sky But There Was No Tail—Scientists Mystified—Don't Know Whether It Will Appear Again or Not.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, May 21—Halley's comet, the greatest scientific enigma of the age, is a tailless comet now. Through some mysterious, unexplained cause, this strange, terrifying and erratic flying mass has suddenly become inactive. It has ceased throwing off gas and minute particles of solid matter but whether for good and all time or merely for the time being is a question which the learned scientists at the Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., don't attempt to answer. They say frankly they don't know.

The great forty inch telescope at the Yerkes observatory was trained last night on the spot in the western but little gas and that the cyanogen comet was sighted through the finder of the big telescope. It was twenty degrees above the horizon, of a reddish yellow tint, not bright by any means—and was without the sign of a tail.

Through the finder its appearance was that of a star of the fourth magnitude. As the darkness fell it became brighter and shone like a star of the second magnitude. It was visible to the naked eye. The comet disappeared from view at 8:35 o'clock and set at 9 o'clock.

Several spectrographs and photographs of the comet were made. The spectrographs showed that the comet was inactive, that it was throwing off but little gas and that the cyanogen, from which it was thought by some that danger might come, had almost disappeared.

"The fact that the tail of the comet has disappeared is not startling," said Prof. E. B. Frost, director of the observatory.

"Tonight the comet may be a bright as ever and the tail as long and as luminous as before the head made the transit of the sun. Last night the comet was shining only by the reflected light of the sun. To my mind the fact that it has ceased to be active at this time is significant. What that signifies I cannot say just now."

The comet last night was 14,800,000 miles away from the earth, according to the calculations of the scientists. Tonight it will be visible, if conditions are favorable, for two hours and forty-five minutes and will set at 8:40 o'clock central time.

St. Louis Saw Tail.

St. Louis, Mo., May 21—The first appearance of Halley's comet as an evening star was a distinct success, according to the reports of hundreds of observers today. With a head larger than Venus and described as the second magnitude, it remained in view for more than an hour. Observers here saw its tail spread fan-shaped over 40 degrees, thus differing from the Williams Bay astronomer.

"It was the most gorgeous spectacle I ever saw," said the Rev. Father Martin S. Brennan today. "From now on for a few days we will be able to see the comet better each night though it is growing dimmer. It will rise higher each night, however."

The tail made a semi-circle, according to the Rev. Father Borgmeyer, of St. Louis University, while Brother Ignatius of the Christian Brothers College found that the comet rose to a height of 12 degrees above the horizon.

Tail Visible.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 21—Shining (Continued On Page Five.)

BALLOONIST FAILS TO SEE THE COMET

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Montreal, May 21—After traveling 260 miles through the air from North Adams, Mass., and thereby making a new long distance flight record for New England, the balloon Cleveland, with Prof. David A. Todd, of Amherst aboard, landed at 6:30 o'clock this morning at St. Isaacs, Que., 36 miles from this city. The balloonist Todd went up for the purpose of getting above the clouds in order to view the comet, but failed to get a glimpse of it as the atmosphere was still hazy when he reached a height of 11,000 feet. He took numerous instruments with him for the purpose of viewing the comet. He tried out a new instrument to tell when the balloon was falling and it proved successful. In the balloon with Professor Todd were A. Leo Stevens, pilot; Charles Sommerville, a New York newspaper man, and H. T. Sherman, of London.

Often the shallowest minds attempt the deepest thinking.



THE RACE CONDITIONS

Rules Governing the Races for the Coming State Fair

The Rules Governing Entries and Purposes for the Races at the Great Six-day State Fair—October 17-22 Inclusive.

The State race program of the Virginia-Carolina-Georgia fair current provides for total purses of \$70,000 and as was announced yesterday afternoon, Raleigh will be the only one to give a purse of \$1,000.

The entries close June 1, 1910, when the horses must be named.

The following conditions will govern the races:

THREATENED BY NIGHT RIDERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Tiptonville, Tenn., May 21—Judge Robert Harris, of this place, today appealed to the federal authorities for protection against night riders following an attempt to blow up his home last night. Private guards frustrated the attempted, discovering dynamite bombs. It is believed the riders, who have threatened his life, are a part of the gang that in October, 1908, killed Captain Quentin Rankin at Reelfoot Lake.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK

The Day of the Girl Graduate Begins Tomorrow

St. Mary's, Meredith and Peace Send Forth Graduates—Three Baccalaureate and a Missionary Sermon Tomorrow—Interesting Events Continue Through the Week—Commencement at State School for the Blind Friday—A. & M. Commencement Begins Sunday, May 29—Many Visitors Come to the City.

Each year at the beginning of the summer season all over this great country the colleges are opening their doors and sending out into the world thousands of graduates to begin life in different fields of endeavor.

It is the season of the cap and gown and the "sweet girl graduate and for a few short weeks they hold the center of the stage in almost every city and town of any size all over the country.

Raleigh, the educational center of the state, more than any other city in North Carolina adds her line of graduates to the great army.

St. Mary's, Meredith and Peace Institute will begin with baccalaureate sermons, St. Mary's at the school chapel, Meredith at the First Baptist and Peace at the Presbyterian.

It is an inspiring sight on commencement Sunday in Raleigh to watch the long white lines of students wending their way to the different churches, the Meredith College graduates in all the dignity of cap and gown, the others in dainty white dresses.

The exercises will continue the week to Thursday when the graduating exercises of St. Mary's will be held.

On Friday the commencement exercises of the State School for the Blind will be held, the graduating exercises in the morning and the annual concert at night.

The commencement season will continue on into the next week, the baccalaureate sermon of A. & M. College being preached at A. & M. Sunday, May 29 at 11 o'clock by Rev. David W. Howard, D. D., of Norfolk, Va.

Tuesday at 11 o'clock the A. & M. graduates will receive their diplomas, this being the last commencement event of 1910 in the city.

Commencement week brings to the city hundreds of visitors, interested parents, friends and relatives of the graduates, local alumnae returning to their Alma Mater and other visitors from far and near. So that the week will be one great gala occasion and a great meeting time for old friends.

Four distinguished divines will be guests in the city tomorrow and there will be no lack of eloquent sermons to delight the church-going people.

At St. Mary's chapel the sermon will be preached by H. Rev. Beverly Tucker, D. D., Bishop of Southern Virginia.

The baccalaureate sermon to the Meredith graduates will be preached at the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock by Rev. O. P. Gifford, D. D., of Brooklyn, Mass. At 8 p. m. the missionary sermon will be delivered by Dr. Sparks W. Milton, of Freemason St. Sparks church, Norfolk, Va.

At the Presbyterian church Dr. R. W. Mebane, of North Carolina will preach the baccalaureate sermon for Peace Institute.

The exercises at Peace began this afternoon at four o'clock with the presentation of the Burwell portraits and the meeting of the Alumnae.

The full program of events of the colleges is as follows:

THREE ESCAPE FROM WAKE COUNTY JAIL

Jailer Overpowered and Keys Taken From Him Early This Morning

OFFICERS IN PURSUIT

Three White Prisoners Overpowered Jailer Justice This Morning About 5 O'clock. Take the Keys and Make Good Their Escape—One Pretends to be Sick in Order to Get Jailer in Cell—Prisoners Were Waiting Next Term of Superior Court to Answer Charges of Petty Larceny Last Seen Going Towards Apex.

This morning about 5 o'clock, Will Holmes, Howard Cook and L. W. Dawson, white, overpowered Assistant Jailer Norman Justice, relieved him of his keys and made a successful escape from Wake county jail. The officers are hot on the trail and their capture is hourly expected.

This morning about 5 o'clock, while Mr. Norman Justice, who is assistant jailer, was cleaning up the jail, Will Holmes called out that he was sick and needed attention. Mr. Justice went into the cell to administer to Holmes' wants, Cook and Dawson being apparently sound in sleep.

As soon as Mr. Justice entered the cell, Holmes grabbed him, and Dawson and Cook went to his assistance, all jumping on the jailer and taking his keys. After securing the keys they attempted to lock Mr. Justice in the cell, but he fought so hard that they gave it up. They then unlocked the outside doors and made a dash for liberty. They were seen running down Salisbury street, and then they separated. Two were traced to the woods back of the asylum, where the trail was lost. It is not known which way the other went.

Information was received at the sheriff's office later in the day that the three were together again and were headed towards Apex, and it is thought they had agreed upon a meeting place before escaping. Deputies Harward and Warren are out on the track and it is thought that they will overtake the fugitives before long. All the officers of the nearby towns have been notified to be on the lookout.

Mr. Justice was bruised up and scratched considerably in the tussle for the possession of the keys, though he was not hurt to any extent.

Will Holmes was bound over to court, charged with robbing James R. Young, of Harnett county, of \$35 here one Saturday night several weeks ago.

Howard Cook was waiting next (Continued On Page Seven.)

PRESBYTERIANS AGAINST THE FIGHT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Atlantic City, N. J., May 21—an appeal to President Taft to stop the Jeffries-Johnson championship heavyweight fight, scheduled to be held in San Francisco on July 4, is being planned by the delegates to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, in session here today. The California delegation has prepared a request for such action.

The church people, working in unison with the ministers throughout California, who have protested against the fight, plan concerted action as the result of the announcement made by the San Francisco city and county authorities that the fight cannot be legally stopped.

This proposed national protest will also, according to the present plans, embody the opinions of the clergy and religious organizations in other sections of the country that have demanded the calling off of the contest.

Prof. A. J. Barwick, of the department of education, delivered the commencement address before the Graham graded schools yesterday.