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PRESIDENT SPEAKS TO CONVENTION

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress In Session In Washington

WATERWAYS DISCUSSED

President Taft Delivered the Opening Address at the Seventh Annual Convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress—Mexican Ambassador Spoke on Waterways Progress in the Southern Republics—President Ransdell Delivered Annual Address—Financial Statement.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft delivered the opening address at the seventh annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which convened for a three days session this morning. More than 1,000 deep waterway enthusiasts from every section of the country are attending the convention. The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by Representative Joseph E. Ransdell, president of the congress. The Rev. Samuel H. Green delivered the invocation, after which the president spoke.

The session this morning was one of the most important of the congress. Following the address of President Taft, Senator De La Barra, Mexican ambassador spoke. Ambassador De La Barra was followed by Chairman Alexander, of the house committee on rivers and harbors. Ambassador De La Barra outlined the waterways progress of the republic to the south. Representative Alexander told of the legislative side of the campaign.

President Ransdell then delivered his annual address, and read his annual report describing the work accomplished by the congress since the last convention. The rules of the convention were announced, and a small amount of routine business was transacted. At the afternoon session Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, made the principal address. He was followed by J. A. Patton, of Chattanooga, Tenn., president of the Tennessee River Improvement Association.

Colonel William L. Sibert, of the Panama Canal Commission, and various state representatives spoke. The session was concluded by an address by D. E. Steiner, of San Francisco. Preparatory to this opening of the congress today, the board of directors, comprising 150 of the leading professional and business men of the country held a meeting. The financial statement was presented showing that \$2500 has been spent in the year educating the public in the cause of the waterways, with particular reference to the platforms of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which provides for the elimination of the "pork barrel." Hereafter only the most scientifically prepared measures acceptable not only to the president, but to the great increase of the country, will be advocated.

Tomorrow evening a joint session with the women's rivers and harbors congress will be held. The congress will close Friday with the election of officers.

The eyes of all inland states—especially those crossed by the great trunk waterways—are now fixed on Washington. Great things are expected of this convention and the convention is determined to live up to them.

The influx of delegates has already put a strain upon the hotels and with further arrivals today all the hotels will be filled to overflowing.

Next to the address of President Taft interest centers among Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, who will address the convention tomorrow.

Killed In Fire.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 7.—One woman was killed and another is dying as the result of a fire which destroyed the fashionable Thompson boarding house on Montgomery street this morning. Mrs. Susan Jenkins, aged seventy, was suffocated to death and her daughter, Miss Louise Jenkins, received fatal burns while trying to save her mother. Firemen rescued twelve others.

HEALTH LEAGUE TONIGHT.

Citizens Invited to be at High School Auditorium at 8:30 O'clock. Do not forget the meeting of the Raleigh Health League at half past eight this evening in the auditorium of the Raleigh high school. All are welcome.

BALLINGER NOT GUILTY

Majority of Committee Makes Its Report

Report Says the Charges Against the Secretary of the Interior Had Their Origin in the Animosity of Pinchot and Glavis—Facts Do Not Make a Case Against Mr. Ballinger.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 7.—Shortly after congress met at noon today Representative Foss, of Illinois, presented the majority report of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee. The report completely exonerates Secretary Ballinger.

The report of the committee is voluminous, containing 87 printed pages. It says, in part:

"The evidence presented to the committee related in the main to charges of various kinds against Secretary Ballinger, and it was only incidentally and to a limited extent that the conduct of the other officials was questioned or in issue.

"The charges against Mr. Ballinger came chiefly from two sources—Mr. Glavis and Mr. Pinchot.

"The charges of Mr. Glavis related chiefly to the conduct of Mr. Ballinger in reference to certain coal-land locations and entries in Alaska.

"Mr. Pinchot charges that Mr. Ballinger had been untrue and unfaithful to the conservation policy inaugurated by the preceding administration, especially in respect to water-power sites; that he reserved that policy and was an enemy of it; and that the interests of the people were not safe in his hands.

"The findings of the committee are that:

"The charges against Mr. Ballinger appear to have had their origin in a strong feeling of animosity created by a supposed difference in policy respecting the conservation of natural resources. The accusers evidently had this policy very deeply at heart and were evidently disposed to take a most unfavorable view of the character and motives of anyone whom they supposed to be opposed to their views. They thus came to regard Mr. Ballinger with suspicion and to regard the most natural and innocent acts occurring in the ordinary course of department administration as furnishing evidence of some sinister purpose. A great mass of evidence has been produced in the effort to support this view of Mr. Ballinger's conduct. That the whole field of evidence has been covered we do not doubt, since for weeks we listened to all the petty squabbles and jealousies of the subordinates in the interior department and the forest service, and were even furnished with the information secretly secured from Mr. Ballinger's confidential stenographer, who had charge of his private papers and took down the dictation of his private correspondence.

"The evidence has wholly failed to make out a case. Neither any fact proved nor all the facts put together exhibit Mr. Ballinger as being anything but a competent and honorable gentleman, honestly and faithfully performing the duties of his high office with an eye single to the public interest."

The report makes the following specific findings:

"1. That the charges and insinuations against Secretary Ballinger in regard to the Cunningham coal land entries or other coal land claims in Alaska are not justified and his conduct in respect thereto is not justly censurable.

"2. That he was, under the circumstances stated, fully justified in revoking the Indian co-operative agreement.

"3. That the restorations of water power sites by Secretary Ballinger was made in good faith and not in enmity to the government and policy of conservation of national resources.

"4. That in view of the opinion of the attorney general he was justified in abandoning the use of the so-called water-users' co-operative certificates in connection with the reclamation of arid lands.

"5. That the administration of the reclamation law presented features justly subject to criticism. More projects were undertaken than the money in hand would complete; some projects applied to little or no government land and were wholly or chiefly for the benefit of private lands.

"6. That he is not an enemy of nor hostile to a reasonable and judicious policy of conservation, and that no ground whatever has been shown justifying the opinion that he is not a faithful and efficient public officer.

"7. (a) The entire known coal

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Statue of Baron von Steuben, which was unveiled at Washington today.

BAPTISTS SHOW GAINS

Many New Houses of Worship Built

Report of State Mission Board Shows Gain in Membership, Financial Expenditure and New Churches—Most of Old Officers Re-elected.

(By T. W. CHAMBLISS.) Hendersonville, N. C., Dec. 7.—The State Mission Board, through Corresponding Secretary Livingston Johnson, made its annual report, which shows a gain of \$2,100.31 the past year and the missionaries report 2,227 baptisms. During the year 68 new church buildings were erected and 14 new churches organized. The total expenditures of the board amount to \$41,428.46. The report from the mission stations show that there were 110 more baptisms this year than last and 267 more were received by letter. The financial showing is far better than that of last year.

There were 41 houses of worship built last year and 68 this year. The reports show 26 houses finished this year as against 22 last year.

The report of Sunday School Secretary E. L. Middleton shows a marked gain in the department of Sunday school work. The total enrollment is 165,000, which is an increase of 11,500. There are 1,790 schools, an increase of 109.

The convention opened last night with the introductory sermon by Rev. J. J. Hall, D. D., of Fayetteville. After the sermon the convention organized. President W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, was re-elected. The following vice presidents were chosen: J. M. McManaway, J. D. Bruner and F. P. Hobgood. The secretaries, N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, and C. E. Brewer, of Wake Forest; the auditor, F. H. Briggs, and treasurer, Walters Durham, were re-elected.

General Secretary J. T. Henderson addressed the convention on the laymen's meeting.

This morning addresses in Sunday school work were delivered by Secretary E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh; Editorial Secretary J. J. Vanness, of Nashville, Tenn.; and Field Secretary B. W. Spillman, of Nashville, Tenn.

Following these addresses the convention heard with pleasure a magnificent address on foreign missions by Secretary R. J. Willingham, of Richmond, Va. In addition to Secretary Willingham, the foreign Mission Board is represented by Dr. T. B. Ray and Rev. C. T. Willingham.

The annual conference of the pastors of the Baptist churches of the state, held here as a preliminary meeting to the sessions of the Baptist State Convention, was well attended, possibly 200 pastors being present. The conference elected Dr. W. R. Cullum, of Wake Forest, as president for the third term and re-elected Rev. J. L. Vipperman, of Spencer, as secretary. The program was especially helpful and included the following addresses: "The Need of More Preachers and How to Secure Them," by Rev. L. R. Pruett, of

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UNVEILING OF STATUE TO VON STEUBEN

German Revolutionary Hero Honored by United States Government and People

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

The President, the German Ambassador and Others Speak at Unveiling of Statue to Baron Von Steuben—Miss Helen Taft Unveils Statue—Ceremonies Carried Out Despite the Snow-blocked Streets—Twenty Thousand Visiting Germans in the City—Banquet for 500 Will Be Held Tonight at the New Willard.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 7.—With addresses by President Taft, Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador; Representative Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri, and Charles A. Hexamer, president of the National German-American Alliance, the statue erected by the United States government to Major General Baron Friedrich Wilhelm Augustus Von Steuben, U. S. A., was unveiled today in Lafayette Park. Secretary of War Dickinson presided at the ceremony.

The statue is the work of Albert Jaegers, of New York, and by special direction of congress a replica will be presented to the German emperor.

The full ceremonies, including the parade which followed the unveiling were carried out, despite the snow which covered the streets, and the cold weather.

The statue was unveiled by Miss Helen Taft, the president's daughter. A chorus of 800 voices of the Northeastern Saengerbund, accompanied by the marine band, sang patriotic American and German songs. The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Steek pronounced the invocation, and the Rev. Dr. William T. Russell, the benediction. When the actual unveiling took place, a battery of the Third Field Artillery, stationed in the White Lot, fired a major general's salute of thirteen guns in honor of Baron Von Steuben.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, President Taft reviewed the parading columns, of which Major General William H. Carter, of the general staff of the army, was grand marshal, assisted by Major Henry T. Allen, Eighth United States cavalry, as the chief of staff, and Captain Joseph P. Tracy, coast artillery corps, as adjutant general.

The second division of the parade, comprising of the civic organizations, was commanded by Captain Charles T. Schwedler, United States volunteers, with Lieutenant J. H. Mittendorf, U. S. N., as adjutant general, and Julius Albrecht, aide-de-camp. In this division were more than 10,000 members of eighty-six German societies from all parts of the United States.

Hundreds of Germans from the north and south arrived in the city last night, and many hundreds more during this morning.

From New York 600 members of the United Singing Societies, including the Liederkranz Society, the Concordia Society, and many others arrived.

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Captain Robert F. Scott, in whose honor the ship Terra Nova, bearing the British South Polar expedition, sailed from New Zealand recently for the Antarctic. Captain Scott hopes to reach the South Pole by December, 1911.

BRIGGS RE-APPOINTED

For Another Term as Postmaster at Raleigh

President Taft Appoints Willis G. Briggs For a Second Term as Postmaster—Mr. Briggs Receiving the Congratulations of His Many Friends.

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The nomination of the Raleigh postmaster at this time came as a surprise to many who believed that it would be left open until the first of the year. There are those who thought that Mr. Briggs would be ousted and a follower of Morehead be selected to succeed him, but those who were deep in the political situation predicted that Mr. Briggs would be reappointed. In fact, a leading republican stated a month ago that Mr. Briggs would land the job. The action of the president showed that this republican either knew what he was talking about, or long an guesswork.

Mr. Briggs is finishing his first term as postmaster and has proved himself a capable official, and his friends rejoice that he has, again been appointed.

WAS NOT A WRECK.

Barge Created Excitement Among Livesavers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Atlantic City, Dec. 7.—The sight of an apparently helpless ocean liner, with her funnels and spars missing, being lashed by the high seas on the shoals of Little Egg Harbor, attracted thousands of persons to the beach here early today.

The government life-saving station at the harbor reported noting distress signals which had first attracted their attention to the wreck. Those who had binoculars attempted to penetrate the mountainous walls of spray which at times almost enveloped the vessel.

It was impossible to determine the name and the number of men aboard. The life-savers had great difficulty launching a boat and making their way towards the vessel. When they had gotten three-quarters of the way they discovered that the supposed wrecked vessel was an old steamship which had been converted into a barge, and with her stacks shortened. This accounted for the absence of funnels.

As the life-savers approached the barge steamed away. She had evidently anchored for repairs.

Lost Life In Fire.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 7.—One man was burned to death and several persons were injured today in a fire which destroyed one-eighth of Fulton market. The man who lost his life was William Fulton, an assistant night watchman, who was asleep in a tower at the southeast corner of the market. The stores of a dozen dealers were destroyed by the flames.

TIDE FAVORS LIBERALS

Numerous Fights and Arrests In Ireland

Contest Full of Surprises, But Liberals Are Leading in the Voting. Winning Back Seats Lost in the Last Election—How They Stand.

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Dec. 7.—The last polling in the general elections in the city of London was held today in eleven constituencies. Voting was in progress in 31 of the provincial districts. Liberal leaders predicted this morning that they would win many of the country seats today which had been lost in the elections last January.

The weather was mild but damp, with frequent showers.

In Ireland the feeling ran so high during the first day's polling yesterday that it was deemed expedient to keep the results of the elections secret until noon today, when the excitement had somewhat died out. In Cork especially, where a bitter struggle was waged, there were numerous fights and arrests.

After apparently favoring the unionists the tide has swung around in favor of the liberals, although this is a contest full of surprises. Unionists are explaining their poor showing by the fact that voting qualifications were restricted to the old register.

The Daily News today in bold type asked A. J. Balfour whether he intended maintaining the leadership of his party after guiding it twice to defeat.

At noon it was announced that one unionist, one liberal, and one nationalist had been returned to parliament unopposed. The party totals, according to the returns in at that time, were unionists, 147; liberals, 197; laborites, 20; nationalists, 27.

William O'Brien, leader of the "all for Ireland" party, was returned to parliament from York, according to the official announcement today. O'Brien and William Redmond waged a terrific struggle at the polls yesterday for leadership of the community.

J. Austen Chamberlain, son of Joseph Chamberlain, was returned unopposed from Worcestershire.

At 2:30 p. m. the party totals, according to returns in at that hour, stood: Unionists, 148; liberals, 110; laborites, 19; nationalists, 27.

Three liberals, five nationalists, and two unionists had been returned unopposed. Mr. Chamberlain was one of the unionists.

Doctors' Meeting.

(Special to The Times.) Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 7.—The seventh district of North Carolina Medical Society, embracing nine counties, held its initial and first convention in Charlotte today, for the primary purpose of launching the new organization, selecting executive officers and hearing papers presented by leading doctors of the seventh district.

There were three sessions held in the assembly room of the Selwyn Hotel during the day, each marked with a sustained interest in the important discussions on matters of vital interest to the medical world and in the transactions of a more particularly business character.

Justice Dayton Dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 7.—Supreme Court Justice Charles Willoughby Dayton died today in his home at No. 13 Mount Morris Park, West.

Justice Dayton was born in Brooklyn October 3, 1846. His father was Abraham C. Dayton, a celebrated author. He was a descendant of Col. Andrew Adams, of Revolutionary fame, who was speaker of the Continental Congress.

King In Avalanche of Snow.

(By Cable to The Times.) Berlin, Dec. 7.—The King of Saxony was almost overwhelmed by a great avalanche of snow while hunting chamois in the mountains, according to information from Dresden today. The king's companions also had a narrow escape from death, as the edges of the avalanche passed within a few yards of the royal party.

Harry Green Dying.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Spokane, Wash., Dec. 7.—Harry Green, known as the "Duke of Spokane", one of the best known turf men on the coast, is dying of Bright's disease in this city. He has been identified at baseball, racing, boxing, and aviation meets in the west and since the early gambling days has been a conspicuous figure.

STATE BOARD

AGRICULTURE

IN SESSION

Department of Agriculture's Receipts For Year 1910 Amounted \$164,439.46.

MAJ. GRAHAM'S REPORT

The Report of Commissioner Graham Shows the Department to be in Excellent Condition—This Year's Cotton Crop Estimated Around 600,000 Bales—The Yield of Corn in the State Averaged 20 Bushels to the Acre—Big Reduction in Food Adulteration—50,000 People Attended the Farmers' Institutes During the Year—Asks for an Appropriation to Publish "North Carolina and its Resources."

The State Board of Agriculture is in session in this city today with the following members in attendance:

W. A. Graham, chairman; H. C. Carter, of Raleigh; K. W. Barnes, of Lenoir; William Dunn, of New Bern; H. D. Edgerston, of Lenoir; R. W. Scott, of Meville; A. T. McCallum, of Red Springs; Wm. Bledsoe, of Gale; W. G. Shuford, of Hickory, and A. Cannon, of Horse Shoe.

Commissioner Graham read his report which, in part, was as follows:

The year we are closing is one of the most notable agriculturally in the history of the state. The largest wheat crop and the largest and best in quality even crop have been garnered. The cotton crop, while not equal to that of last year in number of bales, will be around six thousand bales, and the price will probably make the amount of money received as large or larger.

There has been great advance along all lines agriculturally; better preparation of the land, better selection of seed, more intelligent application of fertilizers, and more attention to restore fertility. The average of production of corn is thought to have reached twenty bushels per acre, where it was reported as only fourteen bushels four years ago. The average for the United States is put at twenty-nine bushels. North Carolina can and will surpass, and perhaps surpass, these figures in a few years. A number of counties have exceeded it this year. A large corn crop must be accompanied by hogs and other stock to consume it in order to receive the greatest return for it.

The exhibits at the fairs indicate that attention is being paid to hogs and that there are in the state, as far as blood is concerned, as fine as can be had anywhere. Attention to cattle, sheep and horses is confined to localities and not general over the state. By the introduction by the department of fine stock, encouragement is given to those branches and it is expected that there will be marked improvement.

The dairy industry is receiving attention, and silos have been erected generally under the supervision of one of the department forces.

The work in each division has gone on smoothly and satisfactorily, as will appear from the reports submitted by those in charge.

Financial Statement.

Fertilizer tags	126,181.04
Cottonseed meal tags	11,026.22
Feed stamps	20,646.97
Adjustments	1,350.39
Contingent fund license	1,286.00
Seed license	872.00
Hog Serum	872.00
Sales from oats	11.95
Sales from tobacco	49.19
Total	164,439.46
Disbursements	159,618.65
Balance	4,848.81
Loss amount overdrawn December 1, 1909	3,414.24

Balance in Treasury December 1, 1910 1,434.57 |

Agricultural Fairs.

A tented as many of these as was convenient and think that a representative of the department was present at every fair to give any assistance requested in judging, etc.

The agricultural exhibits with scarcely a single exception were the best in the history of the fairs, especially that at the state fair. The premium offered by the department were largely the incentives to this, and the exhibits competing for the premiums offered by the board composed the greater part of the agricultural exhibit.

For Tobacco Expert.

The national department has cooperated with this department in Tick eradication, dairy demonstration, seed inspection, tobacco work and soil survey. Authority to continue this cooperation is requested, and that two hundred and fifty dollars of the salary of the tobacco expert be paid by this

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ONLY 15 SHOPPING DAYS TILL Christmas

Don't Put Off Shopping Till Too Late