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### OBJECT TO KNOX VISIT

Minister From Columbia Thinks Visit to His Country Would Be Inopportune

### HAS CAUSED A STIR

Minister Ospina Writes a Note to the Washington Government, Saying That He Thinks Proposed Visit of Secretary Knox to His Country Would Be "Inopportune" Because of the Differences Between the Two Countries Over Panama—State Department Looks Upon Note as a Personal Insult.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Profound disappointment on receiving intimation that Secretary Knox did not contemplate giving Columbia any assurance of the ultimate arbitration of her claim against the United States was generally ascribed as the reason for the expression from Senator Pedro Ospina, Colombian minister last night, that Knox's visit to his country at this time would be "inopportune." It developed today that when Ospina first read the white house announcement a week ago, stating that President Taft had directed Knox to visit the countries bordering the Caribbean sea, he hailed it with unqualified enthusiasm. In a statement of comment on the Knox trip, prepared then, but not made public until today, Ospina foresaw possible recognition by the United States of Colombia's demands for the arbitration of differences growing out of the partition of Panama and the acquisition by this government of the canal zone.

Minister Ospina is confident his government will reiterate that Knox's visit will be "inopportune." The thought of personal insult, which position the statement is reported to have taken relative to the tenor of Ospina's communication had not occurred to him. Ospina said today, he only intended to get forth his government's impatience at not receiving what he considered proper consideration of its notes.

No Change Made. Washington, Feb. 19.—No change was made today in the itinerary of Secretary of State Knox's trip to Central America, because of the Colombian minister's letter of protest. The department will await word direct from the Bogota government before (Continued on Page Seven.)

### PITNEY FOR SUPREME BENCH

New Jersey Man Is Named As Harlan's Successor

Washington, Feb. 19.—The nomination of Mahlon Pitney, chancellor of New Jersey, as associate justice of the United States supreme court, was sent to the senate this afternoon by the president. The statement that Pitney would be named as the successor of the late Justice Harlan, was made at the white house after a call by John W. Griggs, former attorney general and a delegation of New Jersey lawyers. Taft does not anticipate opposition to the nomination in the senate. Pitney has long been a prominent figure in New Jersey.

It once seemed that Taft would name Judge William C. Hook, of the United States circuit court or Secretary Nagle. There was a protest against Hook, because of decisions in the Oklahoma cases, involving the two-cent fare law and "Jim Crow" car law. The latter case Hook decided in favor of the railroads and against the negroes. This, it is said, caused the president to turn from the Kansas jurist. Labor organizations protested against Nagle on the ground that he had been too lenient in the enforcement of the immigration laws.

When Pitney is confirmed, Taft will have the extraordinary experience of naming the majority of the highest tribunal in the land. In addition to naming five new justices on a court of nine; Taft also had the distinction of elevating Associate Justice White to chief justiceship, making six supreme court appointments during his three years in the white house.

Chancellor Pitney has been under consideration by the president for several weeks. Following protests against Secretary Nagle, Mr. Taft turned his search from beyond the Mississippi river, where he first looked for a candidate. Chancellor Pitney and F. J. Swayze, justice of the supreme court of New Jersey, were two men who gradually became most prominent in the president's mind.

Chancellor Pitney meets many of the president's requirements for a supreme court justice. He is a little more than 64 years of age, six years under Mr. Taft's "age limit" and has been a practicing lawyer and a judge since 1882. He served as associate justice for the New Jersey supreme court from 1901 to 1908, and became chancellor in the latter year. His term would expire in 1915. His home is in Morristown.

### REFUSED THE PRIEST

Man Hanged Today for Murder, Refused Ministration of His Own Son.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 19.—J. Lawrence Odom, convicted murderer of three persons was hanged today. He refused the ministrations of his own son, a Catholic priest. Odom was convicted of killing Charles Gollan, Joseph Stokes and David Garman, the latter 16 years old. They had been witnesses against him in court on a charge of cruelty to a dog. The killings occurred March 18, 1910, at Citronelle. He shot the boy at the feet of his mother as she was pleading for his life. Odom was tried twice and convicted. He was wealthy.

### Two More Indictments.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Olaf A. Tveitmo and Eugene A. Clancey, were arrested on indictments returned at Indianapolis, charging complicity in the alleged nation-wide dynamiting conspiracy.

### GOVERNOR JOHNSON OUT FOR ROOSEVELT

Sacramento, Feb. 19.—Hiram Johnson, governor of California, heretofore an ardent supporter of La Follette, has issued a formal statement saying in his opinion Theodore Roosevelt should be the next Republican nominee for president.

The statement was issued, he said, with Roosevelt's knowledge but not necessarily with his sanction.

Talk is said to be cheap, but did you ever take into consideration the actual cost of a session of congress?

### MAY START NEWSPAPER

Reported That Morehead-Butler People Are to Enter Daily Field

Report has it that the Morehead-Butler faction of the republican party will start a morning paper in Raleigh at an early date, though some of the leading republicans here say they are not aware of a definite intention to do this. It is also reported that the Associated Press dispatches will be secured if a suit against the corporation is won.

The morning paper has the exclusive morning use of the Associated Press in Raleigh, but the question of whether another paper could not get the service has never been determined by the courts. It is claimed that any paper with these dispatches has the most perfect monopoly in the United States, and a test suit would be watched with a great deal of interest.

It is not known who would put up the money for the republican paper, but the talk is that leading republicans will do so. The fact that the state executive committee is to meet here next week has probably lent something to the report.

### Weather Bureau Bulletin.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The distribution of atmospheric pressure as shown by the weather map of the northern hemisphere is such as to indicate a continuation of moderate temperatures throughout the country during the coming week, although it is probable that colder weather will appear in the northwest the latter part of the week. The next general storm to cross the country will prevail in the North Pacific state Tuesday and Wednesday, the middle west about Thursday and the eastern Friday; the precipitation attending this disturbance will be mostly rain, although snow is likely in northern states east of the Rocky Mountains.

Stormy weather is indicated for North Atlantic Steamship routes east of the grand banks the coming week.

### Workmen Caught in Falling Building.

Pittsburg, Feb. 19.—The three and a half story concrete and steel office building of the Spang Chalfant Company's steel plant at Etna, a suburb, collapsed. Several workmen were caught in the debris.

### BASKETBALL GAME IN THE AUDITORIUM

Tonight at the auditorium, A. and M. and Wake Forest will again meet in basket ball. The A. and M. quintet has recovered from their overwhelming defeat Friday night at the hands of the Baptists and they are hoping to be able to come back and administer a licking to the fellows from the near-by city.

This will possibly be the last game of basket ball here this spring, and it will be a very desperate one, as the Aggies are in hopes of winning one of the trio that will at least place them in a little better position in the eyes of the visitors. The lineup will be the same as heretofore and the A. and M. team will do all that is possible to make the game exciting.

The Red and White defenders have not been so lucky at the game of basket ball as in other sports, but it is a new game at A. and M. and the fellows do not take it as they should but by the next season A. and M. will have a team of veterans and they will be able to make a better showing.

### Tried to Defraud Heirs.

New York, Feb. 19.—The examination of former state Senator Frank J. Gardner, today on charges of attempting to defraud the heirs of Samuel E. Hastlett, an aged reclusive, out of an estate valued at one million dollars, was expected to develop new disclosures. Hastlett is fast dying in his Brooklyn home, where for years he lived as a hermit.

Judge Henry G. Connor, of Wilson, was in the city today.

### STATE FIGHT FOR OFFICES

President Withdraws Nominations Already Sent to the Senate

Washington, Feb. 19.—The president withdrew from the senate the nominations of two collectors of customs and eight postmasters in North Carolina. Political conditions in that state, it was intimated, is the reason.

No explanation was touchsafed at the white house. It was understood the failure of former Congressman Morehead and Republican National Committeeman Duncan, to agree on the nominees prompted the president to withdraw all the names until a settlement is reached. The nominations withdrawn are John Biddle, collector of customs, district of Pamlico; Christopher D. Jones, collector, district of Beaufort; and the following postmasters: John M. Burrows, Ashboro; Wm. A. Mace, Beaufort; Samuel E. Marshall, Mt. Airy; John P. Joyce, Reidsville; Wm. S. Saunders, Roanoke Rapids; Estelle Cameron, Rockingham; Henry J. Whit, Roxboro, and L. S. Pickard, West Durham.

Washington Sailed Today. Norfolk, Feb. 19.—The armored cruiser Washington sailed for Palm Beach, Fla., to take aboard Secretary Knox for the trip to the republics on the Caribbean Sea, and in Central America.

### REPORT ON COTTON SCHEDULE READY

Washington, Feb. 19.—The tariff board's report on the cotton schedule will be submitted to the president next week. Numerous tables of statistics have been completed and the board is now preparing summaries showing the difference in the cost of cotton articles in this country and abroad.

Debate on Chemical Bill. Washington, Feb. 19.—The chemical tariff revision bill, reducing existing chemical and drug duties on an average of 16 per cent., and an increase in government revenues of \$3,000,000 taken up for debate in the house today. The vote is not expected until next Friday.

### FOR ORPHANS.

The number of orphans at the Methodist Orphanage here is now 141. During the winter there has not been a serious case of illness at this institution. Work is well under way on the new dormitory for boys and in the early spring the roof will go on. This building will provide much needed room.

### Robbers Loot Bank.

Atlanta, Feb. 19.—Robbers blew open and rifled the safe of Anstette bank, Austelle, Ga., obtaining twenty-five hundred dollars cash and valuable papers. The explosion was so violent the guests in the hotel above the bank were thrown from their beds. Dogs are pursuing the robbers.

### Jealous Suitor Cuts Rival's Throat.

Bowling Green, Ky., Feb. 19.—After attempting to blow up the home of Florence Tinsley, it is alleged Marion Crockett attacked George Williams, a caller, and cut William's throat from ear to ear. Jealousy is supposed to be the motive. Crockett is in jail.

### WILL REMODEL PLACE NEXT TO NEW HOTEL

Messrs. Jones & Bailey inform Secretary, Olds of the chamber of commerce, that they will remodel and make very attractive the building recently vacated by the Mutual Publishing Company, on east Martin street, next to the Hotel Bland. On the lower floor will be the drug store of Mr. J. I. Johnson and in the other room on that floor the insurance office of Mr. Johnson. Above there will be ten rooms, which will become a part of the Hotel Bland, for use by guests.

### Foss Breaks Parson Record.

Boston, Feb. 19.—Governor Foss has broken all records for pardoning, having restored eighty-one prisoners to liberty during his one year in office. The pardons included eleven murderers.

### Girl Students Quarantined.

Evanson, Ill., Feb. 19.—Thirty girl students, of the Northwestern University, are quarantined because of scarlet fever in the neighborhood.

### AYCOCK WILL SOON SPEAK

Former Governor to Discuss Politics and Senatorial Fight

Former Governor Chas. B. Aycock, one of the four candidates for the United States senate, will make a political speech in Raleigh some time in the near future. To his many friends throughout the state this will come as good news, since Messrs. Kitchin and Simmons have started the campaign in their own behalf.

Governor Aycock will not make a personal speech, but a democratic political speech. It will be in the interest of his candidacy, however, and it should cause his friends to rally around his banner.

The ex-governor can take care of himself in any emergency. He has no record that he needs to defend, no charges can honestly be brought against his public career, and he can speak as a prophet.

### FINDS MOTHER AND FORTUNE

Salesgirl Meets Startling Surprises and Goes to New Home. Scranton, Pa., Feb. 19.—When Mary Louise Simons, an employe of a department store here, stepped forward to wait on a well-dressed woman this afternoon the girl was informed that she is heiress to a large estate in Morgantown, W. Va., and that the stranger was her mother, whom she had not seen since infancy.

Miss Simons was adopted from St. Joseph's Foundling Home by a South Scranton family 16 years ago. She adopted her foster parents' name and has been kept in ignorance of her parentage.

Within two hours the girl left her employment, bade goodbye to her foster parents and started for Morgantown to claim the estate. The mother is Mrs. Joseph J. Elberl, of Morgantown. The girl has inherited a fortune through the death of an uncle in Morgantown.

### Delegates Named.

The North Carolina Forestry Convention, which meets here Wednesday, in the chamber of commerce, will be well attended. President Litchford, of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, has named delegates to represent that organization and other organizations will be represented.

### BASEBALL PRACTICE TO BEGIN THURSDAY

(Special to The Times.)

West Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19.—Thursday the A. and M. baseball squad will begin practice in reality, weather permitting. So far the practice has been a near thing, but with the approach of the warm weather and Washington's birthday, Coach Green will see his little band of warriors together and descend to the field of practice where balls and then some more balls will be caught and hit. The team will hardly be whipped into form and then the varsity nine will defend the honors of the college against all comers.

The schedule will take in a great many games, some we have never played before, and others are our old stand-bys. The would-be twirlers have been tossing a few of the pills to some of the catchers and they are getting their wings in shape to toss them over when the weather warms up a little. The other men are also taking a slight dose of practice and the entire student body is at present being exposed to baseball, how many will fall before the disease remains to be seen.

### MAIDI GRAS CARNIVAL AT NEW ORLEANS BEGINS

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—King, Rex of the 1912 Mardi Gras Carnival, arrived at noon aboard the royal yacht Stranger. After a naval parade Rex landed at the foot of Canal street. A military escort was provided to accompany him to the city hall, where he received the "keys" of the city from Mayor Behrman.

The Knights of Proteus parade tonight. The annual parade occurs at noon tomorrow.

### MANY CASES CONTINUED

Wake Superior Court For Two Weeks' Term For Civil Causes

Wake superior court for the trial of civil causes convened today with Judge Jas. L. Webb on the bench and will continue for two weeks. The principal business of the morning session was the continuing of cases and ten of them were put off until the April term.

Among the cases continued were: State's Prison vs. M. Hoffman & Co. Judd and White vs. W. W. Bobbitt & J. W. Wilson. William Thoms vs. W. J. Knoy. J. E. Adkins vs. Adkins May. F. B. Gray & Bro. vs. W. A. King and C. C. King.

Noble Clair Fleming vs. Percy B. Fleming, which includes the cross action of Mr. Fleming for divorce.

Mrs. Maggie Smith, admx. of J. M. Smith, vs. Capital City Telephone Co. of a/c. E. B. Whitley vs. S. Davies Wardfield et als, receivers of the S. A. L. Ry. Co. E. G. Richardson vs. the same road.

Maggie Hall vs. Western Union Telegraph Company.

### For Wednesday.

The three suits again Messrs. J. S. Wynne and Chief of Police Stell, all growing out of the suppression of "The Girl From Rector's", will be called Wednesday and will be tried Mr. J. Sherwood Upchurch is the principal plaintiff, as he was manager of the Academy of Music at the time the show was not allowed to be presented here.

### WEDS MAN SHE DIVORCED

Legal Separation and New Ceremony On Same Day.

Wilderbarre, Pa., Feb. 19.—Within a few minutes after she was divorced from her husband today, Beatrice Rivers White went with him to a minister and was remarried.

Pack of the marriage is a story of the good results of the Men and Religion Movement. The pair first married on January 1, 1907, and two years later the husband deserted his wife and went west. During a Men and Religion meeting he became conscience-stricken and decided to return to his wife and child.

White arrived here this morning, and discovered that his wife had applied for a divorce and that her decree was handed down today. He hunted up the woman, pleaded with her to take him back and she finally consented.

### HAYES GOES TO CORNELL

He Will Take a Course in Fruit Culture.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Rutherford P. Hayes, of Asheville, N. C., son of former President Rutherford B. Hayes, has matriculated as a student in fruit culture at Cornell. Hayes wants to get in touch with the latest phases of agricultural development.

### Pugilist Died From Wounds.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Joe Ketchell, a pugilist died in the United States naval training station hospital from injuries, it is believed, received in a boxing contest yesterday with "Billy" Walters.

### MISS DOROTHY WATERS.

Paris Feb. 19.—It is expected that the announcement of the engagement of Miss Dorothy Waters, of Philadelphia, daughter of Jason Waters, to Ben Gatins, whose family has made a fortune in promoting traction enterprises in Atlanta, Ga., will soon be announced. Miss Waters is a step-sister of Baroness De Meyer-ronnet de St. Marc, formerly Miss Ellen Wall, of Philadelphia.



WILL QUIT AMERICA. Mrs. Otto H. Kahn, whose husband is a millionaire New York banker, will quit the United States and make her future home in England. Mr. Kahn is a British subject, never having taken out naturalization papers in the United States. It is said he will enter into British politics and try for a seat in parliament.



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