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### PRESIDENT REPLIES TO COL. ROOSEVELT

#### Brands As False the Charges Ex-President Is Making About His Administration and Says Colonel Is Not Giving-Square Deal

#### SAYS REPLY WAS MADE NECESSARY

President Taft, in Address at Boston Yesterday, Riddles the Contentions of Colonel Roosevelt—The Ex-President Has Not Given the Square Deal, But Has Misrepresented the President and His Position—Colonel Garbled the President's Speech for His Own Partisan Purposes—Charge of False Statements About Many Other Things—The Colonel's Inconsistency Exposed.

Boston, April 26.—President Taft spoke here yesterday in part as follows:

My Fellow Citizens: In September, 1901, Theodore Roosevelt, then vice-president, succeeded to the presidency on the death of William McKinley and served three years and nearly six months as president in his first term. He was a candidate at the election of 1904, and when he was returned by an overwhelming vote in November of that year, he announced that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for, or accept another nomination.

When the campaign of 1908 approached, he recommended to the American people that I, then his secretary of war, be made the republican candidate for president in the approaching contest. He did everything in his power to secure my nomination and election, and I have had the deepest feeling of gratitude to him on this account ever since. Never, in thought, word, or deed have I been disloyal to my friendship for him.

More than three years have elapsed since I was inaugurated president, and a presidential campaign is now at hand. A number of months ago I said to the public that, like most of my predecessors, I would welcome an approval of my present administration by a re-election. After this time Mr. Roosevelt let it be known that he did not intend to be a candidate for the presidency, and said that he would regard his nomination as a calamity personally and undesirable from every standpoint. Thereafter the statements that came from time to time became less and less firm in the resolution not to become a candidate. When certain state governors invited him to do so, in February last, he issued a declaration in which he said that he would accept the nomination if tendered, and would allow his name to remain in the convention until the question was settled. Between the time that the governors had asked for his candidacy and his formal declaration of acceptance he delivered an address before the constitutional convention of Ohio, in session at Columbus, which he put forth as his charter of democracy under which

he hoped needed reforms might be brought about. The charter of democracy advocated a change in our judicial system known as the recall of decisions, with a recall of judges under circumstances not clearly defined, and with other innovations, none of which were in accord with the platform of the republican party, and to some of which he seems to have become a very recent convert.

I deemed it my duty in public address to point out that such judicial changes as he proposed would be dangerous to the body politic, and that they would necessarily destroy the keystone of our liberties by taking away judicial independence, and by exposing to the chance of one popular vote, questions of the continuance of our constitutional guarantees of life, liberty, and property and the pursuit of happiness. My address was impetuous, and I refrained from everything that could be regarded as a personal attack upon him.

The announcement of the Ohio speech as a platform sent a thrill of alarm through all the members of the community who understood our constitutional principles and who feared the effect of the proposed changes upon the permanence of our government. Mr. Roosevelt found that if the nomination was to come to him he must minimize the importance of his Columbus charter and must find some other issue upon which to succeed. He changed his position from that of one in a receptive attitude, who was willing to accept the nomination thrust upon him, to that of an active candidate entering the canvass in various states where delegates were to be selected. Without giving up the principles announced in his Columbus address, he relegated them to an incidental place and changed his campaign to one of criticism of me and my administration.

**Mr. Roosevelt's Charges.** By excerpts from my speeches he has sought to show and has charged that I am one who has publicly announced that I am in favor of an aristocracy of political bosses, and that I am linked with political bosses in seeking my re-nomination. He charges that the patronage of the government is being shamelessly used to secure my re-nomination, and that in the conventions and primaries which have been held, fraud and violence have been systematically used to defeat the will of the people and to secure delegates for me. He says that I am not a progressive, but a reactionary; that I was nominated by progressives, and after election joined the ranks of those who opposed me for nomination; and he intimates that I have not the spirit of the progressive, or the imagination, or the clear-headed purpose essential to the make-up of such a person. He says that I am a friend of the interests and an upholder of special privilege, and that a vote for me is a vote for the interests, and against the people. He minimizes and flouts the importance of the laws enacted and the executive action taken during my administration.

**Reason for Answering Charges.** If in this contest there were at stake my only own reputation or the satisfaction of my own ambition, I would, without the slightest qualm and without care as to the result, continue my silence under these unjust attacks. I would do so because of the personal relations that have existed between Mr. Roosevelt and me, my debt of gratitude to him, and my inclination, because of the office I hold, not to indulge in personal controversy. I would hope that in the future, war or distant, facts would disclose themselves showing the injustice of the course he is pursuing toward me, and the merciless truth concerning his motives and his sincerity of statement and purpose.

But I am presented with this difficulty, I represent a cause, I stand for wise progress in governmental affairs and in the improvement of the condition of all the people that the republican party stands for. I am the titular leader of that movement, and the substantial and sane legislation of my administration



MRS. WILLIAM G. BROWN.

New York, April 26.—One of the most enthusiastic supporters of the mothers' trust bill, which has just been introduced in the state legislature, is Mrs. William Grant Brown, who is now working among the suffragists for the purpose of securing their sanction and support of the measure, which provides for a pension for widowed mothers. The amount of the pension will depend upon the number of children less than fourteen years old in the family, but where there are fewer than three, \$2 a week for each will be allowed.

### CROUCH IS NOT GUILTY

#### Proves Alibi and Was Discharged By Justice Harris At Hillsboro

(Special to The Times.)

Hillsboro, April 26.—Everett Crouch was arraigned here this morning before Justice J. A. Harris, charged with breaking into and robbing the bank of Orange at this place, Thursday night April 11. He proved an alibi and was discharged from custody. The story he told when arrested was established by witnesses to the satisfaction of the court. There was no direct evidence against him, the arrest being made on suspicion. He had been seen in Hillsboro the day before the bank was robbed and at different places along the railroad afterwards and the arrest was made by Raleigh officers last Friday. When arrested, Crouch said he was in Durham the night the robbery occurred and he proved this by witnesses from that place.

With other boys he was beating the train from Greensboro towards Raleigh. At Hillsboro, the day before the robbery, he was put off by a brakeman. He stayed around here awhile and then walked part of the way to Durham, catching a train en route. He spent the night of the robbery about the coal chute in that place, and it was by workmen at the coal chute that he proved he was in that place.

### HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE WITHIN FEW HOURS

Statesville, April 26.—The death of a husband and wife within 24 hours has cast a gloom over a neighborhood in Concord township, this county. While about her household duties Wednesday about noon, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds dropped dead without warning and yesterday at noon her husband, Mr. Daniel Reynolds, passed away. Mrs. Reynolds had been in her usual health and her death was a great shock to her family and friends. Mr. Reynolds was critically ill at the time and gradually grew worse until the end came yesterday a short time after his wife's funeral. The wife was buried in New Shilling graveyard and the husband will be buried beside her. Mrs. Reynolds was about 60 years old, while her husband was 72. Nine children, living in this and other states, survive them.

### JOHNSON MADE GRAND REGENT

#### Honored By Royal Arcanum --Next Meeting At Wilmington

Charlotte, April 26.—The South Carolina Council of the Grand Regent, H. G. Johnson, of Raleigh, was elected grand regent of the Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum of the state at a meeting held at Wilmington Wednesday night, the fourth Wednesday in April. The place for the next annual meeting was decided as the third Sabbath after a special conference held at High Point and Rocky Mount.

New officers who will serve for the ensuing year were inducted at the meeting, and they are as follows:

H. G. Johnson, of Raleigh, grand regent; H. G. Johnson, of Raleigh, grand councilor; J. B. Ayers, of Wadesboro, grand secretary; J. B. Ayers, of Raleigh, grand treasurer; Dr. S. M. McNeill, of Wilmington, grand chaplain; N. Reynolds, of Elizabeth City, grand guide; S. M. Haddon, of Siler, grand warden; J. W. Shuman, of Goldsboro, grand scribe; J. W. Handcock, of Oxford, grand scribe; E. W. Howell, of Wadesboro, grand scribe; J. W. Howell, of Wadesboro, grand scribe.

Eleven delegates from the 15 chapters of the order in the state were in attendance at the Charlotte meeting, which was one of the most successful held by the North Carolina council.

**Purity Congress.** Eleven men and women who, under the direction of the World's Purity Congress, are making a tour of the United States and Canada, will spend tomorrow in Charlotte. All noon meetings will be held in the North Tryon Street Methodist church, but there will be a number of parallel meetings for negroes and in the mill sections.

The only other city in North Carolina which is to be visited by this party is Asheville. Charlotte is the eighth city in the United States itinerary. It was held on April 17, with an all-day convention at that place.

**IMPORTANT MEETING CHAMBER COMMERCE.**

An important meeting of the chamber of commerce will be held in the rooms of the chamber tonight. Arrangements for entertaining the various conventions, especially the two political conventions, will be discussed. The value of conventions to a city has not been minimized by the chamber and it is the hope of the officers that every member will be present. The hour of meeting is 8 o'clock.

**SPENCE-WORTHY.**

Beautiful Church Marriage at Carthage Wednesday.

Carthage, April 26.—The Methodist church was the scene of a very pretty marriage Wednesday afternoon when Miss Mary Worthy became the bride of Mr. Union L. Spence. The church was tastefully decorated with potted plants and flowers arranged by the skillful hands of those who knew how. The groom was handsomely suited in a traveling suit of black and the bride beautifully gowned in a traveling suit. At the ceremony the happy couple were driven in automobiles to the C. & P. station, from where they left on the 1:30 train for places of interest here. The groom is a prominent member of the Carthage club and enjoys good practice, while the bride is the only living daughter of Mrs. E. B. McNeill.

Geo. W. McNeill, chairman of the democratic executive committee, has issued a call to the voters of the county to be present at the convention to be held here May the 25th. The democratic voters of the county are somewhat divided as to their choice for president, while the republicans are ninety-nine per cent for Roosevelt.

**Boys' League Postponed.** The boys' league of Edenton street Methodist church will not meet this evening. Further announcement will be made about it later.



MISS MARY WORTHY.

Charlotte, April 26.—Many pieces of beautiful and appropriate literature were sold at the Raleigh low prices in the rooms of the Raleighs of the Raleigh Hotel, and Mrs. Perry Clark, the popular and widely known woman who has become the L. K. of the American Red Cross because of her extensive work. The sale was the result of a gift on the part of both Dr. and Mrs. Clark to pay their former indebtedness to the Raleigh Hotel. The sale was a very successful one, attracting considerable attention because of the unique character of the many "value-in-law" brought by both contestants.

### REES BEGINS HIS DUTIES

#### Wilson Headquarters Will Be Opened At Greensboro Next Week

(Special to The Times.)

Greensboro, N. C., April 26.—Mr. W. B. Rees, Greensboro's new county clerk, yesterday officially assumed his duties at the new Wilson headquarters in this city. Mr. Rees' department covers principally the police and fire departments of the city, though in a general way he has jurisdiction of all health and sanitary regulations, quarantine laws, etc.

S. B. Williams, of Edenton, is expected to come here the first of next week to open state headquarters for the Wilson campaign. Mr. Williams recently having announced his acceptance of the nomination in this state. In a letter to E. J. Bessie he says that he will immediately take on the work, coming here to open headquarters.

Charles P. C. Bocha of the American Exchange National bank is at the St. Leon's hospital seriously ill with appendicitis. Mr. Boyle was taken suddenly ill yesterday afternoon while attending to his duties at the bank and was quickly removed to his home and thence to the hospital for an operation to be performed.

White Manager Pledge at the Fair (Continued on Page Five.)

### TRANSPORT WILL GO TO MEXICAN COAST

Washington, D. C., April 26.—The army transport Buford leaves San Francisco Sunday for the west coast of Mexico to pick up any American refugees who wish to leave the country. The Buford will visit Tepic, Manzanillo, Alcala and Mazatlan in the state of Sinaloa; San Blas, Tepic, Manzanillo in Colima, and Acapulco in Guerrero. The vessel is sent at the state department's request after urgent requests from many Americans stranded in the states bordering the Pacific. Today's state department advice declares the situation throughout Mexico, generally, is becoming worse. Bands of marauders are causing much uneasiness.

A stout woman is perfectly willing to admit she has not lost much if the gain was nine pounds.

### EXERCISES BY PRIMARY CLASS

The graduating exercises of the class of 1912, of the primary department of Edenton street Sunday school, were held in the infant classroom yesterday afternoon at five o'clock.

The best part of the exercises were the happy faces, a play of the children, the Bible story, and the array of dainty white and pink and blue washes, the hair in all the bravery of collars and ties and neatly brushed hair. The graduating class occupied the seats of honor, beside them being the junior class. The parents of the children and other specially invited guests were interpreted on-lookers.

Mrs. Ed. Brown was at the piano playing the accompaniment for the exercises and songs. Miss Mattie Reese, superintendent of the primary department, conducted the exercises, asking the questions of the exercises. The replies were given promptly and easily and many of the school folks in the audience as their sweet hearts knew that they too ought to be members of the primary department and not of the graduating class either.

**Program.** Class Hymn; Church Hymn, P. 687; Apostles Creed; Welcome; Marion Garvin; Questions on the Bible and Doctrine of the Church; Bible Geography; Ellen Seawell; Song; Jesus Bids Us Shine; Katherine Hughes.

The Ten Commandments and Resolutions; Duet and Recitation; Jesus; Round Song.

**The Graduates.** Stage: Jeffries Ball, Grace Norman White, Mabel Elizabeth Merrill, Evelyn Jackson Schell, Marian Elizabeth Purcell, Miriam Virginia Ruffin, Ellen Colburn Swan II, Virginia Marie Tackery, Katherine Dorothy Hughes, Elizabeth Telfair Horton, Beulah Dawn Bancroft, Fannie Knight Smith, Irene Frances Cooper, Marion Lane Garvin, Virginia Franklin Wood, Howard Nelson Bloxton, Joseph Speed Gray, John Nelson Conroy, Edwin Earl Robbins, George Edward Bradburn, Jr., William Farnsworth, William T. Forsyth.

Bibles and diplomas will be presented to these young folks Sunday morning at the Sunday school opening.

With the exercises tea and cake were served and the guests enjoyed a social time together. Miss Reese and Mrs. Brown have been well assisted in the primary work by Misses Ethel Wynne, Ruth Hughes and Bessie Brown.

**HELDS TO HIS PLACE.**

Restaurant Keeper Refuses to Move Out, Though Building Comes Down.

Wilmington, April 26.—A perplexing state of affairs is confronting a number of people concerned in the raising of an old building and the proposed erection of a new one, in this city. A Greek restaurant keeper is seeking to block the erection of a fine new store on the principal thoroughfare of the town, so that he may conduct a business elsewhere in the basement of the old building until his lease expires. T. W. Wood, owner of the property, has the place upon the express condition that the central was sold. Carthage, N. C., is the building to be erected. The building was sold. Wood came clear, but the Greek refused to move out, and held Carter to the contract. Wood's purchasers went to work to clear the building away, and have now reached a point a few feet over the intended Greek's head. Whether he will move out will be seen. If he does not, he will soon be frying eggs with only the blue sky for protection. He says that he intends to defend his rights to the end. All parties have retained lawyers. A further complication, and one that will not work to the Greek's favor, is the fact that for two days he has not had a license to conduct business. The city council revoked his license when they had intimation that he was selling whiskey.

**Commencement at Claremont.**

Hickory, April 26.—The commencement at Claremont College will commence May 12. With the annual sermon by Rev. J. G. Garth, of the Presbyterian church, of this city. The annual address will be delivered May 14, at 8 p. m., by Attorney J. L. Avery, of Morganton.

Never judge a man's ability as a musician by the way he blows his own horn.

### TOSSED LIKE GRAIN SACKS

#### Only Way to Get Children and Some of the Women Into the Life Boats

#### JUMP 3-FOOT CHASM

Members of the Titanic's Crew—Not Much New Light on the Disaster, But Some Interesting Stories—One of the Crew Said the Lifeboats Were Three Feet Away From the Steamer's Side, And That Women Had to Jump in Or Be Tossed in Like Sacks of Grain.

Washington, April 26.—Members of the senate committee of inquiry into the Titanic's disaster who examined individually the British sailors and stewards of the Titanic crew, gathered this morning in Chairman Smith's office to prepare a report of their investigations for the full committee.

Only a few members of the crew could be found who shed light on the occurrences of the fateful night, other than had been exacted from surviving officers and passengers during the previous committee hearings.

One of the most stirring recalled was from F. O. Evans, of the Titanic's crew. Evans told Senator Smith it was necessary for the women and children on the sinking Titanic to jump a 3-foot chasm from the deck to the lifeboats. To these methods of loading the lifeboats Evans attributed a large loss of life among the women and children. Evans said when boats were swung out they were at least 3 feet from the steamer's deck, which was 70 feet above the sea. The height was so terrifying the women refused to attempt to jump. Several were thrown bodily across the gap. One was propelled with such force she went over the far side of the boat and was saved from plunging into the sea only by her shoes, which caught in an oaklock. Evans said: "The babies and children were tossed into the boats like sacks of grain; there was no other way."

Samuel S. Hemming, a seaman, said he was asleep when the ship struck, and after he looked out went back to bed. A storekeeper did likewise. Later a boatswain came and said, "Turn out, you fellows, you haven't a half hour to live; that is from Mr. Andrews; keep it to yourself and let no one know."

Andrews, Hemming said, was of the firm of Harland & Wolff, builders of the ship.

**Californian Refused Aid.**

Washington, April 26.—A sworn statement that the captain of the liner Californian refused to go to the Titanic's aid, although only a few miles away, was filed by Ernest Gill, the Californian's wireless operator, with the senate committee. Gill said distress rockets were plainly visible from the Californian deck, and must have been visible to both the bridge and the lookout. He tried to organize a committee of

### OLYMPIC FORCED TO ABANDON TRIP

Southampton, England, April 26.—The White Star liner Olympic's voyage to New York has been abandoned and the liner returned to port, because of the strike of the firemen and seamen on the vessel.

Abandonment of the Olympic's voyage was made necessary when the line attempted to replace the striking firemen with nonunion men. The Olympic's whole complement of seamen, numbering 54, were arrested when they came ashore. They will be arraigned charged with mutiny. A 121 passengers awaiting the Olympic at Queenstown were transferred to the Baltic, leaving today for New York. Fourteen hundred sacks of mail will be held at Queenstown for the Lusitania, sailing from Liverpool tomorrow.

### FUNERAL OF GENERAL GRANT HELD TODAY

New York, April 26.—Men prominent in public and private life gathered here today to pay the last honors to Maj. Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, who died April 11. Funeral services were deferred until today to await the arrival of his daughter, Princess Cantacuzene, from Russia.

President Taft was among those attending. Bishop Fallows officiated.

**More Roosevelt Delegates.**

St. Louis, April 26.—The Missouri republican state convention concluded at 6:30 this morning after a 24-hour deadlock. Eight delegates-at-large to the national convention are instructed for Roosevelt.

The average baby is almost as smart as its parents are not.

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