

NATION OBSERVES TODAY 100TH BIRTHDAY OF PRESIDENT, GENERAL, U. S. GRANT

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Declares President Harding in Address Commemorating One Hundredth Anniversary of Birth of Famous Military Leader.

(By The Associated Press.) POINT PLEASANT, OHIO, April 27.—The world today needs something of the spirit of General Grant, President Harding declared today in an address at exercises commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth here of the great military leader.

"I sometimes wonder," the President said, "if the magnanimity of Grant, the dogged, persistent, unalterable grand in warfare—the unconditional Surrender Grant—would not be helpful in the world today. The great world struggle, which we might reasonably designate the Civil War of western civilization, and in which we so creditably and helpfully participated, hardly knowing which way to turn for restoration, I cannot help but believe that something of the spirit with which Grant welcomed victory, something of his eagerness to return to peaceful ways, would have speeded the restoration and hastened the return to prosperity and happiness, without which there can be no abiding peace."

Mr. Harding paid tribute to Grant as "the military hero of the republic, a commanding figure in the annals of the world; the surpassing example of the American spirit of the possibilities in American life; the confident and resolute commander in war, and the modest and sympathetic peacemaker for peace after victory."

"We know his embodiment of peace, intensified by his intimate knowledge of the horrors of war," the President continued, "I can well believe he would have approved of all that the republic has so recently done in putting other nations in lifting the burdens of armament and promoting understandings which make war less likely. I know he would have approved, because we surrendered no independence, we gave up none of our nationality for which he fought, but we have furthered the assurance of peace, which was the supreme yearning of his great brave heart."

"It is fifty-seven years since Grant, garlanded with magnanimity, it is thirty-seven years since he laid down the weary and aged soldier's pen and made his one and only surrender. His fame is secure. The Republic has not forgotten and will not forget."

"What of the Republic today? It will not be unwise to say that America can exemplify the American conception of justice and liberty since there has been no such thing as a world war since Grant's service to the Union shaped the course of our own life."

"A score of new Republics have unfurled their flags and democracy has opened new avenues of liberty and made justice more secure. Citizenship means what it has meant since Grant's time. It has made such advances that there has seemed a divinity pointing the way. And yet that very divinity, more advanced than ever, has been threatened by the World War, and in wars of terrible established order has been assaulted and revolution has threatened throughout the world. In our own land the enemies within have been more threatening than those without. Greed and anarchy have increased. But a calm survey gives every reassurance. Twenty centuries of modern civilization could not have been founded on foundations which are false. A century and a half of gratifying American progress mark dates from the sacrifices of the founding fathers, and their firm and true preservation by the patriots whose great commandment, and will be held secure by the patriotic citizenship of the Republic today and the grateful Americans of the morrow."

"Though he proclaimed the doctrine of moral disarmament at Appomattox, he believed in a nation equipped for a righteous cause," Mr. Harding declared. "But no aggression was in his breast."

MUST KEEP RECORD OF MORO MARRIAGES

(By The Associated Press.) MANILA, P. I., April 27.—Governor General Wood has instructed the Department of Justice to record all marriage ceremonies performed by Moro priests and other persons belonging to non-Christian tribes. The recent decision of the Philippine Supreme Court holding that a marriage ceremony performed by a Moro priest is legal, asserting that Mohammedanism is a religious denomination within the meaning of the law, necessitates the record, the governor general said.

WOMEN URGE ACCEPTANCE OF HENRY FORD'S OFFER.

(By The Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, April 27.—Among the resolutions and recommendations upon which the committee on resolutions was expected to report at today's session of the Convention of the National League of Women Voters, was one urging the government to accept the offer of Henry Ford to buy the Muscle Shoals nitrate and power plant. It was presented in the report of the committee on foot supply and demand and it was understood the resolutions committee would recommend its adoption by the convention.

NATION TURNS ATTENTION TO OHIO VILLAGE TODAY

President Harding, Congressmen and High National Officials Visit Point Pleasant to Honor Memory of Ulysses S. Grant.

(By The Associated Press.) POINT PLEASANT, O., April 27.—The nation turned today to this little hamlet nestled at the base of the hills overlooking the Ohio river to celebrate the one hundredth birthday of one of its Presidents and great military leaders, Ulysses S. Grant.

Up the river from Cincinnati came a flotilla of river craft, bearing the President, the wife of the president, Congressmen, high national officials, uniformed military officers, soldiers, state officials, men prominent in civil life and hundreds of other citizens. Bells rang, not Mount Vernon bells, but bells pealing joy and gladness. It marked the landing and for the first time, though the little village gave to the nation a president, it was honored with the presence of the President of the United States.

But Point Pleasant was expecting the distinguished guest, and though few in number as in the days when the man whose memory was to be honored trudge of barefoot through the dusty streets, they extended open arms.

After viewing the place where General Grant was born—only the lean to of the house remains, the house proper having been removed to the state fair grounds at Columbus—President Harding was to deliver an address from a small platform erected near the site of the Grant home. Sound amplifiers will make the president's voice audible to all in the village and to crowds that are expected to assemble in Lettice Park in Cincinnati, 200 miles away. The president was expected to address the address the spirit and qualities of the former president.

MR. DONALD BIRCH GOES TO COUNTRY CLUB IN MICHIGAN

Resigns as Manager of Country Club Here to Take Charge of Riverside Country Club at Menominee, Mich.—Will Make Trip Through Country.

Mr. Donald Birch, who has for the past year had charge of the first ten months of the Riverside Country Club in Menominee, Mich., for which point he and Mrs. Birch and little Miss Virginia Birch were this afternoon. They will leave for Chicago by automobile and from there by boat across the lakes to Menominee. Mr. Birch recently tendered his resignation to the Gastonia Golf Club, which has charge of the country club property. As yet his successor has not been chosen.

During their year's stay here Mr. and Mrs. Birch have made a large number of friends, all of whom regret exceedingly that they are to leave. Their management of the club has been highly satisfactory. Mr. Birch accepted a very flattering offer to go to Michigan, the Muskegon Club having in its membership a large number of very wealthy men. Their friends here, while regretting their departure, will wish for them the greatest happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Southern Competition Is Only A Device For Justifying Low Wages Says Thos. F. McMahon

LAWRENCE, MASS., April 27.—Southern competition, advanced by New England cotton mill owners as the cause of the recent wage cut, is a device for justifying low wages in New England, President Thomas F. McMahon, of the United Textile Workers of America, asserted at a mass meeting of striking textile workers here today. He was replying to recent statements by Edwin Farham Greene, treasurer of the Pacific mills, that the textile industry in New England was in danger of disappearing because of the advantage enjoyed by Southern mills.

BRONZE MEMORIAL IS UNVEILED IN WASHINGTON

Thousands of Federal Employees, West Point Cadets, Annapolis Midshipmen, Former Soldiers and Veterans Take Part in Exercises.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 27.—The machinery of government was halted today by executive order of President Harding in order that thousands of Federal employees and officials, in common with visitors and the citizenry of Washington might do honor to the memory of General Ulysses S. Grant at the dedication of the bronze memorial in the Botanic Garden on the centenary of the birth of the great union soldier and president. At the same time the memorial services were being held here, President Harding was participating in similar exercises at Point Pleasant, O., the birthplace of the Union leader.

A half holiday was granted to Federal employees, the public schools were closed, the city bedecked in flags and bunting and men and women were marshalled from all sections of the country to form an impressive parade in homage to the memory of General Grant.

Cadets from West Point, midshipmen from Annapolis, all the regular soldiers, marines and sailors stationed in Washington, members of the Loyal Legion and Veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish American War, the World War and other foreign wars, as well as representatives of patriotic societies were in the parade which marched to martial music from the White House, down Pennsylvania avenue to the Botanic Garden, just west of the capital, where the services were held.

OAK TREE PLANTED AS A MEMORIAL

NEW YORK, April 27.—An oak tree from the Grant farm near St. Louis was planted near the bank of General Grant today as part of the ceremonies marking the one hundredth anniversary of the great American's birth. The plant, oak, under the auspices of Charles F. Rock, president of the American Forestry Association, was attended by the Grant family, members of the American Legion, the American Legion, and the American Legion.

POINCARÉ CHATS FREELY WITH NEWSPAPER MEN

PARIS, April 27.—Premier Poincaré, though credited with a fondness for old-fashioned diplomatic methods, has established one decided novelty into the foreign office. He departed from all French precedents and traditions by receiving the American press correspondents once each week and chatting with them freely on questions of current interest.

NEW SOURCE DISCOVERED FOR GASOLINE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—A new source of petroleum, discovered by the United States Bureau of Mines here, is being tested. It was discovered in a quarry for extracting gasoline from asphaltum of shale, oil, wax, tar and other with heavy grade oil.

KU KLUX REGALIA, ETC. CAPTURED IN RAID.

(By The Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 27.—Federal examination of documents and regalia confiscated in a raid by agents of the district attorney and deputy sheriff on the Los Angeles offices of the Ku Klux Klan indicated they will be of great importance not only in Los Angeles county, but in other parts of the United States, county officials said today. Detailed inspection of the seized articles, which included four large sacking cases, was postponed until late today.

350 FAMILIES FLEE BEFORE FLOOD WATERS

(By The Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, April 27.—A break in the Mississippi river levee occurred at Bayou, about ten miles south of New Orleans, today. Early reports are that a section of the levee about 100 feet long blew out, and that approximately 350 families are fleeing before the flood waters. Bayou is on the east bank of the river, and the break, unless checked, is expected to cover a large area just below the city.

DRESSED AS SOLDIER, GIRL WAS BEATING HER WAY TO NEW YORK

CHICAGO, April 26.—Trim and athletic, attired in a soldiers' uniform and declaring she was beating her way to New York, where she expected to find more journalistic atmosphere, a 20 year old University of Missouri co-ed, detained here by the police today said she was the daughter of Dr. Ben Reitman, writer and sociological worker for the Chicago Health Department.

She said she was a junior in the journalist school at Missouri, that she wanted to get to New York and lacking funds decided to beat her way. "I rode a freight to Chicago from Columbia, Mo.," the girl explained. "Before I left Columbia I shipped my dresses, sorority pin and powder puff to New York, and then bobbed my hair and started out."

GEN. PERSHING WILL BE IN CHARLOTTE MAY 20

Legion Members Hear From Bulwinkle That General Accepts—Will Be Gala Event—Proposed Celebration to Take on Larger Aspect by Reason of His Coming.

(By H. K. G. Bryant.) WASHINGTON, April 26.—General John J. Pershing today accepted an invitation to attend the 20th of May celebration in Charlotte next month. He told Representative Bulwinkle that he would go and take his wife, Major Marshall. Representative Bulwinkle will accompany General Pershing and Major Marshall.

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THE WEATHER

North Carolina, unsettled weather with probable showers tonight and Friday, cooler tonight and in east portion Friday; moderate variable winds.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER BREAKS THROUGH LEVEES, FLOODING NATCHEZ AREA

GASTONIA HIGHS TO PLAY MT. HOLLY IN THE FIRST ELIMINATION GAME

Meets Mt. Holly on Belmont College Diamond Friday Afternoon at 4 O'clock—State Championship Series.

Gastonia high school meets Mt. Holly high Friday afternoon in the first elimination game of the state high school championship series on the Belmont College diamond. This was announced today by Principal Ray Armstrong, following his return from a conference of high school principals in Salisbury last night where the schedule was arranged for the Western high schools. Twenty-nine high schools in this section were present at the conference and a schedule designed to eliminate and but one team was arranged. Other teams which will play Friday are Shelby and Monroe, Charlotte and Catawba Farm Life School. The winner of the Gastonia Mt. Holly game Friday will play the winner of the Shelby Monroe game next Wednesday, the place to be named later. Hickory and Statesville high schools also play tomorrow.

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Many Small Towns In Path Of Flood are Inundated; Rich Areas Devoted To Cotton Under Water

(By The Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, April 27.—A hundred foot break in the Mississippi river levee at Bayou, St. Bernard parish, on the east bank of the river about 12 miles southeast of New Orleans which within a few hours had widened to 200 feet, is today flooding a large area in St. Bernard parish. Rushing through the town of St. Bernard, the water is flowing through the territory adjacent to the lake Borgne canal into Lake Borgne, a distance of 8 miles, and then into the Gulf of Mexico.

About 250 families, who were rescued from their beds early today when high of holding the embankments was lost, have all reached safety zones, according to reports. Eventually, if the break is not closed, engineers say the dock water will inundate more than a dozen small villages along the river in St. Bernard parish.

The area now being inundated is composed largely of small farms which dot the surrounding swamps wherever little areas of dry ground are found. The town of St. Bernard and Violet, La., are the two most important settlements in the path of the flood.

Efforts are being made by engineers to tie the ends of the break in the levee to prevent further crumbling but so far have not met with success.

NATCHEZ, MISS., April 27.—Flood waters of the Mississippi river, which today broke through the Weecoma levee on Lake Concordia, today had entered the town of Ferriday, La., which has a population of about 500 persons. The rushing water traveled a distance of four miles before reaching the town and the residents had ample time to escape. In the path of the renewed waters is the town of Vidalia, La., with a population of 2,000 persons, eight miles from Ferriday, which is expected to be reached today.

Low Thinks The Most Trying Times In Cotton Manufacturing Industry Are Now About Over

(By The Associated Press.) BOSTON, April 27.—Trying times for the cotton industry due to the downward adjustment and the strike situation were described in an address by President Russell B. Lowe, of Fitchburg, at the convention of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers here today. At the same time he expressed the hope that the darkest period was passing and that the next few months would carry the industry into better times with more employment and a larger and more stabilized market.

He named three great causes which have "far-d" goods down and brought about the present situation. First, unsatisfactory prices resulted from crops which reduced the purchasing power of the farmer. Second, unemployment which has cut the purchasing power of millions of consumers. Third, the imports of foreign goods which on March 15 were 90,000,000 square yards, for the previous eight months. "These are enormous factors and it is difficult to say which is the worst," he continued.

"A wage reduction has been necessary since last December and every lawyer and manufacturer knows it."

Low, continued Mr. Lowe, may be asked "if cloth goes on why should we go down?"

"Because labor in England will probably be down 20 per cent before we are, labor in England can outsell you in the United States, and if doing it now, they can more than do it with their reduction. A speedy passage of the tariff is the only way to prevent even greater carnage than now is going on."

KIWANIANS ARE IN SESSION IN COLUMBIA

(By The Associated Press.) COLUMBIA, S. C., April 27.—Several hundred Kiwanians of the two states, with every train bringing in more, to make a total attendance of between 600 and 1,000, composed the annual district convention of the Kiwanis Club of the two states. The session was held today and tomorrow.