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## CIVIL WAR VETERANS MEET NEW ORLEANS

### Survivors of Army of the Confederacy Gather for 33rd Annual Reunion

NEW ORLEANS, April 8.—New Orleans is the capital of the south this week, for the survivors of the army and navy of the Confederacy are gathering here for their 33rd annual reunion. The initial business session will not be called to order until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, but every train is bringing veterans, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy and maids of honor, sponsors and their chaperons by the score.

New Orleans has sidetracked everything to give the right of way to preparations for the entertainment of its visitors. The streets have taken on a carnival appearance with their myriads of banners and flags and miles of bunting, and the business section of Canal Street, with its more than 200 feet in width, is in readiness to be converted during the evenings into a huge promenade with an arched ceiling composed of thousands upon thousands of lights.

It has been more than 15 years since the city last entertained the veterans and those in charge are seeking arrangements to atone for the lack of an opportunity to offer its hospitality since that time have put forth every effort to make of it an historic event. Then, too, it may be the last time the veterans will gather here, for their ranks are fast thinning as it will be some years before New Orleans' turn to entertain them comes again, so few will be left that the reunions may have been dispensed with.

As evidence of the throngs expected during the week—local committees and railroad traffic men believe the visitors will number nearly 100,000—so many residents of one small town in Arkansas have made reservations that it appears a special train will be necessary to transport them. One 86-year old veteran of Barnesville, Ga., set out for New Orleans afoot nearly a month ago and was expected here by Wednesday as he passed through Montgomery, Ala., two weeks ago, going strong.

"Doc" Carter, a full blooded Cherokee Indian 103 years of age, a noted scout on the staff of General Nathan Bedford Forrest, of cavalry fame, is coming from his home in Alabama and the city of New Orleans through Mayor McShane has reserved quarters at Straight university, a negro educational institution for William McLea, body servant and cook for General Robert E. Lee, during the war. McLea who is eighty-six years old, and who has attended every reunion since the death of the Confederate chieftain, is being sent to New Orleans at the expense of his townsmen in Virginia.

Fifty members of the Forrest veteran scouts, of Nashville, Tennessee, are coming as a "unit" to have the time of their lives in New Orleans, according to a letter from John T. Saunders, their secretary. Governor E. Lee Trinkle, of Virginia, will accompany the famous Richmond light infantry blues, which saw service in France during the world war, and there will not be a Confederate left in Petersburg, Va.

Some sections of North Carolina will be depopulated of veterans while South Carolina and Georgia will send train loads. The Florida delegation will be large while from Alabama and Mississippi they will come en masse. Louisiana will have a state representation of 100 per cent. A large Texas delegation will be here while Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri already have many representatives en route.

Governor Payne will head a large delegation to personally deliver an invitation to the veterans to meet in Nashville in 1924.

While the reunion of the veterans will be the center of interest, other organizations, will hold their meetings.

The Daughters of the Confederacy who for many years have refused to call their annual convention during the reunion in order that they might devote all of their time to the care and entertainment of the old veterans, will have one committee to meet but it will go into session, Tues-

## GERMANY MUST PAY BEFORE FRENCH QUIT

### French Refuse to Evacuate Ruhr Until German Obligations Are Met

PARIS, April 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Five ministers of the Poincare cabinet journeyed to distant parts of France today and standing beneath monuments dedicated to the war dead and unveiled in their presence, solemnly informed the thousands of French citizens, that "the Ruhr would be evacuated only when Germany has fulfilled her reparation obligations."

The war cross was affixed to the coat of arms of various cities which gallantly withstood the German occupation for four years.

The statement respecting the Ruhr is interpreted generally, and in political circles is said to be intended, as the official reply to the suggestions made in certain quarters opposed to the present policy in the Ruhr that M. Loucheur's visit to England, where he met Premier Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George, followed by conferences with President Millerand and Premier Poincare was the beginning of a change in the French attitude and that the French government was wavering and was willing now to talk with Germany.

M. de Lasteyrie, minister of finance, speaking at Turenne, in the department of Correze, said "Occupation of the Ruhr is the only efficacious means of coercion we have against Germany. We are no longer prepared to accept empty promises and vain signatures. We have a guarantee, and we have decided to hold it until we have received satisfaction. We will evacuate the Ruhr only as Germany settles their reparations."

The war minister, M. Maginot, in awarding the Croix de Guerre to the town of St. Dizier, in the Meuse department, said:

"Germany must pay and disarm. After four years of patience, which has been interpreted as weakness, we have been forced to resort to coercion. We have occupied territories not for annexation purpose, but to safeguard our rights."

## BIG STILL VALUED AT \$1500 CAPTURED NEAR KINSTON

Prohibition officers together with the local officers of Lenoir county captured a big still near Kinston last Thursday the value of which was estimated at \$1500. It was a five hundred gallon capacity still. A lot of beer was taken but no whiskey. The still was not in operation when the officers found it, so no arrests were made.

### Miss Josie Ryner In County.

Miss Josie B. Ryner, Field Investigating Agent of the N. C. Children's Home Society, of Greensboro, came to Smithfield last Wednesday to visit the homes in Johnston County where the society has already placed children and to visit and investigate homes where applications for children have been made. Miss Ryner's work will be completed in this county by the end of this week. She will go to Clinton after finishing here. Mr. H. V. Rose has assisted Miss Ryner in making her tour of Johnston.

Digging in the dirt pays in health and perhaps in money when the dirt is in the home vegetable garden. Let the Agricultural Extension Service at Raleigh send you a free gardening bulletin, Circulars 121, 122 and 123 are all good.

day, the day before the reunion.

The initial session of the veterans organization will be called to order Wednesday noon by General H. C. Rogers, of Baton Rouge, commander of the Louisiana division.

Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C., commander-in-chief, will take the chair and preside, until the election of officers.

Speakers during the forenoon will include Governor John M. Parker, Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American legion, Mayor Andrew McShane, of New Orleans, and General W. B. Freeman.—Associated Press.

## Program Easter Hesper Service

The program of Easter music which was to have taken place on Easter Sunday but which was postponed on account of the meeting, will be given Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock at the Methodist church. The public is cordially invited to be present

The program for this occasion follows:

Hymn No. 180—Choir and Congregation	Perronet
Prayer	Rev. D. H. Tuttle
Anthem—I Will Extol Thee	McPhail
Scripture Reading and Talk	Rev. W. C. Cumming
Anthem—Before the Early Dawn	Herbert
Trio—The Risen Christ	Kratz
Mrs. N. T. Holland, Misses Irene Myatt and Lucile Johnson.	
Anthem—The Song of Triumph	Morrison
Quartet and Solo—The Holy Easter Hour	Heyser
Mrs. H. P. Johnson, Mrs. N. T. Holland, Misses Irene Myatt and Lucile Johnson. Mr. Paul Eason.	
Hymn 169	Kelly
Anthem—Christ the Lord is Risen To-day	Morrison
Duet and Quartet—The Sweetest Story Ever Told	Smith
Mrs. John White Ives, Miss Helene Ives, Messrs Hood and Eason.	
Anthem—And When the Sabbath Was Past	Stults
Chorus—Praise The Lord	Conkey
Benediction	Rev. Fred T. Collins

## TURKS WILLING TO RE-OPEN CONFERENCE

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8.—The Turkish government's reply to the Allied invitation for resumption of the Near East peace conference at Lausanne arrived in Constantinople this morning from Angora.

It is understood the note comprises an acceptance of the invitation, with reservations on certain of the Allied proposals.

LONDON, April 8.—A Reuter dispatch from Constantinople says the Turkish reply to the Allied note proposes that the Lausanne conference re assemble April 23.

## BOY BUTTS A WALL AND KILLS HIMSELF

MOULTRIE, Ga., April 3.—Lloyd Wilkes, six-year old son of Julian Wilkes, a well known Colquitt county farmer, broke his neck at his home today by butting the side of a house. With a number of his playmates he suggested the butting contest and led off. The impact threw him from his feet and in a few minutes his form became still. A physician declared his neck was broken.

## AYCOCK UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN MAYOR OF SELMA

SELMA, April 7.—W. P. Aycock has been unanimously chosen for mayor and will be surrounded with the following board of aldermen: Wade Brown, A. V. Driver, G. C. Hinton and J. D. Massey.

The number of votes each candidate received is as follows: Wade Brown, 220; A. V. Driver, 176; G. C. Hinton, 172; J. D. Massey, 148.

The unsuccessful candidates received votes as follows: C. A. Corbett, 135; C. S. Hicks, 123; J. T. Hughes, 50.

A. V. Driver is the only member of the new board of aldermen that was a member of the retiring board.

## CHILD FALLS FROM SWING; BADLY HURT

WENDELL, April 5.—Julian, the 10-year old son of Chief of Police Williams is in a dying condition at Mary Elizabeth Hospital at Raleigh. He was swinging on one of the swings at the school building Tuesday morning and went higher than he expected, causing him to lose balance and he fell from a height of twelve feet directly on his head. He is suffering from concussion of the brain and possibly fracture of the skull. An X-ray picture was taken of the injury by local physicians and his condition pronounced very serious. He was rushed to the hospital to undergo an operation if he should live to stand it.

## ROYAL MARRIAGE TAKES PLACE IN ITALY TODAY

ROME, April 8.—Princess Yolanda, oldest daughter of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, will be married tomorrow to Count Calvi Di Bergolo, with civil and religious ceremonies impressive in their royal grandeur. The civil marriage will take place at 10:30 in the morning in the ground hall of the Quirinal Palace, with the entire royal family, Premier Mussolini and the Ministry and the chief offices of the Senate, the Chamber and the Crown present.

The religious marriage will follow in the beautiful Paline Chapel of the Quirinal, where the royal cortège will again assemble with the added pomp and dignity of a religious ceremony in the richly decorated chapel. More than 700 persons representative of the Roman royal, social and official world have been invited to the ceremonies.

Princess Yolanda is young, beautiful and popular. She will be 22 years old on June 1, next, and was the first member of House of Savoy born in Rome in the former apostolic palace of the Quirinal. The King himself chose her name, taking it from several Princesses of his family who lived in the Middle Ages. The Dowager Queen of Italy, her grandmother called her Margherita her own name and the late Queen of Montenegro, did the same, calling her Milena, while the Duke of Genoa called her after his mother, who was Princess Elizabeth of Saxony. Therefore, her full name is Princess Yolanda Margherita Milena Elizabeth Romana Maria.

The young Princess is much like her mother in appearance and temperament. She is of remarkable intelligence, of a passionate nature and especially fond of riding. She is extremely daring and manages the most spirited horses with skill.—Associated Press.

## MOVING INTO THEIR HANDSOME BUILDING ON 3RD AND MARKET

Hood Brothers are today moving their stock of goods into their handsome new building on the corner of Third and Market streets.

There is not a drug store in Johnston county that has such a desirable location or a more up-to-date building today as Hood Brothers, of Smithfield. This progressive firm has erected a building which is a credit to the county. We hope to have a detailed account of the history of Hood Bros. in an early issue of The Herald.

Bentonite, commonly known as soapstone, is found in extensive deposits in Alberta. It has not been developed commercially as yet.

## MEADOW GROUP WILL MEET FRIDAY APR. 13

### Thirteen Schools Form One Group; Rev. F. T. Collins Will Deliver Address

Messrs Woodford, Middleton and J. D. Gooch, principals of the Sandy Grove and Meadow schools in Meadow Township, were in Smithfield Sunday. The Meadow Group Commencement will be held at the Meadow school on Friday the 13th. This group consists of the Meadow school and twelve adjoining schools in the southern part of the county. Big plans are being worked out and a big day in rural school work is anticipated.

The opening exercises will begin at ten a. m. The commencement address which will be delivered by Rev. Fred T. Collins, pastor of the Smithfield Baptist church, will be delivered at 11 a. m.

A basket dinner will follow and the main exercises of the day will be carried out in the afternoon. The exercises will consist of declaimers, reciters, spellers, storytellers, and chorus singers' contests between the schools represented. Athletic contests will also be featured.

The public is cordially invited to attend this commencement, the program of which follows:

10:00 a. m. Song—America. Invocation.

Spelling contest—(Three contestants from each school to be selected from any grade from 4-7. Text Mastery of Words—Book II.)

11:00 a. m. Recitation Contest—(One pupil from each school entitled—grades 4-7 inclusive.)

12:00 M. Annual Address—Rev. R. H. Moore.

1:00 p. m. Dinner.

2:00 p. m. Song—Quartette.

Story-telling contest—(One pupil from each school, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades).

Presentation of seventh grade certificates.

3:30 p. m. Ball game.

There will be thirteen schools represented in this group commencement. Everybody is urged to attend. Bring along your lunch baskets and give the children a big day, a big dinner and a good time generally.—J. D. Gooche, Chairman, Woodford Middleton, Mrs. Ezra Peacock, Program Committee.

## CUT UP TWELVE STILLS IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Federal prohibition officers together with local officers of the law made a big haul in Cumberland county Saturday cutting up twelve stills. These plants with the exception of one all of which were small were found in an area of two miles square. About 3000 gallons of beer were destroyed. None of the stills were in operation and no arrests were made. Fire was found in the furnace at two places.

## BENSON SHOWS OPENED LAST NIGHT IN FAIR GROUNDS

The James M. Benson Shows, although arriving late yesterday, were all set up and ready for business last night. It is a clean aggregation of four rides, seven shows, and the usual novelty stands. Miss May Collier made her dive amid the cheers and plaudits of a fairly large crowd of visitors and the press agent has not misrepresented in saying that this free attraction is one that will thrill you.

A good concert band kept the crowds in good spirits with late popular selections; and the pony track proved a real delight to the children, it being the first of its kind to show in Smithfield.

## MRS. ROOSEVELT SAVES PICTURES OF HUSBAND

NEW YORK, April 6.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of the late ex-President, braved a fire in the "Double R" coffee house in W. 44th street today to aid restaurant attaches in rescuing two oil paintings of her husband.

Mrs. Roosevelt was the only one of fifty patrons in the place who did not flee when fire broke out in a coffee roaster under the kitchen, filling the restaurant with smoke.

## BEGAN YESTERDAY CLEAR WRECKAGE

### Wendell Merchants Close Stores and Help Clear Stricken Area

WENDELL, April 6.—Before asking for outside help for the relief of 300 homeless and destitute people left in the wake of tornado that swept over a large section of prosperous farming country Wednesday night, citizens of Wendell themselves subscribed \$3,000 and appointed next Monday for a time of community effort to begin the work of rehabilitation.

Every place of business in the town will be closed all day Monday, and every merchant and business man, together with all of his employees will go out into the stricken area to help with clearing away the wreckage that clutters the roads and fields, and to begin the work of rebuilding demolished houses where there is anything left to work with.

Already the local chapter of the Red Cross is organized to help with relief. A temporarily vacant tobacco warehouse has been secured as headquarters and there donations of clothing, food, household goods and supplies are being received and distributed. Mrs. W. O. Clayton, chairman of the local unit, is directing the work. All the women of the town are assisting.

The full extent of destitution is not yet apparent, but within a short distance of Wendell more than 50 families are homeless, and without a shred of clothing, a stick of furniture, or food supplies left to them. In almost every instance even the farm implements were destroyed in the blast of the winds which swept over the territory two days ago.

Necessary relief work will not only have to provide food, shelter and clothing, but will have to set them up in the business of farming again, if it is to be adequate to the needs that are beginning to be apparent. Temporary shelter will be provided with tents, which have been asked of the Red Cross which is still at work in the fire district in New Bern.

Under the plan of relief adopted at the meeting of the citizens of the town last night, an effort to raise a fund of not less than \$35,000 to be used as a loan fund for destitute farmers for financing their crops and re-establishing their homes this year. The fund will be disbursed on notes without interest and without any security except the recipient's gratitude. The notes will be due January 1, 1922, giving the needy two years to pay.

The relief committee is composed of Mayor W. A. Brame, R. B. Whitely and Mallie A. Griffin, with J. C. Collins as secretary and treasurer. An accurate record of receipts and disbursements will be made, the subscribers to the fund will be repaid upon the receipt of payment from those to whom loans will be made. Subscriptions should be sent directly to Mr. Collins.

Clearing the fields will be one of the first pieces of work needed to be done before farming is resumed. In many instances the timbers in destroyed houses were ripped to bits, and large areas of farm lands are literally covered with debris. Shattered furniture, wagons, plows, and great trees broken off in the forest and carried for great distances fill many fields.

No accurate estimate of the total damage is possible.

## EVANGELIST HAM TO BE HERE NEXT MONDAY AFTERNOON

A letter to Judge F. H. Brooks from the secretary of the Rev. M. F. Ham, Evangelist, of Anchorage, Ky., who has been holding a revival in Fayetteville announces that Mr. Ham has accepted an invitation to hold a special service in this city on Monday afternoon, April 16th. The service will be held between trains, from 1:30 to 3 o'clock. Announcement will be made later as to the place. Rev. Mr. Ham is an evangelist of renown and has held several revivals in this section of the state. The people of Smithfield and community are fortunate to have this opportunity to hear him.