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ROOSEVELT WINS HIS SUIT FOR LIBEL

EDITOR GOES ON THE STAND AND ADMITS HE DID ROOSEVELT AN INJUSTICE.

NOMINAL DAMAGES AWARDED

Roosevelt Told Jury He Didn't Want Money, But Vindication—Six Cents Damages Awarded.

HIS PURPOSE ACHIEVED, ROOSEVELT IS CONTENT

Colonel Roosevelt's statement to the court was as follows.

"Your honor, in view of the statement of the defendant, I ask the court to instruct the jury that I desire only nomonal damages. I did not go into this case for money. I did not go into it for any vindictive purpose. I went into it, and, as the court said, I made my reputation an issue, because I wised once for all during my lifetime, thoroughly and comprehensively to deal with these slanders, so that never again will it be possible for any man in good faith to repeat them. I have achieved my purpose, and I am content."

Marquette, Mich.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt won his libel suit against George A. Newett, who charged the colonel with drunkenness, and, having waived damages after the defendant had uttered a retraction, the jury awarded the nominal damages of 6 cents, provided in such cases by the laws of Michigan. Each party to the suit will have to pay his own expenses.

When the session began the air was electrical with expectancy. Rumors were flying that the suit would be terminated. Attorney Van Benschoten, for the plaintiff, however, resumed the reading of depositions. It was noticed, however, that he ignored the testimony of some witnesses. The next move was sudden.

The defendant, Mr. Newett was called to the stand and made a statement.

The statement admitted that a search of the country had been made to investigate stories of persons alleged to have knowledge that Mr. Roosevelt drank to excess, but in every case the stories flattened out to mere opinions on hearsay.

Leaving the stand, Mr. Newett looked in the direction of Colonel Roosevelt, but the latter was whispering to his counsel. Attorney Pound then said:

"When the court's permission the plaintiff would like to make a brief announcement."

The judge nodded and Mr. Roosevelt arose. Bowing to the court, the colonel said he would waive the matter of damages save for the nominal amount provided by law. Speaking of his purpose in instituting suit, he said:

"I wished once for all during my lifetime to deal with those slanders so that never again will it be possible for any man in good faith to repeat them."

FEDERAL MONEY FOR BANKS

National Banks in South to Get Nearly $3,000,000 of the $11,581,500.

Washington.—Secretary McAdoo announced the distribution by states of the additional $10,000,000 of federal funds which the treasury department will deposit in the national banks. His statement also discussed the manner in which the banks had received the recent order that 2 per cent. ininterest yearly be charged on all government deposits.

Under the distribution of the new deposits the thirteen southern states will receive $2,902,000 in 159 banks in 127 cities; the eight middle states, $2,932,000 in 164 banks in 133 cities, and the nine western states, $950,000 in 72 banks and in 60 cities.

Greeks and Bulgars Fighting.

Saloniki.—Although Greek headquarters have strictly enjoined all commanders to avoid engagements, the Bulgarians are trying to push back the Greek forces and several encouncounters have ensued. The Greek minister at Sofia has been ordered to protest and to inform the Bulgarian government that the Greek government declines responsibility for the results of Bulgarian provocation. A long conference has been held here by the Greek minister at Belgrade, the Servian minister at Athens.

BENNETT CLARK

Bennett Clark, son of Speaker Clark, has been appointed parliamentary clerk to the speaker, succeeding Charles C. Crisp of Georgia, who was elected a representative in congress.

YOUNG HEAD OF VETERANS

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND HIS THREE DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED.

Virginia Reel, Followed by Turkey Trot, at Elaborate Ball Given for the Old Soldiers.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Jacksonville, Fla., was awarded the honor of entertaining the Twenty-fourth annual United Confederate Reunion, and Commander-in-Chief General Bennett H. Young of Louisville, Ky., with his three departmental commanders, were re-elected at the last important business session of veterans during the present reuion here.

The next reunion went to Jacksonville after more than an hour's deliberation, in which the hospitality and fame of that city, Nashville, Tenn., Houston, Texas, and Tulso, Okla., had been proclaimed by eloquent orators. When a vote was taken Jacksonville received 1,528 votes, Nashville, the nearest opponent, receiving 405. The selection of the Florida city then was made unanimous.

Departmental officers who again will serve under the command of General Young, are Lieutenant General Theodore S. Garnett of Norfolk, commander of the army of North Virginia; Lieutenant General George P. Harrison of Opelika, Ala., commander of the army of Tennessee, and Lieutenant General K. M. Vansandt, of Fort Worth, Texas, commander of the Trans-Mississippi department.

Other features of the reunion program were the impressive ceremonies attendant upon the dedication of handsome monuments at Chickamauga Park by delegations from Florida and Alabama, and the parade of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. A joint memorial service in honor of the Confederate dead also was held in the auditorium, at which representatives from the veterans and all other organizations attending the reunion took part.

Stilwell Sentenced to Four Years.

New York.—Former State Senator Stephen K. Stilwell, convicted of bribery by a jury, after he had been exonerated by the New York state senate, was sentenced to serve not less than four years nor more than eight in Sing Sing prison. Supreme Court Justice Seabury granted a stay of execution, so Stillwell's lawyers might apply for a certificate of reasonable doubt. Stillwell, state senator from the Bronx, was convicted of attempting to obtain $3,500 from George H. Kendall, president of the New York Bank Note company.

Hanged Himself in Orchard.

Roanoke, Va.—W. J. Miller, 60 years old, whose home is near Bedford, Va., committed suicide at six o'clock in the morning by hanging himself to a tree in his orchard. His body was found by members of his family before life was extinct, and although he lived for fifteen minutes after being cut down, never regained consciousness. Miller's destruction was deliberate. He climbed to the topmost branches of the tree, tied the rope securely and jumped. He died from strangulation.

MONUMENT TO HEROES UNVEILED

NEW YORK REMEMBERS THE HEROES OF THE BATTLESHIP MAINE.

WAS IMPOSING CEREMONY

Impressive Ceremonies Mark Unveiling of Memorial Shaft at Entrance to Central Park.

New York.—In memory of the two hundred and sixty-seven officers and men who were lost with the battleship Maine in Havana harbor 15 years ago, the National Maine monument was dedicated here. From a dozen American warships, units of the Atlantic fleet at anchor in the Hudson river, a salute of 252 guns echoed from the Palisades as the veil was swept aside that revealed the country's tribute—a pylon 40 feet high, that stands in Central park, overlooking Columbus Circle.

Noted citizens spoke words of praise for the dead heroes of the war with Spain and for those who live. Former President Taft, the secretary of the navy, the governors of Maine and New York, representatives of the Cuban republic and others took part in the exercises.

A military parade along Fifth avenue preceded the ceremonies at the monument. Headed by Rear Admiral Winslow, the grand marshal, 5,000 soldiers and sailors, including the veterans of two wars, marched through a lane formed by many thousands of holiday sightseers. American infantry, artillery, navy yard marines, bluejackets from the battleships, state militia, calvary, civil and Spanish war veterans, Cuban troopers and sailors from the Cuba, the island republic's naval representative—these and others were in the line of march.

Gen. James Grant Wilson, who presided at the dedication, read a letter from President Wilson.

"My thoughts will be very much with you, as will, I am sure, the thoughts of the whole counrty," the president wrote. "All Americans must look back to the tragedy of the Maine with the profoundest sentiments of sorrow for the fine men who then so tragically and unexpectedly lost their lives and must always feel that to have been one of the turning points of our consciousness of what was involved in the struggle for human liberty."

NATIONS FAVOR PEACE PLAN

Responses From Italy, Great Britain, Brazil, France and Other Countries.

Washington.—Secretary Bryan signified the day commemorative of the country's hero dead by announcing that eight nations have responded favorably to his peace plan, asking that suggestions be submitted in regard to details. The nations in the order in which they have accepted are Italy, Gerat Britain, France, Brazil, Sweden, Norway, Peru and Russia.

Secretary Bryan said that no nation to whom his peace plan was submitted had replied adversely, although some had asked more time

To each of the governments expressing a willingness to enter into the agreement, a tentative statement has been submitted embodying details suggested by the president. The secretary, pointing out that this statement was submitted for consideration, with no intention of insistence upon any particular detail, declined to make public its contests.

Thompson Minister to Colombia.

Washington.—Thad A. Thompson, a wealthy and prominent business man of Austin, Texas, has been selected for United States minister to Colombia, to succeed James T. Dubois. Mr. Thompson was a delegate to the Baltimore convention and has been an active worker in the Democratic ranks. He is a personal friend of Postmaster General Burleson. The controversy between the United States and Colombia over the partition of Panama from the latter country Mr. Thompson will have to handle. Secretary Bryan declared, after having had several conferences with Senor Betancourt, Colombian minister here, that negotiations looking to an agreement with the South American republic would not be begun until a minister had been selected.

Cyclone in Virginia.

Norfolk, Va.—Accompanied by rain and hail, a cyclonic-like wind storm passed over this section and a number of lives are reported lost. Twenty houses were blown down in Berkeley and South Norfolk, but no lives were lost so far as known. Mrs. George Harper was seriously injured when her home in Holly avenue was blown down and a number of others were hurt by falling timbers and flying glass. Scores of small craft were turned over during the storm and several have been carried to sea.

MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS

Mrs. Daniels, wife of the new secretary of the navy, before her marriage in 1888 was Miss Addie W. Bagley. She has resided most of her life in Raleigh, N. C.

WAR YARNS ARE DENIED

TELEGRAM APPEARS IN JAPANESE PAPERS THAT WAR PREPARATIONS ARE GOING ON

State Department Says Stories That Preparations Are Being Made for Conflict are False.

Washington.—The following statement was issued by the state department:

"The state department has authorized the American embassy at Tokio to deny a San Francisco telegram which appear in Japanese papers the effect that preparations were being made for war and to the effect that troops of artillery were being sent to Hawaii and that the Phillippine garrison was to be increased.

"A few artillerymen have been sent to Hawaii in pursuance of plans adopted before this administration began, but no increase is contemplated in the Phillippine garrison. The changes that have taken place are only the customary exchange of regiments.

San Jose, Cal.—In a letter received by Walter G. Mathewson, secretary of the San Jose Labor council, Governor Hiram V. Johnson declared the anti-alien-land law enacted recently is one of the most drastic laws on the subject ever introduced in the California legislature," and asserted "that any who claims to favor an alien-land law, that will sign a referendum against this law is either an idiot or is bought."

"Every other bill that has been before the legislature for the last eight years," continued the letter, provided in one fashion or another for leasing; and the only two bills seriously discussed during Mr. Bryan't stay here, provided not only for leasing of land, but for the right to purchase and hold for a limited period as well."

POSSE FIGHTS WITH BANDITS

Two Badly Wounded as Result of Attempt to Hold Up Operator.

Cartersville, Ga.—Deputy Sherin J. P. Gaines of Bartow county, and Frank Nation, an alleged hold-up man, were seriously wounded early in a battle fought between a sheriff's posse and six men, alleged to be bandits, who, only a few minutes before, had demanded "the life of Telegraph Operator Thomas Scorvells or $40. Nation and two other men were captured after 100 shots had been fired in the running battle, which took place at Hugo, a small telegraph station of the Western and Atlantic railroad, six miles from Cartersville.

Mrs. Wilson Fights Slums.

Washington. — Washington's slums will be cleaned out if the influence and active work of the white house family count for anything. Mrs. Wilson has made several quiet trips of inspection through the capital's unslightly alleys, and she has joined other prominent women in attending a meeting of the Woman's Department of the National Civic Federation. There a letter was read from President Wilson approving the movement for wiping out disreputable alleys and providing sanitary homes for the poor.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS LIMIT LEGISLATION

RESTRICT PROGRAM TO TARIFF CURRENCY AND EMERGENCY BILL.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Caucus Chose Representative Shackleford of Missouri as Chairman of New Committee on Good Roads.—Committee Assignments Adopted.

Washington.—House Democrats in caucus restricted the legislative program of the extra session to tariff, currency and emergency appropriations, election cases. Committee assignments as submitted by Chairman Underwood and his colleagues of the Ways and Means Committee majority were adopted by the caucus without change.

The program as presented by Representative Underwood was made binding on Democratic members of the House standing committees. The resolution by which this was accomplished provided that no standing committees—except the committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, Banking and Currency, Elections, Printing, Accounts and Rules—shall report bills or resolutions to the House or have them placed on the calendar, without premission expressly granted by the Democratic caucus. The caucus chose Representative Shackleford of Missouri for chairman of the new Committee on Good Roads and named Representative Dickinson of Missorui to succeed him as a member of the Ways and Means Committee. While the committee list was under consideration, Representatives Boehr of Missouri and Tribble of Georgia complained that Representatives Maher of New York and Hensley of Missouri had been "jumped" to make room for Representative Lewis of Maryland as chairman of the Committee on Labor. Mr. Lewis was ranked by the other two members on the committee in the last Congress. Representative Tribble said if organized labor was to dictate the selection of a chairman of the House Committee on Labor, he would like to know why bankers should not dictate the chairmanship of the Banking and Currency Committee, farmers the Agriculture Committee and so on.

Japan Accepts Peace Plan of Bryan.

Washington.—Viscount Chinda, the Ambassador from Japan, called upon Secretary Bryan with formal notification that Japan had accepted in principle the proposed plan advanced by the United States for universal peace. Signers of the treaty proposed in Mr. Bryan's plan, would agree to refrain from hostilities for a period of at least nine months while any conflicting claims were under consideration by an international joint commission. In the case of Japanese, as with the 10 other Nations that have received the proposal favorably, the response applies solely to the general principle involved.

Meats and Flour on Dutiable List.

Washington.—Meats and flour will not go on the free list in the Democratic tariff law if recommendation of the Senate Finance Subcommittee in charge of the agricultural schedule is acceped. This important alteration of the Underwood bill, as it passed the House, was determined upon by the subcommittee composed of Senators Williams, Shively and Gore. It was decided, in carrying out the determination to perfect the Underwood bill by equalifying raw materials and their products, that it would be wiser to levy nominal duties on meats and flour products than to put livestock and grain on the free list.

Harriman Merger Plans Received.

Washingon.—Atorney General Mc Reynolds received from the Union Pacific copies of its plans for dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger. He will begin an analysis to determine the Government's attitude.

Study of Balkan Campaign.

Washington.—Military experts at the Army War College have completed their study of the Balkan campaign. Hundreds of reports from all sources were scanned carefully, and the campaign of aggression by the allies, together with the defensive tactics of the Turks were scrutinized for military lessons. The experts are agreed that in fighting qualities the troops on the two sides were evenly matched. Turkey, however, fought a losing fight from the beginning, because of her unpreparedness.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Short Paragraphs of State News That Has Been Condensed For People of the State.

Statesville.—Mr. J. W. Nicholson, a well-known citizen and veteran of Statesville, died recently in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he had gone to attend the Confederate reunion.

Laurinburg.—Mr. L. D. McKinnon, who is perhaps the best posted man in the county on agriculture, says that, owing to the cool, dry weather, crop conditions at this time, so far as he has observed, are not favorable.

Asheville. — Merida Williams and others have just brought suit against the county, which involves an interesting point of law. The suit is for a mandamus to compel the commissioners of the county to pay the sum of $175 recently awarded by a jury on account of damages to property caused by the construction of a road.

Salisbury.—A blaze of unknown origin destroyed three dwellings in Salisbury, entailing a loss of $1,500 or more. The houses were occupied by C. L. Yountz, Horace Zimmerman and M Linker. The fire was discovered in the home of Mr. Zimmerman, whose family was away from home at the time.

Salisbury.—Two negro women are being held in jail because of their suspicious actions. They were seen to throw an object from a bridge into the Yadkin river and when they saw their action had been seen they ran, in recent years several dead infants have been found in the section from which the women hail.

Washington.—The Senate confirmed nine postmasters in North Carolina: They are J. H. Weddington, Charlotte; Mrs. Nettie G. Rowland, West Raleigh; George L. Whitfield, Franklinton; W. E. Gray, Henderson; Ira T. Hunt, Kittrell; J. E. Ligon, Lillington; Elijah B. Perry, Jr., Littleton; M. M. Falson, Roanoke Rapids, and R. S. Galloway, Winston-Salem.

Waynesville.—The movement for an interurban electric railway line connecting Waynesville, Canton, Clyde, Hazlewood, Dellwood is meeting with great enthusiasm. Captain Alden Howell, president of the Bank of Waynesville, John P. Swift, president of the Waynesville Telephone company, and many other of the most prominent business men of this city are among the subscribers for stock.

Statesville.—Fired by lightning during a severe storm which crossed the southwestern corner of the county, the barn of Mr. W. B. Gantt of the Eufola section was destroyed with all its contents. A mule and a horse lost their lives and a colored farm hand who was in the barn at the time was stunned by the lightning, but rallied in time to get out before the flames reached him.

Washington.—D. J. Kerr of Canton, whose nomination for postmaster has been held up pending an investigation of charges brought against him by friends of one of the defeated candidates, called at the Postoffice Department with Representative Gudger. He succeeded in convincing the Postmaster General that the charges were groundless. It is understood that Kerr's nomination will go forward in the near future.

region is said to be very short.

Asheville.—Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture; Secretary Lane, of the Department of the Interior; Secretary Garrison, of the Department of War; and Congressman Lee, of Georgia, and Graves, Geologist Smith and Assistant Forester Hall, of the National Forest Commission, arrived here several days ago for an inspection of the famous timber lands of George W. Vanderbilt, at Pisgah Forests, a portion of the Biltmore estate.

Laurinburg.—Two monster cabbage have been marketed here within the past few days by gardeners that have created quite a good deal of comment among vegetable growers. One grown in East Laurinburg tipped the scale at 19 pounds and was sold to Mr. R. P. Lane, groceryman. The cabbage brought only 25 cents in money and was sold by Mr. Lane to Mr. Mark Morgan of Laurel Hill. The other was also a town product and weighed 23 pounds and is now on display in McLaurin & Shaw's window.

Winston-Salem.—District Attorney Holton returned from Wilkesboro, where he attended the regular term of the Federal Court, which convened there recently. He reports that over 100 cases were disposed of. Five young white men were sent to the penitentiary.

Lexington. — Mrs. Laura Hinkle, a retired capitalist, prominent socially and the mother of six sons, committed suicide at her home here by hanging herself from the banisters while members of the household were absent. Continued ill health is assigned as the cause for the act.