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THE OLD SOLDIERS' MEETING

To be Held at Mobile, Ala., April 26-28

THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Miss Lucy Davis Hayes, Sponsor—U. S. C. V.'s Sponsor, Miss Georgia Whiting Safford

Montgomery, Ala.—Dr. Clarence J. Owens, commander-in-chief of the United Sons of Confederate veterans, makes public the sponsors and maids-of-honor for the organization at the general reunion to be held in Mobile April 26 to 28.

They are as follows: Matron of honor, Mrs. B. B. Ross, Auburn, Ala.; chaperon, Mrs. N. B. Forrest, Memphis; sponsor in chief, Miss Georgia Whiting Safford, Montgomery; maids of honor, Alabama, Miss Clara Ellen Forbes, Montgomery; Miss Mary Henry Ruffin, Miss Nannie Goodbar, Miss Lillie Raulhiffe, Mobile; Miss Mary Rosalind Hardy, Birmingham; Miss Annie Lyde Smith, Tuskegee, Georgia, Miss Lylia



GEN. CLEMENT A. EVANS.

Hutchins, Athens, Louisiana, Miss Gladys Broadway, Monro, Mississippi, Miss Sallie Hunt, Greenville; Miss Mildred Merriweather Sledge, Como; Miss Cornelia Wallace, Como, South Carolina. Miss Maybelle Weatherbee, Williston; Miss Ruth Kennedy, Greenville, Virginia, Miss Avis Walker Grant, Richmond.

Maids of honor for the general staff for states not listed will be named later.

Miss Frances Alexander Duncan of Auburn will represent the Children of the Confederacy.

Appointments for the Louisiana division, named by Commander B. H. Richardson, are as follows:

Sponsor, Miss Caroline A. Renaud, New Orleans; maids of honor, Misses Georgia Richardson, Andrea Fredericks, Leila Riddell, New Orleans; Miss Georgia McDonald, Mobile; chaperon, Mrs. P. J. Fredericks, New Orleans.

Northern Virginia department, by Commander C. M. Felder; Sponsor, Miss Lila L. Jamison, Roanoke; maids, Miss Grace G. Jinkard, Rehoboth Church, Va.; Miss Annie Baker, Lamar, North Augusta, S. C.; matron and chaperon, Mrs. L. F. Fleming, Augusta, Ga.

Virginia department, by Commander T. W. Spindle; Sponsor, Miss Mary Darnell, Roanoke; maid, Miss Mary Hunter Bethel, Sawville; matron, Mrs. William L. McGill, Petersburg.

New Orleans, La., Special.—The following appointments were made by William E. Mickle, adjutant general and chief of staff of the United Confederate Veterans:

Brigadier generals and assistant adjutant generals, Julian W. Whiting and Price Williams, Jr., of Mobile, Ala.

Colonels and aides-de-camps, C. C. Nettles, Robert Middleton, D. P. Besor, Ed T. Toomer, Wm. H. Johnston, of Mobile, Ala.; George W. Taylor, of Demopolis, Ala.; John H. Leathers, of Louisville, Ky.; John W. Tench, of Gainesville, Fla.; R. Preston Crew, of Charleston, W. Va.; E. L. Conally, of Atlanta, Ga.

Mobile, Ala.—Commander-in-Chief Clement A. Evans has named Miss Lucy Davis Hayes as sponsor for the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, to be held in this city April 26 to 28. Miss Hayes is the second daughter of the late Mrs. Hayes, daughter of the only president of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis.

Work on the "tented city" for which the war department has loaned tents and cots for the use of the veterans, began with the erection of the kitchens and dining rooms and grading. The "tented city" faces historic Mobile Bay and will accommodate 15,000 veterans.

Many of the local churches are tending the use of their Sunday school and class rooms for the use of the veterans.

THE NEWS MINUTELY TOLD

The Heart of Happenings Carved From the Whole Country.

The Senate has confirmed nominations of the five men who are to constitute the new Court of Customs Appeals. They are Robert H. Montgomery, of Michigan, to be presiding judge and William H. Hunt, of Montana; James F. Smith, of California; Orion M. Barber, of Vermont, and Marion Deveries, of California, to be associate judges.

A 37-inch copperhead snake, the first killed in Cecil county, Maryland this year, was beaten to death. Police are searching for Miss Sarah Morales, a beautiful 17-year-old girl from New Orleans, who disappeared rather suddenly over a month ago.

The entire Knoxville, Tenn., plant of the Standard Oil Company with the exception of one eighty thousand gallon oil tank, was destroyed by fire. Fifty thousand gallons of oil in seven tanks were consumed. A wood fibre plant located nearby was consumed as were four or five small cottages.

Friend W. Jenkins, the flag officer of the battleship Maine, who lost his life when the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor, will be commemorated by a statue in Pittsburgh. The bill, which purports to appropriate \$20,000 for the statue, was introduced by Representative Graham, of Pennsylvania.

Statistics compiled by the officers of the senior class at Princeton show that the average expense of a college student at Princeton, N. J., for the four years of his course is \$3,675 or about \$919 a year. The minimum four-year expenditure reported is \$800 and the maximum \$10,000.

Mrs. J. R. Etchings rushed in front of a passenger train at Ada, Okla., to rescue her 3-year-old boy, who was playing on the track, and she and the child were killed.

The colored State fair will be held in Columbia, S. C., November 7-12.

The scout cruisers Birmingham and Salem will try to communicate over a distance of 3,000 miles with the new naval wireless station at Brantrock, Mass.

Miss Constance Hoyt, daughter of the Counselor of the State Department and Mrs. Henry M. Hoyt, was married at Washington on Wednesday to Mr. Ferdinand von Stumm, lately promoted to second secretary of the German Embassy.

Twins were born to Old Bel Afris, a Siberian camel, in the winter quarters of a circus at Baraboo, Wis. It is said that this is the first time camel twins ever made their appearance in this country.

In a dispute in New York with Benjamin about his wages, two of Goldberg's teeth were knocked out. The jury awarded him a verdict and the court fixed the damage at \$400.

The Secretary of State of North Carolina finds that 1,387 automobiles have been registered. It is said that there are five times as many automobiles in the State at present as there were two years ago.

Sister Aurelia G. Mace, head of the Shaker community at Sabbath Day Lake, Maine, is dead, aged 80. Sister Aurelia was the author of several books and many poems.

Becowitz is from Philadelphia, and he says the street car strike made it impossible for beggars to make more than \$30 a week at the "please help the blind" game.

Governor Kitchin, of North Carolina, some time ago accepted an invitation to deliver the Memorial Day address before the Daughters of the Confederacy and Confederate veterans at Raleigh, May 10.

Congress' session may end by May 15. Senator Aldrich expresses his belief that adjournment is not so far away.

The thirteenth annual conference for education in the South will be held at Little Rock, April 6, 7, 8.

The American Telephone and Telegraph company filed with Secretary of State Kenig, at Albany, N. Y., a certificate of increase of stock from \$200,000,000 to \$500,000,000.

The Mississippi legislature has adopted a resolution favoring the income tax amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Physicians and health officers are mystified by the spread of an unidentified malady at Grove City, Pa., which caused the death of several persons.

The Maryland House passed a bill prohibiting wearing of hats by women in theatres and similar public places.

Andrew McMullin visited his insane mother at the Eastern Kentucky Asylum, at Lexington. Shortly after leaving the institution he became violently insane, and it was necessary to incarcerate him in the asylum.

Rising from the confessional in the Jesuit's church, at New Orleans, Mrs. Louis Mathis fell to the floor unconscious. She died before medical aid reached her.

MEN "HIGHER UP"

Arrested For Wholesale Stock Gambling.

FIVE OF THEM MILLIONAIRES.

Twenty-Nine Indictments Returned Against Prominent Brokers in the Business World For Conducting "Bucket Shops" From Missouri River to Atlantic Coast—Placed Under Heavy Bonds—Trials at Early Date.

Washington, Special.—The government of the United States Saturday made its first vigorous onslaught upon stock gambling which in scope practically covers the country from the Missouri river to the Atlantic coast.

Brokers' offices in New York, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Louis were raided simultaneously at 11 o'clock Eastern time Saturday by special agents of the Department of Justice, who were armed with bench warrants issued by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Conspiracy indictments in which twenty-nine persons are named—five of them said to be millionaires, and all interested in brokers' offices in large cities of the United States, were returned by the Federal grand jury of the District of Columbia upon evidence which agents of the Department of Justice had been gathering for more than a year. The indictments were withheld on the request of Attorney General Wickham, so that the Department of Justice detectives might make the raids simultaneously upon the places suspected of being "bucket shops."

The theory of the conspiracy indictments is that every man who was connected in any way with the operation of the firms which did business in the district, had entered into a conspiracy to relieve people of their money.

Violation of the law, upon conviction, entails a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine and two years imprisonment.

All of those arrested were placed under heavy bonds.

President May Visit Durham.

Washington, Special.—President Taft may visit Durham the latter part of May or the first of June to lay the corner-stone of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the colored race. An invitation to be present on the occasion of the dedication of the proposed building was extended Saturday by a delegation of prominent white citizens.

The President reiterated to his visitors previously expressed views to the effect that he favors the practical training of the colored race.

Six Banks to be Indicted.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—All of the present and former councilmen known as the Big Five have now told their stories to the graft investigating committee. The indictment of six banks as corporations and other startling sensations are expected as a result. The graft prosecution is now busily engaged preparing cases for the trials. It is possible that three judges will sit in criminal court during the opening days of the trials.

First Place For Virginia.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—In the Southern Intercollegiate track meet here Saturday, in which five States were represented, the University of Virginia won first place, Clemson second, Wake Forest, with six representatives, won fifteen points, which gives her third place and carries away five medals.

Glass Trust Investigation.

Pittsburg, Special.—United States District Attorney Jordan said that investigation by the Federal Department of Justice into the business of the Imperial Window Glass Company had been completed and evidence purporting to show that the corporation has violated the Sherman anti-trust act is ready for presentation to a special grand jury which had been drawn.

Volcano's Horrible Roar.

Professor Ricco, director of the Mount Etna Observatory, has been forced to abandon his post after passing hours of terror at the volcano. He says:

"One could not stand the deafening and horrible roar of the volcano for more than one day. It would certainly drive him mad." A river of lava from the active craters of Mount Etna has invaded Lisi Plain, flowing in the direction of Cisterna and Regina. Borrello does not appear to be in danger. Another stream is advancing slowly toward Mount Nocella.

THE LIBERIAN TROUBLE.

United States Will Block Intervention European Powers.

Washington, Special.—The Liberian trouble is causing apprehension here. The attack by the native tribes from the French side of the southern boundary along the Cavally river upon the English factory and the Liberian troops would be in itself dangerous to the existence of the little republic.

All factories might easily serve as a pretext for intervention by some of the European powers. Such intervention usually leads to permanent domination and the state department is resolved that this shall not be.

Already British and French warships are on their way to the seat of trouble. The gun boat Des Moines, in Hampton Roads, was Thursday ordered to the Norfolk navy yard to get into condition to proceed to Africa and relieve the Birmingham. The Des Moines should be at Monrovia by May 1.

Pursuing Pittsburg Grafters.

Pittsburg, Special.—Wm. Brand, former president of common council, who was brought from the penitentiary to testify before the grand jury, contributed his full confession to help the graft probers in trailing the "men higher up."

Three more councilmen took the immunity bath by pleading no defense to charges of taking bribes.

To strengthen the evidence already obtained about the transfer of \$45,000 to Stewart at the Hotel Imperial in New York in May, 1908, for alleged use in bribing Pittsburg councilmen to vote for the bank ordinance, the grand jury is said to have asked for the 1908 registers of several New York hotels. Handwriting experts are to be employed, it is said, to determine definitely what Pittsburg men were in that city at the time the money was paid to Stewart. It has already been published here that the unnamed man who paid Stewart the money is not known to be a banker, but "one of the most prominent business men in the entire country."

Great Rural Route System.

Washington, Special.—Postmaster General Hitchcock, in his annual report, says that rural delivery has developed in 12 years from an experiment, involving the disbursement of less than \$15,000, to one of the largest branches of the postal service, with an annual expenditure exceeding \$35,000,000, and says:

"Rural delivery service is now in operation throughout the United States on 41,094 routes.

"During the present fiscal year, up to March 1, readjustments have been made involving the discontinuance of thirty routes, effecting a saving of \$26,000. In one county alone, by the readjustment of the routes and a net decrease in the number of routes of four, an annual saving of \$4,000 is possible.

Dr. Walters Indicted.

Pittsburg, Special.—Dr. E. R. Walters, former president of select council, who is now director of public health and charities, has been indicted as the alleged recipient of \$1,000 in bribe money, and 15 other former selectmen from \$500 to \$250. The indictments make a total of 91 in three reports by the grand jury within two weeks and there are more to come, says District Attorney William A. Blakeley.

Advertise for New Bids.

Washington, Special.—A suspicious uniformity in the bids for supplying half a million tons of New River and Pochahontas coal for the use of the Panama Railroad, together with the average high price demanded, led the directorate of that corporation to reject all of the bids offered and to order a readvertisement.

No Contamination for Oysters.

Washington, Special.—Oysters can no longer be fed—or as the trade term goes "floated in brackish water"—before they are offered for sale. The Department of Agriculture has ordered that the practice must stop at once. To float an oyster when it is taken from its bed, provides means for the oyster to take in contamination from the water and offers risk of typhoid.

Fighting to Free Morse.

Atlanta, Special.—Habeas corpus proceedings has been instituted in the Federal Court here this week, by motion W. Littleton, lawyer, for the release from the Federal prison of Chas. W. Morse, the New York banker.

Curtailling Sale of Liquor.

Boston, Special.—The Massachusetts lower House passed to third reading the bill, which prohibits the selling of bottle goods of an intoxicating nature by holders of licenses which permit them to sell liquor to be drunk on the premises.

REFUSES TO VISIT POPE.

Col. Roosevelt Declines to Accept Conditions Imposed.

Rome, By Cable.—The audience which it was believed ex-President Roosevelt would have with the Pope on Tuesday, will not occur, owing to conditions which the vatican has imposed, and which Mr. Roosevelt refuses to accept.

"The Holy Father will be delighted to grant an audience to Mr. Roosevelt on April 5, and hopes that nothing will arise to prevent it, such as the much-regretted incident which made the reception of Mr. Fairbanks impossible?"

Roosevelt's reply: "I in my turn must decline to make any stipulations or submit to any conditions, which in any way would limit my freedom of conduct. I trust that on April 5 he will find it convenient to receive me."

Four Boats at \$2,000,000.

Washington, Special.—On the face of the bids, the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., Saturday submitted the lowest proposal for building four submarine boats for the United States navy. This was for a type of boat of 450 tons displacement and the price for the four boats would be \$424,500 each, delivered on the Atlantic seaboard, and to be constructed at the Newport News works.

Congress authorized an expenditure of \$2,000,000 for the construction of these four boats, so that the bids are within the limitation for boats of moderate size.

Great Reception to Ex-President.

Naples, By Cable.—No American ever got a greater reception than Colonel Roosevelt did Saturday when with his family, he arrived here on the Prinz Heinrich.

Mr. Roosevelt, attired in a gray sack suit and wearing a soft black hat, appeared in splendid health and spirits. His weatherbeaten face gave him the appearance of a trained athlete. He spoke with a boyish pleasure of setting his foot again upon European soil and of feeling that at last he was homeward bound.

Postal Granted Injunction.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Judge Edward E. Sanford, of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the middle district of Tennessee, handed down an opinion Saturday granting to the Postal Telegraph Cable Company an injunction against the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company, "a Bell Company," discriminating against the Postal in the matter of charges for telephone service. The decision holds that the Postal Company is entitled to telephone service at the same rate charged other business subscribers.

Maryland Senate Passes Disfranchisement Bill.

Annapolis, Md., Special.—The so-called Digges bills for the disfranchisement of the negro in all state and municipal elections in Maryland were passed by the senate at a late hour Saturday night. They now go to the house where their passage is assured because of the large democratic majority in that body. It is not proposed to attempt to prevent negroes voting at congressional or presidential elections, the restriction applying only to state and municipal balloting.

Ballinger Will Seek Redress.

Washington, Special.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger announced Saturday that in due time he would institute proceedings in law against Collier's Weekly as the result of the publications concerning him which are appearing in that paper.

The Oar in Public.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—For the first time in many years Emperor Nicholas Saturday night attended a brilliant concert at the Imperial Opera House, given in aid of various military charities. The intention of his Majesty to attend the function had been kept secret, and, therefore, no crowd collected to witness his arrival and departure.

Church's Crusade Against Fight.

Oakland, Cal., Special.—The church federation of this district has begun a crusade against the holding of the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Emeryville July 4, by instructing counsel to take legal steps to prevent the contest.

Coal Miners on Strike.

Washington, Special.—Two hundred thousand organized miners of the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas are out on strike.

ROBBERS ARRESTED

Two Men Charged With Richmond Postoffice Burglary

TRUNKS FILLED WITH STAMPS

Postal Inspectors Trace Safe Crackers to New York by Means of Trunks—Put up Desperate Fight—Third Man Escaped—One Believed to Be "Fay," a Wealthy and Badly Wanted "Crook."

New York, Special.—Two men charged by postal inspectors with robbing the postoffice at Richmond, Va., some time between Saturday night and early Monday morning were arrested at the Grand Central station Tuesday night. Both offered stubborn resistance and were not overpowered until they were knocked senseless. A third man escaped. They were traced to New York by means of three trunks shipped from Richmond.

The prisoners gave the names of Frank Chester, 54 years old of St. Paul, Minn., and Frederick Cunningham, 34 years old, Cunningham maintains that he is a banker and that his home is in London, Eng.

One of the men arrested for the Richmond burglary, the police believe, is "Eddie Fay," whose picture is in every rogue's gallery of importance in the country, and for whose apprehension \$20,000 in rewards have been offered in various cities. The Richmond exploit netted \$85,000 in stamps and \$3,000 in cash.

"Fay" is said to be worth from \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Aldis Dishonored and Disgraced.

Albany, N. Y., Special.—Jotham Aldis went to his home in Norwich Tuesday night a private citizen, branded as a bribe-taker by his former colleagues in the senate and by his own act no longer a member of that body.

Senator Cobb introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to present to the senate charges against Conger "growing out of his connection with legislation and the use of funds to influence the members of the legislature or other persons with reference thereto."

There seems to be no longer any doubt that the present legislature will conduct a general "graft" investigation.

Roosevelt Stirred 'Em Up.

Cairo, Egypt, By Cable.—Ex-President Roosevelt's speech before the Egyptian university has aroused the extreme Nationalists to a state of fury.

Seven hundred students Tuesday evening marched to his hotel and demonstrated against him, shouting in Arabic: "Down with autocracy!" "Give us a constitution!"

Determined efforts were made to dissuade Col. Roosevelt from referring to the assassination of Premier Boutros Pacha Chali, and the political situation, but Colonel Roosevelt determined a scathing denunciation of the assassin, and as strongly condemned those who would condone such an act.

Another Grafter Found Guilty.

Columbus, O., Special.—Mark Slater, supervisor of public printing of Ohio from 1901 to 1906, Wednesday was found guilty of certifying as correct a false voucher for \$5,501. Slater's total thefts from the State are alleged to have amounted to nearly \$40,000.

"Annihilate Graft," Says Hughes.

New York, Special.—Governor Hughes was cheered at New Rochelle Tuesday night as he advocated annihilation of graft in politics in an address at a banquet of the Merchants' Exchange. He did not refer specifically to scandals at Albany at any time during his speech.

King Menelik is Dead.

Addis Ababa, Abyssinia, By Cable.—Menelik II, King of Abyssinia, is dead at the age of 66 years and in the 21st year of his reign.

Former President Party Gone to Naples.

Alexandria, Egypt, By Cable.—Former President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt, Kermit and Miss Ethel, sailed for Naples Wednesday afternoon on the steamer Prinz Heinrich.

Guns on Street Cars.

Pittsburg, Special.—On account of bold holdups in outlying districts the street railway officials have furnished arms to motormen and conductors, and given orders to "use them with discretion" in case the cars are stopped late at night, or otherwise molested.

Being "Forced" to Kill Ballinger.

Cleveland, Ohio.—William Scheidknecht, 46 years old, who declared he was being forced by anarchists to assassinate Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, was arrested here and carried to the State Hospital for the Insane.