

GROVE PARK INN ENTERTAINS BAR ASSOCIATION

Luncheon Given By Mr. Seely a Most Brilliant Occasion

COL. JOS. E. ROBINSON TOASTMASTER

Col. Joseph E. Robinson as Toastmaster Expressed Appreciation of Courtesy Extended by Hotel Man and Similar Sentiments were Voiced by President J. Crawford Biggs, of the Association, and Others; Mr. Seely in Pleasing Address.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 14.—Upon one who sojourns for a season in this mountain country of Western North Carolina, reconnoitres its ramifying roads and entrancing trails and imbibes the inspiration and the beauty that come to him from the sublime panorama of Nature's handwork and art's Aladdin touch and from the pure crisp air, there really rests the obligation—whether he recognize it or not—of proclaiming to the world at large, as best he may, the beauty and the beauty with which this "Land of the Sky" is blessed, and the awakening activity with which its marvelous possibilities are being developed—not only by its own well-directed and liberally financed community efforts, in every county and town, but also by public-spirited individuals who seem to have had their visions made broad and their souls made big by coming in contact here with nature in her sublimest achievements, or else who being themselves by nature of big souls and generous philanthropy have come here for a fitting place wherein to exercise these admirable attributes for their own delectation and the greater enjoyment of their fellowmen.

For Annual Bar Meet. The writer recently came to Asheville for the annual meeting of the State Bar Association, which brought to this beautiful mountain metropolis, for brainy conference and congenial social intercourse, men of learning and many women of culture—their wives—from all sections and communities of our commonwealth—just the class to measure accurately every feature of this so favored clime and judge the possibilities of its future, and the common verdict of this distinguished gathering, including leading legal lights from other states who were invited "visitors" to the conference, was that Western North Carolina is yet only peeping with poised feet, through the door of opportunity but scarcely ajar, revealing to the dazed eyes of intelligent vision a prospect so inviting, so certain of realization as to permit of no questioning other than the speed of its coming.

Christian Reid the Pioneer. Of course the pioneer of this awakening of Western North Carolina was one of her own talented daughters—"Christian Reid"—Miss Fisher, of Salisbury, through her bewitching book, "The Land of the Sky," and those who were wooed by its forgery of nature's handiwork into visiting this section found the reality more gripping in its fascination and exhilarating sweep of towering mountains and fertile valleys, stretching through the quietness between, than her book had depicted; indeed they found "truth stronger than fiction."

Palm to Vanderbilt. Among those who came to wonder and who remained to develop the palm first, he is awarded to the late lamented George W. Vanderbilt, whose memory will be cherished in affectionate regard by these people so long as the Blue Ridge endures. Then came Mr. B. S. Howland, of Providence, R. I., who gave zest to suburban development and to urban and interurban electric railway building.

Grove and Seely Come. Later Mr. E. W. Grove, of St. Louis, Mo., came in search of health, and so realized the alchemy of recuperation in daily traversing the sequestered trails and inhaling the ozone of fir and balsam in the purified air of these mountains; and then, with a philanthropy surpassed by no chronicle of the centuries, he in turn has lavished here a fortune in purchasing and beautifying vast areas of mountain and valley holdings, only or chiefly, that mankind may the more conveniently avail themselves of amplified opportunity and intelligent facilities for regaining health and enjoy all the comforts and conveniences with which art and genius might supplement the bounty of nature.

As a condutor in his great work of development, Mr. Grove enlisted the co-operation and active personal supervision of his son-in-law, Mr. Fred L. Seely, and what they have done and are doing for Asheville, in physical improvements, and for the general public in providing hotel accommodations,

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UNITED STATES NOTE DENIES CONTENTIONS

Austria Complained of Our War Munitions Trade

CLAIMS IT IS UNNEUTRAL

United States Declines to Accede to the Request That it Modify the Rules of International Usage During a War.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The state department tonight made public its reply rejecting views advanced in a recent Austrian note which contended that exportation of war munitions from America to Austria's enemies was conducted on such a scale as to be "not in consonance with the definition of neutrality."

Though friendly in tone, the note flatly denies the Austrian contentions, and recalls that that country and Germany furnished munitions to Great Britain during the Boer war when England's enemies could not import such supplies. It insists that the American government is pursuing a strictly neutral course and adhering to a principle on the exportation of arms, ammunition or other munitions of war to belligerent powers during the progress of the war.

Pointing to a "practical and substantial reason," why the United States aside from the question of principle advocates and practices unrestricted trade in military supplies, the note declares:

"It has never been the policy of this country to maintain in time of peace, a large military establishment of stores of arms and ammunition sufficient to repel invasion by a well equipped and powerful army. It has desired to remain at peace with all nations, and to avoid any appearance of menacing such peace by the threat of its armies and navies. In consequence of this standing policy, the United States would, in the event of attack by a foreign power, be at the outset of war seriously, if not fatally, embarrassed by the lack of arms and ammunition, and by the means to produce them in sufficient quantities to supply the requirements of national defense. The United States has always depended upon the right and power to purchase arms and ammunition from neutral nations in case of foreign attack. This right, which it claims for itself, it cannot deny to others."

SANFORD YOUNG MAN ELECTROCUTED SUNDAY

Sanford, Aug. 15.—Lonnie Suggs, 24 years old, an employee of the Carolina Power and Light company, was electrocuted about 9:30 this morning while working on the power line in the town of the Chinese laundry on Chatham street. The current was thought to be off while some repairs were being made to the line. Suggs caught hold of a 2,300 volt wire and could not be gotten loose from it until he was dead. Drs. Moore and Litcher took soon attendance and worked heroically to restore life, but all efforts failed. Today was Suggs' birthday. He leaves a wife and two small children. It is not known how the wire happened to be charged as it was cut off at the sub-station.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST TWO GERMAN BOATS; NEAR RIOT

Boston, Aug. 13.—The assembling day of 1,300 Italian reservists who were to sail on the steamer Canopic tonight was marked by demonstrations against the German steamships Amerika and Cincinnati, laid up here as a result of which several policemen were severely injured. Sailors on the German vessels were struck by stones and sticks. Revolver shots were exchanged between the crowd and the police, but it could not be learned that any took effect.

AT THE CRYSTAL TODAY.

An unusually strong bill is offered on the Crystal's program for today and in fact, all this week.

HERO IN A ROMANTIC LOVE AFFAIR.

Baron von Bielechroeder, For Whom Princess Sophia Committed Suicide, Dead.

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