

WILMINGTON FETE CAPTIVATES TAFT

North Carolina City Keeps President Busy All Day.

OLD SOLDIERS LAUDED

Deep-water Enthusiasts Again Disappointed.

Executive, After Trip Down River, Fails to Refer to Taft in Speech.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 9.—This city took President Taft on a deepwater excursion of its own to-day. They have twenty-three feet of water down the Cape Fear River from Wilmington to the sea, but they went thirty. They carried him over every foot of the proposed channel, twenty-five miles down and twenty-five miles back, and then the President delivered a speech in which he said never a word about that or any other waterway improvement.

In spite of the waterway excursion, however, Wilmington's reception was one of the pleasantest the President has received on his trip. The decorations of the little city surpassed those of most other places the President has visited.

Lined with Pines. The streets were lined with rows of long leaved pine trees set up temporarily, and the fronts of the buildings were decorated with pine boughs. There was a triumphal arch made of pine trees, on each side of which stood a black dandy holding a fatted possum by the tail.

The President gave more time to Wilmington than he did to Chicago or San Francisco. He was out of his train at 8 o'clock in the morning, and he was on the go until 7 o'clock this evening, when he left for Richmond, Va., where he has his last speaking engagement of the trip to-morrow.

The President had breakfast at the home of James Spent, who is said to be the largest cotton exporter in the world. The observatory of Mr. Sprunt's beautiful home had been converted into a real grape arbor, and in this the breakfast was served.

The trip down the river was made on the revenue cutter Seminole, and took about five hours. The President, as soon as he boarded the boat, climbed up on the bridge and remained there with Gov. Kitchin and Senator Overman until the cutter had tied up at the pier again. In the meantime most of the local waterway boosters, whose souls were weeping with eloquence, had been confined to the main deck.

Spoke to 10,000 Persons. After the river trip, the President was driven through most of the streets in the city, and finally brought up at the city hall, where he delivered an address to a crowd of 10,000 or more. Gov. Kitchin introduced the President. His speech is typical of the expressions that have come from the democratic governors of the most of the other Southern States. He said, among other things: "We want you to know the South is your country, as the North is our country. A little more than a generation ago this part of the country thought it could get along without the North, but the North knew it could not get along without the South, and so there came that great struggle, which, in the supreme court of might, went against us. We thought the successful litigant behaved badly for a time, but all that has been forgotten, and we cherish it no more. The South now asks no favor, but justice."

Gov. Kitchin went on to say he knew of no man who would be more likely to give the South that justice than President Taft himself. The governor told a story that amused the President. Two North Carolinians on a visit to London were bragging about the South.

"Yes," said an Englishman, sitting at the same table, "but the South is not haven't any really great industry in the South."

"What are you talking about?" exclaimed one of the North Carolinians. "We have Col. Crawford's factory right in our town that turns out 1,000,000 pounds of butter and 1,000,000 pounds of cheese every week."

"A million pounds of butter and a million pounds of cheese—impossible," exclaimed the Englishman.

"Well, I'll leave it to the colonel," said the one Carolinian, turning to the other. "I know Col. Crawford has a dairy," replied the colonel, "but I don't say just how much butter and cheese he turns out every week. I do know, however, that he owns twelve sawmills and that he runs every one of them with buttermilk."

Taft Enthusias Veterans. When it came President Taft's turn to speak he referred to the prosperity of the South with 15-cent cotton, and added: "It ought to make even the story of buttermilk pale."

The Confederate veterans of Wilmington took a prominent part in the reception. The President, addressing them directly, said: "I had the pleasure to-day of being received by the Confederate veterans of Wilmington, and I thank them for their kindly welcome. Silver-haired, some of them a little tottering, but all of them full of good will, full of loyalty, cherishing the traditions of a noble past, but glad to welcome the representative of the united country. You have, indeed, made history in this, your neighborhood."

"To-day it was given to me to go down to Fort Fisher, where that dreadful battle of carnage was fought, to see how much lead could be pumped from one side into the fort of another, and what enduring sacrifice the opponents could make."

"All that history you cherish and we cherish, but it does not make the slightest difference in our brotherly feeling, in our

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; warmer to-morrow; light east to south winds.

SUFFRAGETTES MAR BANQUET.

Smash Window as Lord Mayor Was Toasting King Edward.

London, Nov. 9.—The Lord Mayor's annual banquet at the Guild Hall to the members of the cabinet and others had a suffragette interlude. Notwithstanding the arrangements, which the police thought made intrusion impossible, as the Lord Mayor was toasting the King, a crash was heard overhead and as the glass fell on the status of Wellington there followed a far away voice like a wandering echo "Votes for women."

TWO CONGRESSMEN POISONED

Representatives Foster and Campbell Return from South Ill.

Each Ate Something on Train that Contained Potomac—Able to Be About Yesterday.

After having survived the double-jointed rigors of the junket down the Mississippi River with President Taft, on which banquets and dinners followed one another like the pickets of a fence, it fell to the lot of Representatives David J. Foster, of Vermont, and Philip P. Campbell, of Kansas, to eat something on the trip back to Washington from New Orleans which gave them ptomaine poisoning.

Feeling the effects of the poison when they arrived last Friday, they went directly to their apartments—both of them living in the Brunswick—and called for medical attention. For two days they were forced to remain in bed suffering, and yesterday was the first time since their return they were able to be about. Even then they were still feeling the effects of the poisoning, although their speedy recovery is now practically assured.

The Representatives left the Taft party in New Orleans and took a train for Washington. Just what they ate on the trip that caused the trouble they are unable to say, but when it commenced to get in its work it took them pretty much in a heap. They were a pair of sick men when they came through the gates of the Union Station, and they were a pair of sick men during the two days in bed. The doctor ordered them to remain absolutely quiet until the effects of the poisoning had been neutralized.

JUDGE ROSS INDORSED.

Richmond Bar Association Names Former Virginian for Bench.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 9.—The Richmond Bar Association met this afternoon and endorsed Judge Erskine Mayo Ross, of Los Angeles, Cal., a former Virginian, for appointment to the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Justice Peckham.

FOOTBALL IN HIGH SCHOOLS

BY IDA M. DALY, President of the High School Teachers' Association.

Is it not about time to abolish football in high schools? Is it wise to wait for the slaughter of the innocents? The logic of its educational value is the same before as it would be after the slaughter.

The greatest physical injury in football is not that which is evident at the time, the broken back, the paralyzed limb, the injured lung, but the insidious one, which develops later, wrecking the whole man's life. Many a player later is subject to disease due to a weakened heart from too great strain for the cheap glory of winning for his school.

The worst of the evils is the moral one. There is a supposed educational check upon the players in the shape of a condition in studies preventing a pupil's playing, but that is a mere pretence, and the pupils know it.

There is a scholarship mark given to pupils every six weeks in the high schools. Last year the failure in studies during the first term of six weeks did not count against the eligibility of the football player. The deficiency in studies at the end of the semester alone counted against him.

Some of the principals have since backed down from their agreement. They are practically not considering the first term's mark, or are evading it by permitting the working off of the conditions by examination after a day's preparation before the game, which is without precedent in the history of the game.

At one time the hiring of the professional football coach in the high school was looked upon with horror. Recently

GOMPERS REBUKED BY LABOR LEADER

Master Workman Burns Condemns Defiance of Courts.

HARM LABORERS' CAUSE

American Federation Arraigned as Dishonest Trust.

Head of Knights of Labor, in Annual Report to General Assembly in This City, Scores the Acts and Motives of Gompers, Mitchell, and Morrison in the Buck's Stove Case. Justice Wright Defended.

Simon Burns, general master workman of the General Assembly, Order of Knights of Labor, rebuked in scathing terms yesterday, in his report to the annual general assembly of his organization, the attitude of President Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, and Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, in regard to the contempt order and the subsequent litigation growing out of the Buck's Stove and Range Company boycott case.

He declared the willful, premeditated violation of the law in this case and the action of the so-called leaders will be harmful for years to come whenever an attempt is made to secure legislation for the benefit of the laborer.

To add emphasis to his declaration of belief in the integrity of the courts of the District of Columbia in general, and in Judge Wright in particular, Master Workman Burns said that if he were charged with a crime innocently or had an honest case in court, he would want a hearing by such a judge as Justice Wright.

Finally he declared, "There is no trust or combination of capital in the world that violates any more laws often than the trust labor organizations, who resort to more dishonest, unfair, and dishonorable methods toward their competitors than any trust or combination in the country."

The general assembly of the Knights of Labor convened at the National yesterday. Mr. Burns' annual report, as head of the organization, was the event of the day, and received the hearty approval of the thirty-eight delegates in whose hearing it was read.

UNHAPPY GIRL A SUICIDE.

Miss Poe Ends Life by Drowning Near Famous Battleground.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 9.—Miss Maggie Poe, twenty-two, daughter of W. L. Poe, of Silver-City, committed suicide to-day at Guilford battleground by drowning herself in Lake Nifong.

Letters found at the boarding-house of Miss Poe, addressed to her mother and to a young man to whom she was engaged, told a sad story of desertion.

Blackstone, "The Floral Arbitrator," Choice flowers for all occasions. 14th & H

FACING A DOUBLE DEFICIT.

Birthdays Anniversary Celebration Marred by Death of Justice.

London, Nov. 9.—Montague Guest, justice of the peace for London and Dorset, who was one of King Edward's guests at Sandringham Palace during the celebration of his majesty's sixty-eighth birthday anniversary, dropped dead late this afternoon, while out with the King's shooting party.

King Edward immediately stopped the shooting.

TWO FATALLY HURT IN AUTO SMASH-UP

Party of Nine Joy Riders Figure in Wreck.

Wanamaker's Car Crushed

Five Men and Four Women Speeding on Hoffman Boulevard in High Power Machine Hit Rock—Unknown Girl Dying and Frank Gorrey, Driver, at Point of Death.

New York, Nov. 9.—Five men and four women were involved in an automobile crash on the Hoffman boulevard at Caldwell avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island, last night. The owner of the machine and one of the women were so badly hurt that they will probably die. The others were only bruised, and they got away without any arrest being made.

The machine carried the register number 7163 N. Y. It was seen running along the Thompson avenue boulevard at high speed. The occupants were singing and shouting.

At the point where Thompson avenue joins the Hoffman boulevard, and where Caldwell avenue crosses, there is a curve in the road and straight ahead there is an open field. At the end is a rock weighing half a ton.

The automobile, instead of making the swing around the bend of the road, kept straight ahead and hit the rock. The automobile was crushed. The crash could be heard for blocks.

Who the worst injured woman was could not be learned. When she was picked up the top of her head seemed to be almost entirely torn away. Her front teeth were broken.

The man who appeared to have been driving the car was caught under it. His ribs appeared to be broken and his chest seemed to be crushed.

He was Frank Gorrey, 315 East Forty-sixth street, Frank Fox, 215 East Forty-sixth street; Harry Howard, 215 East Forty-sixth street; William H. Van Cott, 112 Norman avenue, Green Point, and Harry Steffins, 119 Broadway, Brooklyn.

They all claimed not to know the name of the woman who was badly hurt. They also claimed to have been unacquainted with the woman who ran away after the accident and was not found.

The doctors say the badly injured woman is twenty-eight years old. She was well dressed in a black princess gown, and all her clothing was excellent in make and quality. She weighed about 120 pounds. Her hair is black and her eyes dark.

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HYPNOTIST HELD FOR MAN'S DEATH

Autopsy Shows Subject Died of Arterial Rupture.

Physicians State Rupture Might Have Been Caused by Strain, but Decline to Define Its Nature—Everton's Instructor Attempts to Revive Simpson by Hypnotic Means.

New York, Nov. 9.—An autopsy was performed this evening on the body of the hypnotic subject, Simpson, who died under hypnotic influence the evening before in the Somerset County Hospital at Somerville, N. J., by County Physician William H. Long, assisted by Dr. A. L. Stillwell.

TIVERTON MURDER CLEARED.

Herb Specialist Admits He Disembodied Body of Amelia St. Jean.

Fall River, Nov. 9.—The mystery of the disappearance of Amelia St. Jean, the Woonsocket girl, parts of whose dismembered body were found in the Tiverton woods, near here, about a month ago, was cleared up this afternoon in the Superior Court at Taunton, when Frank L. Hill, the herb doctor and skin specialist, made a clean breast of the affair.

Through his lawyer, Hill said the St. Jean girl came to him and wanted an operation performed. Owing to her condition he refused. Later she appeared in his herb store and attempted the operation herself.

She fainted away and Hill thought she was dead. He went into a frenzy of fear and the first and only thing he thought of was to get rid of her body rather than have it discovered in his shop. He seized a knife and saw that were near at hand and severed the right leg. Then he cut up the rest of the body.

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A great many exiles have entered the Republic, not only from Salvador, but from Honduras. Costa Rica is preserving neutrality and has stationed a force at Colorado Bar to prevent guns or ammunition going from that republic to Nicaragua.

The Costa Rican government has arrested Dr. Guerrero, Col. Algodonde Carrion, and others, now in San Jose for enlisting troops for the revolutionary army.

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Shortly after the body of Camp was recovered, John Cunningham drew a woman's veil and a mourning handkerchief from the water. Miss Shapiro was not in mourning and this raised a doubt as to whether she and Cohen were the occupants of Camp's auto. Chief of Police Steward has ordered that the river boat be dragged.

Jury Holds Wife Responsible. Reno, Nev., Nov. 9.—The coroner's jury to-day held the wife of Albert Talbott responsible for his death by shooting. Talbott's dying statement was read at the inquest. His brother is a member of the Canadian Parliament in Quebec, and paymaster general of the British troops. Mrs. Talbott is known as an opera singer.

Important Auction To-day. The Clarke sale of rare old mahogany and other furniture, rugs, books, jewelry, paintings, curios, bronzes, Indian relics, etc., that has attracted so much attention during the past week opens at Sloan's Galleries, 107 B st., to-day at 11 and 3, selling the first 20 numbers of the catalogue. Rooms comfortable and seats provided. This sale presents an unusual opportunity to collectors and owners of really artistic homes.

BUSINESS SUITS OR FROCK COATS

Cabinet Confers About Dress for Taft's Return.

PURPLETIE CLEW FALSE

Truth Revealed Regarding Two-hour Session.

One Venerable Gentleman, Four Elderly Gentlemen, and F. H. Hitchcock Discuss Gravely Sartorial Aspects of Presidential Homecoming. Suspicious Newspaper Men Elicit the Truth After Twenty-four Hours.

All "Newspaper Row," that traditional body which has ceased to be geographical and has come to mean the corps of Washington correspondents of out-of-town newspapers, in a state of high excitement Monday night over the two hours' special session of the Cabinet.

When the correspondents of the morning newspapers went to bed the mystery of the session had not been solved. The quest for inside information was taken up early yesterday by the correspondents of the afternoon newspapers. It was not until late last evening, however, that the ghost was laid and the mystery cleared to the satisfaction of the most conscientious among the journalists.

The only explanation of this extraordinary conference offered Monday night was that it was for the sole purpose of arranging to greet President Taft in a proper manner on his return to Washington from his 12,000-mile tour. It was said solemnly by each and every one of the six Cabinet ministers that no other business had been transacted. All that had been done was to agree that the members of the Cabinet present in Washington on Wednesday evening should proceed to the Union Station and welcome President Taft in a fitting manner. This had been the custom in President McKinley's term. It was explained, and while it had been discontinued during President Roosevelt's administration, the members of President Taft's Cabinet thought it was a good thing to revive.

—and F. H. Hitchcock. The Washington correspondent, who are suspicious persons, found it hard to believe that one venerable gentleman, four elderly gentlemen, and Frank H. Hitchcock sat for two solid hours in the gloomy depths of the Attorney General's office talking earnestly over the simple matter of meeting at a railway station at an appointed time.

What was said to the correspondents by the Cabinet officers, in response to searching questions, served to increase the suspicion. Two of the most dignified Cabinet members, when asked if matters of public import were discussed, replied frigidly in effect, that they did not intend to be made to divulge information through any process of elimination or exclusion. Another of those present responded with, "I am against it, old man, and can't tell you a thing."

Naturally, the correspondents scented a rat. It was said to them that the rule established in the case of Minister-designate Crane—that if you talk to a newspaper man you lose your job—was being observed by Mr. Taft's official family. Until the small hours yesterday morning, and again during the period of the business day, the correspondents worked hard to get at the bottom of the matter. Some of them succeeded. The truth, robbed of mysterious suggestion, is that the sole purpose of the meeting was to reach an agreement for concerted action as part of the Cabinet in greeting the President on his return.

But even the most diligent correspondent was unable to ascertain the details of the conference. It was unreasonable to believe that the six Cabinet officers consumed two hours in an effort to reach an agreement on a simple proposition of which all were in favor. However, the Cabinet officers, while more cordial and less mysterious yesterday, were not

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Calro, Ill., Nov. 9.—Annie Pelley, a clerk in a dry goods store, was murdered here last night. The crime was revealed when children found her stripped and mutilated body in an alley to-day. Her clothing showed signs of a hard struggle for life. Her paragon was so bent she evidently had been using it as a weapon.

Miss Pelley was about twenty-four years old. Her parents are dead, and she made her home with her sister, a Mrs. Coffman. Her relatives state she had no known enemies, was always friendly to every one, and had done nothing to provoke such a deed.

UNIQUE SENTENCE IMPOSED. Judge Orders Chauffeur to Support Childless He Made Fatherless.

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 9.—Judge Hughes yesterday imposed a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary upon Claude Wood, a chauffeur, convicted of manslaughter, for running over and killing James F. Smith last August, but ordered that the commitment be withdrawn and that the defendant be placed on probation.

In the terms of probation is a provision that Wood contribute \$5 a month toward the support of the five children he made fatherless by his reckless driving.