

INVADIED BY TRAVELLING MEN.

Fortress Monroe and Old Point Surrender to the Knights of the Grip.

T. P. A.'S TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Scouts of the Army of Commerce Report at Their Headquarters.

BRILLIANT BANQUET AT THE CHAMBERLIN.

More Than Six Hundred Representatives of the National Traveller's Protective Association, Representing Many States, Present--Colonel Harwood Substitutes Governor Tyler and Arouses Great Enthusiasm--A Lively Contest for the Presidency Already On, a Virginian Among the Candidates.

FORT MONROE, VA., June 3.—(Special.) The drummers own Old Point now, and it will be theirs all this week. Delegates and visitors to the twelfth annual convention of the Travellers' Protective Association began swooping down upon the resort Sunday. They came by land and by sea, and still they come.

At midday there are over six hundred of the travelling men here from Maine, from Florida, from every Atlantic State, and from California. Besides, there were over six hundred visitors here who came to attend the convention and to enjoy the good time always incident thereto. They have begun this good time, by the way, and there has as yet been but little business done.

ALL ARE JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS. On the quiet, it looks like very much as if the travellers were intent upon fun rather than business. There has been only a faint show of work, and already there has been fun to burn.

To-night there were the formal opening exercises at the Chamberlin, followed by the annual dinner, at which there was the usual amount of good-fellowship and good-cheer.

The Hyacin Hotel has been turned over to the travellers exclusively. The headquarters of all the States are there except Virginia, which are at the Chamberlin.

Mr. Joseph Wallerstein, chairman of the Executive Committee, is in charge. Mr. R. B. Walthall and Mr. Horace F. Smith are assisting. Messrs. B. E. Boswell, John B. Cullpeper, J. H. Capers, H. Ellis, Jr., R. W. Spillman, L. O. Miller, and others are also active figures in receiving and entertaining the guests.

Mr. Joseph Wallerstein, chairman of the committee to look after the comfort of the guests, is as busy as her husband, for there are a great many ladies from all over the country here with their fathers or husbands.

AROUND THE FESTAL BOARD. The dinner at the Chamberlin to-night was a most brilliant affair. The great dining-room, one of the most beautiful in the entire country, brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated, was thronged. The guests were seated at probably thirty small tables, and they were until late this morning discussing the elegant menu.

THE TOASTS AND SPEAKERS. Chairman Wallerstein, of the Executive Committee, presided at a large table in the center of the hall. About this board were seated the speakers of the evening.

Rev. J. J. Gravatt, of Richmond, State Chaplain of the Virginia Division, offered a brief invocation before the guests were seated.

Then Mr. Wallerstein made a short address of welcome. He spoke well and was frequently applauded, although he made no pretense at oratory. Mr. Wallerstein's attractive delivery excited enthusiasm.

President E. Burrows, of Peoria, Ill., responded in happy vein to the warm welcome extended by Mr. Wallerstein on behalf of the Virginians. Then everybody fell to discussing the menu. It was very elaborate.

"GUBERNATOR" HARWOOD'S ORATION. About the time the dessert was reached Mr. Wallerstein rapped for order and introduced Colonel John S. Harwood, of Richmond, who responded to "Virginia." Governor Tyler was to have made this address, but late this afternoon he called Mr. Chairman Wallerstein by telephone and notified him that it would be impossible for him to be present. There was then hurried search for a speaker to represent the Old Commonwealth, and Colonel Harwood responded promptly. All thought he said he was not accustomed to filling a Governor's place, he did it most admirably, and aroused much enthusiasm by the eloquence and heartiness of his welcome. His allusions to the resources and development of Virginia were loudly applauded, but the whole company was thrown into an uproar by his eloquent words of welcome to those Virginians who had wandered far and had returned to rest a day upon the bosom of the old bay. Colonel Harwood is probably the best-known man at the convention.

Miss Hutchinson, of Texas, sang "The Green Fields of Virginia" with so much expression that she was applauded to the echo.

RESPONSE BY A MISSOURIAN. Lieutenant-Governor John A. Lee, of Missouri, responded to the speech of Colonel Harwood's. He was accorded round speech abounded in witty sallies and kept his hearers laughing constantly. He recognized Virginia hospitality and Virginia's great men. "God bless the green fields of old Virginia forever," he said, "and bless her people always." Mayor

Richard M. Taylor, of Richmond, spoke briefly in welcoming the visitors. He said the people of Richmond had stood ready to welcome the travellers with open arms. Mr. Taylor's address was very short, but it was the best of the kind. He said he had thought there was no doubt that Richmond would in a year or two, have the honor of entertaining the travellers.

Mr. ELLIOTT'S HAPPY VEIN. Mr. Wallerstein interrupted the progress of the regular programme to introduce Mr. Warren G. Elliott, president of the Atlantic-Const Line, who made a happy little talk. He said he heard about dark that he was to be called on to speak, and as he had never made a speech in his life, he had rushed around to find a man who, somebody told him, wrote speeches for people for a living. Mr. Elliott said the man told him he would be glad to oblige him, but was then up to his neck in work getting up a speech for Colonel Harwood. This sally created great applause, and to the end of his address. Mr. Elliott had to frequently pause to allow the applause to subside.

A TENNESSEAN TALKS. Mr. W. R. Johnson, of Knoxville, responded to Mayor Taylor's address. He declared in the outset that like the Irishman he was "speechless," but he talked for ten minutes in most entertaining fashion. Some of his stories created great laughter and applause.

Mr. C. W. Sanders, president of the Virginia division, was most heartily cheered when he arose. Of course, all the Virginians knew him, but he has been declared the most wonderful speaker so long that the travellers throughout the country know him likewise. His speech had chiefly to do with the history of the great national convention so long that the travellers throughout the country know him likewise. His speech had chiefly to do with the history of the great national convention so long that the travellers throughout the country know him likewise.

MR. JOHNSON FOR RICHMOND. Mr. B. F. Johnson, of Richmond, responded to the sentiment, "Richmond's Progress." Mr. Johnson's speech was full of interest. He dealt largely in figures. He showed the wonderful increase in banking capital in Richmond. In 1885 Richmond had 18,000 persons employed in manufacturing establishments; last year 25,000 were employed. He called attention to the great increase in capital invested in manufacturing enterprises, and the many new enterprises established within a year or two years. Mr. Johnson said there was hardly a city in the country whose finances were in such excellent shape as Richmond's. He said the Travellers' Protective Association was probably doing more for Richmond than was any other institution. Richmond plows, for instance, are being used by farmers in nearly every quarter of the globe, and the drummers were largely responsible.

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they are all working for Mr. Howard W. Peake, of Fort Worth. The Kentucky delegation did not arrive until to-night, but as soon as the Bluegrass people got in they began whooping it up for Sam F. Jones, of Louisville, whom they hope to see made president of the national body.

RICHMONDERS ATTENDING. There are many Richmond people here, among them Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Capers, Jr., Mrs. A. B. Clarke, Mrs. J. S. Harwood, Mrs. George A. Minor, Mrs. T. B. Johnson, R. M. Graham, J. S. Oliver, J. H. Wharton, L. O. Miller, A. R. Stansbury, C. W. Harris, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Moulton, H. F. Smith and wife, P. A. S. Brink, J. V. Bidgod, Miss Ella Gibson, Miss Ella Welsker, Mrs. W. H. Chalkey, Mrs. S. R. Crump, T. S. Beckwith, C. C. Alley, H. Ellis, E. E. Boswell, Tom Waindexter, J. B. Cullpeper, H. L. Lorrain, and wife, Miss Kate Turpin, Miss Hutchinson, John S. Harwood, R. B. Walthall, W. L. Tomlinson and wife, Leonard Noel, Joseph Wallerstein and wife, Miss Bloch, R. W. Spillman, and others.

VIRGINIA BONDS MAY BE CORNERED.

Demand for These Securities Great—Five Times as Many Sold Yesterday as All Others.

There is a present possibility that State securities now on the market may be cornered.

The State Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners have not bought any State bonds for some months past, for the reason that they have been so high. The unusual price was due to the fact that they have been eagerly sought after by some persons in Richmond. The board is keeping a reserve in the treasury for the expenses of the constitutional convention. But this is only one of the reasons why the board has been inactive in this direction.

Judge Dew, the Second Auditor, has had his attention drawn to the large sale of Virginia bonds and their consequent high price. They are slightly lower now than for some time past, but the sales even yesterday were much the largest of any securities on the Richmond market. In fact, more than five times as many shares of State securities were sold yesterday as of all the others on the Richmond market. The number was 500 Virginia 3's at 95-3-4, and 300 Virginia 4's at 95-1-4. But 150 other shares were reported sold during the entire day.

The Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners met in regular session yesterday, but for the reasons stated above, decided again not to purchase any more bonds at present, waiting for the demand to be less.

"AMERICAN PERIL" TO EUROPEAN TRADE.

"Newer Than Yellow Peril," Says a French Legislator—Franco-Chinese Situation.

PARIS, June 3.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day M. Des Tournelles de Constant asked the Foreign Minister, M. Delcasse, for a statement on the Chinese situation. In the course of his remarks, the Deputy alluded to American business competition, saying the "American peril" was advancing towards them with methodical rapidity. The Napoleons of American industry declared openly that their enterprise meant the conquest of Europe, and her economic ruin. The "yellow peril" was more distant than the American peril, but the Chinese had given a warning, which ought not to be neglected.

M. Delcasse replied in a reassuring manner regarding China. He said the French troops would leave at the earliest possible moment. Two batches had already been ordered home, and he hoped the bulk of the expedition would soon follow. The Powers only insisted on measures of justice, having the character of reparation for the past and guarantees for the future.

HARBOR COMMITTEE ON ANOTHER JAUNT.

Of This Time for a Visit to Gulf and Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Chairman Burton and a number of members of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, several of whom were accompanied by their wives, left Washington to-day in a special car, over the Southern railway, for an extended trip. Mobile will be first visited, and then New Orleans, where other members of the committee will join the party. From the latter city the itinerary will embrace points in Texas and California, and up the Pacific coast as far as Washington.

The purpose of the journey is to personally acquaint the committeemen with the rivers and harbors of the remote territory traversed, in order that they may duly consider prospective legislation that may affect them.

The party will be gone several weeks.

DEATH OF MR. HOUCHINGS.

He Succumbed to Pneumonia Sunday Morning After a Brief Illness. Mr. Bernard H. Houchings died on Sunday at 4 A. M., at his residence, No. 2225 east Venable street, in the 39th year of his age. Deceased succumbed to acute pneumonia, after a very brief illness.

Mr. Houchings was a kind and devoted husband, father, and brother, and was universally liked. He is survived by a widow, one child (2 years old), two brothers, and a sister.

His brothers are Messrs. R. C. and W. A. Houchings, and his sister is Miss Lola B. Houchings.

Mr. Houchings was born in King William county, December 9, 1862. He was for a long time foreman of the Rountree trunk factory, where he was highly esteemed. The funeral will take place from Christ Episcopal church (Venable street) at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and the interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

The following gentlemen will act as pallbearers: Active—Messrs. Willie Alley, Wallace Sherer, Henry Moore, David Morse, George Joiner, John Sterling, James Travis, and Albert Bowles. Honorary—Messrs. John Ligon, Charles Burton, Ezra Moody, William Rountree, Henry Matthews, Willie Ammons, and Lonnie Tucker.

During the services Mr. Roland Childrey will sing.

MILAUIN ASSENTS.

He Accedes to Request for Withdrawal of Resignation.

REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR.

For the Sake of People's Peace and Prosperity Senator Yields.

WISHES HIS REASON UNDERSTOOD.

His Action Taken in Response to the Governor's Patriotic Appeal, and Not Because He Feels to Meet Tillman in Debate.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 2.—Senator McLaurin, under date of Bennettville, S. C., has written Governor McSweeney the following letter, acceding to the Governor's request that he withdraw his resignation:

"My Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 31st of May, in which you decline to accept my resignation as United States Senator, is received. The grounds upon which your declinations are predicated are that the people are entitled to one year of peace and freedom from political battles and bitterness, and that it would be a calamity for the State to be torn asunder by a heated canvass in this off-year in politics, without any possible good to come of it. As an additional reason, you suggest that any disturbance of the harmony of the people in their work for the achievement of the material prosperity of the State might result in retarding this progress.

FOR SAKE OF PEACE. "I appreciate fully the force of the reasons given by you, and the effects upon the people of the State of a heated and strife-producing contest for United States Senator this year. For the sake of the peace, prosperity, and happiness of the people of this State, I am willing to hold on to my commission of United States Senator, and to continue to serve the State, as I have done in the past, to the best of my ability."

"But in retaining my seat in the Senate, I will not consent to be handicapped or abused by any one claiming a right to judge my motives and actions. I propose to exercise my judgment on all national questions under the influence of a high sense of responsibility to the people, and to work for the upbuilding of the material interests of my State. I recognize fully my accountability to the sovereign people, and am always willing and ready to give a strict account of my official acts to them. Your suggestion that it is not the purpose of your official action to prevent the fullest and freest discussion of all public questions, and the education of the people along all political lines, is in accord with your patriotic course in reference to the resignations.

RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE. "The people are entitled to hear both sides of these questions, and to form their own judgment, and to determine in a joint debate would interfere with a fair and full suggestion of them, and instead of educating would mislead and deceive them. All that I have claimed is this right of the people, and my right to enlighten them on these questions, whenever called upon.

"In my efforts to do this I was interfered with by the senior Senator, who affirmed that my doctrines were political heresies and hurtful to the people. My wish is that public questions may be freely and fully discussed before the people, and I will be content to abide by their decision upon them. In consenting to hold on to my commission, I wish it understood that it is in response to your patriotic appeal that it is for the good of the State, and not because I fear to go before the people and discuss with the senior Senator, or others, the national issues of the day. I am a public servant of the people, and it is my duty and pleasure always to promote their interests in every way I can."

TO KEEP OUT CHINESE. Special Immigration Inspectors to Be Sent to Porto Rico. WASHINGTON, June 3.—Assistant Secretary Taylor, of the Treasury Department, and Commissioner-General Powderly, have decided to send three immigrant inspectors to Porto Rico, for permanent duty. It is feared that the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the insular cases may stimulate Chinese immigration to Porto Rico, with the idea that once there they cannot be denied admission to the United States. The collectors of customs have hitherto acted as inspectors, and will continue to do so, but the need for additional help in the case of the Chinese is apparent to the officials, and from now on the exclusion law will be more rigidly enforced.

THE TWO COLLEGES GETTING NEARER. Woman's College Trustees Elect Dr. Hatcher Their President—Committee on Union of Institutions.

Rev. William E. Hatcher, D. D., LL. D., is president of the boards of trustees both of the Woman's College and the Richmond College. He was chosen to the former position yesterday at the annual meeting of the trustees of that institution, succeeding Dr. H. A. Tupper, resigned.

This is one step towards the unification of Richmond College and the Woman's College.

Another important step in that direction was also taken. Some time ago, when the trustees of Richmond College met, a committee was appointed to look into the matter of bringing the two great Baptist schools of his city under one management. The idea, in a general way, was that the Woman's College should be rebuilt near Richmond College, and the female students be trained by the professors of Richmond College directly for that institution. Richmond College owns several acres of ground on the south side of Franklin street, just across the street from the college. It would be a fine location for the Woman's College.

The trustees of the Woman's College received official notification of the action of the board of Richmond College yesterday. They appointed a committee to meet with the committee from the Richmond College, and discuss the matter in all its aspects.

The joint committees will make their report in about two weeks. Until it is known what they agree upon or decide to recommend the future management of the college will remain uncertain. It is highly probable that Dr. Nelson will again be given the lease of the institution, but the final determination of this will depend on the report of the joint committees and the subsequent action of the two boards of trustees.

SHIRT AND COLLAR COMBINE FORMING. It Will Completely Control Trade of the Country—Capital to Be \$20,000,000.

NEW YORK, June 3.—The Mail and Express says:

"Under the title of the American Shirt and Collar Company, a \$20,000,000 linen-goods manufacturers' trust will be incorporated under the laws of this State. It will control completely the wholesale shirt and collar trade of the country.

"A tentative agreement has already been signed by eight of the largest manufacturers in Troy. At a meeting held in Troy May 8th, it is said nine others expressed their willingness to ratify this combination. The promoters of the combination expect within a short time to obtain the consent of the four remaining concerns. The strength of the combination in shown by the 'east-iron' clause, by which each individual is required to file a bond of \$200,000, as evidence of good faith in agreeing not to engage in the manufacture of shirts, collars, cuffs, and other articles of men's apparel for a period of ten years, excepting in the States of Nevada, Montana, and Idaho."

BALLINGTON BOOTH PUBLISHES DENIAL. Says He is Not About to Return to Salvation Army, as Reported.

NEW YORK, June 3.—Ballington Booth, head of the Volunteers of America, denied to-day that he was about to return to the Salvation Army and be reunited with his father. The following statement is published by authority:

"Mr. Ballington Booth denies emphatically that there have been any secret negotiations between himself and his father. He has not had one line from his father since the latter left this country, nor has he heard from his seven brothers and sisters, with but one exception—that of a personal communication from Mrs. Booth Claborn-Booth.