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PRESIDENT ATTENDS DIVINE SERVICE IN EL PASO, AFTERWARD EXCHANGING GREETINGS WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, DIAZ

CHIEFS OF SISTER REPUBLICS EXPRESS GOOD WISHES.

TO the President of the United States of America, El Paso, Texas: When you arrive this day at the frontier of Mexico I wish I might shake hands with you, but I send you as cordial a salute as corresponds with the cordial relations which exist between the two republics of North America. I also send General Hernandez to express to you the same feelings.

PORFIRIO DIAZ.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 5, 1901

TO His Excellency, General Porfirio Diaz, President of the Republic of Mexico, City of Mexico, Mex.: It gives me great pleasure to reciprocate the courteous greeting of your Excellency and to express my most cordial good wishes for your health and happiness and for the continued prosperity of the Mexican Republic, to which we are bound by so many ties of mutual interest and friendship.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

EL PASO, Texas, May 5, 1901.

EL PASO, May 5.—The seventh and Sabbath day of the President's trans-continental journey brought him into the picturesque town of El Paso. The train drew into the station as the church bells were ringing for early morning service. Long before the train arrived this little town was full to overflowing. Hotel accommodations had been reserved for days in advance. It was a motley and picturesque throng that filled the streets and plazas of El Paso—cowboys from New Mexico and the Texas plains, Mexicans from across the Rio Grande, in fantastic dress for this occasion, white men, negroes, Chinese and Indians. This is the Mexican Fourth of July, that is to say, "Cinco de Mayo" (5th of May), the day they celebrate their national independence. There was no booming of cannon, no explosion of fire crackers by day nor fireworks by night, but the Mexicans celebrated the day after their own picturesque fashion. It was a genuine festival day. Women attired in bright raiment, men in their high peaked hats and sombreros heavily trimmed with silver ornaments, children fluttering bright bandolierias afforded a most animated spectacle to the President and his party, to most of whom it was a novel sight. Devout worshippers of the Catholic faith filled the churches and passed along the streets counting their beads, while all about them in the principal thoroughfares were wide open games of faro, roulette and Spanish monte. It was to the Northern visitors a most inconsistent and incongruous spectacle.

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and that he may have a higher appreciation of the vast country over which he is called to govern. We pray thee that thy divine grace may be vouchsafed to him and his Cabinet, the Superior Courts, the Governors of the respective States and all those who are in authority under him. The choir then sang the anthem, "Wake the Song of Jubilee," after which the pastor read the lesson of the day from the fifth chapter of Matthew. Then the congregation united in singing the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and it was noticed that in the singing that the President joined as heartily as any one present. During the delivery of the sermon which followed the President kept his eyes fixed on the pastor and he gave to each word the most earnest attention. The sermon was not a little remarkable for its frank statements of certain existing political conditions and the need for a remedy. That remedy, according to the preacher, was, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

After the service the President returned to the train and spent the afternoon resting quietly in his private car, the Olympia. During the afternoon he was attended by a band from the City of Mexico, sent north with President Diaz's personal representatives. President McKinley and President Diaz to-day exchanged felicitous telegrams.

Diaz's Greetings.

President Diaz of Mexico had hoped to meet the President here and shake hands with him across the border, but as the Mexican Congress is in session he could not leave the capital. Besides, it is understood he is in poor health. He sent a personal message to the President, however, and also dispatched Don Juan Hernandez, commander of the Second Military Zone of the State of Chihuahua, to present personally his good wishes to the Chief Magistrate of the United States. Governor Miguel Ahumada of Chihuahua also traveled to El Paso to pay his respects, and these distinguished Mexican officials, accompanied by General Hernandez's staff in full uniform, were received by the President in his car at the station. After exchanging felicitations, the President requested General Hernandez to convey to President Diaz his personal good wishes for the health and happiness of President Diaz and for a continuation of the cordial relations at present existing between the two countries.

Prayer for the President.

"We thank thee for preserving the life of this thy servant, the President of the United States, and we beseech thee to care for him during his long journey. We thank thee for his presence with us today. We pray that thy holy spirit may rest upon him throughout this journey."

Remained in Cars.

"It is about breakfast time," said he, "and we are tired. I think perhaps it would be better for us to remain on the train until this afternoon." Members of the committee of ladies were ushered into the presence of the

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ROUTE OF TRAIN THROUGH STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE President's route through California, from south of Redlands to the northern line, as shown in the accompanying map, will bring the President through all the varying beauties of a State that is wholly beautiful. It will include the plains, the valleys, the mountains, wooded and bare, and the sands of the seashore and even the deserts the State keeps tucked away in one corner, so that the change from the bleak desolation of the Southwest to the glorious verdure of California may not be too sudden.



Every Precaution Will Be Taken to Protect the Train.

Great precautions are being taken by the Southern Pacific Company officials to prevent any possible chance of any accident occurring to the Presidential train. Manager J. A. Fillmore has given instructions to all agents to examine all switches under their supervision ten minutes before the train runs over the spot, and track walkers will fulfill the same duty in remote localities. Engine No. 153 has been selected to haul the Presidential train from Monterey to this city. This locomotive is of the "C. W." class and besides being new is one of the best engines in use by the company. The locomotive is not capable of a high rate of speed, yet when called upon it can make fifty miles an hour. The locomotives of the "C. W." pattern are built with a view to strength rather than to speed. The Presidential train at no time during the whole tour of the United States makes fast time, the average speed being about thirty miles an hour, that being nearly the limit owing to the number of cars and great weight of the train.

Tracks Will Be Inspected Ten Minutes Before Cars Pass.

The following engineers and conductors have been selected to take charge of the train over their respective divisions: El Paso to Tucson, Engineer Bruce; Tucson to Yuma, Engineer J. C. Clancy; Yuma to Los Angeles, Engineer Eli Stevens, Conductor J. B. Harrison; Los Angeles to Santa Barbara, Engineer W. Ferguson, Conductor D. A. Hartwell; Engineer H. S. Bull and Conductor A. R. Holbert will share in the honors of bringing President McKinley's train from Santa Barbara to this city by way of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Jose.

Revolutionary Sons' Reception.

The reception to the President in the parlors of the Palace Hotel on Thursday afternoon, May 16, by the Sons of the American Revolution bids fair to be one of the most attractive functions of the President's visit. The reception committee will consist of Past Presidents Colonel A. S. Hubbard, Hon. E. W. McKinstry, Sidney M. Smith, Hon. Horace Davis, Colonel John C. Currier, William M. Bunker and the present board of managers, consisting of: William H. Jordan, president; George W. Spencer, senior vice president; William J. Dutton, junior vice president; Edwin Bonnell, secretary; Charles H. Warner, treasurer; Byron Mauzy, marshal; J. W. Farrington, Alexander G. Ellis, Giles H. Gray and Wallace Everson.

Knights' Templar Parade.

The parade of Knights Templar, which will take place Friday afternoon, May 17, will be one of the grandest Masonic events that has been prepared in this city for years. The formation of the column will be as follows: First division—Two platoons of mounted police; Troop A, N. G. C.; mounted band, 25 pieces; mounted drill corps of California Commandery No. 1; California Commandery No. 1, mounted, 250 strong. Second division—Bennett's Exposition band; Sacramento Commandery No. 2; Pacific Commandery No. 3; Nevada Commandery No. 6; Stockton Commandery No. 8; Los Angeles Commandery No. 9; San Jose Commandery No. 10, and Oakland Commandery No. 11.

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