

## OFF FOR THE PACIFIC.

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY NOW WEST  
OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

## YESTERDAY IN NEW ORLEANS.

The Southern University, a colored institution, first visited, where the President makes an address—Ceremony in Supreme Court Room of the Old Spanish Building—A Sail Along the River Front—The Start for the Pacific Coast.

New Orleans, May 2.—President McKinley, accompanied by Governor Heard and Mayor Capdeville and escorted by a mounted detachment of police and the Louisiana cavalry troop, left the St. Charles hotel at 9:20 after breakfasting in his apartments with Mrs. McKinley, and proceeded to the Southern university, a colored institution. He was enthusiastically received by the faculty and students. Brief addresses were made by two pupils of the school. The president made a felicitous response urging industry, practical education and character. Five thousand negroes attended the reception, among them the leading local members of the race.

From the southern university the president was driven to the historic Cabildo facing Jackson square, where a multitude of people had gathered. It was within the Cabildo in the row now occupied by the state supreme court that the transfer was made of the Louisiana territory by France to Governor Claiborne, the American commissioner of President Jackson.

The president was received by Governor Heard, the state officials and the members of the supreme court promptly at noon, and was escorted to a seat on the right of Chief Justice Nichols. President A. O. Fortier, of the Louisiana Historical Association, was recognized by the chief justice and delivered an address on the historical associations of the Cabildo. The president made a brief reply and an official record was made on the minutes of the visit of Mr. McKinley to the court.

Afterward the president spoke briefly from the balcony to an immense assemblage in the streets.

President McKinley's cabinet made their way with difficulty through the acres of people surrounding the Cabildo, on their way back to their hotel. They drove through throngs of cheering people and the president's face was wreathed in smiles as he acknowledged the unending demonstration in his honor. After lunch and a short rest the party, including many of the ladies, was driven to the head of Canal street where they boarded the big river steamer, City of St. Louis. On its run up and down the river as far as the scene of the battle of New Orleans, the president's boat was accompanied by a score of gaily decorated tugs and other craft whose steam whistles found little rest. The levee on either side was lined with people.

At 6 o'clock the presidential special resumed its long journey to the Pacific coast. Houston, Texas, will be reached tomorrow morning.

## BRYAN ON McLAURIN.

Latter's "Political Flop" a Forerunner  
of Changes in the South.

Lincoln, Neb., May 2.—In a statement made today William J. Bryan takes Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, to task for what he declares is his political flop. At the same time Mr. Bryan admits that Senator McLaurin's action marks the beginning of a movement in the south which will have an influence upon the politics of the nation. He says:

"It is not likely that Mr. McLaurin will be the leader of the movement, because he is handicapped by the fact that he is using his official position to misrepresent the views and interests of his constituents, but some leader will arise to give direction and force to the aristocracy and plutocratic element for which Mr. McLaurin speaks. There is such an element in every community and now that the race question no longer unifies the white people of the southern states, it will doubtless manifest itself."

"Senator Tillman has already taken up the sage of battle thrown down by Senator McLaurin and will doubtless be able to marshal a considerable majority in that state, but the same influences are at work in other states, where there is greater danger of their success."

"The democratic sentiment is strong enough to resist and overcome the McLaurin movement, but those who believe that the man is more important than the dollar will have to bestir themselves."

## DROWNS HIS FOUR CHILDREN.

The Horrible Crime of a St. Paul Man.  
Suicide Follows.

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—A partial confirmation of the police suspicion that William Rosenfield drowned his four children and himself one week ago in the Mississippi river was obtained today when the body of the 9-year-old Rosenfield boy was taken from the river near Fort Snelling.

Rosenfield is alleged to have abducted the children, who were in the custody of their mother at Minneapolis, secured a rig and drove with them to the river where all are supposed to have been drowned. The father is supposed to have committed suicide also by throwing himself over the bridge.

Their disappearance one week ago last night was an unsolved mystery until a watchman found the body of a boy floating in the Mississippi.

Rosenfield had for some time been separated from his wife, who has been living in Minneapolis, while he lived in St. Paul. A week ago he hired a carriage and got his children from the relative who was keeping them. He tried to prevail on his wife to accompany them, but she refused. The next morning the horse was found near the Marshall avenue bridge, all trace of the occupants of the carriage having disappeared until today.

Germany to Increase Steel Duties.  
London, May 2.—Lord Carnarbone, the foreign under secretary, replying in the house of commons to Sir Charles Howard Vincent, conservative, said rumors had reached the government from various sources of the intention of the German government to increase the duties on steel and various other goods.

## THE COAL TAX DEBATE.

This Part of the Budget Discussed in  
House of Commons.

London, May 2.—There was a large attendance in the house of commons today in anticipation of the discussion of the new export tax on coal. The government issued an urgent "whip" to the unionist members, who are largely pledged to vote against the tax. The government took strong precautions to secure a majority.

The full house and galleries had to wait until nearly 6 o'clock for the beginning of the debate. Sir William Vernon Harcourt (liberal) led with a severe, almost violent arraignment of the government. He said the tax would throw the coal trade into chaos and confusion. It recklessly disregarded existing contracts and was a most unbusinesslike way of dealing with a great trade. It was an extraordinary and vexatious piece of bungling. It was nonsense to say the foreigner would pay the tax because he could not do without coal. The government of Italy had answered that plea by taking coal from America instead of this country. The trade of France was equally divided between this country, Germany and Belgium.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, interrupting, said: "We are beating the others."

"Then go on beating them," said Sir William Vernon Harcourt; "why throw a shilling into the scale against this country?"

The chancellor of the exchequer admitted that the tax, like every tax, was an obstruction to trade. The real question was, could the export trade in coal bear the tax? It could, English coal was of so good a quality, there was much of it, and it could not be got in any other country. Thus to a large extent it was free from competition.

The chancellor submitted masses of statistics which he summarized as showing that 225,000,000 tons were mined in 1900, which, after deducting £18,000,000 in wages more than in 1897, left the coal owners a net profit of £29,000,000 on a capital of £110,000,000. He had some difficulty in keeping his patience when deputations talked to him about the unprofitable condition of the trade. He had not proposed the tax for merely one year, and it would be on those who were able to bear it.

As to the competition of the United States Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said: "Last year the price of our coal at the port of export was very much higher than the price of coal in the United States, but in spite of that our export of coal was 38,000,000 tons."

## CAROLINA UNIVERSITY WINS

The First Game of Ball in the Series  
With Maryland.

(Special to The Messenger.)  
Chapel Hill, N. C., May 2.—Carolina won the first game from the University of Maryland today in base ball by the score of 19 to 7. The game was not as loose as the score indicates, but many brilliant plays were made. The whole Carolina team played in fine form, and Cunningham proved an enigma to the visitors. Cook and Carr fielded well. The visitors were outclassed in today's game, but they are confident of winning tomorrow.

Summary—Hits, Carolina, 14; Maryland, 4; errors, Carolina 5; Maryland, 10; stolen bases, Carolina 5; Maryland, 4; struck out, by Cunningham, 6; by Drewry, 1.  
Batteries—Carolina, Cunningham and Graves; Maryland, Drewry and Saylor.

## CARDINAL MARTINELLI

Takes the Oath and Subscribes to the  
Confession of Faith.

Washington, May 2.—Cardinal Martinelli took the oath of his new office and subscribed to the profession of faith at the papal delegation today. The oath was administered by Monsignor Conaty, of the Catholic university and witnessed by Monsignor Marchetti, the papal ablegate. The ceremony was private, and was extremely simple. Among the provisions of the oath are pledges on the part of the cardinal that he will not resign his office, that he will not canvass for any one in the election of a new pope and that he will maintain the right of the sovereign pontiff to exercise temporal power. The profession of faith embodies the Athanasian and Nicene creeds. It contains the usual profession of acceptance of the tenets of the Roman Catholic church, the seven sacraments, an outline of the doctrine of the church with regard to original sin and justification and regarding the primacy and infallibility of the pope. Both documents were in Latin and they will be preserved among the church archives.

## A. T. Patrick and Others Arraigned

New York, April 2.—Albert T. Patrick, David L. Short and Morris Meyer, who have been indicted on eleven counts for forgery of the will of the late millionaire, William M. Rice, were arraigned before Recorder Goff in the court of general sessions today. Patrick was also arraigned on the charge of murder in the first degree for causing the death of Rice. Counsel for the defendants made an application for an inspection of the minutes of the grand jury. This was denied. Counsel then said he desired time in which to prepare a demurrer to the indictment for murder, and Recorder Goff adjourned the proceedings until tomorrow. No plea was entered.

## Three Dead Negroes Found.

Selma, Ala., May 2.—Three negroes were found dead this morning near the cabin in which Deputy Sheriff Edwards was killed Sunday night, ten miles south of Selma.

Ed Dawson, a nephew of Henry Dawson, in whose house Edwards was killed, was found dead in the public road, vehicles having to drive out of the road to pass. The other two were shot in the cabin. They are supposed to have been implicated in the murder of Edwards. The negroes are terrorized and are fleeing to the city.

## Russia's Heavy Loans.

Berlin, May 2.—The Vossische Zeitung prints a special dispatch from St. Petersburg, announcing that Russia has virtually arranged with France for loans amounting to 500,000,000 francs and that another Russian loan is being negotiated with English and American bankers in London. The dispatch further says that the czar is planning for a trip abroad next August and that he will visit Copenhagen, Darmstadt and Vienna.

## GOLDSBORO GOSSIP.

First Shipment of Garden Peas—Berries  
and Vegetables Forwarded to North-  
ern Markets—Death of James H. Rob-  
inson—The Sewing Plant an Assured  
Fact.

(Correspondence of the Messenger.)  
Goldsboro, N. C., May 2.

The first shipment of garden peas for this season went from here this evening. They were shipped by T. N. Waters & Bro., and were three baskets. Several told me they will make shipments on Saturday.

The Atlantic Coast Line express passed through at 12:40 o'clock this afternoon with 800 crates of berries and 250 packages of vegetables. With this seasonable weather the shipments of berries will increase from now on. The pea and bean crops in and around Goldsboro are looking beautifully now.

The growing demands upon the Acme Machine Works forces them to run overtime. Last night the workmen quit off at 8 o'clock, and tonight they work till 10 o'clock.  
Mr. James H. Robinson died suddenly but not altogether unexpectedly last night at the home of his mother, in John street. Mr. Robinson was 44 years of age. He was a brother of Judge W. S. O'Brien, Robinson and Joseph E. Robinson, of this city, and Dr. George Robinson, of Smithfield. His funeral was from St. Marie's Catholic church at 5 o'clock this afternoon, attended by a large number of friends of the family; the services were conducted by Father Irwin, of Raleigh. Interment following in beautiful Willow Dale cemetery.

Helen, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Creech, is quite sick with fever.  
H. B. Parker, Jr., is reported much improved and it is thought he will be able to leave his sick chamber shortly.

Mrs. Sarah B. VanNess, of East Lexington, Mass., after a pleasant visit to her relations, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Giddens has returned to her home. Mrs. Giddens is regent of the Daughters of the Revolution at Lexington.  
J. M. Faulkner, of Pikeville township, died in the 53rd year of his age last night. About ten days ago he sustained a fall, breaking his thigh and hip.

The quarterly conference of St. John's church was held last night and a committee appointed and empowered to dispose of the present home of the pastor and erect on the premises a more suitable parsonage.

The Eastern Goldsboro Land and Improvement Company sustained a slight loss by fire yesterday—some 400 cords of wood being destroyed. This property is being very much improved, and 500 shade trees put out which are growing nicely. The sewing plant referred to recently as a possibility is now an assured fact. Mr. John Slaughter, of the East Goldsboro Land and Improvement Company, has just returned from an extended visit to similar plants, and I am told ground will be broken right away and the erection of the building begun at once. The capital stock will be about \$20,000, the capacity 56 machines. The company will manufacture overalls, shirts, sun-bonnets, etc.

The Park Avenue section is to have two new residences at an early day.

Rev. Charles A. Jenkins returned from New Bern today. His recent illness attack left him so weak he was compelled to close the meeting at New Bern and return home.

Mrs. J. J. Barker and children have returned from a delightful visit to Salisbury.

Mrs. J. M. Benson left today for Rocky Mount on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Knight.

The store of Mike Mansour was again entered last night and robbed.

F. K. Thompson, of Raleigh, has just closed a contract for \$15,000 improvement to the Wilson county court house.

The illustrated lecture given by Mr. Frank A. Catterm, under the auspices of the Chautauqua Bureau Extension, was witnessed by an elite audience at the opera house last night. The lecture of Mr. Catterm was a literary gem in thought and presentation and was illustrated very pretty and inspiring. Views presented were life-like and embraced Chautauqua and lake buildings, Pan-American exposition and foreign views. Of the recitations of Mrs. Catterm our people are loud in their praise.

The Atlantic Coast Line special berry express came through on schedule time today. It carried 800 crates of strawberries and 176 packages of vegetables picked up between Wilmington and Goldsboro. A good rain would be very helpful just now, but the color of the berries going forward is good.

George Murphy, whose farm is just beyond the city limits, has a 20-acre field planted in cotton that he has booked for a 40-bale crop.

It begins to look as if Goldsboro would see a "Scrap of the Paper" full of interest and laughter. The time of arrival there is said to be Wednesday evening of next week. This is a splendid attraction and our New Bern friends will receive it with pleasure.

There was a shooting scrape in the quiet little village of Eureka the other evening in which two or more were engaged at close quarters. Ten shots were fired and no one touched. It all grew out of an attempt at arrest. The names of the participants are, by request, withheld.

A survey is being made for a railroad from Jacksonville to Angier, to connect with the Cape Fear and Northern at that point. The line is to cross the Atlantic Coast Line at or near Bowden's a few miles south of Faison, touching Lillington, probably, en route. I am unable to ascertain who is behind this movement but it is hinted to be a Norfolk and Western effort.

Mrs. Bowden, of Statesville, nee Miss Mabel Grant, and Mrs. Gary, of Worcester, nee Miss Emma Grant, are on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Grant, in this city.

The steamer "Goldsboro" left for New Bern this morning with a cargo of general merchandise. The Goldsboro Navigation Company is highly pleased with the success of the Goldsboro. Trips are being regularly made with paying cargoes.

W. P. McLister and wife are visiting at Catterm.

There will be a called meeting of the board of directors of the Eastern hospital held on the 7th instant to consider the question of borrowing money to meet the expenses of construction of the additional building to be erected, ground for which is being broken, in view of the fact that the appropriation will not be available until this year's taxes are collected and put in the hands of the state treasurer. Arrangements for the necessary funds are all completed, subject to the action of the board at this call meeting.

The election for municipal officers and board of public works will take place on Monday next. The registration books for this election will close Saturday.

## JACKSONVILLE IN ASHES

## THOUSANDS MADE HOMELESS.

The Two Leading Hotels, Catholic Church, Telegraph Office and Newspaper Building, Along with Stores and Handsomest Residences, Swept Away—Fire Raging for Hours, Before a Fierce Gale—Other Cities Sending Fire Engines.

Atlanta, Ga., May 3.—A fire which started in Jacksonville, Fla., this afternoon at the corner of Lee and Monroe streets is still raging and is beyond control. The St. James hotel has been completely destroyed. The Windsor hotel, one of the largest in the city, is burning and cannot be saved. The Catholic church in the immediate vicinity is also on fire. The fire covers an area of over twenty-five blocks. Ten blocks in what is known as the turpentine district is completely devastated. This is the district along the St. Johns river.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 3.—The St. James and Windsor hotels have been destroyed. Sparks have fired houses at distances of a quarter of a mile. The course of the fire is generally easterly, but it is only two blocks from Bay street, the business section. A block of perhaps twenty acres of residences is already swept clean, the residences being chiefly of wood, shingle roofs, worth an average of \$3,000 each. Dynamite is being used by the fire department, they not being able to cope with the conflagration. The Duval and government buildings are threatened. It is impossible to estimate the extent of the loss. Some of the handsomest residences in the city are burned including those of Senator Tallafiero and T. V. Porter.

Atlanta, Ga., May 3.—The officials of the Western Union Telegraph Company were advised tonight that almost the entire business section of Jacksonville and a large portion of the residences section had been destroyed by fire which broke out shortly after noon today in the factory of the Cleveland Fibre Company. At 8:30 tonight the fire is still burning, and, although aid is being hurried to the Florida city from many adjoining places, it is feared it will not arrive before the fire has burned itself out.

It is impossible to give a reasonable estimate of the loss. It is said that five negroes were burned to death. No other casualties have been reported. The fire is supposed, from advices received here, to have practically wiped out twenty blocks. A gale which blew all day put the flames from the start entirely beyond the power of the fire department and the city was left at the mercy of the flames.

The St. James and the Windsor hotels were destroyed. The St. James was the principal hotel of the city. It was a brick structure five stories high, modern in all its appointments. It faced the St. James park and was just across the street from the Windsor. It was the highest priced hotel in Jacksonville and was the winter home of many millionaires.

The Windsor is a block nearer Bay street, three blocks from the center of the town. It is a modern frame building four stories high and covering one of the largest blocks in the city.

The Times Union and Citizen, which is regarded as the geographical center of Jacksonville, is one block from the federal building. The Western Union building is one block from the Bay street from the Times Union building.

The telegraph company is sending all its business on a train which left Atlanta at 10:45 o'clock tonight. This train also carried a corps of linemen and operators and a car load of wire and other telegraph supplies.

New York, and other eastern cities are sending all their telegrams to Savannah, and a train which leaves Savannah at 3 o'clock tomorrow morning will carry the messages to Jacksonville.

Washington, May 3.—At 7:50 o'clock p. m. the operators in the Western Union office at Jacksonville were compelled to abandon the office.

Savannah, May 3.—Two fire engines, with crews, left this city at 6 o'clock p. m. on a special train for Jacksonville in response to urgent telegrams for help.

Brunswick, Ga., May 3.—Mayor Emmanuel received a telegram this afternoon from Jacksonville, stating that the city was burning up and asking for help. One thousand feet of hose and three firemen were promptly sent by a special train which left this city, running at sixty miles an hour for Jacksonville.

Savannah, Ga., May 3.—The Jacksonville fire was gotten under control at 10:15 o'clock p. m. Three hotels, the theatre and about six blocks were burned. The Western Union has just gotten one wire into Jacksonville. The long distance telephone wires are all burned.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 4.—Jacksonville today experienced the most disastrous fire of her existence.

The entire length of Beaver street from Davis street to the creek on Liberty street has been totally destroyed. This is fourteen solid blocks of residences. For the same distance Ashley and Church streets have both been completely blotted out. When the fire reached Bridge street, it eastward course it enveloped in flames three blocks—Duval, Monroe and the north side of Adams, burning up that entire section of the city and running fourteen blocks to the Duval street bridge.

How much further in that direction the city is burned, it is impossible to learn the street being impassable, but it is feared that St. Luke's hospital was burned, a report reaching the city that the Presbyterian church in East Jacksonville is ablaze.

If this is correct the fire must have extended five blocks further east. The conflagration has burned over as far as is definitely known a distance of two and a half miles long, by a half mile wide.

When the fire reached Julia street, it was a roaring furnace without any prospect of being put under control.

The local military companies were called out to keep back the crowds and the fire department began to use dynamite to blow up the houses a block from the fire and thus prevent the fire from spreading. So fierce was the blaze, however, and so strong had become the wind that millions of sparks and flying burning shingles spread over five or six blocks, setting fire to the roofs of the houses in advance of the department. Soon Senator Tallafiero's residence, then the adjoining houses on the block were ablaze and in spite of all efforts to save the Windsor and the St. James hotels both houses were quickly enveloped in flames. For about an hour the guests in the Windsor had been busily packing their trunks and then went away loaded with trunks.

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