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STORY OF THE LONG ESTATE AT CORDOVA

How the Rev. Thomas Greene Is Re-
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By HUGH W. ROBERTS
Tuscaloosa, May 14.—(Special.)—Will the
people of Alabama take advantage of the
opportunity offered them in an open War-
rior?

Senator Underwood, in his address yes-
terday, pointed out the fact that the
river, improved at great expense on the
part of the government, was not neces-
sarily a blessing, but simply an oppor-
tunity. Senator Bankhead, in an inter-
view today, urged the people to take ad-
vantage of the opportunity. Will they
do so?

"Tuscaloosa," said the senator, "is pre-
paring to strike the first blow. I am
informed that there is agitation on foot
now in preparation for an election au-
thorizing the issuance of bonds for the
purpose of constructing a municipal
wharf."

"At the present time, it costs more to
unload a cargo at Tuscaloosa than it
costs to bring the cargo over water from
Mobile."

"It is wise, therefore, that Tuscaloosa
get busy towards building a wharf. It
behaves Birmingham, too, to get busy.
Is Birmingham to profit from an open
Warrior?"

"The Magic City has grown almost in a
day. Its triumph has been wonderful.
And yet it has been handicapped through
lack of water transportation. The War-
rior presents to Birmingham a magnifi-
cent opportunity. Nature has decreed
that the Warrior cannot run to Birming-
ham. Birmingham, like Mahomet, should
run to the Warrior."

"Let Birmingham construct or buy a
municipal wharf and operate it not for
profit, but for the weal of the people.
Let that railroad bear freight to the
Warrior at water rates, at cost. And
then will the products of Birmingham
be offered to the world cheaper than
the products of any other city."

"Let Birmingham get wide-awake right
now. A municipal wharf can be con-
structed for \$500,000. It would afford
itself within a reasonable length of time,
and Birmingham, in procuring innumera-
ble industries will become known as
the center of diversified manufacturing
plants, as well as the center of the
iron and steel belt of the south."

Vision of Long
In connection with the improvement of
the Warrior river and the plan of Tus-
caloosa to construct municipal wharves, a
remarkable story is related by residents
of Walker county illustrating the fore-
sight of the father of the Longs.

Just before the outbreak of the civil
war, B. M. Long was a farmer of south
Georgia. When the strife clouds gathered,
he realized that it would be practically
impossible for the south to gain the vic-
tory. He realized, too, that whereas a
triumphant north would confiscate neg-
roes, it would scarcely confiscate land.
Therefore, he sold his negroes, and with
a deal of cash, moved westward.

In Walker county, he bought up
a large acreage of property, and gave
to the settlement the name Cordova, a
Spanish word, which he had heard be-
came familiar as a result of his ex-
ploits in the Mexican war.

The conclusion of the civil war
brought about results in accordance
with the belief of Mr. Long. Negroes
were freed, but the government was per-
mitted to retain ownership of his land.
As time passed, Mr. Long's property
increased in value until some
years before his death he was rated as
a very wealthy man.

And now comes the remarkable part
of the story. A short while previous
to his death, he determined to sell that
property which borders on and for
many miles extends along the War-
rior river. He did sell that property
with the exception of a tract on the
bank 300 yards in depth and half a mile
in length.

That tract is still the property of
the Long estate. Why, one might de-
sire to know, did he retain owner-
ship of this fraction and part with
the other sections of that valuable
property?

In the first place, he sold because
he was offered a splendid price. He
retained ownership of the little tract
above described because he knew that
the Warrior river, in some future
years, would be opened to the traffic
of the world, and that Cordova, when
it became necessary for it to construct
a municipal wharf, would of necessity
construct it on that tract.

The Warrior is open to navigation.

SOME SNAPSHOTS ON EXCURSION TO OPENING OF LOCK 17



Cordova will eventually construct a
wharf. And it will be constructed of
necessity on the property of the Long
estate, and thus will be exemplified
the wisdom and prophetic vision of
the pater familias.

"Stack Water" Greene
However, it happens that
a man with a vision is often reviled
and ridiculed by the people among
whom he lives. For instance, take the
case of the Rev. Thomas Greene, years
ago, he lived in Tuscaloosa, and
dreamed of a Warrior, its natural im-
piments eliminated by the science of
man. It is a matter of common knowl-
edge among the older residents of
Tuscaloosa, that the Rev. Mr. Greene,
who, incidentally, was the father of
Miss Frances Nimo Greene, and the
uncle of the Earles well known in
Birmingham, was generally referred to
as "Stack Water" Greene.

Maugre the ridicule of his neighbors,
Mr. Greene worked faithfully on his
scheme, and eventually induced the na-
tional government to permit him in a
period of 10 years to construct dams on
the Warrior with the understanding that
in the event of his success he would
have certain rights of navigation and
power generation. Mr. Greene, without
capital himself, went abroad searching
capital. Finally, he interested an eastern
firm, and it was arranged that in view
of a loan of \$250,000 the promoter would
mortgage in the sum of \$1,000,000 the
enterprise that would be his in the event
of the success of the scheme.

The firm sent to Tuscaloosa its agents
and in their hands was the money. These
agents, after investigating the river and
studying the plan of Mr. Greene, decid-
ed that the entire proposition was ridi-
culous, nothing more, as a matter of fact,
than the stuff out of which dreams are
made. These wise representatives of the
eastern firm determined to appropriate
three years of the \$250,000 for their
own salaries. This was done. At the
conclusion of the three years, the federal
government, in view of the fact that no
progress had been made through a spec-
ified length of time, withdrew from its
bargain with Mr. Greene, and he died
a disappointed man.

However, the fact remains that he of
all his fellows was the first to conceive
the idea of an open Warrior. It would, there-
fore, be meet should the people of Tus-
caloosa, when in the future the Warrior
gives them fine profit and prosperity, erect
a bronze tablet to the memory of Mr.
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outing as well as amazed at
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ect and its importance. The
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near to Birmingham im-
pressed all.

Snapshots taken on the
boat and reproduced here
show: Top, left to right,
J. W. Donnelly, M. P. Mes-
ser, Wallace Johns, J. H.
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tom: W. P. G. Harding, with
nothing but the core of his
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sonal opinion, and not to be taken as rep-
resentative of the attitude of their govern-
ments, they united in expressing con-
viction that the public sentiment of their
countries would approve the American
course.

"I think Mr. Wilson has done right,"
said Ricardo Aldao of the Argentine de-
legation, and former Argentine minister of

finance. He has done precisely what I
should expect the President of my
country to do, if put in the same position.
I have no doubt that his action will meet
approval in my country."

"It was what I consider a real states-
man would have to do to maintain the
prestige of his country. Mr. Wilson stands
as the savior of the highest interests of
humanity."

Ramon Arias-Feraud of the Panama
delegation said:

"The position taken by President Wilson
is exactly right. There could be no other.
He speaks in the name of humanity.
American lives were taken and there was
no other alternative but for him to de-
mand guarantees that no more lives of
citizens of his country be taken by sub-
marine warfare. Germany will probably
refer in her answer to violations of in-
ternational law by England, but the fact
remains that England has respected the
lives of neutrals."

Alfonso Quinones, head of the dele-
gation from San Salvador, said he had
not had an opportunity to have the
President's note translated into his
own language, and did not feel com-
petent to discuss it from the point of
view of international law.

"In a general way," he said, "he ap-
proves the stand taken by the United
States government in demanding that
lives of neutrals on the high seas be
protected. I am not acquainted fully
with the points of international law at
issue, but certainly, if Germany has
violated it at the cost of American
lives, the United States is warranted
in demanding that the law be observed
in the future."

Baldwin Talks
New Haven, Conn., May 14.—Former
Governor Baldwin, a recognized au-
thority on international law, said today
that he thought the American note to
Germany "paved the way for an amic-
able reference of the matter in contro-
versy between Germany and the United
States to arbitration under the provi-
sion of The Hague convention of 1909
and revised in 1907. By the preamble
to the convention, the contracting pow-
ers, among which were Germany and
the United States, pledged themselves,
by all the efforts in their power to the
friendly settlement of international
disputes, recognizing the solidarity
uniting the members of the society of
civilized nations and desirous of ex-
tending the empire of law."

Mr. Baldwin said the question of
law raised in the American note is
just such a question that The Hague
tribunal was organized to determine.

Bankers Commend President
Tulsa, Okla., May 14.—The Oklahoma
Bankers' association, Oklahoma de-
partment G. A. R., and the state or-
ganization of the Spanish war veter-
ans, in session here today, adopted
resolutions urging the president to use
every means to avert war and com-
mending his course so far.

**FIRM ATTITUDE OF
THE UNITED STATES
WELL RECEIVED IN
ENGLISH CAPITAL**
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ish military critics are withholding
comment. It is pointed out by some
of them, however, that more than once
the Russians have been driven back,
but that they always recovered and
made the victors regret their penetra-
tion into Russian territory.

Down in Southeastern Galicia and in
Bukovina, according to Russian ac-
counts, the Austro-Hungarian army, which
has not the assistance of the Germans,
is in full retreat and being hurried by
Russian cavalry. The Russians also
claim to have obtained the advance
over the German raiders in the Baltic
province of Courland, and to have
taken 1000 prisoners near Shauli.

There are no official reports from
the Dardanelles, but unofficial news is
to the effect that the allies are slowly
advancing despite the obstinate resist-
ance of the Turks against the heights
commanding Krithia, on the one hand,
and Kilit Bahr and Midos, on the other.

Two Comets Discovered
Cambridge, Mass., May 14.—Prof.
Barward of the Yerkes observatory at
Williams Bay, Wis., has discovered
two companion bodies near Melish's
comet, according to an official an-
nouncement received today at the Har-
vard observatory. One of the bodies,
observed on May 12, was conspicuous,
and had a distance from the comet of
28 seconds, and a position angle of 285
degrees. The other body was faint
and occupied an intermediate position
in the same line.

Mattern Signs With Ciney
New York, May 14.—Pitcher A. Mat-
tern, formerly of the Boston Nationals
and last year with the Newark Inter-
nationals, today signed a contract with
the Cincinnati Nationals.

Reynolds Buys 4000-Acre Farm In Sumter County

**Big Tobacco Man Will
Raise Stock—Paid One
Hundred Thousand Dol-
lars for the Plantation**

R. J. Reynolds of the R. J. Reynolds
Tobacco company, of Winston-Salem, N.
C., has bought 4000 acres of land in Sum-
ter county. This fact was learned in
Birmingham only last night, although Mr.

Reynolds was here two weeks ago today.
It is learned that the deal was consum-
mated on that trip.

For the 4000 acres Mr. Reynolds paid
\$100,000. The land was purchased from
E. P. Allison and is located between
Epas and Gainesville. It is in the famous
alfalfa belt and it is understood Mr.
Reynolds will use the land for a big
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The deal is regarded as another evi-
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**Will Speak at Langdon Hall
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dents and Public**

Auburn, May 14.—(Special.)—Auburn will
extend an enthusiastic welcome to Vice
President Thomas R. Marshall tomorrow
when he arrives here to address the
students and general public.

He will speak at 4 o'clock tomorrow af-
ternoon in Langdon hall, and his capacity
will naturally be taxed in the attempt
to accommodate all who will want to
hear him.

President Thach has made plans for
suitable entertainment of the distinguished
visitor tomorrow.

John Birkinbine Dead
Philadelphia, May 14.—John Birkinbine,
a noted mining and mechanical engineer,
died at his home here today, aged 71. Mr.
Birkinbine developed schemes for utiliz-
ing the water power of Niagara Falls
and devised the use of blast furnaces in
the Lake Superior copper region. He was
a former president of the American In-
stitute of Mining Engineers.

**MENAGERIE ADDED
AT EAST LAKE PARK**
Large Shipment of Wild Animals Al-
ready Here and More on the Road.
Expect Big Crowd Tomorrow

Preparations are being made for a
big crowd at East Lake park tomor-
row and everything is in readiness for
the merry makers.

One of the features of attractions of the
park this year will be a menagerie,
the first shipment of which arrived
this week. In the collection of ani-
mals are lions, leopards, jaguars, fox-
gers, an ostrich, wolves, kangaroo, fox,
wild hogs, and Mexican badgers. An-
other consignment is en route to Bir-
mingham, and will be placed when it
arrives.

The menagerie will be in addition to
the regular attractions of the park
which have been repaired and put in
first class condition. There are am-
ple provisions for picnics, boating,
bathing and skating. Dances are
given three times a week, and there is
a band concert every night with two on
Sunday.

President's Note Indorsed
Memphis, May 14.—The National Indus-
trial Traffic league, at the final session
of its spring meeting here today, adopted
resolutions indorsing President Wilson's
note to Germany. The meeting was de-
voted to a general discussion of traffic
problems, but formal action was deferred
until the next semiannual convention,
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Buffalo, Baltimore, Boston, San Fran-
cisco, St. Louis and Charleston, S. C., were
read at today's session.

Admit Defrauding Government
New York, May 14.—Charles H. Noelle
and Frederick D. Oetjen, president and
secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the
Frederick D. Oetjen company, pleaded
guilty today in federal court to a charge
of defrauding the government by failure
to pay the internal revenue tax on oleo-
margarine. George M. Hermes and Joseph
Linschmeier pleaded guilty to manufactur-
ing oleomargarine and selling it as but-
ter. Sentence will be passed later. The
government has sued to recover \$512,000
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COUNTRY'S STATESMEN STAND SQUARELY BEHIND POSITION OF PRESIDENT

Not Willing to Fight
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Gilbert M. Hitchcock:

"Personally, I should not be willing to
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to American citizens the right to travel
in the war zone on an English shipload-
ed with arms and ammunition."

Should Support President
Los Angeles, May 14.—Gov. P. L. Golds-
borough of Maryland, who is here on
a brief visit, made the following com-
ment on the President's note to Germany:
"It is the duty of every American citi-
zen loyally to support the President in
his position and I am sure American pa-
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Will Sustain Wilson
Columbus, O., May 14.—Speaking of
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